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From: Traver, Steve (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 1:22 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: RE: Gaza flotilla

From: Traver, Steve
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 1:02 PM
To: 'Aviv Ezra'
Subject: RE: Gaza flotilla

Hi Aviv,

Looking at this as a military officer, in reading the debriefing of the unit commander it is obvious the Israelis were going to be killed by the mob on the ship. As a technologist, next time I'll bet the plan will use non-lethal technology (which we have and are getting more of) to soften up the crew so they'll be more compliant. I'm sure the concept of operations will also change for how to disable the ship, even when they are ignoring any negotiations and are determined to clash. It will all die down in a week once the true ferocity of the fight is understood but politically I sure hope it doesn't happen again.

Regards,
Steve

From: Aviv Ezra (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:03 AM
To: Traver, Steve
Subject: RE: Gaza flotilla

My 20 second editorial: *The flotilla was not about aid to Gazans. The flotilla is part of an orchestrated campaign aimed at delegitimizing of Israel's right to exist, safeguard its citizens and protect its borders.*

From: Traver, Steve (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 5:06 PM
To: Aviv Ezra
Subject: RE: Gaza flotilla

Thanks,
Our sentiments exactly!

From: Aviv Ezra (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 5:03 PM
To: Traver, Steve
Subject: RE: Gaza flotilla

Sen Gillibrand:

"I am greatly concerned by public statements earlier today from UN officials that display an alarming rush to judgment against Israel before the facts have been gathered and ignore Israel's basic right to defend herself against terror.

"As the United Nations Security Council convenes this afternoon to discuss the Gaza-bound flotilla, it is deplorable for the UN Special Rapporteur for the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Richard Falk, to urge boycotts and sanctions against Israel. Not only is it irresponsible to issue such verdicts before all the facts are known, but these types of proposals only exacerbate the challenges in the Middle East.

"While I am deeply saddened by the loss of life, we must recognize that Israel has a right to defend herself and we have to withhold judgment until the facts are fully understood."

Aviv Ezra

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From: Traver, Steve (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 4:54 PM
To: Aviv Ezra
Subject: RE: Gaza flotilla

Thanks Aviv,
We're not fooled by this "peaceful" confrontation.
Israel had no choice but to confront them.

From: Aviv Ezra (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 4:45 PM
To: Traver, Steve
Subject: Gaza flotilla

Shalom Steve

Sorry to bother you on the Memorial Day but due to the last events I thought you might want to receive this following update.
Below you can find:

1. General Background.
2. Legal Background.
3. Videos.

I hope this is helpful to the understanding of these last troubling events.

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1. A state of armed conflict exists between Israel and the Hamas regime controlling Gaza. The Hamas has launched 10,000 rockets against Israeli civilians, and is presently smuggling in arms and military supplies into Gaza, by land and sea, in order to fortify its positions and continue its attacks.
2. Under international law, Israel has the right to protect the lives of its civilians from Hamas attacks, and, consequently, has undertaken measures to defend itself, including the imposition of a maritime blockade to curb Hamas rearmament. Under international maritime law, when a maritime blockade is in effect, no vessels can enter the blockaded area.
3. In line with Israel's obligations under international law, the ships participating in the protest flotilla were warned repeatedly that a maritime blockade is in effect off the coast of Gaza and were given due notice of its exact coordinates.
4. Israel repeatedly offered the flotilla organizers to land in the port of Ashdod, and to transfer their aid to Gaza through the existing overland crossings, in accordance with established procedures. The flotilla organizers rejected this offer, stating clearly that "*this mission is not about delivering humanitarian supplies, it's about breaking Israel's siege.*" (Greta Berlin, AFP, 27May10).
5. While the organizers claim to have humanitarian concern for the residents of Gaza they did not have similar concerns for the fate of the abducted Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, and when asked, refused to even make a public call to allow him to be visited by the Red Cross.
6. When it became clear that the protest flotilla intended to violate the blockade despite repeated warnings, Israeli Naval personnel boarded the vessels of the flotilla, and redirected them to Ashdod.
7. Given the large number of vessels participating in the flotilla, there was an operational need to undertake measures to enforce the blockade a certain distance from the area of the blockade.
8. The intention of the flotilla participants to resist Israeli Naval personnel was made clear in numerous television interviews on 30 May given by the head of the IHH, Bulent Yildirim on board the Mavi Marmara (as he held a year-old infant in his arms, in what he called a "message" to any Israelis planning to act against the flotilla). Indeed, the Israeli Navy was met with violent opposition, two pistols were found in the hands of protesters, and over a dozen Israeli personnel were hospitalized, some in critical condition.
9. In Ashdod, the flotilla's cargo will be off-loaded and the humanitarian items will be transferred overland to Gaza in accordance with standard operating procedures. The participants of the flotilla will be subjected to immigration procedures applicable in cases of attempted illegal entry.

