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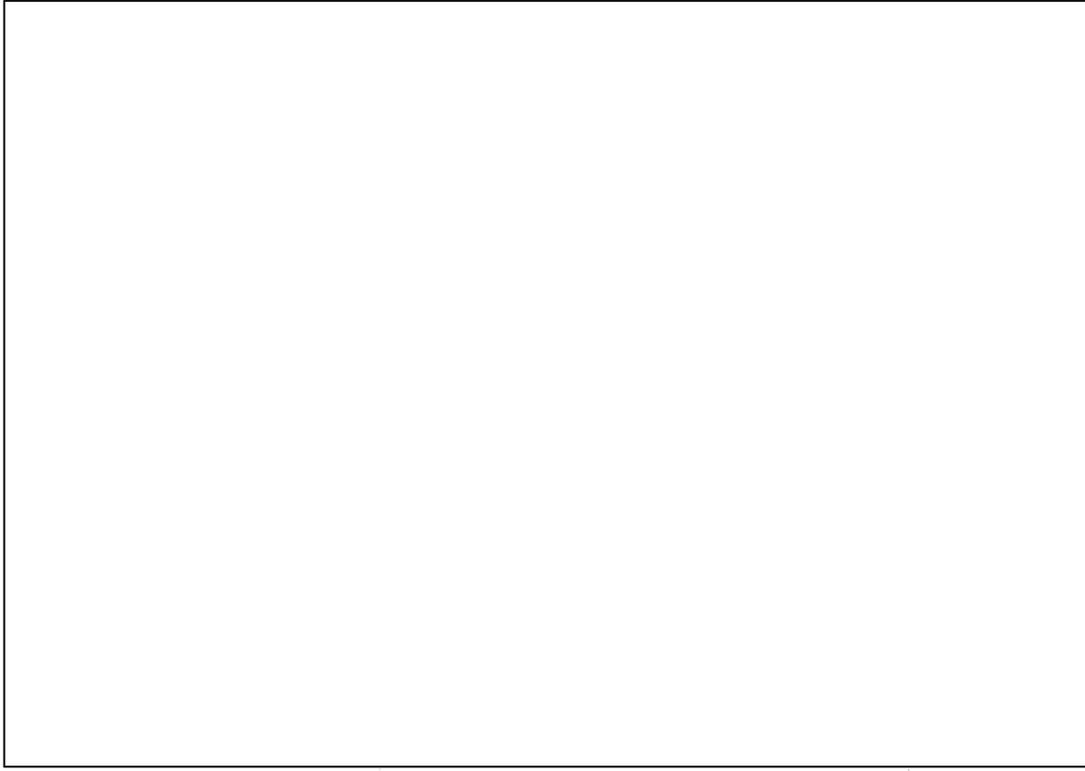
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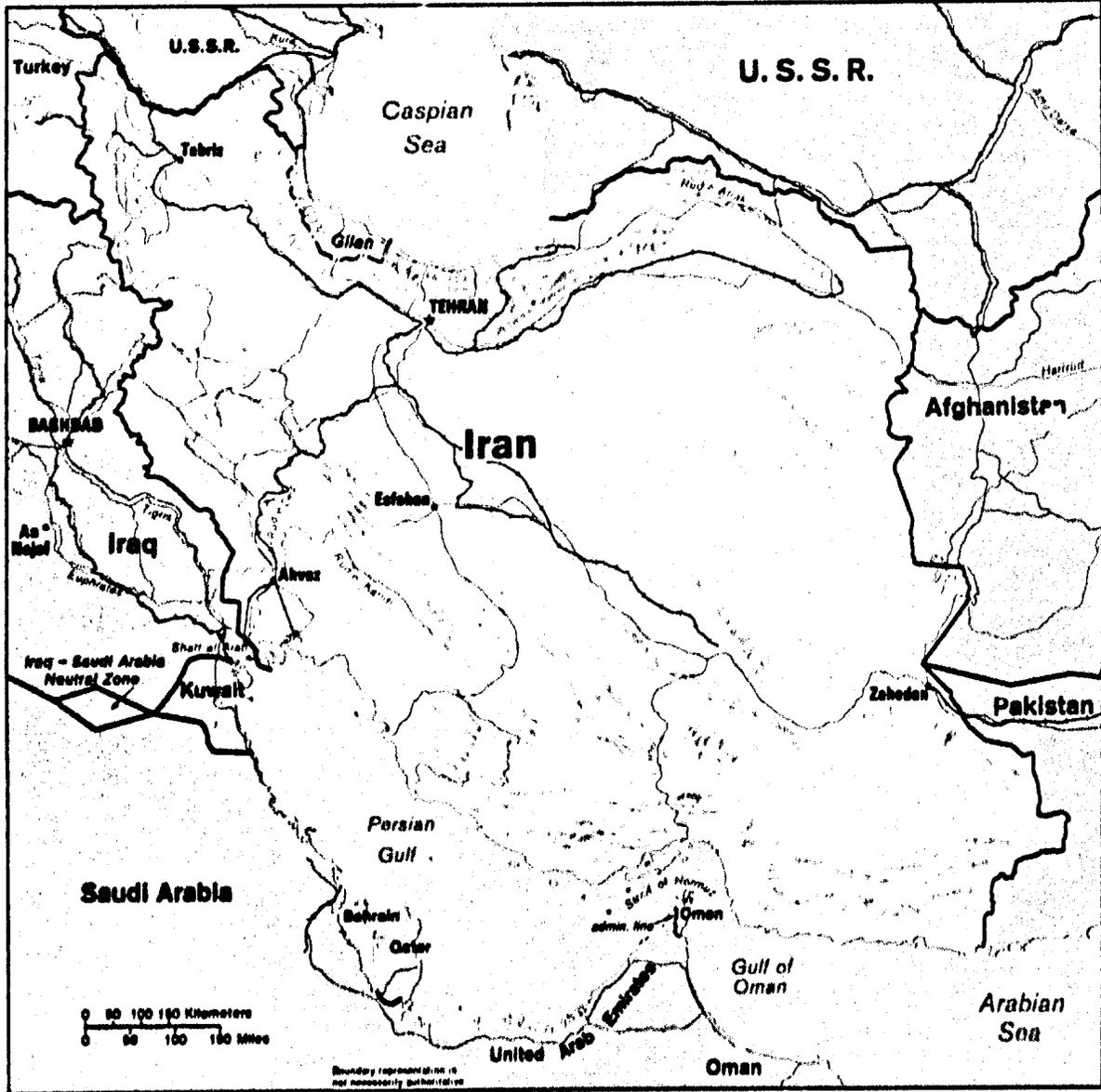
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SITUATION REPORT

