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- Perspectives on the region's role in the Cold War conflict
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- Personality profiles on key figures such as Colonel Qaddafi and Anwar Sadat



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