

Iranian foreign minister says neither U.S. nor Europe can lecture Tehran on missile program



Tehran, April 26 (RHC)-- Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif says neither the United States nor its European allies, with their 'flimsy' misreading of the landmark nuclear deal of 2015, is allowed to 'lecture' the Islamic Republic on its missile program.

"The U.S. has been bullying everyone against UNSC Resolution 2231 since 2017. Europe obeyed the U.S. instead of 2231," Zarif said in a posting on Twitter over the weekend. "Iran neither has nukes nor missiles 'designed to be capable of carrying' such horrific arms," the top Iranian diplomat stated.

He attached a number of images and screenshot photos of documents and newspapers about the significance of nuclear weapons and the budget allocated to the construction of nuclear warheads by the U.S. and some European countries and questioned who is in fact proliferating nukes and violating international resolutions.

Zarif's tweet came in response to allegations leveled by Mark Pompeo, the U.S. Secretary of State, claiming on Wednesday that "Iran needs to be held accountable for" the launch of a military satellite, adding that the action was not consistent with the Security Council Resolution 2231.

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