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US Vice Presidential Candidates Square Off in Debate

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USPA News - U.S. Vice President Joe Biden has called last month`s fatal attack against the U.S. ambassador to Libya "a tragedy," promising that whatever "mistakes" were made one month ago "will not be made again." In a nationally televised debate at a small college in Kentucky, the Republican presidential challenger`s running mate, Representative Paul Ryan, slammed the Obama administration for not providing enough security in Benghazi and for taking "two weeks to acknowledge that this was a terrorist attack." "Our ambassador in Paris has a marine detachment guarding him," said Ryan.

"Shouldn`t we have a marine detachment guarding our ambassador in Benghazi, a place where we knew that there was an Al-Qaida cell with arms?" The vice president argued that President Barack Obama was not told that the consulate wanted more security. On Iran, Ryan said the Islamic Republic has become "brazen" because the Obama administration has "no credibility" on the issue of Iran`s nuclear program. Biden countered this claim, asserting that the U.S. has placed "the most crippling sanctions in the history of sanctions" on Iran.

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