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To require the Secretary of State to submit a strategy to Congress for countering Iranian and Hezbollah influence operations in Latin America.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 2, 2026

Mr. CURTIS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JUNE ____ (legislative day, _____), 2026

Reported by Mr. CURTIS, with an amendment

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Barring Adversarial
5 Networks and Notorious Extremist Destabilizers in Latin
6 America Act” or the “BANNED in Latin America Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRATEGY TO COUNTER IRANIAN AND HEZBOLLAH**
2 **INFLUENCE OPERATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA.**

3 (a) **STRATEGY REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of State shall submit a comprehensive strategy to the
6 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the
7 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
8 tives for countering Iran’s and Hezbollah’s propaganda,
9 missionary networks, and influence operations in Latin
10 America.

11 (b) **CONTENTS OF STRATEGY.**—The strategy re-
12 quired under subsection (a) shall include—

13 (1) measures that address the proliferation of
14 Iranian cultural centers in Latin America that pro-
15 mote Iranian ideology, including diplomatic efforts
16 to limit their operations, sanctions on affiliated enti-
17 ties, and public diplomacy to expose their activities;

18 (2) actions that restrict the travel and activities
19 of Iranian emissaries, including diplomats, cultural
20 attaches, and other agents who facilitate propa-
21 ganda, radicalization, and terror-supporting net-
22 works in Latin America, through visa denials, sanc-
23 tions, or other travel restrictions;

24 (3) initiatives that strengthen the capacity of
25 United States intelligence agencies to identify, mon-
26 itor, and disrupt Iran’s and Hezbollah’s networks;

1 including their cooperation academic institutions and
2 nongovernmental organizations in Latin America;

3 (4) a framework for taking actions, similar to
4 those implemented against Al-Manar and Press TV,
5 to disrupt Iran's HispanTV and Hezbollah's Al
6 Mayadeen Español platforms, including sanctions,
7 designations, and cooperation with regional partners
8 to limit their broadcasting reach and digital pres-
9 ence; and

10 (5) a plan to address Iran's Al Mustafa Inter-
11 national University network and its affiliated enti-
12 ties, including by designating them as foreign ter-
13 rorist organizations or specially designated global
14 terrorists, as appropriate, due to their respective
15 roles in radicalization and recruitment for Iran's ide-
16 ological and terrorist objectives.

17 (e) FORM.—The strategy required under subsection
18 (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form and may in-
19 clude a classified annex.

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10 (b) *CONTENTS OF STRATEGY.*—The strategy required
11 under subsection (a) shall include—

12 (1) *initiatives that strengthen the capacity of the*
13 *United States to identify, monitor, and disrupt Iran’s*
14 *and Hezbollah’s malign networks, including their co-*
15 *operation with academic institutions and nongovern-*
16 *mental organizations in Latin America;*

17 (2) *a framework for taking actions, similar to*
18 *those implemented against Al-Manar and Press TV,*
19 *to disrupt Hezbollah’s Al Mayadeen Español plat-*
20 *form, including sanctions, designations, and coopera-*
21 *tion with regional partners to limit their broad-*
22 *casting reach and digital presence;*

23 (3) *a plan to expose Iran’s Al Mustafa Inter-*
24 *national University network and its affiliated enti-*
25 *ties, including by working with local governments to*

1 *address its role in radicalization and recruitment for*
2 *Iran's ideological and terrorist objectives;*

3 (4) *initiatives designed to weaken the ability of*
4 *Iranian- and Hezbollah-linked individuals from en-*
5 *gaging in drugs and contraband smuggling and*
6 *money laundering;*

7 (5) *actions to restrict Iranian- and Hezbollah-*
8 *linked networks from their ability to exploit natural*
9 *resources for financial gain, including by benefitting*
10 *from illicit mining, including of gold, in Venezuela*
11 *and elsewhere in the region; and*

12 (6) *initiatives aimed at working with partners*
13 *and allies to counter Hezbollah document fraud oper-*
14 *ations, including the production of falsified passports,*
15 *birth certificates, driver's licenses, and other govern-*
16 *ment identification.*

17 (c) *FORM.—The strategy required under subsection (a)*
18 *shall be submitted in unclassified form and may include*
19 *a classified annex.*