



# Homeland Security

September 21, 2010

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New York, New York 10012

Re: DHS/OS/PRIV 10-0284/S&T 10-0003.46

Dear Ms. Gallagher:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), of August 13, 2010 and received by the Science and Technology Directorate's office on September 8, 2010. You are seeking all records relating to or referring to the May 31, 2010 Israeli military operation that occurred in international waters in the Mediterranean Sea involving a six-boat flotilla headed to Gaza with humanitarian supplies, including the U.S. registered 'Challenger I' and the Comoros registered 'Mavi Marmara'.

A search for documents responsive to your request produced a total of 49 pages. Of those pages I have determined that six pages of the records are releasable in their entirety, 43 pages are partially releasable, and zero pages are withheld in their entirety pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § (b)(2)(high), and (b)(6), FOIA Exemptions.

Enclosed are 43 pages with certain information withheld as described below:

**FOIA Exemption 2(high)** protects information applicable to internal administrative and personnel matters, such as operating rules, guidelines, and manual of procedures of examiners or adjudicators, to the extent that disclosure would risk circumvention of an agency regulation or statute, impede the effectiveness of an agency's activities, or reveal sensitive information that may put the security and safety of an agency activity or employee at risk. Whether there is any public interest in disclosure is legally irrelevant. Rather, the concern under high 2 is that a FOIA disclosure should not benefit those attempting to violate the law and avoid detection.

**FOIA Exemption 6** exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right privacy. [*The types of*

*documents and/or information that we have withheld may consist of birth certificates, naturalization certificates, driver license, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are considered personal.]* The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

You have a right to appeal the above withholding determination. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 60 days of the date of this letter, to: Associate General Counsel (General Law), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528, following the procedures outlined in the DHS regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$14 minimum, there is no charge 6 CFR § 5.11(d)(4).

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to DHS/OS/PRIV 10-0284/S&T 10-0003.46. This office can be reached at 202-254-6819.

Sincerely,



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**Location:** Israel

**MMC CIR #3: Identifying events with operational value... corroborating critical information.**

**Excerpt from News Article:**

The U.N. Security Council called Tuesday for an impartial investigation into the Israeli attack against a flotilla carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza, and the immediate release of all civilians.

The statement by the council president condemned "those acts which resulted in the loss of at least 10 civilians and many wounded" and requested the immediate release of all ships and civilians held by Israel.

"The Security Council took note of the statement of the U.N. Secretary General on the need to have a full investigation into the matter and it calls for a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation conforming to international standards," the statement said.

The news came as an Israeli defense official said it would continue to prevent aid ships from reaching Gaza, despite the bloody end to a dawn raid Monday that saw at least nine people killed.

"We will not let any ships reach Gaza and supply what has become a terrorist base threatening the heart of Israel," deputy defense minister Matan Vilnai told public radio.

CNN has reported one American was injured and up to nine U.S. citizens were also thought to have been on the flotilla. A Briton and an Australian man were also among those wounded during the raid, AFP reported.

Israel detained 480 pro-Palestinian activists captured during the commando raid and will expel 48 others, according to a public radio report cited by AFP. Those detained were being held at the southern Israeli prison of Ashdod, while the other 48 were being taken to Ben Gurion international airport to be sent back to their home countries, said the report.

**Source:**  
Fox News  
<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2010/06/01/condemns-israeli-raid-calls-probe/>

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National Operations Center  
Office of Operations Coordination and Planning  
Department of Homeland Security  
24 Hour Summary for 01 June 2010

*This NOC Media Monitoring Operational Summary provides the most recent media coverage for NOC Priorities and Monitoring Report requirements including: NOC Phase 2 0455-10: Deepwater Horizon Response – Gulf of Mexico; NOC 0003-10: U.S./Mexico Border Violence; NOC 0091-10: Impact/Effectiveness of Increased Aviation Security Procedures; NOC 0109-10: Indications of Mass Migration from the Caribbean; and NOC 0007-10: Guantanamo Bay Detainee Transfers.*

NOC Phase 2 0455-10: Deepwater Horizon Response  
Location: Gulf of Mexico

**Operational Summary:**  
**Leak Containment Plan**

- Robot submarines are carrying equipment and cutting small pipes at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico
  - They are preparing to place a cap-like containment valve over the blown-out oil well
  - Live video feeds Monday showed the robots using a circular-saw-like device to cut small pipes around a wider riser that is spewing oil and gas
  - BP spokesman said the robots were working to clear the way to bring a larger, more powerful diamond-edged saw to slice the leaking riser and place a cap on it
  - The company says if successful, the cap could contain the majority of the gushing oil and bring it to the surface
  - The company could begin cutting into the riser as early as Wednesday

**Impact on Fisheries**

- NOAA on Monday expanded the area of the Gulf of Mexico that is closed to fishing due to a giant oil spill
  - The federal government has closed all commercial and recreational fishing across nearly 62,000 square miles, or nearly 26% of federal waters in the Gulf
    - Up from about 60,600 square miles closed on Friday
- Louisiana officials on Saturday asked BP for \$457 million for a long-term seafood-safety plan, and for an additional \$300 million to provide emergency financial assistance for people working in the commercial and recreational fishing industries who have been hurt by the oil spill
  - Louisiana's seafood industries generate about \$4 billion a year
  - Officials said Louisiana needs a long-term science and marketing effort to restore public confidence in Gulf Coast seafood
    - And to counteract images of oil and dispersants that they said could lead consumers to shun Gulf Coast seafood over safety concerns
- In Florida, Gov. Charlie Crist declared a state of emergency for several Gulf Coast counties

