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HAVE ALSO LONG BEEN CONCERNED WITH THE LACKLUSTER LEADERSHIP AND INDECISIVENESS OF ADOULA.

ARMY CHIEF GENERAL EBOUTU MAY BE CONNECTED WITH THE GROUP OR AT LEAST MAY TACITLY SUPPORT ITS AIMS. EBOUTU HAS RECENTLY BECOME SHARPLY CRITICAL OF ADOULA. //

2. MOROCCO-ALGERIA: ALGERIA HAS ANNOUNCED THE "MOTILIZATION OF ALL FORMER FIGHTING MEN" AS SKIRMISHES ALONG THE UNDEFINED BORDER AREA CONTINUE.

PRESS STORIES THAT THE AREA OF FIGHTING HAS ENLARGED BEYOND THE TWO S OUTPOSTS OF EL HASSI BEIDA AND TINJOUB AND THAT 2,500 MOROCCAN TROOPS ARE ENGAGED ARE STILL UNCONFIRMED. ALGERIAN AIR STRIKE SOME 150 MILES TO NORTHEAST REPORTED IN PRESS ON 16 OCT.

THE KING AND HIS OPERATIONAL STAFF HAVE ESTABLISHED THEIR HEADQUARTERS AT MAHRAKECH. TAGOURITE, 35 MILES NORTH OF TINJOUB, ARE APPARENTLY IS BEING USED AS THE FORWARD MOROCCAN BASE.

IN ADDITION, AN ALERT IS BEING MAINTAINED ALONG THE EASTERN MOROCCAN BORDER. ~~THE ALGERIAN ARMY HAS BEEN REINFORCING ITS BORDER UNITS IN THE MAHRIA-TLECKEN~~ THE ALGERIAN ARMY HAS BEEN REINFORCING ITS BORDER UNITS IN THE MAHRIA-TLECKEN

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BEN BRALA'S ENVOYS ARRIVED IN MARRAKECH 15 OCT FOR TALKS WITH MOROCCAN OFFICIALS, WHICH REPORTEDLY DID NOT GO WELL.

3. TURKEY: THE INONU GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL EXTEND MARTIAL LAW FOR TWO ADDITIONAL MONTHS, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF CONTINUING UNSETTLED POLITICAL CONDITIONS. THIS WILL BE THE THIRD EXTENSION SINCE THE ABORTIVE MILITARY COUP OF LAST MAY. REGIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR 17 NOVEMBER MAY NOW BE POSTPONED. (CONF)

4. FRANCE-IRAN: PRIME MINISTER ALAM EXPECTS DE GAULLE TO OFFER IRAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, PRIMARILY CREDITS FOR THE PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND ELECTRIFICATION, DURING A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO IRAN WHICH BEGINS TODAY. ALAM DID NOT SPECIFY THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT. FRENCH SOURCES DESCRIBE THE VISIT AS ESSENTIALLY CEREMONIAL, ALTHOUGH DE GAULLE WILL MAKE A MAJOR ADDRESS TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE IRANIAN PARLIAMENT TOMORROW. (CONF)

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