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TITLE: LEBANON: HIZBALLAH INCREASING ITS RANKS (U) (>MUSLIM+STUDENT+UNION,
>DAWA+PARTY, >UIU, IRAN, >ISLAMIC+JIHAD)

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COUNTRY:
(u) LEBANON (LE)

SUBJECT:
(u) HIZBALLAH INCREASING ITS RANKS (U)

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- T-3C1-43045, D-DCA-42357
SOURCE: (U) 25X1
SUMMARY: (U) LEADERSHIP AND ATTENDED A HIZBALLAH RALLY ON 841002.
CLAIMS TO HAVE INCORPORATED MINOR SHIITE MILITIAS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF HIS RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT.
THAT HE CAN PUT APPROXIMATELY 6000 HIZBALLAH FIGHTERS ON THE STREETS OF WEST BEIRUT. HIZBALLAH IS REPORTED TO BE A MODERATE RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT OPPOSED TO SHIITE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP.

TEXT: (S/NF) 1.
THE LEADER OF THE HIZBALLAH (PARTY OF GOD) AND OTHER HIZBALLAH LEADERS ON 841002.
IN ADDITION, IN THE BASTA SECTION (YC 3152) OF WEST BEIRUT DURING THE EVENING OF 841002.
2. CLAIMS THAT THEY HAVE ALMOST 6000 FIGHTERS THEY CAN PUT ON THE STREETS OF WEST BEIRUT AT ANY TIME.
TO HAVE CONSOLIDATED MINOR SHIITE MILITIAS UNDER HIZBALLAH. THE MUSLIM STUDENTS UNION, DAWA PARTY, JUNDALLAH AND SHEIKH SUBHI (TUFAYLI'S) UNION OF ISLAMIC ULEMA ARE NOW UNDER DIRECT CONTROL OF FADLALLAH.
BY RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND DOES NOT TRUST OR RECEIVE ANY ORDERS FROM POLITICAL LEADERS.
WAS MODERATE IN HIS COMMENT AND IS MODERATE IN HIS APPROACH TO SECURING THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF THE LEBANESE SHIITE POPULATION.
3. APPROXIMATELY 3000 PEOPLE ATTENDING THE HIZBALLAH RALLY ON THE EVENING OF 841002.
MANY WERE WOMEN AND CHILDREN, BUT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF THE ATTENDEES APPEARED TO BE MEN IN THEIR EARLY TWENTIES. EACH MAJOR POINT OF FADLALLAH'S SPEECH WAS GREATEN WITH SHOUTS OF "ONWARD TOWARD JERUSALEM" AND "THE REVOLUTION UNTIL VICTORY."
4. STATED THAT HIZBALLAH DOES NOT HAVE ANY ASSOCIATION WITH ISLAMIC JIHAD. CLAIMS THAT ISLAMIC JIHAD IS NOTHING MORE THAN A "TELEPHONE ORGANIZATION."
COMMENTS: (S/NF) 1. (S/NF) IT IS VERY POSSIBLE HIZBALLAH INCORPORATED SOME OF THE SMALLER SHIITE MILITIAS. DAWA AND THE ISLAMIC STUDENTS UNION WERE PREVIOUSLY UNDER THE CONTROL OF FADLALLAH. TUFAYLI IS OUT OF BEIRUT AND HIS FOLLOWERS WHO REMAINED IN WEST BEIRUT MAY HAVE TAKEN UP WITH HIZBALLAH. THE UNIFICATION OF MINOR RADICAL SHIITE MILITIAS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF A STRICTLY RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT (HIZBALLAH) COULD PRESENT A SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE.
TO LEBANESE SHIITE POLITICAL LEADER NABIH ((BERRI)) AND HIS AMAL MOVEMENT.
2. (S//NF) WE DOUBT THAT HIZBALLAH CAN PUT APPROXIMATELY 6000 FIGHTERS ON THE STREET OF WEST BEIRUT AT THIS TIME. OUR BEST ESTIMATES INDICATE THAT BETWEEN TWO AND THREE THOUSAND IS A MORE ACCURATE FIGURE.

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- DB-8C, NHIC, DC-4A, OS-1B
COUNTRY: LEBANON (LE)
SUBJECT: HIZBALLAH INCREASING
PROJ: N/A
COLL: NONE
INSTR: US NO
PREP: N/A
APPR: N/A
EVAL: NO REL TO: NONE
ENCL: N/A
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