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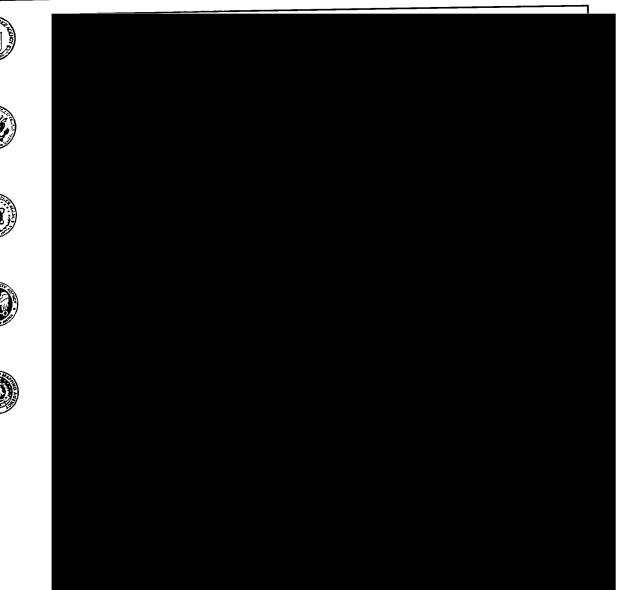
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## Middle East/North Africa

Israel-Palestinians ⇔

Threat: Breakdown of the peace process

Palestinian Authority Chairman Arafat lashed out this week at Israeli Prime Minister Barak, denouncing him as the leader of "hardliners and settlers" and claiming that hopes for progress in the peace process had "evaporated." Arafat's remarks follow Barak's recent reiteration of his negotiating "red lines" (no return to the 1967 borders, a united Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty, no foreign army positioned west of the River Jordan, most of the West Bank settlers to remain in settlement blocs under Israeli sovereignty, and settling the Palestinian refugee problem outside of Israel's borders), which the Palestinians see as foreclosing any negotiation of their core concerns. The timing of Arafat's attack, just before Barak and he were to meet individually with President Clinton, suggests that Arafat is again trying to create a sense of crisis to draw the US into the negotiations and so induce Israeli flexibility.

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