The Gaza Flotilla and the Maritime Blockade of Gaza Legal Background – 31 May 2010

1. A maritime blockade is in effect off the coast of Gaza. Such blockade has been imposed, as Israel is currently in a **state of armed conflict** with the Hamas regime that controls Gaza, which has repeatedly bombed civilian targets in Israel with weapons that have been **smuggled into Gaza via the sea**.
2. Maritime blockades are a **legitimate and recognized measure** under international law that may be implemented as part of an armed conflict at sea.

3. A blockade may be imposed at sea, including in international waters, **so long as it does not bar access to the ports and coasts of neutral States**.
 4. The naval manuals of several western countries, including the US and England recognize the maritime blockade as an effective naval measure and set forth the various criteria that make a blockade valid, including the requirement of give **due notice** of the existence of the blockade.
 5. In this vein, it should be noted that Israel publicized the existence of the blockade and the precise coordinates of such by means of the accepted **international professional maritime channels**. Israel also provided **appropriate notification to the affected governments and to the organizers of the Gaza protest flotilla**. Moreover, **in real time**, the ships participating in the protest flotilla were **warned repeatedly** that a maritime blockade is in effect.
 6. Here, it should be noted that under customary law, knowledge of the blockade may be presumed **once a blockade has been declared and appropriate notification** has been granted, as above.
 7. **Under international maritime law, when a maritime blockade is in effect, no boats can enter the blockaded area**. That includes both **civilian and enemy** vessels.
 8. A State may take action to enforce a blockade. Any vessel that violates or attempts to violate a maritime blockade **may be captured or even attacked under international law**. The US Commander's Handbook on the Law of Naval Operations sets forth that a vessel is **considered to be in attempt to breach a blockade from the time the vessel leaves its port with the intention of evading the blockade**.
 9. Here we should note that the protesters indicated their **clear intention to violate the blockade by means of written and oral statements**. Moreover, **the route of these vessels indicated their clear intention to violate the blockade** in violation of international law.
 10. Given the protesters **explicit intention to violate the naval blockade**, Israel exercised its right under international law **to enforce the blockade**. It should be noted that prior to undertaking enforcement measures, explicit warnings were relayed directly to the captains of the vessels, expressing Israel's intent to exercise its right to enforce the blockade.
 11. Israel had attempted to take control of the vessels participating in the flotilla by **peaceful means and in an orderly fashion** in order to enforce the blockade. Given the large number of vessels participating in the flotilla, an operational decision was made to undertake measures to enforce the blockade a certain distance from the area of the blockade.
 12. Israeli personnel attempting to enforce the blockade were met with violence by the protesters and acted in **self defense** to fend off such attacks.
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Videos

Israeli Navy Warns Flotilla

Youtube

Activists Attacking Soldiers

Youtube

Violence Against Soldiers

Youtube

Footage from the Boat

Youtube

Israeli Commandos Board Gaza-bound Flotilla

AP report, Washington Post

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Title: U.N. Condemns Israeli Raid, Calls for Probe
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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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
Location: Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Operational Summary:

NSTR

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Deepwater Horizon Response

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U.S./Mexico Border Violence

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http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2010/05/30/Gangs-steal-Mexican-oil-from-pipelines/UPI-66571275232385/

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Ghana Broadcasting Corporation

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Title: Israeli Officials Claim Aid Flotilla Had Ties to Al Qaeda, PM Gives Military 'Full Support'
Location: Israel

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

Excerpt from News Article:

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.

