

Political Analysts Say Israel Fears Normal Iran-U.S. Relations

Washington, October 2 (RHC)-- The Israeli regime and its lobby in the United States are worried about the likelihood of normalization of ties between Tehran and Washington, according to a leading political analyst.

Kaveh L. Afrasiabi writes for Press TV: "The Tel Aviv regime and the pro-Israel lobby in the United States are clearly worried about the diplomatic impact of [Iran President Hassan] Rouhani's UN visit and the qualitative steps forward which were taken by both the U.S. and Iran toward dialog and negotiation."

In his speech to the 68th session of the UN General Assembly on September 24th, President Rouhani reaffirmed Iran's determination to engage in transparent nuclear talks with world powers and interact with the international community based on mutual respect.

He also held numerous meetings with the heads of state and officials from different countries on the sidelines of the event. Later, Rouhani and his U.S. counterpart Barack Obama had a landmark phone conversation mainly focusing on Iran's nuclear energy program. It was the first direct communication between an Iranian and a U.S. president since the victory of Iran's Islamic Revolution more than three decades ago.

Afrasiabi pointed to Israel's efforts to push Washington to intensify pressure on Iran due to Tel Aviv's repeated allegations against Tehran's nuclear energy program.

The analyst noted that Tel Aviv's propaganda against Iran "serves Israel's twin objectives of sustaining generous Western financial and military support on the one hand, and, on the other, deflecting attention from the Palestinian issue."

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