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Subject: Current Attitude of Ex-Grand Mufti Toward the RCC Report No: MEC-774
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Source: A regular source with good contacts among the Ikhwan-al-Muslimin (C) from a member of the Syrian Ikhwan (P.)

1. The ex-Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin al-HUBAYYI, ^{h-c} complains that he is being completely neglected by the Egyptian Government. He stated that during the September 1954 arrests of Ikhwan-al-Muslimin, ^(Muslim Brotherhood) guards in front of his house made each visitor to the Mufti sign his full name and the purpose of his visit in a special book. When the Mufti complained of this to the Ministry of Interior, the book was removed.

2. The Mufti promised all possible help for the Islamic Congress scheduled for January 1955. He plans to ⁷ contact all his friends to encourage them to support Said RAMADAN, exiled Egyptian Ikhwan leader currently in Damascus, in his preparations for the Congress. He also plans to discuss with RAMADAN during 1955 the financial problems and special propaganda measures involved in plans for the Congress. ^{He also plans to}

3. The Mufti stated that the ^{Islamic} RCC-sponsored Islamic Congress in Mecca would certainly be boycotted by Islamic political leaders and that ^(King) Saud was prepared to drop the plan as a result of the cooling of Saudi-Egyptian relations. ⁷

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caused partially by the insufficient answers given the King in connection with the Ikhwan issue. ^(para 3000) The Mufti declared that he had never favored the KCC-sponsored Mecca Congress, but that he would support Said RAMADAN's plans for the Jerusalem Congress because the main purpose of the Jerusalem Congress is to "maintain a unified front against the Jewish state."

2. Field Comment. Al Ahram of 15 December 1954 denied the rumor that the ex-Mufti will take up his permanent residence in Saudi Arabia.

1. Washington Comment: See CS-54230 of 8 December 1954 + CS-(sec 957) for accounts of activities of Said Ramadan and other so-called Egyptian Ikhwan leaders in connection with the Jerusalem Congress.

2. Washington Comment: CS-54315 of a reliable source reported that al-Badawi has not been coordinating the activities of the Secretariat of the Islamic Congress with King Saud. As a result, Badawi is to go to Saudi Arabia to brief the King.

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