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Unlike Islamabad, Tehran has displayed no interest in getting Afghan peace settlement talks going under UN auspices. Tehran is opposed to the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan, but both Iran and Pakistan seem somewhat less disposed to aid Afghan refugees and exile groups. Their reluctance arises in part because of ethnic disturbances in both countries caused by increasing numbers of Afghan refugees. Iran wants to send many of the 1.5 million Afghans in Iran to the overcrowded refugee camps in Pakistan and appears to be inducing that exodus by periodic callups of Afghan youth to serve in the war against Iran.

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