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Iran Already Sanitizing Nuclear Site, Intel Warns

The U.S. intelligence community has informed Congress of evidence that Iran was sanitizing its suspected nuclear military site at Parchin, in broad daylight, days after agreeing to a nuclear deal with world powers. For senior lawmakers in both parties, the evidence calls into question Iran's intention to fully account for the possible military dimensions of its current and past nuclear development. The International Atomic Energy Agency and Iran have a side agreement meant to resolve past suspicions about the Parchin site, and lawmakers' concerns about it has already become a flashpoint because they do not have access to its text. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Corker told Bloomberg View Tuesday that while Iran's activity at Parchin last month isn't technically a violation of the agreement it signed with the U.S. and other powers, it does call into question Iran's intention to be forthright about the possible military dimensions of its nuclear program. Democratic Senator Chris Coons, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said Tuesday that this area is part of why he is undecided on supporting the Iran deal.