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1. SUMMARY:

ALL PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS FOCUS ON THE PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY MEETING TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE POLITICAL RIGHTS LAW. THE SECOND LEAD STORY IN ALL PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS IS COVERAGE OF THE SIXTH DAY OF CAMP DAVID MEETINGS. REPORTS POINT OUT THAT THERE IS OPTIMISM ON THE PALESTINIAN SIDE BUT PESSIMISM ON THE ISRAELI SIDE AND EMPHASIZE THAT DIFFERENCES REMAIN ON THE ISSUES OF JERUSALEM AND REFUGEES. LIBERAL OPPOSITION DAILY AL WAFD REPORTS IN ITS FRONTPAGE THAT U.S. CONGRESS IS DISCUSSING THE COSTS OF CAMP DAVID II. PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS AHRAH AND GOMHOURIYA REPORT IN INSIDE PAGES ON THE CLASHES BETWEEN THE PALESTINIANS AND THE ISRAELIS IN HEBRON, AND A HUGE DEMONSTRATION FOR THE ISRAELI OPPOSITION IN JERUSALEM.

LIBERAL OPPOSITION AL WAFD REPORTS IN ITS FOREIGN NEWS PAGE THAT IRAN MISSILE SHEHAB-3 GIVES RISE TO U.S. AND ISRAELI CONCERN. PRO-GOVERNMENT AKHBAR REPORTS BARAK SAYING THAT THE STRENGTH OF THE ISRAELI ARMY AND PEACE AGREEMENTS ARE THE RESPONSE TO THE IRANIAN TEST FIRING OF SHEHAB-3. END SUMMARY.

2. BLOCK QUOTES

-- UNSIGNED EDITORIAL, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL AHRAH:
"WITH THE CURRENT WAVE OF OPTIMISM AFTER THE PROGRESS THAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN CAMP DAVID, A FINAL PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PALESTINIANS AND THE ISRAELIS COULD BE REACHED. BUT THIS ONLY MEANS THAT THE PEACE PROCESS HAS ENTERED A NEW STAGE BUT NOT A FINAL STAGE, BECAUSE WE GOT USED TO THE FACT THAT THE SIGNED AGREEMENTS DO NOT GET IMPLEMENTED ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT AND THE TEXT BUT ARE SUBJECT TO ATTEMPTS OF REINTERPRETATION BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT.

THE ISSUES OF JERUSALEM AND REFUGEES SEEM TO BE DIFFICULT AS BOTH ARE THE CORE OF PEACE PROCESS. ACCORDING TO HANAN ASHRAWI THE SPOKESPERSON OF THE PALESTINIAN DELEGATION THE MINIMUM TO WHICH ARAFAT IS COMMITTED IS THE RETURN OF EAST JERUSALEM THAT ISRAEL OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND THIS IS MENTIONED IN UNSEC RESOLUTION 242. THIS INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION WHICH IS IGNORED BY ISRAEL IS THE ONE THAT WOULD BRING ABOUT DURABLE JUST AND COMPLETE PEACE. THIS COULD HAPPEN IF THE INTENTIONS ARE GOOD INTENTIONS."

-- UNSIGNED EDITORIAL, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL AKHBAR:
"THE U.S. BROUGHT ARAFAT TO CAMP DAVID. HE PREVIOUSLY

REFUSED THE IDEA, AND CONTINUED TO REFUSE IT AND
FINALLY HE ACCEPTED. THIS IS BECAUSE THE PALESTINIANS
OUT OF THEIR EXPERIENCE KNEW THAT THE U.S. WOULD PUT ON
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HUGE PRESSURES SO THAT THEY WOULD ACCEPT A COMPROMISE.
BUT THE PALESTINIANS ARE SAYING THAT WHAT WE ARE
NEGOTIATING ABOUT IS ACTUALLY A COMPROMISE AND WE CAN
NOT OFFER MORE THAN THAT TO THE ISRAELIS."

-- UNSIGNED EDITORIAL, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL
GOMHOURIYA: "AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES MUST HAVE REACHED THE CALM CAMP DAVID
RESORT. THESE ARE THE CLASHES THAT OCCURRED IN HEBRON
WHICH IS SUFFERING FROM A POCKET OF AN ISRAELI
SETTLEMENT. THE CLASHES LED TO THE INJURY OF 11
PERSONS FROM BOTH SIDES. THIS INCIDENT REFLECT THE
TENSIONS IN THE OCCUPIED LANDS. THIS INCIDENT TOO
REFLECTS THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING DEFINITE SOLUTIONS
FOR THE ISSUES OF JERUSALEM, THE SETTLEMENTS AND THE
BORDERS, SO THAT THERE WOULD BE AN INDEPENDENT
PALESTINIAN STATE." KURTZER

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A) MAJOR PRESS STORIES

1. MIDEAST
2. AIDS
3. BALKANS

B) SUMMARY

1. MIDEAST

AFTER THE PROMISE OF PREVIOUS SUMMITS AND THE PASSAGE OF MANY DEADLINES, THE "ECONOMIST" WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT CAMP DAVID II. "THE SUMMIT COULD END INCONCLUSIVELY (AND) THE STUMBLE TOWARDS PEACE COULD THEN CONTINUE," OPINED THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY.

2. AIDS

IT'S DECIMATING AFRICA, AND IT COULD SPREAD FURTHER AND THREATEN THE SECURITY OF NATIONS UNLESS URGENT INTERNATIONAL ACTION IS TAKEN, WARNED TWO EDITORIALS.

