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1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. AS REQUESTED REPTEL, THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL PROMPTLY TRANSLATION OF THE ARTICLE ON THE ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION THAT APPEARED IN THE JULY 10 ISSUE OF THE FRENCH NEWSMAGAZINE "L'EXPRESS" UNDER THE BYLINE OF YVONNE GAUFER, THE MAGAZINE'S "SPECIAL ENVOYE" IN WASHINGTON.

"ABU NIDAL: BUSINESS WITH THE EAST"

3. ABU NIDAL, BUSINESSMAN. A CURIOUS CALLING CARD FOR THE PALESTINIAN TERRORIST WHO IS THE MOST VIOLENT, THE MOST CELEBRATED, AND THE MOST WANTED BY WESTERN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. IT IS NONETHELESS THIS NEW DIMENSION OF THE WAR THAT IS REVEALED IN A CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THIS EXTREMELY DETAILED DOSSIER BREAKS DOWN THE LINKS BETWEEN THE ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION (FATAH REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND) AND POLAND AND EAST GERMANY. IN WARSAW AS IN EAST BERLIN, THE PALESTINIAN DISSIDENT OWNS SUBSTANTIAL IMPORT-EXPORT COMPANIES THAT ARE INVOLVED IN, AMONG OTHER ACTIVITIES, THE BLACK MARKET IN ARMS. THE DOCUMENT, DATED JULY 1987, AFFIRMS THAT AS OF RECENTLY (AND PERHAPS STILL TODAY), THE ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION CONTROLLED AND MANAGED FOR ITS OWN PROFIT THESE COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES. OPERATING PRINCIPALLY IN THE ARMS MARKET, THEY FUNCTION WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE POLISH AND EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENTS. THIS ARMS TRAFFIC HAS CONTRIBUTED, ACCORDING TO THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT, TO THE MILITARY SUPPLY OF THE ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION. THE AMERICAN SERVICES HAVE COLLECTED INFORMATION THAT ESTABLISH THE LINKS BETWEEN NIDAL AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING, ACCORDING TO NEWSWEEK, GREECE, YUGOSLAVIA, BULGARIA, AND SPAIN. HOWEVER, SINCE THESE COUNTRIES HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO HUNTING DOWN THE PALESTINIAN DISSIDENT, THE REPORT DOES NOT MAKE REFERENCE TO THEIR PART LINKS TO ABU NIDAL.

4. AT THE END OF THE 1970s, ABU NIDAL CREATED, ON THE WARRINGS OF HIS FATAH REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND, AN

"ENTERPRISE SECTOR" THROUGH A SERIES OF COMPANIES DEALING IN VARIOUS AREAS OF IMPORT-EXPORT, PRINCIPALLY IN THE BLACK ARMS MARKET, BASED IN WARSAW AND EAST BERLIN. THESE COMPANIES HAD THE GOAL OF ASSURING SOME OF THE FINANCING OF THE ARAB NIGAL ORGANIZATION AND PROVIDING IDEAL COVERS IN EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST, NORTH AFRICA, AND ASIA FOR THE PREPARATION OF SPECIAL TERRORIST OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE MANIPULATION AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND THE PURCHASE AND TRANSPORT OF ARMS, ETC.

4. THE HOST COUNTRIES FIND, IT SEEMS, THEIR OWN BENEFITS IN THIS STRANGE COMBINATION. ON THE ONE HAND, THE ARAB NIGAL ENTERPRISES HELP OPEN DOORS AND GUARANTEE CERTAIN MARKETS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA, DIFFICULT SECTORS WHERE PERSONAL CONTACTS ARE ESSENTIAL. ON THE OTHER HAND, THESE ENTERPRISES SERVE AS CONVENIENT INTERMEDIARIES FOR HANDLING "SENSITIVE" AFFAIRS (SUCH AS EXPANDED ARMS AND TECHNOLOGIES), PROVIDING USEFUL SHORTCUTS AND PLausible DENIAL, IN CASE OF DISCOVERY.

5. DEALING WITH GROUPS LIKE THE FATAH-IC ALSO PERMIT THE COMMUNIST bloc TO COLLECT PRECIOUS INTELLIGENCE ON THE DELICATE "WHO'S WHO" IN MIDDLE EASTERN TERRORISM. THE ESSENTIAL CLAUSE OF THE DEAL: ARAB NIGAL WILL CONDUCT NO TERRORIST OPERATIONS ON THE HOST COUNTRIES' TERRITORY. CURIOUSLY, MIDDLE EASTERN TERRORISM IS ONE OF THE PRIORITIES OF EASTERN EUROPEAN REGIMES, WHO HAVE NONETHELESS BEEN LARGELY SPARED THIS FATE.

