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//THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CENTRAL BANK HEADQUARTERS BY AN EXPLOSION ON 14 MARCH HAS PRODUCED CONFUSION THROUGHOUT THE IRAQI

BANKING SYSTEM.

BECAUSE THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED AFTERHOURS, NO BANK

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WORKERS WERE HARMED.//

2. IN BRIEF

MIDDLE EAST

-- //ANONYMOUS CALLERS CLAIM ISLAMIC JIHAD RESPONSIBLE FOR KIDNAPING THREE FRENCH OFFICIALS IN BEIRUT, LEBANON YESTERDAY . DEMAND PARIS CANCEL ARMS DEAL WITH SAUDIS AND STOP SUPPORTING IRAQ

SOUTH ASIA

-- //INDIAN PRIME MINISTER GANDHI EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE MORE CONCILIATORY GESTURES TOWARD SIKHS TODAY DURING FIRST VISIT TO PUNJAB SINCE SUCCESSION . . . MODERATE SIKHS PROBABLY TOO DISGRUNTLED AND FACTIONALIZED TO CONSIDER TALKS WITH GOVERNMENT ANY TIME SOON.//

AFRICA

-- //KURDISH WORKERS' PARTY, TURKISH-BASED SEPARATIST GROUP. WEDNESDAY ANNOUNCED CREATION OF FRONT TO SEEK KURDISH STATE . ENCOMPASSING PARTS OF SYRIA, IRAQ, IRAN, JURKEY . . . SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION OF GROUP'S GOALS./



