

Alleged Plot to Assassinate the Saudi Ambassador to US: Iran Summons Swiss Envoy

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Iran's Foreign Ministry has summoned the Swiss envoy to protest US allegations of Tehran's involvement in a plot to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to Washington.

During the meeting, head of the North America Bureau of the Iranian Foreign Ministry said since the victory of the Islamic Revolution Iran has been among the main victims of the terrorist activities of terrorist groups sponsored by the United States.

"Iran, therefore, condemns the baseless claims made by the US government... and warns against the repetition of such politically motivated allegations," a Foreign Ministry statement said on Wednesday.

The Swiss charge d'affaires assured the Iranian official that Iran's message would be conveyed to Washington as soon as possible and that a response would be relayed to the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

The Swiss Embassy in Tehran also functions as the United States interest section.

The US Justice Department has accused Iran of involvement in a plot to assassinate the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Washington, Adel Al-Jubeir, with help from a suspected member of a Mexican drug cartel.

Tehran says the media hype created by Washington is an attempt to deflect international attention from the intensifying anti-corruption and anti-corporatism protests in the country.

Iran's envoy to the UN, Mohammad Khazaei, has filed a complaint against the US for what he calls an evil plot.

Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi has also described the US accusation as a new and immature scenario which will ultimately force the Americans to apologize.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Wednesday that Washington would consult its allies about how to further isolate Tehran.

The US is the main supporter of Saudi Arabia — one of the most repressive and undemocratic regimes in the world.

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