

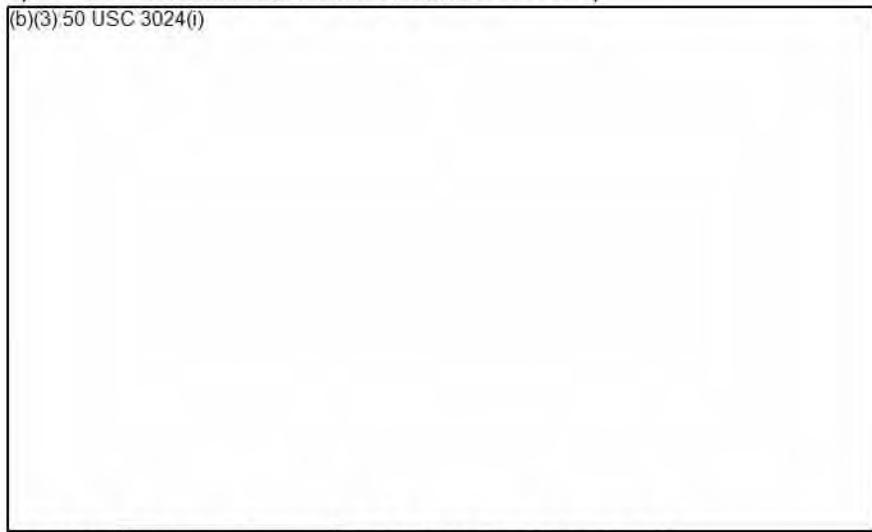
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SUBJECT: (b)(3);10 USC 424 ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCE PUBLIC RELATIONS INFORMATION ON THE 12 JULY 2005 PIJ SUICIDE BOMBING IN NETANYA AND ATTEMPTED CAR BOMB ATTACK IN THE WEST BANK (C) (b)(3);10 USC 424

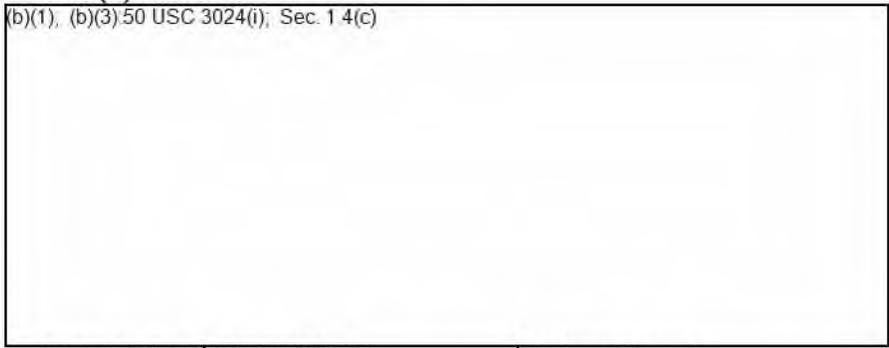
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SUMMARY: (C) (b)(3);10 USC 424 ISRAEL DEFENSE PUBLIC RELATIONS PROVIDED BRIEFING ON THE PIJ SUICIDE ATTACK AND ATTEMPTED CAR BOMB ATTACK IN THE WEST BANK ON 12 JULY 2005.

TEXT: 1. (C) (b)(3);10 USC 424 (b)(1); Sec. 1 4(c)

(b)(1); Sec. 1 4(c) THE 12 JULY SUICIDE BOMBING OUTSIDE THE HASHARON MALL IN NETANYA WAS A PALESTINIAN ISLAMIC JIHAD (PIJ) OPERATION. AT 1840L, 12 JULY, THE BOMB WAS COMPOSED OF THREE TO FOUR KILOGRAMS OF EXPLOSIVES WITH STEEL SHRAPNEL WHICH RESULTED IN FOUR KILLED AND OVER 85 INJURED. PIJ WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE CAR BOMB ATTACK AGAINST SAVEY-SHOMRON IN THE

WEST BANK AT 1800L, JUST PRIOR TO THE NETANYA ATTACK.

