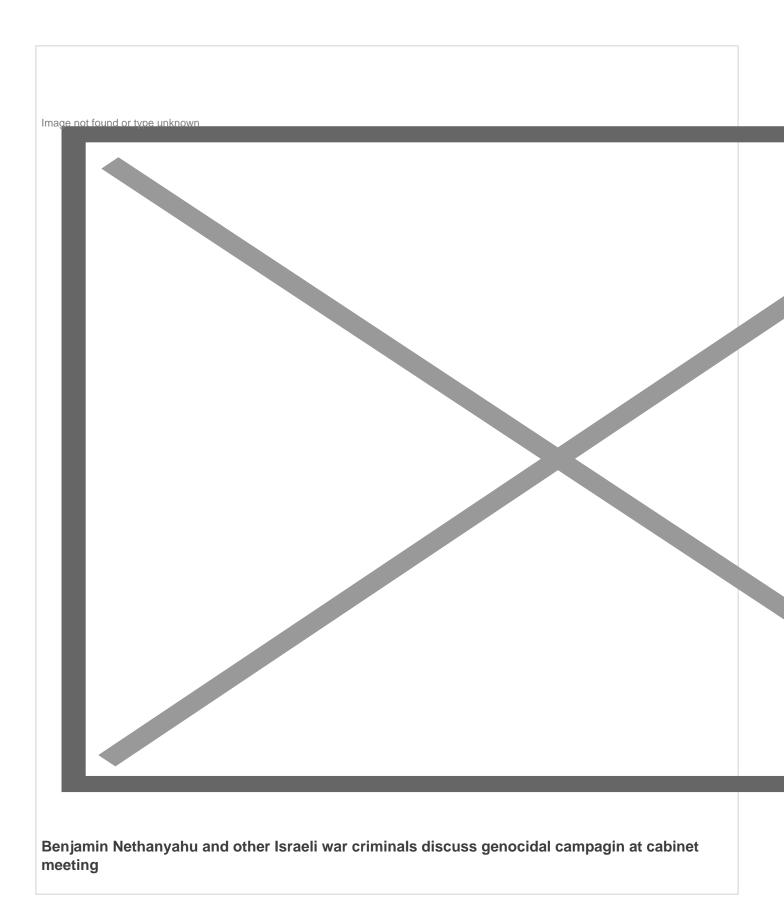
Report reveals Israel waging psychological sabotage campaign against Oman talks



Muscat, April 13 (RHC)-- The Israeli regime is waging a psychological sabotage campaign against the Oman talks between Iran and the United States through various means, a report reveals.

According to Al-Alam news network, a source familiar with the negotiation process dismissed rumors that the issue of avenging the U.S. assassination of Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani was being raised

at the talks. The unnamed source stressed that such matters have not been brought up by the American side, neither in their official nor unofficial statements.

Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani, the chief of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Quds Force, was assassinated in a U.S. drone strike outside Baghdad Airport on January 3, 2020. The strike was directly ordered by then-U.S. President Donald Trump.

Iran has vowed to pursue the case through legal international channels and bring the perpetrators of the attack to justice.

In July 2024, an unsuccessful assassination attempt on Trump was blamed on the Islamic Republic. Iranian officials, including President Masoud Pezeshkian, denied the "baseless" claims, saying: "This is another one of those schemes that Israel and other countries are designing to promote Iranophobia. ... Iran has never attempted to, nor does it plan to, assassinate anyone."

Senior Iranian and Omani diplomats met and held talks in Muscat ahead of the forthcoming indirect negotiations with the US delegation, which aim to address Tehran's civilian nuclear program.

The source further clarified that in the run-up to the Oman talks, Washington had merely focused on Tehran's alleged pursuit of nuclear weapons, rather than other issues.

On Iran's part, the source explained, the negotiations are centered on lifting the United States' sanctions against Iran.

Iran and the United States are set to hold indirect talks on Saturday in what Tehran has described as a "test" to assess whether Washington is serious in settling bilateral issues.

During Trump's first presidential term, he withdrew the United States from the 2015 nuclear deal in 2018 and re-imposed sanctions against the Islamic Republic as part of a "maximum pressure" approach against Iran. He revived the policy soon after returning to office early this year.

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