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1. TURKEY: THE TWO-WEEK-OLD POLITICAL CRISIS IS CONTINUING. SINCE THE JUSTICE PARTY (JP) ADMITTED LAST WEEK THAT IT COULD NOT FORM A GOVERNMENT, PRIME MINISTER TURKU WHO ACCEPTED A REFERRED DO SO. TURKU IS STILL EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN DRAWING TOGETHER A NEW COALITION. HOWEVER, HIS COMPROMISES HAVE BEEN THROTTLED BY THE JP'S OWN FAILURES. THE POLITICIANS FEAR THAT THE STABILITY MAY BECOME IF THE CRISIS IS PROLONGED MUCH FURTHER. AND THE SCARCITY OF OTHER CANDIDATES.

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2. AFGHANISTAN: //CONSERVATIVE FORMER PRIME MINISTER PRINCE DAUD SEEMS TO BE REASSERTING HIS INFLUENCE. A POLITICAL CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DAUD AND KING ZAHIR SHAH MAY BE DEVELOPING OVER THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR A MORE LIBERAL CONSTITUTION. SHOULD THE KING YIELD TO DAUD'S DEMANDS AND GIVE HIM AN IMPORTANT VOICE IN REVISING THE NEW

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DRAFT CONSTITUTION, PROPOSITION OF PRIME MINISTER TUSUP AND OTHER
 REPORTS MENTIONED, TWO-SUMMER COMMITTEE NAMES WOULD PROBABLY BECOME
 UNUSABLE. //

3. SAUDI ARABIA: THE LONG OUTSTANDING DISPUTE BETWEEN KING SAUD
 AND CROWN PRINCE FAYDAL HAS BEEN THROWN INTO CLIMATE. ROYAL GUARD ELEMENTS
 ON 16 DECEMBER WERE DISCONTINUED BECAUSE SAUD'S SON PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN RIYADH AND THERE
 WAS EVIDENCE THAT AN IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE SAUDI ROYAL FAMILY WAS
 IN PROGRESS AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE CROWN PRINCE. MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERS
 OF THE ROYAL FAMILY ARE BELIEVED LOYAL TO FAYDAL; HOWEVER, IT IS NOT
 CLEAR HOW THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE SAUDI ARMY WOULD REACT IN THE
 EVENT OF AN OPEN SAUDI-FAYDAL SPLIT. (CONF)

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