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6. ~~(S/NF)~~ REFUGEE SITUATION. REFUGEE CAMPS ALONG THE TURKISH BORDER STILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS DESPITE RECENT IMPROVEMENTS.

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RECOMMENDED CLOSING THE REFUGEE CAMP NEAR ISIKVEREN (37-21N 042-49E), WHICH CONTAINS AT LEAST 80,000 PEOPLE, BECAUSE THERE ARE NO USABLE ROADS OR POTABLE WATER AVAILABLE. US OFFICIALS ESTIMATED THAT 10 TO 15 PEOPLE ARE DYING IN THIS CAMP EACH DAY. SANITATION PROBLEMS AND POOR DISTRIBUTION OF

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FOOD ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY DEATHS. TURKISH JOURNALISTS CLAIM THAT KURDISH WORKERS' PARTY SEPARATISTS HAVE SEIZED SOME OF THE AIRDROPPED RELIEF SUPPLIES, WHILE OTHERS ARE GRABBED BY THE STRONGEST INDIVIDUALS, WHO THEN RESELL THEM. (b)(1),1.4 (c) REPORT THAT TENSION IS MOUNTING AMONG BOTH EXHAUSTED TURKISH SOLDIERS AND REFUGEES WHO ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PICK UP SUPPLIES THAT DROPPED OUTSIDE THE CAMPS.

7. ~~(S/NF)~~ POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC DEVELOPMENTS. ON 17 APRIL, IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER AHMAD HUSAYN KHUDAYYIR DENOUNCED THE US PLAN TO CONDUCT RELIEF OPERATIONS INSIDE NORTHERN IRAQ. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. HE DESCRIBED THE ANNOUNCEMENT AS A FURTHER INTERFERENCE IN IRAQI INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND INDICATED THAT SUCH OPERATIONS WERE UNNECESSARY. KHUDAYYIR SAID HE HAD JUST CONFERRED WITH PRINCE SADRUDDINE AGA KHAN, THE UN EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER FOR AID AND RELIEF, AND THAT THEY HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON REFUGEE RELIEF

OPERATIONS. A SEPARATE, UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORT INDICATED THAT BAGHDAD WAS ACTIVELY SEEKING THE WITHDRAWAL OF TURKISH TROOPS FROM IRAQI TERRITORY. COMMENT:

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MAJOR POINTS

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1. ~~(S/NF)~~ KURDISH AND SHIA INSURGENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORTEDLY MET WITH IRAQI OFFICIALS IN BAGHDAD ON 15 APRIL TO DISCUSS AN END TO HOSTILITIES.
2. ~~(S/NF)~~ BAGHDAD CONDEMNED THE US ANNOUNCEMENT OF RELIEF OPERATIONS INSIDE IRAQ.
3. ~~(S/NF)~~ IRAQ HAS REQUESTED AN EXCEPTION TO SANCTIONS TO PERMIT LIMITED OIL EXPORTS TO PURCHASE FOOD.
4. ~~(S/NF)~~ KUWAIT EXPECTS TO RESUME LIMITED OIL PRODUCTION IN JUNE.

DISCUSSION

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5. ~~(S/NF)~~ STATUS OF THE UNREST. REPRESENTATIVES OF KURDISH AND SHIA INSURGENTS REPORTEDLY MET OFFICIALS IN BAGHDAD BY INVITATION ON 15 APRIL, (b)(1),1.4 (c) QUOTED KURDISH DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHIEF MASOUD BARZANI AS SAYING HE

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8. ~~(S/NF)~~ UN SECRETARY-GENERAL PEREZ DE CUELLAR TOLD REPORTERS IN PARIS ON THE 17TH THAT IRAQI AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE CONTACTED PRIOR TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN IRAQ. THE SAME DAY, HOWEVER, UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) OGATA TOLD (b)(1),1.4 (c) THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAD ALREADY AUTHORIZED UNHCR PERSONNEL TO OPERATE IN NORTHERN IRAQ AND INDICATED THAT SHE WAS PREPARED TO SEND PEOPLE TO THE PROPOSED ENCAMPMENTS. HOWEVER, OGATA ADMITTED THAT THE UNHCR WAS STILL NOT READY TO RESPOND TO THE MAGNITUDE OF THE REFUGEE CRISIS ON THE TURKISH-IRAQI BORDER, AND WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TIME TO ORGANIZE.

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DID NOT TRUST SADDAM HUSAYN, BUT BELIEVED THAT HE HAD TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS SOME MEANS TO END GOVERNMENT ATTACKS ON KURDISH CIVILIANS. (b)(1),1.4 (c) WERE ALLEGEDLY EAGER TO COMPROMISE WITH SADDAM, BUT THE KURDS SOUGHT INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR PEOPLE. THE TWO SIDES WILL REPORTEDLY MEET AGAIN. COMMENT:

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9. ~~(S/NF)~~ IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED 17 APRIL, IRAQI PRIME MINISTER SADUN HAMMADI REITERATED BAGHDAD'S INTENT TO LIBERALIZE ITS POLITICAL SYSTEM. IN IRAQ, HAMMADI CALLED FOR CHANGING REVOLUTIONARY INSTITUTIONS INTO DEMOCRATIC AND CONSTITUTIONAL ONES, "STRENGTHENING" THE RULE OF LAW, REFORMING THE ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM BY SIMPLIFYING PROCEDURES, ALLOWING THE PRESS TO CRITICIZE THE SYSTEM, AND CREATING A JUDICIAL VEHICLE FOR CITIZENS TO AIR GRIEVANCES AND SAFEGUARD THEIR RIGHTS. THE NEWLY APPOINTED PRIME

ACCORDING TO CULTURE AND INFORMATION MINISTER HAMID YUSUF HAMMADI, 97,736 KURDS HAD RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES BY 17 APRIL, AN INCREASE OF 9,852 FROM THE PREVIOUS DAY. THESE NUMBERS COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED, HOWEVER.

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10. ~~(C/NF)~~ KUWAITI SITUATION. THE KUWAIT OIL COMPANY HOPES TO RENEW PRODUCTION WITHIN A FEW MONTHS, (b)(1),1.4 (c) IT HOPES TO START PRODUCTION BY EARLY JUNE AT ABOUT 50,000 BARRELS PER DAY (BPD), WITH ALL OF THE OIL GOING TO THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER FOR POWER GENERATION. BY JULY, THE OIL COMPANY HOPES TO PRODUCE 100,000 BPD WHICH WOULD BE QUICKLY INCREASED TO 150,000 BPD. AGAIN, ALL SUCH PRODUCTION WOULD BE USED INTERNALLY.

11. ~~(C/NF)~~ (b)(1),1.4 (c)

(b)(1),1.4 (c) SAID THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS DECIDED TO ELIMINATE ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN FROM FOREIGN COMPANIES IMPORTING GOODS. CONTRACTS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE EMERGENCY PHASE OF RECONSTRUCTION HAVE EXCLUDE ALL LANGUAGE REFERRING TO THE ARAB LEAGUE'S BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. THE COUNTRY'S LAWS CONCERNING THE BOYCOTT DO, HOWEVER, REMAIN ON THE BOOKS AND CAN BE REINSTATED AT ANY TIME. IT IS UNCLER IF THE PROCEDURE WILL CONTINUE BEYOND THE 1 MAY COMPLETION OF THE EMERGENCY PHASE.

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