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1. DURING THE PERIOD 8-14 FEBRUARY FOLLOWING THE IRAQI COUP, BA'ATHIST AND PRO-NASIRIST ARMY OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS IN QUNAYTIRAH AREA HAVE CEASED ALL ACTIVITY. THIS IS PARTLY DUE TO HIGH DEGREE OF ALERT STATUS PREVAILING THIS AREA SINCE 6 FEBRUARY, BUT NOT ENTIRELY. PRO-NASIRISTS ARE ADOPTING A "WAIT AND SEE" ATTITUDE FOR THE MOMENT, AND ARE MAKING NO OVERT ACTIONS OR ACTIVITY. BA'ATHIST, HOWEVER, ARE CEASING ALL ACTIVITY IN ORDER AVOID ARRESTS OF PARTY MEMBERS.

2. COMMUNISTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, ARE CONTINUING THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL AND RECRUITING ACTIVITY AT EVEN FASTER PACE. TO DATE THEY STILL

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HAVE NOT "GONE OUT INTO THE STREETS" IN ANY DEMONSTRATIONS, BUT ARE CONCENTRATING ON DEVELOPING PARTY APPARATUS AIMING FOR COMING ELECTIONS.

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