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1. On 12 October the Bazaar Committee, which is continuing to take strong action on behalf of former Prime Minister Mossadeq, urged Pan Iranists to send saboteurs to Isfahan. On 13 October saboteurs were sent to Isfahan. The government ordered the Military Governor of Isfahan to take the necessary steps to arrest the saboteurs.
2. The home of Rabil (first name unknown) at Tehran is a joint meeting place for Bazaar Committee and Pan Iranists.
3. At a meeting on 14 October the Bazaar Committee:
  - A. Asked Pan Iranists why their punishment committee had not yet killed Khadem (first name unknown), leader of pro-Zahedi club in the Bazaar.
  - B. Proposed to Pan Iranists demonstration at Tehran on 15 and 16 October during the absence of the Shah and Zahedi, but withdrew the proposal when told that special security precautions were being taken by the government at Tehran on those days.
4. The Bazaar Committee and Pan Iranists plan to kill General Azmudeh, Army Judge Advocate General, and Biyuk Sabehr, who are working closely with Zahedi.
5. The Bazaar Committee is now publishing a newspaper called "Revenge". During the night of 14-15 October 10,000 copies were printed and 3,000 of them distributed.
6. The Bazaar Committee succeeded in persuading Dr. Hassan Ayatollah Imami, the Imam Jume'h, to attempt to secure release of Shamshiri, recently arrested Bazaar merchant who paid medical expenses of Imami when latter was seriously knifed. Imami called on the Shah who referred Imami to Zahedi. Zahedi flatly refused to release Shamshiri.
7. The Bazaar Committee offered General Dadsetan, Tehran Military Governor, 50,000 tomans if he would release Shamshiri. Dadsetan refused.

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8. On 14 October the Bazaar Committee approached Mullah Kashani with the proposal that he cooperate with the Bazaar Committee. Kashani replied that he had always worked with top Bazaar leaders but that the latter had abandoned him. Kashani added that he is now willing to work against Zahedi with top Bazaar men but not with "little men".

9. On 13 October General Dadsetan addressed approximately 90 former members of the "Bazaar Club", which was headed by Nikhpur (first name unknown) until the club was dissolved by Mossadeq. (Source states that Club formerly had semi-official status with branches within each industry in the Bazaar). The group told Dadsetan that it wanted to oppose the Bazaar Committee but could not do so unless Zahedi permitted reopening of the club. Members of the group also told Dadsetan that they would like Zahedi to establish a new department in Cabinet which would deal exclusively with commercial affairs. Dadsetan agreed to discuss these matters with Zahedi.

10. On 14 October Dadsetan spoke to two hundred small shopkeepers, "The Bazaar merchants of second rank", whose leader is Khadem (first name unknown). The latter is bitter opponent of the Pan Iranists. Dadsetan asked the group to work for the government and country. The group agreed and asked only for peace and quiet in which to do business.

11. Dadsetan is working closely with the following important Bazaar leaders on behalf of Zahedi: Nikhpur (first name unknown); Kuroz (first name unknown); Khosrow Shahi; Mohammad Reza Kharazi; Nemazi (first name unknown); a relative of Mohammad Nemazi, residing in Washington, D.C.