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TEHRAN CITES DAMASCUS: EGYPT, ISRAEL AIDED U.S. RESCUE ATTEMPT

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(TEXT) ACCORDING TO AN AP DISPATCH, DAMASCUS RADIO HAS ANNOUNCED: THE U.S. ABORTIVE ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THE HOSTAGES IS NAKED AGGRESSION AGAINST IRAN. DAMASCUS RADIO CLAIMED THAT EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAD GIVEN FACILITIES TO THE AIRCRAFT CARRYING U.S. TROOPS PARTICIPATING IN THE RESCUE OPERATIONS DURING THEIR DEPARTURE FOR AND RETURN FROM IRAN. DAMASCUS RADIO HAS NOT DIVULGED THE DETAILS OF THIS INCIDENT AND ONLY DESCRIBED IT AS AN ACT OF U.S. BANDITRY. THIS IS THE FIRST REACTION BY AN ARAB COUNTRY TO THESE OPERATIONS.

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