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PKR
(AMIA Bombing)

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TAGS: PTER, ASEC, PREL, LE, AR
SUBJECT: HIZBALLAH DENIES INVOLVEMENT IN BOMBING

1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. HIZBALLAH ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE IN BEIRUT JULY 20 IN WHICH IT DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN THE BOMBING OF THE AMIA BUILDING IN BUENOS AIRES. THIS DENIAL COMES IN THE FACE OF WORLDWIDE ACCUSATIONS OF HIZBALLAH COMPLICITY IN THE ATTACK, AND AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF HIZBALLAH THREATS TO AVENGE THE JUNE 2 ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST ONE OF ITS TRAINING CAMPS IN THE BIQA' VALLEY, AND THE LATE MAY ABDUCTION OF MUSTAPHA DIRANI, ALSO FROM THE BIQA'.

3. AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE, AS REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS, IS AS FOLLOWS: WE DENY ANY CONNECTION WITH THE ATTACK. AS USUAL, THE ZIONIST ENEMY THROWS OUT FABRICATED ACCUSATIONS. THESE FALSE ALLEGATIONS AND THE EMPTY THREATS HURLED ABOUT FROM TIME TO TIME WILL IN NO WAY CHANGE THE FACE OF ISRAELI OCCUPATION IN SOUTH LEBANON.

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