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News Report

From Washington, this is VOA News.

Politicians with very different stances are meeting at the White House trying to end the government shutdown. A leading research institute says North Korea has restarted an aging nuclear reactor. I’m Al Remelman in Washington.

President Barack Obama is meeting with congressional leaders of both parties for the first time since a partial US government shutdown began earlier this week. As VOA’s Michael Bowman reports, expectation for the meeting varied greatly among Democratic and Republican lawmakers who remained deadlocked on extending federal funding.