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BULK LOND AMMA ADDI BERN MADE ANKA ALGI BOWN PARI
MUMI BACH KHAR LISS COPE SAGO EBIR LEOP NERI PROB NEED
DAMA RABA MARI HAGU VIEH DARI TPLI SAGO HEID ATHE JIDO
TUNIS CYRU TEHE CNER OSLO CAIR MOGA PACY ONVA BOME FRAN

PERAND

NEAR EAST - AFRICA BRIEF

(NOFORN IN SLANTS. REMAINING INFO RELEASABLE TO LISBON.)

1. TURKEY: THE TWO-YEAR-OLD POLITICAL CRISIS CONTINUES. SINCE THE JUSTICE PARTY (JP) ADMITTED LAST WEEK THAT IT COULD NOT FORM A GOVERNMENT, PRIME MINISTER FROUW HAS ACCEPTED A MANDATE TO DO SO. FROUW IS STILL EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN DRAWING TOGETHER A NEW COALITION. HOWEVER, HIS CHANCES HAVE BEEN IMPROVED BY THE JP'S OWN FAILURE. THE POLITICIANS FEEL THAT THE MILITARY MAY INTERVENE IF THE CRISIS IS PROLONGED MUCH FURTHER, AND THE SCARCITY OF OTHER CANDIDATES.

(CONF)

2. AFGHANISTAN; //CONSERVATIVE FORMER PRIME MINISTER PRINCE DAUD SEEMS TO BE REASSERTING HIS INFLUENCE. A POLITICAL CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DAUD AND KING ZAHIR SHAH MAY BE DEVELOPING OVER THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR A MORE LIBERAL CONSTITUTION. SHOULD THE KING YIELD TO DAUD'S PRESSURES AND GIVE HIM AN IMPORTANT VOICE IN REVISING THE NEW

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DRAFT CONSTITUTION, RESIGNATION OF PRIME MINISTER VIBUL AND OTHER
REPORT-NAMES, TWO-SIDED CONVICTION MESSAGES WOULD PROBABLY BECOME
UNRELEASABLE.//

3. SAUDI ARABIA: THE LONG-SUSPENDING DISPUTE BETWEEN KING SAUD
AND CROWN PRINCE FAHAL HAS BE REACHING A CLIMAX. ROYAL GUARD ELEMENTS
ON 16 DECEMBER WERE MARCHING THROUGH SAUD'S GARAGE IN RIYADH AND THERE
WAS EVIDENCE THAT AN IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE SAUDI ROYAL FAMILY WAS
IN PROGRESS AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE CROWN PRINCE. MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERS
OF THE ROYAL FAMILY ARE BELIEVED LOYAL TO FAHAL; HOWEVER, IT IS NOT
CLEAR HOW THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE SAUDI ARMY WOULD REACT IN THE
EVENT OF AN OPEN SAUDI-FAHAL SPLIT. (CONF)

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