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**Full Text:** Arabic (text barely legible) with English translation

## **SYNOPSIS**

This 8-page document contains correspondence from the Embassy of Iraq in Djibouti to the Iraqi Intelligence Service (IIS), during 2001, regarding the threatening messages sent from UBL to different foreign companies established in Djibouti. The letters request that the company stop any cooperation with America. If they do not, then AQ will bomb their locations. Activities of the Islamic cell members associated with the al-Da'wa and al-Tabligh movements are briefly mentioned. These cells are considered part of AQ, lead by Ibrahim Hasan Sultan (Abu Sulayman). It is reported that Libyan intelligence infiltrated an AQ training camp in Be'ru City, Somalia to track the activities of Libyans there, and they learned that AQ has new equipment for counterfeiting and forgery at the camp. It is noted that there are no Iraqis participating in this camp. Also, the author of one of the letters states that the Arab youth of Djibouti agree with the content of UBL's letters. However, the government of Djibouti is concerned about these threats because of the effect they might have on the economy.

## **THEMES**

Until very recently, AQ has maintained a presence in Djibouti, apparently against the wishes of the local government, but supported by the Arab youth. The economic impact of these threats has been a major concern for the government of Djibouti. The document also reveals that AQ training camps in Somalia had weapons and forgery equipment.