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RUEHZM/GCC COLLECTIVE
SUBJ: EDITORIAL OPTIMISTIC ON MEPP SETTLEMENT; CALLS FOR
ARAB SUMMIT
TEXT: UNCLAS MUSCAT 003690

DEPARTMENT FOR NEA/ARP

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: PREL, MEPP, KMDR, MU
SUBJECT: EDITORIAL OPTIMISTIC ON MEPP SETTLEMENT; CALLS FOR
ARAB SUMMIT

1. AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL CARRIED BY GOVERNMENT-OWNED "OMAN"
7/27 (TAKEN TO REFLECT OFFICIAL OMANI VIEWS) STATED THE
FOLLOWING.

-- IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DESCRIBE THE DRAMATIC END OF THE
CAMP DAVID SUMMIT AS A COMPLETE FAILURE. ON THE CONTRARY,
ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED PROVED TO BE SERIOUS IN SEEKING A
JUST AND LASTING PEACE. THE FINAL STAGE ISSUES ARE ALL VERY
COMPLEX, AS NOTED BY PRESIDENT CLINTON BEFORE THE START OF
THE SUMMIT.

-- THE PALESTINIAN POSITION REMAINS FIRM BECAUSE IT RESTS
ON INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY AND THE CONVICTION THAT AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE STILL EXISTS. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO
IMAGINE THE REGION WITHOUT A JUST AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

-- THERE ARE MANY OBJECTIVE VOICES INSIDE ISRAEL, SUCH AS
THAT OF YUSSI BIELIN AND OTHERS, WHO BELIEVE THAT EAST
JERUSALEM WITH ALL ITS ARAB DISTRICTS AND ISLAMIC SHRINES
SHOULD BE UNDER PALESTINIAN SOVEREIGNTY.

-- ALTHOUGH THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT DID NOT RESULT IN A PEACE
ACCORD, THERE WAS A BREAKTHROUGH ON THE MAIN ISSUES, AS
POINTED OUT BY PRESIDENT CLINTON AT THE END OF THE SUMMIT.

-- SENDING A US ENVOY TO THE REGION AND THE POSITIVE
PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI STATEMENTS INDICATE THAT THE
SPECULATION OF VIOLENCE AND TENSION IS UNREALISTIC. THERE

IS STILL HOPE OF REACHING A FINAL SETTLEMENT, AND THERE IS AMPLE TIME BEFORE SEPTEMBER 13, THE DATE FIXED BY THE PALESTINIANS FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THEIR STATE, WITH JERUSALEM AS ITS CAPITAL.

-- THE US SHOULD BE MORE NEUTRAL. THE PALESTINIAN SIDE CANNOT WAIVE ITS RIGHTS, WHICH ARE SUPPORTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, NOR CAN THE PALESTINIAN DECISION-MAKERS MARKET A FRAGILE PEACE ACCORD. THE FEELING OF THE PALESTINIANS THAT THEIR RIGHTS HAVE BEEN RESTORED IS THE BASIC GUARANTEE FOR A GENUINE, LASTING PEACE.

-- PEACE HAS BEEN THE ONLY STRATEGIC CHOICE FOR ALL ARAB COUNTRIES SINCE THE HISTORIC MADRID CONFERENCE IN 1991. THE ARAB DESIRE FOR PEACE IS UNQUESTIONABLE. ISRAEL MUST REALIZE THAT THE ARAB POSITION CLEARLY SUPPORTS THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND LEADERSHIP. THE FIRM STANCE OF YASIR ARAFAT IS A CREDIT IN THE EYES OF HIS PEOPLE.

-- ARABS AND MUSLIMS SHOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PALESTINIANS. IT IS THEREFORE VERY IMPORTANT TO HOLD AN EMERGENCY ARAB SUMMIT TO DISCUSS THE MEPP AND ITS FUTURE. ISRAEL WILL THEN FEEL ISOLATED AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS A STATE IF IT CONTINUES TO REJECT A JUST AND COMPREHENSIVE PEACE.