Source:

Fox News (AP)

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2010/05/30/reports-israeli-ships-attack-aid-flotilla-dead/>

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SITUATION REPORT No. 3

Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group MGGZ01

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

0530 EDT

STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

(SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv expects to visit shortly the nine American citizens detained on June 1. We have no reports of any deaths or serious injuries involving American citizens on the flotilla, although one was injured while taking part in a protest in Jerusalem and has been hospitalized. No additional Americans have been deported.

(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

ADDITIONAL FREE GAZA SHIP EN ROUTE

(SBU) A final ship in the flotilla, the Cambodian-flagged *MV Rachel Corrie*, is traveling through the Mediterranean from Ireland. It is anticipated the ship will approach Gaza June 3. The Israeli government has not determined how it will respond.

(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

MAJORITY OF PASSENGERS NOW IN ISRAELI DETENTION

(U) Approximately 480 passengers are now in Israeli detention and 48 have been deported to their home countries. *(jpost.com)*

ISRAELI ARABS CALL GENERAL STRIKE

(U) Israeli Arab leaders have called for a general strike, which is expected to impact many communities in the north of Israel. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)*

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- (U) The UN Security Council adopted a Presidential Statement that expresses deep regret for “the loss of life and injuries resulting from the use of force during the Israeli military operation in international waters against the convoy sailing to Gaza.” The statement requests a prompt investigation by Israel and the immediate release of the detainees and ships. *(MGGZ01/USUN e-mail)*
- (SBU) The UN Human Rights Council convened a general debate at 0400 EDT to discuss the Israeli response to the flotilla. *(MGGZ01/USUN Geneva e-mail)*
- (SBU) At Turkey’s request, the North Atlantic Council will meet at 0830 EDT in Brussels. They may seek a statement along the lines of the UNSC statement. *(MGGZ01/USNATO telcon)*

WASHINGTON MEETINGS WITH FM DAVUTOGLU

(SBU) Both Secretary Clinton and NSA Jones will meet with Turkish FM Davutoglu June 1, following his arrival from New York. *(MGGZ01/Turkey Desk e-mail)*

INTERNATIONAL REACTION

- (SBU) Palestinian Territories: Small demonstrations are occurring throughout the West Bank and Gaza. (*Jerusalem 922*)
- (U) Australia: PM Rudd condemned “any use of violence under the sorts of circumstances we have seen” and called for the lifting of the blockade of Gaza. (*abc.net.au*)
- (U) China: The Chinese Foreign Ministry expressed shock at the Israeli attack and urged Israel to seriously implement UN Security Council resolutions and improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (*chinadaily.com.cn*)
- (U) Pakistan: President Zardari issued a statement describing the incident as “brutal and inhuman.” (*dailytimes.com.pk*)

For more information on the Gaza Flotilla, please see the Ops portal at the following link:
http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza_Flotilla_2010

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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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Latin American Herald Tribune

<http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=357830&CategoryId=14091>

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S/ES-O Morning Press Highlights

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MIDDLE EAST

EGYPT

Bowing to international pressure over recent incidents in Gaza, Egypt said it was opening its border into the territory for delivery of humanitarian aid supplies. (*Guardian*)

LEBANON

Lebanon's Army said it fired on two Israeli fighter jets after they violated Lebanese airspace in the southern part of the country. The attack occurred on the evening of June 1. (*Naharnet*)

SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA

PAKISTAN

Pakistan's military said it completed an offensive against Taliban militants in the northwest tribal area of Orakzai and civilians could expect to return home soon. 700 militants are reported to have been killed in the operation, which began on March 22. (*Dawn*)

SRI LANKA

New Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Peiris accused UN Human Rights Chief Navi Pillay of hounding his country on rights issues. The Foreign Minister's statement came a day after Ms. Pillay repeated her view that an international body should look into war crimes allegations. (*Wall Street Journal*)

INDIA

Indian Home Minister Chidambaram has set out a detailed road map to initiate peace talks with Maoist rebels. The proposals were contained in a letter sent by Chidambaram to a special envoy negotiating with the Maoists. (*BBC News*)

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

JAMAICA

Prime Minister Golding said Jamaica will launch a sustained assault on gangs that control poor communities across the island. The Prime Minister said last week's bloody raid on the West Kingston stronghold of reputed drug lord Christopher 'Dudus' Coke was a turning point in the government's approach to criminal networks. (*AP*)

