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H. R. 7180

To amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 to modify the interagency strategy to disrupt and dismantle narcotics production and trafficking and affiliated networks in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2026

Mr. HILL of Arkansas (for himself and Mr. MOSKOWITZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Countering Captagon
5 and Narcotics Post-Assad Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO INTERAGENCY STRATEGY.**

2 Section 1238 of the National Defense Authorization
3 Act for Fiscal Year 2023 is amended as follows:

4 (1) In subsection (a), by amending paragraphs
5 (1) and (2) to read as follows:

6 “(1) shifting Captagon, methamphetamine, and
7 amphetamine production and trafficking patterns in
8 the Middle East following the fall of the Assad re-
9 gime, particularly in Iraq, could pose a significant
10 threat to regional stability and United States inter-
11 ests, requiring urgent and coordinated military and
12 law enforcement action to disrupt these networks
13 and secure vulnerable borders; and

14 “(2) Captagon enables instability in the Middle
15 East region and is destabilizing for Syria.”.

16 (2) In subsection (c)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1)—

18 (i) by striking “this Act” and insert-
19 ing “the Countering Captagon and Nar-
20 cotics Post-Assad Act”;

21 (ii) by striking “a written strategy”
22 and inserting “an unclassified, written
23 strategy”; and

24 (iii) by striking “linked to the regime
25 of Bashar al-Assad in Syria” and inserting
26 “in the Middle East”; and

1 (B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as
2 follows:

3 “(2) The strategy required under paragraph (1)
4 shall include an assessment of the evolving patterns
5 of Captagon, methamphetamine, and other amphet-
6 amine-type stimulant production and trafficking in
7 the area of responsibility of United States Central
8 Command, including—

9 “(A) the identification of the countries
10 that are receiving or transiting large shipments
11 of Captagon, methamphetamine, and other am-
12 phetamine-type stimulants;

13 “(B) an assessment of the counter-nar-
14 cotics capacity of such countries to interdict or
15 disrupt the smuggling, trafficking, and produc-
16 tion of Captagon, methamphetamine, and other
17 amphetamine-type stimulants;

18 “(C) an assessment of current United
19 States assistance and training programs to
20 build such capacity in such countries;

21 “(D) an assessment of cooperation with
22 international partners to disrupt narcotics in-
23 frastructure in the Middle East; and

24 “(E) recommendations to further disrupt
25 and dismantle Captagon, methamphetamine,

1 and amphetamine-type stimulant production
2 and trafficking networks, including those linked
3 to the former regime of Bashar al-Assad,
4 Hezbollah, and Iran-backed proxies.”.

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