

# *Next Nuclear Talks Likely in Mid-June*

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Tehran, May 24 (RHC)-- The next round of nuclear negotiations between Iran and permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany (P5+1) may be held in mid-June, says an informed Iranian source.

"Iran and the P5+1 have held initial discussions about the mentioned date, namely June 16th to the 19th, but the date for the next round of talks has not been set," an Iranian official who spoke on condition of anonymity said in an interview. Russian sources have also reported that the next round of talks will be held in June at the level of political general managers.

Iran says there has been no tangible progress in writing the draft text of a comprehensive agreement over the country's nuclear energy program. "We will have one or two more rounds of talks in June. Talks will continue," stated Seyyed Abbas Araqchi, who is a top Iranian nuclear negotiator as well as Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs.

Earlier, an official close to the Iranian nuclear negotiating team criticized the West for pursuing unreasonable and "excessive demands" during the talks. Iran and the six countries have been discussing ways to iron out differences and start drafting a final deal that would end the West's dispute with Iran over the country's nuclear energy program.



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