Trump Warns of Strikes on Iran's Underground Nuclear Facility

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US President Donald Trump has warned that Washington could launch strikes on Iran's heavily protected underground nuclear facility known as Pickaxe Mountain if any suspicious activity is detected there. He said US intelligence agencies are closely monitoring the site as well as Iran's broader nuclear activities.

Trump issued the warning while speaking to reporters in the Oval Office at the White House on Friday (September 5). During the discussion, he also defended the United States' ongoing military actions against Iran.

The US president claimed that Washington has ensured Iran does not possess a nuclear weapon. According to Trump, the United States has information about activities taking place at Pickaxe Mountain and other Iranian facilities.

He warned that if US authorities identify anything they consider concerning or suspicious, Washington could respond with military action. Trump said any such strike would be carried out with significant force.

Trump also claimed that the United States had succeeded in preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon within five months. Commenting on Iran's radar installations and their repeated destruction, he suggested that Tehran had become frustrated with the continuing cycle of deploying and losing such systems.

Pickaxe Mountain is located near Iran's Natanz uranium enrichment facility, which was reportedly damaged in previous US attacks.

Because of its underground location and extensive protection, Pickaxe Mountain is considered one of Iran's strategically important nuclear-related sites. Trump's latest remarks have raised fresh concerns about the possibility of further military escalation if new activities are detected at the facility.