

Nuclear deal partners offer support to Iran

Iran's remaining partners in the 2015 nuclear deal vowed on Friday to keep the energy exporter plugged into the global economy despite the U.S. withdrawal and sanctions threat.

Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif praised them for their "will to resist" U.S. pressure, two months after President Donald Trump walked away from the landmark accord.

Britain, France and Germany along with Russia and China met with Iran in Vienna to offer economic benefits and assurances that would lessen the blow of sweeping U.S. sanctions announced by Mr. Trump.

Seek to build trade

They said they remained committed to the accord and to building trade and investment links with Iran, including "the continuation of Iran's export of oil and gas" and other energy products. "This is the first time they have shown this level of commitment, but we will have to see in the future what they really want to do and what they can do," Mr. Zarif told a Vienna news conference broadcast by the Fars news agency.

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