

Cheat Sheet: Iran Nuclear Deal

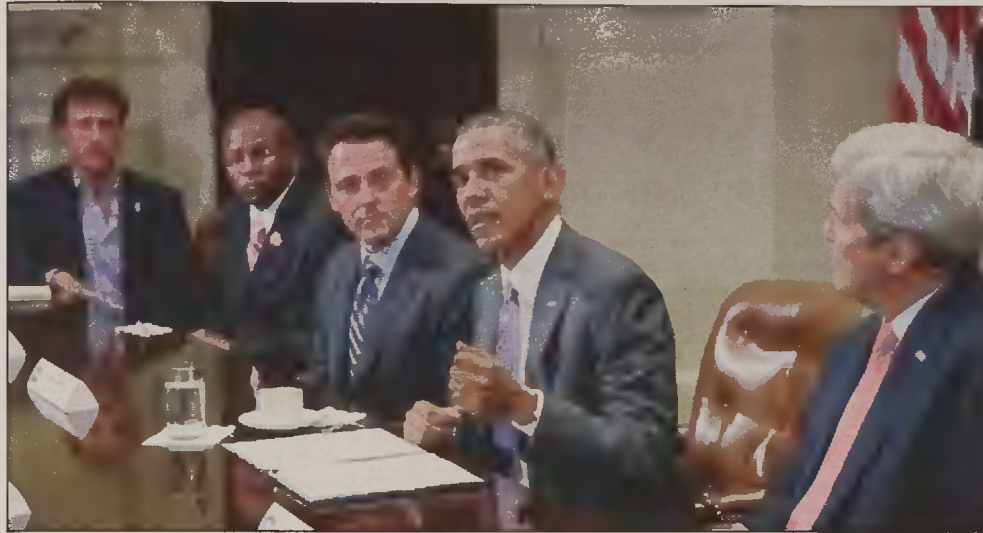


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 President Barack Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry meet with a group of veterans and Gold Star Mothers — mothers who have lost children in combat — to discuss the Iran Nuclear deal in the Roosevelt Room of the White House Sept. 10.

The new Iran nuclear agreement, composed by President Barack Obama, would lift international sanctions against Iran in exchange for a halt to their nuclear program and could begin to be implemented by the end of this month, thanks to recent backing by Senate Democrats.

The deal automatically takes effect Thursday, giving opponents in Congress little time to push for legislation to end the agreement.

But the deal is one of Obama's most significant pieces of legislation of his presidency. Its future in relation to the United States could change with the next president. Several Republican presidential candidates oppose the deal, including Donald Trump and Ted Cruz, who both appeared at a "Stop the Iran Nuclear Deal" rally Sept. 9.

The finer details of the agreement remain a hot-button topic for presidential candidates, and the debate is expected to continue well into election season.

U.S.-Iran Relations

The United States began imposing oil and gas-related sanctions on Iran after the Iranian Revolution of 1979, which marked the overthrow of Western-supported Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi regime and subsequent replacement with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's Islamic republic. The sanctions expanded in

1995 to include firms dealing with Iran and in 2006 after Iran refused to suspend its uranium enrichment program.

The United States has spearheaded the effort for continued enforcement of the sanctions, which the majority of Western governments have followed. The primary argument for the sanctions is the West's fear of Iran developing a nuclear weapon, which a lack of restrictions would make easier for Iran to carry out.

The tide began to turn at the beginning of Obama's presidency, when a senior U.S. diplomat met one-on-one with a top nuclear negotiator for Iran. In 2013, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and Obama spoke by telephone, leading Obama to say he believed Iran and the U.S. could reach a solution.

After extended discussions between Iran and six world powers — the United States, France, Germany, Great Britain, Russia and China — the framework of a nuclear deal was announced this April. A more comprehensive, official version was announced in July.

Specifics of the deal

The deal focuses on Iran's capability to create a nuclear weapon and the ability of Western countries to keep an eye on its weapon production. Under the agreement, Iran cannot build a nuclear weapon and must

allow inspections by Western countries for the next 15 years. In return, the United States lifts its previous sanctions.

