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SUBJECT: ALLEGED ISRAELI SPY IN YEMEN

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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN AHRAM OF JULY 13:

QUOTE:

SANAA, JULY 12 - NEWS AGENCIES - IT IS EXPECTED THAT YEMENI AUTHORITIES WILL TURN OVER TO EGYPT THE ISRAELI SPY BARUCH ZAKI MIZRAHI, WHO WAS ARRESTED AT THE END OF LAST MAY AS BEING AMONG THE MEMBERS OF AN ESPIONAGE RING WHICH INCLUDED ONE YEMENI AND THREE FOREIGNERS. MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY HAS SAID THAT THE SURRENDER OF THE SPY TO EGYPT WILL BE EFFECTED ON THE CONSIDERATION THAT HE BORE EGYPTIAN NATIONALITY, AND THAT HE LIVED IN EGYPT UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE IN 1957. YEMEN INTERIOR MINISTER COL. ALI SEIF AL-KHAWLANI STATED YESTERDAY THAT A YEMENI, NAMED SALEH AS-SUKKARI, WAS AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE ESPIONAGE RING WHICH BARUCH MIZRAHI ORGANIZED. (MIZRAHI) ENTERED YEMAN WITH A MOROCCAN PASSPORT IN THE NAME OF AHMAD AS-SABBAGH, IN ORDER TO INTERDICT THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY ACTION AGAINST ISRAELI SHIPS OPERATING IN THE RED SEA. AFP ANNOUNCED THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY THAT THE SPY RING INVOLVED 8 YEMENIS. THE YEMENI INTERIOR MINISTER STATED THAT THE CONFESSIONS

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OF THE ISRAELI SPY INCLUDED THE NAMES OF A NUMBER OF PERSONS WHOM HE MET IN SEVERAL ARAB COUNTRIES WHICH HE VISITED WITH HIS FALSE PASSPORT, AND WHOM HE WAS ABLE TO USE FOR WORK WITH ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE. (RADIO) SANAA BROADCAST YESTERDAY THAT THE ISRAELI SPY WAS ABLE TO VISIT ADEN, SOME GULF STATES, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES. END QUOTE.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN NO OTHER REPORTS ON SUBJECT SINCE ABOVE APPEARED IN CAIRO PRESS.

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