



A demonstrator throws a molotov cocktail at security forces during clashes at a rally against President Nicolas Maduro's government in Caracas, Venezuela, yesterday.

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Trump health care reform

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Their defections mean that the bill has no chance of even getting a vote on the Senate floor unless Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell decides to make significant changes to woo Republicans back into the fold.

"Republicans should just REPEAL, failing Obamacare now & work on a new Healthcare Plan that will start from a clean slate. Dems will join in!" Trump tweeted after Lee and Moran made their opposition known.

In a statement McConnell acknowledged "regretfully" that his effort had failed. But he wasn't giving up.

"So, in the coming days, the Senate will vote to take up ... a repeal of Obamacare with a two-year delay to provide for a stable transition period," he said, without setting a date.

"Inaction is not an option," added a White House spokesperson, speaking

on condition of anonymity. "We look forward to Congress continuing to work toward a bill the president can sign to end the Obamacare nightmare."

Meanwhile, Trump blamed Democrats and a few holdouts in his own party yesterday for the collapse of the latest Republican effort to repeal and replace Obamacare.

"We were let down by all of the Democrats and a few Republicans. Most Republicans were loyal, terrific & worked really hard. We will return," Trump said in a tweet yesterday morning.

"As I have always said, let Obamacare fail and then come together and do a great health care plan. Stay tuned!" he added.

UNWORKABLE

Over the weekend, McConnell delayed a vote to proceed on the bill, after Senator John McCain, 80, underwent surgery to

remove a blood clot above his eye and said he would recuperate at home in Arizona for at least a week.

But McCain's absence is now a moot point.

Several Republicans had already expressed concern that the new bill could slash funding for Medicaid, the health care program for the poor and the disabled.

The new bill would gradually roll back the program, a move that some Republicans warn could lead to millions losing coverage.

The latest defections also show that conservatives are frustrated that the new bill does not repeal the Obamacare taxes.

This failure is proof "that the core of this bill is unworkable," said top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer.

AL MP assaults

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at least a BA degree to become the chairman of the governing body of any Degree College but Shipoon does not have that degree.

"He became the governing body's president with a forged BA certificate. After knowing this, I spoke to the authorities of the National University and gave a DO letter to make Rabul Islam the president," Azim said.

On Monday, Azim said, when Rabul went to the UNO office to discuss some issues regarding the college, Shipoon threatened to kill him.

After knowing the matter from Rabul, he went there, the MP said.