

Israeli Prime Minister arrives in Washington to meet Trump



Washington, March 6 (RHC)-- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has arrived in Washington for a meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump, deliver a speech to America's biggest pro-Israel group and resume his critique of the Iran nuclear deal, even as a corruption scandal involving Netanyahu grows in Israel.

Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump greeted Netanyahu and his wife Sara outside the South Portico of the White House on Monday. Netanyahu is expected to encourage Trump to counter Iran in Syria and express his concerns about the Iran nuclear agreement signed during the administration of former U.S. President Barack Obama.

A warm welcome at the White House and a speech to a receptive audience at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) could distract Netanyahu momentarily from the graft allegations in Israel.

The visit comes as both Trump and Netanyahu face politically damaging investigations but Netanyahu finds himself in a far more precarious position than Trump.

Israeli police say they have enough evidence to indict Netanyahu on bribery, fraud and breach of trust in two cases, and the attorney general there is deciding whether to file charges, a process that could take months.

Meanwhile, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) is voicing admiration for U.S. President Donald Trump over his decision to recognize Jerusalem as the Israeli regime's capital.

The prime minister's visit to Washington follows the U.S. president's announcement that Washington plans to move the American embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to the holy city. Netanyahu hailed Trump's decision as "historic," saying it would be "remembered by our people through the ages."

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