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SUMMARY: ~~(C)~~ EVENTS OP 27 JULY AS DESCRIBED IN AN
OFFICIAL CHRONOLOGY OF THE EJECTION OF PRO **MEGAWATI**
PARTY LOYALISTS FROM THE OFFICIAL PDI (**INDONESIAN**
DEMOCRATIC PARTY) HEADOUARTERS BUILDING ON JALAN
(STREET) DIPONEGORO. ENCLOUSURE.

OCCURRED BETWEEN THE PRO-((**MEGAWATI**)) SUKARNOPUTRI
AND PRO-((**SURYADI**)) ELEMENTS FOR CONTROL OF THE OFFICIAL
PDI PARTY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. THE FOLLOWING IS A
CONDENSED VERSION OF THE EVENTS OF 27 JULY AS SEEN FROM
AN OFFICIAL ARMED FORCES DOCUMENT. FULL TEXT IS
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1. THE ACCOUNT WAS PROVIDED TO [REDACTED] BY AN OFFICIAL
[REDACTED] WHO WOULD HAVE ASSUMED IT WOULD BE RELAYED TO
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THIS IS RADICALLY AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE EVENTS. (b)(3):10 USC 424

2. ~~(C)~~ FROM THE EARLY HOURS OF 27 JULY, BETWEEN 200

AND 500 PRO-**MEGAWATI** LOYALISTS GATHERED AROUND THE PDI HEADQUARTERS. ALL TIMES ARE WEST INDONESIA (JAKARTA LOCAL) TIME.

0635 - THE PRO-**MEGAWATI** ELEMENTS BEGAN TO STIR, SEVERAL
- MOTOR CYCLES AND A TENT AT THE HEADQUARTERS WAS
- BURNED.

0745 - A LARGE GROUP OF PRO-SURYADI PEOPLE MADE AN
- ATTACK ON THE PDI HEADQUARTERS, ENTERED THE
- HEADQUARTERS AND BURNED SEVERAL PRO-**MEGAWATI**
- RANNERS. THE PRO-**MEGAWATI** ELEMENTS SET FIRE TO
- A CAR ON NEARBY JALAN SURABAYA.

0805 - THE PRO-**MEGAWATI** YOUTHS SUCCESSFULLY PUSHED OUT
- THE PRO- SURYADI ELEMENTS. A STONE THROWING
- EXCHANGE BEGAN BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES THAT LASTED
- FOR ALMOST AN HOUR.

0855 - THE PRO-SURYADI YOUTHS REENTERED THE
- HEADQUARTERS BUILDING AND A STRUGGLE ENSUED
- BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES FOR CONTROL OF THE OFFICES
- IN THE RUILDING. EVENTUALLY THE PRO-SURYADI
- ELEMENTS GAINED CONTROL AND THE PRO-**MEGAWATI**
- YOUTHS WITHDREW TO THE EAST. (SEE COMMENT BELOW)

0903 - PRO-**MEGAWATI** ELEMENTS BURNED A POLICE BUS AND A
- POLICE JEEP ON JALAN SURABAYA.

0930 - PRO-SURYADI PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL BUTTU
- ((HUTAPEA)) LITTLE BY LITTLE WITHDREW HIS
- ELEMENTS FROM THE BUILDING, LEAVING IT IN THE
- CARE OF THE POLICE. THE BUILDING WAS SO DAMAGED
- THAT NORMAL ACTIVITIES WERE NOT POSSIBLE THERE.

1150 - ABOUT 2000 PRO-**MEGAWATI** ELEMENTS AND
- SYMPATHIZERS GATHERED ALONG JALAN DIPONEGORO IN
- ROWS OR COLUMNS STRETCHING FROM THE SALEMBA
- INTERSECTION TO POLICE POST MEGARIA. A FEW
- MINUTES LATER THEY BROKE DOWN THE PERIMETER
- FENCE OF THE POLICE POST.

1230 - GATHERING UNDER A NEARBY RAILROAD BRIDGE, THE
- PRO-**MEGAWATI** FORCES SANG THE NATIONAL ANTHEM,
- WAVING THE NATIONAL FLAG AT HALF STAFF. THEN
- MOVED BACK TOWARD THE PARTY HEADQUARTERS.

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1510 - THE PRO-**MEGAWATI** MASSES BURNED A BUS IN FRONT OF
- THE ST. CAROLUS HOSPITAL AND TWO MORE BUSES IN
- FRONT OF ANOTHER NEARBY HOSPITAL.

1540 - THE CROWD MOVED DOWN JALAN SALEMBA RAYA BURNING
- SEVERAL BUILDINGS INCLUDING TWO BANKS, THE
- WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS MESS, A TOYOTA OFFICE, AND
- THE OFFICES OF THE FORESTRY MINISTRY. THIS TOOK
- PLACE OVER ABOUT ONE HOUR.

1645 - FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES WERE EXTINGUISHING THE
- FIRES SET BY THE CROWD WHEN THE CROWD RETURNED.
- THEY SET FIRE TO SPARE TIRES TO BLOCK THE ROAD.