IRAN

The Iranian left has been dealt a serious setback in the university clashes this week. []

The situation in Tehran was quieter yesterday after the leftist Fedayeen withdrew from the campuses under pressure from extremist Muslim groups. In most other cities, calm apparently also prevailed. Tehran Radio reports, however, that there has been serious fighting at the university in Gilan Province, a traditional stronghold of leftist influence, and in Ahvaz and Zahedan. []

Although the left has been damaged by the attacks, it probably retains its arms and organizational apparatus and may be able gradually to filter back to the campuses. The leftists also can continue to operate effectively underground. []

The government did not initiate the purge of the left and has so far shown no inclination to ban the left's activities off the campus. The Fedayeen, however, have been concentrating their activities among the minorities for some time and may well now choose to take a more open and violent antiregime line. The pro-Soviet Tudeh Party has not been a major force in the universities and probably will continue to support Ayatollah Khomeini publicly while trying to increase its influence. []

The impetus for the attack on the left came from several extremist Muslim groups associated with the Islamic Republic Party. []

[] Muslim activists, many of them simply street thugs, have justified the attack by pointing to Khomeini's new year's speech on 21 March that called for a purge in the universities. []

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The Islamic Republic Party has now proclaimed a "cultural revolution," and President Bani-Sadr has endorsed it. He appears to have been caught off guard, and is trying to identify with the campaign against the left. [redacted]

Bani-Sadr denied in an interview broadcast yesterday that he considered resigning after his efforts to end the hostage crisis failed. [redacted]

Iran-Iraq

Khomeini's office in Tehran said yesterday that Iraqi Shia leader Ayatollah Baqr Sadr has been executed by the Baghdad regime. The office decreed three days of national mourning in Iran and called on the Iraqi armed forces to overthrow the Baathist government. Iranian media are claiming that a strike is already under way in the Iraqi Shia holy city of An Najaf. (U)

Iran-USSR

The supervisor of Iran's Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance announced yesterday that a draft of an economic and industrial protocol with the USSR has been drawn up and will be signed in Moscow. The protocol could include agreement on the expansion of the Esfahan steel mill and other joint projects. [redacted]

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BRIEFS AND COMMENTS

EC-IRAN: Decision on Sanctions

The first stage of the EC program on Iran is the reduction of West European and Iranian staffs in their respective embassies, and in anticipation of later economic measures, the EC Foreign Ministers yesterday recommended that no new export or service contracts be signed with Iran. [redacted]

The results reflect the West European belief that economic sanctions are more provocative and should be kept as a last resort. Although the Nine failed to invoke an article of the Community treaty permitting the EC to take immediate trade actions, the ministers called on their national legislatures to adopt laws to carry out UN Security Council sanctions; this process will begin immediately. [redacted]

These sanctions will be imposed unless there is "decisive progress leading to the release of the hostages." The target date for such action is 17 May, the date of another EC Foreign Ministers' session. While "decisive progress" was not defined, British Foreign Secretary Carrington indicated he would not be satisfied merely by transferring control of the hostages from the militants to the Iranian Government. The West Germans presumably will deem yesterday's agreement sufficient to preclude the need for unilateral moves by Bonn. [redacted]

We have yet to confirm press reports of an EC decision to discourage purchases of Iranian crude oil; no reference to the subject appeared in the public EC statement. This step may be controversial since some of the EC countries reportedly have difficulty reconciling it with prior contractual obligations. [redacted]

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