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1. (U) INTRODUCTION: THIS IS THE TENTH OF A SERIES OF USUALLY WEEKLY CABLES INTENDED TO SUMMARIZE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOMALIA AND PROVIDE A CONTEXT IN WHICH TO VIEW OUR OTHER REPORTING. MOST REFERENCES ARE NOTAL. ACTION ITEM: SEE PARA 7.

2. (C) GOVERNMENT REVERSES IN THE NORTH

THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFENSIVE OF LATE MARCH, WHICH SUCCEEDED IN CAPTURING ZEILA AND SECURING THE BORDER WITH DJIBOUTI (MOGADISHU 03264) BEGAN UNRAVELING IN EARLY APRIL WHEN THE SNM COUNTERATTACKED. IT IS UNCLEAR WHO CONTROLS ZEILA AND LOYADA. SOURCES IN MOGADISHU SAY THAT SOME SOMALI NATIONAL ARMY TROOPS TOOK REFUGE IN DJIBOUTI. GADABOURSI MILITIA SIDING WITH THE GSDR REPORTEDLY SUFFERED SEVERAL HUNDRED CASUALTIES. GADABOURSI IN MOGADISHU AND DJIBOUTI HAVE BEEN MOURNING THE LOSSES.

3. (C) NEW INITIATIVE FOR PEACE

PRESIDENT SIAD REPORTEDLY INVITED SEVERAL ISAAK ELDERS (INCLUDING SOME WITH SONS IN DETENTION) TO A RAMADHAN BREAKFAST AND LATE NIGHT DISCUSSION OF SOMALIA'S ILLS. CONFIDENTIAL

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ALTHOUGH THE MEETING WAS QUITE HOSTILE, THE ELDERS AGREED TO GIVE SIAD SUGGESTIONS OF STEPS TO TAKE LEADING TO PEACE. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AHMED MOHAMoud FARAH (AN ISAAK) IS IN CHARGE OF COMPILING THE SUGGESTIONS INTO A REPORT. IN A POSSIBLY RELATED DEVELOPMENT, WE WERE TOLD APRIL 12, THAT 11 OF 12 SONS OF PROMINENT ISAAK BUSINESSMEN ARRESTED IN EARLY APRIL (MOGADISHU 00385) HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM DETENTION.

4. (U) POETS AND SINGER RELEASED

IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE COMPOSER AND SINGER OF THE SATIRICAL "LANCRIUISER SONG", AS WELL AS A CRITIC WHO DISCUSSED THE LANOCRUISER SONG ON BBC RADIO, HAVE ALL...
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BEEN RELEASED (MOGADISHU 03385). ONE WAS RELEASED BEFORE
THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION CALLED STORIES OF THEIR
DETENTION A "FABRICATION" (FBIS ABIDJAN EA 0404223590); THE OTHER TWO WERE RELEASED AFTERWARD.

5. (LOU) ABDI FARAH CONSULTS ON REFUGEES

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UN UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL ABDI FARAH IS IN MOGADISHU
FOR FOUR DAYS OF CONSULTATIONS ON THE EXTRAORDINARY INTERIM
EMERGENCY PROGRAM (EIEP) FOR FEEDING REFUGEES IN NORTHERN
SOMALIA. HE WILL EXAMINE PROBLEMS WITH DELIVERIES OF FOOD
SUPPLIES TO REFUGEES AND MONITORING OF THE PROGRAM, AS
WELL AS EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDING RELIEF FOR
DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE NORTH AND IN MOGADISHU. FARAH
WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO BUILD DONOR SUPPORT FOR A FOLLOWUP
EMERGENCY PROGRAM BY ICRC, AND FOR UNHCR'S PROPOSAL FOR
DURABLE SOLUTIONS THROUGH REPATRIATION AND LOCAL INTE-
GRATION. HE BRIEFED DONORS APRIL 12, AND PLANS TO MEET
WITH GSDR OFFICIALS APRIL 14 AND 15.

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(LOU) WHILE INDICATING THAT THERE ARE SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE EIEP, FARAH SAID THAT ON BALANCE IT WAS GOING FAR BETTER THAN THE FEEDING PROGRAM WHICH UNHCR AND WFP TERMINATED LAST YEAR. HE WAS NOT/NOT OPTIMISTIC AT ALL, HOWEVER, THAT DURABLE SOLUTIONS WOULD BE ANYWHERE NEAR THE IMPLEMENTATION STAGE WHEN EIEP IS SCHEDULED TO END IN FOUR MONTHS. (MOGADISHU 03465)

6. (LOU) CONOCO ABANDONS FIRST WELL

CONOCO HAS ABANDONED DRILLING OF ITS FIRST WELL (MOGADISHU 02844) NEAR LAS ANOD. AFTER REPEATED DIFFICULTIES THEY MANAGED TO REACH A DEPTH OF 10,750 FEET BEFORE LOSING A PORTION OF THE DRILL STRING DOWN THE HOLE. CONOCO SOMALIA PRESIDENT RAYMOND MARCHAND AND HIS COLLEAGUES ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL SOURCE ROCK TO A DEPTH OF 14,300 FEET. THE TASK OF MOVING THE RIG TO ITS NEW SITE, 170 KM TO THE NORTHEAST, BEGAN APRIL 12.
7. (LOU) COUNCIL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS

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ACCORDING TO A TELEX FROM THE SOMALI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, A DELEGATION FROM THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN MOGADISHU APRIL 15 (MOGADISHU 03432). WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THEIR AIMS, INDEED NO CONFIRMATION THAT THEY ARE COMING. A CFR VISIT COULD HELP PROMOTE EMBASSY GOALS WITH REGARD TO RECONCILIATION, HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS, AND SOLUTIONS TO REFUGEE PROBLEMS. CDA AND PAO ARE CONSULTING WITH MFA, OFFICIAL HOST FOR THE VISIT, BUT IT IS AS MUCH IN THE DARK AS WE ARE. ANY INFORMATION WHICH ADDRESSEES HAVE ON CFR DELEGATIONS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA MIGHT PROVE USEFUL. BORICH