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## **Coup in West Djahar U.S. Ambassador Implicated**

Ajembukan – A military coup has apparently taken place in West Djahar. Troops loyal to the Foreign Secretary, Gali Kali Gobuddi exploded from the West Djaharian Game Reserve, and stormed the capital today. There were reports of heavy fighting in and around the offices of the Prime Minister.

This coup has all the earmarks of having been planned long in advance, with secret arms and ammunition dumps, as well as people placed in strategic areas; the Port, the Ministries (most notably the Defence Ministry), the Radio and Television stations. By the time people realized it was happening, it was all over except for small pockets of resistance.

Gobuddi, had himself declared Prime Minister, by Parliamentary acclamation (soldiers were in the Parliament chambers). He also appointed one Raul Djeku Murcheson as the new Foreign Minister.

The British Prime Minister had this to say about the coup, “I’m sure that all the parties in this dispute will work something out that puts the country on a firm democratic footing.” Thus implying that this coup did not have a democratically arrived at “footing”.

The U.S. Ambassador Bernie Baxter-Wallops was implicated in the coup and was declared Persona Non Grata by West Djaharian authorities. His daughter Sophie Baxter-Wallops was the Journalist for the Sturdevant Expedition before she was arrested for suspicion of smuggling guns into West Djahar.

Currently, there are pockets of resistance, but the new government headed by Prime Minister Gobuddi, has vowed to clear the resistance away by any means necessary.

Former Prime Minister, Mr. Gali Pod-Gurney was seen slipping out of his office, just before the rebel soldiers were coming to arrest him. No one knows of his whereabouts.

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