

# New Nuclear Deals With Russia

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- Tehran and Moscow are set to finalize an agreement they have already reached on the construction of two nuclear power plants in the Islamic Republic, an Iranian official said on Monday. "The conclusion of an agreement with Russia on the construction of two power plants is in its final stages," head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Ali Akbar Salehi said, expressing hope that the deal will get off the ground in the near future. The AEOI head said that the construction of one of the nuclear power plants will start in the current Iranian calendar year (started March 21, 2014), while work to build the other one will get underway in two years' time.

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# Gen. Suleimani: U.S.-Led Campaign Doomed

TEHRAN (Dispatches) -- The commander of Iran's Quds Force, Qassem Suleimani, said Monday that both the ISIL group and the United States are "doomed to failure" in Iraq and Syria. Suleimani said he was certain "any venture, be it large or small, from America's campaigns to ISIL's acts of terror, have no other outcome than failure, because since the beginning they lack truth". Suleimani went on to clarify that all movements that were against "Islam, Iran and Shi'ism" were lacking in the quest for truth, while Iran's success was due to its "inner truth". He said

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## President: Terrorism Threatens Humanity

TEHRAN (Press TV) -- President Hassan Rouhani here on Monday described terrorism as a threat against humanity and called for collective effort to eliminate the scourge.

"Terrorists are fighting against civilizations and humanity; and murdering either Christians or Muslims makes no difference for them," Rouhani said at a meeting with Armenian Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan.

"Iran and Armenia along with other regional countries should join hands to fight against terrorism, because security can be established in the region under the aegis of cooperation," he added.

Rouhani warned that the ramifications of terrorism in one country can spill over into other states and noted, "The Islamic Republic of Iran supports political and peaceful solutions within the framework of international laws for resolving the regional issues."

Separately, a high-ranking Iranian official voiced the Islamic Republic's readiness to cooperate with the United Nations in the fight against terrorist groups operating in the region, including Syria.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran, under its humanitarian and principled policies for the provision of security in the region, will continue confrontation with the terrorist groups and is ready to cooperate with the United Nations as the only legitimate source in this regard," Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) Ali Shamkhani said.

Shamkhani made the remarks in a meeting with UN special envoy to Syria Staffan de Mistura in Tehran, where both officials discussed the latest political and security developments in Syria.

Pointing to the failed international conferences aimed at ending the Syrian crisis and the boomerang effect of the creation of terrorist groups to fight the elected Syrian government, Shamkhani underlined the necessity to reconsider wrong policies adopted by certain states, support the real demand of the Syrian people and help the establishment of security and stability in the country.

"In spite of the Syrian government's readiness to hold political dialogue with different Syrian groups, irresponsible behavior of certain Western and regional countries as well as arming the opponents and provoking them to kill the people has been the main obstacle to the establishment of calm in Syria," said the Iranian official.

De Mistura, for his part, underscored the need for Iran's participation in any effort aimed at settling the ongoing crisis in Syria.

He described a political solution to

the Syrian crisis as the best means to confront the ISIL Takfiri terrorists, who are currently wreaking havoc on Iraq and Syria.

Meanwhile, Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and de Mistura voiced alarm against threats posed by the ISIL Takfiri terrorists operating in the Middle East.

They further emphasized the need for major regional and international players to make efforts to pave the way for the political settlement of the crisis in Syria based on the realities on the ground.

The Iranian foreign minister expressed hope that de Mistura would manage to play a "positive" and "independent" role in his efforts, as the UN envoy, to end the deadly turmoil, which has reportedly killed over 191,000 people in Syria since 2011.

Another Iranian official called on the United Nations to help settle the ongoing crisis in Syria through diplomacy and political approaches.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran and certain countries that believe in a political solution to Syria crisis expect the United Nations to take step towards settling the crisis and achieving a political solution to it," Ali Akbar Velayati, a top aide to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, said.

## Iraqi PM: No Foreign Boots on the Ground



Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi gives a press conference in the Iraqi central holy city of Najaf.

NAJAF, Iraq (Dispatches) -- **Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi on Monday ruled out any foreign ground intervention to assist government forces in retaking territory lost to militants.**

Abadi was speaking in the city of

Najaf after a rare meeting with the most revered figure among Iraqi Shias, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, and before a trip to neighboring Iran.

"No ground forces from any superpower, international coalition

or regional power will fight here," Abadi told reporters, reiterating previous remarks on the issue.

"This is my decision, it is the decision of the Iraqi government."

Some officials and tribal leaders in areas most affected by the unrest

have argued the world should step up its involvement from airstrikes to a ground intervention against the ISIL extremist group.

"I am telling our brothers in Anbar and Salaheddin (provinces) who asked for foreign ground troops that such an appeal should not be made for two reasons," Abadi said.

"We don't need foreign combat troops. And there is no country in the world which would be willing to fight here and give you back your land even if they were asked to."

