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1. ANGOLA-SOUTH AFRICA: IMPACT OF RAID

//THE US-SPONSORED TALKS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND ANGOLA FOR A REGIONAL SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBABLY WILL SUFFER A SETBACK AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT SOUTH AFRICAN RAID NEAR THE GULF OIL FACILITY IN CABINDA.//

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//LUANDA PROBABLY WILL USE THE RAID TO JUSTIFY THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA.// [REDACTED] b3

2. KUWAIT-IRAN: REACTION TO ATTACK ON AMIR

//ARAB STATES IN THE PERSIAN GULF HAVE GIVEN THEIR STRONG SUPPORT TO KUWAIT'S REFUSAL TO ACCEDE TO THE DEMANDS OF ISLAMIC JIHAD TO RELEASE THOSE CONVICTED FOR THE DECEMBER 1983 BOMBING, AND ISLAMIC JIHAD, IN A PRESS STATEMENT FROM BEIRUT, HAS ISSUED A NEW WARNING TO "WESTERN IMPERIALISTS" AND ARAB GULF RULERS.// [REDACTED] b3

// [REDACTED] b3 DESCRIBES THE MOOD IN KUWAIT AS ONE OF "SPUNKY DEFIANCE" AND SAYS KUWAITIS ARE CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE DEATH SENTENCES AGAINST SEVERAL OF THE DAWA PRISONERS. MUTED CRITICISM OF THE SECURITY SERVICE IS ALSO EMERGING.// [REDACTED] b3

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//IRAN HAS DENIED IT HAD A ROLE IN THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AND IS SEEKING TO REASSURE THE GULF STATES OF ITS PEACEFUL INTENTIONS.// [REDACTED] b3

COMMENT: //THE APPARENT EASE WITH WHICH THE TERRORISTS WERE ABLE TO NEARLY ASSASSINATE KUWAIT'S RULER HAS ALARMED THE OTHER GULF RULERS, WHO BELIEVE THAT THEY, TOO, ARE TARGETS AND WHO WORRY THAT SUCH ATTACKS ARE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO AVOID.// [REDACTED] b3

//KUWAIT'S LEADERS WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO STRIKE A DEAL WITH TEHRAN--WHICH THEY VIEW AS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ATTACK AND THE DECEMBER 1984 HIJACKING OF A KUWAITI AIRLINER IN WHICH TWO AMERICANS WERE KILLED--IN WHICH THE PRISONERS WOULD BE GRADUALLY RELEASED. THE LEADERS WILL NOT ACT AGAINST THE STRONG PUBLIC CONSENSUS, HOWEVER, WHICH IS CALLING FOR A HARD LINE AGAINST TERRORISM. THE ATTACK WILL ALSO INCREASE SECTARIAN TENSIONS AS KUWAITI SUNNIS SEEK TO FIND SCAPEGOATS IN THE LOCAL SHIA AND IRANIAN COMMUNITIES.// [REDACTED] b3

3. LEBANON: SHIA-PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE

//FIGHTING CONTINUES NEAR BEIRUT BETWEEN SHIA AMAL MILITIAMEN, SUPPORTED BY THE LARGELY SHIA LEBANESE ARMY 6TH BRIGADE, AND VARIOUS PALESTINIAN FACTIONS. [REDACTED] b1 b3

[REDACTED] SYRIAN VICE PRESIDENT KHADDAM CONTINUES TO WORK FOR A CEASE-FIRE.// [REDACTED] b3

[REDACTED] //SYRIA'S EFFORTS TO END THE FIGHTING SEEM TO BE INTENSIFYING, WHILE AMAL'S SEEM TO BE SLACKENING. AMAL MIGHT LOOK TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO PRESERVE ITS GAINS AND PREVENT THE PALESTINIANS FROM REASSERTING THEMSELVES. SYRIA MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO FIND A GROUP TO SECURE THE CAMPS THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO AMAL AND THE PALESTINIANS.// [REDACTED] b3

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