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SUMMARY: SHARIATMADARI SOFTENED EARLIER COMMENT ABOUT RESORT
TO ARMED INSURRECTION. INF LEADER SANJABI REITERATED
CONDEMNATION OF VIOLENCE AND CALLED FOR SUPPORT OF CONSTITUTION.
KHOMEINI SAYS HE WILL ACCEPT "WHATEVER IRANIAN PEOPLE DECIDE."
GANJI AND AZMOUN REACT BITTERLY TO AKHBARI'S CHARGE OF
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CORRUPTION AND DEMAND INVESTIGATION. IRAN AIR DOMESTIC FLIGHTS
GROUNDED BY POLITICAL STRIKE. INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS CONTINUE.
AMINI MET WITH SHAH, LATER EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR SHARIF-EMAMI
GOVT. JUDGES IN SANANDAJ RESIGNED TO PROTEST SEVERAL
KILLINGS THERE. MIN OF JUSTICE HOPES ALL POLITICAL
PRISONER WILL BE RELEASED BY DEC 10. MAZANDARAN GOV-GEN
DENIED STUDENTS EVER TOOK OVER AMOL; SAID PEOPLE WHOM
THEY ARRESTED AS PROGOVT STODGES WERE REPORTEDLY TWO
GENDARMES AND A CRIMINAL SUSPECT. MANY DEMONSTRATIONS.

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SOME PROGOVT, BUT NO DEATHS REPORTED. LARGE DEMONSTRATIONS AT TEHRAN UNIVERSITY AND IN STREETS; ISLAMIC AND LEFTIST STUDENTS HAVE APPARENTLY PATCHED UP DIFFERENCES. RELIABLE SOURCE INDICATES GOVT NOT ALARMED BY UNREST, AS IT MAKES ULTIMATE CRACKDOWN MORE PALATABLE. SOURCE ALSO STATED SAVAK PURGE CAME AFTER PRIMIN LEARNED ORGANIZATION WAS BEHIND AT LEAST SOME OF RECENT PROGOVT STREET BRAWLERS. ISFAHAN AYATOLLAHS ISSUE CALL FOR RETURN OF KHOMEINI. MORE REPORTS OF ANTIFOREIGN HOSTILITY. END SUMMARY.

1. AYATOLLAH SHARIATMADARI STRONGLY QUALIFIED PREVIOUS STATEMENT THAT OPPOSITION MIGHT HAVE TO RESORT TO ARMED INSURRECTION. IN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY HE OPPOSED ANARCHY AND TERROR BUT AGAIN SAID "IF WE CANNOT GET WHAT WE WANT THROUGH REASONABLE MEANS WE WILL START FIGHTING." HE ATTACKED AFP FOR MISINTERPRETING HIM. MEANWHILE IN PARIS, NATIONAL FRONT LEADER KARIM SANJABI AND AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI SPOKE SEPARATELY TO JOURNALISTS BUT SAID VIRTUALLY NOTHING REGARDING THEIR TALKS WITH EACH OTHER. SANJABI AGAIN CONDEMNED VIOLENCE AND SUPPORTED SONSTITUTION, SAYING FRONT DEMANDS ONLY THAT FUTURE GOVERNMENT HAVE THREE ELEMENTS- NATIONALISM, DEMOCRACY, AND SOCIALISM. KHOMEINI STATED HE WOULD SIMPLY COMPLY WITH THE WILL OF THE IRANIAN PEOPLE. HE PROPOSED A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO DIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE
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AFFAIRS. IN TEHRAN, INF SPOKESMAN DARIOUSH FOROUHAR SAID FUTURE SHOULD BE DECIDED BY NATIONAL REFERENDUM.

2. MAJLES DEPUTY ABBAS AKHBARI'S CHARGE THAT EDUCATION MINISTER GANJI AND FORMER MINISTER OF STATE AZMOUN WERE GUILTY OF CORRUPTION BROUGHT STRONG COUNTERATTACK FROM BOTH MEN. GANJI DEMANDED OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION INTO HIS OWN ACTIVITIES. PRESS REPORTS SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR MINISTER FROM TEACHERS THROUGHOUT IRAN. AZMOUN ALSO CALLED FOR PROSECUTOR GENERAL TO PROVE HIS SUPPOSED CORRUPTION. HE IS SUING AKHBARI FOR FALSE ACCUSATION.

