A crisis in the Gulf is unfolding. The US president, Donald J. Trump, has proven to be unreliable. His granting of waivers to Iran’s ballistic missiles and nuclear weapons makes the United States more vulnerable to external threats. Trump’s waiver of sanctions has been a cautionary example of the problems of the region. Sadia Raza and energy expert Li-Chen Sim: “The Gulf is not a key focus of US policy makers. Saudi Arabia and the Arab Emirates are the largest free-riders, benefiting from the United States’ expenditure on their own. The fact that Mattis resigned over policy disagreements with the president does not bode well for the region.” GIULIANO TRAN.

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