Shanahan, Pompeo, Dunford to Brief US Congress on Iran Situation

TEHRAN - Both chambers of the US Congress are scheduled to be briefed amid the Trump administration's warning of tension with Iran. Top security officials — including Acting Defense Secretary Esper, Shanahan, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Joseph Dunford — will appear before the House of Representatives and Senate on Tuesday.

Some high-profile lawmakers and congressional leaders have already been briefed individually, such as the South Carolina Republican Senator Lindsey Graham, who has backed Trump's Iran policy.

"It is clear over the last several weeks Iran has been stepping up its aggressive actions and increasing its provocations," he said in a video statement.

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