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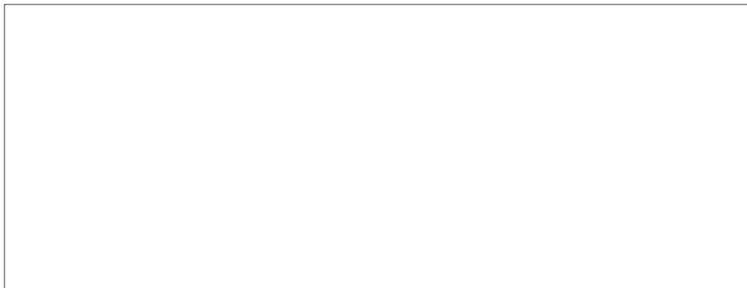
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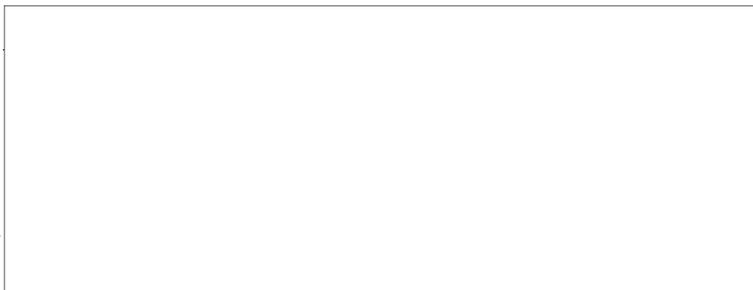
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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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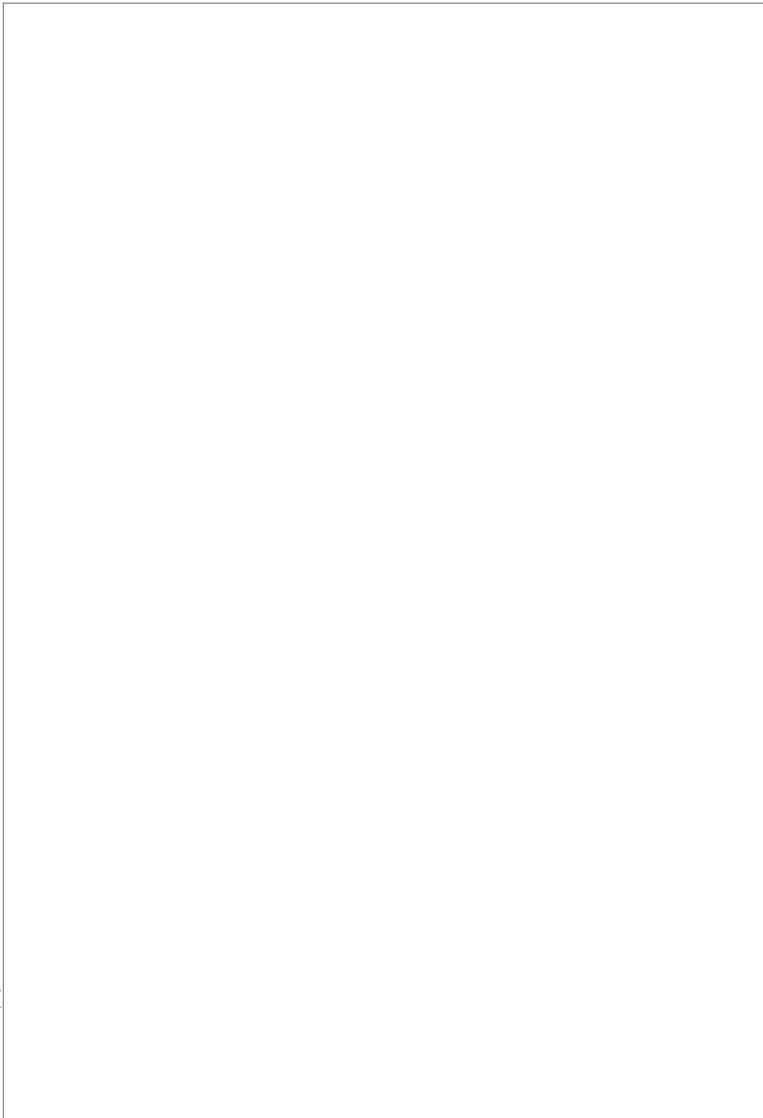
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ICELAND

NATO Secretary-General Luns has proposed that the UK withdraw its warships from the disputed area in the expectation that Iceland would cease harassment of the British trawlers.

Reykjavik and London may respond today. The plan probably would be acceptable to London if supported by a reasonable guarantee that Iceland would cooperate.

At a special NATO Council session yesterday, the Icelandic representative implied that his country desired to resume negotiations if the warships withdraw, but gave no indication that harassment of British trawlers would cease. In a later conversation, the Icelandic delegate said he thought his government would cease harassment. His assessment, however, may not have allowed for the inflamed public sentiment that has permitted radical politicians in Iceland to take the initiative.



