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AS OF 1400Z 10 MAY 93

A SOMALI LEADER IS REPORTEDLY PLANNING GRENADE ATTACKS AGAINST UN FORCES IN KISMAYO. OSMAN ATTO, GEN AIDEED'S PRINCIPAL ADVISER, HAS THREATENED A CAMPAIGN OF GRENADE ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN SOMALIA (UNOSOM) CONTINGENT IN KISMAYO FOR REPULSING THE SOMALI NATIONAL ALLIANCE (SNA) ATTACK HE ORGANIZED AGAINST THE CITY ON THE NIGHT OF 6-7 MAY. THESE ASSAULTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK. THEY WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY SNA TROOPS DISGUISED AS PEDESTRIANS AND WHO WILL TOSS GRENADES INTO PASSING UNOSOM VEHICLES. ATTO APPARENTLY PLANS TO INFILTRATE TEAMS OF ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN CARRYING CONCEALED GRENADES. THEY WILL STRIKE ONLY WHEN CONFIDENT OF BEING ABLE TO ESCAPE; FOR THIS REASON, ATTACKS ARE MORE LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE IN POPULATED AREAS. ATTO IS SAID TO BELIEVE THE UN TROOPS IN KISMAYO WILL LOSE THEIR RESOLVE TO REMAIN IN THE CITY IF THEY INCUR CASUALTIES DURING THESE
ASSAULTS.
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