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SUBJ: AMIR OF KUWAIT INTERVIEW

REF : BEIRUT 2884

1. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER JABIR OR FOREIGN MINISTER SABAH TO INQUIRE ABOUT AUTHENTICITY OF MILHEM KARAM'S INTERVIEW WITH AMIR OF KUWAIT REPORTED IN REFTEL. WE FIND RULER'S STATEMENT THAT GOK SUPPORT FOR FEDAYEEN WAS "CONTINUING AND UNLIMITED" TO BE EXTRAORDINARY IN LIGHT OF KHARTOUM EVENTS. REMARK IS COMPLETELY INCONSISTENT WITH RECENT EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCES WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM GOK IN THAT IT SUGGESTS KUWAIT PR#IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT PUBLICLY FEDAYEEN OUTRAGES LIKE KHARTOUM TRAGEDY.

2. YOU SHOULD INQUIRE IF GOK INTENDS TO ISSUE PROMPTLY CLARIFICATION OF THESE REMARKS. GOK MUST UNDERSTAND THAT INSPITE OF ITS FEAR OF THE ARAB LEFT AND EXTREMISTS WITHIN PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY, KUWAIT SHOULD BE AWARE OF SEVERE STRAINS STATEMENTS SUCH AS ONE ATTRIBUTED TO AMIR PLACES UPON TH# ITS RELATIONS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF WORLD COMMUNITY AND ESPECIALLY THE US.

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