U.S. Republicans Vow to Fight Iran Nuclear Deal



Washington, July 16 (RHC)-- Republicans in the U.S Congress are vowing to fight the Barack Obama administration's historic nuclear deal with Iran and five other world powers.

The agreement reached Tuesday will see Iran reduce its stockpile of low-enriched uranium by 98 percent and cut its number of centrifuges by two-thirds. In exchange, Iran will see an easing of international sanctions that have battered the economy, causing food insecurity and medication shortages.

Republican House Speaker John Boehner vowed to oppose the agreement. He told reporters in Washington that "if in fact it's as bad a deal as I think it is at this moment, we'll do everything we can to stop it."

The U.S. Congress will have 60 days to review the deal. U.S. President Barack Obama has vowed to veto any attempt to block the agreement through legislation. To override his veto, Congress would need a two-thirds majority in both chambers, meaning Obama would only needs 34 votes to keep the deal secure.

Israel is reportedly stepping up its lobbying of Congress in a continued bid to undermine the nuclear deal. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose past warnings about Iran's supposed nuclear capacity have contradicted the findings of his own spy agency, called the deal a "historic mistake."



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