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1. SUMMARY:

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--MURPHY: COMMENTING ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY MURPHY'S TRIP TO THE REGION, AL NADWA'S EDITORIAL IS SKEPTICAL ABOUT U.S. SERIOUSNESS IN RESTORING ITS CREDIBILITY, ALTHOUGH IT CONSIDERS THE REGIONAL CONDITIONS RIPE FOR THIS.

--WALDHEIM: AL YAWM'S EDITORIAL CRITICIZES THE U.S. FOR BANNING **KURT WALDHEIM** WHILE ADMITTING ISRAELI DIPLOMAT AMOS YAROUN, WHO "IS NO MORE THAN A WAR CRIMINAL." END OF SUMMARY

2. MURPHY:

EDITORIAL:

IN AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "MURPHY AND THE MEANS TO CREDIBILITY" AL NADWA QUESTIONS "TO WHAT EXTENT IS THE U.S. CONVINCED OF ITS ABILITY TO GO ON CONDUCTING AMBIGUOUS POLICIES AND ADOPTING CONTRADICTING POSITIONS? WHO GUARANTEES THAT AMERICA WILL NOT PURSUE SUCH POLICIES AGAIN, CONSIDERING TEL AVIV IS THE REAL DECISION MAKER FOR WASHINGTON'S MIDDLE EAST POLICY? HOW IS ONE TO BELIEVE THAT WASHINGTON IS SERIOUS ABOUT ENDING THE GULF WAR WHEN IT CONTRADICTS ISRAEL'S INTERESTS?...WE BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT JUNCTURE IN THE MIDDLE EAST PRESENTS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE U.S. TO PROVE ITS OBJECTIVITY AND REGAIN ITS CREDIBILITY...AND THIS THROUGH A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE."

HEADLINES:

AL JAZIRA: "ZAYED: THE U.S. SHOULD CHANGE ITS MIDDLE EASTERN POLICY IN ORDER TO KEEP ITS FRIENDS....MURPHY: WASHINGTON IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND WORKS TO END GULF WAR ON NO VICTOR -- NO VANQUISHED BASIS."

AL RIYADH: "THE U.S. ENVOY: BILATERAL TALKS ARE THE KEY (TO PEACE)...NOT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE"

AL BILAD: "ZAYED'S LETTER TO REAGAN: THE EMIRATES STRESS THE NECESSITY OF INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT TO SOLVE REGIONAL PROBLEMS."

COVERAGE:

MOST PAPERS GIVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO MURPHY'S VISIT TO THE EMIRATES. ARTICLES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL WIRE SERVICES FOCUS ON ZAYED'S CALL FOR THE U.S. TO CHANGE ITS REGIONAL POLICY AND INCLUDE MURPHY'S DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON'S INTENSIFIED EFFORTS TO END THE GULF WAR WITH NEITHER VICTOR NOR VANQUISHED, AND HIS STATEMENT TO THE OMAN OBSERVER THAT BILATERAL TALKS ARE THE REAL MEANS TO SETTLE THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE.

3. WALDHEIM:

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BLOCK QUOTES:

IN AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "THE PARALLEL BETWEEN WALDHEIM AND AMOUS YAROUN" AL YAWM SAYS "IN 1983 GENERAL YAROUN WAS DEMOTED BECAUSE OF THE ROLE HE PLAYED DURING THE SABRA AND SHATILA MASSACRES. THREE YEARS LATER HE BECAME A MILITARY ATTACHE IN THE U.S...HOW IS THIS ACCEPTABLE FOR A COUNTRY WHICH PUNISHES WAR CRIMES AND UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 RIYADH 04742

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WHO JUST BANNED ANOTHER COUNTRY'S PRESIDENT ON THE BASIS OF UNPROVEN CHARGES? THE ARAB - AMERICAN ANTI DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY SPONSORING THE CASE WHICH THREE ARAB WOMEN ARE RAISING AGAINST YAROUN CHARGING HIM WITH HAVING MASSACRED THEIR KIN IN THE CAMPS. FOR THESE WOMEN THE QUESTION IS WHAT IS THE DISTANCE BETWEEN WALDHEIM AND GENERAL YAROUN?"
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