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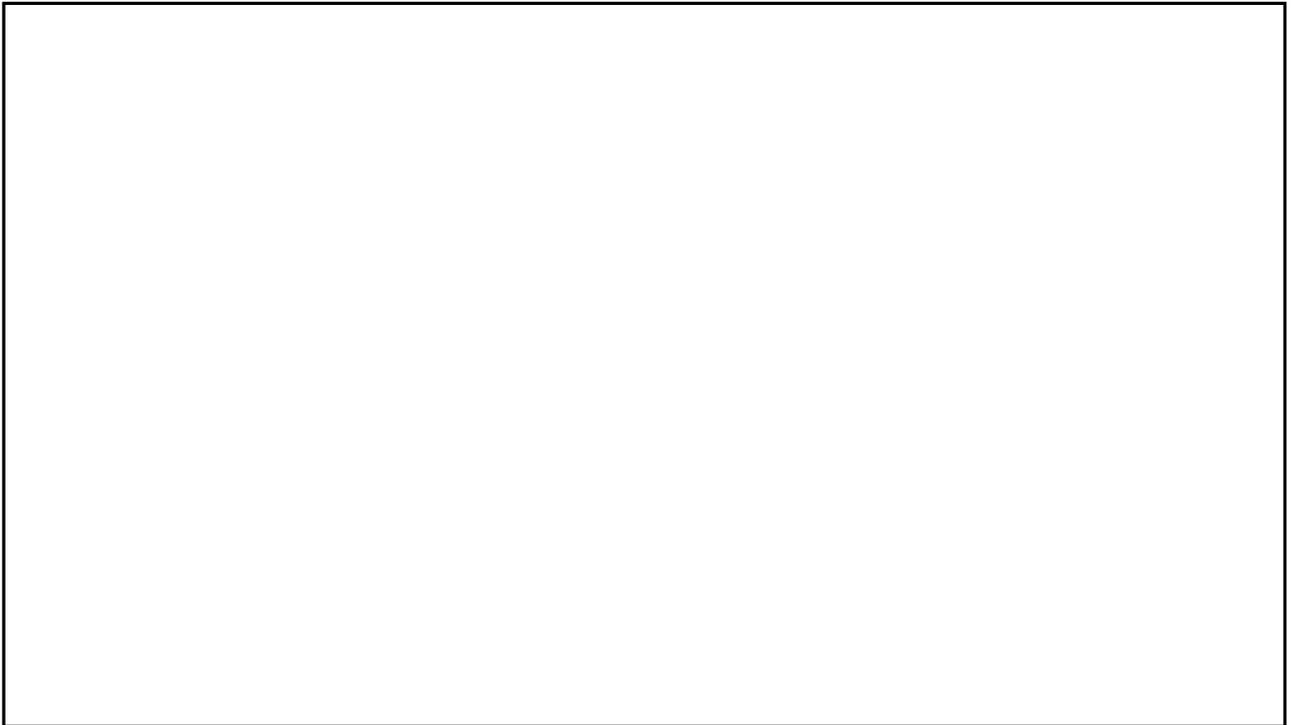
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Pakistan: President Yahya Khan may announce a definite timeframe for elections before the end of November. [redacted]

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the government believes that if electoral rolls are completed by next June, as now planned, a constituent assembly could be elected and given three months to draw up a constitution. The martial law regime could then relinquish power to an elected civilian government around September 1970. Influential Bengali politician Mujibur Rahman is apparently playing a pivotal role in shaping the election plans. Both he and East Pakistan Governor Ahsan strongly favor earlier elections, but they believe that volatile East Pakistan will remain manageable if Yahya announces the above timetable and carries it out on schedule. [redacted]

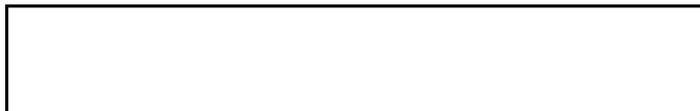
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