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COUNTRY: (U) SYRIA (SYR).

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ANTI-AL JAZEERA DEMONSTRATIONS IN DAMASCUS

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**SOURCE:**

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1. ~~(S//NF)~~

(b)(1); (b)(3):50 USC 3024(i); Sec. 1.4(c)

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SUMMARY: (U) SEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, TEXT PARAGRAPH 1,  
BELOW.

TEXT: 1. ~~(S//NF)~~

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2. ~~(S//NF)~~ DEMONSTRATIONS TO PROTEST AGAINST AL JAZEERA'S ALLEGEDLY BIASED REPORTING IN SYRIA HAVE OCCURRED OVER THE PAST WEEK IN FRONT OF THE NETWORK'S DAMASCUS OFFICES. SOME ALAWITE COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN DAMASCUS CONSIDER AL JAZEERA A SUNNI MOUTHPIECE AND ARE RECEPTIVE TO THE REGIME'S CHARGES THAT THE MEDIA OUTLET IS EXACERBATING INSTABILITY BY PROPAGATING BIASED AND INACCURATE REPORTING. PROTESTS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED REGULARLY IN FRONT OF THE AL JAZEERA OFFICES SINCE 15 APRIL. THESE DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN PEACEFUL PRO-REGIME GATHERINGS TO VOICE OPPOSITION TO AL JAZEERA'S COVERAGE OF EVENTS IN SYRIA, WHICH THE DEMONSTRATORS ALLEGE ARE BIASED IN FAVOR OF ANTIREGIME ELEMENTS. THE PROTESTS HAVE BEEN SMALL, TYPICALLY WITH A FEW DOZEN PERSONS HOLDING SIGNS CRITICIZING THE NETWORKS, SYRIAN FLAGS, AND PICTURES OF THE PRESIDENT. ON 19 APR, THE PROTEST WAS LARGER AND LOUDER THAN IN PREVIOUS DAYS. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 80 PERSONS DEMONSTRATING, WITH CHANTS BEING LED OVER A LOUDSPEAKER.

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COMMENTS:

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