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SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT: IRAN/IRAQ WAR

Prime Minister

Important. The Iranians are
having significant military success.

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1. FOLLOWING IS AN UPDATE ON THE STATE OF THE WAR:
IRANIAN OFFENSIVE CODENAMED MOHARRAM, WHICH BEGAN ON
1 NOVEMBER, IN THE MUSIAN REGION IS DEVELOPING INTO A SERIOUS
CLASH. IRANIAN TROOPS HAVE NOW CROSSED THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER
TO A DEPTH OF BETWEEN 7 AND 9 KMS OVER A FRONT WHICH
IS NOW BETWEEN 25 AND 30 KMS BROAD. THIS IS THE WIDEST
IRANIAN PENETRATION INTO IRAQ SINCE THE WAR BEGAN.
THE IRANIANS HAVE BADLY MAULED 2-3 IRAQI BRIGADES AND
WE ARE INCLINED TO ACCEPT THEIR CLAIMS OF HAVING TAKEN
3,400 POWS. THE IRAQIS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT WITHDRAWING IN GOOD ORDER.
2. ON 8 NOVEMBER THE IRANIANS BEGAN MOVING TOWARDS
FAKKEH, WEST OF BOSTAN. IF THE IRAQIS CONTINUE
TO FALL BACK FROM THE MUSIAN FRONT THERE IS A DANGER THAT
THE TACTICAL GAINS WHICH THE IRANIANS HAVE MADE COULD DEVELOP
INTO SOMETHING MORE SERIOUS. THE SITUATION IS FLUID AND IT IS
STILL TOO EARLY TO BE CERTAIN ABOUT THE MAGNITUDE
OF THE REVERSE INFLICTED ON THE IRAQIS. THE IRAQIS HAVE THE MEN
AND EQUIPMENT TO HOLD THE IRANIANS BUT THE BREACHING OF THEIR
SECOND LINE OF DEFENCE COULD BADLY AFFECT THEIR MORALE.

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