Iran must limit its uranium enrichment to 3.67 percent (below weapons grade), eliminate 98 percent of its uranium stockpile and cut its number of centrifuges, which assist in uranium enrichment, by two-thirds. Iran must also give the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) more access to its nuclear sites.

In return, the United Nations will lift Iran's arms embargo within five years, unfreeze Iran assets in foreign banks and lift international trade sanctions. The deal provides no fixed time for the sanctions relief, which would give Iran incentive to comply.

What's next?

The UN Security Council's unanimous endorsement of the nuclear deal in July made the agreement enforceable under international law. Once the IAEA verifies Iran's compliance to the deal, the UN will begin to lift the sanctions.

The United States' backing of the deal was dependent upon a third of the House and Senate to approve Obama's agreement. Senate Democrats blocked a Sept. 10 resolution led by House Republicans that would force Obama to veto the legislation.

News Briefs

SPDC to host Job and Internship Expo Sept. 22

The Job and Internship Expo, hosted by the Student Professional Development Center, will take place 2-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22 in Alumni Gym. The expo allows students to meet with a variety of organizations and discuss internship and job opportunities. Through the expo, students will also be able to see what immediate opportunities are available for on-campus internships and jobs. Business casual or professional attire is required, and no RSVP is necessary for attendance.

Sidewalk on West Haggard closed

Recent construction on West Haggard Avenue has rendered the adjacent sidewalk hazardous for pedestrian use. The sidewalk, located in front of Park Place, is closed from Skids Restaurant to Manning Avenue. Elon University Campus Safety and Police said people should avoid walking by the construction site, and signs have been posted to alert pedestrians of the closed sidewalk.

Beetle population threatens trees

A statewide beetle quarantine was issued by Steve Troxler, North Carolina agriculture commissioner, Sept. 10 because of an invasive beetle that kills trees by planting larvae that burrow through the trunk. The quarantine means the beetle — the emerald ash borer — cannot be taken anywhere outside of the "quarantine border." The emerald ash borer, found across the United States, is responsible for the death of millions of trees since 2002. Fourteen other states have instituted their own quarantines. Trees are currently being treated for damage done by the beetle.

Sewer upgrades close hiking trail

The hiking trail at the Guilford Mackintosh Park closed Friday, Sept. 11 and will remain closed until further notice, according to the Burlington Recreation and Parks Department. Work related to the upgrades of the sewer system caused the closure to the trail is the only one in the area closed as a result of sewer improvements. Guilford Mackintosh Park and Marina will remain open during regular hours.

Professor fatally shot at Delta State University

A history professor was shot and killed in his office at Delta State University Sept. 14 in Cleveland, Mississippi. Another employee at the university is a suspect in the shooting, according to CNN reports. The university was on lockdown after the shooting as police worked to clear buildings on campus, reports said.

CRIME REPORT

Sept. 8 LARCENY

EAST COLLEGE AVE, ELON:

Two Elon University students were arrested for felony breaking and entering, misdemeanor larceny, possessing stolen goods and injury to personal property after damage to a Volkswagen Beetle was reported on the afternoon of Sept. 8. The car's windshield was broken, and a large cushion and small ottoman chair were stolen from the inside.

Sept. 10 LARCENY

WEST HAGGARD AVE,

ELON: One "sidewalk closed" sign and two detour signs from Samet Corporation were reported as stolen from the new Park Place construction site Thursday afternoon.

Sept. 12 HARRASSMENT

ORANGE DRIVE, ELON: A woman reported to Town of Elon Police Department Saturday night that a man had been calling her phone constantly and banging on her door asking for money. She hired the man over the summer to mow her lawn, but she said he had been coming to her house asking for advancements in his payments. The man

fled from her residence after she threatened to call the police. He left the area before he was able to be located, police reports said.

Sept. 13 ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

WEST LEBANON AVE, ELON: A man reported Sunday morning he woke up and heard people talking in his living room. After they left, he searched the apartment and said no items were missing. Another resident in the same complex said someone tried to get into his apartment through the front door around the same time. No suspects have been identified, according to police reports.