- He signed an executive order calling for free saltwater recreational fishing off Florida's coast to boost tourism
- NOAA is working with the Food and Drug Administration on a seafood-safety plan, which includes sampling seafood from inside and outside the federal closure area, at fishing docks, and from seafood markets

**NOC 0003-10:** U.S./Mexico Border Violence  
**Location:** U.S./Mexico Border

**Operational Summary:**

***Two High-level Officials Kidnapped in Northern Mexico***

- Gunmen kidnapped the transit chief of the northern Mexican city of Monterrey, Juan Enrique Barrios Rodriguez, on Monday, hours after abducting highway department director Reynaldo Ramos
  - Barrios Rodriguez was abducted at 3:30 a.m., when the gunmen knocked down the door of the official's residence
  - The kidnappings occurred days after Monterrey Mayor Fernando Larrazabal purged the police department of officers suspected of having links to drug traffickers
  - The Nuevo Leon state Attorney General's Office is investigating both kidnappings and launched an operation to try and nab the kidnappers

***Accountant for the Zetas Leader Arrested***

- The Mexican Navy arrested four people on Sunday including the alleged accountant for the Zetas cartel
  - Officials say 52-year-old Hipólito Bonilla Cespedes is the counter for Heriberto Lazcano-Lazcano, the head of the Zetas
  - Cespedes and three other men were arrested in Guadalupe in Nuevo Leon
  - They were found carrying more than \$300,000, handguns and automatic weapons
  - All four suspects are being held in Mexico City

***2 Brothers with Ties to Drug Cartel Arrested***

- Mexican federal police arrested two brothers who were on a list of wanted suspects tied to the Juárez drug cartel
  - Police said Ubaldo "El Mon-rroque" and Luis Humberto Rubio González were linked to La Línea, a gang tied to the Juárez cartel
  - Police said the men killed, kidnapped and extorted people
  - Officials also accused them of trafficking drugs and stealing vehicles
  - The arrest took place in Aldama, in the southern part of Chihuahua

***Gangs Steal Mexican oil from Pipelines***

- Mexican drug cartels have been tapping into the country's pipelines to steal as much as \$715 million in oil annually, Mexico's state-owned oil monopoly says
  - Some of the stolen oil has ended up in the United States, the (Phoenix) Arizona Republic reported Sunday

- The number of cartel pipeline taps has risen four-fold since 2004, from 102 then to 462 last year, the Republic said
- The thefts continue despite efforts by Petroleos Mexicanos, the state-owned oil monopoly known as Pemex
  - Pemex said in 2008 officials arrested 528 people and seized 517 vehicles, and losses reached \$715 million

**NOC 0091-10:** Impact/Effectiveness of Increased Aviation Security Procedures  
**Location:** United States

**Operational Summary:**

***US Commends Enhanced Security at KIA***

- TSA has commended the Ghana Government for the positive measures it has adopted to tighten security at the Kotoka International Airport (KIA) in Accra in reaction to TSA concerns
  - TSA's Director of Europe and Africa, Aaron Batt, on behalf of the TSA, conveyed their appreciation to the Government through the Ghana Embassy in Washington DC for "being receptive to the TSA's concerns and taking steps to enhanced security at KIA"
  - In the light of the current security situation at KIA, the TSA has put on hold plans to dispatch a team of USA Security Personnel to Accra to assist in reviewing security at the airport

**NOC 0109-10:** Indications of Mass Migration in the Caribbean  
**Location:** Caribbean

**Operational Summary:**

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**NOC 0007-10:** Guantanamo Bay Detainee Transfers  
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***Deepwater Horizon Response***

Alabama Live

[http://blog.al.com/live/2010/05/robot\\_subs\\_start\\_to\\_cut\\_pipe\\_a.html](http://blog.al.com/live/2010/05/robot_subs_start_to_cut_pipe_a.html)

Market Watch

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/us-expands-gulf-fishing-ban-states-brace-for-oil-2010-05-31>

***U.S./Mexico Border Violence***

Latin American Herald Tribune

<http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=357844&CategoryId=14091>

KRGV

<http://www.krgv.com/news/local/story/Accountant-for-the-Zetas-Leader-Arrested/Q28U4TNSPUaZMCDSKhhv-A.csp>

El Paso Times

[http://www.elpasotimes.com/ci\\_15196381?source=most\\_viewed](http://www.elpasotimes.com/ci_15196381?source=most_viewed)

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The Israeli military attacked a Gaza-bound aid flotilla, leaving at least nine dead, after receiving reports that the fleet had links to al Qaeda, the Israeli ambassador to Denmark said Monday.

"Before the flotilla entered Israeli waters, rumor had it that the organizers [of the aid initiative] had links with the al Qaeda terrorist network," Arthur Avnon was quoted as saying on the website of public broadcaster DR.

"The people on board were not so innocent ... and I cannot imagine that another country would react any differently," the ambassador said before being summoned to the Danish foreign ministry to explain the attack.

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said he spoke Monday to top diplomatic and security officials by telephone from Canada and voiced his "full backing" for the military.

Before the ships set sail from waters off the east Mediterranean island of Cyprus on Sunday, Israel had urged the flotilla not to try to breach the blockade and offered to transfer the cargo to Gaza from an Israeli port, following a security inspection.

