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SUMMARY: ~~(c)~~ ATTACKS AGAINST PIPELINES/FACILITIES REPRESENT NEW STRATEGY OF TARGETING ALGERIA'S OIL/GAS INDUSTRY. ATTACKS ON PUMPING STATIONS A GRAVE CONCERN. GIA NOW SEES NO POSSIBILITY OF REPLACING THE GOV'T; THEREFORE THE OIL/GAS SECTOR IS NO LONGER SACROSANCT.

TEXT: 1. ~~(c)~~ ON 21 OCT NEAR MIDNIGHT, THE HASSI R'MEL-ARZEW PIPELINE WAS ATTACKED BY BOMB AT ZEMMORA, NEAR RELIZANE. WITHIN 30 MINUTES A SECOND BOMB DETONATED ON THE PIPELINE NEAR TIARET. IN ADDITION, SUBSEQUENT TO THESE ATTACKS, THE PIPELINE BETWEEN HASSI R'MEL-BOUMERDES WAS ATTACKED IN THE SAME WAY. ACCORDING TO SONATRACH, THE ALGERIAN NATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY, A FOURTH BOMB ATTACK AGAINST A PIPELINE OCCURRED IN THE 21-23 FEB TIME FRAME.

2. ~~(c)~~ THE ATTACKS ON THE HASSI R'MEL-ARZEW PIPELINE USED POWERFUL EXPLOSIVES WHICH DESTROYED 100 METERS OF THE PIPELINE. ALL BOMB ATTACKS (b)(1),1.4 (c)

THE ATTACKS. THE FOUR ATTACKS, (b)(1),1.4 (c)
WERE COORDINATED AMONG SEVERAL GIA UNITS, AND [REDACTED]

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(b)(1),1.4 (c) [REDACTED] THESE ATTACKS IN TERMS OF A NEW GIA STRATEGY

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OF TARGETING THE OIL AND GAS SECTOR. [REDACTED]

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THE GIA HAD PREVIOUSLY NOT WANTED TO DESTROY THE NATION'S PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF REVENUE BECAUSE IT HOPED TO EVENTUALLY REPLACE THE GOVERNMENT AND NEEDED THOSE FACILITIES INTACT. BUT THE GIA NO LONGER SEES ANY POSSIBILITY OF OVERTURNING THE GOVERNMENT.

COMMENTS: 1. (b)(1),1.4 (c)
(b)(1),1.4 (c) IN ADDITION TO TARGETING PIPELINES, THE GIA WILL FOCUS ON PUMPING STATIONS POSITIONED APPROX EVERY 30 KILOMETERS ALONG THE LENGTH OF THE PIPELINES. THOSE STATIONS ARE VITAL TO THE THESE PIPELINES AND ANY DISRUPTION TO THE PUMPING STATIONS WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY MORE DIFFICULT TO REPAIR THAN THE PIPELINE

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ITSELF.
2. (b)(3):10 USC 424 SINCE OIL AND GAS EXPORTS REPRESENT OVER 95 PERCENT OF ALGERIA'S EXPORTS OF GOODS, ANY DISRUPTION TO THIS INDUSTRY WOULD LIKELY RESULT IN A MAJOR NEGATIVE IMPACT TO THE ECONOMY.
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ATTACKS AGAINST PIPELINES BY INSURGENTS IN THE PAST YEAR OR SO HAVE BEEN RARE, WITH NO EVIDENCE OF COORDINATION.

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5. ~~(C)~~ WE ARE NOT YET CONVINCED THAT THESE LATEST
ATTACKS ON HYDROCARBON FACILITIES REPRESENT A NEW GIA
STRATEGY UNFOLDING. WE WILL NEED TO SEE IF SUCH
ATTACKS CONTINUE OVER A SUSTAINED PERIOD. ALSO IT IS
FAR FROM CERTAIN THAT THE GIA HAS LOST ALL OF ITS HOPE
OF OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT; THE GIA MAY WELL STILL
HAVE THIS AS ITS LONG-TERM GOAL.

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