

Trump says he wants diplomacy that lets him bomb Iran



Washington, May 8 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump says he is willing to reach an agreement with Iran that allows Washington to “blow up” Tehran’s nuclear energy facilities.

“It’s that simple,” he said during an exchange with conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt, on Wednesday. “I would much prefer a strong, verified deal where we actually blow them up...,” Trump said, referring to Iran’s nuclear facilities.

Trump added that there were only two possible outcomes, namely “blowing them up nicely or blow them up viciously.”

This is not the first time, Trump and other American officials have urged “total dismantlement” of Iran’s nuclear energy program. The U.S. president had last made the insistence during comments on the NBC’s “Meet the Press” program.

Observers said such statements underline the U.S. administration’s continued aggressive approach towards the Islamic Republic and its nuclear energy program. The adversarial standing comes while Washington and Tehran have been engaging in indirect talks since March. The talks’ initiation marked drawn-out absence of such engagement between the two sides that had been caused by Washington’s illegal and unilateral withdrawal from a historical nuclear deal between Tehran and others in 2018.

Most recently, Trump’s regional envoy Steve Witkoff said, “The president wants to see this solved diplomatically if possible, so we’re doing everything we can to get it going.”

Trump's remarks, though, diagonally contradict Witkoff's statement about the president's alleged interest in a diplomatic solution. Trump also said potential American aggression against Iran's nuclear sites had to result in "de-nuking them."

The U.S. and its allies have for long been trying to accuse the Islamic Republic of pursuing "nuclear weapons," despite the country's repeated avowal not to either pursue, develop, or stockpile such weaponry as per moral and religious imperatives.

Tehran's peaceful nuclear policy has been verified unexceptionally by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) that has never found any indication of such pursuit, as it has put the country's nuclear activities under the most extensive investigative processes compared to any other member of the United Nations nuclear agency.

The Western narrative, though, has been used extensively to try to justify escalating sanctions, military threats, and covert operations targeting Iran and its nuclear infrastructure.

Nevertheless, the Islamic Republic has invariably vowed to deal effectively with attempts on the part of the US, its allied states, or proxies at engaging in military adventurism against the country.

The assertion was last time reiterated by Amir Saeid Iravani, Iran's permanent ambassador to the United Nations, who underscored on Monday that the country would unquestionably defend its sovereignty against any threat or use of force.

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