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BOOK MESSAGE IN RELAY

ROUTINE

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BRUN LOND AMMA AEDI HERN MASH ANKA ALIA LONG PARI
 MUNI BAGH KHAR LISB COPE NASO BEIR LEOP MEXI FROB NEWD
 DAMA RABA NOBI HAGU VIEN KAHY TPLI SAGO HEID ATHE JIDD
 TNIS CYRU TEEH CHER OSLO CAIR MOGA PACY CNVA ROHE FRAN

PBSAND

NEAR EAST - AFRICA BRIEF

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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 BAAATH PARTY, TO
 ASSOCIATE THE REGIME WITH NON-BAAATH POLITICAL ELEMENTS HAVE GAINED
 MOMENTUM, AND BAAATHIST 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 BAAATH DOMINATED NATIONAL
 GUARD CANNOT BE COMPLETELY DISCOUNTED.

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

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