

Iran to breach allowed uranium limit

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Iran said on Monday it would breach internationally agreed limits on its stock

of low-enriched uranium in 10 days -- a move likely to strain already high tensions with Washington.

- 1. Iran says it will breach its internationally agreed limit of uranium stockpile in just over a week - a move that will no doubt exacerbate the country's rapidly plummeting relations with the United States.
- 2. A spokesperson for Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, said European nations still had time to save the landmark nuclear deal agreed between Iran and world powers.
- 3. And that as soon as they carried out their commitments, Tehran would stick to the agreed uranium production limit.
- 4. The 2015 nuclear pact required Iran to curb its uranium enrichment capacity to head off any pathway to developing a nuclear bomb.
- 5. That, in exchange for the removal of most international sanctions.
- 6. But last month Tehran said it would stop complying with some parts of the deal in protest at the United States' decision to unilaterally pull out and reimpose sanctions last year.
- 7. Iran has repeatedly criticized delays in setting up a European mechanism that would shield trade with Iran from those U.S. sanctions.