3. BALKANS

MILOSEVIC'S MACHINATIONS AGAINST MONTENEGRO COULD BACKFIRE, SUGGESTED ONE EDITORIAL.

C) TEXT

1. MIDEAST

"CAMP DAVID AGAIN"

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "ECONOMIST" EDITORIALIZED 7/14:

"DEADLINE AFTER DEADLINE HAS SLIPPED BY SINCE YITZHAK RABIN AND YASSER ARAFAT, UNDER BILL CLINTON'S BENEVOLENT EYE, SIGNED THEIR DECLARATION OF PEACE ON THE WHITE HOUSE LAWN IN SEPTEMBER 1993. BUT AMERICA'S ELECTORAL CALENDAR IS COMPELLING. MR. CLINTON IS AT THE TAIL-END OF HIS PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY. THIS, ABOVE ALL ELSE, HAS DICTATED THE TIMING OF THE CRUCIAL SUMMIT BETWEEN MR. CLINTON, MR. ARAFAT AND ISRAEL'S CURRENT PRIME MINISTER, EHUD BARAK, AT CAMP DAVID, GIVING IT SUDDEN NOW-OR-NEVER URGENCY.

"BOTH MR. BARAK AND MR. ARAFAT HAVE TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE CAMP DAVID DECLARING VICTORY, OR AT LEAST SEEING IT IN PROSPECT. MR. BARAK NEEDS A DEAL THAT ENABLES ISRAELIS TO FEEL SECURE FROM ATTACK, THEIR NATION UNDIMINISHED. MR. ARAFAT NEEDS A DEAL THAT OFFERS WEST BANKERS AND GAZANS A RESPECTABLE-SEEMING INDEPENDENT STATE WHILE NOT IGNORING THE CONCERNS OF THE PALESTINIAN DIASPORA AND THE WIDER ISLAMIC WORLD. NEITHER LEADER CAN GET AWAY WITH LESS, FOR NEITHER HAS THE DOMESTIC STRENGTH OF HIS CAMP DAVID PREDECESSORS. BEGIN HAD THE HUGE ADVANTAGE OF COMING FROM THE RIGHT. SADAT HAD A DICTATOR'S POWERS -- THOUGH HE, LIKE ISRAEL'S RABIN, WAS LATER MURDERED BY HIS OWN PEOPLE FOR HIS BELIEF IN PEACE.

"MR. BARAK HAS THE PERSONAL STRENGTH TO RISE ABOVE HIS DOMESTIC

POLITICAL BAZAAR. IF HE CAN MAKE A FAIR DEAL AND PRESENT IT TO HIS PEOPLE, INCLUDING HIS PALESTINIAN-BORN PEOPLE, IN A REFERENDUM, HE STANDS A GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCESS. ISRAELIS HAVE MUCH MORE ON THEIR MINDS THAN THE BORING BUSINESS WITH THE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 05 LONDON 005230

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PALESTINIANS, AND MOST OF THEM WANT TO SEE AN END TO IT.

"MR. ARAFAT HAS THE OPPOSITE PROBLEM. FREE OF MR. BARAK'S DEMOCRATIC RESTRAINTS, HE SHOULD HAVE LITTLE TROUBLE PUSHING A DEAL THROUGH HIS LOYALIST ADMINISTRATION. HIS PEOPLE ARE ANOTHER MATTER. PALESTINIANS OUTSIDE THE TERRITORIES HAVE ALWAYS OPPOSED THE OSLO PEACE TRACK, MAINLY BECAUSE IT TOUCHES ONLY LIGHTLY ON THEIR OVERRIDING INTEREST: THE RIGHT OF THEIR RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND. NOW WEST BANKERS AND GAZANS, TOO, ARE SKEPTICAL OF A PROCESS THAT HAS BROUGHT FEW OF THEM MUCH FREEDOM AND HAS MADE MOST OF THEM MUCH POORER.

"A CENTRAL DIFFICULTY IS THAT THE ISRAELIS BELIEVE THAT CONCESSIONS MUST START FROM THE CURRENT SITUATION, WHEREAS THE PALESTINIANS BELIEVE THEY HAVE ALREADY MADE A VAST CONCESSION BY ACCEPTING AN EMBRYO STATE AMOUNTING TO LITTLE MORE THAN ONE-FIFTH OF MANDATED PALESTINE. CLEARLY, THEY WILL HAVE TO CONCEDE A LOT MORE. BUT IF THE END RESULT FAILS TO WIN WIDESPREAD WEST BANK AND GAZAN BACKING, THE INITIATIVE COULD PASS TO PALESTINIAN REJECTIONISTS. THE NAYSAYERS, WITH THEIR VIOLENT ISLAMIST ELEMENTS, WILL NEVER BE SATISFIED WITH ANYTHING MR. ARAFAT CAN GET. THE HOPE IS THAT THE REJECTIONISTS CAN BE MARGINALIZED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF GENERAL ACCEPTANCE.

"THE NOW-OR-NEVER LABEL NOTWITHSTANDING, THE SUMMIT COULD END INCONCLUSIVELY. THE STUMBLE TOWARDS PEACE COULD THEN CONTINUE. IF, AT WORST, FAILURE CANNOT BE DISGUISED, THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE BAD. MR. ARAFAT HAS PROMISED TO DECLARE AN INDEPENDENT STATE BY SEPTEMBER 13. HE MADE A SIMILAR PROMISE LAST YEAR, ONLY TO RETREAT UNDER PRESSURE. A SECOND BROKEN PROMISE IS UNLIKELY. ISRAEL HAS THREATENED, IN RETURN, TO ANNEX THE LAND ON WHICH JEWISH SETTLEMENTS HAVE BEEN BUILT. NO DOUBT, AFTER A WHILE, THE TWO SIDES WOULD START TALKING ONCE AGAIN. BUT IT WOULD BE BLOODILY VIOLENT WHILE.

