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SUBJ: SOMALIA: SITUATION UPDATE (U)
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HIGHLIGHTS
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1. (S) AIDEDÊFORCES INJURED THREE US SOLDIERS DURING ATTACKS IN
MOGADISHU.
2. (S)UNITED SOMALI CONGRESS MILITIAMEN HAVE PLANNED MORE
ATTACKS AGAINST UNOSOM II HEADQUARTERS.
3. (S/NF/WN/NC) AIDED FOLLOWERS MAY USE DEMONSTRATIONS AS A COVER TO ATTACK UN FORCES.

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DISCUSSION

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4. (S) MOGADISHU. AIDED SUPPORTERS CONTINUED THEIR ATTACKS AGAINST ISOLATED UN FORCES IN MOGADISHU. ON 20 JULY, A US NAVY LIEUTENANT AND A US CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF BROWN AND ROOT, A UN CONTRACTOR, WERE WOUNDED BY A SNIPER AS THEIR CONVOY PASSED NEAR THE CIGARETTE FACTORY. SOMALIS ALSO ATTACKED A US CONVOY ON THE 19TH WHILE THE CONVOY WAS IN ROUTE FROM BALAD TO HUNTER BASE, A US LOGISTIC FACILITY. THE CONVOY, ESCORTED BY ITALIAN SECURITY FORCES, WAS ASSAULTED WITH ROCKS AND ABOUT FIVE ROUNDS OF SMALL-ARMS FIRE. TWO US SOLDIERS SUFFERED LACERATIONS FROM THE ROCKS. IN ADDITION, UN FORCES REPULSED TWO SOMALI SMALL-ARMS ATTACKS ON THE UNIVERSITY COMPOUND ON THE 19TH. THE SOMALIS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE USED THE NEARBY FRUIT PROCESSING PLANT FOR SHELTER AND COVER FOR THEIR ESCAPE. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

5. (S/NF/WN/NC) AIDED FOLLOWERS' ACTIVITIES. FOLLOWERS OF AIDED WILL CONTINUE TO CONFRONT UN FORCES IN MOGADISHU AND MAY USE A DEMONSTRATION AS A COVER OR A DIVERSION FOR AN ATTACK ON UNOSOM II FORCES. AN ANTI-UNOSOM II DEMONSTRATION IS SCHEDULED FOR THE 21ST AT THE PARADE REVIEWING STAND IN MOGADISHU. PARTICIPANTS IN PRIOR PRO-AIDED DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE OVERWHELMINGLY BEEN OLDER PEOPLE, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN. HOWEVER, AIDED MILITIA MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ATTEND THE SCHEDULED DEMONSTRATION. COMMENT: AIDED'S GUNMEN ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SHOT SOME OF THE WARLORD'S FOLLOWERS IN ORDER TO BLAME IT ON UNOSOM II FORCES IN THE PAST. IF THERE IS CONFRONTATION BETWEEN UN AND AIDED'S MILITIA, PROTESTERS MAY BE USED AS HUMAN SHIELDS.

