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D. (U) EGYPT: AL-GAMAAT AL-ISLAMIYYA ISSUES WARNING TO TOURISTS.
THE EGYPTIAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AL-GAMAAT AL-ISLAMIYYA [IG]
RECENTLY ISSUED A STATEMENT CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE 13
OCTOBER KILLING OF ELEVEN EGYPTIAN POLICEMEN IN THE AL-MINYA PROVINCE

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OF UPPER EGYPT. WITHIN THE CLAIM THE IG SPECIFICALLY WARNS TOURISTS
NOT TO VISIT EGYPT SINCE THEY MAY BE INJURED "IN A BATTLE IN WHICH
THEY HAVE NO PART." IT IS UNCLEAR IF THE IG STATEMENT IS A THREAT
THE GROUP WILL FLAGRANTLY TARGET TOURISTS TRAVELING IN EGYPT, OR IF
IT IS A WARNING THAT TOURISTS MAY BE INADVERTENTLY CAUGHT IN THE
CROSSFIRE OF ANTI-REGIME ATTACKS. THE IG, WHICH BEGAN TARGETING
TOURISTS IN 1992 IN AN EFFORT TO DESTABILIZE EGYPT'S VITAL TOURISM
INDUSTRY, MOST RECENTLY CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE APRIL 1996
ATTACK ON GREEK TOURISTS, AND PROBABLY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ATTACK
AGAINST GERMAN TOURISTS IN CAIRO IN THIS PAST SEPTEMBER

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