1650 - THE CROWD DESCENDED ON THE HONDA DEALERSHIP ON
- JALAN SALEMBA, BROKE THE GLASS, PLUNDERED THE
- INTERIOR, AND DESTROYED 40 VEHICLES.

1730 - THE TELKOM (TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS) OFFICES ON
- JALAN PENATARAN WERE BURNED, ALONG WITH 27
- VEHICLES DESTROYED.

1855 - THE PRO-**MEGAWATI** MASSES RAN AMUCK NEAR RIDWAN
- HOSPITAL DESTROYING VARIOUS THINGS IN THE AREA.

1945 - THE DAGANG NEGARA (STATE COMMERCE) BANK, NEAR
- THE PERTAMINA COMPLEX WAS BURNED. TWO PEOPLE
- WERE ALMOST BURNED TO DEATH, BUT WERE
- SUCCESSFULLY SAVED BY SECURITY FORCES, THOUGH
- THE TWO WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED, ABOUT 100
- STREET VENDORS' CARTS WERE LOOTED IN THE SAME
- VICINITY. AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, A CAR WAS
- BURNED IN FRONT OF THE EXIM BANK ON JALAN GUNUNG
- SAHARI. IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE SENEN
- SECTION OF JAKARTA, PASSING CARS WERE STONED.

2020 - CLEARING ACTIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN AGAINST THE MOB
- IN THE SENEN SECTION BY ANTI-**RIOT** UNITS. WITH
- THIS, THE MOB BEGAN TO RUN TOWARD THE AREA OF
- THE SENEN TRAIN STATION.

2025 - THE SENEN TRAIN STATION WAS OCCUPIED BY THE
- ANTI-**RIOT** UNITS AND THE MOB DISPERSED.

COMMENT: 1. ~~(S)~~ NO UNITS ARE IDENTIFIED IN THIS
CHRONOLOGY. HAS SEEN ELEMENTS OF THE JAKARTA
GARRISON COMMAND'S FIRST BRIGADE, AND PERSONNEL FROM
ARTILLERY AND ARMOR UNITS. SOME ARMORED VEHICLES HAVE
BEEN REPORTED IN THE AREA, BUT WE HAVE NOT CONFIRMED IF
THEY ARE POLICE OR ARMY. MOST OF THE GOVERNMENT FORCES
PROMINENTLY EVOLVED HAVE BEEN THE POLICE MOBILE

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BRIGADE, WHO HAVE THE **RIOT** CONTROL MISSION. ARMY TRUCKS IN TWOS AND THREES ARE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE AREA WHERE THE **RIOTING** HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE. MOST OF THESE SEEM TO BE FORCES BEING HELD IN RESERVE. THOSE ARMY TROOPS SEEN BY [] WERE, HOWEVER, EQUIPPED WITH **RIOT** BATONS AND WICKER SHIELDS.

2. ~~(C)~~ THE REPORT OF THE ACTION TO DRIVE OUT THE PRO-**MEGAWATI** FORCES DOES NOT MENTION THAT THE POLICE WERE THE PEOPLE WHO EVENTUALLY HAD TO MOVE IN AND EJECT THE PRO-**MEGAWATI** ELEMENTS FROM THE BUILDING. THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY NUMEROUS OTHER OBSERVERS.

3. ~~(C)~~ NEITHER **MEGAWATI**, NOR SURYADI WERE PRESENT AT THE PDI HEADQUARTERS DURING THE DAY. AFTER THE PRO-**MEGAWATI** SUPPORTERS WERE EJECTED AND BECAME DESTRUCTIVE, THE POLICE AND ARMY SOURCES STATE THAT VARIOUS CRIMINAL ELEMENTS JOINED IN, ALONG WITH THE CURIOUS, TO SWELL THE MOB. []

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COMMENTS: (EMBASSY COMMENTS) ~~(C)~~ BASED ON OUR OBSERVATIONS AT THE SCENE, WE BELIEVE THIS CHRONOLOGY HAS SEVERAL MAJOR INACCURACIES. AS NOTED IN [] COMMENTS, THIS CHRONOLOGY FAILS TO NOTE THAT IT WAS THE POLICE AND NOT "SURYADI SUPPORTERS" WHO BROKE INTO PDI HEADQUARTERS. WE NOTE THAT THE GOVERNMENT-ORGANIZED GROUP IDENTIFIED INACCURATELY AS "SURYADI SUPPORTERS" ENTERED THE PDI HEADQUARTERS ONLY AFTER THE POLICE HAD FORCED ENTRY TO THE COMPOUND. WE ALSO REGARD AS INACCURATE THE CHRON ENTRY FOR 1405 []

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THE CROWD WAS IN FACT ATTACKED BY POLICE AFTER A SMALL GROUP ON THE MARGIN OF THE CROWD OF AT LEAST 7,000 STONED POLICE LINES AND A LOCAL POLICE OFFICE. THE POLICE ATTACK ENTAILED USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE, INCLUDING MULTIPLE INCIDENTS OF GROUPS OF POLICE BEATING FALLEN DEMONSTRATORS. ELEMENTS OF THE RETREATING, ENRAGED CROWD BURNED VEHICLES AND BUILDINGS ONCE THEY HAD OUTDISTANCED THE POLICE.

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