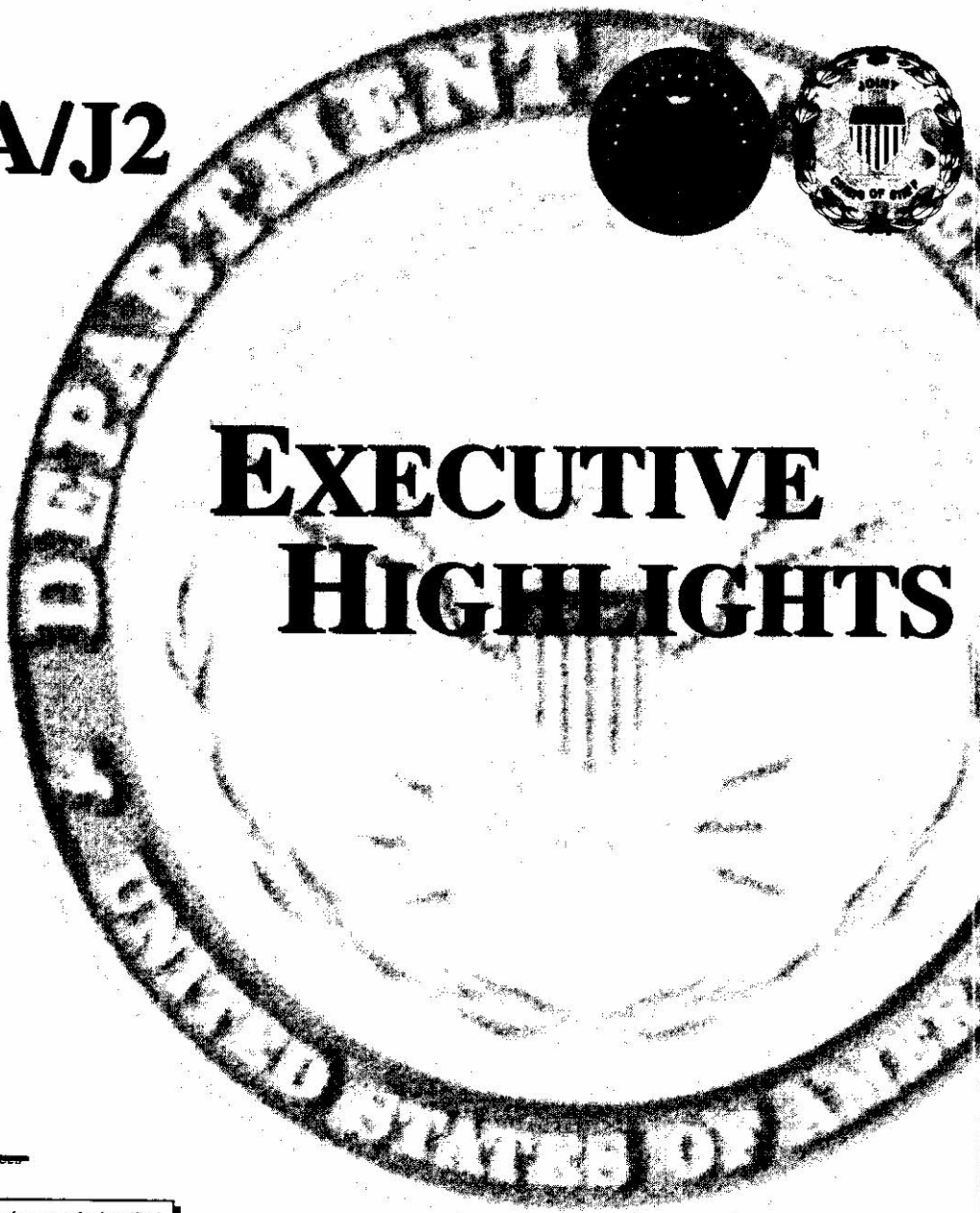


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# J2 WARNING CONCERNS

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COUNTRY	STATUS	DATE OF WATCHCON	OUTLOOK
LIBERIA	◆	06 Jun 03	<del>(S/NF)</del> <b>Peace Challenges:</b> Belligerents picked businessman-politician Gyude Bryant as interim leader on 21 August. Bryant, a consensus-builder, is seen as least contentious candidate. Slow, but steady progress in peace process will likely continue; however, cease-fire implementation and enforcement remain key unsettled issues. Although all sides voiced willingness to undergo eventual disarmament, peacekeeping efforts must eliminate the current weapons stocks and the potential to rearm, or factions will continue to view force as a ready option. ECOMIL lacks capability to enforce cease-fire in interior. AS OF: 18 Aug 03
ISRAEL-PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	▲	31 Oct 02	<del>(C)</del> <b>Collapse of Middle East Peace Process:</b> Moderate violence resumed after a unilateral Palestinian cease-fire crumbled in mid-August. The escalating violence aborted a bilateral agreement to turn over additional cities to Palestinian Authority (PA) control, and has placed the implementation of the US-sponsored Road Map in jeopardy. The cease-fire had been under strain since early August from Israeli counterterrorism operations, terrorist attacks and reprisals. Israel's current offensive is targeting terrorist groups which used the cease-fire to rebuild infrastructure, but not the PA. The PA allegedly canceled a planned crackdown on militants due to the Israeli operations, although it is not clear the PA is yet capable of conducting a decisive engagement with extremists. Meanwhile, peace talks have been suspended. AS OF: 25 Aug 03
NORTH KOREA	□	20 Dec 02	<del>(S/NF)</del> <b>Government Collapse:</b> Despite economic failure and diplomatic isolation, regime shows no sign of imminent collapse, largely due to its "military first" policy, ensuring continued loyalty of million-person military. Vertical command and control, and extensive network of internal surveillance have ensured any unrest in military will be contained and suppressed. Despite the repercussions of an admitted nuclear program, regime continues to receive international aid from countries such as China, and to earn currency from illicit activities such as missile and drug sales to maintain subsistence. No outward signs of social unrest or unusual changes to military or political leadership are evident. Significant turnover of personnel in the Supreme People's Assembly elections suggests the September assembly session will provide indicators of policy changes and national priorities. AS OF: 18 Aug 03
