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Aftermath of Mecca Riots

Tehran continues to threaten the US and Saudi Arabia over the Mecca riots.

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A speech yesterday attributed to Ayatollah Khomeini reiterated that Iran intends to take revenge on Saudi Arabia and the US for the deaths of the Iranian pilgrims. Iranian President Khamenei said Iran will retaliate "in the Gulf." Tehran claims the Saudi police opened fire on Iranian pilgrims, killing more than 600 and injuring 4,500, and Ayatollah Montazeri has appealed to Muslims throughout the world to free Islam's holy shrine from Saudi rule.

The Saudi Ministry of Interior has issued a strong warning to Tehran that it will not tolerate behavior that endangers the security of holy places and has banned demonstrations by Iranian pilgrims.

Saudi television has shown scenes of Iranian pilgrims attacking Saudi security personnel and is airing a special report on attempts Iran made during the pilgrimage last year to smuggle explosives into the Kingdom.

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Most moderate Arab leaders, while expressing concern over the violence, are supportive of the Saudi action, and Egypt has called for an urgent Islamic summit meeting. There has been no trouble among the Shia minority in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province.

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