3. FORMER PRIMIN ALI AMINI MET WITH SHAH YESTERDAY. AUDIENCE REVIVED PERSISTENT RUMORS AMINI WILL BE NEXT PRIMIN, BUT AMINI HIMSELF EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR SHARIF-EMAMI GOVT. HE DESCRIBED MEETING AS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

4. IRAN AIR DOMESTIGHTS ARE GROUNDED BY POLITICALLY-BASED STRIKE. EMPLOYEES DEMAND RELEAST OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, END OF MARTIAL LAW, DISMISSAL OF ALL FOREIGN IRAN AIR EMPLOYEES, PUNISHMENT OF FO DIRECTOR KHADEMI, AND AN END TO FIXED RIAL-DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE. INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ARE PROCEEDING, BUT PANAM REPORTS HARASSMENT AND SOME DIFFICULTY INMANAGING PASSENGERS.

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5. ALL JUDGES OF SANANDAJ (CAPITAL OF KORDESTAN) HAVE
RESIGNED IN PROTEST AGAINST RECENT DEATHS OF SEVERAL
DEMONSTRATORS.

6. NEW MINISTER OF JUSTICE HOSSEIN NAJAFI STATED
YESTERDAY HE EXPECTS ALL REMAINING POLITICAL PRISONERS TO
BE RELEASED BY DEC 10, HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, REMARK WAS
SHORT OF A DEFINITE ASSURANCE; HE SAID SINCE THESE PRISONERS
HAD BEEN TRIED BY MILITARY COURTS, ONLY SHAH COULD RELEASE
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THEM. SAVAK HAD PREVIOUSLY STATED 600 POLITICAL PRISONERS
REMAIN. FIGURE IS DISPUTED BY HEDAYATOLLAH MATIN-DAFTARY
OF COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, WHO
SAID THERE ARE AT LEAST 900.

7. OCT 31 INCIDENT IN AMOL, WHEN STUDENTS REPORTEDLY TOOK
OVER TOWN REMAINS FUZZY. MAZANDARAN GOV-GEN. ...
SAYEED BAHADORI DENIED THESE REPORTS. HE SAID STUDENTS
DID PARTOL STREETS LOOKING FOR PROGOVT "HOOLIGANS," AND

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ARRESTED THREE SUSPECTS. THESE WERE, HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO GOVT, TWO GENDARMES AND A CRIMINAL SUSPECT WHO WAS BEING TAKEN TO AMOL FOR INDICTMENT. PRESS REPORTS ARMY TROOPS FREED GROUP, NUMBERED FROM 3 TO 6.

8. MANY DEMONSTRATIONS AGAIN TOOK PLACE WITH SOME CLASHES BUT NO DEATHS REPORTED. PROGOVT DEMOS ALSO OCCURRED, ONE INVOLVING ALAM FAMILY CLAN IN BIRJAND. IN TEHRAN STUDENTS RALLIED ON CAMPUS AS USUAL. AMCIT EYEWITNESS REPORTED ISLAMIC AND LEFTIST GROUPS SEEM TO HAVE PATCHED UP DIFFERENCES. THEY ASSEMBLED TOGETHER INSTEAD OF SEPARATELY AS HAD BEEN THE CASE PREVIOUSLY. LARGE CROWD ALSO DEMONSTRATED IN STREETS. PRESS ESTIMATES CROWD AT 100,000 BUT RELIABLE EYEWITNESSES PUT IT IN 15,000 TO 20,000 RANGE. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED NATIONAL FRONT CALLED RALLY FOR NOV 2 BUT THAT BAZAAR LEADERSHIP (WHO USUALLY SUPPORT RELIGIOUS HIERARCHY) ARRANGED DEMONSTRATION A DAY EARLIER. (COMMENT: THIS COULD REPRESENT DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO KEEP DISTANCE BETWEEN RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND NATIONAL FRONT). AMCIT EYEWITNESS REPORTS WHEN SOME DEMONSTRATORS BEGAN TO ROCK STATUE OF REZA SHAH, CROWD SHOUTED "NO, NO" AND STATUE WAS LEFT UNDAMAGED.

