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N-deal a challenge for Rouhani as hardliners close in

Trump likely to drop nuclear deal; Iran's hardliners demand harsh response

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IRAN'S HARDLINERS ARE preparing to bring President Hassan Rouhani to heel if US President Donald Trump scraps Tehran's nuclear deal with major powers, officials and analysts believe.

Trump has threatened to abrogate the 2015 agreement by not extending sanctions waivers when they expire on May 12, if Britain, France and Germany do not "fix" its "terrible flaws".

This sets the stage for a resurgence of political infighting within Iran's complex power structure, Iranian officials said.

Annulment of the accord could tip the balance of power in favour of hardliners looking to constrain the relatively moderate Rouhani's ability to open up to the West.

While the spotlight is on Trump's eventual decision there will be a display of unity in Tehran, a senior Iranian official told Reuters, on condition of anonymity.

"But when the crisis is over, hardliners will try to weaken and sideline the president," the official said.

Nor can the president ex-



File photo of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani attending the National Army Day parade in Tehran in April

pect any weakening of Iran's system of clerical rule as a result of the uncertainty surrounding the nuclear deal, meaning "Rouhani will be in a no-win situation", said a relative of Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

For Rouhani the stakes are high. If the deal falls apart, he could become politically vulnerable for promoting the

2015 accord, under which non-nuclear sanctions were lifted in return for Tehran curbing its nuclear programme. "It will also lead to a backlash against the moderates and pro-reformers who backed Rouhani's detente policy with the West... and any hope for moderation at home in the near future will fizzle out," said political analyst

Hamid Farahvashian.

It is a delicate balance. Khamenei knows that Iranians, many of whom took to the streets earlier this year to protest against high food prices, can only take so much economic pressure.

But the establishment does not want too much of an opening to the West, despite the likely economic benefits. A

weakened Rouhani, unable to push such policies, is likely to serve out his term, which ends in 2021, another senior official said.

"His removal would be a sign of weakness for the system. It would harm its legitimacy abroad," the official said. "But he will be blamed and pressured for the economic malaise."

Khamenei gave guarded backing to Rouhani when he opened the door to nuclear diplomacy with world powers in order to end Iran's economic and political isolation. But the Supreme Leader's aversion to the United States remains a formidable barrier to any diplomatic solution now, so a Trump withdrawal would make it hard for Rouhani to

pursue better relations with the West. "The internal politics will make it difficult, if not impossible, for Rouhani to pursue detente with the West and make concessions in return for economic gains," said another Iranian government official.

The European signatories of the deal have tried to persuade Trump not to abandon it because they want to keep trading with Iran. Despite threats to walk away if Trump buries the deal, several Iranian officials said that "as long as Tehran was not excluded from the global financial and trading system" it could consider respecting the accord.

But many foreign companies are hesitant to invest in Iran, worried by unilateral US sanctions imposed over human rights violations, terrorism, and the dominant role of the Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in Iran's economy.

That is another area where Rouhani is exposed. He has sought without much success to curb the economic activities of the IRGC in order to attract foreign investment. But under the command of Khamenei, the IRGC has ignored the government's attempts to limit its involvement in the economy.

If the nuclear deal collapses, what power Rouhani has to limit that involvement will decline further, boosting hardliners who want to see the president's powers reined in.

The IRGC has done well since the sanctions relating to the nuclear deal were lifted, using front companies with no

obvious link to the Guard to serve as a conduit for investors returning to Iran. If sanctions are reimposed as a result of the collapse of the nuclear deal, the Guard is well placed to evade them.

"Considering their vast business network and political and military influence, the IRGC will be back to the business of evading sanctions as they did for years in the past," said a western diplomat in Tehran.

The IRGC stepped in when European oil companies abandoned energy projects after the United States and the European Union imposed sanctions in 2012.

"Sepah (the IRGC) is an asset for Iran. They protect Iran whenever needed... They rescued the economy when the enemies wanted to crush us with sanctions," said a hardline politician who declined to be identified.

"If European investors yield to America's pressure and leave Iran, then Sepah will take over," he said.

Concerns over possible Israeli military action against Iran's nuclear facilities have empowered the IRGC, which runs security at home and abroad.

But experts believe that even under the umbrella of an emboldened IRGC, hardliners might hesitate to apply harsh policies, fearing a revival of the anti-government protests in January that showed the establishment was vulnerable to popular anger fuelled by economic hardship.

