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ROUTINE

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BERN LOND AMMA ADDI BERN MADH ANKA ALGI DONN PARI
MUNI BAGH KHAR LISB COPE NASO BEIR LEOP HEXI FROB NEWD
DAMA RABA NOBI HAGU VIEN KAH IPLI SAGO HEID ATHE JIDD
TNIS CYRU TEHE CNBR OSLO CAIR MOGA PACY GNVA ROME FRAN

FORAND

NEAR EAST AFRICA BRIEF

(INFO RELEASABLE TO LIAISON. NO NOFORN IN THIS MESSAGE)

1. SYRIA: THE POWER STRUGGLE WITHIN THE SYRIAN REGIME AP
PEARS TO BE RESOLVING IN FAVOR OF THE MODERATE FACTION LED BY
PREMIER HAFIZ.

EFFORTS BY HAFIZ, A MILITARY MEMBER OF THE BAATH PARTY, TO
ASSOCIATE THE REGIME WITH NON-BAATHI POLITICAL ELEMENTS HAVE GAINED
MOMENTUM, AND BAATHIST EXTREMISTS LED BY VICE PREMIER UMRAN WHO
OPPOSE THIS MOVE ARE BEING ECLIPSED. GENERAL UMRAN STILL OCCUPIES
HIS GOVERNMENTAL POST, HOWEVER, AND DESPERATE COUNTERACTION BY HIM
AND HIS SUPPORTERS IN THE ARMY AND THE BAATH DOMINATED NATIONAL
GUARD CANNOT BE COMPLETELY DISCOUNTED.

THERE IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY THAT PRO-NASIR GROUPS WILL TRY TO
EXPLOIT THE DIVISION WITHIN THE REGIME BY ATTEMPTING TO SEIZE POWER.

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