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Iran Talks Extended for a Week as Negotiators Seek to Bridge Differences

The deadline for an agreement in the Iran nuclear talks was officially pushed back by a week on Tuesday as negotiators extended a temporary accord that limits Iran's nuclear program, reports The Washington Post. In a White House news conference with Dilma Rousseff, the visiting Brazilian president, President Obama said: "I will walk away from the negotiations if in fact it's a bad deal. . . . Given past behavior on the part of Iran, that simply can't be a declaration by Iran and a few inspectors wandering around every once in a while." The seven-day extension was needed "to allow more time for negotiations to reach a long-term solution--eja Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action—on the Iran nuclear issue," said Marie Harf, spokeswoman for the State Department negotiating team. Iran has balked at providing International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspectors entry to military bases, which is problematic because most of Iran's nuclear and nuclear-related facilities are at such sites.