
RUSSIA COULD BACK DELAY TO 'SNAPBACK' OF NUCLEAR SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN

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Moscow willing to support six-month extension of deadline before punishments are reimposed, reports suggest.

Russia could back an extended six-month deadline for its ally Iran before European powers reimpose sweeping United Nations sanctions over Tehrans refusal to allow UN inspectors back into nuclear sites after the Israeli-US assault in June.

France, Britain and Germany – known as the E3 – have long threatened to trigger a snapback of sanctions at the UN security council before 18 October, when a largely defunct nuclear deal struck 10 years ago between Tehran and major powers expires.

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