

Behind the Scene

*The secretary generals of the Arab Cooperation Council, the Gulf Cooperation Council and the Magharibi Council will meet soon to try to work out a joint policy among their councils.

*Many circles have attempted and are still attempting to hinder Arafat's visit to Tehran in order to improve relations between Iran and Iraq.

*Hujjat al-Islam Aji Ay has been appointed as the man in charge of Iranian students affairs abroad.

Many Iranians have objected to this appointment, and are asking the Iranian president to reconsider it.

*In an attempt to enhance its position, the Sudanese ruling council is making many transfers among its diplomatic corps. Ambassadors to the major capitals might be affected.

*The Iranian authorities have arrested a group that

attempted to murder President Rafsanjani to disrupt the improving relations with Iraq.

*Dr. Rifat al-Assad is expected to return to Damascus to take part in the Baath Party Conference, according to various sources in Damascus and Paris.

*Amal leader Nabeh Berri is facing internal problems that kept him away from political and information arenas. He is trying to find a solution to these internal disputes.

*An Omani army division will be trained in Iran as part of the cooperation between Oman and Iran.

*U.S. light arms will be sent to unified Yemen. The arms deal in crude defensive weapons only.

*Saudi Arabia is having contacts with Iraq, Syria and Turkey to help solve the crisis over the Euphrates River. These efforts are welcomed by the three parties.

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