"WHEN THINGS WERE AT THEIR NASTIEST AT CAMP DAVID IN 1978, WITH

THE EGYPTIANS PACKING THEIR BAGS TO GO HOME, MR. CARTER INTERVENED TO KNOCK HEADS TOGETHER. IF HE IS TO GET A DEAL, MR. CLINTON TOO MAY HAVE TO KNOCK ON MORE THAN WOOD."

2. AIDS

"AFRICA -- THE CONTINENT WE MUST NOT FORGET"

EDINBURGH'S INDEPENDENT "SCOTSMAN" HAD THIS LEAD EDITORIAL 7/13:

"THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA IS INDEED DYING, ON A HUMAN LEVEL AND AS A SOCIETY FROM THE EFFECTS OF HIV-AIDS. IN BOTSWANA, TO TAKE ONE EXAMPLE ONLY, ONE-THIRD OF THE POPULATION HAS CONTRACTED HIV. TWO-THIRDS OF ALL 15-YEAR-OLD MALE BOTSWANANS WILL DIE OF AIDS. BUT THE DEATH STATISTICS ARE NOT THE WHOLE STORY. HIV-AIDS IN AFRICA IS KILLING THAT CONTINENT'S TINY STOCK OF TEACHERS, DOCTORS, AND ADMINISTRATORS, LEADING IN SHORT ORDER TO A SOCIETAL AND GOVERNMENTAL IMPLOSION. ADD TO THIS THE CURRENT ROLLING AFRICAN WARS IN ERITREA, ANGOLA, THE CONGO AND SIERRA LEONE AND THE PICTURE OF CONTINENTAL IMPLOSION IS ALMOST COMPLETE.

"FORGETTING SOMETHING SO BEYOND THE SCALE OF HUMAN COMPREHENSION IS VERY EASY. BUT IT IS NOT TOO DRAMATIC TO SAY WE MIGHT RUE THE DAY WE FORGET AFRICA'S TROUBLES. WE HAVE NO CURE FOR AIDS, WE MERELY CONTAIN IT IN THE WEST. EVEN AT ITS MOST BRUTALLY
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SELFISH, TO LEAVE AFRICA AS A GIANT, FESTERING REPOSITORY OF NEW STRAINS OF HIV IS LIKELY TO REBOUND ON US IN THIS DAY OF INSTANT, INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL. AND AFRICA'S INHERENT POLITICAL INSTABILITY COULD EASILY SPREAD NORTH INTO THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHERN EUROPE. CAN WE SUGGEST THAT AT NEXT WEEK'S G8 SUMMIT, THE LEADERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL WEST AND RUSSIA PUT THE FUTURE PLIGHT OF THAT HIV-AFFLICTED CONTINENT HIGH ON THEIR AGENDA?

"POLITICAL STABILITY MEANS AN END TO PROXY WARS AND THE DIAMOND MAFIA. A MARKET ECONOMY HAS TO BE ESTABLISHED WHICH DEMANDS NOT SO MUCH FINANCIAL AID AS FREER ACCESS TO WESTERN AGRICULTURAL MARKETS.

"THE BATTLE WITH AIDS"

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "ECONOMIST" EDITORIALIZED 7/14:

"IT IS HARD TO ABSORB THE FULL REALITY. SO FAR, THE GLOBAL AIDS EPIDEMIC IS THOUGHT TO HAVE KILLED 19M PEOPLE. THAT IS ALMOST TWICE AS MANY AS DIED IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR. IT HAS INFECTED ANOTHER 34M. WHEN THEY DIE, AS MOST WILL IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, AIDS WILL HAVE KILLED NEARLY AS MANY AS THE SECOND WORLD WAR. AND THE EPIDEMIC SHOWS NO SIGNS OF ABATING...

"YET AIDS IS NOT JUST ANOTHER INFECTION, AND COMPARING ITS VICTIMS WITH THE CASUALTY LISTS OF A WAR IS NOT MERE RHETORIC. MOST DISEASES PICK OFF YOUNG CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY. AIDS HITS THOSE IN THE PRIME OF LIFE. THE HUMAN DISASTER FOR ITS VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES THUS FEEDS INTO A SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DISASTER FOR THE COUNTRIES AFFECTED. AND, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, THOSE COUNTRIES ARE IN AFRICA, A CONTINENT THAT HAS DIRE ENOUGH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS ALREADY...

"THERE ARE A FEW SIMPLE BUT IMPORTANT STEPS THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN. THE FIRST IS TO STOP BEING SQUEAMISH ABOUT SEX. AIDS IS MAINLY A SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE. THAT MEANS THAT PEOPLE ENJOY GIVING IT TO EACH OTHER. TALKING ABOUT SEX IS TABOO IN MANY AFRICAN CULTURES. BUT IN PLACES LIKE UGANDA, THE TABOO HAS BEEN OVERCOME. ALL SUCCESSFUL PREVENTION CAMPAIGNS HAVE WORKED BY PREACHING WAYS, NOTABLY THE USE OF CONDOMS, THAT REDUCE THE ENJOYMENT OF SEX ONLY SLIGHTLY. CAMPAIGNS THAT HAVE MERELY PREACHED ABSTINENCE HAVE ALWAYS FAILED...

