

WASHINGTON (AFP) – US President Barack Obama will host Saudi Arabia's new king at the White House, where he is expected to reassure the monarch of wide-ranging support amid concerns about the nuclear agreement with Iran.

Obama will reportedly tell King Salman bin Abdulaziz on Friday that the agreement with Iran does not mean the US will turn away from its Persian Gulf Arab allies.

TEHRAN (FNA) – Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Majid Takht Ravanchi in a meeting with Hungarian Vice-Speaker János Latorcai in Budapest underscored that creators of ISIL cannot fool the public opinion by some theatrical acts against the terrorist group.

"The powers which have played a role in the creation of the ISIL cannot claim to be fighting against the terrorists through some theatrical acts and airstrikes," Takht Ravanchi said during the meeting on Thursday.

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Leader's Aide: Iran Never Trusts US

TEHRAN (FNA) – Iranian Supreme Leader's top adviser for international affairs Ali Akbar Velayati blasted US Secretary of State John Kerry's recent remarks against Iran, and said Washington has never been trustworthy.

"We have never been optimistic about the US officials, and the measures and steps that they have taken are in line with their own interests," Velayati told FNA in the Northeastern city of Mashhad on Thursday, referring to the US recent agreement with Iran over the latter's nuclear program.

He said that the Americans have left a bad record of enmity towards Iran after the Islamic Revolution and Kerry's remarks were not unexpected.

Kerry stated in an interview with the MSNBC that "if we do the right job of inspecting, and Israel, and the [persian] gulf states, and we and our friends, France, Germany, Britain, China, Russia all are doing the right level of intelligence gathering, believe me, we will know what Iran is doing".

In relevant remarks today, Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei blasted the US statements for their contradictory remarks after the nuclear agreement with Tehran, and called on Iranian officials show more sensitivity and give proper response to their comments.

"In the nuclear talks with are negotiating with the 5+1, but the US administration is, in fact, the main party; but the US officials speak very badly and a decision needs to be taken about the manner they speak," Ayatollah Khamenei said in a meeting with the head and members of Iran's Assembly of Experts in Tehran.

"Don't say that the Americans are uttering these words to convince their internal rivals; of course, I believe that the internal disputes in the US are real and they have differences and the reason for such a difference is clear to us but what is officially said needs a response and if no response is given to them, the other side's remarks will be entrenched," he added.

Ayatollah Khamenei also referred to the US officials' remarks on the suspension of sanctions, and said Tehran has always underlined the necessity for the termination and not suspension of embargoes.

"If the sanctions are not due to be removed, then there will be no deal either. Hence, there needs to be a decision to be taken in this regard," he added.

He said Iran has made some concessions during the negotiations with the world powers in order

to see a removal of the sanctions in return, otherwise we wouldn't have attended the negotiations and Iran could have increased its 19,000 centrifuges to 60,000 centrifuges, continue 20% uranium enrichment and accelerate its research and development activities.

"If the sanctions are due to be suspended, our actions should also be arranged in the form of suspension and not essential measures on the ground," Ayatollah Khamenei said.

"Of course, the other side says that removal of certain sanctions is not within the US administration's authority; in response we say that those sanctions that fall under the US administration and the European governments' authority should be terminated," he added.

Ayatollah Khamenei also blasted the US officials' remarks that the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) has created some opportunities for the Americans both inside and outside Iran and in the region, and said, "The Iranian officials shouldn't allow the US to make use of any opportunity inside the country and they should also try in order not to allow the Americans to find any such opportunity outside Iran because the closer they come to such opportunities, the worse the nations' sufferings, humiliation and backwardness will grow."

He reiterated the complete ban on any negotiation between the Iranian officials and the Americans on other issues, and said there won't be any other talks with the White House, except for the the nuclear issue, because "the US positions are fully against the stances of the Islamic Republic."

Ayatollah Khamenei said the US cannot treat Iran as it does with regard to some other underdeveloped countries, and stressed that Iran is a powerful nation and has already proved its capabilities in action.

He referred to the US officials' remarks that they expect Iran to pick up a different course of action, and said they mean ignoring the Islamic values, non-commitment to the Islamic laws and Iran's confirmation of the US policies in the region which include full annihilation of the resistance forces and full hegemony over Syria and Iraq, but they should know that "such a thing will never happen".

Elaborating on the process of the nuclear agreement was reached with the world powers in Vienna on July 14, Ayatollah Khamenei underlined that the JCPOA should be precisely scrutinized by experts, and stressed that the parliament should certainly play a role in this regard.

