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NEAR EAST - AFRICA BRIEF

(INFO IN SLANTS, REMAINING INFO RELEASABLE TO LIASOON.)

1. CYPRUS: //EXPLOSION OF A BOMB AT THE BASE OF A MONUMENT TO A GREEK CYPRIOT IN NICOSIA ON 3 DEC IS LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO A FURTHER DETERIORATION IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES. THE INCIDENT FOLLOWED PRESIDENT MAKARIOS' PLEDGE, BUT STILL UNPUBLISHED, PROMISE TO TURKISH CYPRIOT VICE PRESIDENT EUCUK OF THE GREEKS' DEMANDS FOR REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION. REPORTS THAT A GREEK CYPRIOT ~~WAS~~ ~~BEING~~ ~~TRAINED~~ ~~BY~~ ~~A~~ ~~GREEK~~ ~~ARMY~~ ~~OFFICER~~ ~~STATIONED~~ ~~ON~~ ~~CYPRUS~~ ~~ARE~~ ~~ANOTHER~~ ~~INDICATION~~ ~~OF~~ ~~THE~~ ~~INCREASINGLY~~ ~~TENSE~~ ~~ATMOSPHERE~~ ~~ON~~ ~~THE~~ ~~ISLAND~~ //

2. EGYPT - SAUDI ARABIA: CAIRO MAY BE PREPARING A MAJOR PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF SAUDI ARABIA IN ANTICIPATION OF A NEW CRISIS OVER THE YEMEN DISARMAMENT ISSUE. RECENT EGYPTIAN

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//WHILE THE ANTI-BAATHIST FACTION NOW APPEARS TO HAVE THE UPPER HAND, THE FATE OF 4TH DIVISION COMMANDER MASRAT IS NOT CERTAIN. A DEDICATED BAATHIST, HE REPORTEDLY HAS SURROUNDED BAGDAD IN THE EXPECTATION OF A SHOWDOWN. IF HE STILL RETAINS HIS COMMAND HE MAY ATTEMPT TO REDRESS THE PRESENT SITUATION.//

//THE DECAY OF THE BAATHIST POSITION IN IRAQ IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO FURTHER UNDERMINE THE POSITION OF THE PARTY IN THE SYRIA.

4. SOMALI: //A RASH OF RAIDS FROM THE NEIGHBORING SOMALI REPUBLICS INTO KENYA'S NORTHEASTERN REGION MAY BE THE START OF A GUERRILLA CAMPAIGN TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE REGION'S SOMALI HABITANTS ARE DETERMINED TO SECEDE FROM KENYA.//

//IN NOV., GROUPS OF ARMED SOMALIS CONDUCTED AT LEAST TEN WELL-PLANNED RAIDS INTO KENYA FROM SAFE HAVENS ACROSS THE SOMALI BORDER. BRITISH POLICE ESTIMATE THAT OVER 300 SOMALIS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE INCURSIONS AND THEY FEEL THAT THE RAIDERS' RIFLES AND GRENADES PROBABLY CAME FROM SOMALI POLICE STOCKS. RADIO MOGADISCIO HAS LONG BEAMED VITRIOLIC PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS INTO THE NORTHEASTERN REGION.//

//SOMALI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE CATEGORICALLY DENIED IMPLICATING THE ATTACKS ON TRAVELING COMMANDOS FOR OPERATIONS IN KENYA. THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THESE DENIALS. THE MOGADISCIO

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... POLITICAL LEADERS LOOK ON A NATIONAL COALITION OF ALL PARTIES PARTICIPATING ON ONE FORMED BY HIS REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY. CIVILIAN PARTY CANNOT FORM. GOVERNMENT AND MUST BRIDGE THE COALITION FOR NEITHER FORM IS MAINTAINED TO SHOW THAT THE OPPOSITION JUSTICE

6. THEREBY: THE TURKISH CABINET CRISIS PERSISTING, PARTIAL AND THE INTENTIONS OF ITS COMMANDER ARE UNCLEAR. (CONT)

INTERMEDIARIES, BUT THE ARMY UNIT REMAINS IN CAMP NEAR THE CAPITAL. HIS MEN OUTLINED. AN AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN WORKED OUT BY FOR THE ARMY, DEPTI WAS PLACED TO BATH DOWN WITH THE OFFICER AND REMOVAL. PRESUMABLY BECAUSE HE HAD AGREED FOR CERTAIN BENEFITS HANDING OFFICER OF A NEW ARMY COMPANY. AFTER GRABING THE OFFICER'S BARRACKS AT THE SUCCESSFUL TERMINATION OF HIS AGREEMENT BY THE COM- 5. NOTES: HIGH PRESIDENT ERDOGAN'S COMMANDER HAS

... ECONOMIC STATE OF TURKEY //

... ASSISTANCE. WITH A RESPECT AMOUNT OF MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR THE DIS- MARCH, AND MAY BEEN SENT DIRECTLY TO ERDOGAN'S DIRECT MATERIAL GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, IS FACED WITH DIFFICULT GENERAL PLANNING THAT

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7. PAKISTAN: THE DEATH OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER SURHAWARDY DEPRIVES OPPOSITION FORCES IN PAKISTAN OF THE ONE LEADER ABLE TO UNITE THEM AGAINST THE AYUB REGIME. THE OPPOSITION WAS ALREADY DISHEARTENED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S IMPRESSIVE SHOWING IN RECENT BY-ELECTIONS. ALTHOUGH SOME OPPOSITION LEADERS MAY TRY TO USE THE NEWS OF SURHAWARDY'S DEATH TO FOCUS ANTI-REGIME SENTIMENT, THE BASIC EFFECT PROBABLY WILL BE TO DISCOURAGE THE OPPOSITION STILL FURTHER.
(CONT)

8. CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE): THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN BRAZZAVILLE REMAINS CONFUSED AND HIGHLY UNSTABLE AS THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT PREPARES FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM AND ELECTIONS.