2. AN OMANI POLITICAL COMMENTATOR WRITING IN THE OFFICIAL "OMAN" NEWSPAPER ON JULY 29 SAID THAT A PEACE ACCORD WAS "NOT FAR AWAY." REFERRING TO REPORTED BREAKTHROUGHS ON SENSITIVE AND COMPLEX ISSUES, HE POINTED OUT THAT MORE THAN EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE WORK WAS ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT. THE WRITER SAW A LINK BETWEEN THE EXPECTED RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS AND THE REPORTED THREAT OF RESIGNATION BY DAVID LEVI AS A SIGN THAT SOMETHING HAS ALREADY BEEN ACHIEVED. "THE PEACE ACCORD WAS ABOUT TO BE CONCLUDED AT THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT. THAT IS WHY PRESIDENT CLINTON RETURNED HASTILY FROM THE G8 SUMMIT. BUT BARAK'S OBSTINACY DUE TO HIS FEAR OF HIS POLITICAL FUTURE FORCED THE AMERICANS TO REALIZE THE DIFFICULT SITUATION FACING BOTH ARAFAT AND BARAK AT HOME," THE WRITER CONCLUDED.

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STATEMENT ON POSSIBLE EMBASSY TRANSFER TO JERUSALEM
TEXT: UNCLAS MUSCAT 003715

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DEPARTMENT FOR NEA/ARP

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: PREL, MEPP, MU

SUBJECT: NEGATIVE OMANI REACTION TO PRESIDENT CLINTON'S
STATEMENT ON POSSIBLE EMBASSY TRANSFER TO JERUSALEM

1. (U) ON JULY 30, AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL CARRIED BY THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED "OMAN" (TAKEN TO REFLECT OFFICIAL OMANI VIEWS) DESCRIBED AS "INAPPROPRIATE" THE RECENT STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT CLINTON ON ISRAELI TV WARNING THE PALESTINIANS AGAINST UNILATERALLY DECLARING AN INDEPENDENT STATE, WHILE HINTING AT THE POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN ISRAEL TO JERUSALEM.

2. (U) THE EDITORIAL SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WARNING THE PALESTINIANS AGAINST DECLARING STATEHOOD WAS A "TRIAL BALLOON" TO TEST THE PALESTINIAN REACTION. THE EDITORIAL CLAIMED THAT U.S. DOMESTIC POLITICAL AFFAIRS MAY NOW BE "CASTING A SHADOW" OVER EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE WRITER SURMISED THAT THE DEMOCRATS WERE KEEN TO ASSIST VICE PRESIDENT GORE IN HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN BY PORTRAYING THEMSELVES AS STAUNCHLY PRO-ISRAEL.

3. (U) ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL, PRESIDENT CLINTON'S REMARKS ON TRANSFERRING THE U.S. EMBASSY FROM TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE CURRENT "OPTIMISTIC ATMOSPHERE" SURROUNDING THE MEPP. THE WRITER DESCRIBED PRESIDENT CLINTON'S COMMENTS AS "UNPRECEDENTED" IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, NOTING THAT EAST JERUSALEM IS "OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY." THE EDITORIAL STATED THAT IF THE

U.S. EMBASSY TRANSFER TAKES PLACE, IT WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION.

4. (U) THE WRITER STATES THAT ISSUANCE OF SUCH "THREATS" DOES NOT SERVE THE PEACE PROCESS NOR DOES IT ASSIST IN CREATING A HEALTHY ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN THE ISRAELIS AND THE PALESTINIANS. INSTEAD, IT CASTS DOUBTS ON THE CREDIBILITY OF THE U.S. AS A GENUINELY NEUTRAL SPONSOR. THE EDITORIAL SPECULATES THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON WAS DISAPPOINTED BY THE FAILURE OF THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT, NOT ONLY BECAUSE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAS NOT ACHIEVED, BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, BECAUSE HE HAD HOPED SIGNING A PEACE ACCORD WOULD BOLSTER THE POPULARITY OF DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL, VICE PRESIDENT GORE.