"THE OTHER WAY TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF AIDS IS TO EMPOWER WOMEN SO THAT THEY CAN SAY NO. THIS IS TERRIBLY DIFFICULT IN THE MANY PATRIARCHAL -- I.E., EXPLOITATIVE -- AFRICAN CULTURES. YET WOMEN WHO ARE EDUCATED HAVE A MUCH BETTER CHANCE OF SAYING NO THAN WOMEN WHO ARE NOT. THE NO DOES NOT HAVE TO BE NO TO ALL SEX. BUT IT DOES NEED TO BE NO TO UNPROTECTED SEX WITH ANYBODY ABOUT WHOSE HIV STATUS A WOMAN IS UNSURE. MEN TOO WOULD BENEFIT FROM BETTER EDUCATION IN THE DANGERS AND RISKS ATTACHED TO AIDS, BUT EDUCATION OF GIRLS IS LESS OFTEN ATTEMPTED AND YET EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO ACT TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS."

3. BALKANS

"BALKAN DECONSTRUCTION: MILOSEVIC GETS IT WRONG, AGAIN"

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"AS SO OFTEN IN THE PAST, PRESIDENT SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC'S LATEST ATTEMPT TO THROW HIS WEIGHT AROUND MAY HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT TO THAT INTENDED. THE MAN WHO MORE THAN ANY OTHER HAS RE-BALKANIZED OF DISMEMBERING YUGOSLAVIA THAT HE BEGAN A DECADE AGO. AFTER THE DEPARTURE FROM THE YUGOSLAV FEDERATION OF SLOVENIA, CROATIA, BOSNIA AND MACEDONIA, AND THE LOSS OF KOSOVO, ONLY RUMP SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO REMAIN. THE MAIN REASON WHY MONTENEGRO, TOO, HAS NOT ALREADY GONE ITS OWN WAY IS A JUSTIFIED FEAR THAT THE BELGRADE BRUISER COULD REACT BY LAUNCHING YET ANOTHER WAR.

"THE SUPPOSEDLY CRAFTY MR. MILOSEVIC MAY WELL HAVE MISCALCULATED AGAIN. HIS MOVE BROUGHT AN OBLIQUE WARNING FROM NATO TO BACK OFF AND PROPOSALS FROM SERBIA'S OPPOSITION PARTIES TO JOIN FORCES WITH MONTENEGRO. IN DUBROVNIK THIS WEEK, THE CZECH, CROATIAN AND SLOVENIAN PRESIDENTS GAVE THE PRO-WESTERN PRESIDENT MILO DJUKANOVIC OF MONTENEGRO AN UNUSUAL SHOW OF PERSONAL SUPPORT. WHILE BACKING MONTENEGRO'S RIGHT TO SECEDE, THEY PREDICTED MR. MILOSEVIC COULD GET A JOB AS A DEMOLITION EXPERT. BUT GIVEN HIS TRACK RECORD, HE WOULD PROBABLY BLOW HIMSELF UP."

"MATCHING MILOSEVIC"

THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLY "ECONOMIST" EDITORIALIZED 7/14:

"FOR ANYONE WHO HOPES THAT EUROPEAN HISTORY IS COASTING TOWARDS A HAPPY, DEMOCRATIC ENDING, THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE BALKANS MUST COME AS A SHOCK. SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC, WHOSE DOWNFALL AS YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT SEEMED IMMINENT LAST YEAR WHEN HIS TROOPS WERE DRIVEN OUT OF KOSOVO, IS TIGHTENING AND PERPETUATING HIS GRIP ON POWER. WORSE, HE HAS LOST NONE OF THE MALIGN INGENUITY THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN HIS HALLMARK. HE STILL KNOWS HOW TO EXACERBATE CRISES THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY. AND DESPITE BEING INDICTED FOR WAR CRIMES, HE HOPES THE WEST WILL TURN TO HIM, AS IT HAS BEFORE, AS THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN RESOLVE A CONFLICT THAT HE HAS HIMSELF STIRRED UP.

"THIS TIME, THE WEST MUST DO BETTER. THE CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES RUSHED THROUGH THE YUGOSLAV LEGISLATURE THIS MONTH ARE A TEXTBOOK EXAMPLE OF THE MILOSEVIC METHOD. THE AMENDMENTS WERE DESIGNED TO MAKE LIFE INTOLERABLE FOR MONTENEGRO, SERBIA'S RELUCTANT PARTNER IN THE YUGOSLAV FEDERATION. THE AIM WAS TO REDUCE MONTENEGRO'S SAY IN FEDERAL AFFAIRS AND THUS TO BOUNCE MILO DJUKANOVIC, THE MONTENEGRIN LEADER, INTO A REFERENDUM ON INDEPENDENCE -- WHICH MIGHT IN TURN TRIGGER A CIVIL WAR WHICH SERBIA COULD INTERVENE' WITHOUT SEEMING TO FIRE FIRST...