7. THE DOCUMENT, BASED ON INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE AMERICAN SECRET SERVICE, AFFIRMS THAT THIS ENTERPRISE SECTOR IS DIRECTED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL WHOSE PRINCIPAL MEMBERS ARE SAMI AL-BANNA (ARAB NIGAL) HIMSELF, SHAKIB FARHAN (FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FATAH-IC), AND FARUK HASSAN KHALIL. THE KEY DIRECTOR IS THE OMNIPOTENT SHAKIB HASSAN NEJMEDDIN, WHO SINCE 1973 HAS MOST OFTEN RESIDED IN WARSAW. THE REPORT EVEN

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"A SPECIAL VERSION OF THE KALASHNIKOV"

8. THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ENTERPRISE GROUP IS DONE FROM WARSAW, WHERE MEETINGS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL ARE HELD. ARAB NIGAL PROVIDED OVER AT LEAST THREE OF THESE MEETINGS---TWO IN DECEMBER 1983 AT THE SOLIC HOTEL AND THE NOVOTEL, AND A THIRD IN SEPTEMBER 1984 AT THE NOVOTEL. THE MOST RECENT OF THESE MEETINGS, ACCORDING TO THE AMERICANS, TOOK PLACE IN WARSAW IN JUNE 1987.

9. THE DOCUMENT EVEN ANALYZES THE RULES THAT GOVERN THE FUNCTIONING OF THE GROUP. VERY STRICT. IMPORTANT CONTRACTS MUST BE APPROVED BY ARAB NIGAL IN PERSON. AN ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTS EACH COMPANY ONCE A MONTH, AND SHAKIB FARHAN CHECKS THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ENTERPRISES EVERY TRIMESTER.

10. WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE COMMERCIAL COMPANIES AND THE BLOODY ACTIVITIES OF THE MOST COORDINATED OF THE PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS? ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION COLLECTED, THE DIRECTORS OF THE ENTIRE POLISH SECTOR SUBMIT TO THE SAME PROCEDURES AND OBEY THE SAME RULES OF SECURITY AS THE OFFICIALS OF THE FATAH-OC. THEY HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS WITH THE LEADERS OF THE FATAH-OC. FURTHERMORE, MANY EXECUTIVES OF THIS SECTOR BEGIN THEIR CAREERS IN THE OPERATIONAL NETWORKS, BEFORE EVOLVING INTO THEIR CURRENT STATUS OF BUSINESSMEN.

11. THE PRINCIPAL COMPANY OF THE GROUP OF ABU NIDAL ENTERPRISES IS CALLED S.A.S.---NOT BECAUSE OF THE HERO OF WHITE CHARGE OF VILLIERS NOR THE BRITISH SPECIAL FORCE, BUT IN HONOR OF ITS THREE FOUNDERS SAHIB HEJMEDDIN, AGHAY JAYEK, AND SHAKIB FAYHAN, WHO USED THEIR FIRST INITIALS. CREATED IN 1983, S.A.S.-INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE AND INVESTMENTS (SAS-ICI) HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS IN NASSAM IN THE INTRACO BUILDING LOCATED AT 2 STANCI STREET, ON THE 25TH FLOOR. SOME WEEKS AGO, THE S.A.S. FLAG WAS STILL AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING. THE COMPANY COULD BE REACHED AT 29-73-54 OR 32-54-18 OR BY TELE: W 17295 CZAP PL.

12. THE AMERICANS GIVE ALL THE DETAILS. THEY AFFIRM THAT THE POLISH REPRESENTATION OF SAS-ICI IS CONDUCTED BY HACEJ CIARUCKI AND COMPANY, WHOSE DIRECTOR IS JERZY BZIUJINSKI. ITS STATED OBJECTIVES ARE "INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE, MARKETING, INVESTMENTS, AND CONSTRUCTION", BUT THIS COMPANY HAS ITS TRUE TALENTS IN THE DOMAIN OF THE BLACK ARMS MARKET AND ILLEGAL SUPPLY TO EMPARTOED COUNTRIES.

13. IT WAS IN THIS MANNER THAT IN 1984 SAHIB HEJMEDDIN, THE TRUE BRAIN OF THE COMPANY, DELIVERED TO LIBYA 4,000 KALASHNIKOV ASSAULT RIFLES OF EAST GERMAN MANUFACTURE, FOR A SUM OF ABOUT 800,000. THE FOLLOWING YEAR, THE EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT MADE THE COMPANY ITS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SALE OF A SHORTENED VERSION OF THE KALASHNIKOV WITH AN ADAPTABLE SILENCER AND OF A NINE-MILLIMETER MACHINE-PISTOL OF FINNISH ORIGIN, "RECOMMENDED FOR STREET COMBAT". FINALLY, IN 1986, BY THE INTERMEDIARY OF A USSR CERTIFICATE FURNISHED BY A COOPERATIVE AFRICAN COUNTRY, HEJMEDDIN REROUTED FROM ROTTERDAM TO EAST GERMANY 115 BRITISH INFIELD ANTI-RIOT WEAPONS; 100 OF THESE WEAPONS WERE ACQUIRED BY THE EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT, THE 15 OTHERS WENT BY THE ABU NIDAL GROUP.

