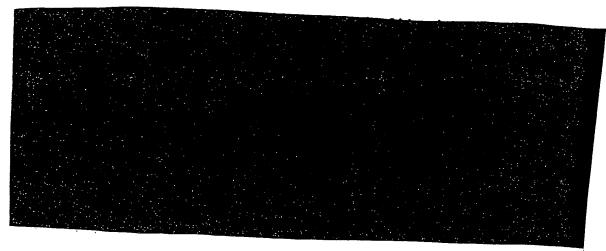
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Iranians Mediating in Nagorno-Karabakh

Iranian Foreign Minister Velayati yesterday left for Azerbaijan and Armenia in an effort to mediate the Nagorno-Karabakh dispute.

Comment: Iran wants to expand its influence in the region and to ensure stability along its northern border, but Velayati's mediation is not likely to be successful.



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