"INSTEAD OF CONCENTRATING ON FANFARE DIPLOMACY, LIKE THE BALKAN SUMMIT FRANCE WANTS TO CONVENE, WEST EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SHOW THEIR GOOD FAITH TO SCEPTICS IN BOTH SERBIAN AND MONTENEGRO. THEY SHOULD SWIFTLY ACT, AS THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION SUGGESTS, TO OPEN THEIR MARKETS TO EXPORTS FROM MONTENEGRO AND OTHER SOUTH BALKAN COUNTRIES. AND THE EU'S LEADERS SHOULD ENDORSE, LOUDLY AND CLEARLY, THE COMMISSION'S

PROPOSAL TO SET ASIDE A SUBSTANTIAL SUM FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A POST-MILOSEVIC SERBIA.

"MR. DJUKANOVIC, MEANWHILE, SHOULD BE URGED TO OPEN UP HIS ECONOMY TO THE SORT OF LEGAL, PRIVATE-SECTOR ACTIVITY THAT GIVES PEOPLE A STAKE IN PEACE. HE SHOULD ALSO BE TOLD TO DEAL GENEROUSLY WITH HIS COMPATRIOTS WHO FEEL CULTURALLY SERBIAN, EMBARRASSED THOUGH SOME MAY BE BY SERBIA'S GOVERNMENT. IF HE UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 LONDON 005230

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IRAQ: OIL-FOR-FOOD(IO)

MEPP: A.I.D. PACKAGE/DEMONSTRATIONS IN TEL AVIV

LIBYA: LOCKERBIE TRIAL STATUS

SYRIA: INAUGURATION OF BASHAR AL-ASAD

IRAN: SHORT-WAVE RADIO BROADCASTS

IRAN: SHAHAB-3 MISSILE TEST(NP)

RUSSIA-IRAQ ARMS SALES

BACKGROUND:

THE WASHINGTON TIMES REPORTED ON JULY 16 THAT IRAQ HAS ORDERED 150 RUSSIAN MOBILE ANTI-AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS FOR \$7.5 MILLION. THE LONDON SUNDAY TELEGRAPH REPORTED LAST APRIL THAT IRAQ HAD SIGNED A \$150 MILLION ARMS PACKAGE WITH RUSSIA. THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY DENIED

REPORTS OF RUSSIAN ARMS SALES TO IRAQ, AND WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION THAT RUSSIA HAS TRANSFERRED ANY MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO IRAQ.

Q. WHAT IS THE U.S. REACTION TO THE REPORTED DEAL BETWEEN RUSSIA AND IRAQ FOR MOBILE ANTI-AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS?

-- WE ARE CONCERNED BY REPORTS THAT IRAQ IS SEEKING TO ACQUIRE MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM RUSSIA.

-- WE TAKE ALL REPORTS OF ARMS SALES ISSUES INVOLVING IRAQ SERIOUSLY AND INVESTIGATE THEM THOROUGHLY.

-- ANY TRANSFER OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO IRAQ, INCLUDING ANTI-AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT, WOULD BE A CLEAR VIOLATION OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL SANCTIONS, AND WOULD BE AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS MATTER.

IRAQ: OIL-FOR-FOOD

Q: PRESS REPORTS CLAIM THAT THE UN HAS PULLED BACK ITS OBSERVATION STAFF IN SOUTHERN IRAQ. IS THIS TRUE? HAS THE OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM BEEN CEASED TO OPERATE IN THAT PART OF IRAQ?

-- DELIVERIES OF HUMANITARIAN ITEMS SUCH AS FOOD AND MEDICINE UNDER THE UN OIL-FOR-FOOD HAVE NOT BEEN INTERRUPTED AND CONTINUE THROUGHOUT IRAQ.

-- WE HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT SOME INTERNATIONAL STAFF TASKED WITH CHECKING ON PROPER DISTRIBUTION OF OIL-FOR-FOOD GOODS HAVE POSTPONED TRAVEL TO SOUTHERN IRAQ. I WOULD REFER YOU TO THE UN FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHY THE UN TOOK SUCH STEPS.

MEPP: A.I.D. PACKAGE/DEMONSTRATIONS IN TEL AVIV

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT YOU ARE DISCUSSING A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR THE PARTIES TO THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT? HOW MUCH ARE YOU PLANNING TO CONTRIBUTE?

-- WE HAVE SEEN THESE REPORTS.

-- IF WE REACH A POINT WHERE SUCH ISSUES NEED TO BE

CONSIDERED, WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONSULT AND WORK CLOSELY WITH CONGRESS.

UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 STATE 136186

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Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH OCCURRED IN TEL AVIV EARLIER TODAY? DOES THIS RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT THE ABILITY OF THE NEGOTIATORS TO SELL TO THEIR CONSTITUENCIES ANY AGREEMENT REACHED HERE?

-- AS THE SECRETARY HAS SAID, THE PRIME MINISTER WAS ELECTED WITH A MANDATE FOR PEACE, AND HE'S COME TO DO WHAT HE WAS ELECTED TO DO. BARAK HAS SAID THAT WHATEVER AGREEMENT IS REACHED HERE, HE WILL BRING DIRECTLY BACK TO THE ISRAELI PEOPLE FOR A REFERENDUM.

-- BOTH PRIME MINISTER BARAK AND CHAIRMAN ARAFAT HAVE SHOWN THAT THEY ARE READY TO TAKE RISKS TO PURSUE PEACE. THE KEY NOW IS TO MOVE THE PROCESS FORWARD, THROUGH THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF THE TWO LEADERS. THAT IS WHY THE PRESIDENT INVITED THEM FOR TALKS AT CAMP DAVID.

