## John Bolton visits UAE amid ongoing turmoil with Iran



Abu Dhabi, May 29 (RHC)-- The Trump administration's National Security Adviser John Bolton is preparing to travel to the Arabian Gulf region amid Washington's ongoing turmoil with Iran.

Bolton is scheduled to travel to the United Arab Emirates this week in order to discuss the current situation in the Middle East region. According to the U.S. Embassy in the UAE, a roundtable meeting with Bolton will take place in the small Gulf nation's capital city sometime later this week. It's assumed that the mystery of the exact date for the meeting had to do for security reasons.

Bolton's meeting comes just two weeks after the U.S. accused Iran of carrying out a 'sabotage' attack on four oil tankers off the coast of the United Arab Emirates. Iran has denied any role in the explosions that took place on these oil tankers, adding that the U.S. allegations were 'dangerous' as it could provoke an undesired conflict in the region.

Regional tensions have spiked since Donald Trump's administration re-imposed sanctions against Iran after unilaterally pulling out of a multilateral 2015 nuclear accord signed with the Islamic republic.

Regional summits are planned on Thursday and Friday in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, as Riyadh seeks to discuss regional developments and security. The Trump administration has ordered non-essential diplomatic staff out of Iraq, citing threats from Iranian-backed Iraqi armed groups, and sent an aircraft carrier and heavy B-52 bombers to the region.

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