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13.	EF 22/3: MEETING WITH SSB ON 14 APRIL 2014

1. The HOS EF 22/3 on 14 April 2014 met with Lieutenant Abdulla **AL-ROMAIHI**, Liaison Officer of the Qatari State Security Bureau (SSB – LS 888).
2. The meeting was prompted by the HOS who handed over invites for South Africa's National Day celebration that will be held in Qatar on 27 April 2014.
3. The HOS utilised the engagement to raise the following issues:
 - A response to the HOS-request dd 13 March for a briefing by LS 888 on Saudi Arabia's posturing in the region. **AL-ROMAIHI** responded that he was trying to arrange for the HOS to meet with the LS 888 Senior Analyst as opposed to just any analyst. Accordingly this posed a challenge in the sense of availability of the Senior Analyst but **AL-ROMAIHI** reassured that a briefing would be presented within the next week.
 - The HOS in the context of LS888's involvement in the release of some nuns in Syria earlier in 2014 asked whether LS888 enjoyed the necessary access to negotiate the release of people held captive by groups like Al Qaeda and others. **AL-ROMAIHI** understood that the HOS was denoting the case of Korki held captive in Yemen and stated that if officially requested, LS888 could try to assist in his release. He however stated that relations between Yemen and Qatar were not that good and advised that Oman's intelligence service would be the best channel for assistance in the matter and LS 888 could facilitate access for the State Security Agency (SSA) on this matter to the Omani Service if so requested. **AL-ROMAIHI** mentioned that Qatar's experience was that matters like these are best managed by intelligence capacities.
 - **AL-ROMAIHI also said that LS 888 was well positioned to facilitate liaison relations between the SSA and the Omani and Kuwaiti services.**
4. Please find attached Contact Report in respect of the meeting.
5. Your attention is appreciated.

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STATE SECURITY AGENCY – FOREIGN BRANCH

LIAISON CONTACT

To : EF22; EF22 – TO

Name of Liaison Service : State Security Bureau (SSB) LS 888

Country : State of Qatar

Name of SSA members : EF 22/3 (HOS QATAR)

Name of LS member(s) : Lieutenant Abdulla **AL-ROMAIHI**, Liaison Officer

Date of meeting : 14/04/2014

Place of meeting : State Security Bureau Head Office, Doha

Type of meeting (Personal/Telephone) : Personal meeting on 14/04/2014 preceded by telephonic request for meeting on 13/04/2014.

Documents exchanged (yes/no) : Yes
If yes - Specify document(s) : HOS handed over invites for attendance of South Africa's National Day celebration on 27 April 2014.

Other people/officials involved :

Initiator of contact : HOS EF22/3

1. **Purpose**

1.1 To hand over invites for attendance of South Africa's National Day celebration on 27 April 2014.

2. **Report**

- 2.1 The HOS utilised the engagement to raise the following issues:
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3. Recommendation:

- SSA should consider pursuing the Korki-matter via the Omani Intelligence Service with the facilitation of the SSB/LS 888.
- SSA should make use of LS888's offer to facilitate an introduction to the Kuwait Intelligence Service for commencement of liaison relations.

4. Your attention is appreciated.

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