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2. ETHIOPIA: PUSHING RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

//ADDIS ABABA IS PRESSING AHEAD WITH ITS MASSIVE RESETTLEMENT EFFORT AND RECENTLY HAS TAKEN STEPS TO COLLECTIVIZE THE PEASANTS ALREADY MOVED TO THE SOUTH.// [REDACTED]

//OVER 250,000 PEASANTS HAVE BEEN RELOCATED FROM THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN AREAS OF NORTHERN ETHIOPIA, OUT OF 1.5 MILLION THAT THE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO MOVE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
MOSCOW HAS PROVIDED AIR TRANSPORTATION, A FIELD HOSPITAL, MEDICAL TEAMS, AND EQUIPMENT TO CARE FOR THE SETTLERS IN THE RELOCATION AREAS.// [REDACTED]

//A RECENT GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED TOUR OF SEVERAL CAMPS IN SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA, HOWEVER, REVEALED A SHORTAGE OF FARMING IMPLEMENTS, POOR MORALE, AND INADEQUATE HOUSING. AT LEAST SEVERAL HUNDRED SETTLERS REPORTEDLY HAVE FLED THE CAMPS AND ENTERED SUDAN. [REDACTED] ADDIS ABABA HAS STATIONED MILITARY PERSONNEL AT THE SITES TO PREVENT ADDITIONAL PEASANTS FROM LEAVING.// [REDACTED]

//THE REGIME RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT IT SOON WILL BE SENDING A CADRE OF MORE THAN 2,000 PARTY MEMBERS TO ORGANIZE THE RESETTLEMENT CAMPS. [REDACTED] THIS SIGNALS THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO MOVE RAPIDLY ON ITS PLANS TO COLLECTIVIZE THE SETTLERS. US FOOD AID ALREADY HAS BEEN DIVERTED TO A RESETTLEMENT SITE, [REDACTED]// [REDACTED]

COMMENT: //EFFORTS TO COLLECTIVIZE THE CONSERVATIVE NORTHERN PEASANTS ARE SURE TO CAUSE UNREST IN THE RESETTLEMENT SITES AND LEAD TO INCREASED DEFECTIONS. EVEN WITH SOVIET ASSISTANCE, THE REGIME WILL BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SUPPORT FOR THE NUMBER OF SETTLERS IT PLANS TO MOVE.// [REDACTED]

//ADDIS ABABA PROBABLY CALCULATES THAT THE WEST WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE SETTLERS ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN MOVED RATHER THAN STAND ASIDE AS THOUSANDS DIE. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ALREADY HAS DECIDED TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, AND A FEW WESTERN GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY AUSTRALIA, ARE LEANING TOWARD PROVIDING AID.// [REDACTED]

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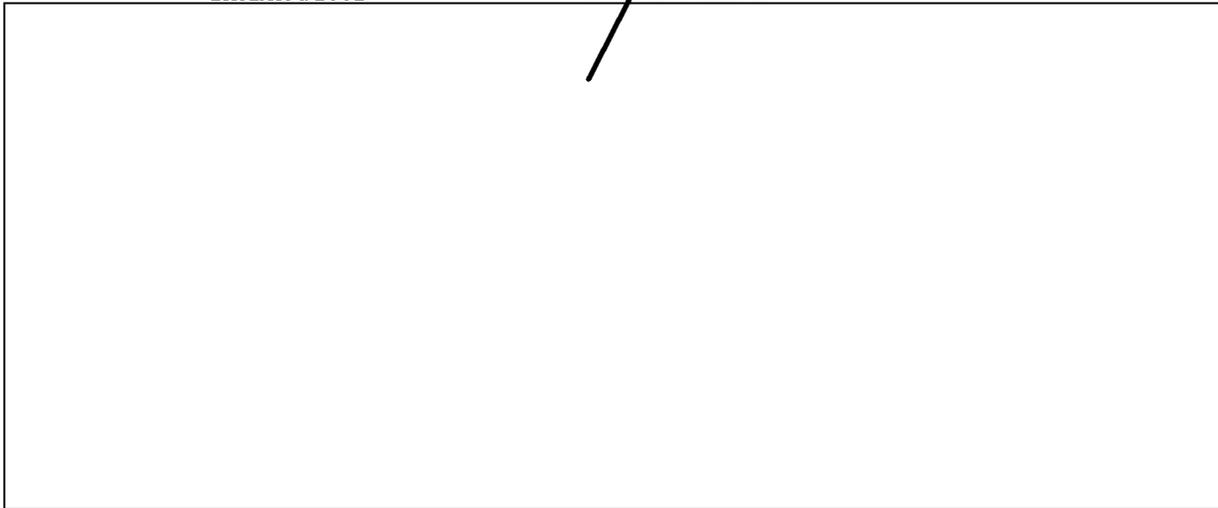
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