

**Today in Georgia History**  
**November 4, 1979**  
**Iranian Hostage Crisis**

**Suggested Readings**

“General Article: Iranian Hostage Crisis.” *PBS, American Experience*

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/general-article/carter-hostage-crisis/>

“20 Years After the Hostages”

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB21>

The National Security Archive at George Washington University publishes an electronic briefing book of declassified national security documents on U.S.-Iran relations.

“Held Hostage in Iran: A First Tour Like No Other.”

<https://www.cia.gov/library/center-for-the-study-of-intelligence/csi-publications/csi-studies/studies/spring98/iran.html>

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Carter in advisor meeting about IHC

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Group of Hostages with Welcome Home Banner

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Iran Hostage Crisis student demonstration, Washington DC, 1979

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Iranian people gather before the US Embassy in Tehran, November 6, 1979

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Man heckles Iranians demonstrating for Khomeini at police line in Washington, DC, 1980

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Middle Eastern students march in Lafayette Park, Washington, DC, 1980  
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One of 60 US Hostages, blindfolded, November 9, 1979  
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Portrait of the Shah  
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President Jimmy Carter announces new sanctions against Iran  
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President Jimmy Carter announces new sanctions against Iran  
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President Jimmy Carter speaks to reporters at White House, Washington DC about the Crisis  
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President Jimmy Carter walking to meet about the Iranian Hostage Crisis at Camp David, Maryland, 1980  
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President Jimmy Carter, Oval office  
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President Ronald Reagan delivering his inaugural address  
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Shah Leaves Iran for Indefinite Stay  
New York Times, January 17, 1979  
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Wreckage after failed rescue attempt, April 27, 1980  
**Courtesy of the Associated Press, 800427062**