

Iran registers complaint to UN Security Council about intruding U.S. spy drone



Tehran, June 29 (RHC)-- The Islamic Republic of Iran has formally filed a complaint to the UN Security Council against the United States over the violation of its airspace with a reconnaissance drone shot down by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC).

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs Gholam-Hossein Dehqani said on Friday: "The complaint states that Iran reserves the right to defend its maritime borders and confront any violation in case such acts are repeated. The U.S. side claims that the drone had not entered the Iranian airspace. This is while they cannot corroborate such an allegation because it went down in the Iranian territory after being targeted," he pointed out.

Iran's envoy to the United Nations says the international community needs to confront Washington's unlawful conduct in violating other countries' sovereignty.

The IRGC shot down the intruding American spy drone in Iran's southern coastal province of Hormozgan on June 20th. It said in a statement that the U.S.-made Global Hawk surveillance drone was brought down by its Air Force near the Kouh-e Mobarak region — which sits in the central district of Jask County

— after the aircraft violated the Iranian airspace.

The commander of Iran's army navy says the downing of an intruding spy drone is a crushing response to the United States which can be repeated. According to the statement, the Global Hawk had flown from one of the American bases in the southern parts of the Persian Gulf region at 00:14 a.m. local time, with its identification transponders off in breach of all international aviation rules.

The United States has been escalating tensions with Iran under President Donald Trump. Leading a signature policy of "maximum pressure," the U.S. quit a United Nations-ratified nuclear agreement between Iran and six world states, which had been struck in 2015. It then proceeded to restore the sanctions that had been lifted under the deal.

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