

# News from Senator

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## ABSENCE OF POLICY PROLONGS HOSTAGE CRISIS, DOLE SAYS

KANSAS CITY, Kan. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today called on the Carter Administration to renew efforts for the release of the American hostages in Iran, on this, their 300th day of captivity.

"It is unfortunate that as we have reached the 300th day of captivity for the American hostages in Iran, the Carter Administration seems intent on ignoring the fate of these hostages in order to downplay the lack of any effective efforts to date to secure their release," Dole said.

"In spite of all our hopes, these 52 hostages appear no closer to freedom today than they did 300 days ago. It is with great personal sadness that once again I must join with other peace-loving people around the world to ask for the release of these Americans. For I remember that similar pleas went unheeded on the 100th and 200th days of captivity.

"But we must face the fact that this Administration's policy of wait-and-see, refusing to take advantage of peaceful pressures we can exert on the economic or international fronts, has yielded nothing.

"This policy of non-action holds grave consequences not only for the freedom of these hostages, but for future terrorist attacks on our diplomatic installations. Furthermore, how we deal with this crisis will determine if we will have to confront similar milestones in the future, when other American diplomats may face such dangerous circumstances.

"In attempting to get these 52 individuals released, we must not carelessly mortgage the future safety of Americans by giving in to any demand by the barbarous government which actively supports such international terrorism. If this Iranian government has legitimate complaints against the shah's regime, there are international courts of law from which they can receive a fair hearing.

"We all pray for the safe release of these Americans, who like our prisoners of war in past conflicts, have honorably served their nation."