(b)(1); Sec. 1.4(c) PIJ HAD PLANNED FOR THESE ATTACKS TO OCCUR AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME FOR A MORE SPECTACULAR EFFECT WITH STRATEGIC CONSEQUENCES ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

2. (C) (b)(3):10 USC 424 (b)(1); Sec. 1.4(c) PIJ RELEASED VIDEO STATEMENTS CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NETANYA ATTACK. THE FIRST WAS A STATEMENT BY THE SUICIDE BOMBER AIRED ON AL JAZEERA. THE SECOND WAS A STATEMENT FROM PIJ HEADQUARTERS IN DAMASCUS, SYRIA. THESE PIJ ACTIVITIES SERVED THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: FIRST, THEY SEND A MESSAGE TO THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY (PA) THAT PIJ IS A SIGNIFICANT ACTOR IN THE CURRENT SITUATION, AND SECOND, THE ATTACKS REPRESENT IRANS CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF PIJ VIA DAMASCUS, AND IRAN AND SYRIAS INTEREST IN DISRUPTING DISENGAGEMENT FROM GAZA STRIP.

3. (C) (b)(3):10 USC 424 (b)(1); Sec. 1.4(c) DURING THE NIGHT OF 12 JULY, IDF RE-ENTERED TULKARM TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO ARREST THE APPROXIMATE TEN MEMBERS OF THIS PIJ CELL LED BY LOUIS ((SAADI)). DURING ITS OPERATION IN TULKARM, IDF FORCES ARE INSTRUCTED TO AVOID DAMAGE TO PA INFRASTRUCTURE AND CASUALTIES; HOWEVER, THEY ARE AUTHORIZED TO RETURN FIRE. THE IDF EXPECTS FOR ITS OPERATIONS IN TULKARM TO LAST A FEW DAYS. ADDITIONALLY, THE IDF CLOSED THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP AS A PRECAUTION TO DISRUPT OTHER POTENTIAL PLANNED ATTACKS. SOURCE EXPLAINED IF THE SITUATION CHANGED FROM ONE BOMBING AND FOUR KILLED TO MULTIPLE EVENTS WITH MORE KILLED, THE ISRAEL'S STRATEGIC SITUATION AND ITS RESPONSE COULD CHANGE.

4. (C) (b)(3):10 USC 424 (b)(1); Sec. 1.4(c) THE NETANYA SUICIDE BOMBING TELLS THE FOLLOWING STORY OF TULKARM. ISRAEL RETURNED TULKARM TO THE PA FOR SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY AS A RESULT OF THE SHARM AL SHAYK SUMMIT. HOWEVER, SINCE THE PA FAILED TO EXERCISE ITS RESPONSIBILITY, ESPECIALLY FOLLOWING THE STAGE ATTACK IN FEBRUARY, TULKARM HAS BECOME A CENTER FOR THIS PIJ CELLS ACTIVITY (b)(1); Sec. 1.4(c)

PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT MANMOUD ((ABBAS)) ACTUALLY PREFERS THAT ISRAEL NOT TRANSFER AREAS OF THE WEST BANK WITH SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PA BECAUSE ABBAS HAS CHOSEN THE STRATEGIC POSITION OF WEAKNESS, IN THAT HE IS NOT ABLE TO OR HAS CHOSEN NOT TO EXERCISE SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY (b)(1); Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1); Sec. 1.4(c) THIS SUICIDE BOMBING IS A RESULT OF THE TRANSFER OF SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY OF TULKARM TO THE PA. DESPITE THIS CONCLUSION, HE ASSUMES SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PA FOR TULKARM FOLLOWING THE ONGOING IDF OPERATION.

5. (C) (b)(3):10 USC 424 (b)(1); Sec. 1.4(c) IDI HIGHLIGHTED THAT THE PIJ CELL THAT CONDUCTED THIS ATTACK HAS DAILY COMMUNICATION WITH THE PIJ HEADQUARTERS IN SYRIA. ALTHOUGH IDI IS NOT AWARE OF AN ORDER FROM THE PIJ HEADQUARTERS IN SYRIA TO CARRY OUT THIS ATTACK, THIS

PIJ CELL CALLED ITS HEADQUARTERS IN SYRIA AFTER THIS
ATTACK.

(b)(1), (b)(3):10 USC 424; Sec. 1.4(c)

