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SUMMARY: ~~(C)~~ WEEKLY STATS ON ALGERIAN TERRORISM, 18-
24 FEB 98. 86 CIV/40 TERR KILLED, 114 CIV WOUNDED, 27
MIL KILLED. GIA BOMBINGS OF PIPELINES, TRAIN AND
MILITARY CONVOY.

TEXT: 1. (U) THE FOLLOWING STATS ON ALGERIAN
TERRORISM WERE EXTRACTED FROM FIVE FRENCH LANGUAGE AND
TWO ARABIC LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN ALGIERS FOR
THE PERIOD 18-24 FEB 98.

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE ATTACK/GROUP	KIA-CIV WIA/KID (CIV/TERR/MIL)
15 FEB	BOURMERDES	SECURITY AMBUSH GIA	0/3/0
16 FEB	TISSEMSILT	SECURITY AMBUSH GIA	0/3/0
17 FEB	TLEMCEN	GIA ATTACKS CIVS	25/1/0
17 FEB	ALGIERS	SECURITY OPS	0/3/0
(THESE EVENTS PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED)			
18 FEB	TISSEMSILT	MILITARY OPS	0/4/0

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	GHARDAIA	SECURITY OPS	0/3/0
	MEDEA	MILITARY OPS	0/15/0
	ALGIERS	GIA EXECUTE OWN EMIR	0/1/0
19 FEB	ALGIERS	2 BOMBS CENTER TOWN	1/1/0-12
	BLIDA	SECURITY OPS	0/2/0
	BOGHNI	GIA HIT MIL CONVOY	0/2/28-11
	AIN DEFLA	SECURITY AMBUSH GIA	0/1/0
20 FEB	ALGIERS	BOMB IN MARKET	2/0/0-32
	ZIAMA	BOMB IN CITY	19/0/0-7
	BOUIRA	GLD OPS	0/1/0
21 FEB	TIARET	GIA KILLS SHEPHERDS	12/0/0
22 FEB	MEDEA	GIA ATTACKS CIVS	5/0/0
23 FEB	BLIDA	GIA BOMBS TRAIN	22/0/0-52

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WOUNDED; 40 TERRORISTS KILLED; 28 MILITARY KILLED.

2. (C) (b)(1),1.4 (c) THE GIA HAS MADE FOUR
BOMBING ATTACKS AGAINST PETROLEUM PIPELINES 21-23 FEB
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98. TWO OF THE ATTACKS OCCURRED AGAINST THE HASSI R'MEL - ARZEW PIPELINE, ONE AGAINST THE HASSI R'MEL - BOUMERDES PIPELINE, AND ONE WAS UNLOCATED. THESE ATTACKS WERE COORDINATED AMONG SEVERAL GIA UNITS AND CAUSED SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE.

3. (U) ON 21 FEB 98 THE ALGERIAN PRESS REPORTED A GIA AMBUSH AGAINST A MILITARY CONVOY AT BOGHNI, NEAR TIZI OUZOU. THE ATTACKERS USED TWO BOMBS TO DISRUPT THE CONVOY, AND GROUPS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD OPENED FIRE. 28 SOLDIERS AND TWO TERRORISTS WERE KILLED IN THE AMBUSH. THE MILITARY BEGAN A SEARCH OPERATION IN THE AREA TO FIND THE ATTACKERS.

4. (U) ON 23 FEB 98 A POWERFUL BOMB EXPLODED ON A CROWDED TRAIN AT BOUFARIK, NEAR BLIDA. THE BOMBING OCCURRED DURING THE HEAVY RUSH HOUR, CAUSING 22 DEATHS

AND WOUNDING 52.

5. (U) BEGINNING 13 FEB 98, MILITARY FORCES BEGAN A COUNTER-TERRORIST OPERATION IN THE MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF MEDEA. THE COMBINED FORCES KILLED 15 TERRORISTS AND ENCIRCLED ABOUT 35 OTHERS. THE MEMBERS ARE REPORTEDLY FROM AN TAR ((ZOUBRI'S)) EL-KHDRA GROUP.

COMMENTS: 1. (U) [14 (c)(b)(3):10 USC] ALGERIAN SECURITY FORCES CONTINUE TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THEIR COIN OPS, BUT THE WEEK WAS MARKED BY SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT GIA SUCCESSES. THE GIA IS DEMONSTRATING THAT THEY ARE NOT LIMITED TO ATTACKS ON ISOLATED HAMLETS. THEY STILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO USE MODERATELY

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POWERFUL BOMBS TO EFFECT SEVERE RESULTS. THE ATTACK AGAINST THE MILITARY CONVOY PROVED THE GIA CONTINUES TO BE A DANGEROUS FORCE TO GOA SECURITY PERSONNEL. THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE PIPELINES ARE SURE TO BE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE GOA, CONSIDERING THEIR HEAVY RELIANCE ON PETROLEUM REVENUES. IT WILL TAKE MORE TIME HOWEVER TO DETERMINE IF THE GIA HAS NOW OPTED FOR A STRATEGY OF SUSTAINED ATTACKS ON THE PETROLEUM SECTOR.

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