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U.N. to let Iran Inspect Alleged Nuke Work Site

The draft agreement between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) published on Wednesday by the Associated Press reveals troubling details about the inspection procedures at the Parchin military base, where Iran is suspected of conducting experiments using the components necessary to build a nuclear weapon. According to the document, Iranian representatives would inspect the site, without any intervention by U.N. inspectors, who would not even be allowed into the suspected compound, reports Haaretz. Alongside the nuclear deal [between Iran and the P5+1], the IAEA and the Iranian government reached a separate agreement in which it was determined how the investigation into suspicions of a military nuclear program in Iran would be carried out. This agreement was kept classified, and its details were not revealed to the six powers, who received only an oral and general briefing on the matter from IAEA chief Yukiya Amano. According to the draft agreement, not only would the Iranians collect soil samples in Parchin themselves, but the unusual arrangement would also give the Iranians full authority to investigate the site.