SURINAME

Suriname's former dictator Desi Bouterse said he is ready to serve as the country's next president with backing from a coalition. Bouterse's National Democratic Party (NDP) is part of the four-member political block Mega Combination that gained 23 of 51 seats in the May 25 parliamentary elections. (*Caribbean Net News*)

AFRICA

BURUNDI

Five opposition candidates, including ex-rebel leader Agathon Rwasa, withdrew from presidential polls due to take place on June 28. Rwasa was widely thought to be the key challenger to the current President Pierre Nkurunziza. (*Voice of America*)

SOUTH AFRICA

Cosatu, South Africa's biggest labor group, threatened to quit an alliance with the ruling African National Congress if a plan to charge General Secretary Vavi with violating party discipline goes ahead. (*Bloomberg*)

EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC

THAILAND

Thai anti-government protesters have vowed to return to the streets, but admit that 'it may take months before the red-shirts recover". With most of the movement's leaders detained or in hiding, analysts are concerned about the formation of a radicalized, underground movement. (*Reuters*)

INDONESIA/E.U.

National flag carrier Garuda Indonesia is returning to Europe after an almost six-year hiatus. The resumption in service was made possible after the EU lifted its flight ban, imposed after a string of plane crashes that claimed hundreds of lives. (*The Jakarta Post*)

EUROPE

RUSSIA/CHINA

The Russian Ministry for Economic Development said Chinese investment in Russia will rise from the current \$2 billion to \$12 billion by 2020. The ministry has pledged to organize tours for Chinese investors throughout central Russia and Siberia, focusing on raw material extraction and processing. (*Xinhuanet*)

FRANCE/AFRICA

French President Nicolas Sarkozy called for Africa to be given a bigger say in world affairs and better representation on the UN Security Council. He pledged to push for Security Council reform when France heads the G8 and G20 next year.

SITUATION REPORT No. 6

Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group MGGZ01

Wednesday, June 2, 2010
1830 EDT

STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

(SBU) Thirteen American citizens were transferred to Ben Gurion Airport and are scheduled to depart by June 3. Three additional American dual-nationals are departing to their countries of origin: Kuwait, Jordan, and Ireland. One Israeli-American was released without conditions, and the Embassy is trying to locate one additional American citizen. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)*

STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS

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OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA

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HUMANITARIAN GOODS

(SBU) UNRWA and ICRC are unable to confirm that eight truckloads actually entered Gaza from Israel. Media report 10 additional truckloads will be transferred on June 2. *(MGGZ01/PRM e-mail)*

ISRAELI RESPONSE

- (U) PM Netanyahu publicly defended the military operation, emphasized the importance of the blockade for Israeli security, and rejected international pressure to launch an investigation of IDF actions. *(Reuters)*
- (U) Pro-IDF demonstrators are calling for a boycott of Turkish products. *(Tel Aviv 1225)*

SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

(SBU) There has been a slight uptick in protest activities and violence in the West Bank and along the Gaza-Israel border, including sporadic mortar firing from Gaza. Jerusalem remains tense. *(Jerusalem 928)*

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- (U) ASEAN-GCC: Foreign ministers condemned the Israeli raid as “an act of violence,” and urged release of the detainees and an end to the blockade. *(MGGZ01/EAP e-mail)*
- (U) UNHRC: The Human Rights Council approved a Palestinian-drafted resolution condemning the “outrageous attack by the Israeli forces” by a vote of 32 yes, three no (U.S.), nine abstentions, and three no-shows. The resolution establishes an international fact-finding mission to investigate alleged violations of international law. *(MGGZ01/IO Bureau e-mail)*

INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

- (SBU) Egypt: The government opened the Rafah crossing indefinitely and allowed shipment of electric generators into Gaza, the first non-food or medical shipment from Egypt since the 2008-2009 Gaza conflict. Reportedly, 200 to 800 Gazans have crossed into Egypt. **(Cairo 611)**
- Turkey: Please see the classified version of this product.
- (U) Palestinian Authority: President Abbas rejected calls to suspend proximity talks.
(jpost.com)
- (SBU) Jordan: A warden message was issued warning American citizens to avoid crowds and maintain a low profile due to anti-American sentiment and expected protests. **(MGGZ01/Embassy Amman e-mail)**
- (U) EU: Members of the European Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee almost unanimously condemned Israeli actions. Some called for suspending the EU-Israel Association Agreement. One MEP called for opening talks with Hamas.
(MGGZ01/USEU Daily Report e-mail)
- (U) Tunisia: A Gaza solidarity demonstration took place in Tunis. **(Tunis 395)**

