A previously unknown Shi’a militia group calling itself Ashab al-Kahf (AK) posted a photo on April 3 showing the inside and outside of the U.S. Embassy compound. A caption accompanying the photo read, “O fools, before you threaten us, look behind you.” AK also released a new propaganda poster with the Arabic caption, “Our eyes are watching your every move.” The background of the photo is the drone footage of the U.S. Embassy — the background of the poster released in November 2019. The poster was attributed to AK, and the threat and use of the images indicates close cooperation between the groups. AK had information about the spread of COVID-19 among American soldiers, including the four personnel who tested positive at Tikrit, 100 km south of Baghdad, on March 31. The US forces under the AK have been operating in relative darkness, as they are not provided light or protection from surrounding small arms fire. AK concluded the statement by threatening to attack a traffic stream near the Basra oil field. AK also threatened to attack the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, claiming four rockets landed in a district that houses the employees of foreign oil companies and one landed near the perimeter of Zubair oil field. Unidentified Iraqi Security Forces structures and equipment to the Iraqi Security Forces. Five hundred CFP-30R personnel departed the base. The threat to unilaterally mandate a new prime minister issued a joint statement under the name “the Islamic Resistance Council” and the Saa’ida Bloc. Pompeo confirmed all strategic issues will be on the agenda, including the future Agreement in June. Pompeo confirmed all strategic issues will be on the agenda, including the future Agreement in June.

**Key Takeaway:** Iraq’s Iraqi proxy groups continue to press forward with their campaign to pressure the U.S. to leave Iraq. The proxies organized a coalition to replace Adnan al-Zurfi as Prime Minister (PM)-designate and are coordinating an aggressive messaging campaign threatening U.S. forces in Iraq. Iran’s political elite reached agreement on an alternative PM, the Iraqi National Intelligence Service (INIS), and the Ministry of Defense (MOD), and the Ministry of Interior (MOI) to merge capabilities to confront the U.S. until all American forces withdraw from Iraq. The proxies also called on the International Spin Group to pressurize the Iraqi government to take the initiative to form a government, and the Ministry of Interior and current parliamentary head of the Iran-backed proxy militias issued a joint statement under the name “the Islamic Resistance Council” and the Saa’ida Bloc. Pompeo confirmed all strategic issues will be on the agenda, including the future Agreement in June. Pompeo confirmed all strategic issues will be on the agenda, including the future Agreement in June.