INDIA-PAKISTAN	□	19 Nov 02	<del>(S/NF)</del> <b>Escalation of Conflict Beyond Kashmir:</b> New Delhi and Islamabad continue to implement peace initiatives following Prime Minister Vajpayee's April speech in Kashmir. High commissioners have been restored and bus links resumed. Talks on the resumption of air links will be held later this month. The Indian Army continues to conduct aggressive counter-insurgency operations inside Kashmir to root out militants. India moved additional infantry units, artillery, and ammunition to the northern Line of Control, and may be preparing for limited attacks against Pakistani posts. Artillery shelling in this area remains high. If increased fighting does occur, it will be intended to improve tactical positions and is expected to remain limited to the northern sector. AS OF: 18 Aug 03
IRAN	□	27 Jan 03	<del>(C)</del> <b>Civil Unrest:</b> The regime will continue to crush any signs of unrest by employing state security forces and vigilante groups. The ongoing crackdown on reformers and regime opponents continues, but the government will be careful not to incite public anger with inflammatory acts. Iran will not concede to foreign demands, but will continue to make the appearance of cooperating with the Europeans while claiming to be the victim of US plotting. AS OF: 20 Aug 03
VENEZUELA	□	13 May 03	<del>(C)</del> <b>Constitutional Crisis Developing:</b> Congress is deadlocked on the appointment of a new National Electoral Council that is needed to allow for a binding referendum on Chavez's presidency. The Supreme Court announced that it will intervene and appoint the National Electoral Council on 25 August. The pro-Chavez congressional majority is threatening to reject Supreme Court intervention. Continued government attempts to derail or delay referendum threaten to increase the violence between Chavez supporters and opposition groups. The increasing potential violence could lead to dissident military activism against the regime. AS OF: 18 Aug 03

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