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NOC Phase 2 0455-10: Deepwater Horizon Response  
Location: Gulf of Mexico

**Operational Summary:**

**Leak Containment Plan**

- BP is attempting to cut away the well's damaged riser pipe and install a cap-like containment dome to siphon oil to a surface vessel
  - A remote-controlled submarine successfully cut into the riser Tuesday night
  - BP expects to make more cuts before bringing in a diamond saw to make a clean cut where the cap will be fitted
  - The cap should be installed and operational by Wednesday or Thursday
  - The operation risks increasing the flow of crude by up to 20 percent once the damaged riser is cut away
  - If successful, the procedure should collect the majority of the oil
- In preparation for hurricane season, BP is building a free-standing riser ending 300 feet below sea level
  - Oil and gas will be directed to this riser and a flexible hose will be attached to a containment vessel
  - It will allow BP to disconnect during a hurricane and then reconnect afterwards
  - The enhancement is expected to be implemented in late June or early July
- As a long-term solution, BP is drilling a relief well that will be in place by August

**Impact on Fisheries**

- 31 percent of federal waters (76,000 square miles) in the Gulf of Mexico are closed to commercial and recreational fishing
  - The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration expanded the area by 5 percent Tuesday
  - The ban extends from Atchafalaya Bay, LA, east to a point 200 miles west of Naples, FL

**Oil Landfall**

- Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser said officials have understated the amount of parish land impacted by oil

- Parish mapping officials have determined the amount is nearly 3,000 acres, as opposed to the 30 acres previously reported

### **Shoreline Protection**

- *An effort to create a floating gate of booms at the mouth of Mobile Bay to keep the oil away failed, said Jimmy Lyons of the Alabama State Port Authority (Social Media)*
  - *There is a "substantial amount of skimming equipment staged" in the bay to clean the oil (Social Media)*
  - *Officials believe that even if the oil completely blocks the entrance to Mobile Bay, the Port of Mobile is not expected to close (Social Media)*
  - *So far, oil has stuck only to vessels that were working deep in the spill or were anchored in the oil. The majority of ships have not been affected (Social Media)*
- *Officials at Mobile's Unified Command Center said they will be increasing their efforts as the oil spill is forecast to hit southeast Mississippi and Alabama's shores for the first time Wednesday afternoon (Social Media)*
  - *An increase in boats in the water and planes and helicopters in the air looking for surface oil near the coastline is expected (Social Media)*

**NOC 0003-10:** U.S./Mexico Border Violence  
**Location:** U.S./Mexico Border

### **Operational Summary:**

#### ***13 Murdered, 6 Human Heads Found in Mexico***

- Seven people were found shot to death in Tijuana, Mexico
  - Five of the victims were drug dealers killed execution-style
  - The two others were owners of several taxis
- Six people were killed in Guerrero State, with the bodies found at different places along a dirt road
  - Members of organized crime groups had reportedly engaged in a shootout in the area
- Six human heads were found in the northern state of Durango
  - Two of the heads belonged to Gomez Palacio municipal police officers reported missing last week
  - The other four victims have not yet been identified

#### ***Guard Who Saved Mexican Police Chief Is Killed***

- Two gunmen killed a security guard and wounded another man in Monterrey, Mexico
  - Adrian Davila, who worked for the Transportadora de Proteccion y Seguridad security company, was killed at a store
  - Davila made headlines in April for saving Michoacan state Public Safety Secretary Minerva Bautista Gomez during an attack by hitmen

#### ***Juárez: 2 Boys Slain During Attack at Intersection***

- 14 people were killed in Juarez, Mexico, over the weekend

- Two boys were riding with a young man in a car that was attacked by gunmen 12:45 p.m. Sunday
- The triple murder was among eight homicides Sunday and four on Saturday
- On Monday, an unidentified man and an 18-year-old were found fatally shot

***Warden's Remains Among Those in Mexico Mass Grave***

- In Mexico's Guerrero state, the remains of a prison warden were among those found in a mass grave containing at least 40 bodies
  - The remains of Daniel Bravo Mota, the warden of the Iguala prison, were identified using DNA tests
  - He was kidnapped last month along with prison psychologist Ignacio Suastegui Perez

***Former Interpol Mexico Director Faces Money Laundering Charges***

- The former director of Interpol Mexico, who is being held in prison, will be prosecuted on money laundering charges
  - Rodolfo de la Guardia has been imprisoned since January 2009 on organized crime charges
  - Prosecutors now allege that he was on the payroll of the Beltran Leyva cartel, paid \$10,000 a month for his services
  - De la Guardia was in charge of assigning federal law enforcement officers to field offices, allowing him to place cartel-tied officers in key posts

**NOC 0091-10:** Impact/Effectiveness of Increased Aviation Security Procedures  
**Location:** United States

**Operational Summary:**

***Privacy Fears "Should Not Hamper Airport Security"***

- Secretary Napolitano spoke with aviation officials at the Regional Civil Aviation Security Conference in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday
  - She urged that concerns over privacy should not hamper cooperation on airport security
  - Some groups have objected to using full body X-ray scans due to privacy concerns
  - She said that producers of the body scanners are already working on developing new machines that take privacy into consideration

**NOC 0109-10:** Indications of Mass Migration in the Caribbean  
**Location:** Caribbean

**Operational Summary:**

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**NOC 0007-10:** Guantanamo Bay Detainee Transfers  
**Location:** Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

**Operational Summary:**  
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NOC Phase 2 0455-10: Deepwater Horizon Response  
Location: Gulf of Mexico

**Operational Summary:**

**Leak Containment Plan**

- Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen reported that a saw became stuck as it was cutting through a pipe on the well
  - The goal was to free the saw and finish the cut later in the day
  - The first cut with giant shears was successful overnight
  - The diamond-edged industrial saw that became stuck as it carved through a mangled pipe was freed by BP
  - The best chance at plugging the leak involves a relief well that is at least two months from completion