LIBYA: LOCKERBIE TRIAL STATUS

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE LOCKERBIE TRIAL ON THE PAN AM 103 BOMBING ARE NOT GOING WELL FOR THE PROSECUTION? WHAT WILL YOU DO IF THE SUSPECTS ARE ACQUITTED?

-- THIS TRIAL IS BEING CONDUCTED BY A SCOTTISH COURT AND ACCORDING TO SCOTTISH LAW. I AM IN NO POSITION TO COMMENT ON THE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COURT.

-- OUR GOAL IS TO SEE JUSTICE DONE FOR THE VICTIMS AND THE FAMILIES OF THE PAN AM 103 BOMBING, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE SCOTTISH PROSECUTORS WILL SPARE NO EFFORT IN ACHIEVING THAT GOAL.

-- THE UNITED STATES IS FULLY CONFIDENT THAT THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE WILL BE SERVED IN THIS CASE.

CONTEXT: THE NEW YORK TIMES HAS REPORTED THAT THE LOCKERBIE TRIAL IS NOT GOING AS PLANNED FOR THE PROSECUTION AND MAY NOT LEAD TO A CONVICTION OF THE DEFENDANTS.

SYRIA: INAUGURATION OF BASHAR AL-ASAD

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE INAUGURATION OF BASHAR AL-ASAD EARLIER TODAY? WHAT COMMENT DO YOU HAVE ON HIS INAUGURATION SPEECH?

-- EARLIER TODAY, BASHAR AL-ASAD WAS SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF SYRIA, FOLLOWING A REFERENDUM THAT OVERWHELMINGLY RATIFIED HIS CANDIDACY. HE NOW BEGINS A SEVEN-YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT ACCORDING TO THE SYRIAN CONSTITUTION.

-- BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY ALBRIGHT SENT MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT BASHAR AL-ASAD CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS INAUGURATION. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS.

-- HIS INAUGURATION REMARKS WERE CONSISTENT WITH COMMENTS HE MADE TO THE SECRETARY WHEN THEY MET IN DAMASCUS LAST MONTH. IN HIS SPEECH, HE REITERATED SYRIA'S COMMITMENT TO THE PEACE PROCESS AND THE U.S. ROLE AS A BROKER FOR PEACE.

-- WE LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE STATUS OF THE PEACE PROCESS WITH BASHAR AL-ASAD IN OUR FUTURE CONTACTS.

IRAN: SHORT-WAVE RADIO BROADCASTS

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT IRANIAN-AMERICANS IN CALIFORNIA ARE SENDING SHORT-WAVE BROADCASTS INTO IRAN? WHAT REACTION DO YOU HAVE TO COMMENTS BY THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS THAT THESE ARE "CULTURAL EXCHANGES?"

UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 STATE 136186

INFORM CONSULS-PASS PAOS-MILITARY ALSO FOR POLAD

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-- WE HAVE SEEN THESE REPORTS.

-- WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AN INCREASE IN CULTURAL AND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE IRANIANS AND AMERICANS, INCLUDING IRANIAN-AMERICANS AS A MEANS OF INCREASING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

-- HOWEVER, WE CONTINUE TO FAVOR GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT TALKS AS THE BEST MEANS OF ADDRESSING THE CONCERNS OF OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

IRAN: SHAHAB-3 MISSILE TEST

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON IRAN'S RECENT TEST OF THE SHAHAB-3 MISSILE? WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT IRAN'S BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM? IS IRAN DEVELOPING A SHAHAB-4 MISSILE?

-- WE HAVE SEEN THE PRESS REPORTS ON IRAN'S RECENT TESTING OF A BALLISTIC MISSILE.

-- IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT IRAN POSSESSES 300 KM- AND 500 KM-RANGE SCUD BALLISTIC MISSILES AND IS ACTIVELY PURSUING

DEVELOPMENT OF EVEN LONGER RANGE SYSTEMS, INCLUDING THE SHAHAB-3 MEDIUM RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE, WHICH IT FIRST FLIGHT TESTED IN JULY 1998.

-- IRANIAN OFFICIALS ALSO HAVE STATED PUBLICLY THAT IRAN IS DEVELOPING THE SHAHAB-4 MISSILE, WITH A LONGER RANGE AND HEAVIER PAYLOAD.

-- IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME TO COMMENT FURTHER ABOUT WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE DETAILS OF IRAN'S MISSILE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

-- AS WE HAVE SAID MANY TIMES, THE UNITED STATES VIEWS IRAN'S AGGRESSIVE EFFORTS TO FURTHER DEVELOP ITS BALLISTIC MISSILE CAPABILITIES AS A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE REGION AND TO OUR NONPROLIFERATION INTERESTS. WE HAVE ENGAGED FOR MANY YEARS IN VERY EXTENSIVE EFFORTS TO STOP THE PROLIFERATION OF MISSILE TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT TO IRAN.

-- WE CONTINUE TO PLACE A HIGH PRIORITY ON THIS IMPORTANT MISSILE NONPROLIFERATION ISSUE AND TO WORK CLOSELY WITH OTHER LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES TO STOP THE FLOW OF SENSITIVE MISSILE ITEMS TO IRAN.

Q: WILL THESE MISSILES HAVE WMD WARHEADS?

-- IT IS WELL-KNOWN THAT IRAN HAS AN ACTIVE WMD PROGRAM.

-- IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME TO COMMENT ABOUT WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE DETAILS OF IRAN'S MISSILE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

Q: WAS THE TEST SUCCESSFUL?

