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.

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Ghardaia  SECURITY OPS  0/3/0
Meida  MILITARY OPS  0/15/0
Algiers  GIA EXECUTE OWN EMIR  0/1/0
19 FEB Algiers  2 BOMBS CENTER TOWN  1/1/0-12
Baida  SECURITY OPS  0/2/0
Boujnidi  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

ALGERIAN CASUALTIES (18-24 FEB 98)--87 CIV KILLED/114

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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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96. 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 BOHNNI, 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 ANTAR ((ZOUBRI'S)) EL-KHTRA GROUP.

COMMENTS: 1. [b](3):10 USC 424 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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