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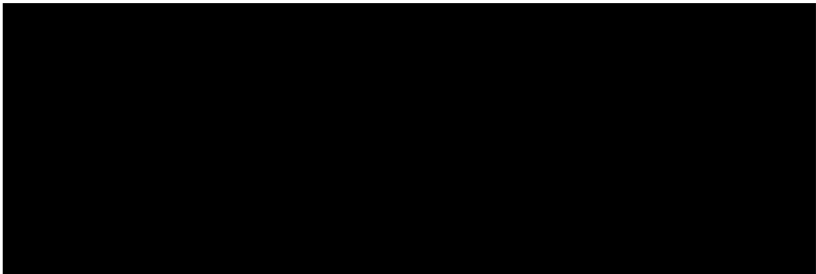
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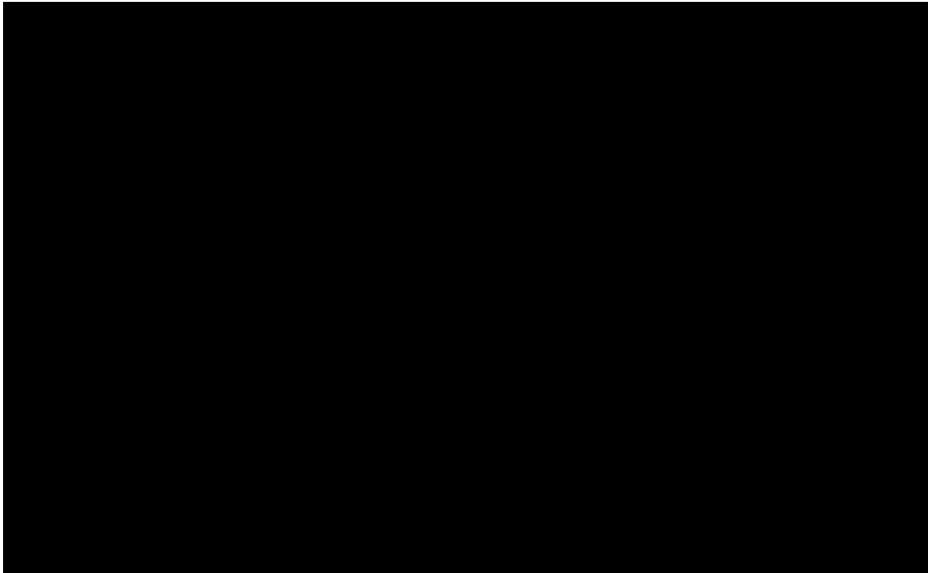
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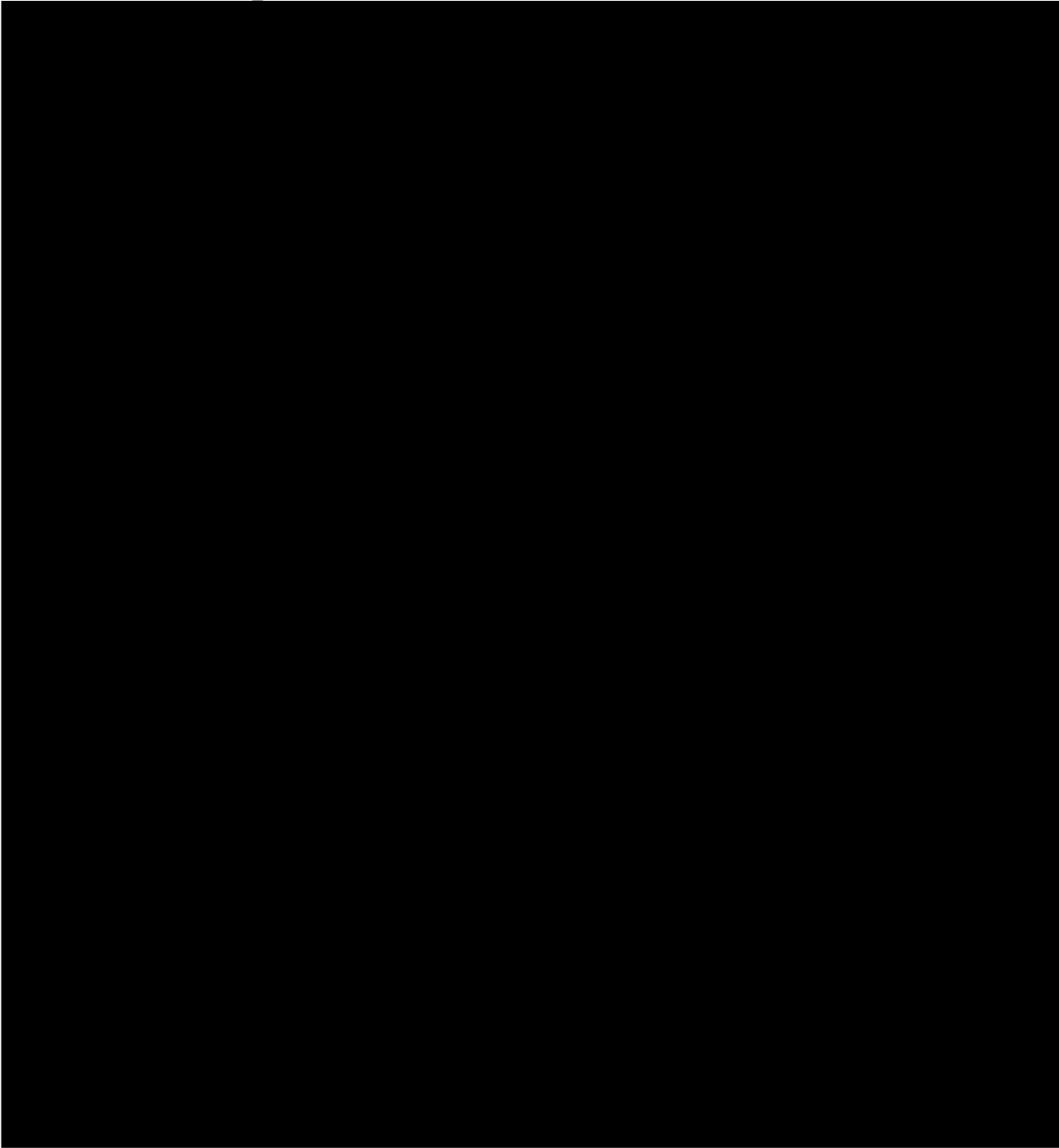