5. (U) WHILE THE WRITER QUOTES CHIEF PALESTINIAN NEGOTIATOR, SAEB IRIKAT, AS SAYING THAT "ABOUT 80 PERCENT" OF THE WORK HAD BEEN ACHIEVED, IT NONETHELESS CONCLUDES THAT "IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE PEACE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE INDISPUTABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS." HE STRESSED THAT EAST JERUSALEM IS "OCCUPIED TERRITORY WHICH SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ITS OWNERS, IF A JUST PEACE IS TO BE ACHIEVED IN THE REGION."

6. (SBU) COMMENT: THERE IS LITTLE NEW IN THIS ARTICLE, EXCEPT PERHAPS THE LACK OF VITRIOL AND A RELATIVELY LOW-KEY ANALYSIS. THE IMPORTANCE HERE IS THE SPIN -- THE OMANIS ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON THE POSSIBLE EMBASSY MOVE TO JERUSALEM, BUT NEITHER ARE THEY UP IN ARMS.

GRAPPO

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PARIS ALSO FOR POL - LEAF
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JERUSALEM ALSO FOR VOA AND ICD
ROME FOR MFO

E.O. 12958: NA
TAGS: KMDR, OPRC, KPAO, EG
SUBJECT: PEACE PROCESS;CAIRO - JULY 28-30, 2000

1. SUMMARY:

THE PEACE PROCESS DOMINATED MEDIA COVERAGE OVER THE WEEKEND.

ON JULY 28, ALL PRO-GOVERNMENT MEDIA LEAD STORIES QUOTED EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOUSSA'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT EGYPT WILL CONDUCT INTENSIVE ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS TO DISCUSS THE POST-CAMP DAVID SITUATION AND AVOID THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FEW POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SUMMIT. REPORTEDLY, ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BARAK'S VISIT TO EGYPT WAS POSTPONED FOR DOMESTIC ISRAELI REASONS. ALL REPORTS HIGHLIGHTED SECRETARY ALBRIGHT'S PHONE CALL WITH MUBARAK AND NEWS ABOUT ANOTHER CAMP DAVID SUMMIT IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE LEAD STORIES IN ALL OPPOSITION PAPERS REPORTED INTENSIVE AMERICAN PRESSURES ON THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY WITH CONGRESS'S THREATS TO CUT AID IN THE EVENT OF A DECLARATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE.

ON JULY 29, ALL PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILIES HIGHLIGHTED AMERICAN CONTACTS WITH PRESIDENT MUBARAK AND OTHER ARAB LEADERS TO FIND A COMPROMISE ON JERUSALEM. LEADING PRO-GOVERNMENT AL AHAM REPORTED THAT SECRETARY ALBRIGHT RESOLVED TO SEND ASSISTANT SECRETARY EDWARD WALKER ON A TOUR OF THE REGION. AL AHAM QUOTED AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL THAT WALKER'S VISIT TO CAIRO AIMS TO IDENTIFY THE EGYPTIAN POSITION ON THE PROPOSALS MADE IN CAMP DAVID. ALL REPORTS HIGHLIGHTED PRESIDENT CLINTON'S STATEMENTS PROMISING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL AND A FUND FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEES IF PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS REACH A PEACE DEAL. HOWEVER, ALL MEDIA REPORTS NOTED PALESTINIAN ANGER OVER CLINTON'S STATEMENTS ON THE POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY FROM TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM.

ALL JULY 30 PRO-GOVERNMENT REPORTS LED WITH PRESIDENT MUBARAK'S RECEIVING A PHONE CALL FROM FRENCH PRESIDENT CHIRAC, THE ARRIVAL OF AN AMERICAN PEACE ENVOY, THE RESUMPTION OF PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI TALKS TODAY, AND A PALESTINIAN OFFICIAL SAYING EGYPT IS ARRANGING FOR A MINI-ARAB SUMMIT. THE REPORTS HIGHLIGHTED A WRITTEN MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO ARAFAT CONFIRMING A FIXED AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO THE PEACE PROCESS. WHILE ALL MEDIA CONTINUED TO REPORT ON ANGRY PALESTINIAN REACTIONS TO PRESIDENT CLINTON'S COMMENTS ON THE U.S. EMBASSY TRANSFER TO JERUSALEM, LEADING PRO-GOVERNMENT AL AHAM QUOTED SECRETARY ALBRIGHT THAT EASTERN JERUSALEM IS AN OCCUPIED TERRITORY AND ALL EMBASSIES IN ISRAEL ARE LOCATED IN TEL AVIV.

