

Russia insists it will counter new US sanctions on Iran

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Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov. Credit: Wikipedia Commons.

(June 24, 2019 / JNS) Russia is going to counter new sanctions put on Iran by the Trump administration, said Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov to reporters on Monday.

“Of course, we are discussing the U.S. policies of this kind. We have pointed to the illegitimacy of unilateral sanctions many times,” said Ryabkov as quoted by the Russian News Agency TASS.

“All this is a reflection of a wider paradigm, which now seems to be the basis for the U.S. foreign policy, and is aimed at substituting the international law and universal mechanisms of international problem-resolution with its national legislation and unilateral steps,” added the Russian official.

“This is a pure dictate, an attempt to impose the conditions Washington deems right on others,” he stated. “This is unacceptable for us. We will continue to counter this policy, particularly in cooperation with other forces in the international community.”

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said on Monday that Tehran would resist sanctions “with full power,” according to Iran’s Tasnim News Agency.

Members of Iran’s parliament voiced their support for the shooting down of a U.S. drone last week and chanted on Sunday, “Down with the U.S.,” Iran’s Fars News Agency reported. Some 250 members of Iran’s parliament issued a statement on Sunday voicing full support for Iran’s action.

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