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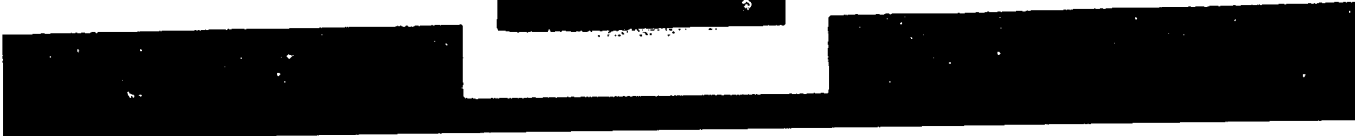


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IRAN-IRAQ:

War of Cities Intensifies

Iran's attacks on Baghdad yesterday probably will lead to an expanded and intensified round of strikes on civilian and economic targets in Iraq and Iran. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] confirm Tehran's claim that one or two Iranian aircraft raided Baghdad yesterday in what was the first Iranian air attack on the city since 1984. Bombs from one of the aircraft destroyed a group of 12 to 15 houses in the densely populated northeastern part of the city. Iraqi fighters chased the Iranian aircraft back across the border. Baghdad's claim that it downed one of the attackers is unconfirmed. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] one of two Iranian Scud missile attacks on Baghdad yesterday destroyed a restaurant in the center of the city. Iraq responded to the air and missile attacks by launching two missiles into Tehran and four more into other Iranian cities yesterday and two more this morning. Baghdad claims its aircraft also attacked a number of Iranian cities near the border. [REDACTED]

Comment: Iranian leaders probably decided to intensify the war of the cities because Iran's military and political efforts have not deterred Iraqi attacks. They may have risked their scarce fighter aircraft because they are running short of Scud missiles. Moreover, aircraft can inflict more damage and casualties than missiles; they carry greater payloads and are more accurate. Air attacks might also embarrass the Iraqi regime by demonstrating the weakness of Baghdad's air defenses. [REDACTED]

The casualties from Iran's air and missile attacks are likely to be high and probably will cause Iraq to increase its missile attacks on Iranian cities. Baghdad may use aircraft to strike Tehran as well as oil facilities and electric power plants in Iran. [REDACTED]

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