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Iran not bound by time limit in n-talks: President

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Tehran: Iran is not bound by the deadline for talks over a comprehensive deal on the country's nuclear programme, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said here on Saturday.

"Iran is serious in the nuclear talks and is not after buying time. But we do not limit ourselves to a specific time to achieve a good deal," Rouhani said in a press conference.

If the Western side did not pose excessive demands -- bringing about new bargainings, elongating the talks and postponing the deal -- the agreement was possible in the agreed time frame, he said.

The president also said Iran would not allow the secrets of the country to be revealed with the implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty's (NPT) additional protocol, which allows snap checks on nuclear facilities.

Iran will voluntarily implement the NPT's additional protocol to enhance the transparency of Iran's nuclear activities like other countries that have accepted the protocol, Rouhani said, adding that " Iran will not allow the military and technological secrets of the country to be accessed by others under the pretext of this protocol".

By agreeing to the additional protocol, Iran showed serious intent to prove to the world that the accusations of the country pursuing nuclear bombs are baseless, he said.

The International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) reports over the past decade also showed no diversion of Iran's nuclear programme towards weapon-grade activities, Rouhani added.