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1. Source states that the Grand Mufti has recently received a large sum of money from one or more of three sources: King FARUK of Egypt; 'IBN SA'UD of Arabia; Mufti followers in Pakistan.
2. Indications of the receipt of money are based on the fact that the Mufti is again paying ten Palestinian pounds monthly to each Arab Higher Committee family which lost a son in the war with Israel. He is also paying a large group of his followers twenty, thirty, or forty Palestinian pounds monthly, depending on their positions.
3. Source states that the Grand Mufti has had a medal struck--a special decoration for those of his followers who distinguished themselves in the fighting. This medal comes in three types or grades: the highest of the three, awarded for extreme heroism only, is made of gold and silver, and depicts the Mosque of Omar and the Holy Sepulchre. Source states that he has seen this medal. Only three have been awarded, one to the family of the deceased 'Abd-al-Qadir HUSAYNI, one to Shaykh Hasan SALAMAH, and one to Ibrahim ~~ABU-SAYTA~~ ^{ABU-DIYA}.

Field Note: For 'Abd-al-Qadir HUSAYNI, see RLB-136. For Hasan SALAMAH, see RLB-17.

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