

Iran's Foreign Minister Says U.S. Complicit in Saudi War Crimes in Yemen



Tehran, December 16 (RHC)-- Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif says the United States is complicit in Saudi war crimes in Yemen amid Washington's baseless claim that Tehran is providing supply of ballistic missiles to Yemen's Houthi Ansarullah movement.

"No amount of alternative facts or alternative evidence covers up U.S. complicity in war crimes," Zarif said in a post on his official Twitter account on Friday. He added that the US has sold weapons to its allies enabling them to "kill civilians and impose famine," in reference to Washington's arms deal with Riyadh in its aggression against Yemen.

The top Iranian diplomat emphasized that Iran has been calling for "ceasefire, aid and dialogue" in Yemen since the conflict began in the impoverished country. The Iranian foreign minister's post came after U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley claimed Thursday that a missile the Yemeni army had fired at Saudi Arabia last month was supplied by Tehran.

In a statement released on Thursday, Iran's UN mission categorically dismissed Haley's claim as "unfounded" and said: "This purported evidence... is as much fabricated as the one presented on some

other occasions earlier."

The Iranian Ambassador to the UN, Gholam Ali Khoshroo, also rejected his American counterpart's claims and said the "show" Haley put up earlier in the day was merely meant to cover up Washington's own supply of lethal weapons to the Saudi regime, which have resulted in the deaths of Yemeni women and children.

"Iran wants peace, dialogue and an immediate ceasefire and a halt to bombardments" against Yemen, said the senior diplomat, emphasizing that the U.S. "must, above all, end its arms sales to Saudi Arabia."

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