The prime minister had just met with Ayatollah Sistani, who is the highest Shia religious authority in the country.

Iraqi state television said it was the first time in four years that Ayatollah Sistani had met a high-ranking Iraqi government official.

Abadi was due to travel to Iran later Monday for talks on Iraq's war against ISIL, which has since June seized control of swathes of the country and brought it to the brink of collapse.

ISIL terrorists hold towns just a few miles (kilometers) from the Iranian border. Major General Qassem Suleimani, the chief of Iran's elite Quds Force, has been spotted in Iraq, where it is believed to play a key role in coordinating Iraqi military operations.

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## Lufthansa Strike Cripples Europe Aviation

BERLIN (AFP) -- **Lufthansa pilots launched a strike Monday, deepening Germany's travel chaos after train drivers stopped work at the weekend just as school holidays began in much of the country.**

The top-selling Bild daily complained that "ping-pong strikes are crippling our economy", Europe's biggest, as about 10,000 pilots and 20,000 train drivers had "taken hostage" 80 million Germans.

The German Industry Federation charged that the pilots strike, following the "disproportionate" railway stoppage, "harms the entire

economy" by hitting logistics, tourism and business travel.

The government said the strikes will certainly "impact some sectors of the economy", though there was no reason to change Germany's 2014 growth forecast, which was lowered this month to 1.2%.

Pilots for Lufthansa, Europe's biggest airline, said they would broaden strike action to long-haul flights on top of previously announced stoppages on short- and medium-length routes.

The industrial action on Monday and Tuesday was expected to affect

more than 200,000 passengers on 1,400 flights, said Lufthansa, advising passengers to check for updated information on its website.

Pilots stopped short- and medium-haul flights departing between 1100 GMT Monday and 2159 GMT Tuesday, as well as intercontinental flights scheduled to leave Tuesday between 0400 and 2159 GMT.

The strike will not affect Lufthansa subsidiaries Austrian, Swiss and Brussels Airlines or Germanwings, the low-cost carrier whose pilots staged a 12-hour strike last week.

Pilots union Vereinigung Cockpit

(VC) launched its eighth action in recent months in a bid to keep an early retirement scheme that management wants to phase out to reduce costs.

The stoppages come as autumn school holidays start in seven of Germany's 16 states and are ongoing in two more.

"Now, during the holiday period, I think this is pretty brazen," one affected air passenger told NTV television, though he said he understood that "everyone has interests they want to promote".

Lufthansa accused the union of

bringing Germany to "a standstill and sought to draft in pilots working in management positions to ensure a third of scheduled services still operate.

The airline labeled the strike "incomprehensible and disproportionate" and demanded legislation against actions that cripple large parts of Germany's travel infrastructure.

Lufthansa spokesman Andreas Bartels said the company wants new "rules of the game for such labor disputes, which are needed

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## Ashton to Continue Leading Nuclear Talks

LUXEMBOUR (Dispatches) -- **European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton will continue leading nuclear negotiations with Iran until a deal is reached, even if a November deadline is missed, she said on Monday.**

Ashton's five-year term as EU foreign policy chief ends at the end of this month, and she had said she would stay on as nuclear negotiator until Nov. 24, the deadline for reaching a long-term settlement with Iran over its nuclear program.

Asked if she would continue be-

yond that date if necessary, she told reporters at an EU foreign ministers' meeting in Luxembourg: "I have been asked to carry on until it's done."

Ashton, a Briton, negotiates with the Iranian delegation on behalf of the six powers involved in the talks: the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany.

Meanwhile, The New York Times reported Sunday night that the Obama administration will not to seek congressional approval to suspend sanctions against Iran if a deal

on the Islamic Republic's nuclear program can be reached.

According to the report, citing American and Iranian officials, Iran has agreed in principle that a "suspension" of sanctions would be enough for them to take away from the negotiating table.

"But Mr. Obama cannot permanently terminate those sanctions. Only Congress can take that step. And even if Democrats held on to the Senate next month, Mr. Obama's advisers have concluded they would probably lose such a vote," The

Times wrote.

The difference between a temporary suspension and an outright revocation can keep attorneys up at nights, but there is no immediate-term difference and the Obama administration plans to use that to its advantage.

"We wouldn't seek congressional legislation in any comprehensive agreement for years," one senior official told The New York Times.

A deal with Iran probably would not be a formal treaty and thus would not constitutionally require

the Senate's approval, but lawmakers of both parties say that doesn't matter — they don't want the administration underpinning sanctions Congress has duly passed.

"Congress will not permit the president to unilaterally unravel Iran sanctions that passed the Senate in a 99-0 vote," said Sen. Mark Kirk, Illinois Republican.

Indeed, Sen. Robert Menendez, New Jersey Democrat and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has sponsored legislation

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