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LONDON (AP) - President Barack Obama's planned nuclear summit in Washington next week will go on without Britain's leader. British Prime Minister Gordon Brown has told Obama he'll be staying in London to concentrate on a hotly contested May election. Brown told Obama in a phone call that he will send Foreign Secretary David Miliband to represent Britain at the April 12-13 meeting. Obama is hosting dozens of world leaders to discuss the spread of atomic weapons and the threat of nuclear terrorism. Brown's Labour Party is seeking a fourth term in office but the opposition Conservatives are ahead in the polls and favored to take power for the first time since 1997.