**Shoreline Protection**

- The White House on Wednesday approved the construction of five sand berms that BP will fund to shield the Louisiana coast
  - Until Wednesday, the Coast Guard had only approved one segment of the six the governor had requested
  - Governor Jindal said as it stands, the state now has permission to proceed with about 40 miles of sand barriers
  - Almost 4 million feet of protective boom has been deployed to protect wetlands
    - Jindal said it was not enough and that it was more effective to clean the oil from sand than from fragile marshes and other coastal ecosystems
- Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr., during a trip to the Gulf Coast, announced that the Justice Department had launched criminal and civil investigations

### Public Criticism

- *Social networks are expressing their frustrations towards BP and their treatment of fishermen who have been impacted by the oil spill (Social Media)*
- *Issues include:*
  - *A half dozen boats blocking access to the Mississippi Sound to protest what some local fishermen called unfair hiring and payment practices by BP PLC and the need for jobs for fishermen out of work (Social Media)*
    - *Fishermen complaining that some who have worked on cleanup efforts have not been paid (Social Media)*
  - *Blogs reporting that fishermen hired to work on the oil spill response say that their BP "bosses" have told them that if they use a respirator or protective mask, they would be fired (Social Media)*
    - *The owner of Blanchard Seafood in Grand Isle and a former Louisiana Shrimpers Association official, told a Yahoo! News blog that the Shrimpers Association offered to provide protective masks to the shrimpers hired in the cleanup effort, but that BP announced that any worker who wore a mask would be fired (Social Media)*
  - *Concerns that fishermen are being made to sign contracts banning them from speaking to the media about what they saw on the job (Social Media)*
    - *One blog posted images of the BP contracts from an anonymous source (Social Media)*
  - *Continued concerns over the health of fishermen working on the cleanup (Social Media)*

**Steady-State 0626-10:** Rio Fire – Sandoval County, NM  
**Location:** Sandoval County, NM

### **Operational Summary:**

- The Rio Fire is near the Santa Fe National Forest in Sandoval County, New Mexico
  - The fire is about six miles northwest of Jemez Springs and a half-mile southwest of Fenton Lake State Park
  - It is 10 percent contained
  - As many as 83 structures are threatened
  - 1,925 acres were burned by Wednesday night
  - 10 people were evacuated from the community of Seven Springs
  - Evacuations also were ordered for campers in the Fenton Lake area
  - Resources include several engines, air tankers, a helicopter, a bulldozer and three hot shot crews
  - Forest officials suspect an abandoned campfire started the blaze
  - Crews put out 17 abandoned campfires on the Jemez Ranger District over the Memorial Day holiday

**Steady-State 0617-10:** National Fire Preparedness Level Change  
**Location:** United States

**Operational Summary:**

Nothing significant to report (NSTR)

**NOC 0003-10:** U.S./Mexico Border Violence

**Location:** U.S./Mexico Border

**Operational Summary:**

***Agents feared Mexican Drug Cartel Attack on Border Dam***

- An alleged plot by a Mexican drug cartel to blow up a dam along the Texas border — and unleash billions of gallons of water into a region with millions of civilians — sent American police, federal agents and disaster officials secretly scrambling last month to thwart such an attack, authorities confirmed Wednesday
  - Whether or not the cartel, which is known to have stolen bulk quantities of gunpowder and dynamite, could have taken down the 5-mile-long Falcon Dam may never be known since the attack never came to pass
  - It may have been derailed by a stepped-up presence by the Mexican military, which was acting in part on intelligence from the U.S. government
  - The warning was based on what the federal government contends were “serious and reliable sources” and prompted DHS to sound the alarm to first responders along the South Texas-Mexico border
  - Mexico's Zeta cartel was planning to destroy the dam not to terrorize civilians, but to get back at its rival and former ally, the Gulf cartel

***Study: Mexico Drug Cartels avoid Bank Deposits***

- A study targeting the exorbitant wealth of Mexico's drug lords shows more than half the money smuggled out of the U.S. each year is cash that never passes through a bank
  - Cash is either stashed away or directly spent in Mexico, where 75 percent of business is done in cash
  - Drug moguls can buy real estate, cars, airline tickets and just about everything else in cash
    - This allows their businesses to launder the estimated \$19 billion to \$29 billion they earn each year selling drugs in the U.S.
- The study was conducted by several U.S. and Mexican government agencies
  - It suggests law enforcement agents should target cartel treasurers in Mexico who supervise the movement of the cash
  - The study also suggests that smaller dealers throughout the U.S. send cash to consolidators in five cities: Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Charlotte and Atlanta
  - The money is then trucked overland to four secondary hubs — Phoenix, El Paso, Dallas and Houston — to be broken into smaller amounts and prepared for smuggling
  - The most common border crossings for cash smugglers are in San Diego, Nogales, Arizona, and the Texas cities of McAllen, Laredo and Brownsville, according to the report
- ICE Assistant Secretary John Morton unveiled some of the findings Wednesday in Mexico City, saying that neither country has done enough to get at the money supporting Mexico's drug cartels

- DHS counternarcotics director Grayling G. Williams said he was encouraged that for the first time in U.S.-Mexico relations, top financial crime investigators are working together

***Cartels Recruit Guatemalans in Mexico Drug War***

- Mexican traffickers are increasingly turning to Central America for reinforcements, ammunition and help from corrupt authorities there
  - The cartels are training Central American recruits at camps in Guatemala and Mexico, infiltrating weak Central American police forces and carving out "safe zones" in foreign countries beyond the reach of Mexican authorities
  - It reflects a major shift in drug-smuggling patterns and shows the cartels' continuing ability to evolve to avoid Mexico's U.S.-backed crackdown
- "Entire regions of Guatemala are now essentially under the control of (drug-trafficking organizations), the most visible of which is the Mexican group known as the 'Zetas,' " a U.S. State Department report said in March
- The Mexican traffickers are also strengthening their grip on Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador, the U.S. State Department says

