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SUBJ: IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 - UPDATE ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN KHOWST PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN AND PRE-ELECTORAL PREPARATIONS (U)

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SUMMARY: (b)(3):10 USC 424 ANTI-COALITION ELEMENTS CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL PREPARATIONS.

IN SPITE OF THESE CONTINUING ATTACKS AGAINST THE AFGHAN TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION (ATA), THE ADMINISTRATION OF KHOWST PROVINCE CONTINUES TO MOVE AHEAD WITH PRELECTION ACTIVITIES.

TEXT:

1. (b)(3):10 USC 424 PATAN ((MIRAJUDIN)), GOVERNOR OF KHOWST PROVINCE, RETURNED FROM MEETINGS IN KABUL WITH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. GENERAL KHIL ((BAZ)) RETURNED FROM A RECENT TRIP TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. THE GOVERNOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS NEW CHIEF OF POLICE, ((AYUB)), WHO REPLACED GENERAL ((SABOOR)). GOVERNOR MIRAJUDIN REPLACED GENERAL BAZ AS A RESULT OF HIS INCOMPETENCE AND CHARGES OF CORRUPTION LEVELED BY MANY LOCAL INHABITANTS. AYUB IS AN ETHNIC TAJIK AND ORIGINALLY FROM PARWAN PROVINCE. AYUB'S NOMINATION WAS NOT WELL RECEIVED BY THE PREDOMINANTLY PASHTUN POPULATION OF KHOWST PROVINCE.

2. (b)(3):10 USC 424 DURING THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST 2004 PROVINCIAL POLICE UNITS STOPPED A VEHICLE TRAVELING ALONG THE ROAD BETWEEN KHOWST AND GARDEZ. THE VEHICLE WAS TRANSPORTING SEVEN

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AKM-TYPE RIFLES AND SEVERAL THOUSAND ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. PROVINCIAL POLICE UNITS APPREHENDED SEVERAL KEY MEMBERS OF COMMANDER

MALEM ((JOHN)) AND WALI ((KHAN))'S ANTI-GOVERNMENT MILITIAS IN THE VILLAGE OF KHOLBISAT, DISTRICT OF SABARI (CNA).

3. (b)(3):10 USC 424 [REDACTED] DURING THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST 2004, THE PROVINCIAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN KHOWST RECEIVED COPIES OF A NINE PAGE PAMPHLET TITLED, "THE ISLAMIC MOVEMENT OF THE TALIBAN". THE PAMPHLET ENCOURAGED THE LOCAL CITIZENS NOT TO TAKE PART IN THE UPCOMING OCTOBER NATIONAL ELECTIONS, NOR COOPERATE WITH THE AFGHAN TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION (ATA) AND COALITION FORCES.

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