

Coalition Against Democracy

Foreign and Defense Policy

The People’s Republic of China (PRC), Russia, Iran, and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) have formed a coalition against democracy to combat the US-led international order. Each of these revisionist states aids the others in their goals to establish spheres of influence and subvert or destroy democratic nations. The Iranian-backed terrorist attacks in Israel, Russia’s war on Ukraine, China’s encroachment on Taiwan, and North Korea’s ongoing hostilities toward South Korea are all fronts in a coordinated campaign to overturn democracy.

PRC TO RUSSIA

- Dual-use drones
- Nonlethal aid and economic assistance
- Dual-use and nonlethal equipment (e.g., body armor, thermal imaging equipment, and commercial drones)
- Computer chips
- Promise of “no limits” friendship
- Tacit support of war in Ukraine
- Armored personnel vehicles
- Increased purchasing of Russian crude to support the oil industry
- US-sanctioned aircraft parts sold
- Vladimir Putin named guest of honor at the Belt and Road Summit
- Increased investment in Russian banking sector by fourfold since the start of war in Ukraine
- Smokeless powder (enough to make 80 million rounds of ammunition)
- Joint naval patrols in East China Sea

IRAN TO RUSSIA

- Drone production facilities being built
- Drone manufacturing planned in Belarus
- North Korean R-122 122 mm rockets
- Chinese 152 mm shells
- Iranian Shahed kamikaze drones
- Drone training for Russian troops in Crimea
- Iranian 122 mm high explosive-fragmentation rockets
- 300,000 artillery shells and one million rounds of ammunition
- Maintenance for US-sanctioned Russian aircraft
- T-72 tank and howitzer barrels



RUSSIA TO DPRK

- Promise to build closer ties
- Satellite assistance

IRAN TO DPRK

- Cooperation on ICBM development

PRC TO DPRK

- Financial support and trade

DPRK TO RUSSIA

- Infantry rockets and missiles
- Equipment and munitions
- 10 million ammunition shells

RUSSIA TO IRAN

- Military ships and shipbuilding expertise
- Two Yak-130 combat trainer aircraft
- Captured Western equipment (e.g., British NLAWs and US Javelins and Stingers)
- Launch of the Iranian Khayyam remote-sensing satellite
- Nuclear materials and technology
- \$900 million in cash for drones
- Promised Su-35 fighter jets (not yet sent)
- Assistance with the Iranian space launch vehicle
- Advanced surveillance software
- Support for anti-Israel narratives
- Disinformation, violent rhetoric, and hate speech against Israel spread by state-affiliated social media accounts
- Refusal to call Hamas a terrorist group

RUSSIA TO IRANIAN-BACKED GROUPS (HAMAS, HEZBOLLAH)

- Weapons seized by Russian military sent to Hamas and other Iran-backed groups
- Air defense systems from Russia’s state funded Wagner Group sent to Hezbollah
- Six high-level meetings with Hamas and Iran since April 2022
- Refusal to call Hamas a terrorist group
- 17 trucks of weapons sent to proxies in Syria

PRC TO IRAN

- Joint military training
- Ammonium perchlorate (an ingredient in solid rocket fuel)
- Support for anti-Israel narratives
- Drone parts
- Disinformation, violent rhetoric, and hate speech against Israel spread by state-affiliated social media accounts
- Israel removed from Chinese corporate maps

DPRK TO IRAN

- Sent weapons to Hamas and other Iranian backed groups
- Sent Hamas grenade launchers and rifles
- Assisted Hezbollah building tunnels and underground military facilities

DPRK TO IRANIAN-BACKED GROUPS (HAMAS, HEZBOLLAH)

- Weapons sent to Hamas and other Iran-backed groups
- Grenade launchers and rifles sent to Hamas
- Assistance to Hezbollah for building tunnels and underground military facilities

RUSSIA TO PRC

- Oil (bought in yuan)
- Joint military training
- Arctic sea routes opened to China
- Promise of “no limits” friendship
- Joint naval patrols in East China Sea

IRAN TO PRC

- Oil (bought in yuan)
- Sanctions evasion through oil sales
- Joint military training

PRC TO IRANIAN-BACKED GROUPS (HAMAS, HEZBOLLAH)

- Chinese manufactured weapons sent to Hamas and other Iran-backed groups through intermediaries