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The militants seem to be in a good position to gain some concessions from Bani-Sadr. They could, for example, demand Ghotbzadeh's dismissal or press for a guarantee that they can continue to occupy the Embassy compound, have access to the media, and release Embassy documents. There is little reason to believe the hostages will be freed any time before the National Assembly meets.

Iran-Iraq

Relations between Tehran and Baghdad are again de- teriorating. Iraq yesterday publicly declared Iran's Ambassador persona non grata and demanded his withdrawal by 15 March because of his recent statements backing
antigovernment Shia dissidents.

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