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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: The Situation Room

SUBJECT: Noon Notes

Bangkok University Closes: Press reports from Bangkok today state that Thammasat University has been closed because of the protest rally being held there opposing the return of the former prime minister. The protestors have been requested to remain on campus. The closure reportedly came as a result of the increased possibility of violent incidents.



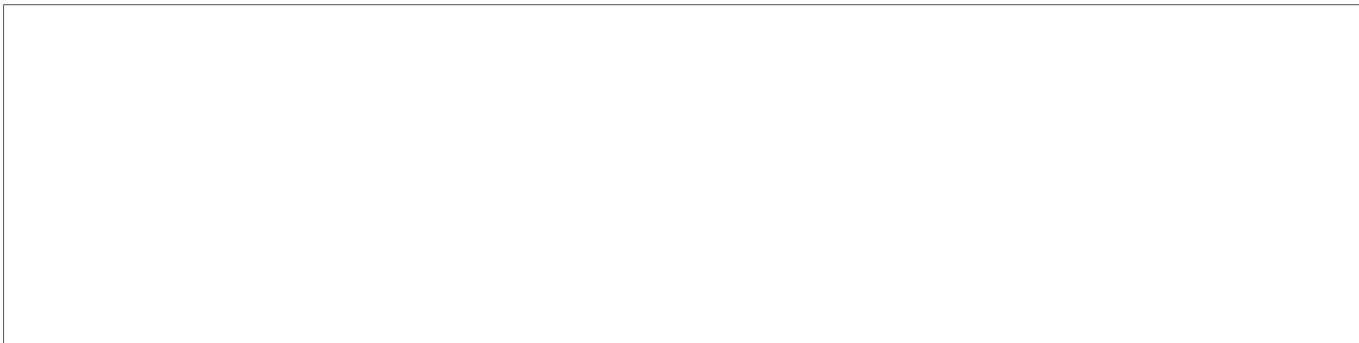
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More Iraqi Volunteers to Lebanon: Baghdad intends to continue sending volunteers to fight with the leftists in Lebanon, [redacted]

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[redacted] The number of volunteers reportedly totals some 9,000 members of the paramilitary Iraqi peoples army, 800 of which have already been sent to Lebanon. According to DIA, while much of the information provided [redacted] is probably valid, the number of Iraqis fighting in Lebanon is believed to be somewhat less than 800. A more likely figure would be 300. It is also possible that some regular Iraqi army officers will be sent in an advisory role to ensure the volunteers are properly utilized. The officers will probably avoid becoming involved in actual combat. DIA believes it is highly unlikely that regular Iraqi army units will be sent.

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Petroleum Shipments to Uganda to Resume: The Kenyan government has reportedly informed U.S. oil company executives that all restrictions on the shipment of petroleum products to Uganda are lifted -- this applies even to jet fuel. Recent deliveries to Uganda had been limited to about 25 percent of the precrisis volume. Nairobi probably made its decision because the government realized continued restrictions at the present time would prove counter-productive. Nairobi has a strong economic hold on Kampala, a point the Kenyans have impressed on Ugandan President Amin. According to DIA Kenya may now hope that resumption of normal petroleum deliveries will short circuit Ugandan attempts to establish alternate supply routes, a situation that could weaken the effect of future Kenyan sanctions.

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