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South Africa says 'surprised' by 'bizarre' report of Iran plot to kill US envoy

South African Minister of International Relations Naledi Pandor said her country is "as surprised as its Iranian friends" after learning about the American news website Politico's report of a "plot" by Tehran to kill the US envoy to the African nation.



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"It's been a very strange public statement and of course our friends in Iran are as surprised as we were," Pandor said in an interview with SABC News released on Friday. "I find it surprising, why would Iran being a very good friend of South Africa come and commit a horrendous act in a country which has been a good friend to Iran, and of such a nature?" she added, according to Press TV. "I can only describe it as bizarre and let me stop there."

Her comments came after Politico news website claimed Iran had sought to assassinate US Ambassador to South Africa Lana Marks in retaliation for the US assassination of top Iranian commander, Lieutenant General Qassem Soleimani, in January.

The article claimed to be based on US intelligence reports, allegedly seen by a US government official and another official familiar with the documents, stating that Marks had likely been chosen due to her closeness to US President Donald Trump.

Iran dismissed the "biased and agenda-driven" report, and advised American officials to stop resorting to hackneyed and outworn methods to create Iranophobic atmosphere on the international arena.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran, as a responsible member of the international community, has demonstrated its continued adherence to the principles and customs of international diplomacy," Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said on Monday.

The spokesman said baseless allegations such as the one published in the Politico are "part of the Trump administration's counterintelligence campaign against Iran."

Lavrov says US pressure policy on Iran 'dead end'

Zarif: US can't return sanctions on 9/20

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said the US policy of sanctions on Iran is a "dead end".

"The entire current logic of the US policy is set on making Iran the focus of all containment and punishment efforts... That is a dead end," Lavrov said in an interview with Sputnik on Friday.

He said the US sanctions on Iran "did not work before and will not work now".

Lavrov advised US officials to abandon their "futile" efforts to "demonize Iran" and label the country as "the main problem of the region".

He rather called for dialogue between the US and Iran to resolve issues. "We will help start such dialogue."

The top diplomat said the remaining parties to the 2015 Iran nuclear deal - France, Germany, Britain, Russia and China - "stand for" the accord and blasted the US for trying to destroy it.

US not party to JCPOA

Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said on Thursday the United States cannot reimpose UN sanctions on the Islamic Republic on September 20 - which is one month after the US demanded activation of a snapback mechanism inside the Iran nuclear deal - because the US is not a party to the agreement anymore.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Wednesday that the US would return to the UN to have the sanctions reinstated on Iran on Sunday. The US would also do all it needed, Pompeo said.

In his Thursday tweet, Zarif took issue with the US efforts to restore the UN sanctions, despite its having lost the right to do so after ditching the 2015 nuclear agreement, Press TV reported.

"Wrong again, @SecPompeo. Nothing new happens on 9/20," Zarif said. "Just READ Res.2231," Zarif added, referring to the Security Council resolution that has endorsed the JCPOA.

He reminded Pompeo that even the former US national security adviser John Bolton, the most aggressive Iran hawk who himself convinced Trump to quit the nuclear deal, was better versed in the implications of Washington's withdrawal and its potential bid to re-



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turn the UN sanctions.

"Bolton - who convinced the boss to order you to 'CEASE US participation' - did [read the resolution]," Zarif's tweet read.

The tweet also affixed excerpts of an August article by Bolton, in which he clearly noted that the attempt at snapback was "legally incorrect," well guarded against inside the resolution, and could even "backfire on the US."

"In his words: Process is not 'simple,' automatic or snappy. But intentionally 'complex & lengthy,'" Zarif cited Bolton as saying in the article, and repeated, "US is NOT a participant [in the JCPOA]."

On August 20, Pompeo notified the United Nations of the US demand for all the UN Security Council sanctions on Iran to be restored, citing what he claimed to be Iranian violations of the nuclear deal. Tehran clinched the deal, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), with six world powers, including the US, in 2015, but Washington left the agreement under President Donald Trump three years later.

In reaction to the notification that was being handed to the UN Secretariat by

Pompeo himself, the remaining signatories to the deal maintained that Washington could not initiate the mechanism because it had left the accord.

On August 14, the Security Council had also rejected a US-drafted resolution to extend an arms embargo on Iran that is due to expire in October under the JCPOA.



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Iran enjoys most transparent nuclear program among IAEA members: Envoy

Iran's permanent representative to Vienna-based international organizations said the Islamic Republic has the most transparent nuclear program among member states of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), as proven through numerous inspections of the country's nuclear sites by the UN agency.

"The fact that 22 percent of all global inspections done by the IAEA has been carried out in Iran proves that Iran enjoys the most transparent peaceful nuclear program among the member states of the agency," Kazem Gharibabadi said in an address to the IAEA Board of Governors on Thursday, according to Press TV.

"The envoy reminded that the supreme level of cooperation between Tehran and the agency had not come by easily to be "easily weakened as a result of a few parties' myopic political interests."

He was referring to the United States and Israel's immense pressure on the agency to try and find fault with the Islamic Republic's nuclear work.

Under pressure from Israel, Washington left a historic 2015 nuclear accord with Tehran and world powers two years ago. The US then returned the sanctions that the deal, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), had lifted, not even bothering to exempt food items and medicines from the illegal bans.

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