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SUMMARY: (b)(3):10 USC 424 ANTI-COALITION ELEMENTS CONT INUE TO ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL

PREPARATIONS.

IN SPITE OF THESE CONTINUING ATTACKS AGAINST THE AFGHAN TRANSITIONAL

ADMINISTRATION (ATA), THE ADMINISTRATION OF KHOWST PROVINCE CONTINUES TO MOVE AHEAD WITH PRELECTION ACTIVITIES.

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1 (b)(3):10 USC 424 RHOWST PROVINCE, RETURNED FROM MEETINGS IN KABUL WITH THE CENTRAL

GOVERNMENT. GENERAL KHIL ((BAZ)) RETURNED FROM A RECENT TRIP TO THE

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. THE GOVERNOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS NEW CHIEF

OF POLICE, ((AYUB)), WHO REPLACED GENERAL ((SABOOR)). GOVERNOR MIRAJUDIN REPLACED GENERAL BAZ AS A RESULT OF HIS INCOMPETENCE AND

CHARGES OF CORRUPTION LEVELED BY MANY LOCAL INHABITANTS. AYUB IS AN

ETHNIC TAJIK AND ORIGINALLY FROM PARWAN PROVINCE. AYUB'S NOMINATION

WAS NOT WELL RECEIVED BY THE PREDOMINANTLY PASHTUN POPULATION OF

KHOWST PROVINCE

2. (b)(3):10 USC 424 2004 PROVINCIAL POLICE UNITS STOPPED A VEHICLE TRAVELING ALONG T HE

ROAD BETWEEN KHOWST AND GARDEZ. THE VEHICLE WAS TRANSPORTING SEVEN

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AKM-TYPE RIFLES AND SEVERAL THOUSAND ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. PROVINCIAL POLICE UNITS APPREHENDED SEVERAL KEY MEMBERS OF COMMANDER

MALEM ((JOHN)) AND WALI ((KHAN))'S ANTI-GOVERNMENT MILITIAS IN THE VILLAGE OF KHOLBISAT, DISTRICT OF SABARI (CNA).

3. (b)(3):10 USC 424 DURING THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST 2004, THE PROVINCIAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN KHOWST RECEIVED COPIES

OF A NINE PAGE PAMPHLET TITLED, "THE ISLAMIC MOVEMENT OF THE TALIBAN". THE PAMPHLET ENCOURAGED THE LOCAL CITIZENS NOT TO TAKE

PART IN THE UPCOMING OCTOBER NATIONAL ELECTIONS, NOR COOPERATE WITH

THE AFGHAN TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION (ATA) AND COALITION FORCES.

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