TEMPORARY EXILE. THE DECREE OF EXILM WAS SUCH THAT FOR A PERIOD DURING THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR, TALABANI AND THE PUK Fought Against THE BARZANI'S AND THE KDP, WHICH FUGHT FOR THE IRANIANS. ALTHOUGH SOME OTHER LEADERS IN THE KF, NOTABLY THE KURDISH POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY (KPKD) LEADER SAMIR RAMAZAN, HAVE REPORTEDLY TRIED TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN BARZANI AND TALABANI, NO SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

5. BARZANI'S ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS WITH BAGHDAD ARE VIEWED WITH SUSPICION BY TALABANI. PUK SPOKESMEN HAVE REPEATEDLY VOICED THEIR DISPLEASURE WITH THE RESULTS OF BARZANI'S TALKS. BARZANI HAS STATED THAT HIS GOAL IS TO GET THE BEST AGREEMENT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME. TALABANI HAS ATTACKED THIS APPROACH, EMphasizing THE NecessITY FOR REACHING A SATISFACTORY Pact WITH BAGHDAD. NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES. A KEY ASPECT OF THIS DIFFERENCE IN APPROACH IS THE CITY OF EIRIK. TALABANI HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT IT IS RECOGNIZED AS KURDISH AND INCLUDED IN ANY AGREEMENT.

6. FOLLOWING THE MOST RECENT DISCUSSIONS, BARZANI RETURNED TO THE KURDISTAN REGION WITH GIFTS FROM BAGHDAD, WHICH INCLUDED AT LEAST 3,000 RIFLES (SOURCES REPORT UP TO 26,000+). CUBS, SHEEP, AND MORE. ALTHOUGH ALL KF PARTIES, INCLUDING THE PUK, TAKE OR HAVE TAKEN GIFTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT,


Said to have ordered its troops to take over several KDP positions in Iraq. Although the ongoing Kurdish demonstrations in the north are directed primarily against the Iraqi government, that the protests are also PUK INSPIRED TO DISCREDIT BARZANI... WHEN TALABANI ORDERED THE DEMONSTRATIONS TO CEASE.

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