**NOC 0091-10:** Impact/Effectiveness of Increased Aviation Security Procedures  
**Location:** United States

**Operational Summary:**  
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**NOC 0109-10:** Indications of Mass Migration in the Caribbean  
**Location:** Caribbean

**Operational Summary:**  
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**NOC 0007-10:** Guantanamo Bay Detainee Transfers  
**Location:** Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

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# **SITUATION REPORT No. 7**

**Gaza Monitoring Group MGGZ01**

Thursday, June 3, 2010

0600 EDT

## **STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS**

(SBU) Eight AmCits were deported to Turkey, arriving in Istanbul on June 3. One AmCit was deported to Athens, and two are believed to have exited Israel via Jordan. The location of one dual-national AmCit remains unknown. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)*

## **STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS**

(SBU) Approximately 520 foreign passengers have been deported to Turkey and Greece with the exception of a small group of passengers who were not able to travel, as well as approximately five who remain hospitalized. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)*

## **OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA**

Please see the classified version of this product.

## **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- (U) UN Secretary General Ban described Israeli actions as “counterproductive, unsustainable, and wrong,” and called for Israel to lift its blockade of the Gaza Strip immediately. *(The Telegraph)*
- (U) Arab League Secretary General Moussa stated in a news conference following an emergency ministerial in Cairo that the Arab League will ask the UN Security Council to demand an end to Israel’s blockade of Gaza. *(Reuters)*

## **INTERNATIONAL REACTION**

- (SBU) Bahrain: The four Bahrainis who were on the flotilla were given a hero’s welcome upon arrival in Bahrain. *(MGGZ01/NEA/PD e-mail)*
- (SBU) Kuwait: The 18 Kuwaitis who participated in the flotilla aid convoy were given a widely-publicized welcome upon arrival in Kuwait, and were received at the airport by the prime minister and members of parliament. *(MGGZ01/NEA/PD e-mail)*
- (SBU) UAE: Anti-U.S. sentiment remains present throughout UAE press, particularly focusing on President Obama’s “moral collapse” and support of Israel’s “barbaric” crimes and aggression. *(MGGZ01/NEA/PD e-mail)*
- (SBU) Norway: Foreign Minister Stoere stated Norway does not support a unilateral boycott against Israel. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Oslo e-mail)*



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**NOC Phase 2 0455-10:** Deepwater Horizon Response  
**Location:** Gulf of Mexico

**Operational Summary:**  
**Leak Containment Plan**

- BP crews successfully cut off the pipe that is spewing oil in an attempt to position a siphon cap
  - The cut on the pipe is irregular making it more difficult to accurately position the cap
  - Underwater robots are being used in an attempt to place the cap over the pipe
  - An inverted funnel-like cap slightly wider than a pipe was being maneuvered into place Thursday
  - The gushing oil made it difficult to tell if the cap was fitting well
  - A rubber seal on the inside will attempt to keep oil from escaping, though engineers acknowledge some crude will still come out
  - If the cap can be positioned successfully, BP will siphon the oil and gas to a tanker on the surface
  - This latest attempt is risky because slicing away the section of the 20-inch-wide riser removed a kink in the pipe
    - This could temporarily increase the flow of oil by as much as 20 percent

**Phase 1 0626-10:** Rio Fire – Sandoval County, NM  
**Location:** Sandoval County, NM

**Operational Summary:**

- The Rio Fire is currently about six miles northwest of Jemez Springs and .5 mile southwest of Fenton Lake State Park
  - 1,925 acres reported burned Wednesday night
    - Acreage burned reduced to 1,405 acres Thursday night due to more accurate mapping
  - 35 percent contained
  - Burning since Tuesday at 12:27 p.m.

- Has spread north and west as predicted
- No structures have been lost
  - Fire is currently threatening 83 structures
- Managers planning a public meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. to discuss the Rio Fire
  - Air support dropping water and retardant on hot spots
  - Ground crews constructing line along the west and north sides of the fire
  - Smoke impacting communities within vicinity of the fire
  - Conditions on Thursday expected to be hotter and drier than Wednesday with light winds
- Evacuations in order for people along FR 376, Fenton Lake State Park, the community of Seven Springs and the fish hatchery
  - Evacuation center set up at Jemez Valley High School gymnasium at 8501 Highway 4 near Jemez Pueblo
  - No one is staying at the evacuation center currently
- FR 376 has been closed at the southern end of Gilman all the way to Highway 126
  - All access routes leading from FR 376 within Virgin Mesa closed
  - Highway 126 is now open but is subject to close again, along with other roads and areas affected
  - Officials think cause of fire was an abandoned camp fire

**Steady-State 0617-10:** National Fire Preparedness Level Change  
**Location:** United States

**Operational Summary:**  
 Nothing significant to report (NSTR)

**NOC 0003-10:** U.S./Mexico Border Violence  
**Location:** U.S./Mexico Border

**Operational Summary:**  
*Feds Sentence Two Illegal Immigrants for Carrying Nearly 150 Assault Rifles Into U.S.*

- Two Mexican nationals caught in Texas with 147 assault rifles, 10,000 rounds of ammunition, high-capacity magazines and bayonets have started serving short federal sentences for entering the US illegally
  - Damaso Alberto Rueda Cabrera and Arnulfo de la Cruz Sanchez appeared in federal court, pleaded guilty and were sentenced to terms of 10 days and 45 days, respectively
  - Police said this was the biggest weapons seizure in Laredo in a decade
  - "This is one of the biggest cases we've ever seen here in this city," Laredo police officer Alberto Escobedo said
  - "It's a tremendous blow to drug traffickers and organized crime"
  - ATF and ICE are conducting the investigation