For more information about the Gaza Flotilla, please see the Ops portal at the following link:
http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza_Flotilla_2010

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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:
 NSTR

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

Operational Summary:
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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

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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:

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

Operational Summary:

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SITUATION REPORT No. 10

Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group MGGZ01

Friday, June 4, 2010
1800 EDT

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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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

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

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NOC 0007-10: Guantanamo Bay Detainee Transfers
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**National Operations Center
Office of Operations Coordination and Planning
Department of Homeland Security
24 Hour Summary for 08 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; Steady-State 0640-10: Severe Weather – Illinois, Ohio and Michigan; Steady State 0642-10: HAZMAT Incident – Fishing Vessel ESS Pursuit; Steady State 0645-10: Power Substation Fire – Denver, CO; 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

- 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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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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Dear Secretary Napolitano:

I am writing to urge the Department of Homeland Security to investigate and bar from entry into the United States, where appropriate under 8 USC 1182(a)(3), any foreign individual who participated in the so-called Free Gaza Flotilla that was stopped by Israeli forces and diverted to the port of Ashdod on May 31.

The participants in the Gaza flotilla knew that the materials on the ships in the flotilla were intended to be provided to the Hamas organization. The Hamas organization, which effectively controls the Gaza territory, was first designated a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) by the Secretary of State in 1997. The Israeli government and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency provide legitimate channels for aid via land routes. These allow for proper inspection and safeguards to prevent weapons smuggling and direct assistance to Hamas. By attempting to bypass legitimate channels, which were offered to the flotilla by the Israeli government,¹ the flotilla participants in effect were attempting to provide assistance directly to Hamas.

Several of the flotilla participants have contacts with the Hamas organization. Photos from an early Free Gaza visit to the region shows members of the group, including a U.S. participant in the latest flotilla, meeting with Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh and receiving medals from the group.² The Israeli government has described a U.S. national participant in the flotilla as a Hamas operative who intended to enter Gaza for the purposes of conducting terrorist activity.³ In addition, an Iranian national residing in the United

¹ The Israeli government offered numerous times to provide for the delivery of the aid to the Gazan people through the existing land corridor if the flotilla ships were to be diverted to the Israeli Port of Ashdod, and did in fact do so once the ships were seized in the May 31 raid. Similarly, a subsequent vessel, the *Rachel Corrie*, was peacefully diverted by the Israeli forces to Ashdod so that the aid could be delivered through legitimate channels.

² See June 2 briefing by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Bay Area, available at <http://www.theisraelproject.org/atf/cf/%7B84dc5887-741e-4056-8d91-a389164bc94e%7D/JCRC%20SF%20BRIEFING%20ON%20THE%20GAZA%20FLOTILLA%20CRISIS.PDF>

³ See June 6 Israeli Defense Briefing (attached)

States who participated in the flotilla has been accused by the Israelis of attempting to smuggle forbidden electronic equipment into the territory.⁴

One of the groups responsible for organizing the flotilla, the Insani Yarhim Vakfi (IHH) was accused in testimony provided by a highly respected French counter-terrorism jurist of playing “an important role” in planning the Al Qaeda millennium plot.⁵ The umbrella organization to which IHH belongs, the Union of Good, was designated under Executive Order 13224 in 2008 by the Treasury Department – specifically for being a fundraiser for Hamas.⁶

There are appropriate channels for providing aid to the people of Gaza through various international organizations. Individuals that are moved to help should be encouraged to provide assistance through these channels and discouraged in the strongest possible ways from providing the assistance in ways that will aid Hamas. The United States should not welcome any citizen into our country who has provided material assistance to terrorist organization.

I thank you for your attention to this request and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



BRAD SHERMAN
Member of Congress

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ This testimony is available at

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/art/news/nation_world/terroristwithin/testimony16.pdf

⁶ See Treasury Press Release <http://treas.gov/press/releases/hp1267.htm>.

