

Pakistan to again raise civil nuclear energy deal matter in energy talks with US

Pakistan follows India.

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Pakistan said that it is in the need of having civil nuclear energy agreement with US and the said matter would be raised in Pak-US energy dialogue scheduled to be held in Washington tomorrow (Monday).

In her weekly press briefing on Saturday, Foreign Office spokesperson Tasneem Aslam said that Prime Minister's advisor on Energy Mukhtar Ahmed will lead Pakistan's delegation in Pak-US energy dialogue while US team to be led by Assistant Secretary of State for Energy.

She said that in the meeting, Pakistan would hold talks with US on energy need as its position is clear regarding civil nuclear energy deal with US.

To a question, Ms Aslam said that energy need was also increasing for rapid growing economy therefore Pakistan was holding talks on different sources for acquiring energy under energy security plan.

We are hopeful that Pak-US energy talks will bring positive results, she added.

To another query, spokesperson said Foreign Minister Khurshid Mehmood Kasuri's statement regarding slackness in Pak-India parleys were wrongly perceived adding, there are some positive things in talks process also but some aspects are disappointing.

She said that Foreign Secretaries of two countries would review the results of third phase of Pak-India talks process in July therefore it would be premature to say about it.

Commenting on Indian army chief's leveling allegations of infiltration and training camps, Ms Aslam said when NATO and US forces were deployed in quake-hit areas of Kashmir then they did not see any training camp there and if Indian army chief saw training camp with third-eye then we can not say anything about it.

About the release of Indian fishermen, she said that Pakistan would try to release Indian fishermen by June 30 in light of interior secretary level talks between the two countries.

However, to arrest fishermen is not illegal because they are held when they violate territorial waters, she said.

Ms Aslam said that Jammu and Kashmir is an disputed territory and it is neither the part of India nor its their 'attot ang' (integral part).

Entire world wants the solution of Kashmir issue and OIC secretary general efforts will prove fruitful for the solution of this all important regional affair, she said.

To a question about Pakistan candidate for the office of UN secretary general, foreign office spokesperson said that no possibility can be rejected regarding the candidate for the office of UN secretary general.