### ***3 Arrested in Killings of 2 Mexican Federal Agents***

- Three men with ties to a drug cartel have been charged with the killings of two federal police officers in northern Mexico
  - The men, ages 20, 21 and 24, worked for the Zetas cartel
  - Police also seized two weapons and two grenades and are looking for more gunmen
- Two federal police officers were killed in the clash
  - Nuevo Leon state prosecutors say the officers had stopped a car for revision when gunmen in several SUVs arrived at the scene and opened fire
  - A third federal officer was wounded in the Wednesday attack in the town of Garcia
  - Hours later, police found the bodies of a local traffic police officer and a trainee inside a car in the nearby town of Santiago

**NOC 0091-10:** Impact/Effectiveness of Increased Aviation Security Procedures  
**Location:** United States

#### **Operational Summary:** ***Airport Getting State-of-Art Baggage Screening***

- The San Diego International Airport will pay more than \$28 million on a new explosive-screening system
  - The \$28.3 million inline baggage system will be installed at the airport by 2013
  - DHS says the system is designed to strengthen security at airports
  - The new system streamlines the process so that a TSA employee only has to touch the checked baggage once before it is screened for explosives
  - No specific start date has been set for construction, which will be located in the new Terminal 2 West
  - In addition to San Diego, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport will receive \$26.6 million for two screening systems, and \$11.5 million will go to the construction of a similar system at the Little Rock National Airport

**NOC 0109-10:** Indications of Mass Migration in the Caribbean  
**Location:** Caribbean

#### **Operational Summary:** NSTR

**NOC 0007-10:** Guantanamo Bay Detainee Transfers  
**Location:** Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

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# **SITUATION REPORT No. 10**

## **Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group MGGZ01**

Friday, June 4, 2010  
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### **STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS**

(U) Three of five remaining injured Turkish citizens landed in Ankara and two are still in Israeli hospitals. *(ynetnews.com)*

### **OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA**

- (SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv believes the Israelis are escorting the RACHEL CORRIE to Ashdod Port, but the embassy does not have confirmation. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)*
- (SBU) The Free Gaza Movement says none of the RACHEL CORRIE passengers is an American citizen. *(MGGZ01/Bureau of Consular Affairs e-mail)*

### **PALESTINIAN INVESTMENT CONFERENCE UPDATE**

(U) Special Envoy for Middle East Peace Mitchell commented the flotilla should not hamper progress on proximity talks, media report. PM Fayyad limited his personal involvement in the conference, but additional Arab State representation was high. *(Al-Hayat Al-Jadida)*

### **SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE**

(U) Palestinians fired four rockets at Israel from Gaza June 4 without causing injury or damage. *(Israel Radio News)*

### **ISRAELI RESPONSE**

- (U) Israeli officials are denying that the government is resisting pressure to form an investigation committee to look into the flotilla incident. *(Al-Quds)*
- (U) Media report Israel is seeking "new ways" to allow civilian goods to enter Gaza, and PM Netanyahu reportedly promised Quartet Representative Tony Blair that Israel will ease the blockade but will not allow ships to reach Gaza. *(nytimes.com)*

### **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

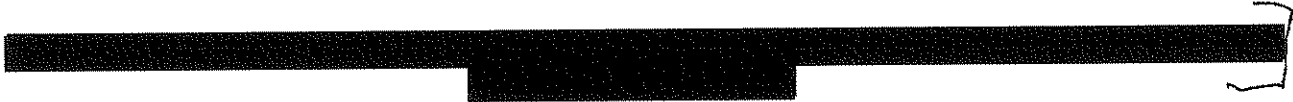
(SBU) The Egyptian Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Coordinating Bureau released a statement condemning the Israeli blockade of Gaza and IDF actions. *(NAM press release)*

### **INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS**

- (U) Turkey: 10,000 people held an anti-Israel rally in Istanbul. Media report Turkey will pursue an ICC investigation seeking damages and claiming Israel violated International Maritime Law. The government also plans to scale back its relationship with Israel. *(MGGZ01/ Bureau of Political Affairs e-mail)*
- (SBU) Pakistan: The government released a statement thanking Jordan and Embassy Islamabad for their work to ensure the safety of Pakistani citizens on the boats. *(MGGZ01/ Pakistan desk e-mail)*

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- (U) France: The foreign ministry opposes the mission of the RACHEL CORRIE and does not plan to pursue Israel for interdicting the MAVI MARMARA. (*Israel Radio News*)
- (U) Greece: Assistant FM Droutsas released a statement condemning IDF actions and supporting the lawful activities of NGOs. (*MGGZ01/Embassy Athens e-mail*)



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24 Hour Summary for 07 June 2010

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**NOC Phase 2 0455-10:** Deepwater Horizon Response  
**Location:** Gulf of Mexico

**Operational Summary:**

**Leak Containment**

- BP reports that the containment cap is now funneling off 10,500 barrels of oil/day
- Canada announced that it is sending offshore boom to the Gulf
  - The Canadian Coast Guard has been authorized to deliver at least 3,000 meters of boom
  - Canada also sent a team of scientists from the Center for Offshore Oil and Gas Environmental Research

