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Israeli Finance Minister Pushes Naval, Aerial Blockade of Iran

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In an interview today with Bloomberg Businessweek, Israeli Finance Minister Yuval Steinitz rejected the European Union's ban on importation of Iranian crude oil, insisting it doesn't go nearly far enough.



Instead, Steinitz called for the international community to impose a full naval and aerial blockade across all of Iran so that “no one can even go out [sic].” This is the only option with any chance of success, he said.

Steinitz said a good model for his plan was the Cuban blockade by the United States in 1962, an effort which nearly ended with the annihilation of all life on earth in the [Cuban Missile Crisis](#).

“Sometimes it might work. You have to at least try,” Steinitz added. It is unclear how he imagines the full aerial blockade in the north could be imposed, since it would presumably be opposed by Russia.