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REGIME FORCES REPORTED THE FALL OF KARKUK TO KURDISH REBELS,  
AND EXILED OPPOSITION LEADERS ARE INFILTRATING NORTHERN IRAQ TO TAKE  
CHARGE OF THE INSURRECTION. [REDACTED]

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STATUS OF UNREST IN IRAQ

IRAQI OPPOSITION GROUPS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT REBELS HAD STORMED THE SHERATON HOTEL IN AL BASRAH, WHERE A LARGE NUMBER OF ARMY AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS WERE HIDING. THEY ALSO CLAIM TO HAVE ATTACKED A MILITARY CONVOY MOVING NORTH FROM AL 'AMARAH TO BAGHDAD. THE REBELS CLAIM SPORADIC CLASHES WITH GOVERNMENT FORCES IN BAGHDAD, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

KURDS TRYING TO TAKE LEAD IN OPPOSITION COALITION

ACCORDING TO SYRIAN PRESS REPORTS, IRAQI KURDISH LEADER JALAL TALABANI AND OTHER IRAQI EXILE FIGURES WERE INFILTRATING NORTHERN IRAQ FROM SYRIA YESTERDAY TO JOIN KURDISH REBEL FORCES. EARLY THIS WEEK MA'SUD BARZANI, A PROMINENT LEADER OF THE KURDISH REBELLION IN IRAQ, INVITED THE JOINT ACTION COMMITTEE OF THE DAMASCUS OPPOSITION FRONT TO ESTABLISH ITSELF IN KURDISTAN, [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, KURDISH REBELS SAY THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH SOUTH TO LINK UP WITH SHIA REBELS. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: KURDISH OPPOSITION GROUPS PROBABLY ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THEIR SUCCESS AND THE APPARENT DISORGANIZATION OF THE SHIA REBELLION TO TRY TO LEAD THE OPPOSITION MOVEMENT AGAINST BAGHDAD IN THE HOPE OF SECURING THEIR ROLE IN A POST-SADDAM GOVERNMENT. SHIA GROUPS INDIVIDUALLY AND THE 17-MEMBER OPPOSITION FRONT IN SYRIA PROBABLY WILL DECLINE THE KURDISH OFFER. [REDACTED]

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