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Tehran, March 30 (RHC)-- Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has lashed out at the administration of US President Joe Biden for upholding the same pressure policy of his predecessor, Donald Trump, which he himself once criticized sharply.

In a post on his Twitter account on Tuesday, Zarif shared a statement made by the U.S. president back in June 2019, in which Biden called “sadly ironic” a demand by the State Department under the then Trump administration for Iran’s compliance with the multilateral 2015 nuclear agreement, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), one year after Trump abandoned it.

In that tweet, Biden had criticized Trump for “walking away from diplomacy” and said such an attitude could lead to another “military conflict” in the already-troubled Middle East region.

Addressing Biden, Zarif said “your admin follows [in] Trump’s footsteps while trying to use his unlawful sanctions as “leverage.”” Zarif added that it is time for the Biden administration to reverse course and set aside Trump’s pressure campaign.

“Nasty habits die hard. Time to kick this one,” the top Iranian diplomat tweeted. “It’s sadly ironic that the State Dept is now calling on Iran to abide by the very deal the Trump administration abandoned.”@POTUS, 2019

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— Javad Zarif (@JZarif) March 30, 2021

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