BOTH THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND THE CANDIDATES FOR THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE, WHO RUN UNOPPOSED, WILL PROBABLY BE STRONGLY ENDORSED BY THE VOTERS ON 8 DEC.

THE SUPERIOR PRESTIGE OF MODERATE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT LEADER MASSAMBA-DEBAT MAY SECURE HIS ELECTION TO THE PRESIDENCY WHEN AN ELECTORAL COLLEGE VOTES THAT OVER ON 19 DEC. HIS ELECTION, HOWEVER, IS NOT CERTAIN AND IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT POWER THE PRESIDENT

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WILL ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO WIELD.

A NUMBER OF LEFTIST UNIONISTS AND YOUTH LEADERS ARE AMONG THE 55 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES. SOME OF THESE LEFTISTS MAY GET IMPORTANT MINISTERIAL POSTS WHEN THE CABINET IS FORMED LATE THIS MONTH. THEY PROBABLY WILL PRESS THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT A MORE RECEPTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SOVIET BLOC AND MAY CALL FOR THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE USSR.

THE LEFTISTS MAY ALSO SEEK TO EXPLOIT THE PRESENT SITUATION WHICH HAS RECENTLY DEVELOPED REGARDING NEIGHBORING CABINDA, WHERE PORTUGUESE POLICE PURSUING NATIONALIST INSURGENTS HAVE CROSSED THE BORDER INTO THE CONGO ON SEVERAL RECENT OCCASIONS. THERE HAVE BEEN CLASHES BETWEEN PORTUGUESE AND CONGO ARMY TROOPS. (CONF)

9. MIDDLE EAST OIL: MAJOR INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES AND SECRETARY GENERAL ROUHANI OF THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES (OPEC) STILL HAVE NOT REACHED AGREEMENT IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING INCREASED OIL REVENUE FOR MIDDLE EASTERN PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

BECAUSE THE COMPANIES REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE OPEC AS A BARGAINING AGENT ROUHANI WANTS TO RECONSTITUTE THE ANTI-OIL OPEC MEMBERS.

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HE IS NEGOTIATING, HOWEVER, ON THE BASIS OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT AN OPEC MEETING LAST YEAR.

THE WESTERN OIL CONSORTIUM OPERATING IN IRAN, ACTING AS LEAD MAN FOR THE MAJOR COMPANIES, HAS OFFERED A FORMULA WHICH WOULD INCREASE PAYMENTS TO THE MIDDLE EASTERN GOVERNMENTS BY ABOUT THREE AND A HALF CENTS PER BARREL, BUT SOUVAZI UP TO NOW HAS BEEN HOLDING OUT FOR A MUCH LARGER RISE. THERE IS A DISAGREEMENT ON A NUMBER OF POINTS RELATING TO THE METHOD OF CALCULATING THE GOVERNMENTS' SHARES. ON 4 DEC A MEETING OF OPEC REPRESENTATIVES IN BEIRUT ANNOUNCED REJECTION OF THE CONSORTIUM'S PROPOSALS.

SOUVAZI'S POSITION IS SOMEWHAT WEAKENED BY AN APPARENT TENDENCY OF THREE LEADING OPEC MEMBERS--KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA, AND IRAN--TO TAKE A MORE FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE THAN SOUVAZI SEEMS TO FAVOR.

THE OPEC MEMBERS (VENEZUELA, LIBYA, SAUDI ARABIA, QATAR, IRAN, KUWAIT, INDONESIA) WILL DISCUSS POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION AT THEIR NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN SAUDI ARABIA 24 DEC AT RIYADH. (CONF)

10. MOROCCO: THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY IS RECONSIDERING A PROPOSITION ANNOUNCED IN OCTOBER TO REINSTATE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH

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CUBA IN RETALIATION FOR CUBA'S MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ALGERIA.

ON 2 DEC, THE ACTING MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER RECEIVED A CUBAN "GOODWILL" DELEGATION DISPATCHED TO RESUME KING HASSAN II TO RESUME NORMAL RELATIONS. AN OFFICIAL IN THE SPANISH EMBASSY IN RABAT, WHO BELIEVES THAT THE RECEPTION OF THE DELEGATION PASSES OFFICIAL REESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS, CLAIMS THAT SOVIET DIPLOMATS ARE USING THEIR INFLUENCE TO KEEP THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN MOROCCO.

DESPITE MOROCCO'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT RELATIONS WERE RESTORED WITH CUBA, THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR ^{JA} HAS CONTINUED TO ATTEND FUNCTIONS AND TO FLY THE CUBAN FLAG AT HIS CHANCERY IN RABAT, CREATING SOME EMBARRASSMENT FOR THE MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. (CONT)

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