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11th Hour

King receives four ambassadors

Manama
His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa yesterday received, at Al-Sakhir Palace, the credentials of four ambassadors accredited to the Kingdom of Bahrain. The new ambassadors are Hideki Ito, Japan, Thanis Na Songkhla, Thailand, Anwaer, China and Shaikh Sultan bin Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the UAE.

Tweet of the Day



Barack and I are thrilled to congratulate The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on their newest arrival! We hope to meet him soon for a Kensington Palace pajama party. I'll wear my robe!

@MichelleObama

Today's Weather

	Max	Min
	30°C	24°C

Philippines apologizes to Kuwait



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Lawyer seeks compensation from Qatar



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Govt committed to growth of realty sector: PM P04

"We need to work together to build a better and smarter Kingdom"

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Trump calls Iran deal a 'disaster'

Warns of 'big problems' if nuke programme resumed

Washington

US President Donald Trump has warned Iran of "big problems" if it resumes the nuclear programme it agreed to curb in a 2015 international accord. Speaking in the White House Oval Office as he hosts French President Emmanuel Macron, Trump called the Iran deal "a disaster" and "insane".

The US president has been threatening to reject an extension of the Obama-era nuclear pact by a May 12 deadline. Macron is in Washington lobbying Trump to preserve the pact. Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel is due to visit the US capital on Friday

to make a last-minute bid to dissuade Trump from potentially torpedoing the Iran agreement.

"It won't be so easy for them to restart," Trump said on Monday when a journalist asked him about the possibility of Iran re-launching their nuclear programme if the deal is scrapped.

"They're not going to be restarting anything. They restart it they're going to have big problems, bigger than they've ever had before. And you can mark it down - they restart their nuclear programme, they will have bigger problems than they've ever had before," he said.

He added: "We're not going to allow certain things to happen that are happening. The Iran deal is a disaster. They're testing missiles. What's that all about?"

Tehran defiant

Trump's stark warning comes a day after Iranian President Hassan Rouhani threatened "severe consequences" if the US withdraws from the nuclear deal.

Rouhani did not specify what retaliatory action Tehran might take. But his Foreign Minister, Javad Zarif, has said a probable response would be to restart the enrichment of uranium - a key bomb-making ingredient. - BBC



US President Donald Trump hugs French President Emmanuel Macron at the White House lawn