-- I CANNOT COMMENT FURTHER ON WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE TEST OR ON OTHER DETAILS OF IRAN'S MISSILE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

Q: WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEST?

-- THE TEST SHOWS THAT IRAN IS CONTINUING ITS AGGRESSIVE EFFORT TO DEVELOP MISSILES MORE CAPABLE THAN ITS EXISTING 300- AND 500-KM SCUDS.

Q: WHAT DOES THIS TEST SAY ABOUT IRANIAN MODERATION AND U.S. ATTEMPTS AT IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH IRAN?

-- WE ALWAYS HAVE SAID THAT IRANIAN ATTEMPTS TO ACQUIRE WMD AND MISSILES CAPABLE OF DELIVERING WMD ARE OF DEEP UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 STATE 136186

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CONCERN TO US. IT WOULD BE ONE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY

ISSUES THAT WE WOULD RAISE IN ANY OFFICIAL DIALOGUE WITH IRAN.

CONTEXT: IRAN'S PURSUIT OF THE SHAHAB-3 MRBM HAS BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED, AND IRAN HAS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY THAT IT IS PURSUING DEVELOPMENT OF THE EVEN LONGER-RANGE SHAHAB-4 MISSILE. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT COMMENT ON THE DETAILS OF IRAN'S MISSILE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING FLIGHT TESTS, AS SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE BASED ON INTELLIGENCE. TALBOTT

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1. MIDEAST
2. RUSSIA
3. ZIMBABWE

B) SUMMARY

1. MIDEAST

THE PEACE DEAL BEING CRAFTED AT CAMP DAVID -- IF IT MATERIALIZES -- WILL COST PLENTY. AND PRESIDENT CLINTON WAS REPORTED LOOKING FOR EU FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

2. RUSSIA

MOSCOW GENERALS WERE REPORTED ARGUING THE MERITS OF JOINING NATO AS PUTIN ARRIVED IN BEIJING TO FORGE SINO-RUSSIAN OPPOSITION TO A "UNIPOLAR" WORLD DOMINATED BY THE U.S.

3. ZIMBABWE

PRESIDENT MUGABE'S POST-ELECTION CABINET APPOINTEES WERE SEEN AS JOINING "A SHIP HEADED FOR THE ROCKS" AS THEY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES WITHOUT POWER.

C) TEXT

1. MIDEAST

"U.S. READY TO PAY FOR PEACE DEAL"

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN REPORTED 7/17:

"THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION IS PREPARING TO ASK CONGRESS TO APPROVE AT LEAST \$15BN IN EXTRA SPENDING -- POSSIBLY AS MUCH AS \$40BN -- TO IMPLEMENT THE KEY TERMS IN ANY MIDDLE EAST PEACE DEAL REACHED IN THE TALKS AT CAMP DAVID. WHILE MILITARY AND POLITICAL POWER ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO WASHINGTON'S ABILITY TO BRING THE OPPOSING SIDES TOGETHER AT CAMP DAVID, IT IS U.S. MONEY WHICH IS THE ULTIMATE GUARANTEE TO ANY DEAL REACHED THERE.

"NOT SURPRISINGLY, THERE ARE SIGNS THAT BOTH THE ISRAELIS AND THE PALESTINIANS HAVE EMBARKED ON A BIDDING WAR FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM WASHINGTON AS PART OF A DEAL ON NEW BORDERS IN THE REGION. WHILE THE WHITE HOUSE ACCEPTS WHAT WASHINGTON WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GUARANTOR OF ANY DEAL THE U.S. MANAGED TO BRING ABOUT, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS SAID THAT IT EXPECTS AMERICA'S ALLIES TO CONTRIBUTE TOO."

"CLINTON WILL ASK EU FOR BILLIONS TO BACK PEACE DEAL"

THE CENTRIST "INDEPENDENT" REPORTED 7/17:

"PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON WILL ASK TONY BLAIR AND OTHER WORLD LEADERS FOR CASH TO BACK MIDDLE EAST PEACE THIS WEEK. HOPES WERE RISING YESTERDAY THAT A DEAL COULD BE ON THE CARDS AS ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN LEADERS MET AGAIN AT CAMP DAVID, NEAR WASHINGTON.

"BUT CASH MAY PROVE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THE DEAL, AND THE UNITED STATES WILL EXPECT THE EUROPEAN UNION TO STUMP UP A LARGE PART OF THE MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR BILL...
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"ISRAEL WILL WANT A PACKAGE THAT INCLUDES THE COST OF RELOCATING ITS MILITARY BASES, NOW IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND OF ENHANCING ITS ALREADY FORMIDABLE MILITARY SUPERIORITY IN THE REGION. THE PALESTINIANS ARE SEEKING FUNDS, PARTICULARLY COMPENSATION FOR REFUGEES, AND HAVE BEEN BANDYING AROUND A FIGURE OF \$40BN.

"THE PALESTINIANS HAD APPARENTLY BEEN CLOSE TO WALKING OUT OF THE TALKS LAST WEEK, A CLASSIC NEGOTIATING FAILURE: THEY WOULD THEN HAVE BEEN BLAMED FOR THE BREAK-UP OF THE SESSION. THEIR NEW OPTIMISM SEEMS TO REFLECT PROGRESS ON THE STATUS OF JERUSALEM. HOWEVER, IF THE NEXT STAGE IS MAINLY ABOUT CASH, THEN THE PALESTINIANS TOO WILL PROBABLY HARDEN THEIR STANCE CONSIDERABLY."

