

Iranian foreign minister says John Bolton dragging UK into 'quagmire' of war



Tehran, July 21 (RHC)-- Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif says after failing to lure U.S. President Donald Trump into war with Iran, the "B-Team" is now trying to drag the UK into a quagmire by stoking confrontation between Tehran and London over a British-flagged tanker seized in the Persian Gulf.

The hawkish group referred to as the "B-Team" by Iran's foreign minister is comprised of U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

On Friday, Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said that it had captured a British oil tanker for breaching international maritime law while crossing the Strait of Hormuz. The elite force then guided the vessel to the port in the Iranian city of Bandar Abbas for a maritime casualty investigation.

Referring to these developments and also to earlier shooting of a modern U.S. drone by the IRGC over the Persian Gulf, Zarif said in a tweet on Sunday that the B-Team is now dragging Washington's ally, the UK, into "a quagmire" after the hawkish group failed to persuade the US president into waging war on

Iran.

Zarif went on to say that under the current circumstances, “Only prudence and foresight can thwart such ploys,” warning the UK against making a mistake.

Earlier on Sunday, Iran’s ambassador to the United Kingdom warned London against provocation over the seized tanker, as reports emerged that the British government is considering freezing Iranian assets and may take other measures as well in a standoff between the two countries over the mutual seizure of tankers.

Iran’s envoy to the UK warns London against further provocation, as reports emerge that the British government is seeking to freeze Iranian assets and may take other steps as well.

Zarif had warned in late June that the incident in which the U.S. spy drone encroached on the Iranian territory in the Sea of Oman was also an extension of previous efforts by the B-Team to drag Trump into a war with Iran.

In another tweet back then, Zarif said the B-Team has made efforts against the Islamic Republic in the past, including encroachments on the Iranian territory by an MQ2 spy drone in late May and phone calls made to attribute attacks on tankers off the United Arab Emirates’ Fujairah port to Iran.

Iran’s top diplomat noted that all those measures, instigated by the B-Team, were meant to lure Trump into a war with Iran, but “prudence prevented it.”

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