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COUNTRY IRAQ  
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SUBJECT INDICATION THAT THE KURDS ANTICIPATE A SHOWDOWN  
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ

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1. IRAQI-KURDISH RELATIONS ARE STRAINED. THE BARZANI KURDS ADVOCATE THE FORMATION OF A NATIONAL FRONT, FREEDOM FOR POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE IMPLEMENTATION, AT AN ACCELERATED RATE, OF THE IRAQI-KURDISH AGREEMENT OF 11 MARCH 1970. THE BA'TH PARTY OF IRAQ (BPI) REGIME IS ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO THE FIRST TWO DEMANDS; AND, ALTHOUGH IT IS SINCERE IN ITS

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WILLINGNESS AND READINESS TO IMPLEMENT THE KURDISH-IRAQI AGREEMENT, IT HAS DECIDED TO GO ABOUT IT AT A VERY SLOW PACE.

2. KURDISH PUBLIC AND UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT OF U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS' PEACE PROPOSAL AND OF UAR PRESIDENT JAMAL A B D - A I - N A S I R'S ACCEPTANCE OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION FOR THE PALESTINE PROBLEM HAS BECOME ANOTHER BONE OF CONTENTION BETWEEN THE BPI AND THE KURDS. INSTEAD OF ATTACKING THE PEACE PROPOSALS, AS THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT HAD DIRECTED, AL-TAAKHI, THE MOUTHPIECE OF THE BARZANI KURDS, SUPPORTED THAT COURSE OF ACTION.

3. THE BARZANIS, ANTICIPATING A SHOWDOWN WITH THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT, ARE STRENGTHENING THEIR FORCES AND LINING UP POTENTIAL ALLIES. THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO FACTIONALIZE THE JALAL A L - T A L A B A N I FORCES BY ATTRACTING THOSE WHO ACCEPT BARZANI'S LEADERSHIP, AND ATTACKING THOSE WHO WAIVER. THEY HAVE SENT EMISSARIES TO LONDON TO CONVINCED IBRAHIM A H M A D, TALABANI'S COLLEAGUE, TO JOIN THEIR RANKS. THEY HAVE ALSO ESTABLISHED CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF IRAQ (CPI), WHICH SUPPORTS THEM IN THEIR DEMANDS FOR A NATIONAL FRONT, FREEDOM FOR POLITICAL PARTIES, AND THE SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE

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11 MARCH AGREEMENT. COMMUNIST LEADERS, WANTED BY THE IRAQI  
AUTHORITIES, ARE AGAIN FINDING SAFEHAVEN IN BARZANI-  
CONTROLLED AREAS.

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