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TRAINING OF SOMALIS IN THE REGION. 1

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THE CITY OF GODE, ETHIOPIA (06-06N, 43-01E) IS THE NERVE CENTER OF ARMS TRAFFICKING, SUPPORT FOR SOMALI WARLORD ((MOHAMED)) FARAH HASSAN AIDEED, SOMALI NATIONALISM, AND ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM IN SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA. THE ARMS FROM SUDAN, ETHIOPIA AND NORTHERN SOMALIA WHICH REACH MOGADISHU ARE PRIMARILY FOR AIDEED. THE ARMS FROM SUDAN ARRIVE OVERLAND FROM LIWAN (APPROXIMATELY 04-48N, 35-33E) AND LOKWAR (APPROXIMATELY 05-09N, 35-50E) ON THE SUDAN SIDE OF THE ETHIOPIAN BORDER THROUGH DANDE (04-47N, 36-26E), FEJIJ (04-36N, 36-21E), ARERO (04-45N, 41-47E) AND MEGA (04-03N, 38-18E) TO GODE. THE MAIN MEANS OF TRANSPORT IS BY CAMEL AND DONKEY CARAVAN, ALTHOUGH OCCASIONALLY WEALTHIER MERCHANTS USE TOYOTA LAND CRUISERS. FROM GODE, THE ARMS ARE SENT TO MOGADISHU VIA DENAN (06-31N, 43-30E) AND HILALA (06-06N, 43-50E) AND BELET WEYNE (04-45N, 45-12E). LESS FREQUENTLY, ARMS ARRIVE IN GODE FROM THE NORTHERN OGADEN AND NORTHWESTERN SOMALIA (SOMALILAND).

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(S//NF) 2. COMMENT: THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT CONTROLS LITTLE OF THE BORDER AREA NOTED AS THE CROSSING POINT FOR ARMS FROM SUDAN TO SOMALIA. ARMS CROSSING THE FAR SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SUDAN MAY BE COMING FROM A MEMBER OF ONE OR MORE OF THE SUDAN PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY FACTIONS OR FROM INDEPENDENT PARTIES, SUCH AS TRIBAL MILITIAS, AND ARE PROBABLY PROVIDED FOR MONETARY GAIN, RATHER THAN FOR IDEOLOGICAL REASONS.)

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(S//NF) 3. MOST OF THE TRIBESMEN IN THE AREA ARE MEMBERS OF OR SYMPATHETIC TO THE OGADEN NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (ONLF), THE WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT (WSLF), AND THE ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALIST ORGANIZATIONS OF AL-ITIHAAD AND TADAMO AND HOSTILE TO THE TIGRAYAN AND ERITREAN DOMINATED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA (TGE). AS SOMALI NATIONALISTS AND FELLOW MUSLIMS, THE MAJORITY OF THE OGADENI IN THE GODE REGION ARE SYMPATHETIC TO AIDEED'S STRUGGLE AGAINST THE UNOSOM FORCES IN MOGADISHU. MANY HAVE TRAVELED TO MOGADISHU TO JOIN AIDEED'S FORCES; OTHERS ARE AWAITING INDICATIONS OF AIDEED'S STRENGTH AND POSSIBILITIES OF SUCCESS AGAINST UNOSOM BEFORE COMMITTING THEMSELVES. ANYONE WITH ACCESS TO WEAPONS, HOWEVER, IS ANXIOUS TO CASH IN ON THE LUCRATIVE ARMS TRAFFICKING WITH BOTH AIDEED AND AL-ITIHAAD OFFERING TO BUY ANY TYPES OF ARMS AT PREMIUM PRICES. 4. MOST OF THE AL-ITIHAAD FINANCING COMES FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT WHILE THE HUMANIST TADAMO ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION RECEIVES FUNDS FROM SUDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA. THE AL-ITIHAAD IN GODE RECEIVES FUNDS AND DIRECTIVES FROM THE AL-ITIHAAD REPRESENTATIVE IN DJIBOUTI, ((AL- GAIDY)), WHO PERIODICALLY VISITS THE REGION AND HIS OFFICE IN DIRE DAWA. AL-GAIDY'S OFFICE IS LOCATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC RELIEF ORGANIZATION OFFICE HEADED BY ((JILLAL)), AN ADERI TRIBESMAN FROM HARAR. IN LATE AUGUST 1993, AL-QAIDY VISITED GODE TO DELIVER 1,500 TONS OF FOODSTUFFS FOR AL-ITIHAAD WHICH HAD ARRIVED IN ETHIOPIA VIA THE ERITREAN PORT OF ASSAB.

