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WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (Kyodo)-- The United States on Wednesday thanked Iran for the prompt release of 10 sailors aboard two Navy boats after they were temporarily detained in the Persian Gulf.

The Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps said the U.S. boats entered Iranian territory due to technical faults and let the crewmembers pilot the boats out of Iranian waters.

"I want to express my gratitude to Iranian authorities for their cooperation in swiftly resolving this matter," U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said in a statement.

The incident occurred as Iran has been implementing a landmark deal to scale back its nuclear programs with the United States, four other U.N. Security Council members and Germany.

"I am pleased that 10 U.S. Navy sailors have departed Iran and are now back in U.S. hands," Defense Secretary Ashton Carter also said.

The two riverine patrol boats, traveling from Kuwait to Bahrain, were detained after they entered Iranian territorial waters in the gulf.

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