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CCX'S BAZAR //

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15. (C) THE MUJAHIDEEN OPERATE APPROXIMATELY THREE CAMPS ALONG THE BANGLADESH-MYANMAR BORDER (PROBABLY JUST INSIDE MYANMAR, BUT IT'S HARD TO SAY). THEY PREFER A HILL MASS THAT RUNS NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST. NORTHWEST EDGE APPROXIMATELY

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SOUTHWEST EDGE. AT LEAST TWO CAMPS ARE IN THE HILL MASS ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH BORDER. AN ADDITIONAL SMALLER CAMP MAY BE AT APPROXIMATELY

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16. (C) RSO SAYS THEY HAVE 600 REGULARS AND HAVE TRAINED MANY MORE WHO HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR VILLAGES. PHOTOS OF AN APPROXIMATELY 150 MAN UNIT WERE SEEN BY SOURCE E. THE RSO MAY WEAR BANGLADESH STYLE CAMOUFLAGED CAPS (BOUGHT IN THE MARKET SAYS RSO) AND OLIVE-GRAY DRAB FATIGUES WITH A PISTOL BELT. THE UNIFORM LOOKS MORE LIKE A MYANMAR ARMY FIELD UNIFORM THAN A BANGLADESH FIELD UNIFORM.

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17. (C) THE RSOM ARE ARMED WITH A MENAGERIE OF WEAPONS. SOURCE SAY MANY AK47/AKM STYLE 7.62MM SMGS - FIXED AND FOLDING STOCK. THE NEXT MOST NUMEROUS WEAPON IS THE M16 AND THE G3. ALSO NOTED WERE M1 CARBINES, AN FN OR TWO, TYPE 56/SKS-STYLE RIFLES, RPG7 LAUNCHERS AND AT LEAST TWO M62 LAWS (WHICH LOOKED EXPENDED) (FIELD COMMENT - A RECENT IIR HAD COMMENTED THAT LAWS MIGHT BE BEING SOLD TO THE RSO BY PAKISTAN). ALSO NOTED WERE TWO MACHINE GUNS, PROBABLY SOVIET STYLE 7.62 MM MACHINE GUNS. MANY OF THE SAME GROUPS OF WEAPONS WERE SHOWN BEING HANDLED BY DIFFERENT MUJ.

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18. (C) THAT THEY BOUGHT OR STOLE MOST OF THE WEAPONS IN MYANMAR. HE SAID SOME WERE ALSO BROUGHT IN FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA. SOURCE F INDICATED MANY WERE OBTAINED IN THAILAND. THE WEAPONS LOOKED MAINTAINED, THOUGH NOT WELL MAINTAINED.

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19. (C) THAT THE MYANMAR SECURITY FORCES HAD NOT YET SOUGHT OUT ROHINGYA SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION TRAINING CAMPS. HE ALSO SAID THE RSO MUSLIMS HAD NOT SALLIED FORTH YET TO CHALLENGE THE SECURITY FORCES. HE COMPLAINED THAT BORDER OUTPOSTS WERE BEING REINFORCED AND THAT THE RELATIVELY NEW CANTONMENT FOR 2,500-3,000 SOLDIERS, SIX MILES TO THE WEST OF BUTHIDUNG, APPROX

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. HAD BECOME QUITE ACTIVE IN HARASSING/TORTURING/RAPING ROHINGYA MUSLIMS IN THE AREA. THE ACTIVITY OF THE BUTHIDUNG BRIGADE WAS SAID TO HAVE PROMPTED THE MOST RECENT MIGRATION. EXAMPLES INCLUDE A UNIT (55 INFANTRY REGIMENT?) WAS SAID TO BE ACTIVE IN LATE DECEMBER 90, OPENING A CAMP IN IRZALIPARA UNDER MAUNGOW TOWNSHIP. THE 22TH INFANTRY REGIMENT STATIONED AT FERUNPU OUTPOST, NORTH OF MAUNGOW BEAT UP A RELIGIOUS DIGNITARY IN

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3. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ RSO IS SHOPPING FOR DONORS AND WEAPONS, SMUGGLING - SOME HEROIN PROBABLY - TO EARN CAPITAL AND IS OFFERING DEEP WATER PORTS TO INTERESTED PARTIES. THEIR IMAGE OF THE WORLD AND ITS CONCERNS IS A BIT SIMPLISTIC BUT THEY ARE GENUINELY CONCERNED FOR THE ROHINGYA MUSLIMS. THEY SEEM TO HAVE SOME CONFUSION ABOUT WHETHER THEY WANT INDEPENDENCE OR THEIR MYANMAR CITIZENSHIP BACK.

4. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ THE POTENTIAL FOR POLITICAL DISRUPTION BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND MYANMAR, IF THE RSO CAN EQUIP, TRAIN, DEPLOY AND FIGHT A "FRONT" IN ASSAM IS NOTEWORTHY.

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