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HIGHLIGHTS

1. **US PEACEKEEPERS CONDUCTED AIRSTRIKES AGAINST OSMAN ATTO’S “GARAGE,” WHICH IS IN THE AREA WHERE TWO PAKISTANI PEACEKEEPERS WERE KILLED DURING AN AMBUSH ON 28 JUNE.**

2. **AIDEEED BACKERS PLAN TO CONTINUE ATTACKS AGAINST UNOSOM FORCES IN HOPES OF LOWERING MORALE AMONG UN TROOPS.**

DISCUSSION

3. **MOGADISHU. THE ATMOSPHERE IN MOGADISHU REMAINS TENSE FOLLOWING SEVERAL ATTACKS AGAINST UNOSOM ON THE 27TH AND 28TH BY AIDEEED FORCES. IN AN EFFORT TO STEM THE TIDE OF VIOLENCE, US HELICOPTERS CONDUCTED AN ASSAULT ON THE 30TH AGAINST A SUSPECTED ARMS STORAGE SITE NEAR 21 OCTOBER ROAD NORTHEAST OF THE SOCCER STADIUM. THIS COMPLEX IS APPARENTLY WHERE AIDEEED ALLY OSMAN ATTO CONVERTED VEHICLES INTO TECHNICALS AND WHERE TWO PAKISTANI PEACEKEEPERS WERE KILLED DURING AN AMBUSH ON THE 28TH.**

4. **GEN AIDEEED’S CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ELUDING CAPTURE, AS WELL AS HIS SUPPORTERS’ ABILITY TO MOUNT ATTACKS AGAINST UNOSOM FORCES, RESULTS FROM THE COMPLICITY OF LARGE NUMBERS OF THE POLICE. MEMBERS OF AIDEEED’S HABR GEDIR-SAAD CLAN REPORTEDLY CONSTITUTE NEARLY 90 PERCENT OF THE SOMALI CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT AT THE MOGADISHU HEADQUARTERS OF THE SOMALI NATIONAL POLICE. THUS, AIDEEED ENJOYS CONSIDERABLE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN THE WARDIGLEI, HAWAL WADAG, AND HURIWA SECTIONS OF TOWN. HE USES FRIENDLY POLICE UNITS AS ADVANCE TEAMS TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE FACES ANY THREATS TO HIS SECURITY IN A PARTICULAR AREA; FOR EXAMPLE, WHERE ROADBLOCKS AND CHECKPOINTS ARE LOCATED. A CENTRAL FIGURE IN THE GENERAL’S CONTROL OVER HABR GEDIR ELEMENTS IN THE POLICE IS COL WARSAME LUGAGOD, THE POLICE CHIEF IN THE WARDIGLEI SECTION. WARSAME’S POLICE STATION IS USED EFFECTIVELY AS AN ARMORY AND A HAVEN FOR AIDEEED’S MILITIA AND MOREAN BANDITS. IN ADDITION, WARSAME IS REPORTED TO HAVE USED POLICE VEHICLES TO TRANSPORT WEAPONS FOR AIDEEED IN SUPPORT OF ATTACKS AGAINST UNOSOM FORCES. COMMENT:ALTHOUGH THE OVERALL COMPLICITY OF THE POLICE CANNOT BE DETERMINED, A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF ITS MEMBERSHIP IS ASSISTING AIDEEED SUPPORTERS. THIS SUPPORT HAS COMPROMISED THE ENTIRE FORCE.**

5. **AIDEEED SUPPORTERS PLAN TO CONTINUE THEIR DAILY HIT-AND-RUN TACTICS AGAINST UNOSOM FORCES. REPORTS THAT GEN AIDEEED’S BACKERS ARE**
OFFERING A REWARD TO ANYONE WHO SHOOTS A US CITIZEN HAVE PROBABLY LED TO THE INCREASE IN ATTACKS. MORE IMPORTANT, AIDEED'S PERSONNEL BELIEVE THEIR TACTICS ARE TAKING A TOLL ON UNOSOM FORCES' MORALE.

6. **Osman Atto**, Gen Aideed's main financial backer, recently traveled to Nairobi, and Mombasa, Kenya, to recruit snipers. Marehan clan members who had served in the former hostage rescue force (HRF) in the Siad Barre regime were being recruited. Atto allegedly offered to pay $20,000 to each former HRF member who would be willing to travel to Mogadishu to serve as a sniper in Aideed's military. The targets would be the Unosom commander, his staff, and Unosom military commanders.

7. **Three elders from Aideed's Habr Gedir clan recently expressed support for Unosom's efforts and the need for them to eliminate the threat posed by Aideed.** In addition, the elders claimed that they will assist in the effort to capture Gen Aideed by arranging a meeting with Somalis who know of his whereabouts. The first meeting will take place on 1 July and it is to be with a police colonel who is apparently reliable. Comment: The views expressed by the elders reinforce earlier information of Aideed's eroding support among his own clan. Moreover, the elders seem to have realized that the longer Aideed's criminal activities continue, the less the chances are for peace and the resumption of normal food distribution operations throughout Mogadishu.

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