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AS OF 2300Z 15 DEC 93

1. ~~(C)~~ MORE GOVERNMENT FORCES DEPLOY IN AND AROUND THE CAPITAL FOLLOWING INCREASINGLY LETHAL ATTACKS ON THE SECURITY FORCES AND THE ARMY AND THE HEIGHTENED THREAT TO FOREIGN NATIONALS.

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ALGERIA: THREAT TO FOREIGN NATIONALS (U)

AS OF 2300Z 15 DEC 93

1. (U) TWELVE EUROPEANS WERE MURDERED BY ISLAMIC MILITANTS ON 14 DECEMBER, DOUBLING THE NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS KILLED SINCE SEPTEMBER TO 23.
2. ~~(C)~~ TWELVE CROATS AND BOSNIANS WERE MURDERED IN A SINGLE ATTACK IN TAMEZGUIDA, 60 KM SOUTHWEST OF ALGIERS IN MEDEA PROVINCE. TWENTY-TWO

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EMPLOYEES OF HIDRO-ELEKTRA ENTERPRISE WERE SEIZED WHEN 50 TERRORISTS DISGUISED IN ARMY UNIFORMS TOOK OVER A COMPANY WORK COMPOUND. VICTIMS WERE REMOVED TWO AT A TIME AND STABBED. IN ALL, 12 WERE MURDERED, 2 INJURED, AND 8 RELEASED UNHARMED; MOST WERE CROATS AND ALL WERE CHRISTIANS. THE COMPANY WAS THE TARGET OF AN ARSON ATTACK IN MAY. NO ONE HAS REPORTEDLY CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY.

3. ~~(C)~~ WHETHER THE VICTIMS WERE MURDERED SOLELY BECAUSE THEY WERE FOREIGN OR BECAUSE THEY WORKED ON A LARGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR THE GOVERNMENT IS UNCLEAR. ISLAMIC MILITANTS HAVE LONG TARGETED ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURES IN ALGERIA, AND THE INTENTION MAY HAVE BEEN TO INFLUENCE COMPANIES WITH GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS. REGARDLESS OF THE MOTIVE, THIS ATTACK UNDERSCORES THE THREAT TO FOREIGNERS FROM SEMIORGANIZED GROUPS OF TERRORISTS. (DECL OADR)

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