



and Sami Musa Kazim Pasha. These two men, Abdul Qadir's present lieutenants, are reported to have the final word in most questions of policy which they consider with their immediate chief.

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(vi) <sup>(End)</sup> Dr. Khalidi is stated to estimate from his own observation that the number of rifles held by Arabs in all Palestine is about 10,000 or 12,000. Of these 4,000 are computed by him to be in the Nablus area, 4,000 in the Hebron area, and the remainder distributed throughout the country. The main part of the total is reported to have been in Palestine before the disturbances began; most of the remainder came from Egypt.

(vii) Profiteering in arms continues: a "bomb" priced at from 3-7 piastres in Egypt is stated to cost a pound or a pound and a half in Palestine. The number of rifles brought in is described as insufficient; that of bombs not more than "a few hundred". Dr. Khalidi and Hilmi Pasha are stated to fear that if the present trend in the Arab-Jewish incidents is maintained, fighting will inevitably become concentrated in the towns, giving an advantage to the Jews.

(viii) The Arabs are alarmed at reports that a Jewish-owned civilian aircraft dropped messages recently to Jewish armed bodies in the Hebron area. The danger represented to the Arabs by the possibility that the Jews may use aircraft for bombing is strongly felt. On that account, the result of an enquiry into the matter which the British authorities are believed to have in hand is awaited with anxiety.