

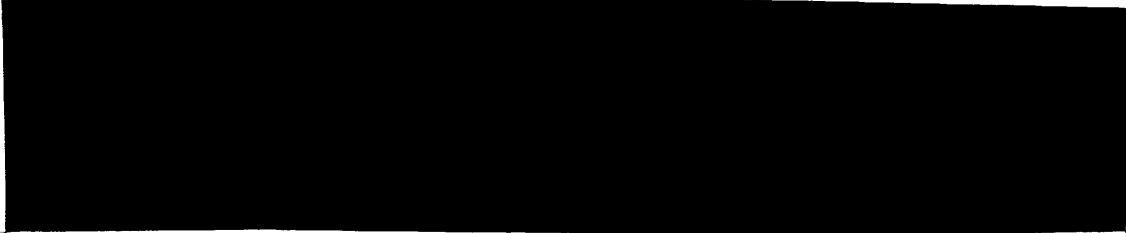
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COUNTRY: (U) SOMALIA (SO).

SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] HABR GEDIR ACTIVITIES IN MOGADISHU (U).

WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE. REPORT CLASSIFIED ~~S E C R E T~~ NOFORN. PORTIONS ~~RELEASABLE TO OPERATION UNOSOM II (REL UNOSOM).~~

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE



SUMMARY: ~~(S/REL UNOSOM)~~ HABR GEDIR FORCES ARE PLANNING TO STEAL LARGE AMOUNTS OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION STORED AT MOGADISHU AIRPORT. THE HABR GEDIR HAVE RECEIVED ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OF MUNITIONS FROM ETHIOPIA AND ARE DISTRIBUTING IT TO AREAS WITHIN MOGADISHU.

TEXT: 1. ~~(S/REL UNOSOM)~~ AIRPORT RAID PLANNED--HABR GEDIR MILITIA OFFICERS, WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SOMALI NATIONAL ALLIANCE (SNA) COLONEL AHMED ((ARABEY)), ARE PLANNING TO CONDUCT A RAID TO SEIZE WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION STORED AT THE MOGADISHU AIRPORT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONCERNING THE TYPES OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION STORED AT THE AIRPORT. [REDACTED] THERE ARE NUMEROUS CONEX CONTAINERS LOCATED IN ONE AREA OF THE AIRPORT THAT ARE FULL OF M-16 RIFLES, .45 CALIBER PISTOLS, AN ASSORTMENT OF CONFISCATED SOMALI WEAPONS, AND "UNLIMITED" AMMUNITION STOCKS. THE AREA CONTAINING THE

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CONEX CONTAINERS IS NOT WELL GUARDED; HOWEVER, THERE ARE PLANS TO MOVE THE WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COLONEL ARABEY WAS PLANNING A DIVERSIONARY TACTIC IN ORDER TO ALLOW HABR GEDIR MILITIAMEN ACCESS TO THE CONTAINERS. [REDACTED] EXPLAINED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING TO BE STOLEN BY JUST A FEW MEN. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE PLAN WOULD INCLUDE INFILTRATING ENOUGH MEN AND VEHICLES INTO THE FACILITY BY USING UNOSOM IDENTIFICATION PASSES WHICH HAD BEEN STOLEN FROM HAWADLE WORKERS. [REDACTED] WANTED TO KNOW HOW MANY MEN WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CONTROL THE AREA. COLONEL ARABEY BELIEVES THAT IF ENOUGH MEN CONTROL THE AREA, UNOSOM FORCES WILL PROBABLY NEGOTIATE RATHER THAN GETTING INVOLVED IN A VIOLENT CONFRONTATION.

