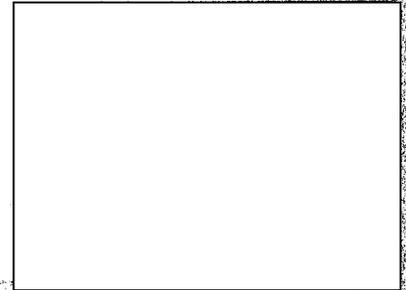




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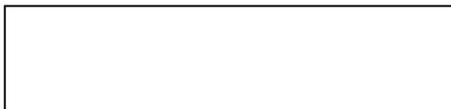
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IRAN

A Tehran newspaper has published an advance copy of a speech by Ayatollah Khomeini scheduled to be read later today in which Khomeini reaffirms that the National Assembly will decide the fate of the hostages but does not address the issue of transferring control of the hostages to the Revolutionary Council. []

In the speech Khomeini said neither excuses for past errors nor a confession of guilt by the US will "be of any avail." He called for unity in overcoming the US. Moreover, in a statement to Iranian jurists yesterday, Khomeini appeared to take an uncompromising position on the hostages. He said that previous US threats were only verbal and urged, "Do not be afraid of words for these words are not followed by action." []

Rumors have been circulating in Tehran that the Revolutionary Council has decided to have the hostages transferred to government custody. President Bani-Sadr, following a full session of the Revolutionary Council, met last night with three leaders of the militants. After the meeting, one of the militants said, "Bani-Sadr will make the announcement tomorrow," but he gave no indication what the announcement would be. The President is scheduled to address a mass rally today commemorating the first anniversary of the Islamic Republic. []

Without a clear statement from Ayatollah Khomeini supporting a transfer of the hostages, hardliners on the Council and the militants themselves would likely attempt to prevent the move. []

