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SUBJECT: TFIZ01: MARCH 24 RIYADH SITREP

CLASSIFIED BY: POLCOUNS MATT TUELLER FOR REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D)

1. (U) POST STATUS: NO CHANGE IN SECURITY POSTURE.

2. (C) COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CALLS FOR END TO WAR: FOLLOWING THE WEEKLY COUNCIL OF MINSTERS MEETING, THE SAG CALLED FOR AN END TO THE WAR "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE". THE SAG REITERATED REJECTION OF ANY MILITARY OCCUPATION OF IRAQ AND AFFIRMED THE NEED TO PRESERVE IRAQ'S INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

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3. (C) GUANTANAMO DETAINEES COMPARED TO POWS: A SAUDI LAWYER REPRESENTING THE FAMILIES OF A NUMBER OF GUANTANAMO DETAINEES USED THE MEDIA AND REPORTS OF U.S. POWS IN IRAQ TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE TREATMENT OF SAUDIS HELD IN CUBA AND CALLED ON THE U.S. TO APPLY THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS AND POW STATUS TO THE SAUDI CITIZENS THERE.

4. (U) APARTMENT RENTS INCREASE: ACCORDING TO A PRESS REPORT, RENTS FOR FURNISHED APARTMENTS IN RIYADH HAVE JUMPED IN THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS DUE TO HEIGHTENED DEMAND FROM KUWAITIS SEEKING TO ESCAPE MISSILE ATTACKS AND WAR SPILLOVER IN KUWAIT.
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