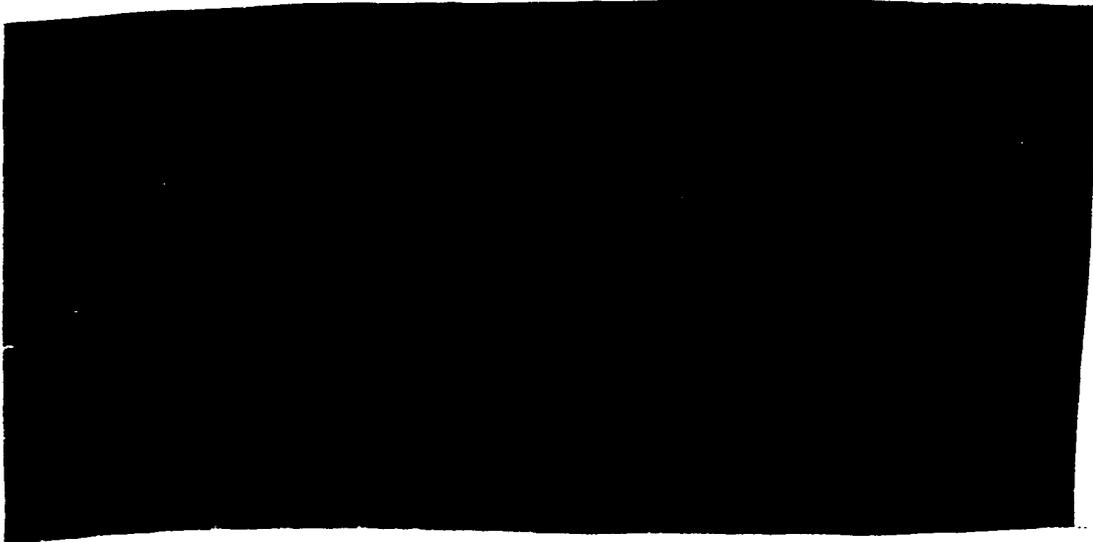


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PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN: Tensions Near Border

 the governor of Baluchistan Province believes that law and order is deteriorating there, mainly because of increased tensions between Afghan refugees and local tribesmen and his inability to form a provincial advisory council comprising tribal chiefs.

 popular support for the refugees is declining because the tribes fear that the refugees do not intend to return to Afghanistan.  international aid to the refugees is crucial for keeping tensions within bounds.//

Comment: //Islamabad has long worried that Kabul and Moscow would exploit tensions between Baluchi tribesmen and the 500,000 Afghan refugees in Baluchistan. Baluchi leaders oppose President Zia's refugee policy and see themselves becoming a minority in their own province.

