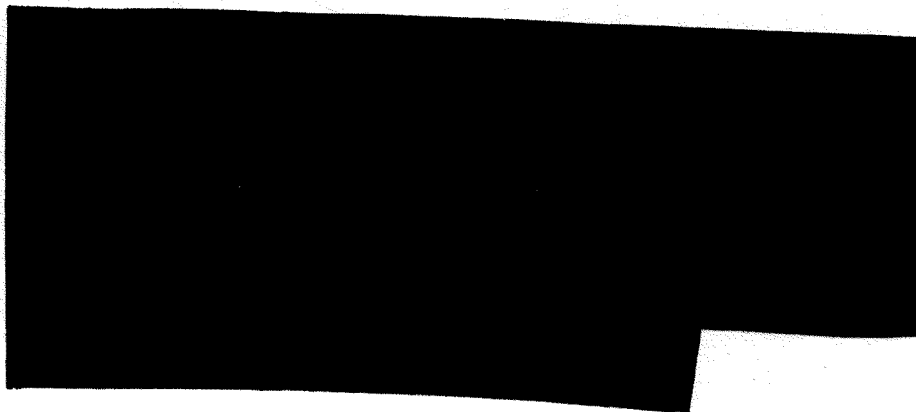




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DIST: 2 APRIL 2002

COUNTRY: IRAQ

SUBJ: REISSUE/ADDENDUM: ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST PATRIOTIC
UNION OF KURDISTAN PRIME MINISTER BARHAM SALIH

REISSUE FOR A D D E N D U M

SUMMARY: NONE.

TEXT: NOTICE: THIS IS AN ADDENDUM OF A REPORT WITH THE SAME
HEADING WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED AS CIA
IN ORDER TO ADD DETAILS CONCERNING A PREVIOUS ATTACK ON THE KURDISTAN
DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIME MINISTER AND TO CLARIFY DETAILS CONCERNING THE
IDENTITY OF THE ATTACKERS AND THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF THE PUK SECURITY
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ACCORDING TO PATRIOTIC UNION OF KURDISTAN (PUK),
ON 2 APRIL 2002, AT 1610 HOURS LOCAL TIME, FOUR ARMED INDIVIDUALS
OPENED FIRE OUTSIDE THE AL-SULAYMANIYAH, IRAQ, RESIDENCE OF THE PUK
PRIME MINISTER BARHAM ((SALIH)), KILLING THREE OF SALIH'S BODYGUARDS
AND ONE BODYGUARD OF PUK SECURITY CHIEF KHASRO GUL ((MUHAMMAD)).
MUHAMMAD HAD ARRIVED AT SALIH'S RESIDENCE FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE
ATTACK. SALIH'S BODYGUARDS RETURNED FIRE AND KILLED TWO OF THE
INDIVIDUALS. ONE OF THE ATTACKERS WAS CAPTURED AND IN PUK CUSTODY,
AND ANOTHER WAS AT LARGE. A HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCH WAS BEING
CONDUCTED TO LOCATE THIS FOURTH INDIVIDUAL. THE ATTACKERS HAD
GRENADES STRAPPED TO THEIR BODIES. PUK SECURITY HAD ARRESTED TWO
OTHER PERSONS WHO APPEARED TO BE RELATED TO THE ATTACK.

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2. THE PUK BELIEVED THAT THE ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY MEMBERS OF ANSAR AL-ISLAM. THE PUK REACHED THIS CONCLUSION BASED ON INDIVIDUALS' ATTIRE AND BECAUSE THEY HAD RAZOR CUTS AND RAZOR-BURN MARKS ON THEIR FACES THAT APPEARED TO INDICATE THAT THEY HAD RECENTLY SHAVEN OFF THEIR BEARDS. IN ADDITION, THE PUK STATED THAT ONE OF THE ATTACKERS KILLED WAS AN IRAQI ARAB, WHICH LEAD THE PUK TO ASSESS THAT THERE WAS POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT FROM THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT.

COMMENT: THE PUK DID NOT EXPLAIN HOW THEY CONCLUDED ONE ATTACKER WAS AN IRAQI ARAB.) THE ATTACKERS WERE DRIVING A RED VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT THAT THEY HAD ACQUIRED ON 31 MARCH. ACCORDING TO THE PUK, THE PUK SECURITY SERVICES HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION AT 1500 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON 2 APRIL THAT THE GROUP THAT CARRIED OUT THAT ATTACK HAD ENTERED AL-SULAYMANIYAH.

3. ALSO ACCORDING TO THE PUK, KURDISTAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIME MINISTER NECHIRVAN BARZANI WAS ATTACKED IN MID-MARCH. THE PUK BELIEVED THAT THE ATTACK AGAINST SALIH AND BARZANI WERE RELATED. ACCORDING TO THE PUK, THE ATTACK ON BARZANI OCCURRED WHEN HE WAS RETURNING TO IRBIL, IRAQ; ONE MEMBER OF THE CONVOY WAS KILLED AND SEVEN OTHERS WERE INJURED.

COMMENTS, EVALUATIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS WELCOME.

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