"PALESTINIANS ARE OPTIMISTIC OVER MIDDLE EAST DEAL"

IN THE CONSERVATIVE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" REPORTED 7/17:

"THE CAMP DAVID TALKS ON THE MIDDLE EAST INTENSIFIED YESTERDAY, THE WHITE HOUSE SAID, AS PALESTINIAN NEGOTIATORS EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT A DEAL COULD BE REACHED DESPITE GLOOMY ASSESSMENTS FROM THEIR ISRAELI COUNTERPARTS.

"BUT SEVERAL ISRAELI CABINET MINISTERS WHO HAD SPOKEN TO EHUD BARAK, THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER, BY TELEPHONE SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS AND BLAMED PALESTINIAN DISINFORMATION' FOR REPORTS THAT A BREAKTHROUGH COULD BE IN THE OFFING...

"PRESIDENT CLINTON, WHO BELIEVES THAT A MIDDLE EAST PEACE AGREEMENT WOULD ADD SOME MUCH-NEEDED LUSTER TO HIS PRESIDENCY AT THE END OF EIGHT TURBULENT YEARS, IS ALREADY LOBBYING CONGRESS FOR A MASSIVE AID PACKAGE TO UNDERWRITE ANY DEALS."

2. RUSSIA

"RUSSIAN GENERALS DIVIDED BY IDEA OF JOINING NATO"

THE INDEPENDENT "FINANCIAL TIMES" REPORTED 7/17:

"A SECTION OF RUSSIA'S TOP MILITARY COMMANDERS ARE ACTIVELY CANVASSING THE POSSIBILITY OF RUSSIA JOINING NATO, ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN RUSSIAN BUSINESS CIRCLES. THIS STRATEGY, WHICH RESTS ON THE HARSHLY REALISTIC ANALYSIS OF RUSSIA'S CONTINUED ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WEAKNESS FOR SOME YEARS AHEAD, LIES BEHIND THE SMOLDERING DISPUTE BETWEEN IGOR SERGEYEV, THE DEFENSE MINISTER, AND ANATOLY KVASHNIN, THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF, OVER THE FUTURE OF THE STRATEGIC NUCLEAR MISSILE FORCES..."

"IT HAS BECOME CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT MUCH MORE IS AT STAKE THAN THE STRUCTURE OF COMMAND OF NUCLEAR MISSILES, RUSSIA'S LARGEST CLAIM TO BE CONSIDERED A SUPERPOWER. GENERAL KVASHNIN HAS TOLD SENIOR FIGURES IN THE MOSCOW POLITICAL AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT THAT HE BELIEVES RUSSIA CAN NO LONGER SUSTAIN A POSTURE OF DISTANCE FROM NATO AND THAT IT SHOULD CONSIDER A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP - EVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE PACT IN THE FUTURE."

"RUSSIA AND CHINA OPEN NEW CHAPTER"

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"PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN ARRIVES IN BEIJING TODAY FOR A VISIT WHICH WILL SET A NEW COURSE FOR SINO-RUSSIAN RELATIONS AFTER 50 YEARS OF SHARP TWISTS AND TURNS. ASIA PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE NEW RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY DOCTRINE ANNOUNCED BY FOREIGN MINISTER IGOR IVANOV LAST WEEK. HIS STATEMENT SHARED CHINA'S OPPOSITION TO A UNIPOLAR WORLD' DOMINATED BY THE U.S. AND SAID THAT RUSSIA WOULD SEEK TO ESTABLISH A MULTI-POLAR SYSTEM.

"CLOSER RELATIONS WITH CHINA ARE ALSO SEEN AS ESSENTIAL TO REVERSE THE EROSION OF RUSSIAN POWER IN ITS ASIAN TERRITORIES. RUSSIA AND CHINA HAVE COMMON SECURITY INTERESTS IN CENTRAL ASIA, BOTH BEING ANXIOUS TO PROMOTE STABILITY IN THE FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS THERE, AND DETER TERRORISM..."

"ALTHOUGH DIPLOMATS ON BOTH SIDES INSIST THAT THEIR NEW STABLE

RELATIONSHIP WILL LAST WELL INTO THIS CENTURY, SOME ANALYSTS BELIEVE THE LEGACY OF HISTORY IS NOT SO EASILY OVERCOME."

3. ZIMBABWE

"MAKEOVER IN HARARE"

THE CONSERVATIVE "TIMES" EDITORIALIZED 7/17:

"THE CHIEF MYSTERY ABOUT THE NEW CABINET APPOINTED BY ROBERT MUGABE IS WHY THE MORE INTELLIGENT NEW FACES IN IT AGREED TO SERVE. THEY MUST KNOW THAT THEY HAVE PUT THEIR TALENTS AT THE DISPOSAL OF A WILFUL, POWER-CRAZED AND WIDELY DETESTED PRESIDENT, WHO SAVED HIS RULING ZANU-PF PARTY FROM CERTAIN ELECTORAL DEFEAT ONLY, AS EVEN THE ULTRA-CAUTIOUS COMMONWEALTH OBSERVER MISSION FELT IMPELLED TO CONCLUDE, BY A STRATEGY OF SYSTEMATIC VIOLENCE'.

"THEY HAVE JOINED A SHIP HEADED FOR THE ROCKS. AS THEY TRY TO WRESTLE WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVASTATION FOR WHICH MR. MUGABE IS SQUARELY TO BLAME, MOREOVER, THE NEWCOMERS WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY WITHOUT POWER." LADER

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