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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, IRANIS, AND LARGE NUMBER OF SAUDIS 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.

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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:

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1. "FULL COVERING O 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."

C. (U) THE BOOKLET ALSO CONTAINS A NUMBER OF APOCALYPTIC DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PAST AND FUTURE WHICH THROW LIGHT ON BELIEFS AND CONVICTIONS OF THE GROUP. BOOKLET SAYS THE MAHDI AL MUNTAZZAR (FINAL RESTORER OF THE FAITH) WILL APPEAR SIX YEARS BEFORE THE APPEARANCE OF THE DAJJAL (THE ANTI CHRIST OR DEVIL) BECAUSE THE MESSIAH WILL LIVE ON EARTH FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR AND TWO MONTHS AND THE MAHDI WHO WILL LIVE SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS WILL KILL THE DEVIL.

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THIS EVENT WILL HAVE BEEN PRECEDED BY MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS FIGHTING ANOTHER ENEMY, THEN THE CHRISTIANS GATERING TO FIGHT THE MUSLIMS. WHEN THE MAHDI AL MUNTAZAR APPEARS WITH HIS GROUP FROM MEDNIA AL MUNAWARA (MEDINA, THE RESPLENDENT), THERE WILL BE A MASSACRE OF THE CHRISTIANS WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE TAKEOVER OF CONSTANTINOPLE, THE APPEARANCE OF DAJJAL (THE DEVIL) AND THEN THE REVIVAL OF JESUS CHRIST. DURING THE TAKEOVER OF CONSTANTINOPLE, WHICH WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED
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BY SWORDS AND HORSES AND NOT BY MODERN WEAPONS, THE GROUP FROM MEDINA MUNAWARA WILL RETURN TO DAMASCUS WHERE THE DEVIL WILL APPEAR. THERE THE GROUP WILL LINE UP TO FIGHT THE DEVIL AND DURING THIS PERIOD AND THE FAJER (DAWN) PRAYERS, JESUS CHRIST WILL APPEAR AND THE NAHDI WILL BECOME THE IMAM FOR THE FAJER PRAYERS AND JESUS WILL ASSIGN THE FIGHTERS "THEIR GRADES IN PARADISE" WHILE THEY ARE STILL ALIVE. BUT BEFOREHAND, THE DEVIL WILL HAVE BEEN KILLED AND THE MUSLIMS WILL HAVE KILLED THE JEWS WHO WERE WITH THE DEVIL. WHEN JESUS CHRIST RULES THE MUSLIMS, THE AL MAHDI RULE WILL END. COMMENT. SINCE JESUS IS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE PROPHETS IN ISLAM, REFERENCES TO JESUS APPEAR TO BE IN HIS POSITION AS A PROPHET. END COMMENT.

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 EXTREMEIST RELIGIOUS
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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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