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THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT'S NORTHERN INSURGENCY CONTINUES
TO BE IN/AROUND ERIGAVO\(\text{b}(3):10 \text{ USC 424}\)
ZEILA (SEYlac)\(\text{b}(3):10 \text{ USC 424}\) AND
LUGHAYE (LUK HAIYAH)\(\text{b}(3):10 \text{ USC 424}\)

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A LAND MINE INCIDENT NEAR THE ERIGAVO AIRFIELD
ON ABOUT 29 JUNE\(\text{b}(3):50 \text{ USC 3024(i)};\text{b}(6)\)
RETURNED FROM 15 DAYS OF DUTY IN ERIGAVO, THERE HAVE
RECENTLY BEEN PROBLEMS IN THE SANAAG AND BARI
REGIONS. HE INDICATED THAT ON 27 JUNE ONE OF THE
SOMALI NATIONAL ARMY'S (SNA) LAND ROVERS HIT A LAND
MINE BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND TOWN. TEN WERE WOUNDED
AND ONE WAS KILLED IN THE INCIDENT. HE ADDED THAT
THE SECTOR'S ENEMY WAS NOT FOREIGN, BUT WAS SOMALI.

\(\text{b}(3):10 \text{ USC 424}\) AN OBVIOUS INERENCE TO THE SOMALI
NATIONAL MOVEMENT (SNM)

\(\text{b}(3):50 \text{ USC 3024(i)}\) STATED THAT THE REBELS WERE
RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM ETHIOPIA AND THE UNITED
KINGDOM AND THAT THE PRIMARY SNM RESUPPLY LOCATIONS
CONTINUE TO BE THROUGH THE NORTHERN PORTS OF MAYDH
(MAIT)\(\text{b}(3):10 \text{ USC 424}\) AND XIIS (HEIS)

\(\text{b}(3):10 \text{ USC 424}\) HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT

\(\text{b}(3):50 \text{ USC 3024(i)}\)
STATED THAT THE STATION TECHNICAL ADVISOR FOR THE COVERT SNM RADIO, LOCATED AT BALLEH KHADAR, WHEN ASKED WHY THE SNA HADN'T TAKEN CONTROL OF THE MAYDH AND XIIS PORTS, THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN AND INHERENT CONSTRAINTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOCATIONS. ACCORDING TO THE REBELS, TRANSPORTING ANIMALS FROM THESE PORTS TO NEIGHBORING ARAB COUNTRIES, OBTAIN ENOUGH HARD CURRENCY TO FINANCE ARMS AND MUNITIONS FROM ETHIOPIA.

COMMANDER, WHO WAS IN MOGADISHU FOR THE IDD EL ADHA HOLIADAY, WAS SUPPOSED TO RETURN TO GARDO VERY SOON WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES, ARMS, AND AMMUNITION.

THAT THE GREATEST PROBLEMS FACING HIS SECTOR WERE THE LACK OF VEHICLES AND GASOLINE.

INDICATED THAT THE SNM INTENDED TO OVERRUN BERBERA IN THE VERY NEAR TERM. TWO RECENTLY FOUGHT BATTLES, 31 JUNE IN LUGHAYE AND ON 5 JULY IN ZEILA. REFERRING TO THE FIGHTING IN ZEILA, HE STATED THAT THE SNM SUFFERED 111 CASUALTIES, 29 CAPTURED, AND AN UNDISCLOSED NUMBER OF WOUNDED. THE SNA, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAD 14 KILLED AND 48 WOUNDED. IN DISCUSSING THE RENEWED FIGHTING IN THE NORTHWEST, STATED THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF ZEILA AND LUGHAYE TO THE SNM PARTIALLY RESTS WITH ETHIOPIA'S NEED FOR SEABORNE LINES OF COMMUNICATION, A RESULT OF THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN ERITREA, AND THE ETHIOPIAN-SNM CONNECTION.

WOULD BE ABOUT 4000 ONCE MOBILIZED. THE CURRENT STRENGTH ESTIMATE WAS PUT AT 2000. ESTIMATED SNM STRENGTH IN/AROUND
ERIGAVO AT ABOUT 3000.) MUCH OF THE SNM STRENGTH, CONSISTS OF NEWLY RECRUITED TEENAGERS. BASED UPON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM SNM CAPTIVES, THESE RECRUITS RECEIVE NO MORE THAN A MONTH OF BASIC TRAINING, NEAR THE LOCATIONS OF ADAROSH (PHONETIC) AND DULCAD.

5. REFEERENCE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM'S ASSISTANCE MAY WELL BE RELATED TO THE SNM HEADQUARTERS AND STRONG LOBBY THE RE, OR THE OFTEN PERCEIVED BAD PRESS THAT THE BRITISH BROADCASTING COMPANY (BBC). FIVE F-6 FARMER AIRCRAFT IN THE REVETMENTS JUST WEST OF THE HARGEYSA CONTROL TOWER. TWO-THREE ARE PROBABLY OPERATIONAL, AND THERE ARE PROBABLY NO MORE THAN TWO PILOTS FOR THEM THERE, AT ANY GIVEN TIME.
THE HIGHEST STATE OF READINESS WAS IN HARGEYSÅ, FOLLOWED BY GARÔOÒ. THE 54TH SECTOR HEADQUARTERS IN GARÔOÔ (GARÔE) [RESEMBLED] A GHOST TOWN.

10. (U) AS HAS BEEN SEEN IN THE PAST, CASUALTY FIGURES ALWAYS TEND TO BE ONE-SIDED.

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