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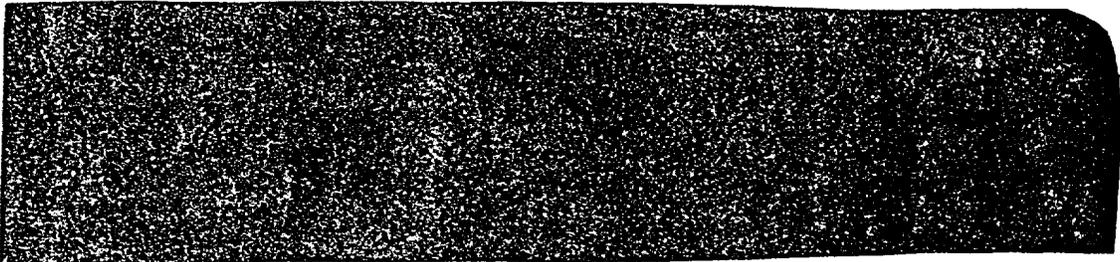
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Political Developments

Iraqi Terrorist Killed by Own Bomb

One Iraqi was killed and another badly wounded in Manila today by a bomb they were carrying, according to press. The bomb exploded almost directly across the street from an American cultural center. [REDACTED]



Renewed Diplomatic Efforts at UN

Representatives of Algeria, India, and perhaps the USSR are seeking to push the Security Council to call for a ceasefire in the Gulf:

- o Algerian Foreign Minister Ghozali met with the ambassadors of the Security Council's permanent members to propose that diplomacy be given another chance by having the Security Council announce an end to hostilities.
- o Indian Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar called for an immediate Iraqi withdrawal, followed by a cessation of hostilities and the resumption of efforts to find a peaceful solution.
- o The Soviet foreign ministry spokesman said that Gorbachev will launch a Gulf initiative if Iraq announces its willingness to leave Kuwait and comply with UN resolutions.
- o Press reports indicate the PLO has urged the EC and the UN Security Council to end "the catastrophe". [REDACTED]

The Zairian President of the Security Council passed the Soviet and Indian proposals to the Iraqi Ambassador earlier today, according to press. [REDACTED]

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Updates on International Reactions to Desert Storm

Islamic Countries

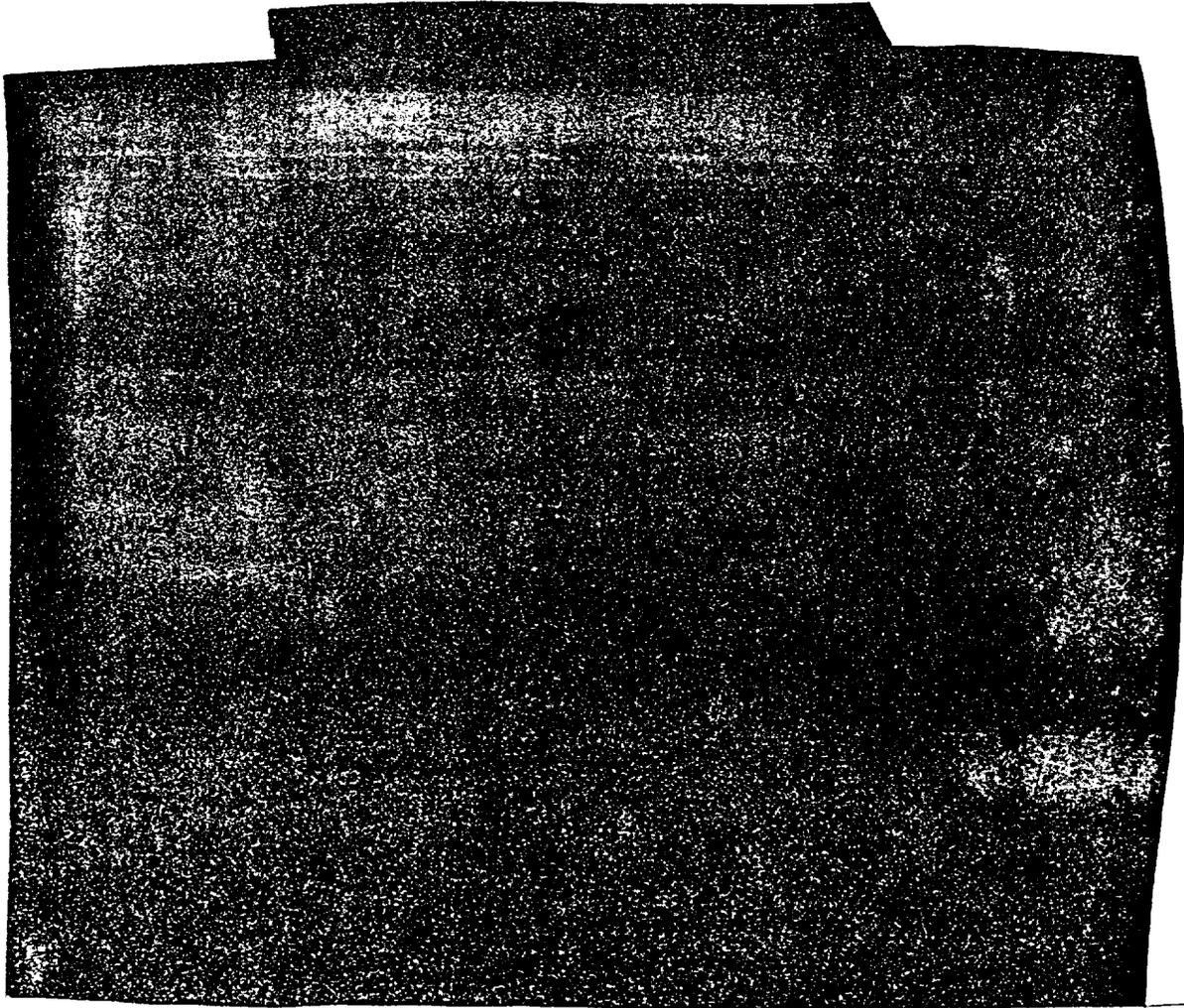
Algeria. Thousands of protesters marched in downtown Algiers today. Islamic leaders denounced Saudi King Fahd and threatened to turn Algeria into "one huge training camp" for those wishing to fight in Iraq, according to the US Embassy.

Morocco. Opposition parties have cancelled rallies scheduled for Sunday, according to press reports.

Yemen. About 400 demonstrators today staged the first rally at the US Embassy in Sanaa since hostilities began in the Gulf. The crowd threw rocks and denounced the presence of "crusaders" in the land of the holy places.

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United Kingdom. British Sunday newspapers published polls showing 80 percent favor British military involvement.



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