

Iran's foreign minister in G-7 venue, no talks with U.S. on agenda



Paris, August 25 (RHC)-- Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has arrived in the French city of Biarritz where a meeting of the seven top economic powers of the world, known as G-7, is going on to discuss with French officials the recent initiatives offered by the two countries' presidents.

The spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry, Abbas Mousavi, said in a tweet on Sunday that the country's top diplomat had landed in the French city at the official invitation of his French counterpart, Jean-Yves Le Drian, to continue consultations on the recent initiatives proposed by Iran's President Hassan Rouhani and his French counterpart, Emmanuel Macron.

A French presidency official was quoted by Reuters as saying that Zarif is in talks with his French counterpart on the sidelines of a G-7 summit to discuss what conditions would de-escalate tensions between Washington and Tehran.

The unnamed French official also emphasized that no discussions have been planned between Iranian and American officials at this stage. Later on Sunday, Zarif took to his official Twitter page, saying that he had met with the French president as "Iran's active diplomacy in pursuit of constructive engagement

continues.”

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