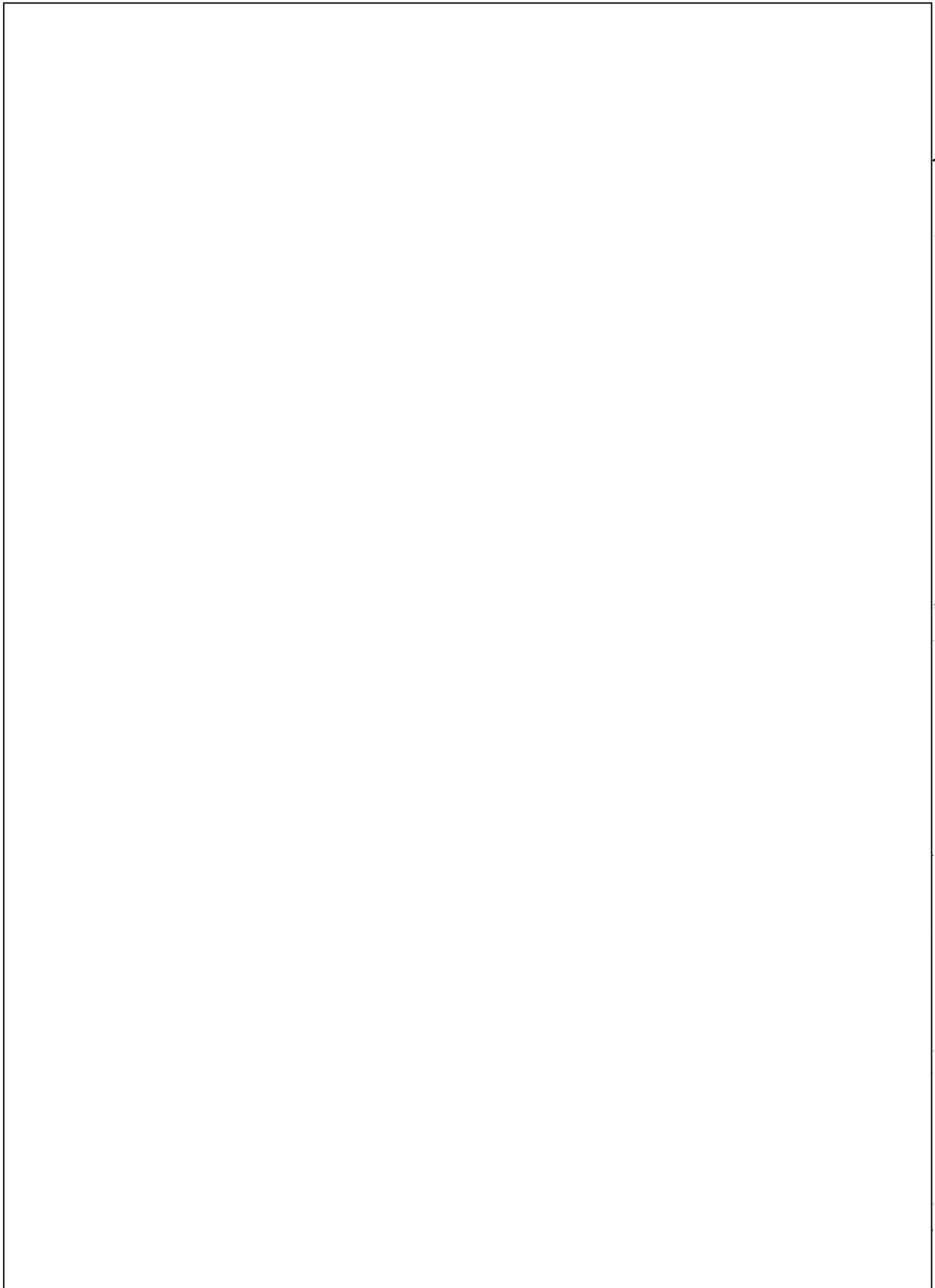
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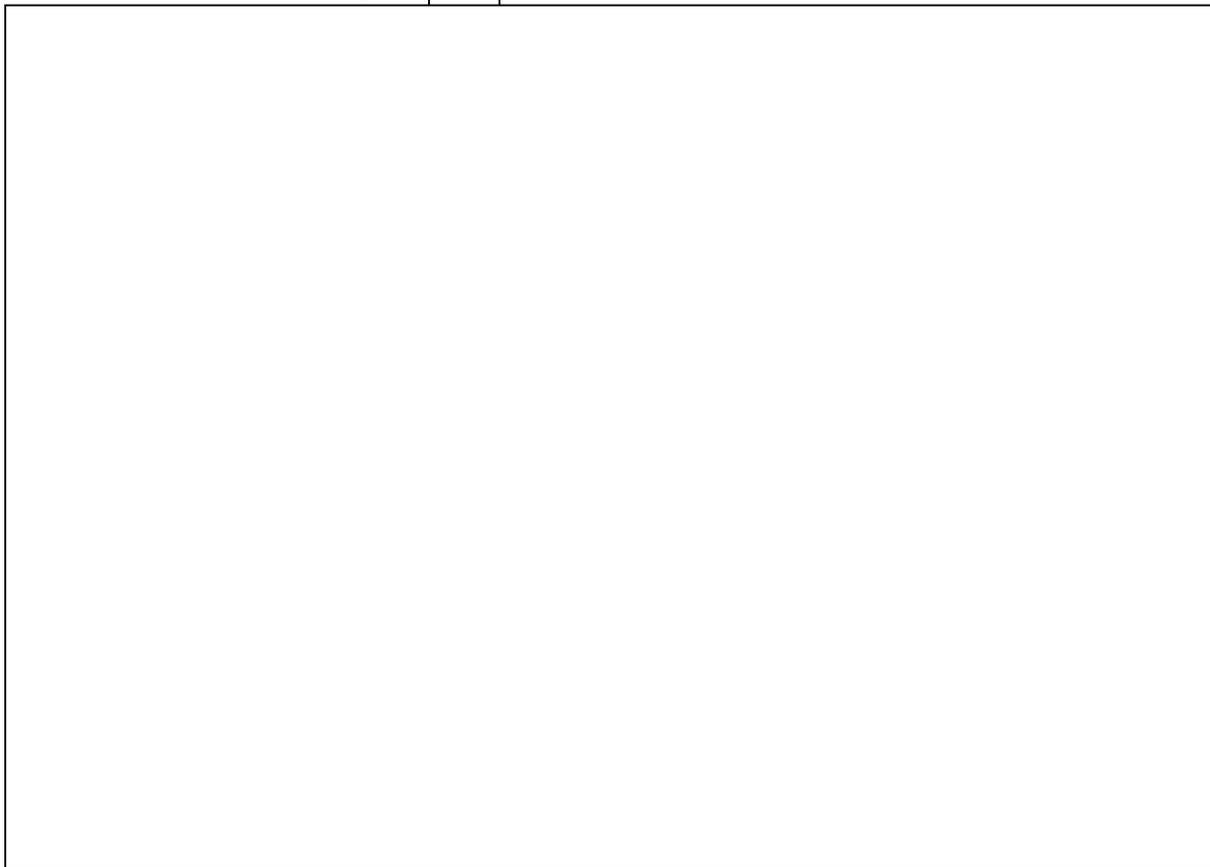


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IRAQ - ARAB STATES: Pan-Arab Charter Proposal

Iraqi President Saddam Husayn's plans for a summit meeting to implement his Pan-Arab charter proposal have stalled. []

Baghdad announced in early March that 12 countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization had agreed to attend a summit. The Iraqis, however, have not been able to persuade the other seven members of the Arab League to participate. South Yemen, Oman, Somalia, and Syria reportedly have resisted Iraqi demarches on the charter, which would ban all foreign military bases or facilities on Arab territory. []



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