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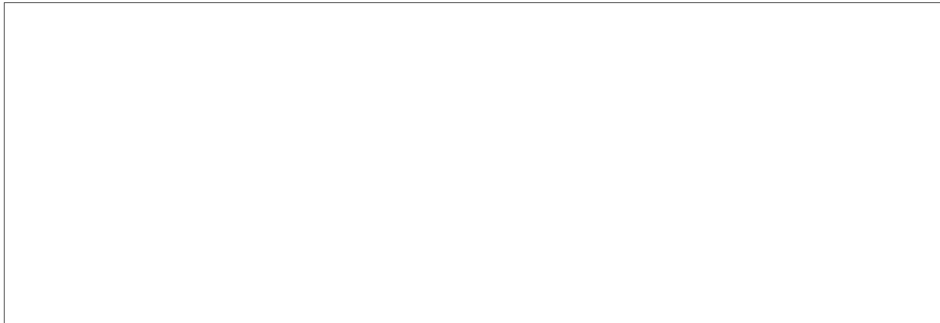
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EOKA-B, the Greek Cypriot terrorist organization which favors enosis--the union of Cyprus and Greece--recently launched a new offensive against the Makarios government. In the past two weeks EOKA-B has been responsible for a series of explosions and four political murders. Police have responded by arresting over sixty alleged EOKA-B supporters.

Makarios reportedly believes that the government's all out effort of the past two months to destroy the organization have caused its competing factions to unite in a campaign of violence. Makarios is confident, however, that the terrorists cannot sustain this campaign and that it no longer poses a real threat to the government.

Makarios is presently attempting to gain greater control over the island's Greek officered national guard because of its alleged collusion with EOKA-B. He believes the terrorist offensive is timed to pressure him to cease his effort to curb the national guard. Makarios reportedly plans to intensify his actions against EOKA-B, purge the bureaucracy of all anti-government elements, and convene the holy synod of the Church of Cyprus to deal with the followers of the four defrocked bishops who support the terrorists.

Since the death of EOKA-B leader Grivas last January, his followers have quarreled over whether his successor should be a mainland Greek or a native Greek Cypriot and whether to continue the terrorist campaign or turn to political action. The beating of a group of Makarios supporters by EOKA-B on April 22 prompted Makarios to outlaw the organization and set a deadline of April 27 for a general amnesty extended in January. He also announced his determination to

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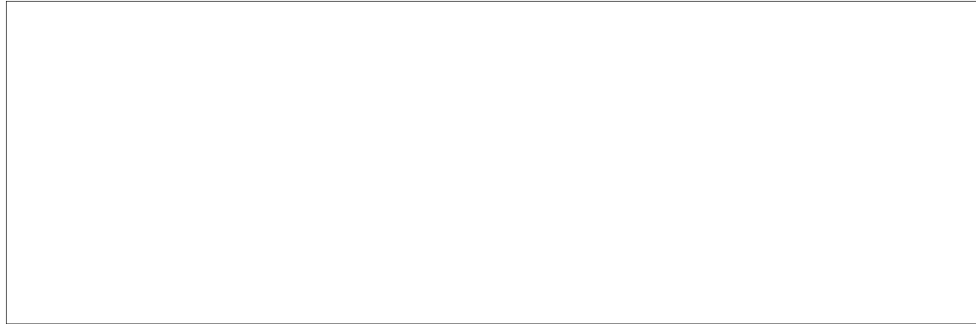
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wipe out the remnants of EOKA-B. Only a few wanted men turned themselves in before the deadline, thereby setting the stage for more clashes.



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