

1. NO MAJOR PHYSICAL CLASHES HAVE OCCURRED BETWEEN POLITICAL PARTY YOUTH GROUPS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE RIOTS. NO OBJECTION TO DECLASSIFICATION IN PART 2010/09/01 : HIA-R JONES HO
ATTACKS CONTINUE. V DOS REVIEWED 31-Mar-2008: SANITIZED FOR RELEASE IN PART

2. ENERGIES OF SEVERAL THOUSAND KAPPI YOUTH WERE REDIRECTED TO CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS IN MEDAN FEB 13. ONE GROUP OF ABOUT TWENTY TRUCKLOADS WHICH I SAW WAS SETTING OFF WITH SONGS AND TOOLS TO CLEAN DITCHES AND ROADSIDES, BUT CARRIED NO POLITICAL BANNERS.

3. PNI AND IPKI PRESS HERE IS MAKING DAILY CLAIMS AND COUNTER-CLAIMS CONCERNING SUPPOSED DISSOLUTION OF EACH OTHER'S LOCAL BRANCHES. SUGGEST EMBASSY TAKE MOST OF SUCH REPORTS WITH LARGE GRAIN OF SALT IF REPUBLISHED IN JAKARTA. ONE SECOND SECRETARY OF PROVINCIAL PNI, WHO KNOWN TO BE RIGHT-WING, HAS RESIGNED IN PAST FEW DAYS, BUT BELIEVE THERE LITTLE BASIS TO MOST CURRENT CLAIMS OF DISAFFECTIONS AND DISSOLUTIONS OF PNI AND IPKI BRANCHES HERE. PNI'S SULUH MARHAEN HAS LAUNCHED CLAIM THAT KAPPI IS CONTROLLED BY "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY" ELEMENTS, AND IPKI, NU, AND CHRISTIAN PRESS ARE CALLING PNI EVERY NAME IN BOOK. MUCH OF MEDAN IS SCRAWLED WITH ANTI-PNI AND ANTI-SUKARNO SLOGANS, ALTHOUGH PNI HAS CONDUCTED ITS OWN SPORADIC POSTER CAMPAIGN AGAINST ITS OPPONENTS. OUTSIDE MEDAN, IN KARO AND SIMELUNGAN BATAK AREAS, PRO-PNI POSTERS REPORTEDLY ARE MORE FREQUENT.



4. WITHIN MEDAN AND ENVIRONS, PNI IS DEFINITELY ON DEFENSIVE AND 25x1 SOURCE INDICATES PARTY'S MAIN CONCERN NOW IS SIMPLY SURVIVAL, WITH ISSUE OF SUKARNO BECOMING SECONDARY. MORE CLASHES MAY OCCUR, BUT WE DO NOT EXPECT SITUATION TO GET OUT OF HAND. I CONTINUE TO SUSPECT THAT THERE NO DIRECT THREAT TO FOREIGN

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