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Iran sanctions could ease in December

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PARIS — European Union sanctions against Iran could be eased as soon as December, officials said Monday, after a potentially history-shaping deal that gives Tehran six months to increase access to its nuclear sites in exchange for keeping the core components of its uranium program.

The deal, announced Sunday, envisages lifting some of the sanctions that have been crippling the country's economy. The sanctions were in response to fears that Tehran is using its nuclear program to build atomic arms. Iran denies it wants such

weapons.

"A Europe-wide decision is necessary" to ease EU sanctions French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told Europe 1 radio. "That's expected in several weeks, for a partial lifting that is targeted, reversible."

"It could be in December, it could be in January, it depends on how long the legislative process takes," EU foreign affairs spokesman Michael Mann told reporters in Brussels.

The United States and the European Union have separate sanctions on Iran. Easing the European restrictions would affect numerous areas including trade in petrochemicals, gold and other precious metals, financial trans-

fers to purchase food and medicine, and the ability of third countries to use EU-based firms to insure shipments of Iranian oil again.

Mann said work on amending the EU regulations was already beginning, but cautioned that changes depend on the Iranian government living up to its end of the deal.

"It's important that both sides of the bargain are implementing this agreement, so we would coordinate timing-wise also with the Iranian side," the EU spokesman said.

The deal reached Sunday will allow Iran to keep the central elements of its uranium program while stopping its enrichment at a level lower than what is needed for nuclear arms. In addi-

tion to a six-month window for Iran to allow more U.N. access to nuclear sites, sanctions will be eased — notably in the oil, automotive and aviation industries — though not ended.

The agreement is a first step — one that Israel has condemned as a "historic mistake" that effectively accepts Iran as a threshold nuclear weapons state. Israel has found common cause with Saudi Arabia, which shares concerns about a nuclear-armed Iran and Tehran's growing regional influence.

On his return to Tehran, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif told state television that the country was prepared for quick follow-up negotiations to keep the deal

on track.

"We are ready to begin the final stage of nuclear agreement from tomorrow," said Zarif, who was greeted by hundreds of cheering students.

Many Iranians appeared upbeat about the deal and the possibility of an eventual end to sanctions, such as blocks on access to international banking networks that have crippled businesses and made once-routine transactions — such as paying tuition for a student abroad — a complicated process.

But hard-line groups remained highly wary of any close cooperation with Washington.

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Celebrating the big day



Laura Beahm/Tribune

Allison Esslinger, 7, listens as her adoption by Philip and Erin Esslinger is finalized Saturday morning at the Adams County Courthouse.

FAMILIES GATHER FOR NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

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Her pony tail bobbed up and down as 7-year-old Allison nodded with each question. The attorney asked a short series of questions of the adoptive parents. Philip and Erin Esslinger of Aurora

indicated they were still willing and able to adopt the girl.

The judge peered over a row of stuffed teddy bears and brightly-colored balloons and declared the adoption to be finalized.

"Allie, it's over," Judge Michael Offner said. "You've got a mom and dad."

Allie beamed a smile and the judge's congratulations were followed by a round of applause for the newly formed family.

For more than two years, the Esslingers served as foster parents for Allie. Now, she

will have adoptive parents and a 21-month-old brother, Eastyn.

Erin said the stuffed animals, balloons and invitation to the Hastings Family YMCA after the hearing made the event more special for the children. Allie was among eight children given permanent homes Saturday during National Adoption Day.

"Words cannot describe it," Philip said. "We had great people like Marty (Pinkerman) and Michelle. Without them, it doesn't happen."

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Finding a new purpose

MORTON ELEMENTARY COULD SERVE AS PRESCHOOL CENTER UNDER PROPOSED PLAN

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The Morton Elementary building likely still would be used in some capacity if it is decided to close the school as part of a proposed overhaul of the elementary system at Hastings Public Schools.

"It would cost anywhere from \$300,000 to a half-million to tear Morton down and turn it into vacant playground space," Superintendent Craig Kautz said. "To be cost effective, we could use it for something else. And if we have space and develop that space, it could be used for a multi-tude of purposes."

In October, Kautz revealed the recommendations for the future of the elementary buildings as proposed by a Community Facilities Advisory Committee.

Under the committee's proposal, the Hawthorne, Lincoln and Watson elementary buildings would be expanded, while Alcott and Longfellow would be expanded and renovated.

Meanwhile, Morton Elementary would be closed with the option of turning it into a preschool hub for the district as well as other uses.

Under the proposal, the renovation of the other five buildings could take up to eight years, during which time Morton would continue to serve as an elementary site, said Patty Kingsley, co-chairwoman of the advisory committee.

