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MY TELNO 263 : IRAN INTERNAL.

1. THE DEATH TOLL IN THE EXPLOSION AT THE IRP HEADQUARTERS HAS RISEN TO 72. THE FUNERAL IS BEING HELD TODAY (30 JUNE). THOSE KILLED INCLUDE THREE MINISTERS AND OVER 20 MEMBERS OF THE MAJLES. IT IS STILL NOT CERTAIN WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE.

2. RAJAI HAS APPOINTED TEMPORARY SUPERVISORS OF THE VACANT MINISTRIES, A MOVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGIME'S EVIDENT DESIRE TO KEEP THINGS GOING AS NORMALLY AS POSSIBLE. ALTHOUGH PEOPLE ARE BEING ASKED TO BE MORE VIGILANT, NO NEW SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED.

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