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**FEDAYEEN-SUDAN:** The fedayeen Black September Organization, responsible for terrorist spectaculars in Munich and Bangkok, is holding the US ambassador and deputy chief of mission, three other diplomats, and dependents in Khartoum as hostages for guerrillas held in Jordan.

A group of four to seven terrorists, armed with automatic weapons, seized the Saudi Arabian Embassy yesterday at the end of a reception in honor of the departing US deputy chief of mission. The two US diplomats and the Belgian chargé were injured but have received medical treatment. The Saudi ambassador and the Jordanian chargé are also in custody. Moreover, the terrorists claim to have set explosive charges in the embassy. The Sudan Government has ruled out the use of force and is negotiating with the terrorists for the release of the hostages.

The terrorists' initial demands included the release of guerrillas held in Israel and West Germany. Their statement this morning, however, indicated that their primary objective is the release of a senior Black September official and 16 other fedayeen captured by the Jordanians in early February. A Black September team, led by Muhammad Daud Awadh (alias Abu Daud), was intercepted before accomplishing their mission of kidnaping the Jordanian prime minister and other key government officials. The failure of the operation in Jordan was a severe blow to Fatah, of which Black September is the terrorist arm. Fatah leader Yasir Arafat [REDACTED] [REDACTED] called for an all-out effort to force the release of Awadh and his men.

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Despite mediation efforts by a number of Arab states, the Jordanians have thus far refused to free the Awadh team. It will be difficult, however, for the Jordanians to hold this position in the aftermath of the Black September coup in Khartoum. [REDACTED]

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