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TAGS: PEPR, IS, IZ
SUBJ: ATTACK ON IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY
1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT HAS THUS FAR (1400 HOURS)
JUNE 8 REMAINED SILENT RE AN ATTACK ON THE IRAQI NUCLEAR
FACILITY AT TUWAITHA NEAR BAGHDAD AT 1830, JUNE 7.
STREET RUMORS ATTRIBUTE THE AIR RAID ALERT, WHICH WAS

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FOLLOWED AN HOUR LATER BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT MACHINE GUN-FIRE, VARIOUSLY TO THE IRANIANS, THE ISRAELIS, THE SHIA DAWA PARTY, OR IRAQI IMAGINATION. WE KNOW FROM THE ITALIAN AND FRENCH EMBASSIES, HOWEVER, THAT BOMBS FELL ON OR NEAR THE NUCLEAR REACTOR NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY THE FRENCH.

3. PRIMARY SOURCE OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR (PROTECT): 96 ITALIANS ARE NORMALLY AT THE SITE, THOUGH MOST OF THEM WERE NOT WORKING AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK. ALL ARE ACCOUNTED FOR, THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE ITALIAN LABORATORIES WERE NOT DAMAGED, BUT THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN ALLOWED TO RETURN TO INSPECT THEM.

4. THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD BY THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR THAT ONE FRENCH TECHNICIAN IS MISSING, MAJOR BOMB DAMAGE APPARENTLY HAVING BEEN IN THE AREA OF THE FRENCH PROJECT, THE REACTOR WAS NOT YET OPERATIONAL AND INITIAL TESTS INDICATE THERE HAS BEEN NO RADIATION.

6. IT APPEARS THAT THUS FAR ONLY A FEW PERSONS IN THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT ARE AWARE OF WHAT HAPPENED, THOUGH THE NEWS WILL SOON FILTER OUT LOCALLY AND PROBABLY BE PICKED UP THROUGH INDUSTRY SOURCES IN ROME AND PARIS. THERE HAS BEEN NO DISCERNABLE POPULAR REACTION AS YET.
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