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The Activities of HAJ AMIN AL HUSSEINI, ex-Mufti of JERUSALEM

1. HAJ AMIN AL HUSSEINI, ^{AVP the ex-Grand Mufti} ~~ex-Mufti~~ of JERUSALEM, arrived in SYRIA in early July, 1956, with instructions from President ~~AL-BACHR~~ ^{Abd-al-Nasr} to confer with exiled leaders of the ~~Islamic Brotherhood~~ ^{Islamic Brotherhood} concerning the effect of their propaganda in Arab and Muslim countries.

With the help of their supporters in DAMASCUS, they have produced a weekly paper ^{Pub. Al-Nasr} and a weekly magazine, ^{Pub. Al-Islam} ~~AL-ISLAM~~. He was particularly concerned about the effect of the Islamic Congress at the end of June.

2. HAJ AMIN had discussions with leading ~~Islamic~~ ^{Islamic} Brothers ^{over a two-week period} at the end of which they ~~finally agreed with them that they should stop their propaganda activities and cooperate with the Egyptian regime.~~ ^{finally agreed with them that they should stop their propaganda activities and cooperate with the Egyptian regime.} Their terms were these:

- a. ~~The~~ ^{Hasan al-Hudaybi} release of their leader ~~and~~ ^{the} return of all his confiscated property, and compensation to be made for his material and moral losses.
- b. ~~Cancellation~~ ^{Brotherhood} of the decrees outlawing the ~~Islamic~~ ^{Brotherhood} sects in EGYPT, with a return of their property and compensation for their losses. Compensation to be given also for the families of those sentenced to death.

HAJ AMIN ~~has~~ ^{agreed} undertaken to transmit these terms to President ~~AL-BACHR~~ ^{Abd-al-Nasr}.

3. ^{Haji Amin} ~~He~~ was asked by the Syrian government to supervise the preparation of ~~cadres~~ ^{Fedayin units} in SYRIA, composed of Palestinian youths, for sabotage inside ISRAEL. ^(cont. w/ para 5 on next page) There are at present in SYRIA ten ~~Fedayin~~ ^{Fedayin} units, each consisting of 50 men ^{who are between 25 and 30 years old}. They are expected to operate. Their training is being carried out by Egyptian, Syrian and Curman officers.

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Their preparation includes infiltration into ISRAEL for operational intelligence purposes, for periods of up to a week, during which they ^{are to} become familiar with conditions and defences, ^{to learn} and learn where they can find refuge in Arab families. (cont. v. w) (para 6 below.)

5. In August, ^{Falawin} ^{Matib}
The leader of No. 1 Fedayeen Unit is FA-ZI AL-KURDI of JERUSALEM.
A ^{10 years} years old, aged about 30, he is a follower of the ex-offi. who sent him to GILLY for training during ^{the Second World War} ~~the Second World War~~. ^{Al-Qutb} ^{Abd al-Qadir al-Husayni}
PALESTINE, near JERICHO, and joined ~~ABDUL-KADER AL-HUSAYNI~~ and HASAN ~~AL-KHAYRI~~ during the Jerusalem battles. His activities included the blowing

up of the Palestine Post building.
As of August, ^{regularly} HAJ AMIN ~~AL-KHAYRI~~ visits the commando training camps ^{which} are situated outside DAM-SOUS, near the Israeli border, on the southern road from DAM-SOUS to the L.C. JON.

Members of ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{Falawin unit} ~~the~~ are well paid ~~at a rate of~~ (£ Syr.100 per month) and are well equipped and fed. Compensation is promised to their families and children if they are killed in action. ^{at the rate of} ~~The rates are~~ £ Syr.1000 to a family, double if married, with £ Syr.100 for each child.

6. HAJ AMIN is trying to get the Syrian authorities to increase the fedayeen units to double their present numbers.

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