

IAEA affirms Iran living up to nuclear deal terms despite U.S. sanctions



Geneva, February 25 (RHC)-- Iran continues to comply with the restrictions on its nuclear activities under a 2015 deal it signed with major global powers, a report by the UN nuclear agency says, even as the United States re-imposed sanctions against Tehran.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said in a quarterly report that Iran remained within caps on the level to which it can enrich uranium and its stock of enriched uranium in accordance with the nuclear accord, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

The UN nuclear agency's latest report showed that over the past three months, Iran's stock of heavy water had risen from 122.8 to 124.8 metric tonnes and that it held 163.8 kilograms of enriched uranium, up from 149.4 in November. Both levels are within the limits laid down in the JCPOA.

The IAEA once again reiterated that the agency's complementary access to Iran's nuclear sites, which mainly consists of short-notice inspections under the Additional Protocol, continues at all locations that it needed to visit.

U.S. President Donald Trump withdrew Washington in May 2018 from the landmark Iran nuclear agreement, reached between Iran and the P5+1 group of countries, and decided to re-impose unilateral sanctions against Tehran. Under the 2015 deal, Iran undertook to put limits on its nuclear program in exchange for the removal of nuclear-related sanctions.

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