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# H. R. 4531

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in Latin America.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHREVE (for himself, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. HUIZENGA, Ms. SALAZAR,  
and Mr. MESSMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to  
the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

To require a strategy to counter Iranian and Hezbollah  
influence operations in Latin America.

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 TITLE.**

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”.

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

9 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days  
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
2 committees a comprehensive strategy to counter Iran's  
3 and Hezbollah's propaganda, missionary networks, and in-  
4 fluence operations in Latin America.

5 (b) CONTENTS OF STRATEGY.—The strategy re-  
6 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

7 (1) Measures to address the proliferation of  
8 Iranian cultural centers in Latin America that pro-  
9 mote Iranian ideology, including diplomatic efforts  
10 to limit their operations, sanctions on affiliated enti-  
11 ties, and public diplomacy to expose their activities.

12 (2) Actions to restrict the travel and activities  
13 of Iranian emissaries, including diplomats, cultural  
14 attaches, and other agents who facilitate propa-  
15 ganda, radicalization, and terror-supporting net-  
16 works in Latin America, through visa denials, sanc-  
17 tions, or other travel restrictions.

18 (3) Initiatives to strengthen the capacity of  
19 United States intelligence agencies to identify, mon-  
20 itor, and disrupt Iran's and Hezbollah's networks,  
21 including their cooperation academic institutions and  
22 nongovernmental organizations in Latin America.

23 (4) A framework for taking actions, similar to  
24 those implemented against Al-Manar and Press TV,  
25 to disrupt Iran's HispanTV and Hezbollah's Al

1 Mayadeen Espanol platforms, including sanctions,  
2 designations, and cooperation with regional partners  
3 to limit their broadcasting reach and digital pres-  
4 ence.

5 (5) A plan to address Iran’s Al Mustafa Inter-  
6 national University network and its affiliated enti-  
7 ties, including their designations as foreign terrorist  
8 organizations or specially designated global terror-  
9 ists, as appropriate, due to their role in  
10 radicalization and recruitment for Iran’s ideological  
11 and terrorist objectives.

12 (c) FORM.—The strategy required by subsection (a)  
13 shall be transmitted in unclassified form and may include  
14 a classified annex.

15 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE DE-  
16 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-  
17 sional committees” means—

18 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
19 House of Representatives; and

20 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
21 Senate.

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