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D. (U) EGYPT: AL-GAMAAT AL-ISLAMIYYA ISSUES WARNING TO TOURISTS. THE EGYPTIAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AL-GAMAAT AL-ISLAMIYYA [IG] RECENTLY ISSUED A STATEMENT CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE 13 OCTOBER KILLING OF ELEVEN EGYPTIAN POLICEMEN IN THE AL-MINYA PROVINCE

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OF UPPER EGYPT. WITHIN THE CLAIM THE IG SPECIFICALLY WARNS TOURISTS NOT TO VISIT EGYPT SINCE THEY MAY BE INJURED "IN A BATTLE IN WHICH THEY HAVE NO PART." IT IS UNCLEAR IF THE IG STATEMENT IS A THREAT THE GROUP WILL FLAGRANTLY TARGET TOURISTS TRAVELING IN EGYPT, OR IF IT IS A WARNING THAT TOURISTS MAY BE INADVERTENTLY CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE OF ANTI-REGIME ATTACKS. THE IG, WHICH BEGAN TARGETING TOURISTS IN 1992 IN AN EFFORT TO DESTABILIZE EGYPT'S VITAL TOURISM INDUSTRY, MOST RECENTLY CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE APRIL 1996 ATTACK ON GREEK TOURISTS, AND PROBABLY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ATTACK AGAINST GERMAN TOURISTS IN CAIRO IN THIS PAST SEPTEMBER

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