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1. On 6 October Prime Minister Zahedi stated that he considered the closing of the Senate by former Prime Minister Mossadeq illegal despite the Shah's firman because the Senate is part of the Iranian organic law.

2. Zahedi has been promised by senators that they will not hold formal session until the Majlis is convened.

3. Zahedi and Hoseyn Makki, pro-Zahedi Majlis Deputy, had violent disagreements over proposed Senate re-opening. Makki threatened to "beat" any senator who attempted to attend a session of the Senate. Zahedi declared that he would order Makki shot if he molested the senators.

4. On 26 September Zahedi gave Mullah Behbehani 10,000 tomans (approximately \$1,200) and again on 3 October 5,000 tomans (approximately \$600).

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