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IRAQ: (U) WEEKLY SECURITY UPDATE

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(C) THE MEXICAN PARAMILITARY GROUP LOS ZETAS'S DECISION TO HIRE FORMER GUATEMALAN SPECIAL FORCES (KNOWN AS KAIBLES) AS TRAINING CADRE SUGGESTS THE ZETA LEADERSHIP NO LONGER HAS THE INTERNAL CAPABILITY TO TRAIN ITS NEW RECRUITS OR IS TRYING TO EXPAND ITS OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY.
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-- (G) THE ZETAS FORMED IN 2001 WHEN MEMBERS OF A GROUP OF AIRMOBILE SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL DESERTED THE ARMY TO SERVE AS BODYGUARDS AND ENFORCERS FOR GULF DRUG TRAFFICKING CARTEL CHIEF OSIEL CARDENAS GUILLEN. SOME 20 OF THE ORIGINAL ZETAS REMAIN ACTIVE FOLLOWING POLICE ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS AGAINST THEIR ORGANIZATION; EACH CONTROLS SECURITY FORCE DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THEIR ASSIGNED AREA OF OPERATIONS.

-- (G) AS OF JUNE 2005, THE ZETAS WERE CONTINUING EFFORTS TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS WITH MILITARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE AND ESPECIALLY Sought TO ATTRACT FORMER OR CURRENT MEXICAN SPECIAL FORCES TROOPS. THE MEXICAN MILITARY'S ANTICORRUPTION EFFORTS APPEARENTLY HAVE STYMIED THESE EFFORTS. HOWEVER, GUATEMALAN MILITARY DOWNSIZING FROM 1996 THROUGH 2004 CREATED A POOL OF SPECIAL FORCES-TRAINED CANDIDATES FOR THE ZETAS TO DRAW ON TO TRAIN NEW ZETA MEMBERS OR OFFSET PERSONNEL SHORTFALLS.

-- (U) ACCORDING TO MEXICAN DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL SANTIAGO, FORMER KAIBLES ARE PROVIDING TRAINING TO ZETA RECRUITS BECAUSE OF A DECLINE IN FORCE STRENGTH OF THE ORIGINAL ZETAS. THE GUATEMALAN
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IDENTIFIED FOUR KAIBLES AMONG A GROUP OF GUATEMALANS DETAINED BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES FOR ILLEGAL WEAPONS POSSESSION IN SEPTEMBER.

NOTES IN BRIEF

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PROVINCIAL SECURITY OFFICIAL SAYED AGHA TO COMMAND THE FORCE. AMONG OTHER SECURITY POSTS, AGHA PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS SECURITY COMMANDER IN KANDAHAR WHILE SHIRZAI WAS GOVERNOR OF THAT PROVINCE.