

Trump reportedly asked for options to attack Iranian nuclear sites last week



Washington, November 16 (RHC)-- Lame-duck U.S. President Donald Trump reportedly asked his advisers last week about the options he could have to attack Iran's nuclear sites. "A range of senior advisers dissuaded the president from moving ahead with a military strike," The New York Times reported Monday as the president was still refusing to accept the outcome of the 2020 presidential election.

Vice president Mike Pence, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and others reportedly told the outgoing president that such action could spiral out of control. White House officials have not yet responded to the report.

Iran has time and again maintained that its nuclear program is peaceful. Trump has unilaterally withdrawn Washington from the internationally back nuclear deal with Tehran and reimposed sanctions.

A senior Iranian official has said that Iran will target key Israeli targets if Washington is to attack Iran. The Islamic Republic has asserted that it stands ready to defend its interests in the face of any U.S. aggression.

The Times report further read: "A strike on Iran may not play well to his base, which is largely opposed to a deeper American conflict in the Middle East, but it could poison relations with Tehran so that it would be much harder for President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr. to revive the 2015 Iran nuclear accord, as he has promised to do."

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