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2. (U) REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

A. (U) PHILIPPINES: GRENADE ATTACK ON CHRISTIAN MEETING ON BASILAN ISLAND KILLS ONE; ABU SAYYAF GROUP IMPLICATED.

1 (U) ON 30 JUNE A CHRISTIAN PRAYER RALLY ON 30 JUNE WAS ATTACKED

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BY AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A HAND GRENADE, WHO KILLED ONE PERSON AND INJURED NINE OTHERS. THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED WHILE ABOUT 800 FOLLOWERS OF THE JESUS MIRACLE MOVEMENT WERE PRAYING AT A SCHOOL CAMPUS IN MALUSO TOWN; ON BASILAN ISLAND IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE PHILIPPINES ARCHIPELAGO. THE LOCAL PHILIPPINE POLICE CHIEF INVESTIGATING THE BLAST SPECULATED THE ATTACK MAY HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE ISLAMIST ABU SAYYAF GROUP ASG, POSSIBLY BECAUSE THE ASG OPPOSES CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ACTIVITY OR IN RETALIATION FOR THE KILLING OF TWO ASG GUERRILLAS LAST WEEK BY GOVERNMENT FORCES PURSUING THE KIDNAPPERS OF TWO BELGIAN NATIONALS SEE DITSUM 118-99, 21 JUNE 1999.

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9 (U) MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES AND MIDDLE EAST-RELATED TERRORIST  
ACTIVITIES--DISCUSSION:

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11 (U) SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA--CURRENT ACTIVITY:  
(U) THERE WERE NO ATTACKS IN JUNE AGAINST US INTERESTS IN EUCOM'S

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PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE THREAT  
POSED TO US CITIZENS IN RURAL AREAS BY EX-FAR/INTERAHAMWE HUTU  
EXTREMISTS; THERE IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN UGANDA  
WHICH POSES A THREAT TO TRAVELLERS IN THE WESTERN AND NORTHERN PARTS  
OF THE COUNTRY. ALSO, OCCASIONAL BOMBINGS IN KAMPALA RESTAURANTS AND  
BARS FREQUENTED BY EXPATRIOTS HAVE PLACED US PERSONNEL AND OTHER  
WESTERNERS AT RISK OF INADVERTENT INVOLVEMENT IN AN ATTACK.

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HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN  
AN INCREASE IN APPARENT TERRORIST-RELATED ACTIVITY BY MEMBERS OF  
USAMA BIN LADIN'S ORGANIZATION THAT SUGGESTS OPERATIONAL PLANNING MAY  
BE IN AN ADVANCED STAGE AND RAISES CONCERN ABOUT A COMING ATTACK, BUT  
THE TARGETS REMAINS UNDETERMINED. SEVERAL US EMBASSIES IN AFRICA  
CLOSED FOR SEVERAL DAYS IN LATE JUNE WHILE THREAT INFORMATION WAS  
EVALUATED.

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(U) AS NIGERIAN PRESIDENT OLUSEGUN OBASANJO STRUGGLED WITH THE PROBLEMS OF PUTTING TOGETHER HIS NEWLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT, PROBLEMS CONTINUED IN THE NIGER RIVER DELTA. IJAW YOUTHS TRYING TO PLACE PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MULTINATIONAL OIL COMPANIES WERE INVOLVED IN TWO KIDNAPPINGS OF AMERICANS WORKING FOR OIL CONCERNS IN THE DELTA AREA ON 6 AND 27 JUNE. SINCE OCTOBER 1998 MORE THAN 250 PEOPLE INCLUDING AT LEAST 11 US CITIZENS HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED OR TEMPORARILY HELD HOSTAGE BY IJAW MILITANTS IN THE NIGER RIVER DELTA.

(U) FOLLOWING TWO MONTHS OF NUMEROUS INCIDENTS OF TERRORISM IN KAMPALA, UGANDA, JUNE WAS A VERY QUIET MONTH. THE GOVERNMENT'S DRACONIAN EFFORTS TO CURB VIOLENCE WHICH IT UNDERTOOK IN LATE MAY HAVE APPARENTLY HAD SOME IMPACT WITHIN THE CITY. REBEL ACTIVITY BY GROUPS SUCH AS THE LORD'S RESISTANCE ARMY LRA AND THE ALLIED DEMOCRATIC FRONT ADF CONTINUED TO MAKE SECURITY IN PARTS OF RURAL UGANDA UNCERTAIN.

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