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(0500 16 June 1970)**1970-6-16, Hussein, Riefel, Fawad**Current Situation

All source reporting reflects a gradual return to normalcy in Amman. Shops and schools are reopening, people are returning to their activities, and internal and external communications have been reestablished. Order is being restored, and even some previously stolen vehicles have been returned to their owners.

At the 14 June funeral services for the sister of General Zaid Bin Shakir, Generals Shakir and Sharif Nasser, ousted by King Hussein at fedayeen demand, were reported to be in full uniform. This has led to speculation that they have not, in fact, been released from the army, but only from their positions as armor commander and commander-in-chief. According to reporting available to the US Embassy, Amman, both may be marked for assassination by the fedayeen if they do not leave the country.

External Reactions

Lebanon remains calm with no incidents reported.

A Soviet light cruiser and a guided-missile frigate have apparently continued shadowing the USS FORRESTAL task group south of Cyprus. One of the two Soviet minesweepers operating to the south of the cruiser and frigate may have moved to the west (north of Alexandria). Other Soviet unit locations remain essentially unchanged, and no additional units have been detected en route to the eastern Mediterranean.

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