

# COUNTERING OTHER ADVERSARIES



***The FY26 NDAA remains focused on countering threats to our national security from state sponsors of terror, foreign terrorist organizations, and other adversaries.***

## **Russia:**

- ★ Authorizes DoD to collect funds from NATO allies to offset the cost of U.S. force posture in Eastern Europe, consistent with President Trump's efforts to get our allies to pay more for their defense.
- ★ Maintains funding for the Baltic Security Initiative to strengthen the defensive capability and interoperability of the Baltic States.
- ★ Requires the EUCOM Commander to conduct an annual assessment of the threat posed by Russia and how the U.S. and NATO are maintaining a comparative military advantage against Russia.
- ★ Extends and expands DoD's annual assessment of Russia's military and strategic objectives.
- ★ Requires DoD to report on Russian malign activities in Africa.

## **Foreign Terrorist Organizations:**

- ★ Increases DoD's authority to support partner forces in the fight against ISIS.
- ★ Extends DoD's authority to offer certain assistance to countries that assist the U.S. in the counter terrorism mission in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria.
- ★ Prohibits DoD funds from assisting the Badr Organization, an Iranian terrorist proxy in Iraq.
- ★ Requires an assessment of Hizballah's operations in Central and South America.
- ★ Extends the prohibition on closing the military prison that houses hardened terrorists at Guantanamo Bay.
- ★ Extends the prohibition on the release of any terrorists housed at Guantanamo Bay to Afghanistan or any country that is a state sponsor of terrorism.

## **North Korea:**

- ★ Fully funds U.S. Forces Korea and military construction projects in South Korea.
- ★ Reaffirms U.S. support for the defense of South Korea.
- ★ Fully funds military exercises with the South Korean Armed Forces.