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NEAR EAST - AFRICA BRIEF

UNIFORM IN SLANTS. REMAINING INFO RELEASABLE TO

1. CYPRUS. NEW CLASHES BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS APPEAR LIKELY FOLLOWING THE VIOLENCE IN NICOSIA ON 21 AND 22 DEC.

BOTH PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AND TURKISH CYPRIOT VICE PRESIDENT KUCRUK ACKNOWLEDGED THE DANGER OF THE SITUATION. KUCRUK SAID HE WAS UNCERTAIN HOW LONG HE COULD CONTROL HIS PEOPLE. BECAUSE OF THE HIGH STATE OF TENSION ON THE ISLAND, MAKARIOS SAID, HE WILL NOW MOVE MORE SLOWLY THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED IN FISHING FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE.

MAKARIOS, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH AN ATHENS NEWS PAPER ON 21 DEC, DECLARED NULL AND VOID THE TREATY BY WHICH BRITAIN, GREECE, AND TURKEY GUARANTEED THE INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SECURITY OF CYPRUS. THIS TREATY, A PART OF THE CYPRUS SETTLEMENT OF 1960, GRANTED TO THE GUARANTORS THE RIGHT TO

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INTERVENE ON CYPRUS TO PRESERVE THE "STATE OF AFFAIRS ESTABLISHED BY THE BASIC ARTICLES OF THE CYPRIOT CONSTITUTION."

TURKISH CYPRIOTS VIEW THIS TREATY, PROVIDING AS IT DOES FOR DIRECT INTERVENTION BY TURKEY, AS AN ESSENTIAL SAFEGUARD AGAINST ATTEMPTS TO ABSORB THEIR COMMUNITY IN A GREEK CYPRIOT STATE. MAKARIOS, HOWEVER, REGARDS THE TREATY AS A BASIC OBSTACLE TO HIS EFFORTS TO REVISE THE CONSTITUTION. HE CHARGES THAT THE TREATY IS CONTRARY TO PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND HAS WARNED THAT, IF NECESSARY, HE WILL BRING THE ISSUE BEFORE THE UN. (CONF)

2. SAUDI ARABIA: //THE ACUTE PHASE OF THE CRISIS IN THE SAUDI ROYAL FAMILY APPEARS TO HAVE PASSED. KING SAUD HAS WITHDRAWN THE UNITS OF THE ROYAL GUARD SURROUNDING HIS PALACE. ALTHOUGH THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT HAVE REPORTEDLY NOT YET BEEN WORKED OUT, IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE KING HAS ACQUIESCED IN CROWN PRINCE FAISAL'S CONTINUED CONTROL OF SAUDI AFFAIRS.//

3. NEXT BRITISH DEC.

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