6 June 2010

**Several Flotilla Passengers are Active terror Operatives linked to Al-Qaeda, Hamas, and other Organizations
(Communicated by the IDF Spokesperson)**

The following passengers on board the Mavi Marmara are known to be involved in terrorist activity. The Mavi Marmara attempted to break the maritime closure on the Gaza Strip on Monday, May 31, 2010, and was boarded by Israel Navy forces.

Fatima Mahmadi (born 1979), is a United States resident of Iranian origin, and an active member of the organization "Viva Palestine", she attempted to smuggle forbidden electronic components into the Gaza Strip.

Ken O'Keefe (Born 1969), an American and British citizen, is a radical anti-Israel activist and operative of the Hamas terror organization. He attempted to enter the Gaza Strip in order to form and train a commando unit for the Palestinian terror organization.

Hassan Iynasi (born 1982), a Turkish citizen and activist in a Turkish charity organization, is known of providing financial support to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terror organization.

Hussein Urosh, a Turkish citizen and activist in the IHH organization, was on his way to the Gaza Strip in order to assist in smuggling Al-Qaeda operatives via Turkey into the Strip.

Ahmad Umimon (born 1959), is a French citizen of Moroccan origin, and an operative of the Hamas terrorist organization.

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Ms. Sarkis,

The Department of Homeland Security received the attached incoming letter and enclosure from Rep. Sherman regarding participants in the Free Gaza Flotilla. I believe this matter falls within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of State, and I would appreciate it if appropriate inquiries could be initiated and a response prepared for Rep. Sherman.

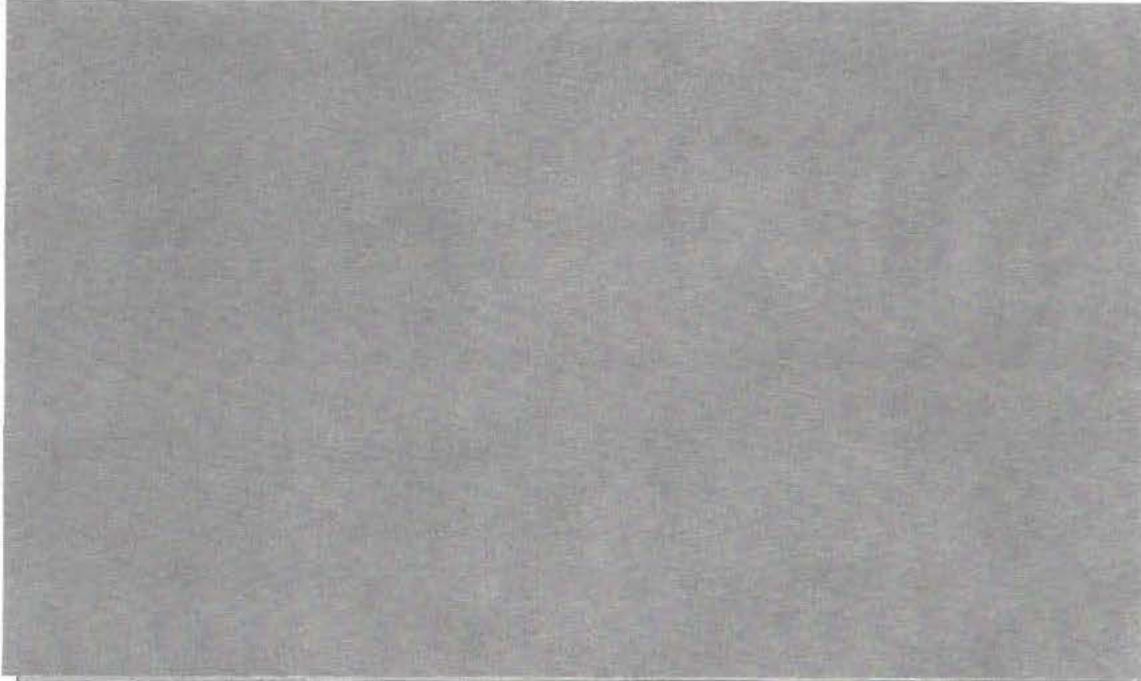
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Thank you,

