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Pakistani Tension Approaches Showdown: Prime Minister Bhutto has jailed the leaders of the nine-party opposition alliance after they rejected his latest offer to negotiate, and Embassy Islamabad expects the crackdown to lead to further violence and a possible showdown over the fate of the regime. Bhutto instructed provincial governors to give orders March 25 for police to shoot on sight anyone committing violence, damaging property or disturbing communications. In Sind Province, for the first time, the order to shoot has also been given to the army. In Karachi the opposition has called . for a massive demonstration halting both public and private transportation -- setting the stage for a clash with the army, which has been ordered to shoot on sight anyone disrupting transportation. Americans have been advised to remain at home. The embassy comments that the lines have now been firmly drawn. The opposition is committed to Bhutto's political demise, while he is determined to retain power. The outcome will probably be decided in the streets.

Israeli Views of Palestinian National Council Meeting: The official Israeli view of the recent PNC meeting, as presented to Embassy Tel Aviv by foreign ministry officials, is:

- --no change at all occurred in the goals and organization of the PLO;
- --Arafat has been strengthened in his position as PLO chief;
- --the fact that the PLO did not react to the calls for moderation from some Arab governments constitutes a challenge to those governments, and shows that "the PLO leads while the Arab states follow."

Looking beyond the PNC, Israel believes that Arab leaders will argue that the PNC results show that there is a basis for PLO participation at Geneva and that Arafat, given his new strength, is willing to make concessions.

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