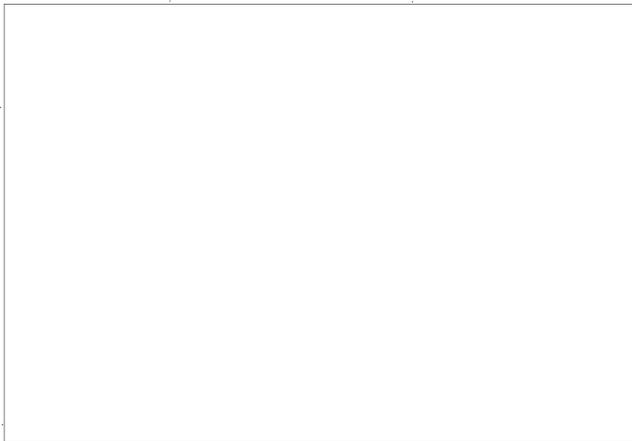
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SOUTH VIETNAM



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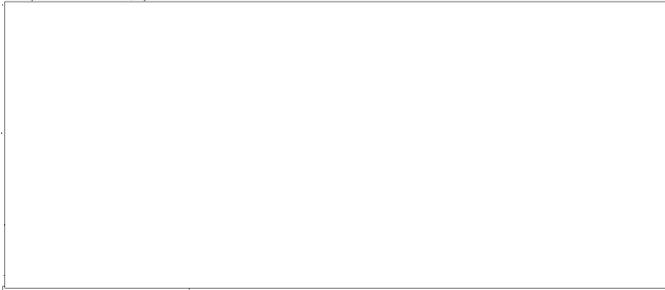
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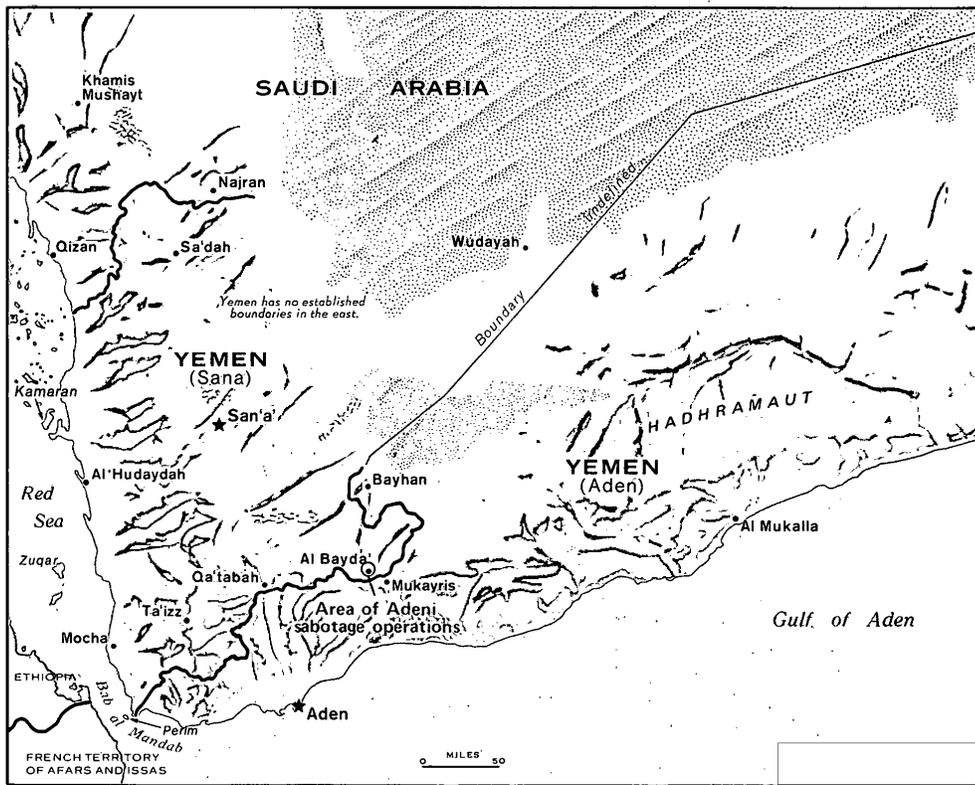
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THE YEMENS

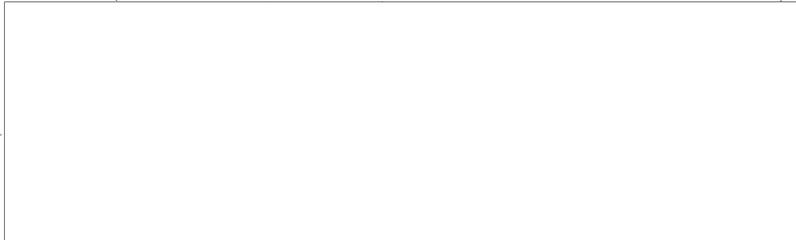
Increased Adeni terrorist operations against Yemen (Sana) threaten the tenuous cease-fire in effect since the two Yemens signed a unity agreement last October.

This morning Sana announced the assassination of a member of its three-man ruling Republican Council. In all, some 40 Sana military personnel and civilians have been killed in sabotage and guerrilla attacks this month. Although Aden has conducted a steady terrorist campaign since last fall, it sharply increased the number of its attacks a few weeks ago when the Sana government began trials of Adeni-supported subversives.

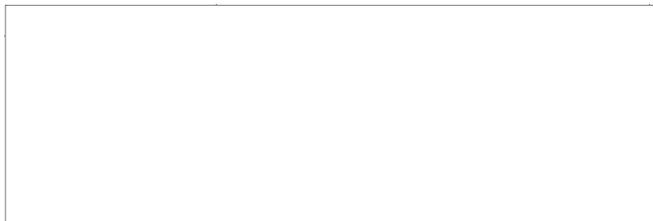
The authorities in Sana appear determined to pursue the trials, despite fears of more retaliation from Aden and apprehensions over their own lack of military preparedness. This weakness has encouraged the Adenis, who are attempting to maneuver Sana into rejecting the union. Sana would thus bear the onus for such a move in the eyes of other Arab states.

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Cambodia: Government forces on May 29 regained control over the last contested section of Route 5, some 50 miles northwest of Phnom Penh, ending the Communists' two-month interdiction of the highway. It may be some time before the road is opened to traffic, however, because several bridges must be repaired.

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