

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry to Travel to Vienna for Iran Talks



Washington, June 25 (RHC)-- U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry will travel to Vienna on Friday to hold talks with officials on Iran's nuclear energy program in a final push to seal a historic agreement with Tehran, the U.S. State Department says.

U.S. State Department spokesman John Kirby said in a statement on Wednesday that the secretary of state "will travel to Vienna, Austria, on June 26th to participate in the ongoing EU-coordinated P5+1 nuclear negotiations with Iran."

The State Department has said that Kerry, who is still walking on crutches after breaking his leg in a cycling accident in France late last month, remains focused on reaching an agreement with Iran over its nuclear program.

The globe-trotting American diplomat was hospitalized in the Swiss city of Geneva on May 31st after the accident across the border in the French Alps. He returned to the United States the next day for surgery on the broken leg. Kerry's fall comes as the United States, Britain, France, China, Russia and Germany are engaged in intense negotiations to nail down a comprehensive deal on Iran's civilian nuclear program.

Iran and the P5+1 group -- the U.S., Britain, France, China, Russia and Germany -- reached a landmark framework agreement over Tehran's nuclear program in Switzerland on April 2nd. The two sides will draft a final accord by the end of June.

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