(S//NF) 5. THE LEADER OF AL-ITIHAAD IN GODE IS ((ALI)) KHALIF. THE LEADER OF TADAMO IS ((MOHAMED)) ABDULKARIM ABDIRAHMAN "GANI." AL- ITIHAAD CONTINUES TO PREACH ITS MILITANT, ANTI-WESTERN, ANTI-CHRISTIAN AND ANTI-TGE MESSAGE, WHILE TADAMO ATTEMPTS TO PROJECT A NON-MILITANT "HUMANE" FRONT. MOST OF AL-ITIHAAD'S MEMBERS ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF TADAMO. ONLY THE LEADERSHIP IS DIFFERENT, AND THIS IS FOR THE SAKE OF APPEARANCES RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES. MOST OF THE RANK-AND-FILE MEMBERS OF THE ONLF AND WSLF ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF EACH OTHER'S ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS OF AL-ITIHAAD AND TADAMO. THE OGADENI IN THIS REGION VIEW THEIR FELLOWS AS BEING MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE VARIOUS POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE REGION IS NOT FORMAL, BUT LOOSE; IF NOT ACTUAL MEMBERS, DUE TO TRIBAL PRESSURES, CLAN AND FAMILY LOYALTIES, ALL THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS ARE SYMPATHIZERS AND PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THEM.

(S//NF) 6. COMMENT: IT MAY BE AN OVERSTATEMENT THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE ONLF AND WSLF RANK AND FILE ARE MEMBERS/FELLOW TRAVELERS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS. GIVEN THE RECENT SHAKEUP IN THE REGION 5 GOVERNMENT, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT AL-ITIHAAD AND AL-TADAMUN ARE BECOMING SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL PLAYERS BUT NOT SUB-GROUPS TO WHICH EVERYONE BELONGS AND/OR SUPPORTS.)

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(S//NF) 7. NEARLY ALL OF THE OGADENI IN THE REGION ARE MEMBERS OF THE MOHAMED ZUBAYR CLAN AND THE RER ABDULI AND RER ISSAK SUBCLANS. THE MAJORITY OF THE MALES IN THE REGION ARE ARMED; THOSE WHO NEED TRAINING, REGARDLESS OF AFFILIATION, DO SO IN ONLF MILITIA CAMPS. THE TGE PRESENCE IN THE REGION IS LIMITED TO A FEW GARRISONS OF TIGRAYAN TROOPS AND POLICE OFFICIALS WHO DO NOT SPEAK THE LOCAL DIALECTS, ARE FROM NORTHERN ETHIOPIA, AND WHO HAVE ADOPTED POLICIES OF NON-INTERFERENCE AND "LIVE AND LET LIVE." TGE FORCES ARE OUTNUMBERED BY THE ARMED AND SEMI-ORGANIZED SOMALIS IN THE REGION, AND SEEK TO AVOID ANY ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT ANTAGONIZE LOCAL SENSIBILITIES OR FURTHER INFLAME SOMALI NATIONALIST FEELINGS. THEY ARE INCAPABLE OF MONITORING OR STOPPING THE ARMS TRAFFICKING,

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RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF SOMALIS IN THE REGION. THIS IS PARTLY DUE TO LACK OF AVAILABLE FORCES AS WELL AS CORRUPTION. AL-ITIHAAD, FLUSH WITH FUNDS FROM SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT AND IRAN, MAKES REGULAR, LARGE PAYMENTS TO TGE POLICE AND MILITARY OFFICIALS IN THE REGION.

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