

Iran Keen for New Russian-built Nuclear Plant

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TEHRAN — Iran intends to sign an agreement with Russia soon on the construction of a new nuclear power plant in the Islamic Republic, Iran's semi-official Mehr news agency reported Sunday, citing Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi.

"Iran has held consultations with the Russian side and soon an agreement of mutual understanding will be signed on the construction of a new nuclear power plant," Mehr quoted Salehi as saying.

Iran's foreign minister said the Islamic Republic needed nuclear power for electricity generation and also for medicine.

Iran's newly-elected President Hassan Rouhani said Tuesday that during his first press conference after his inauguration that the Islamic Republic would continue negotiations with Russia on nuclear power development in the country.

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