SIMULTANEOUSLY ON JULY 28, PROMINENT HIGHLIGHTS IN ALL MEDIA WERE GIVEN TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TROOPS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON TO PREVENT FURTHER ISRAELI UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 07 CAIRO 005297

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VIOLATIONS.

ON JULY 29, LEADING PAPER AL AHAM PUBLISHED A LENGTHY REVIEW OF A BOOK BY NORMAN FINKELSTEIN ENTITLED, "THE HOLOCAUST INDUSTRY."

INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE CONCORDE CRASH RECEIVED FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE OVER THE WEEKEND.

THE JULY 29 AL AHAM REPORTED ON THE LARGEST REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE IN THE U.S. SINCE 1832 FOR THE OFFICIAL NOMINATION OF BUSH FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. THE HISTORIC MEETING BETWEEN U.S. SECRETARY ALBRIGHT AND HER NORTH KOREAN COUNTERPART WAS HIGHLIGHTED IN ALL MEDIA.

ON U.S.-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS, LEADING PRO-GOVERNMENT AL AHAM ON JULY 30 HIGHLIGHTED A STATEMENT BY THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. THAT CONGRESSMEN ARE LEADING A CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT FOR A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE U.S. HOWEVER, OPPOSITION AL AHAM'S FRONT PAGE QUOTED THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, RETURNING FROM THE U.S., SAYING THAT EGYPT REFUSES U.S. CONDITIONS FOR THIS AGREEMENT. A POSITIVE FRONT-PAGE STORY IN ALL PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS REPORTED THE U.S. SENATE "UNANIMOUSLY ADMITTED" THAT ISLAM IS BEING DEFAMED IN THE U.S. END SUMMARY.

2. QUOTES OF THE DAY

"A PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI DEAL WILL REMAIN CONDITIONAL ON AN ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER COURAGEOUS ENOUGH TO RECOGNIZE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS TO EAST JERUSALEM." -- ABDEL HAMID GAD, CONTRIBUTOR, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL AHAM

"WILL PRESIDENT CLINTON TURN FROM A SPONSOR OF PEACE TO A SUPPORTER OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?" -- GAMAL

ZAYDA, COLUMNIST, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL AHAM

3. BLOCK QUOTES

PEACE PROCESS:

-- IBRAHIM NAFIE, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL AHAM (7/28): "DESPITE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AMERICAN ROLE, IT WAS NOT UP TO THE LEVEL IN CAMP DAVID. AMERICANS COULD NOT BRING VIEWS CLOSER: THEY DID NOT HAVE FUTURE PERSPECTIVE OR CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE EXISTING PROBLEMS. EVEN WHEN THEY MAKE PROPOSALS ON JERUSALEM, THEY WERE JUST ANOTHER COPY OF THE ISRAELI PROPOSAL. MOREOVER, THE AMERICAN MANAGEMENT OF THE CAMP DAVID TALKS LACKED INTEREST IN UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 07 CAIRO 005297

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THE DEEP DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. THE FAILURE OF THE TALKS IS BASICALLY DUE TO THE ISRAELI INSISTENCE ON ITS COERCIVE POSITIONS IN MANY ISSUES, ESPECIALLY JQRUSALEM.. DESPITE THE FAILURE OF CAMP DAVID, MEDIA LEAKS SHOW SOME PROGRESS WAS ACHIEVED. IT IS NECESSARY TO FOCUS ON REINFORCING SUCH PROGRESS IN THE FUTURE, AND BUILD ON IT AS WELL AS MOBILIZING ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE RIGHTFUL PALESTINIAN POSITION."

-- WAGIH ABU ZIKRY, COLUMNIST, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL AKHBAR (7/28): "ISRAELIS ARE PUSHING PALESTINIANS TO MORE THAN THE RETURN OF INTIFADAH.. THE COMING FEW DAYS WILL BE DIFFICULT ON THE PALESTINICN ARENA. I BELIEVE THE DECISION TO DECLARE A STATE, AFTER THE FAILURE OF CAMP DAVID, WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF A HARSH PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI DISPUTE.. THE PALESTINIAN OPPOSITION, WHILE STRONG, WILL FIND OPEN SUPPORT FROM ARAB AND ISLAMIC STATES, AND ABDEL NASSER'S MOTTO, "WHAT WAS TAKEN WITH FORCE WILL BE REGAINED WITH FORCE," WILL BE ACHIEVED."

