1. (C) SUMMARY. KUWAITI NEWSPAPER AL SIYASSA AND ITS ENGLISH LANGUAGE MATE (ARAB TIMES) PRINTED NOV 29 EXCERPTS FROM BOOKLET SAID TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY ONE OF THE LEADERS OF "THE BROTHERHOOD GROUP" THAT
ATTACKED THE GRAND MOSQUE IN MECCA. BOOKLET REFLECTS A NUMBER OF BIZARRE BELIEFS. BEGINNING WITH EXPLANATION OF GROUP'S RELATIONSHIP TO OLDER ISLAMIC REVIVAL MOVEMENTS, BOOKLET ENUNCIATES REJECTION OF EDUCATION, PORTRAITURE, AND WAGES AND ALLOWING CHRISTIANS TO OPEN EMBASSIES IN THEIR LANDS. OTHER PARTS OF BOOKLET REFER TO A SERIES OF APOCALYPTIC EVENTS CULMINATING WITH EMERGENCE OF JESUS CHRIST AFTER THE DEVIL HAS BEEN KILLED. IN A RELATED STORY NOVEMBER 28, KUWAIT NEWSPAPER AL WATAN HAS PRINTED RUMORS FROM TRAVELERS ARRIVING FROM SAUDI ARABIA THAT BOOKLET'S AUTHOR Managed TO ESCAPE SAUDI AUTHORITIES DURING OPERATION TO RECAPTURE GRAND MOSQUE, WHEN SOME KUWAITIS, EGYPTIANS, IRANIANAS, AND LARGE NUMBER OF SAUDI WERE CAPTURED. PRELIMINARY REACTION KUWAITI SECURITY AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN TO DOWNPLAY EXTENT OF KUWAITI INVOLVEMENT IN RELIGIOUS EXTREMIST ACTIVITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) EXCERPTS FROM WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS A SMALL BOOKLET IN ARABIC ENTITLED "THE BROTHERHOOD GROUP'S CALL... HOW IT BEGAN AND WHERE IT LEADS" WERE PRINTED IN NOV 29 AL SIYASSA AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE MATE ARAB TIMES. BOOKLET SAID TO CONSIST OF LETTERS AND OTHER WRITINGS BY JUHAIMAN BIN MOHAMMED BIN SEIF AL OTAIBA WHO IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE ATTACK ON THE GRAND MASQUE.

3. (U) EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN COPY OF ENTIRE BOOKLET. FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ON BOOKLET.

A. (U) THERE EXIST IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA SEVERAL ISLAMIC "CALLS" OR "SUMMONS" INCLUDING THE AL TABLIGH (CONVEYANCE) GROUP, IKHWAN AL MUSLIMIIN (MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD), AND THE WAHABIS (FOLLOWERS OF SHAikh MOHAMMED BIN ABDUL WAHAB, THE "ULEMA AL-NAJD"). ALSO MENTIONED IS THE AL SALAFIYIN, AN ISLAMIC REFORM MOVEMENT BEGUN IN EGYPT IN THE 19TH CENTURY. AL-OTAIBA SAYS HIS BROTHERHOOD GROUP SHARES WITH AL SALAFIYIN THE OBJECTIVE OF ELEVATING THE SUNNA (SAYINGS AND DOINGS OF THE PROPHET) AND FIGHTING SECTARIAN FANATICISM BUT DISAGREES WITH THEIR NOT SUBJECTING THEIR IDEOLOGY TO EVIDENCE AND PROOF.

B. (U) SOME OF THE TEACHINGS IN THE BOOKLET ARE:
1. "FULL COVERING OF THE BODY IS TABOO."
2. "STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS ARE SINFUL."
3. "PICTURES IN HOMES ARE ANTI-RELIGIOUS."
4. "EMPLOYMENT IS A SIN."
5. "AVOID THE CHRISTIANS AND ALLOW THEM NOT TO OPEN EMBASSIES IN OUR LANDS."


4. (U) IN AN RELATED STORY NOV 28 KUWAITI NEWSPAPER AL WATAN REPORTS THAT TRAVELERS ARE ARRIVING FROM SAUDI ARABIA WITH RUMORS THAT AL OTAIBA WAS THE NUMBER TWO LEADER IN THE ATTACK ON THE GRAND MOSQUE AND THAT HE MANAGED TO ESCAPE SAUDI AUTHORITIES REOCCUPYING THE MOSQUE. AL WATAN ALSO PRINTS RUMORS THAT MAONG THOSE OCCUPIERS OF THE MOSQUE WHO SURRENDERED TO SAUDI AUTHORITIES WERE "14 KUWAITIS, 21 EGYPTIANS, 60 IRANAINS, AND HUNDREDS OF SAUDIS" BELONGING TO THE AL OTHAIBA AND KAHTAN TRIBES.

5. (C) COMMENT. OF MOST OBVIOUS AND IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS THE "TEACHING" AGAINST "EMBASSIES IN OUR LANDS." EXTENT TO WHICH PROPAGANDA OF THIS KIND HAVE BEEN
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PROPAGATED IN KUWAIT IS UNKNOWN TO US. SENIOR KUWAITI SECURITY OFFICIAL, IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF NOV 29, WAS EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS IN COMMENTING ON DEGREE OF KUWAITI INVOLVEMENT IN EXTREMIST RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES, BUT HE DID ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TWO KUWAITIS WERE AMONG THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN GRAND MOSQUE ATTACK AND TWO OTHER KUWAITIS AHD BEEN ARRESTED FOR AGITATION IN SUPPORT OF THE ATTACK HERE, APPARENTLY THOSE REPORTED ARRESTED NOV 28 (REFTEL).

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