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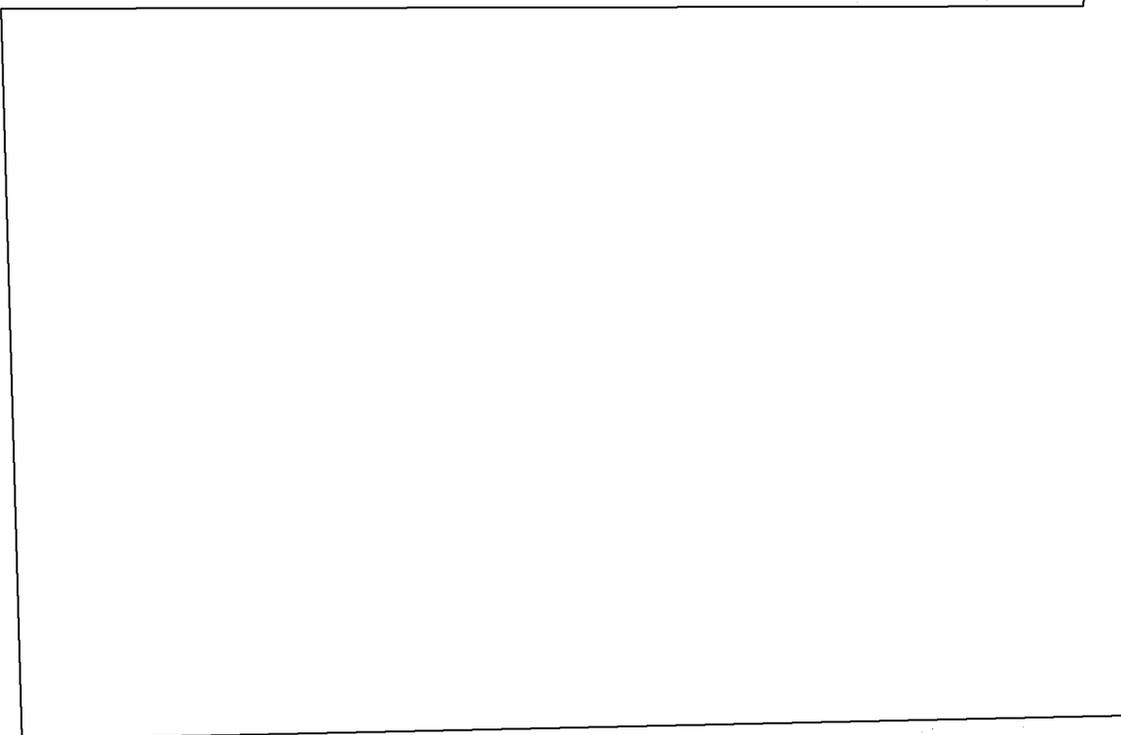
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IRAN

*The Revolutionary Council's decision to postpone the second round of legislative elections probably reflects the rivalry between President Bani-Sadr and Ayatollah Beheshti.*

Bani-Sadr has the most to gain from the investigation of alleged fraud in the first round because his supporters were doing poorly. Because he will gain time to organize, Beheshti's Islamic Republic Party, which has the best grassroots organization, probably is confident that it will continue to do well in the runoffs. Moreover, Beheshti calculates that dragging out the hostage issue serves to weaken the President's political influence.

Hostage Issue

Beheshti appears to be considering how the legislature should handle the hostage issue once it convenes. His endorsement of the call by the clergy in Tehran for hostage trials by the legislature probably was intended to set the stage for such a course and embarrass Bani-Sadr.

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The militants have not independently called for trials recently. While they value Beheshti's political support, they know that he is basically an opportunist and could turn on them.

Oil Prices

Iranian Oil Minister Moinfar stated yesterday that Iranian crude oil prices will rise about \$2 per barrel on Tuesday. Iranian crude prices, currently at \$32.87 per barrel, are already the highest in the Persian Gulf. Although all 13 Japanese crude buyers recently turned down offers of supplementary medium-term contracts of 10,000 to 20,000 barrels per day at premiums of \$4 to \$8 per barrel, they and other customers heavily dependent on Iranian oil probably would reluctantly accept an across-the-board increase in the base price.

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