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SADDAM HUSSEIN AL-TAKRITI

Born about 1937. First came into prominence when chosen by the Ba'ath Party leadership in 1959 to assassinate Kassem and wounded in the attempt. Provisional Secretary General of the Regional Ba'ath Command after November 1963. Established himself thereafter as leading Party theorist in the background, emerging progressively into the limelight in 1969. Headed Iraqi delegation to Libya immediately after the Libyan revolution. Appointed Vice Chairman of the R.C.C. and deputy to the President November 1969, when he was also confirmed as Deputy Secretary General of the Iraqi Ba'ath.

A presentable young man. Initially regarded as a Party extremist, but responsibility may mellow him. Nephew of Khairallah Talfah, the Muhafiz of Baghdad and thus related to President Bakr by marriage. Connected, as a Tikriti, with many of those in the corridors of power.

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