

FEISUL'S ANTI-ISLAMIC INTRIGUES IN BAGHDAD.

We learn from a reliable source that on one of the Fridays of the last month the worshippers congregated as usual in the Jami' Al'-Asima of Baghdad for the Friday prayers. When the Imam, an Arab gentleman of learning and piety, had, according to recognised and strictly observed injunction of Islam, invoked the blessings of the Almighty for and recites the name of H.I.M. Sultan-Khalifa Wahiduddin Mohamad VI, the Khalifah of Islam, an Arab army officer, who had come on purpose for mischief asked the Imam to recite the name of Husain the "King" of Hedjaz. The Imam replied that he himself, and much less his questioner the Arab officer, had not any right to modify Divine injunctions. The Arab congregation numbering several thousands at once realised the original source of the intrigue of which this Arab officer was merely the instrument, and were furious. The Imam in calm and impassioned voice reminded everyone that they were in the House of God, and the officer that the man who posed as a Khalifah when the rightful Khalifah existed, the pretender and abettors were guilty of high treason in Islam. So sharply reminded of his folly, the Arab officer keenly felt the blunder of having made himself the victim of a dangerous intrigue on a very delicate matter of the Holy Faith. When service came to an end, and worshippers streamed out of the Sanctum, the Arab officer was at once seized outside the mosque and shot there and then. It appears that the whole thing was cleverly planned, and a strong British force was already concealed in the neighbourhood of the Mosque ready for the "emergency." The point was to make the Arabs quarrel and place in the hands of "the third party" the long-sought opportunity of proving extreme need for their continued presence in Irak. The Arabs, however, proved a match for them and showed a determined front, and later reports from all quarters of the city showing intense dislike for the dead Arab officer's behaviour made the authorities realise the danger