

SYRIA

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UNREST IN NORTHERN CITIES—Information coming from North Syria, conveyed by Syrian citizens upon their arrival in Beirut, indicates that the northern Syrian cities, specifically Halab, Hims, and al-Qamishli, witnessed terrible tension 2 weeks ago, when a popular demonstration in Halab took place to protest the arrest of three imams. The demonstration was marked by people shouting for the fall of the regime. It was suppressed immediately after units of the Syrian Army appeared. At the same time, a series of explosions took place near Syrian intelligence headquarters in Halab, which resulted in six people dead and a number of others wounded. Similar explosions also occurred in the city of Hims. In the city of al-Qamishli, bands of farmers attacked the local police headquarters. They asked the Syrian Government to keep the promises which it had made previously regarding supplying them with financial and agricultural aid. [Text] [London AL-DUSTUR in Arabic 11-17 Dec 86 p 5] /9599

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