
Iran urges US to abandon 'warmongering' policy as arch-hawk Bolton leaves White House

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Washington should give up its policy of aggression toward Tehran, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has said. His remarks come hours after outspoken regime-change connoisseur John Bolton stepped down as national security adviser.

During a cabinet meeting on Wednesday, Rouhani pressed the US to “*abandon warmongering and its maximum pressure policy*” on Iran, and warned that failing to reverse course would further degrade Tehran’s commitments under the 2015 nuclear deal.

Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif made similar calls for a US policy U-turn, tweeting on Wednesday that Washington’s “*thirst for war*” should end with the departure of its “*warmonger-in-chief*” Bolton.

A government spokesman said after the cabinet meeting that Bolton’s departure could help US policymakers have a “*less biased*” attitude toward the Islamic republic. Tehran stressed, however, that Bolton’s removal would not change its position on dialogue with Washington.

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“The departure of US National Security Advisor John Bolton from President Donald Trump’s administration will not push Iran to reconsider talking with the US,” Tehran’s United Nations envoy Majid Takhteravanchi said.

US President Donald Trump announced Bolton's dismissal on Tuesday, tweeting that he had *"disagreed strongly with many of his suggestions."* Bolton claims that he'd actually resigned before Trump's announcement.