9. CONSULATE ISFAHAN REPORTS AYATOLLAHS OF THAT CITY
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HAVE JOINTLY DECLARED KHOMEINI MUST RETURN TO IRAN.

10. IRANIAN WHO IS EXPERIENCED IN HIGH GOVT CIRCLES INFORMED EMOFF EVENING NOV 1 THAT MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IS RELATIVELY UNWORRIED BY RASH OF STRIKES AND DEMONSTRATIONS. GOVT FEELS THIS WILL MAKE EVENTUAL CRACKDOWN MORE PALATABLE TO GENERAL PUBLIC. HE BELIEVES MODERATE RELIGIOUS LEADERS WILL ULTIMATELY ACCEPT A COMPROMISE. THE EXTREMISTS MAY HAVE TO BE QUELLED FORCIBLY, WHICH WOULD MEAN TEMPORARY MILITARY GOVT, PERHAPS ONE OR TWO MONTHS. (COMMENT: SOURCE REPRESENTS AN EXCELLENT AND PROBABLY ACCURATE MIDDLELEVEL BUREAUCRATIC VIEW WITHIN THE GOI. WE SENSE HE MAY BE UNDERESTIMATING DIFFICULTY WITH BOTH RELIGIOUS ELEMENT AND EFFICACY OF CRACKDOWN).

11. SAME SOURCE REPORTS PURGE OF SAVAK CAME AFTER PRIMIN LEARNED ORGANIZATION ARRANGED RECENT VIOLENT PROGOVT DEMONSTRATIONS. SAVAK MAY ALSO HAVE STAGED SOME OF THE ANTIGOV'T SHOWS. FURTHERMORE MAJLIS DEPUTY AKHBARI, WHO BROUGHT CENSURE MOTION AGAINST SHARIF-EMAMI, IS LONGTIME SAVAK AGENT. SHARIF-EMAMI'S ANGER AT THIS NEWS SPELLED END FOR PARVIS SABETI.

12. ANTIFOREIGN INCIDENTS CONTINUE, STILL WITHOUT ANY SERIOUS INJURIES TO AMCITS BUT RESULTING IN INCREASED APPREHENSION. CONSULATE ISFAHAN REPORTS ABORTIVE ATTEMPT
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TO FIREBOMB ENTRANCE TO FLUOR THYSSEN. CONSULATE ALSO
REPORTS THREE AMCITS WHO HAD RECEIVED THE WIDELY-DISTRI-
BUTED "CURSED YONKY" NOTE RECEIVED A FOLLOWUP NOTE: QUOTE
YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED. GO HOME OR WE WILL KILL YOU.
UNQUOTE. ALL THREE HAVE LEFT IRAN. EARLIER REPORTS THAT
IRANIANS IN AHWAZ AREA WERE THROWING ROCKS AND BRICKS AT
FOREIGNERS IS CONFIRMED. FLUOR IRAN HAS REMOVED ITS
PERSONNEL FROM OILFIELDS AFTER TWO DAYS OF SUCH INCIDENTS.
VIOLENCE WAS ANTIFOREIGN RATHER THAN ANTIAMERICAN; NON-
AMERICAN EXPATRIATES ALSO WERE ATTACKED. SOLAR TURBINE,
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SUBSIDIARY OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER, HAS SENT HOME ALL
DEPENDENTS, INCLUDING 10 FAMILIES IN AHWAZ AND 15 FAMILIES
FROM TEHRAN. CONTROL DATA HAS SENT HOME ITS DEPENDENTS,
NUMBERING 26. EMB HAS SECOND HAND BUT RELIABLE REPORT THAT
IBM HAS ALSO SENT DEPENDENTS HOME.
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