14. IN THE AREA OF ARMS, THE PRIVILEGED POLISH INTERLOCUTOR OF S.A.S. IS THE STAT CENZIN COMPANY, SPECIFICALLY A CERTAIN ANDRZEJ RANCHEWKA. THIS MAN, WHO RECEIVES FROM S.A.S. AN "ALLOWANCE" OF 5000 PER MONTH, HAS THE JOB OF FACILITATING THE PROCUREMENT OF VISAS AND CUSTOMS DOCUMENTS FOR S.A.S. THE ARMS THAT TRANSIT THROUGH THIS COMPANY ARE MOST OFTEN PISTOLS, MACHINE-PISTOLS, ASSAULT RIFLES, AND PRECISION RIFLES, AS WELL AS HAND-HELD ANTITANK AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS---THE ARSENAL OF CHOICE AMONG TERRORISTS. THE

EXISTENCE OF THESE FINANCIAL STRUCTURES SUCH AS THEY ARE REVEALED BY WASHINGTON, GIVE THE FATAH-PC AND OTHER GROUPS OF ITS CHOICE---SUCH AS THE WFLP-GENERAL COMMAND OF AHMAD JIBRIL---A GREAT DEAL OF INDEPENDENCE FROM STATE SPONSORS ON WHICH WESTERN COUNTRIES CAN PUT PRESSURE.

15. F.A.C. WAS ITS EAST GERMAN COUNTERPART:

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FRIEDRICHSTRASSE. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ROUTE, THE DOCUMENT EVEN SPECIFIED THE ADDRESS: POST OFFICE BOX 99-142, BERLIN. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS 209-29-51, 209-29-51, TELTY: 11-2009 ITZAD DO. CREATED IN 1983, THIS COMPANY APPEARS TO HAVE CEASED ITS FUNCTIONS AT THE END OF 1985. THE COMPANY WAS SUPERVISED BY KAMAL HASSAN KHALIL, OF THE FATAH-PC, AND MANAGED BY AN EAST GERMAN CITIZEN, HANS HOFFMANN. ITS STATED OBJECTIVE: THE SUPPLY OF FACTORIES FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, FROM MATERIALS FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO FROZEN PRODUCTS. BUT THIS COMPANY ALSO IS ESPECIALLY ACTIVE IN THE MARKET FOR ARMS AND "SENSITIVE" TECHNOLOGIES. THIS COMPANY OFTEN ACTS AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR EAST GERMAN INTERESTS IN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN MARKETS, WHERE ZIYAD POSSESSES VERY INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS. THE COMPANY'S EAST GERMAN INTERLOCUTOR, IN GENERAL, IS THE STATE-RUN EXTERNAL COMMERCE COMPANY IMEX.

16. ZIYAD-D-C.I.E. WAS A BRANCH IN PANASCUE, OPENED LEGALLY IN 1983, ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE MAHAS BUILDING ON ABU SAID STREET. ITS DIRECTOR IS ABDALLAH SALAH (ABU HIGHAM). THE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR OF FATAH-PC, SHAKIB FARHAN, HAD AT HIS DISPOSITION AN OFFICE ON ZIYAD'S PREMISES NOT LONG AGO.

"WHAT IS THE ROLE OF SYDIA?"

17. AS LONG AS HE HAS HAD RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PALESTINIAN POLITICAL-MILITARY MOVEMENTS, SARRI AL-HANNA HAS ALWAYS DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO STUDENTS, FOR WHOM HE HAS MULTIPLIED THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR LIVING ABROAD. THESE STUDENTS CONSTITUTE A RESERVE OF DORMANT AGENTS IN MOST OF THE LARGE UNIVERSITY CITIES OF THE WORLD.

18. POLAND AND EAST GERMANY ARE ALSO IMPORTANT STOPS ON THE ABU NIDAL STUDENT CIRCUIT. THERE EXISTS IN WARSAW A STUDY PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PALESTINIANS "CLOSE" TO THE FATAH-PC, DIRECTED LOCALLY BY NAJAH ADAS, WHO HIMSELF HAD STUDIED IN POLAND AND HAD REGULAR CONTACT WITH A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE POLISH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. THE FIRST COURSE IN A SERIES CALLED "THEOLOGY AND CULTURE", ORGANIZED BY EAST BERLIN FOR ABU NIDAL'S PROTEGES, TOOK PLACE ON 15 JANUARY 1984. THE GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO INAUGURATED THIS SERIES WERE LED BY ISSAM

AS-SAD BARAKA, WHO HAS SINCE BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF  
DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE FATAH-RC.

19. A TRUPLING ELEMENT, NONETHELESS, IN THE AMERICAN  
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OFFICES IN DAMASCUS" AND EXPELLED THE GROUP'S MEMBERS.  
OPTIMISM? DIPLOMATIC MYOPIA? ABU NIDAL'S MEN HAVE NOT  
BEEN CHASED OUT, BUT SIMPLY REDEPLOYED IN THE BEKAA,  
WHERE THEIR PRESENCE IS LESS PROVOCATIVE THAN IN  
DAMASCUS. (END OF ARTICLE)

COMMENT

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