

Iranian foreign minister says Bolton and Netanyahu luring Trump into killing Iran deal



Tehran, July 11 (RHC)-- Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif says the U.S. National security advisor and Israel's prime minister are using the "delusion" of forcing Iran's uranium enrichment level to "zero" to encourage the U.S. president to completely destroy a 2015 nuclear deal between Tehran and other countries.

Zarif said that John Bolton and Benjamin Netanyahu acted on the same delusion in 2005 to devastate a nuclear agreement that had been reached between Iran and Britain, France, and Germany in Vienna a year earlier.

"Bolton & Netanyahu killed Paris agreement between E3 & Iran in '05 by insisting on zero enrichment," Zarif wrote on his Twitter account.

The Iranian foreign minister pointed out that under the accord, the European parties had offered political, trade, and nuclear incentives in exchange for Tehran's voluntary and temporary suspension of its uranium enrichment program.

Zarif also noted how the duo's anti-Iran efforts had backfired despite initially undoing the agreement. "Result? Iran increased its enrichment 100-fold by 2012," the top diplomat said.

"Now, they've lured [U.S. President] Donald Trump into killing JCPOA with the same delusion," he stated, referring to a subsequent nuclear agreement.

The second deal was reached between the P5+1 group of states — the United States, the UK, France, Russia, and China plus Germany — and Iran in the Austrian capital in July 2015. It is officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

However, the U.S. left the JCPOA last year and reinstated the nuclear-related sanctions that the deal had lifted.

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