BRAIN GAIN

Facebook adds AI labs in Seattle & Pittsburgh, pressuring universities

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AT A CONFERENCE in Silicon Valley this week, Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's chief executive, vowed that his company would "keep building" despite a swirl of questions around the way it has dealt with misinformation and the personal data of its users. That is certainly true in the important area of artificial intelligence, which Zuckerberg says can help the social media giant deal with some of those problems.

Facebook is opening new A.I. labs in Seattle and Pittsburgh, after hiring three A.I. and robotics professors from the University of Washington and Carnegie Mellon University. The company hopes these seasoned researchers will help recruit and train other A.I. experts in the two cities, Mike Schroepfer, Facebook's chief technology officer, said in an interview.

As it builds these labs, Facebook is adding to pressure on universities and nonprofit A.I. research operations, which are already struggling to retain professors and other employees. The expansion is a blow for Carnegie Mellon, in particular.

In 2015, Uber hired 40 researchers and technical engineers from the university's robotics lab to staff a self-driving car operation in Pittsburgh. And The Wall Street Journal reported this week that JP Morgan Chase had hired Manuela Veloso, Carnegie Mellon's head of so-called machine learning technology, to oversee its artificial intelligence operation.

"It is worrisome that they are eating the seed corn," said Dan Weld, a computer science professor at the University of Washington. "If we lose all our faculty, it will be hard to keep preparing the next generation of researchers."

With the new labs, Facebook — which already operates A.I. labs in Silicon Valley, New York, Paris and Montreal — is establishing two new fronts in a global competition for talent.

Over the last five years, artificial intelligence has been added to a number of tech products, from digital assistants and online translation services to self-driving vehicles. And the world's largest internet companies, from Google to Microsoft to Baidu, are jockeying for researchers who specialize in these technologies. Many of them are coming from academe.



Luke Zettlemoyer, a professor at the University of Washington, recently accepted a Facebook offer

time, the companies are eager to land top researchers. In Pittsburgh, Facebook hired two professors from the Carnegie Mellon Robotics Institute, Abhinav Gupta and Jessica Hodgins, who specialized in computer vision technology. The new Facebook lab will focus on robotics and "reinforcement learning," a way for robots to learn tasks by trial and error. Siddhartha Srinivasa, a robotics professor at the University of Washington, said he was also approached by Facebook in recent months. It was not clear to him why the internet company was interested in robotics.

Andrew Moore, dean of computer science at Carnegie Mellon, did not respond to a request for comment. But over the past several months, he has been vocal about the movement of A.I. researchers toward the big internet companies. Google also operates an engineering office near Carnegie Mellon.

"What we're seeing is not necessarily good for society, but it is rational behaviour by these companies," he said. The two new Facebook labs are part of wider expansion for the company's A.I. operation. In December, Facebook announced that it had hired another computer vision expert, Jitendra Malik, a professor at the University of California, Berkeley. He now oversees the lab at the company's headquarters in Menlo Park, California.

Even with its deep pockets, Facebook faces fierce competition for talent. Allen recently gave the Allen Institute, which he created in 2013, an additional \$125 million in funding.

After losing Zettlemoyer to Facebook, the Allen Institute hired Noah Smith and Yejin Choi, two of his colleagues at the University of Washington.

Like Zettlemoyer, both specialise in natural language processing, and both say they received offers from multiple internet companies. The nonprofit is paying Smith and Choi a small fraction of what they were offered to join the commercial sector, but the Allen Institute will allow them to spend half their time at the university and collaborate with a wide range of companies, said Oren Etzioni, who oversees the Allen Institute. "The salary numbers are so large that even Paul Allen can't match them," Etzioni said. "But there are still some people who won't go corporate."

Disney's 'Avengers' sprints to record \$1-bn box office run

BLOOMBERG
Los Angeles, May 6

WALT DISNEY SAID 'Avengers: Infinity War' will surpass \$1 billion at the box office on Saturday, 11 days after its release and faster than any movie in history.

The first of a two-part installment from the Marvel Entertainment franchise, featuring actors including Robert Downey Jr and Scarlett Johansson portraying superheroes from the Marvel comic universe, 'Infinity War' is the 34th film to pass that box-office milestone, Disney said in an emailed release. It's the 17th from Disney and the sixth from Marvel Studios.

With 'Infinity War' proceeds having reached \$975 million on Friday, Disney surpassed \$3 billion in global gross revenue for the calendar year in record speed.

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