



Trump doesn't know much about foreign policy: Barack Obama

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Pakistan has repeatedly maintained that its nuclear weapons are safe and well-protected, but the assertion carries little credibility in the worldwide community that has seen its blueprints and technology in the hands of countries such as Libya and Iran, and witnessed its nuclear scientists sipping with al-Qaida leaders Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri.

Compared with the situation in 2010, the world "only seems farther from" the nuclear-weapons-free goal, the report said citing CNN. Fatemi, while describing Pakistan as a responsible nuclear state, also said his country takes nuclear security very seriously and accords it the highest priority in its security construct. "Now, wouldn't you rather, in a certain sense, have Japan have nuclear weapons when North Korea has nuclear weapons?"

Seoul also plans to "assist IAEA activities with a focus on coming up with measures to cope with the threat of cyber attacks", she said.

Ted Galen Carpenter, senior fellow for defense and foreign policy at the Washington-based Cato Institute, told Xinhua on Friday that China has repeatedly emphasized the significance of nuclear issues and contributed to the improvement of dialogue among major countries.

The concern was widely discussed by world leaders and their aides at the summit, both in the main session and on the margins. That is why few anticipate substantial progress at the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington. She cautioned, however, that there were no "indications that it was part of a broader planning to acquire nuclear materials, and we don't have any information that a broader plot exists".

"I hope this conference will serve as historic starting point to this end", Park said.

"The U.S. and China have had cooperation on nuclear security over the years, but annual meetings make a big difference". Trump's off-the-cuff remarks are said to have alarmed many world leaders, not to speak of spooking Obama and Hillary Clinton, who've been asked about them. But every day, our dedicated professionals-military, diplomatic, intelligence, counterterrorism, homeland security, law enforcement, nuclear experts-are working to protect us.

On the global front, a strengthened nuclear security agreement was finally poised to take force, extending protections for nuclear materials being used, stored and transported while enacting new criminal penalties for nuclear smuggling. "Working with other nations, we have removed or secured enough nuclear material for more than 150 nuclear weapons material that will now never fall into the hands of terrorists", he said.

But terror groups have long sought nuclear material and they should be prevented from obtaining it, he said.

"For the NSS or any other similar initiative it is hard to generate a concrete outcome because the USA military simply won't accept any large-scale reduction in nuclear weapons", said Wu. "It would change our world".

Obama sternly dismissed as proof of foreign-policy ignorance Trump's recent suggestion that Japan and South Korea should be allowed to build their own nuclear arsenals, putting him at odds with decades of USA policy.