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KABUL SITREP 8-14 APRIL 1986

SUMMARY (NOT FOR PRESS)

1. BOMBINGS IN KABUL. REGIME CLAIMS BIG SUCCESS IN KHOST ON 11 APRIL. HAQQANI (HEZBE YUNES) PROBABLY WOUNDED. HEAVY FIGHTING ALSO IN SHOMALI, GHAZNI, KANDAHAR. ROCKET ATTACK ON HERAT.

2. BABRAK NOT YET RETURNED. KESHTMAND INVITED TO VISIT USSR IN SECOND HALF APRIL. DOST (FOREIGN MINISTER) TO DELHI FOR NAM MEETING, WHERE CORDOVEZ WILL REPORTEDLY GIVE HIM AND PAKISTANI FOREIGN MINISTER UN PROPOSAL FOR FOURTH DOCUMENT OF SETTLEMENT. PAKISTANI CHARGE SUMMONED ABOUT BORDER VIOLATIONS. JIRGA OF FREE PUSHTUN TRIBES HELD. AAPSO CONFERENCE.

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DETAIL

SECURITY

3. KABUL: TENSION HIGH AND CONTINUED HEAVY HELICOPTER/CONVOY
MOVEMENT. DRA TROOPS SEARCHING VEHICLES AND HOUSES. PROBABLY IN
PREPARATION FOR 27 APRIL CELEBRATIONS. SMALL POCKETS OF DRA
TROOPS AND KHAD STATIONED ON ALL MAJOR ROADS AND ESPECIALLY
AROUND PALACE (THOUGH BABRAK STILL ABSENT). CIVILIAN CARS THOROUGHLY
SEARCHED, BUSES UNLOADED AND CHECKED INTERNALLY. 10 BOMBS REPORTEDLY
EXPLODED IN DARULAMAN AND FURTHER 20 BOMBS DISCOVERED IN MIKRORAYON
AND KARTE SEM. REPORT OF BOMB EXPLODING INSIDE RADIO AFGHANISTAN.
ON 6 APRIL, WOMAN KILLED A SOLDIER IN MIKRORAYON WHILE BEING
ARRESTED, POSSIBLY AS A BOMBER. TWO LARGE EXPLOSIONS ON 7 AND 9
APRIL AFTER CURFEW: FORMER 50 METRES BELOW SUMMIT OF TELEVISION
HILL (POSSIBLY A ROCKET, BUT MORE PROBABLY A MINE/BOMB).

4. HEAVY HELICOPTER ACTIVITY GOING NORTH AND SOUTH-WEST OF KABUL
TO ASSIST IN SHOMALI AND GHAZNI OPERATIONS, EG 22 HELICOPTERS
(20 SOVIET FLYING HIGH AND 2 AFGHAN TAILING ALONG LOW) RETURNED
FROM SOUTH-WEST AT 5.30 PM ON 8 APRIL. HEAVY ARMOURD CONVOY
WENT NORTH ALONG OLD SALANG ROAD PAST EMBASSY AT 6 PM ON 10
APRIL. AND 30 PLUS TRUCK CONVOY PASSED EMBASSY IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION
ON 11 APRIL. MANY WOUNDED SOVIET SOLDIERS RETURNED TO KABUL ON
10 APRIL: A WESTERN DIPLOMAT COUNTED 12 SOVIET MILITARY TRUCKS
WITH RED CROSSES FULL OF SOLDIERS WAITING TO ENTER SHAHRARA
HOSPITAL.

5. NORTH: 28/29 MARCH MUJAHEDDIN UNDER MOHAMMED HABI-BULLAH KILLED
40 KHAD AT QALE HADIE SOUTH-WEST OF QARABAGH IN RETALIATION FOR
KILLING OF MUJAHEDDIN COMMANDER ABDUL HAKIM BY KHAD IN QARABAGH
EARLIER IN MARCH. AT FAIZ IN SHAKADARA AREA, MUJAHEDDIN ATTACKED
DRA POST AND 30 SOLDIERS DEFFECTED WITH WEAPONS. VILLAGES IN AREA
BOMBARDED HEAVILY BY HELICOPTERS AND ARTILLERY WITH MANY CIVILIAN
CASUALTIES. ~~250-6-15011916-63-4-8~~ ON 8 APRIL NORTH OF KABUL FOR
2 HOURS IN EARLY MORNING AND AT 0930 SOME 64 HELICOPTERS SEEN
RETURNING TO AIRPORT. ON 9 APRIL, MUJAHEDDIN CLASHED WITH DRA
FORCES AT KALAKAN IN SHOMALI: 18 MUJAHEDDIN AND 61 REGIME FIGHTERS
KILLED (LATTER POSSIBLY EX-MUJAHEDDIN). 20 AFGHAN MIGRANT WORKERS
RETURNING FROM IRAN WERE SPOTTED BY SOVIET FORCES WHILST CROSSING
RIVER AT CHARIKAR ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO: ALL CAUGHT AND HANGED FOR
POSSESSING MUJAHEDDIN TRAVEL CARDS.

6. EAST: 3 HELICOPTERS REPORTEDLY SHOT DOWN NEAR QALE KUH: 2
CRASHED ON SPOT AND THIRD CRASHED AT JALALABAD AIRPORT (NO DATE
GIVEN).

