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COUNTRY: (U) BURMA (BM); BANGLADESH (BG)

SUBJECT: (b)(3):10 USC 424 / RAKHINE STATE (U)

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SUMMARY: A MOVE TO INCREASE MILITARY PRESENCE IN RAKHINE STATE IS CAUSING SOME POPULACE DISLOCATION.

TEXT: 1. RAKHINE STATE IS THE HOME FOR THE ARMY'S WESTERN COMMAND, AS WELL AS THE RAKHINE NAVAL REGIONAL

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COMMAND. THERE IS NO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AIR FORCE IN

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2. ~~(S)~~ WESTERN COMMAND IS HEADQUARTERED FOUR MILES
NORTHWEST OF SITTWE TOWN [REDACTED]
THE SAIKKAPARA CANTONMENT (CANTT) AREA. THE COMMAND IS
DIVIDED INTO TWO TACTICAL OPERATIONAL COMMANDS (TOC).
NUMBER ONE TOC IS LOCATED AT BUTHIDAUNG [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND THE SECOND TOC IS LOCATED AT SAIKKA-
PARA CANTT. UNITS UNDER WESTERN COMMAND ARE:

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UNIT	LOCATION
20TH MYANMAR REGIMENT (MR) (LOCATED 4 MILES NORTHWEST OF SITTWE)	SAIKKAPARA CANTT.

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233D MYANMAR REGIMENT LETWEDET CANTT - LOCATED
3 MILES WEST OF BUTHIDAUNG

234TH MYANMAR REGIMENT TOITAW CANTT - LOCATED
4 MILES WEST OF BUTHIDAUNG

262D MYANMAR REGIMENT TAPMAICHAUNG - LOCATED 6
MILES WEST OF BUTHIDAUNG AND IS A NEWLY FORMED REGIMENT

232D MYANMAR REGIMENT PADDWLAI CANTT - LOCATED
10 MILES NORTHWEST OF SITTWE TOWN

4TH MEDICAL REGIMENT SAIKKRAPARA CANTT

962D COMPANY OF GARRISON ENGINEERS SAIKKRAPARA CANTT

918TH COMPANY OF ENGINEERS SAIKKRAPARA CANTT

924TH SUPPLY & TRANSPORTATION COMPANY SAIKKRAPARA CANTT

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.959TH ARTILLERY BATTERY

SAIKKRAPARA CANTT

3. ~~(C)~~ DEPLOYMENT OF NAVAL VESSELS ARE:

NAVAL VESSEL NUMBER	LOCATION
Y-308 GUNBOAT	SITTWE
Y-310 GUNBOAT	SITTWE
Y-309 GUNBOAT	SANDOWAY
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PGM-401 COASTAL PATROL CRAFT	SITTWF
PGM-405 COASTAL PATROL CRAFT	SITTWF
PGM-404 COASTAL PATROL CRAFT	SANDOWAY
RPC-11 RIVER PATROL CRAFT	SITTWE
REC-12 RIVER PATROL CRAFT	SITTWF
RPC-13 RIVER PATROL CRAFT	SITTWE
REC-14 RIVER PATROL CRAFT	KYANKPYU

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4. ~~(S)~~ THERE ARE TWO DEFENSE SERVICES INTELLIGENCE (DSI) UNITS IN RAKHINE STATE. THE FIRST IS THE 10TH, BASED AT SITTWE, WHILE THE SECOND UNIT IS THE NEWLY FORMED 18TH, WHICH IS STATIONED IN BUTHIDUNG. THE 18TH HAS THE TOWNSHIPS CLOSEST TO THE BANGLADESH BORDER, AS WELL AS TWO TOWNSHIPS IN THE CHIN STATE.

(b)(3):10 USC 424 THE BURMA ARMY HAS STRENGTHENED WESTERN COMMAND FROM FIVE TO SEVEN INFANTRY REGIMENTS.

2. ~~(C)~~ TO HOUSE THE NEW INFANTRY REGIMENTS, AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILIES, LARGE CANTONMENT AREAS WEST OF BUTHIDUNG ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED, WHICH HAS CAUSED DISPLACEMENT OF THE LOCAL POPULACE. THIS DISPLACEMENT IS CAUSING SOME TURBULENCE AS THE LOCAL POPULACE BECOME TRANSIENTS IN SEARCH OF NEW HOMES.

3. ~~(C)~~ REPORTS ALSO INDICATE HARASSMENT OF THE MUSLIM POPULATION BY THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT. IN SITTWF, FOUR MOSQUES HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED, AS WELL AS SOME MUSLIM SCHOOLS, TO MAKE WAY FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS. MUSLIM HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT THE STATE ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ONE WORKER A DAY TO LABOR ON PUBLIC WORKS' PROJECTS. MOST OF THESE PROJECTS ARE ROAD BUILDING. INDICATED THAT SOMETIMES AFTER PRAYERS AT THE MOSQUES, WORSHIPERS ARE IMPRESSED FOR LABOR GANGS. THIS HARASSMENT AND DISPLACEMENT HAS CAUSED 5,000 RAKHINE MUSLIMS TO FLEE ACROSS THE BORDER TO BANGLADESH.

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CONDUCTED "OPERATION NAGAMIN", WHICH ATTEMPTED TO FORCIBLY SEPARATE THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM THE

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BURMESE CITIZENS, AND RESULTED IN THOUSANDS OF ARAKANESE MUSLIMS ENTERING BANGLADESH. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS REACHED AN AGREEMENT IN JULY 1978 AND BURMA COMPLETED REPATRIATION IN DECEMBER 1979.

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