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SAVING TO GULF POSTS, ANKARA, ISLAMABAD, DAMASCUS, ALGIERS.

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1. FOLLOWING THE ARREST OF MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF THE LATE AYATOLLAH HAKIM IN IRAQ LAST MONTH (RUNDLES TELELETTER 050/1 OF 24 MAY) IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED HERE THAT THREE OF HIS SONS AND THREE OF HIS GRANDSONS HAVE BEEN EXECUTED. THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY BAQER HAKIM, ANOTHER OF HIS SONS, WHO IS THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE SUPREME ASSEMBLY OF THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF IRAQ. HE SAID THAT THE NEWS OF THE EXECUTIONS HAD BEEN CONVEYED BY AYATOLLAH MOHAMMAD HOSSEIN HAKIM, WHO WITNESSED THEM AND BEEN SENT TO IRAN WITH A LETTER STATING THAT IF THE IRAQI MOJAHEDIN DID NOT STOP THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST SADDAM THE IRAQI REGIME WOULD TAKE FURTHER ACTION AGAINST MUSLIMS IN IRAQ.

2. ALTHOUGH WE ARE AWARE OF NO REPORTS ON THE BBC OR IN THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA, THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE EXECUTIONS TOOK PLACE, AS THERE HAVE BEEN MOURNING CEREMONIES HERE. THE NEWS HAS CAUSED A FURORE, AND A SPATE OF MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE FROM TOP CLERGYMEN INCLUDING KHOMEINI HIMSELF. IN HIS MESSAGE HE LIKENED THE BA'ATH PARTY TO A PREDATORY BRUTE AND SAID THAT SADDAM WAS A MURDERER AND SO MAD THAT HE WOULD NOT STOP AT ANY LIMIT OR HONOUR ANY AGREEMENT. THE IRANIAN NATION WOULD NEVER YIELD TO THE DISHONOUR OF MAKING PEACE WITH HIM.

3. THIS EPISODE WILL ~~NOT~~ SET BACK ANY CHANCES OF LESSENING KHOMEINI'S OBIDURACY OVER CONTINUING THE WAR.

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