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TEHRAN (AP) - Iran's recently fired foreign minister told a local news agency that he had not been aware of plans to remove him from his post when he left on a mission to west Africa. Manouchehr Mottaki told Mehr news agency, in a report issued December 19, that he was "never informed" about the dismissal while on his trip. Mottaki called the dismissal during the mission "un-diplomatic and offensive."