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IRAN/IRAQ: INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT BANI SADR

1. IN AN INTERVIEW IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION OF THE NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR, PRESIDENT BANI SADR IS QUOTED AS MAKING INTER ALIA THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

"IF THE IRAQI ARMY FIGHTS ALONE, WE SHALL SOON STRIKE IT A FATAL BLOW. HOWEVER IF OTHER COUNTRIES INTERFERE, IT COULD TAKE A LONG TIME. BUT WE HAVE THE MEANS TO MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND THAT WE SHALL SPARE NO-ONE. IF THE GULF COUNTRIES ENTER THE WAR, WE SHALL DESTROY THEIR OIL INSTALLATIONS ..... WE SHALL ATTACK HORMUZ IF THE WAR SPREADS AND IF THE GREAT POWERS TAKE PART THROUGH INTER-MEDIARY COUNTRIES".

"(IRAN WILL END THE WAR) WHEN THE REGIME OF SADDAM HUSSEIN HAS BEEN BROUGHT DOWN. TO DO THAT WE ARE READY TO CARRY THE FIGHTING INSIDE IRAQ".

"WHEN (IRANIAN) TERRITORY IS LIBERATED, NEGOTIATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE BETWEEN IRAQ AND IRAN - NOT OVER THE SHATT-AL-ARAB, THE TWO BORDERING COUNTRIES HAVING THE RIGHT TO FREE PASSAGE; BUT DISCUSSIONS COULD TAKE PLACE OVER THE SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF SQUARE KILOMETRES WHICH THE IRAQIS CLAIM BY ILAM, BETWEEN KHUZISTAN AND KERMANSHAH".

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