"Part of leaving Morton to the end and using it as a potential preschool center is it becomes an asset in terms of the transition plan," she said.

One option is to move Morton students to Watson as soon as the proposed improvements are made at Watson.

Another option is that Morton students would stay there while students from Alcott and Longfellow would be moved into the Watson addition during the construction on those two buildings.

Once all of the other projects are finished, then Morton students would move to Watson.

Either way, Kautz said, Morton likely would

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Bronco bowlers find success in first tournament

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Bronco bowlers won the inaugural Hastings College Open tournament Sunday at Pastimes Lanes.

Hastings College added a bowling team to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) in October and this was the first tournament hosted by the school.

Eight teams from Nebraska, Colorado and Iowa participated

in the tournament.

Coach Ron Hergott said when the tournament was originally scheduled, there were no other tournaments at that date. At least two larger and more successful programs set tournaments for the same time, causing a few teams to back out of the Broncos' tournament.

"I'm excited," he said. "We're much further along than I think many people thought we would be at this point."

Participants bowled six games Saturday and 16 Baker games Sunday. In the Baker game format, five team members take turns bowling the 10 frames of each game.

The final four teams were chosen from the total score from the two days of play. The Broncos men were seeded fourth into the bracket, but the Broncos women were edged out at fifth place.

Finalists had to win two of

three Baker games to advance.

The top-seeded first junior varsity team from Midland University handily won the first game against Hastings College, but the Broncos came back and won the second round. The third game was much closer, with the lead changing hands multiple times. Hastings College finished with four strikes in a row to decide the match.

A similar situation arose in

the final match against Midland's second junior varsity team.

Both teams left a couple open frames in the first match, but the Warriors were able to get the win. The Broncos bowled well during the second game and won, leaving the outcome down to the third game.

Hastings College left an open frame at the start, but the Warriors opened with two strikes. Later in the game,

Midland left an open frame and the Broncos bowled a strike to close the gap in the score. By the eighth frame, the difference in score had dropped to three pins. Ben Burbine finished the 10th frame with three strikes to secure the win.

"It was close, but very exciting," Hergott said. "There was some very good bowling. People there saw something special."

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Weather

Lo: 18
Hi: 40

Winds west 10-15 with gusts as high as 20 miles per hour.



Art by Madalynn Welsch, 10, Franklin Public School

FREE TATTOOS

BERWICK, Pa. — The owner of a Pennsylvania tattoo shop that was broken into is putting up an unusual reward for information leading to arrests — free tattoos and piercings for life.

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Brandon George of Permanently Scarred Tattoos in Berwick posted the offer on his Facebook page after he found the door kicked in Thursday morning and a TV and other gear stolen. He said that the break-in cost him several thousand dollars.

George says he thinks more than one person was involved because it would take several people to move his 70-inch TV and other equipment. As for the tattoo and piercing offer, he says, "I'd do that in a heartbeat. That offer is good."

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Morton: School could serve new purpose

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continue to serve as an elementary school through the construction phase as opposed to bringing in modular units or setting up temporary classrooms for students at an outside location such as the Adams County Fairgrounds or the Imperial Mall.

And, at the same time, improvements would be made to the Morton building during the construction phase so that it would be beneficial for other uses in the future.

"We believe Morton is an asset for the district, as it is almost smack dab in the center of the district," Kingsley said.

Kautz said that if it is decided to continue to maintain Morton, then the district needs to hold onto the building. He said he would like to avoid another situation like with the old middle school building, which had deteriorated too much and then became a point of contention in the community once it left the district's hands.

One option recommended by the advisory committee for repurposing the Morton building is to convert at least a portion of it into a preschool center. The district currently offers preschool to a limited number of 4-year-olds in Hastings at several elementary sites.

"Preschool is a different ballgame in terms of what a preschool playground looks like and what a preschool bathroom looks like," Kingsley said. "And if we could consolidate that and it's centrally located, so it's easier for parents to get there, and it leaves the Morton neighborhood with a very valuable asset in their neighborhood."

State and federal officials are talking more and more about putting more emphasis on preschool education. They believe that the education of young children may be a more important investment than many other educational investments.

Kautz said he believes preschool is important for the educational development of children and would support it if the district wanted to add it at some point. In that case, he said, putting all preschoolers in one building makes sense.

"With all preschoolers having to be there, that would create a highly efficient preschool model," he said. "It will be the most highly efficient model we can have because all of the students and all the teachers will be there."

There is also the possibility of moving the district offices to the Morton building at some point.

"It just seems better to keep that property and see how things shake out and possibly put it back to use if that's the way to do it," Kautz said.

At this point, Kautz said, if the community approves a revamp of the elementary system, then administrators and staff would continue to look into the best uses for the Morton building.

