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1. THE BILL CONCERNING BANI SADR'S "POLITICAL INCOMPETENCE" WAS DEBATED IN THE MAJLES ON 20 AND 21 JUNE AND APPROVED BY 177 VOTES TO ONE, WITH 11 ABSTENTIONS. THE NEXT STEP WILL BE FOR KHOMEINI TO DISMISS HIM. THE REVOLUTIONARY PROSECUTOR-GENERAL HAS CALLED FOR BANI SADR'S ARREST ON CHARGES INCLUDING "PROVOKING GROUPS TO RESIST THE LEGAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC".

2. ON 20 JUNE THERE WAS VIOLENCE IN SEVERAL PARTS OF CENTRAL TEHRAN AS THE MOJAHEDIN-E KHALQ (MK) CLASHED WITH SUPPORTERS OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLICAN PARTY (IRP). THE OFFICIAL DEATH TOLL IS SO FAR 24, AND A LARGE NUMBER WERE INJURED. PREMISES SUCH AS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ISLAMIC STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION WERE ATTACKED AND A NUMBER OF VEHICLES WERE SET ON FIRE DURING

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3. WITH BANI SADR ELIMINATED AND THE HEZBULLAHIS, BACKED BY THE IRP, DOMINANT IN THE STREETS, THERE IS NOW A PROSPECT OF A CAMPAIGN OF URBAN TERRORISM BY THE MOK AND OTHER GROUPS. WE HAVE HEARD FROM A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE MOK THAT THEY PLAN TO ATTACK KOMITEH AND REVOLUTIONARY GUARD POSTS AND POSSIBLY ALSO PETROL STATIONS. THEY MAY ALSO ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE LEADING IRP FIGURES. (THERE IS ALREADY A RUMOUR THAT CHAMRAN, KHOMEINI'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SUPREME DEFENCE COUNCIL, WHO WAS OFFICIALLY REPORTED ON 21 JUNE TO HAVE DIED DURING THE DEFENCE OF SUSANGERD, WAS THE VICTIM OF FACTIONAL STRUGGLES). SO FAR AT LEAST THERE IS NO TALK OF ATTACKS ON FOREIGN TARGETS.

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