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Visit expected to deal with nuclear inspection: US officials  
IAEA chief in Tehran within days: Iranian source



Iran's top nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili gestures during a press conference following talks between Iran and six world powers

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U.N. nuclear watchdog chief Mohamed ElBaradei will travel to Iran within days for talks with the Tehran nuclear officials, an Iranian nuclear industry source said Friday.

ElBaradei will meet Ali Akbar Salehi, head of the Iranian Atomic Energy Organization, the source told AFP. He said the visit will be at the start of the Iranian week, which meant in theory it could be Saturday.

"Mr ElBaradei will come to Tehran at the beginning of the week for discussions with Ali Akbar Salehi," the source said, one day after talks between Iran and six international powers on its nuclear program.

The International Atomic Energy Agency announced shortly after the Geneva talks ended that ElBaradei has been invited by Iran. "He will travel there soon to discuss a number of matters," the UN agency said.

A diplomat close to the IAEA, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the invitation was "undeniably a gesture from Iran" toward the West in the standoff over its nuclear program.

Iran's top negotiator Saeed Jalili said after the Geneva talks that his country would allow the IAEA to supervise its new enrichment plant near the holy city of Qom.

EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana said after the talks that "Iran agreed to cooperate fully and immediately with the International Atomic Energy Agency on the new enrichment facility near Qom" with inspection expected "within two weeks."

U.S. officials said ElBaradei's visit would deal with the issue, following an outcry over Iran's belated disclosure last week of construction of the underground uranium enrichment plant.

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## UN nuclear inspection

Iranian nuclear chief Ali Akbar Salehi said the gates of the Qom site were open in principle but protocols had to be observed. "Inspections will take place soon ... it is not far away," he said.

Thursday's talks are expected to win Iran a reprieve from tougher U.N. sanctions, although Western powers are likely to be wary of any attempt by Tehran to buy time to develop its nuclear program by holding "talks for talks' sake."

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said after the talks, "I think it was a productive day but the proof of that has not yet come to fruition so we will wait and continue to press our point of view and see what Iran decides to do."

U.S. Undersecretary of State William Burns met Jalili for about 45 minutes on the fringes of the main talks, the highest-level contact between the United States and Iran in three decades and emblematic of Obama's attempts to forge a closer relationship with the Islamic Republic.

At the United Nations, Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said Iran had now declared all its nuclear facilities.

"Time is pressing," French official Jacques Audibert told reporters. "There must be proof of a deep evolution in the management of Iran's nuclear program."

A U.S. official said an Iranian agreement in principle to ship most of its uranium overseas could be significant. "It will remove that source of anxiety," the official said.

The Russian state-controlled RIA agency quoted a source close to the talks as saying Moscow was ready to discuss enriching Iranian uranium from 4 percent purity to 19.75 percent suitable for civilian reactors "if, of course, such a request comes from the IAEA."