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IDRISS B A R Z A N I, SON OF KURDISH REBEL LEADER MULLAH MUSTAFA



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B A R Z A N I , ARRIVED IN TEHRAN, IRAN, ON 4 MARCH IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE IRANIAN NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION (SAVAK)

THAT HE COME FOR DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE KURDISH REVOLUTION.

CN 4 AND 5 MARCH BARZANI, SAMI S A N J A R I , AND AMIR Q A S I M I MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL. THE ISRAELIS PUSHED HARD FOR RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES IN NORTHERN IRAQ AND PROMISED THE KURDS THAT THEY WOULD SUPPLY ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS AND LIGHT ARTILLERY (SIC).

IDRISS BARZANI REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF ARMORED CARS AND ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS. THE ISRAELIS ALSO AGREED TO SUPPLY THIS TYPE OF EQUIPMENT. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS, THE ISRAELIS SAID THAT MULIAH MUSTAFA BARZANI SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO CAPTURE AT LEAST TWO IRAQI TANKS.

USING THIS CAPTURE AS COVER, THE ISRAELIS PROMISED THAT THEY WOULD SUPPLY, VIA IRAN, ADDITIONAL TANKS WITH CREMS. IDRISS BARZANI SAID THAT HE PREFERRED TO HAVE ALL KURDISH CREWS FOR ANY TANKS AND REQUESTED THAT KURDS BE TRAINED IN THE OPERATION OF TANKS. THE ISRAELIS READILY CONSENTED TO THIS REQUEST.

2. ON 6 MARCH BARZANI MET WITH GENERAL NEMATOLIAH N A S S E R I , CHIEF OF SAVAK. NASSERI DISCUSSED IRANIAN PLANS FOR FURTHER AID TO MULIAH MUSTAFA BARZANI AND IRANIAN CONCERN OVER BARZANI'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IRAQI REGIME. NASSERI SAID THAT IRAN WAS FULLY BEHIND THE ISRAELI PLAN TO RENEW THE FIGHTING IN NORTHERN IRAQ, AND IDRISS SHOULD CAREFULLY NOTE WHAT THE ISRAELIS WERE SUGGESTING. IDRISS BARZANI WAS TO MEET WITH

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MASSERI AGAIN ON 7 MARCH TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE ISRAELI PROPOSALS.

3. DURING THE PAST MONTH IRANIAN AND ISRAELI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BARZANI HAS BEEN 1,200,000 IRAQI DINARS (U.S. DOLLARS 3,360,000).

4. DISSEM: NONE

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