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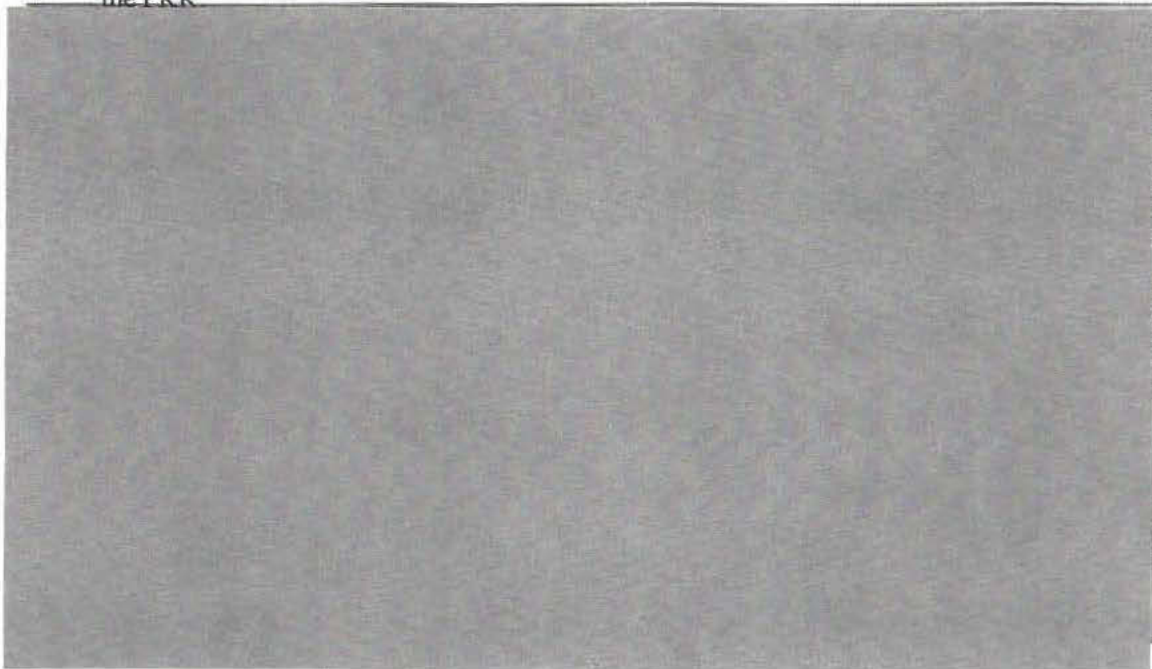


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(U) DHS Engagement with Turkey

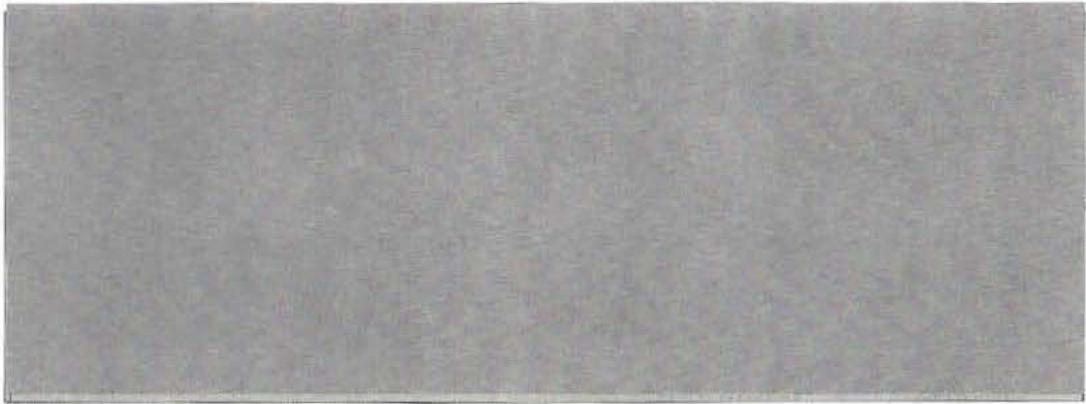
- (U) Secretary Napolitano met with Deputy Prime Minister Cemil Cicek on May 19, 2010, when he was in Washington, DC, to meet with U.S. officials to strengthen the bilateral relationship and to hear again of U.S. support for Turkey's counterterrorism efforts against the PKK



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