2. ~~(S/REL UNOSOM)~~ AMBUSH POSSIBLE-- [REDACTED] REQUESTED THAT IF THE WEAPONS WERE GOING TO BE MOVED TO OTHER AREAS WITHIN SOMALIA, [REDACTED] WERE TO NOTIFY ARABEY AS SOON AS THE DESTINATION AND ROUTES WERE KNOWN. ARABEY PREFERRED TO TAKE ACTION OFF THE COMPOUND WHILE THE WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION WERE IN TRANSIT BECAUSE THE AREAS AROUND THE AIRPORT ARE NOW CONTROLLED BY THE SNA AND THEY CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT AN OPERATION BY AMBUSHING THE SHIPMENT. [REDACTED] STATED "WE CONTROL THE ROADS." [REDACTED] NOW THAT THE SNA/HABR GEDIR KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION AT THE AIRPORT, IT WOULD BE NO SURPRISE IF THEY START PROVOKING UNOSOM FORCES INTO A BATTLE. A BATTLE WOULD GIVE THE HABR GEDIR AN EXCUSE TO CONDUCT AN ALL OUT ATTACK ON THE AIRFIELD.)

3. ~~(S/REL UNOSOM)~~ WEAPONS SHIPMENT RECEIVED--HABR GEDIR MILITIAMEN WERE OBSERVED UNLOADING 12 FIAT TRUCKS LOADED WITH WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION AT 2200C ON 24 APRIL 1994, AT THE MOGADISHU STADIUM. THE WEAPONS SHIPMENT HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM ETHIOPIA AND CONSISTED OF NUMEROUS RPG'S, AK-47 RIFLES, MORTARS, AND ALL TYPES OF AMMUNITION. ELEVEN TECHNICAL VEHICLES WERE SEEN PARKED UNDER THE OVERHANG AROUND THE STADIUM. APPROXIMATELY 40 HABR GEDIR MILITIAMEN WERE SEEN UNLOADING THE SUPPLIES. THE WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION WERE BEING OFF-LOADED INTO SEVERAL TOYOTA TRUCKS WHICH WERE DESTINED FOR RESUPPLY POINTS THROUGHOUT MOGADISHU. MILITIAMEN IN THE AREA STATED THAT THEY HAD USED A LOT OF AMMUNITION DURING THEIR ATTACKS ON THE HAWADLE AND WERE RESTOCKING THEIR SUPPLIES IN CASE THEY WERE ATTACKED BY THE MUROSADE. A MILITIA OFFICER STATED THAT A LARGER SHIPMENT WOULD BE COMING FROM HOBYO [REDACTED] WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. [REDACTED] IT APPEARS THAT THE HABR GEDIR ARE PREPARING FOR A MAJOR BATTLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.)

4. ~~(S/REL UNOSOM)~~ HABR GEDIR CONTROL MAIN ROADS--HABR GEDIR FORCES HAVE SET UP CHECKPOINTS ON SEVERAL MAIN ROAD NETWORKS LEADING INTO MOGADISHU. THE CHECKPOINTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO CONTROL MOVEMENT OF POSSIBLE HAWADLE FORCES INTO MOGADISHU AND TO INTERCEPT POSSIBLE ARMS SHIPMENTS BOUND FOR FORCES OTHER THAN HABR GEDIR. THE ONLY MAIN ROAD NOT CONTROLLED BY THE HABR GEDIR IS THE COASTAL ROAD NORTH OF MOGADISHU WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY THE ABGAL CLAN MILITIA.

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[REDACTED] THE HABR GEDIR FEEL THAT THEY HAVE ENOUGH WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY TO OUTLAST ALL OTHER ENEMY CLANS SHOULD THEY ATTACK.)

COMMENTS: 1. ~~(S/NF)~~ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SOME WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION STORED AT MOGADISHU AIRPORT ARE INTENDED FOR SOMALI POLICE UNITS BEING ESTABLISHED IN BAIDOA

[REDACTED] OTHER REPORTING ALSO CORRESPONDS TO DESCRIPTION OF WEAPONS SHIPMENTS TO MOGADISHU STADIUM ON 24 APRIL. ALSO, HOBYO IS WIDELY KNOWN TO USED BY THE SNA TO RECEIVE WEAPON SHIPMENTS VIA OCEAN VESSELS.

2. ~~(S/NF)~~ [REDACTED]