**Alabama Oil Landfall**

- Alabama local and state officials, as well as business owners and residents, are frustrated over the response to, and resources used, to contain and clean up oil that has landed on Alabama shores (Social Media)
- A new plan under consideration involves laying two and, in some cases, three layers of boom at the entrances to the estuaries of Mobile and Baldwin counties. The number of boats performing skimming operations would increase from 50 to 500, and Coast Guard skimmers, which were "nonexistent" for the last 2½ weeks, would patrol the coast and Mobile Bay (Social Media)

**Mississippi Oil Landfall**

- Officials say that oil from the Deepwater Horizon rig remains away from the Mississippi Coast for now (Social Media)
  - Wind continues to push oil toward Alabama and Florida shores (Social Media)
- According to the reserve manager at the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Moss Point, there had been no reports of oiled wildlife as of Saturday afternoon, (Social Media)
- Meanwhile, cities continued to operate in emergency mode, with Ocean Springs installing absorbent fencing to protect its beaches and Pascagoula adding 36,500 feet of snare boom (Social Media)

**Steady-State 0640-10:** Severe Weather  
**Location:** Illinois

**Operational Summary:**

**Tornado Update**

- Several tornadoes were reported across the Midwest Saturday night and early Sunday morning
- The storm system hit multiple states and is now moving towards the East Coast

**Deaths/Injuries**

- 7 deaths were attributed to tornadoes in Wood County, Ohio
- 50 people were injured in Streator, Illinois
- 11 people were injured in Monroe County, Michigan

**Damage Assessment**

- In Illinois, EF-2 tornadoes caused damage in the towns of Streator and Dwight
  - A quarter-mile wide tornado in Streator heavily damaged 30 homes
  - Winds reportedly derailed a train north of Dwight
- In Michigan, the Fermi 2 Nuclear Plant in Newport was put on alert status
  - Winds caused it to lose power and also stripped the siding off its auxiliary building
  - Crews are still verifying the extent of damage
  - There is currently no danger to the public
- In Michigan, 35,000 people were without power
  - The State Emergency Operations Center was activated
  - Dundee Township declared a state of emergency due to excessive damage
- In Ohio, over 32,000 were without power
  - Wood County declared a state of emergency

**NOC 0003-10:** U.S./Mexico Border Violence  
**Location:** U.S./Mexico Border

**Operational Summary:**

***Gunmen Raid Girl's Party in Mexico; 3 Men Killed***

- Three were killed after gunmen opened fire at a girl's birthday party in Guerrero State, Mexico
  - Some of the party attendees were armed and fired back at the attackers
  - Two party attendees and one attacker died
  - No motive has yet been determined, but the area is plagued by drug trafficking

***39 Bodies Pulled Out of Mass Grave in Southern Mexico***

- To date, 39 bodies have been pulled out of a mass grave found last month in Taxco, Mexico
  - The grave could contain up to 100 bodies and may be the largest yet found in Mexico

- Drug cartels used the mass grave to get rid of the bodies of slain enemies and kidnapping victims
- Over 20 families have come forward to try to identify the remains
  - The only one identified so far is that of Daniel Bravo Mota, the warden of the Iguala prison

***Mexico: 6 Bodies in Cave, 3 with Hearts Cut Out***

- Police discovered six bodies in a cavern near the tourist resort of Cancun, Mexico
  - Four men and two women were apparently tortured and killed
  - Three of them were cut open and their hearts were removed
  - Three of the bodies had the letter "Z" carved on their abdomens, a possible reference to the Zeta drug gang

***Suspected Drug Passageway Found Near Border***

- The Mexican Army announced the discovery of a smuggling tunnel near Tijuana along the CA-Mexico border
  - The passageway is 500 feet long, over a yard wide and 2.5 feet high
  - Two suspects, one a minor, were arrested

**NOC 0091-10:** Impact/Effectiveness of Increased Aviation Security Procedures  
**Location:** United States

**Operational Summary:**  
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**NOC 0109-10:** Indications of Mass Migration in the Caribbean  
**Location:** Caribbean

**Operational Summary:**  
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**NOC 0007-10:** Guantanamo Bay Detainee Transfers  
**Location:** Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

**Operational Summary:**  
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**NOC Phase 2 0455-10:** Deepwater Horizon Response  
**Location:** Gulf of Mexico

**Operational Summary:**

**Leak Containment**

- Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen says the cap on the damaged oil well is now keeping up to 462,000 gallons [11,000 barrels] of oil a day from leaking into the Gulf
  - BP is anticipating moving another ship into the area
- BP says it plans next month to replace a cap over the oil well blowout at the bottom of the gulf with a slightly bigger cap
  - Spokesman Robert Wine said that the company believes the bigger cap will fit over more of the outflow pipes than the current cap
  - The change will temporarily allow oil currently being collected to again spew out into the Gulf during the changeover

**Coastal Impact**

- Allen said that roughly 120 linear miles of coastline in the Gulf of Mexico have been affected by the spill
- Dead wildlife has been reported in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and Texas

**Steady-State 0640-10:** Severe Weather  
**Location:** Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan

**Operational Summary:**

**Tornado Update**

- Several tornadoes were reported across the Midwest Saturday night and early Sunday morning
- The storm system hit Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan then moved eastward

**Deaths/Injuries**

**Illinois**

- Dozens were injured in the town of Dwight, but no deaths were reported

**Ohio**

- Storms killed seven people in northwest Ohio over the weekend

**Michigan**

- Eleven people with minor injuries were taken to hospitals from Dundee, Mich., where a tornado touched down with winds of about 130 mph

**Damage Assessment**

**Illinois**

- Crews have restored power to about 7,700 of the approximately 8,400 impacted in Illinois
- Gov. Pat Quinn is expected to tour Dwight, a central Illinois community damaged by a tornado and storms over the weekend
- In Dwight about 40 mobile homes and 10 other homes were destroyed

