

Iran calls for nuclear talks to include countries outside Europe

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TEHRAN, IRAN — Iran on Thursday called for more countries to join three European states in talks about its nuclear program, apparently hoping to bring in more sympathetic negotiators. The surprise call was part of Tehran's drive to win approval for what it says will be peaceful use of nuclear power.

The talks involving France, Germany and Britain suffered a blow earlier this month when Iran rejected the Europeans' central proposal — an offer of economic incentives in return for permanently giving up uranium development. Tehran also resumed uranium conversion at its plant in the central city of Isfahan.

Iran's new top nuclear negotiator, hard-liner Ali Larijani, said Thursday that more nations should join the talks.



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Member of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, Ali Safavi, points to an area in which his group claims Iran nuclear projects are taking place, which he claims could lead to bomb making, during a press conference in Brussels on Thursday.

"There is a serious question in Iran that asks why nuclear negotiations should be limited to just three European countries," he

told state-run television. Larijani didn't specify any nations but said his country would welcome negotiations with all 35

members of the board of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog agency — as well as members of the Non-Aligned Movement, a bloc of 116 mostly developing countries.

The United States, which accuses Iran of seeking to develop atomic weapons, dismissed the proposal as a "typical tactic of the Iranian government designed to change the subject." In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the current format, involving the three EU nations, was the correct one and that Iran ought "to take the deal that is on the table."

Europe also responded coolly to Larijani's call.

Britain's Foreign Office said there was "no basis for negotiation with Iran until they respond" to an IAEA resolution adopted earlier this month that calls on Iran to suspend reprocessing activities at Isfahan.

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indoors for our students," Pringle said. "We plan to make the common areas in all the residence halls wireless." After residence hall common areas are finished, research will begin in the spring to determine the feasibility of making every residence hall wireless, including dorm rooms.

Pringle said potential glitches with wireless installation can be assessed as soon as students begin using the network.

"We're hoping to get a real live test of the network's capabilities," Pringle said.

"We're at the front edge of campuses that will have complete wireless capability," Luna said, adding that USC was among the first major research universities for direct Internet capabilities and will likely be one of the first major universities to have wireless capabilities "across campus."

"Students tell us they want

mobility to do their academic work and web surfing," Luna said. "They want to be able to do it any time and anywhere." University Technology Services and Housing Services are striving to have "all the residence hall areas wireless by the end of the year."

Pringle said no student technology fees were used in funding the latest installations.

"This is something we are funding on our own," he said.

Kimberly South, public information coordinator with University Technology Services, said the second phase of the outdoor installation plan, including surrounding areas of the Business Administration building and the College of Journalism and Mass Communications, should be completed by October.

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Management Department cleaned the mold efficiently.

"We have people who are trained in mold remediation who go out and take care of it," said Jim Sherry of the Health and Facilities Management Department.

Mold in resident halls is not a new concern. In 2002, mold in South Tower prompted an RHA Senate resolution asking Housing to address on-campus mold

problems. A similar resolution was passed in 2004.

Luna said Housing tries to maintain humidity levels and takes preventative measures to keep mold from spreading, but said mold is everywhere.

"When we see evidence of a problem, we'll dispatch a facilities team," Luna said.

He encouraged students to report problems to 7-FIXX.

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existing homeless programs independent of the blueprint, and Northrup asked about programs for homeless children.

Another forum will be held in Lexington County on a date yet to be determined. From there,

the draft proposal will go to a Sept. 15 summit where council members from the City of Columbia and Lexington and Richland Counties will have the chance to endorse the plan.

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from there."

Holtz's comments to the AP: "Comments by Lou Holtz. Either print all of it or none of it."

"I have previously refrained from commenting on the NCAA investigation because today was the first time I have seen the allegations.

"Let's examine what the three-year investigation and thousand of dollars spent by the NCAA did reveal. There was no money involved. No athletes were paid. There were no recruiting inducements. No cars. No jobs offered. No ticket scandal, etc.

"There were five major violations, and four of them involved our academic office. Concerning these four violations, you will have to consult the university.

"I did not have any control over the academic office. I didn't hire them. They didn't report to me. They didn't consult me concerning their actions, nor did I ever ask

them to intercede on behalf of an athlete.

"I would like to comment on the five violations that concerned our football program, one of which was major.

"The major violation was when our strength coach conducted summer workouts as all other schools do, and five athletes felt these workouts were not voluntary.

"I told our strength coach to ensure our athletes reported to fall camp in condition. Coaches cannot run the risk of an athlete dying in camp because he was unaccustomed to the heat. I need not tell you, Columbia gets hot in August.

"This unfortunate incident happened, and since it has happened, the blame does not go anywhere except to the head coach.

"In hindsight, I should have dismissed the players from the team and taken their scholarships away. Is this how the NCAA thinks you should handle the situation? This rule should be changed

because the coach is in a no-win situation.

"The other four were considered secondary and three of them were self-reported. One, governor visited prospects at halftime of a basketball game. The football staff did not invite him, self-reported.

"Two, our camp brochure had an illegal picture on it. The brochure was approved by the compliance office before it went to print, self-reported. Six months later, the NCAA changed the rule, and today it is not a violation.

"Three, I recruited an athlete and the media was present. The situation could not have been avoided, nor was it prearranged by me. I self-reported this to the university the same day it occurred.

"The last one involved a student-athlete who hosted a prospect and he drove him outside the jurisdiction allowed to pick up the prospect's friend and brought him back to our campus. The young man picked up was a prospect as well. Both athletes did

not attend USC. You could even say both went to Clemson. The athlete was not instructed to do this, self-reported.

"This includes all violations that I'm aware of that occurred during my six years.

"The three-year's probation without any restrictions says volumes. USC will still appear on TV; it will still be eligible to go to bowl games.

"I am sorry that any rules were violated, and I apologize for any embarrassment in my six years at USC. We tried to operate not only according to the letter of the law but the spirit of the law as well.

"In my six years at USC, we committed one major violation and I can understand how this happened, but I do not condone it.

"I wish Steve Spurrier and the Gamecocks the best. They will not have anybody pulling for them any harder than me."

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