'Iran Monitors Enemies' Slightest Move'



The commander of Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya Air Defense Base, Brigadier General Farzad Esmaili, speaks in a pre-sermon address to worshippers at the weekly Friday Prayers in Tehran.

TEHRAN (Dispatches) – A senior Iranian commander says Iran is capable of detecting the slightest move by enemies at distances upward of 3,000 km, emphasizing that the military capabilities of the Islamic Republic serve as a deterrent arm in face of potential threats.

Brigadier General Farzad Esmaili,

the commander of Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya Air Defense Base, made the comments in the pre-sermon address to worshippers at the weekly Friday Prayers in Tehran.

Esmaili said Iran has deployed its air defense units to some 3,700 locations across the country to convey a message of peace and security to

regional and friendly states.

The Iranian commander said the move also aims to send a warning to extra-regional countries that Iran would firmly defend its national territory against any attempt to pose aerial threats.

He said Iran's defense line is not only confined to geographical fron-

tiers and spans the entire country given the increase in variety, speed and range of aerial weapons and the inclination of the enemy to destroy the infrastructure of the target country.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei on September 1 instructed the Iranian Air Force defense forces to constantly upgrade their preparedness for repelling a variety of threats.

"Upgrade your preparedness and options constantly for countering all types of threats," Ayatollah Khamenei said in a meeting with top commanders and officials of the Khatam al-Anbiya Air Defense Base in Tehran.

In recent years, Iran has made great achievements in its defense sector and reached self-sufficiency in producing essential military equipment and systems.

The Islamic Republic has repeatedly assured other countries, especially the regional neighbors, that its military might poses no threat to anyone. Iran says its defense doctrine is merely based on deterrence.

Meanwhile, the Iranian Air Force will use different types of fighter jets and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in its military drills code-named 'Fadaeeyan-e Harim-e Veletayat-5' which will start on Saturday, a senior commander announced on Friday.

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Pentagon: US Ships Spying on Russia

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – A senior Pentagon official has confirmed that the US 'oceanographic ships,' which are operating in waters off the coast of Russia, are actually gathering intelligence on the country.

The US military official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, made the remarks in response to a question asked by a Fox News reporter.

He was commenting on a Russian intelligence ship which was spotted off the coast of Kings Bay, Ga.,

home to the American Navy's East Coast ballistic missile submarine fleet.

When asked if the US has a similar intelligence ship near Russia, the official said, "Of course we do, what do you think all those 'oceanographic ships' are doing, studying whales?"

There are currently six Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines, known as "boomers," at the US sub base in Georgia.

The submarines are each capable

of firing 24 Trident intercontinental ballistic missiles, which each holds up to 10 independent nuclear warheads.

In addition, the US Military has two other guided-missile subs capable of firing hundreds of Tomahawk cruise missiles in the region.

On the Russian intelligence ship, another Pentagon official said the vessel, which is capable of cutting undersea communications cables and other sensors, is now about 300 miles off the coast of the US.

US military satellites have been tracking the Russian ship since August when it was first spotted in the north Atlantic and it slowly began to move toward its next destination, Cuba.

The official said the Pentagon is still tracking the vessel which "remains in international waters".

US Defense Secretary Ashton Carter has recently described Russia as a "very, very significant threat" to the national security of the United States.

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US VP: Opponents of Iran Agreement Want 'Regime Change'

WASHINGTON (Press TV) – US Vice President Joe Biden says opponents of the Iran nuclear agreement are not in favor of negotiations with the Islamic Republic, rather they want to topple the government in Tehran.

"The only thing that would satisfy" the people opposing the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) "is a change in regime," Biden told Jewish leaders in Atlanta on Thursday.

The US vice president said that this could only take place with the help of the US military and that would involve "hundreds of sorties" by warplanes.

He went on to say that the nuclear agreement is in the best interest of the US and Israel. "It will make us and Israel safer, not weaker."

"Israel has no greater friend than the US, and no president has done more to advance Israel's security than Barack Obama," Biden said,

pointing out that 20 percent of Israel's military budget is provided by the United States.

Iran and the P5+1 group of countries – the US, Britain, France, Russia, China, and Germany – announced the conclusion of nuclear negotiations in the Austrian capital, Vienna, on July 14.

Under the agreement, Iran will be recognized by the United Nations as a nuclear power and will continue its uranium enrichment program,

but some restrictions will be placed on Iran's nuclear program in exchange for the removal of sanctions.

The United States, Israel, and some of their allies accuse Iran of pursuing military objectives in its nuclear program.

Iran rejects the allegation, arguing that as a committed signatory to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency

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