-- ABDEL FATTAH EL BATTI, CONTRIBUTOR, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL AHAM (7/29): "IF NOTHING EMERGED FROM CAMP DAVID WHICH CLINTON STAMPED WITH FAILURE, IT IS ENOUGH THAT IT ABORTED ALL ISRAELI TABOOS.ESPECIALLY THE

RECURRENT ALLEGATIONS ABOUT JERUSALEM.. WE WILL FIND ARAFAT EMERGED AS A HERO WHEN HE REFUSED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON JERUSALEM.. HIS WORDS RESONATED INTERNATIONALLY AND ISLAMICALLY.. HE WAS RECEIVED WARMLY UPON HIS RETURN TO GAZA.. PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS SHOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF WHAT HAPPENED IN CAMP DAVID TO REACH A FINAL SOLUTION ON SEPTEMBER 13, OR THEY WILL WAIT FOR ANOTHER YEAR UNTIL A NEW PRESIDENT COMES TO THE WHITE HOUSE."

-- ABDEL HAMID GAD, CONTRIBUTOR, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL AHAM (7/29): "THE FAILURE OF CAMP WAS EXPECTED. THIS WAS NOT PESSIMISTIC, BUT WAS THE RESULT OF CAREFUL READING OF THE HISTORY OF PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI TALKS.. CLINTON WANTED TO CUT TIME AND CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AND OBTAIN MUTUAL CONCESSIONS. THIS CAME AT THE EXPENSE OF THE GOOD PREPARATION AND MATURE UNDERSTANDING OF EACH PARTY TO THE DEMANDS OF THE OTHER. BECAUSE OF THE AUTOMATIC AMERICAN BIAS TOWARDS ISRAEL, PRESSURE CAME ON ARAFAT ONLY.. A PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI DEAL WILL REMAIN CONDITIONAL ON AN ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER COURAGEOUS ENOUGH TO RECOGNIZE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS TO EAST JERUSALEM."

-- UNSIGNED, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL AHAM (7/29): "EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI PEACE CONTINUE DESPITE THE FAILURE OF CAMP DAVID II. EGYPT IS PLAYING A PIVOTAL ROLE TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AND FIND A STRONG ARAB SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN NEGOTIATOR. CONTACTS ARE NOW UNDERWAY TO EVALUATE CAMP DAVID II. WHAT EGYPT WANTS FROM THE ISRAELI OR UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 07 CAIRO 005297

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AMERICAN SIDE IS RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY AS A BASIS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AND JUST SOLUTION. PEACE WILL NOT BE ACHIEVED FROM THE LOGIC OF BALANCE OF POLITICAL POWER AS ISRAEL WANTS."

-- IBRAHIM NAFIE, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL AHAM (7/29): "UNDOUBTEDLY, THE FAILURE OF CAMP DAVID II IS A CONFIRMATION OF THE STEADFAST PALESTINIAN NEGOTIATOR, ARAB PERMANENT RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY. THE TALKS PROVED THAT JERUSALEM REPRESENTS IN THE PALESTINIAN, ARAB AND ISLAMIC, EVEN INTERNATIONAL HEARTS, A HIGH VALUE THAT CAN NEVER BE

CONCEDED. IT IS THE CROWN OF THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE.. ARAFAT IN FACT ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE. THE TALKS PROVED THAT HE IS A FIGHTER, A NEGOTIATOR, A SYMBOL AND A NATIONAL LEADER WHO INSTINCTIVELY KNOWS LIMITS.. ARAFAT KNOWS THAT A BILLION MOSLEMS HAVE RIGHTS TO JERUSALEM, AND THEY MAY ACCEPT A CONCESSION HERE OR THERE RELUCTANTLY, BUT THEY WILL NEVER ACCEPT THE LOSS OF RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS, ARABS AND CHRISTIANS IN JERUSALEM.. IT IS A HOLY LAND FOR THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS, IT IS A SYMBOL OF OUR STRUGGLE FOR HALF A CENTURY. PUBLIC OPINION MAY ACCEPT ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE PALESTINIAN STATE, SINCE JERUSALEM AS ITS CAPITAL WILL COMPENSATE AND CONSOLE PEOPLE FOR WHAT THEY LOST. BUT A PALESTINIAN STATE WITHOUT JERUSALEM WILL ONLY BE A MIRAGE."

