

TIME MAGAZINE ARTICLE. TO BE ACCUSED OF PRO-U.S. INCLINATION IS A SLANDER NOT MANY POLITICIANS CAN SURVIVE IN PRESENT IRAN. MR. YAZDI HAS REBUTED MR. BILIC COMMENTS, HOWEVER, A SHADOW SEEMS CAST OVER HIS CREDITABILITY. AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL HAS TALKED WITH AN IRANIAN WHO REPORTEDLY DISGUISED A GROUP OF IRANIANS FROM ATTEMPTING TO KILL YAZDI.

ORIGINATOR COMMENTS: (C) WITHOUT A DOUBT MANY OF THE INTELLIGENT AND POLITICALLY ACTIVE IRANIANS WERE TRAINED IN THE U.S. WE FEEL THAT BECAUSE OF THAT TRAINING, EVENTUALLY A FAVORABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND IRAN WILL BE FORTHCOMING. HOWEVER, EVERY TIME AN ARTICLE BRINGS THESE PEOPLE AND THEIR BACKGROUND BEFORE THE LESS SOPHISTICATED MASSES, IT DOES NOTHING BUT HARM TO WHAT COULD BE A GOOD FUTURE RELATIONSHIP.

F. MARCHES. EMBASSY OFFICIALS REPORT THAT ON 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 AND 22ND OF MARCH THERE WILL BE MARCHES IN TEHRAN.

G. EMBASSY SECURITY. DURING THE NIGHT OF 17/18 MARCH SHOOTING IN AND NEAR THE COMPOUND WAS HEARD AT 2330, 0130 AND 0500. NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

(C) SOMETIME ON THE 16TH AND 17TH THE U.S. CONSULATE STUDENT ANNEX ON THE COMPOUND WAS ENTERED AND SLIGHT DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE INSIDE OF THE BUILDING.

ORIGINATOR COMMENTS: (C) NIGHTLY SHOOTING ON OR NEAR THE EMBASSY COMPOUND HAS BECOME COMMON OCCURRENCE. THE ONLY GOOD TO FIND IN THESE SHOOTINGS IS THAT NO ONE HAS BEEN HIT.

A GENERAL ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING APPEARS TO BE ON THE UPSWING. RECENT CONTACT WITH IRANIANS FINDS MANY WHO COULD SPEAK VERY GOOD ENGLISH IN THE PAST, NOW UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE EXCEPT IN FARSI. ADDITIONALLY, WE MAY SEE A FURTHER DEGRADATION OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES POSITION WITH THE SIGNING OF THE EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI PEACE TREATY. ALTHOUGH THE U.S. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO SECURE A SATISFACTORY METHOD OF MOVING U.S. GOODS FROM IRAN, AN AIR FRANCE AIRCRAFT, OBSERVED BY AAIRA, WAS LOADING PALLETS OF PASSAGE.

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