**Ohio**

- The storms caused at least \$100 million in damage in the state
- A 7 mile strip southeast of Toledo was hit hardest by the storms
  - At least 50 homes were destroyed and another 50 severely damaged, as well as six commercial buildings

**Michigan**

- DTE Energy Co. says about 6,700 of its customers remain without electrical service following weekend storms
  - About 200 utility poles were broken and it will take at least two more days to rebuild them and fully restore power

**Steady-State 0642-10:**

HAZMAT Incident – Fishing Vessel ESS Pursuit

**Location:**

Hudson Canyon, Atlantic Ocean

**Operational Summary:**

- Two fishermen on the fishing vessel ESS Pursuit were hospitalized Monday morning with mustard gas exposure-like symptoms
  - The fishing vessel was dredging for clams in Hudson Canyon when they discovered 10 canisters in the sea this weekend
  - One of the canisters broke open and several hours later, two of the crew members aboard the ship began experiencing blistering and had difficulty breathing
- The boat initially dropped off the two crew members on shore then returned to sea
  - The Coast Guard later issued a captain of the port order Monday to the fishing vessel to return to port
- USCG was working with the State of Massachusetts and U.S. Public Health Service to begin the decontamination process of the vessel and the four remaining crew members
- National Marine Fisheries Service and the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture were notified in order to determine if the catch that was offloaded Monday morning was contaminated

**Steady-State 0645-10:**

Power Substation Fire

**Location:**

Denver, Colorado

**Operational Summary:**

- An Xcel power substation near National Jewish Hospital and Rose Medical Center in Denver exploded at about 6:30 pm local time
  - The explosion knocked out power to more than 37,000 customers
  - 31,000 were still without power as of 9:00 pm local time
- The Rose Medical Center evacuated 13 intensive care patients to other hospitals after the incident, as backup generators only offered limited services
- Xcel's spokesman said power should be restored to customers some time tomorrow as the company "switches loads" to other power stations
- The cause of the explosion is still under investigation

**NOC 0003-10:** U.S./Mexico Border Violence  
**Location:** U.S./Mexico Border

**Operational Summary:**

***Dismembered Body Found in East Juárez***

- The body of a man chopped into pieces with his eyes gouged out was found late Sunday night in east Juárez
  - Chihuahua state police identified the man as 51-year-old Alejandro Rubalcaba Estrada
  - News reports stated the eyes had been removed and left atop the man's chest along with a threat against a Juárez television station

***Mexico 'Mass Grave' in Abandoned Mine Has 55 Bodies***

- Mexican police say 55 bodies have been recovered from an abandoned mine that appears to have been used as a mass grave by drug gangs
  - The bodies appeared to have been thrown down a 650 ft ventilation shaft over a period of time
  - Only six bodies have so far been identified - one was the director of a local prison
  - Human remains were first discovered in the silver mine near Taxco in Guerrero state at the end of May
- Police are now checking other mineshafts in the area to see if bodies have also been dumped there
- Guerrero state is a focal point for drug-related violence

***2 Found Shot Dead Near Illegal Border Crossing in Arizona***

- Arizona authorities found two bodies near a common illegal border crossing Sunday
- Emergency dispatchers in Pinal County reportedly received a 911 call Sunday night from a man saying he and his friend had been shot before the cell phone signal was lost
  - Officials later found the bodies and two weapons, described as a long gun and handgun, according to the station
- The area where the murders occurred is a well-known smuggling corridor for drugs and illegal immigrants headed from Mexico to Phoenix and the U.S. interior

***Juárez Deserves the Title of Most Dangerous City***

- The violence in Ciudad Juarez continued over the weekend
  - A shootout occurred involving the Mexican army that resulted in the arrest of three women and five men suspected in killings, extortion and arsons in the Valley of Juárez
  - There have been at least 15 homicides since Friday and more than 1,100 homicides this year alone in Juárez

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# Overnight Brief No. 2

Tuesday, June 8, 2010  
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## **IRAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY TO SEND TWO SHIPS TO GAZA**

(SBU) The ships would depart within days carrying donations and relief workers, but Israel said it would not allow them to reach Gaza citing the possibility weapons might be aboard, according to press. Embassy Tel Aviv comments Iran is aware Israel would not allow the ships to penetrate the blockade, and Iran is unlikely to follow through. Iran Regional Presence Office Dubai reports Iranian press said aid would be brought to Egypt then moved through the Rafah crossing, adding it is unlikely Iran would risk confrontation over the delivery of humanitarian aid.

*(Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv telcon, Ops/Iran Regional Presence Office Dubai telcon and e-mail, The Jerusalem Post, Times Online)*

## **NEW JAPANESE GOVERNMENT NAMES CABINET WITH FEW SURPRISES**

(SBU) Prime Minister-elect Kan retained the bulk of the existing Cabinet but added some new faces to create distance from the previous government, media report. Embassy Tokyo comments many appointees are openly against former Democratic Party of Japan leadership, which should help the party regain popularity in the July upper house elections.

*(Ops/Embassy Tokyo telcon, AP)*

## **CHINA MAINTAINS STATE INTERNET CONTROLS**

(SBU) The government stated China would not accept outside criticism of its controls and encouraged internet use to promote economic and social progress while continuing to block social networking sites, media report. Embassy Beijing comments the policy is an attempt to shift focus from China as the source of internet crimes to that of a victim in order to justify efforts to regulate information. *(Ops/Embassy Beijing e-mail, Reuters)*

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