

FBI alleges Iranian man plotted to kill former National Security Adviser John Bolton

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Washington, August 11 (RHC)-- The U.S. Justice Department has charged an Iranian citizen with plotting to murder President Trump's former national security advisor John Bolton. Federal prosecutors claim that Shahram Poursafi offered to pay a hitman \$300,000 last November to assassinate Bolton in Washington, D.C., or Maryland.

The man Poursafi allegedly tried to hire was in fact an FBI informant. Federal agents say Poursafi is a member of Iran's Revolutionary Guard who sought revenge for the Trump administration's assassination of a top Iranian commander in Baghdad in January 2020. This is Assistant Attorney General Matt Olsen.

Matthew Olsen told reporters: "This assassination plot was undertaken in apparent retaliation for the January 2020 killing of Qassem Soleimani. We face a rising threat from authoritarian regimes who seek to reach beyond their own borders to commit acts of repression, including inside the United States."

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