7. SOUTH: HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUED ROUND KHOST AND KANDAHAR.
24 BODIES RETURNED FROM KHOST TO KABUL ON 9 APRIL. ALSO REPORTS
OF HEAVY FIGHTING SOUTH OF GHAZNI AND IN GARDEZ AREA INVOLVING
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8 REGIME CLAIMS; SUCCESSES IN KHOST WITH 120 AND SUBSEQUENTLY 700 MUJAHEDDIN CLAIMED ELIMINATED TOGETHER WITH ONE OF BIGGEST MUJAHEDDIN BASES. ALSO MADE-OUTS IN GARDEZ AND TANN DISTRICTS DESTROYED. SADEQ VISITS KHOST. HAQQANI RUMOURED KILLED. ROCKET ATTACK ON HERAT ON 12 APRIL ADMITTED; 3 KILLED, 18 SEVERLY WOUNDED.

POLITICS

9. INTERNAL; ANNOUNCEMENT THAT KESHMAND WILL VISIT USSR IN SECOND HALF OF APRIL. JIRGA OF FREE PUSHTUN TRIBES HELD 9-10 APRIL; 1750 PARTICIPANTS CLAIMED, INCLUDING 1545 REPRESENTATIVES OF 35 PUSHTUN AND BALUCH TRIBES FROM PAKISTAN PLUS 200 REPRESENTATIVES OF POLITICAL GROUPS, MAINLY ANTI-PAKISTANI. BUT IN MANY CASES TRIBAL CHIEFS OR HEADS OF GROUPS HAVE NOT COME THEMSELVES AND IN PARTICULAR MARRI (BALUCH LEADER IN EXILE IN KABUL (STEERED CLEAR. AS PART OF PREPARATION, NUR, WATANJAR, BARYALAI AND LAEQ MET DIFFERENT TRIBES. NAJIB TOOK PROMINENT PART AND MADE CONCLUDING SPEECH. MESSAGES PUBLISHED TO UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, RAJIV GANDHI, AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN ETC. MANY REFERENCES TO BRITISH COLONIALISM. ZAERY VISITS FARAH.

10. EXTERNAL; DOST TO DELHI FOR NAM FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING (WHERE IT IS RUMOURED CORDOVEZ WILL PASS NEW UN DRAFT OF FORTH DOCUMENT TO AFGHAN AND PAKISTANI FOREIGN MINISTERS). GOLDDAD (VICE PRIME MINISTER) TO USSR WITH DELEGATION FOR ANNIVERSARY OF SAUR REVOLUTION. VISIT BY POLISH DEPUTY PLAN ORGANISATION CHAIRMAN. DRA AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA (NUR MOHAMMED KHORAMMI) PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO MENGISTU.

11. AAPSO CONFERENCE ON NEW INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION ORDER HELD ON 9-12 APRIL; SIMILAR CONFERENCE HELD IN KABUL IN 1984. PARTICIPANTS SHOWN JIRGA AND ATTACKED IMPERIALISM. A AMIER MOHAMMED, MEMBER OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OF TANZANIA AND EDITOR IN CHIEF OF UHURU NEWSPAPER WHO WAS PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCE, CALLED ON BARYALAI TO DISCUSS AFGHAN/TANZANIAN COMMON INTERESTS.

12. PAKISTANI CHARGE SUMMONED ABOUT BORDER VIOLATIONS ON 8 APRIL. DRA SENDS NOTE TO UN SECRETARY-GENERAL CLAIMING 100 KILLED AND WOUNDED BY PAKISTANI ATTACKS 10-23 MARCH. (COMMENT: PROTESTS MADE TO PAKISTANI CHARGE HERE ABOUT INCIDENTS DURING THAT PERIOD DO NOT BEAR OUT THIS TOTAL.)

MISCELLANEOUS

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15. SOVIET DIPLOMATS PUTTING IT ABOUT THAT BABRAK'S VISIT TO MOSCOW WAS MEDICAL; HE WAS UNABLE TO GET TREATMENT DURING XXV-IVTH CONGRESS BECAUSE HE HAD TO HURRY BACK TO CORDOVEZ'S VISIT. IT IS TRUE THAT HE SPENT 3 WEEKS IN USSR THIS TIME LAST YEAR APPARENTLY FOR MEDICAL REASONS. DANESHJOU (CHIEF OF PROTOCOL) HAS FORECAST THAT GENEVA VII WILL LAST AT LEAST A MONTH.

16. ACCORDING TO KABUL NEW TIMES OF 12 APRIL, ICRC DELEGATION VISITED KABUL 6-11 APRIL, INCLUDING FIRST AID CENTRES OF AFGHAN RED CROSS, ORTHOPAEDIC UNIT OF WAZIR AKBAR KHAN HOSPITAL AND AVICENNA HOSPITAL AND PLEDGED MORE ASSISTANCE TO SECRETARY GENERAL OF AFGHAN RED CROSS. (I TRIED TO CONTACT DELEGATION BUT THEY WERE NOT AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, WHICH WAS FULL OF AAPSO, AND I DID NOT WANT TO GO TO KABUL HOTEL BECAUSE OF BOMB; NONE OF MY ** UNFRIENDLY ** COLLEAGUES MET THEM.)

17. PAKISTANI ACTING CHARGE HAS COMPLAINED TO MFA ABOUT HARASSMENT, ESPECIALLY BUMPER-BUMPER PURSUIT BY SECRET POLICE CARS. HE THINKS THIS HARASSMENT MAY BE IN RETALIATION FOR HELICOPTER CRASH MENTIONED IN PARA 14 ABOVE OR BECAUSE AFGHANS BELIEVE PAKISTAN MAY HAVE HAD A HAND IN KABUL BOMB EXPLOSION.

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