6. (S/NF/WN/NC) MOREOVER, AIDED FORCES ARE REPORTEDLY PLANNING MORE ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNOSOM II HEADQUARTERS SOON. SUPPORTERS OF AIDED HAVE POSITIONED MEN AND ARMS IN AN AREA CLOSE TO THE HEADQUARTERS. ON THE 9TH MANY WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND ELDERLY SOMALIS WERE SEEN ENTERING A COMPOUND NEAR UNOSOM'S HEADQUARTERS SOUTH OF AFGOOGYE ROAD CARRYING ARMS IN PREPARATION FOR THE SUPPOSED ATTACK. THE COMPOUND WAS APPARENTLY USED TO STAGE PREVIOUS MORTAR ATTACKS ON THE UN HEADQUARTERS AND IS ALSO CONNECTED BY UNDERGROUND PASSAGES TO BUILDINGS ON THE GROUNDS OF BENADIR AND MEDINA HOSPITALS. AIDED'S MILITIA MAINTAINS ALMOST TOTAL CONTROL OVER THE TWO HOSPITALS, DISGUISSING UP TO 40 EXPERIENCED MILITIAMEN IN MEDINA AND UP TO 30 IN BENADIR AS PATIENTS, STAFF, AND DOCTORS. THESE DECOYS ARE
PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS, POLICEMEN, AND EX-MEMBERS OF THE SOMALI
NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICE.
7. (S) AN IDEED'S CLOSE ADVISER AND FINANCIER, OSMAN ATTO, HAS
REPORTEDLY OFFERED A $10,000 REWARD FOR A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON ANY
MILITARY AIRCRAFT LOCATED AT MOGADISHU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. ATTO
APPARENTLY BELIEVES THAT SUCH AN ATTACK WOULD BE VIEWED AS AN
IMPORTANT VICTORY FOR IDEED FORCES BECAUSE HELICOPTERS ARE SEEN AS
THE ONLY WEAPON THAT THREATENS THE RESOLVE OF IDEED SUPPORTERS. AS A
RESULT OF THIS REWARD, MANY UNORGANIZED AND INDEPENDENT "BOUNTY
HUNTERS ARE SEEKING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO MOUNT ATTACKS AGAINST THE
AIRPORT." IN ADDITION TO THESE THREATS, THE BETTER PLANNED AND
ORGANIZED ASSAULTS AGAINST THE AIRPORT CONTINUE.
8. (S) IDEED SUPPORTERS HAVE ALSO ESTABLISHED ALMOST TOTAL
CONTROL OVER A LARGE AREA OF SOUTHERN MOGADISHU. THE AREA STRETCHES
FROM CASA POPULARE IN THE WEST AND THROUGH THE BLACK SEA AND BAKHARA
MARKET AREAS PAST THE OLYMPIC STADIUM AND NORTHEAST ALONG THE BALAD
ROAD TO THE PASTA FACTORY AND ANIMAL MARKET IN THE HURIWA DISTRICT.
TO ENFORCE CONTROL IN THESE AREAS, IDEED ORDERED HIS MILITIA TO
ATTACK ANY UNOSOM FORCES TRYING TO PATROL THERE.
9. (U) IDEED PROPAGANDA. IDEED AND HIS SUPPORTERS CONTINUE TO
BROADCAST ANTI-UNOSOM II PROPAGANDA FROM HIS CLANDESTINE STATION. HIS
SUPPORTERS WERE ABLE TO BROADCAST ANTI-UNOSOM MESSAGES ON THE SAME
FREQUENCY USED BY RADIO MOGADISHU-MAHDI ON THE 19TH. THE BROADCAST
LASTED FOR 3 HOURS AND CLAIMED THAT UN TROOPS IN SOMALIA WERE STILL
CAUSING PROBLEMS AND "CONTINUING THEIR TERROR AGAINST INNOCENT SOMALI
PEOPLE." IN ADDITION, THE BROADCASTERS ACCUSED US AND PAKISTANI
TROOPS OF ATTACKING AND KILLING SOMALIS WHO REFUSED TO SURRENDER
THEIR PROPERTY. US TROOPS WERE ALSO ACCUSED OF ABDUCTING REPORTERS
THAT WERE INTERVIEWING SOMALIS TO KEEP THE SOMALIA PROBLEM FROM THE
MEDIA AND THE WORLD. COMMENT: THESE ARE ALL ATTEMPTS BY IDEED TO
MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THE 12 JULY UNOSOM II ATTACK ON HIS
COMMAND-AND-CONTROL CENTER IN MOGADISHU WAS AGAINST INNOCENT
CIVILIANS.
10. (U) AN ARTICLE TRANSLATED FROM THE 19 JULY ISSUE OF "XOG-OGAAL"
DETAILED A TRANSCRIPT OF A SPEECH IDEED GAVE TO DEMONSTRATORS ON THE
18TH. THE SPEECH SUGGESTED THAT UNOSOM II HAS FAILED JUST LIKE ITS
PREDECESSORS, UNITED TASK FORCE (UNITAF) AND UNOSOM I. THE TRANSCRIPT
ALSO CHARGED THAT THE US, ITALY, PAKISTAN, BELGIUM, AND MOROCCO ARE
TRYING TO COLONIZE SOMALIA AND STRIP IT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. IN
ADDITION, UNOSOM II WAS ACCUSED OF TRYING TO ELIMINATE THE LEADERS OF
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THE SOMALIA NATIONAL ALLIANCE AND THEN ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT AND
JUDICIAL SYSTEM THAT WILL DO ONLY WHAT IT IS TOLD.

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