-- IBRAHIM SAADA, BOARD CHAIRMAN, PRO-GOVERNMENT WEEKLY AKHBAR AL YOM (7/29): "THIS UNLIMITED SUPPORT GIVEN BY MUBARAK TO THE PEACE PROCESS SUCCESS AND SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY, WHICH WILL ALONE RETURN ALL PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, WE HOPE IS REPEATED IN ALL ARAB AND ISLAMIC COUNTRIES, SO THAT THE PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT WILL NOT STAND ALONE IN THE FACE OF BARAK."

-- UNSIGNED, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL GOMHOURIYA (7/29): "EGYPT CONTINUES TO CONFIRM THAT IT IS THE AXIS AROUND WHICH THE PEACE PROCESS ROTATES. ARAFAT CAME TO CAIRO AS HIS FIRST STOP.. MUBARAK WILL MEET JORDAN'S KING AND BAHRAIN'S EMIR, AS WELL AS CONTINUING TO CONSULT WITH THE AMERICAN SPONSOR. IF PRESIDENT CLINTON ANNOUNCED THAT THE CHANCE IS STILL THERE TO REACH AN HONORABLE SETTLEMENT ON JERUSALEM DESPITE THE FAILURE OF CAMP DAVID, THERE IS HOPE THAT CLINTON WILL EXERT A LARGER ROLE WITH BARAK, ESPECIALLY AFTER BARAK RETRACTED HIS PROMISES IN CAMP DAVID II. IT IS USEFUL TO AVOID OBSTACLES RAISED BY CONGRESS. IT IS BETTER TO FOCUS ON THE COMING STAGE TO MAKE MORE STEPS THAT HELP NOT ONLY THE TALKS, BUT TO REACH A PEACE DEAL AND RESUME THE SYRIAN TRACK AS WELL."

-- GAMAL ZAYDA, COLUMNIST, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL AHRAH (7/30): "WILL PRESIDENT CLINTON TURN FROM A SPONSOR OF PEACE TO A SUPPORTER OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST? THE SIGNS ARE CLEAR. WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY HIS RECENT STATEMENTS THREATENING THE ENTIRE UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 07 CAIRO 005297

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PALESTINIAN NATION WITH TRANSFERRING THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM? WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT HE APPEARS ON ISRAELI TELEVISION TO WARN THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP AGAINST A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE?... NEITHER THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT NOR ANY OF HIS ADVISORS MADE CORRECT ESTIMATIONS ABOUT THE SITUATION FOLLOWING THESE STATEMENTS OR THEIR IMPACT ON THE PEACE PROCESS OR THE EXPECTED VIOLENCE IN THE REWION. THEY DID NOT REALIZE THE AMOUNT OF ANGER IN PALESTINIAN AND ARAB HEARTS THESE IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS WOULD GENERATE. THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION GAVE AN UNCONVINCING EXPLANATION OF CLINTON'S STATEMENT, THAT HE AIMED TO SUPPORT BARAK IN THE FACE OF HIS POLITICAL FOES.. HOWEVER, THOSE ADVISORS MISSED THESE FACTS: FIRST, IT IS THE FIRST TIME THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION VIOLATES AN IMPORTANT RULE IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY THAT REFRAINS FROM RECOGNIZING JERUSALEM AS ISRAEL'S CAPITAL, WHICH HAS BEEN THE RULE FOR THIRTY YEARS.. SECONDLY, CLINTON'S STATEMENTS OPEN WIDE GATES OF ANGER.. HAMAS THREATENED TO RETURN TO STRUGGLE TO REGAIN RIGHTS.. EVEN MODERATE PALESTINIAN FIGURES, LIKE HANAN ASHRAWI.DESCRIBED CLINTON'S STATEMENT AS AN UNACCEPTABLE POLITICAL BLACKMAIL. THIRDLY, CLINTON'S STATEMENTS DESTROYED THE CONVICTION OF WASHINGTON'S IMPARTIALITY AS A PEACE SPONSOR, AND RAISED THE IDEA OF AMERICAN BIAS TO ISRAEL ONCE AGAIN, A MATTER THAT THREATENS THE PEACE PROCESS OUTRIGHT."

