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JORDAN - ARAB STATES: The assassination of Jordanian Premier Wasfi Tal in Cairo has stirred up a new storm in the already troubled Arab atmosphere.

Tal, who had been opposed by Palestinian groups since his appointment in October 1970, was one of the executors of King Husayn's mopping-up campaign against the fedayeen. The assailants may be associated with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, whose radical goals include the elimination of the present Jordanian administration.

Tal was in Cairo for meetings of the Arab Defense Council, where he presumably presented the Jordanian side in discussions of the problems of the fedayeen. Mediation efforts sponsored by the Saudis and Egyptians had broken down on Friday, with each side again blaming the other's intransigence for the failure to reach any agreement. The sponsors and the Syrians had urged an accommodation before the convening of the Defense Council.

In Jordan, the immediate effect of the assassination will be to stifle any lingering sentiment for accommodation with the fedayeen. There will probably be an intensified campaign to identify and round up Palestinian agents, and efforts to assassinate fedayeen leaders outside the country are a distinct possibility. Tal's rivals and detractors who have been urging the appointment of a more moderate premier will have to lie low lest they be implicated in his death. In any case the next premier is not likely to be chosen for his pro-Palestinian sentiments.

Although Egypt probably was not officially involved in the slaying, Cairo may be criticized by Amman because of its well-known coolness to Tal, which dates from Tal's outspoken opposition to President Nasir in the early 1950s.

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The assassination will do little to forward Egyptian hopes for a united Arab stand against Israel. President Sadat had been using the series of Arab ministerial meetings to seek a common Arab position in the debate on the Middle East question, which is expected to take place in the UN General Assembly in the coming weeks. (SECRET)

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