

Analyst says John Bolton wants U.S. in war with Russia, Syria and Iran



Washington, May 28 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump's new National Security Adviser, John Bolton, is obsessed with waging war against Russia, Syria and Iran, says an American academic, noting that the former U.S. envoy to the UN is actively looking for new ways to trigger a confrontation.

James Petras, a professor emeritus of sociology at Binghamton University in Binghamton, New York, made the remarks while discussing Bolton's push to establish a coalition of Arab military forces in Syria to pave the way for an American withdrawal.

The White House is considering putting "a compelling reward" on the table in order to convince Arab states like Saudi Arabia to deploy forces to Syria, CNN reported, citing a source close to the White House.

The idea of creating an Arab force recently gained traction after Trump declared earlier this month that he wanted American troops out of Syria "very soon" and have other countries "take care of it."

The United States in particular is enlisting assistance from Egypt, Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar,

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates should the U.S. significantly reduce its troops size in Syria.

According to the academic, Bolton had failed to convince U.S. leadership into deepening the current U.S.-led military intervention in Syria. So he was now looking for new ways to achieve this goal. The U.S. and its regional allies have backed militants opposed to the Syrian government since the conflict broke out in 2011.

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