-- DR. MAHMOUD WAHIB ESSAYED, CONTRIBUTOR, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL AHAM (7/30): "PRESIDENT CLINTON THREW ALL HIS COUNTRY'S WEIGHT BEHIND THE CAMP DAVID TALKS, SO THAT IF HE WAS ABLE TO REACH AT LEAST A PARTIAL DEAL ON THE MAIN ISSUES.OTHER AGREEMENTS WILL FOLLOW.AND THE ENTIRE REGION, WITH ITS WEALTH AND MARKETS, WOULD BE STAMPED WITH THE U.S. SEAL FOREVER, AND CLINTON'S PERSONAL HISTORY WILL BE CLEANSED.. IN THIS BEAUTIFUL DREAM, CLINTON FORGOT THAT THOSE ISSUES ARE HIGHLY CRITICAL AND NO PRESSURE OR FINANCIAL COERCION WOULD WORK. HE FAILED TO REALIZE THAT THE TWO LEADERS [ARAFAT AND BARAK] WOULD NOT DARE RETURN TO THEIR NATIONS IF THEY CONCEDED ANY OF THESE ISSUES, WHATEVER THE PRICE WAS. WHAT DID CLINTON EXPECT?... IT WAS CERTAINLY A CHARADE FOR THE SAKE OF CLINTON ALONE.. EACH PARTY WENT TO CAMP DAVID TO SHOW THAT HE HAD DONE EVERYTHING HE COULD TO SEEK PEACE.. BOTH ARAFAT AND BARAK RETURNED AS A HERO IN THEIR PEOPLE'S EYES.. THE ONLY LOSER IS THE ONE WHO HAD HIGH HOPES, WHO FORGOT THE FACTS AND HOW THOSE ISSUES ARE CRITICAL TO THE PEOPLE CONCERNED.AND HARMED HIS NAME AND HIS COUNTRY'S PRESTIGE AS THE SOLE SUPERPOWER.. HE HAS WASTED CAMP DAVID'S GLORIOUS NAME IT HAS GAINED BEFORE. WHAT THEN? THE MIDDLE EAST HAS DETERIORATED A FEW STEPS AND LOST SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS IT MADE, SINCE NO ONE WILL DARE BROACH ON THESE ISSUES IN FEAR OF THE SAME FATE.. [THE SUMMIT] DEEMED IT HARDER TO MAKE A PEACEFUL

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THUS, IT WILL NOT BE STRANGE TO EXPECT VIOLENCE, MUTUAL PROVOCATION AND CLASHES, ESPECIALLY SINCE PESSIMISM AND DISAPPOINTMENT HAS OVERWHELMED ALL PARTIES BECAUSE OF CLINTON'S ACTS AND SELFISH THINKING. CERTAINLY, HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS THE ONE WHO TURNED THE WHEELS OF HISTORY BACKWARD AND HUMILIATED AMERICAN PRIDE."

