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MOSCOW.

MY TELNO 317 (NOT TO ALL) : IRAN/IRAQ

1. THERE WERE SCENES OF JUBILATION IN TEHRAN WHEN THE
LIBERATION OF KHORRAMSHAHR WAS ANNOUNCED ON THE AFTERNOON
OF 24 MAY. THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS HAVE BEEN SHOWN ON TELEVISION
AS WELL AS SCENES OF THE IRANIAN ENTRY INTO KHORRAMSHAHR.
FOREIGN REPORTERS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO VISIT KHORRAMSHAHR
AND SEE EQUIPMENT CAPTURED FROM THE IRAQIS, ETC.

2. THE MORALE OF THE REGIME WILL HAVE BEEN RAISED SKY-HIGH
BY THE REGAINING OF KHORRAMSHAHR, WHICH EVIDENTLY CAME
ABOUT THROUGH A COMBINATION OF SURRENDER AND RETREAT OF IRAQI
UNITS AFTER SOME INITIAL FIGHTING. KHOMEINI HAS SAID THAT
IRAN NOW SPEAKS TO NEIGHBOURING STATES FROM A POSITION OF
STRENGTH. THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS SAID THAT IRAN INTENDS
TO PURSUE HER DEMANDS FOR REPARATIONS AND CONDEMNATION OF
THE AGGRESSOR NOW THAT SHE HAS FORCED IRAQ TO WITHDRAW FROM
ALMOST ALL HER TERRITORY. HE WARNED THE GULF STATES NOT TO
THROW IN THEIR LOT WITH SADDAM THE AGGRESSOR BUT TO CHOOSE
A PATH OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE WITH IRAN. THE REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE UAE AND QATAR CALLED AT THE MFA ON 24 MAY, NO DOUBT
TO BE TOLD THE SAME. RAFSANJANI, WHO AFFECTS A MORE HAWKISH
ATTITUDE THAN MOST OF THE IRANIAN LEADERS, HAS PROMISED ACTION
SOON TO LIBERATE THE REST OF IRAN'S TERRITORY AND SAID HE
THINKS IRAN WILL HAVE TO EXERT PRESSURE (UNSPECIFIED) ON IRAQ
IF SHE IS TO GET HER TO PAY REPARATIONS.

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