Israel set to discuss Iran deal with U.S.

The Associated Press
JERUSALEM — Israel's prime minister says he will dispatch a top envoy to the United States in the coming days to discuss a final nuclear deal with Iran.

Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday that, following a conversation with U.S. President Barack Obama, the two leaders agreed that an Israeli team led by National Security Adviser Yossi Cohen would meet with American officials.

Israel has harshly criticized the deal Western powers reached with Iran this weekend, saying it lessened pressure on the Islamic Republic without anything in return.



LAURA BEAHM/Tribune

Hailee Stansbury, 8, and Gavyn Stansbury, 4, pick stuffed bears provided by judge Michael Offner following their adoption Saturday morning at the Adams County Courthouse.

Day: Families celebrate

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Michelle Oldham, the attorney in the Esslingers' case, said it has been a long time coming.

"It feels great," she said. "As an attorney, this is one of the happy things we get to do."

Pinkerman is the Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in Allie's case. He has participated in several cases while volunteering as a CASA. "It's the finish line," he said. "Every time you start a case as a CASA, you hope it comes to this."

Across the state, more than 100 adoptions were finalized

Saturday as part of the National Adoption Day.

Some placements are made outside of biological ties, but other adoptions can keep a family together.

One such case is the Summers family. Two brothers and a sister were adopted by family members Saturday.

Michele Stansbury, the children's biological grandmother, agreed to become an adoptive parent for Hailee, 8, and Gavyn, 4. She also houses their older brother Devon, 12, keeping most of the family



LAURA BEAHM/Tribune

Heather Summers and 2-year-old Quinton Summers celebrate Quinton's adoption Saturday at the Adams County Courthouse as part of National Adoption Day.

under one roof. Michele said she wants to help make the living arrangements as normal as possible for the children.

Michele and her husband, Galen, couldn't afford to adopt the children's youngest brother, Quinton, because of medical issues. But Michele's son Aaron and his wife, Heather, agreed to adopt 2-year-old Quinton.

Aaron and Heather also have three biological children, Tamara, Michael and Kortney.

Heather said Quinton was born prematurely at 27 weeks. Two major concerns were hydrocephalus and cerebral palsy. He has had a total of seven brain surgeries now.

She said her heart went out to Quinton and it was an easy

choice to keep him in the family so he could see his brothers and sister regularly. She lost her job just before she found out about the possibility of Quinton living with them. That allowed her to focus on his medical issues.

"God was there," she said. "God knew. Everything was meant to be."

Iran: Sanctions could be loosened by December

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An editorial in the conservative daily Kayhan described the U.S. as a deceitful power that could renege on its pledges even if Iran sticks with its part of the deal.

"The U.S. was not trustworthy. The Geneva deal lasted only one hour," it said in its front-page headline, referring to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry's comments that there was no recognition of Iran's "right" to enrich uranium.

Iran insists that trying to block enrichment was a dead end.

For Iran's leaders, self-sufficiency over the full scope of its nuclear efforts — from uranium mines to the centrifuges used in enrichment — is a source of national pride and a pillar of its self-proclaimed status as a technological beacon for the Islamic world.

In the end, Iran agreed to cap its enrichment level at 5

percent, far below the 90 percent threshold needed for a warhead.

Iran also pledged to "neutralize" its stockpile of 20 percent enriched uranium — the highest level acknowledged by Tehran — by either diluting its strength or converting it to fuel for research reactors, which produced isotopes for medical treatments and other civilian uses.

In return, Iran got the rollback in some sanctions — a total package estimated by the White House at \$7 billion back into the Iranian economy over six months — but the main pressures remain on Iran's oil exports and its blacklist from international banking networks during the first steps of the pact.

Team: Bowlers host first tourney

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Not only was it the team's first tournament win, but the bowlers played with their assistant coach in mind. Butch Hogan, assistant coach and owner of Pastime Lanes, was ill and couldn't attend the tournament. His wife, Donna, and Chris Christen, assistant boys coach for Hastings High School, stepped in to help with the tournament.

"The kids really wanted to do well for him," Hergott said. "It was very emotional at the end. The were very excited to win it for Butch."

A total of 50 bowlers competed with the top individual score by Caleb McGowan from Midland's first junior varsity team.

For the Broncos, Emily Eckhoff of Denver finished in fifth place. Philip Cook of Peyton, Colo., took eighth place with Ben Burbine of North Attleboro, Mass., at ninth. Vinny Grine of Berthoud, Colo., and Lizzie Dunavin of Waverly finished 11th and 12th respectively.



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Hastings College's Monty Bornemeier bowls Saturday at the Bronco Invitational at Pastime Lanes.

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