-- UNSIGNED, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL AHAM (7/30):
"PESSIMISM OVERWHELMED THE WORLD AFTER THE FAILURE OF THE SUMMIT.. THE AMERICAN PARTY USUALLY FAILS TO CRUSH ITS BIAS TOWARD ISRAEL, EVEN THOUGH IT IS THE PARTY WHICH CALLED FOR THE SUMMIT AND TRIED TO BRING THE TWO NEGOTIATING PARTIES CLOSER.. THE SIMPLEST INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLE IN THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE IS IMPLEMENTING U.N. RESOLUTIONS AS WELL AS THE OSLO AND SHARM AGREEMENTS, ON THE BASIS OF WHICH THE CAMP DAVID II WAS HELD.. THE RECENT AMERICAN POSITION ANNOUNCED UNHIDDEN BIAS [AGAINST] AND PRESSURE ON THE PALESTINIAN PARTY ON THE ISSUE OF JERUSALEM THAT SATISFIES ISRAEL, TO THE EXTENT THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON BRANDISHED THE TRANSFER OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY FROM TEL AVIV TO WESTERN JERUSALEM AND SOUTH TO TIE PALESTINIAN HANDS ABOUT THE DECLARATION OF THEIR STATE. PRESIDENT MUBARAK IS PURSUING CONTACTS WITH ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO CONTAIN THE CURRENT DIFFERENCES AND EMERGE FROM THE DARK TUNNEL IN WHICH THE TALKS HAVE ENTERED AFTER ILLEGITIMATE PRESSURES AND THE EXCLUSION OF JUSTICE. THERE SHOULD BE A STRONG ARAB, ISLAMIC-CHRISTIAN, SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP THAT INDICATES CLEARLY THAT A PALESTINIAN STATE WITH EAST JERUSALEM AS ITS CAPITAL IS THE RIGHT THAT SHOULD RETURN TO ITS LEGITIMATE OWNERS. THIS RETURN IS THE BEGINNING OF REAL PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

-- KAMEL ZOHAIY, COLUMNIST, PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY AL GOMHOURIYA (7/30): "IN THE USUAL AMERICAN WAY, CLINTON AGREED TO SOLVE THE JERUSALEM ISSUE BY FINDING A VAGUE FORMULA CALLED JOINT SOVEREIGNTY, THAT MAINTAINS THE SOVEREIGNTY OF ISRAELI OCCUPATION ON JERUSALEM.. THE TALKS, THUS NATURALLY FAILED, AND ARAFAT WAS TO BE BLAMED.. BARAK ACCUSED ARAFAT, WHICH WAS EXPECTED. HOWEVER, THE REAL SURPRISE CAME FROM THE PRESIDENT --

WHO FAILED IN HAITI, BOSNIA AND SOMALIA -- WHEN HE THREATENED TO THINK OF TRANSFERRING THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM. THIS IS BLACKMAIL AS ASHRAWI TRULY DESCRIBED. OR IS IT ANOTHER SCANDAL BY THE PRESIDENT IN HIS FINAL DAYS?"

-- ABDELLAH EL-SENAWI, COLUMNIST, NASSERITE OPPOSITION WEEKLY AL ARABI (7/30): "WE SHOULD NOT THINK ARAFAT NEEDS A MEDAL BECAUSE CAMP DAVID II FAILED.. THERE IS CONFIRMED NEWS THAT THE PALESTINIAN DELEGATION MADE SERIOUS CONCESSIONS ON SETTLEMENTS.AND WAS ACTUALLY READY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON REFUGEES.. LACKING ARAB AND ISLAMIC POLITICAL POWER AND DOMESTIC PALESTINIAN SUPPORT, ARAFAT COULD NOT SIGN ON THESE CONCESSIONS. THIS DOES NOT MEAN HE WILL NOT SIGN THEM IN LATER UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 07 CAIRO 005297

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TALKS.. NOTICEABLY, THE MEMBERS OF ARAFAT'S TEAM [IN CAMP DAVID] WERE READIER THAN THEIR PRESIDENT TO MAKE CONCESSIONS AND REACH A FINAL DEAL. ARAFAT SEEMED MORE ADAMANT, BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN ARAFAT HAS BECOME A HARDLINER. IT ONLY MEANS THAT PART OF HIS TEAM IS BOTH INEFFICIENT AND UN-NATIONALISTIC. THIS IS ARAFAT'S RESPONSIBILITY AND HIS NEGOTIATING METHOD SINCE OSLO. THE FAILURE OF CAMP DAVID IS NOT A CERTIFICATE OF ACQUITTAL FOR ARAFAT.. WE HOPE HE DOES NOT MAKE CONCESSIONS ON MAJOR ISSUES IN COMING ROUNDS, BUT PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE DOES NOT ENCOURAGE US TO BET ON THAT." KURTZER

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