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From: Townley, Stephen G
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010
To: Amory, Elizabeth R; Martin, Julie B; Aswad, Evelyn M; Jacobson, Linda
Subject: FW: Taken Question for Action by CA / L and PRM

NON-RESPONSIVE PORTIONS
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Please see taken question at the bottom. Thanks, Stephen

From: Clay, Noel C [mailto:ClayNC@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:55 PM
To: PAO Group
Subject: Taken Question for Action by CA / L and PRM

Taken Question:

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For Guidance:

CA/NEA: What U.S. official viewed the body of the dual-national American citizen who was killed in the Gaza flotilla incident?

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From: Townley, Stephen G
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:17 PM
To: Schwartz, Jonathan B; Donoghue, Joan E; Eichensehr, Kristen E; Cleveland, Sarah H; Dolan, JoAnn; Pomper, Stephen E; Guarin, Marc F; Baumert, Kevin A; Perina, Alexandra H; Jacobson, Linda; Aswad, Evelyn M; Martin, Julie B; Banos, Mariano H; Harris, Robert K; Thessin, James H; Bischoff, James L
Subject: FW: Remarks - Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton And Romanian Foreign Minister Teodor Baconschi After Their Meeting

FYI – what S said at the press avail about Gaza flotilla issues.

Stephen

QUESTION: Well, thank you very much even without doing it.

Madam Secretary, I'd like to ask you a couple things about the Israeli situation which, as you know, is getting more and more serious by the day. I know there are many unknowns at this point, but do you accept Israel's argument of self-defense? And do you think that the investigation should be done by Israel or by a third independent party, as other Security Council members have said?

And more broadly, we all know there are so many moving pieces to this. There's Turkey, there's Israel and in the Palestinians, there's Iran, there's Syria. What are the implications in your mind of this situation to the peace process and in the larger issues in the Middle East? Thanks.

SECRETARY CLINTON: Well, Nick, on your last day, you've asked a very complicated set of interrelated questions. And let me put it into context as I respond. First, let me say how deeply we regret the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident aboard the Gaza-bound ships, and we offer our condolences to the families of the deceased and the wounded.

Turkey and Israel are both good friends of the United States, and we are working with both to deal with the aftermath of this tragic incident.

The United States supports the Security Council's condemnation of the acts leading to this tragedy. And we urge Israel to permit full consular access to the individuals involved and to allow the countries concerned to retrieve their deceased and wounded immediately. We urge all concerned countries to work together to resolve the status of those who were part of this incident as soon as possible.

We support in the strongest terms the Security Council's call for a prompt, impartial, credible, and transparent investigation. We support an Israeli investigation that meets those criteria. We are open to different ways of assuring a credible investigation, including international participation, and we will continue to discuss these ideas with the Israelis and our international partners in the days ahead.

The situation in Gaza is unsustainable and unacceptable. Israel's legitimate security needs must be met, just as the Palestinians' legitimate needs for sustained humanitarian assistance and regular access for reconstruction materials must also be assured.

We will continue to work closely with the Israeli Government and the Palestinian Authority along with international NGOs and the United Nations to ensure adequate access for humanitarian goods, including

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reconstruction and building supplies. And we welcome efforts to promote the reunification of Gaza and the West Bank under the legitimate and internationally recognized Palestinian Authority.

Ultimately, the solution to this conflict must be found through an agreement based on a two-state solution negotiated between the parties. This incident underscores the urgency of reaching this goal and we remain committed to working with both sides to move forward these negotiations.

I think the situation from our perspective is very difficult and requires careful, thoughtful responses from all concerned. But we fully support the Security Council's action last night in issuing a presidential statement and we will work to implement the intention that this presidential statement represents.

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Subject: Press on Flotilla
Attachments: Flotilla PG.docx

Below is the statement we put out and cleared press guidance is attached. Thanks, Stephen

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Office of the Spokesman

For Immediate Release

May 31, 2010

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STATEMENT BY PHILIP J. CROWLEY,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Free Gaza Flotilla

The United States deeply regrets the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident today aboard the Gaza-bound ships. We are working to ascertain the facts, and expect that the Israeli government will conduct a full and credible investigation.

The United States remains deeply concerned by the suffering of civilians in Gaza. We will continue to engage the Israelis on a daily basis to expand the scope and type of goods allowed into Gaza to address the full range of the population's humanitarian and recovery needs. We will continue to work closely with the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, along with international NGOs and the UN, to provide adequate access for humanitarian goods, including reconstruction materials, through the border crossings, while bearing in mind the Government of Israel's legitimate security concerns. However, Hamas' interference with international assistance shipments and work of nongovernmental organizations, and its use and endorsement of violence, complicates efforts in Gaza. Mechanisms exist for the transfer of humanitarian assistance to Gaza by governments and groups that wish to do so. These mechanisms should be used for the benefit of all those in Gaza.

Ultimately, this incident underscores the need to move ahead quickly with negotiations that can lead to a comprehensive peace in the region.

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From: Schwartz, Jonathan B
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 6:18 PM
To: Harris, Robert K; Jacobson, Linda; Dolan, JoAnn; Banos, Mariano H
Cc: Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA)
Subject: FW: URGENT / TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT

From: McLeod, Mary (USUN)
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 6:05 PM
To: Schwartz, Jonathan B; Townley, Stephen G; Gorove, Katherine M; Donoghue, Joan E
Subject: Fw: URGENT / TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT

From: Schedlbauer, Amy W
To: Germain, Ellen J (USUN); Masilko, Barbara J (USUN); McLeod, Mary (USUN)
Sent: Mon Jun 14 16:18:20 2010
Subject: FW: URGENT / TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT

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From: Wolff, Alex D (USUN)
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 4:05 PM
To: Delaurentis, Jeffrey A (USUN); Schedlbauer, Amy W
Subject: FW: URGENT / TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT

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From: Jeffrey, James F
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 4:00 PM
To: Rice, Susan E (USUN); Wolff, Alex D (USUN)
Subject: Fw: URGENT / TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT

FYI

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From: Jeffrey, James F
To: 'elizabeth_d_sherwood-randall@nsc.eop.gov' <elizabeth_d_sherwood-randall@nsc.eop.gov>; 'bbrink@nsc.eop.gov' <bbrink@nsc.eop.gov>

Sent: Mon Jun 14 22:56:58 2010
Subject: Fw: URGENT / TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT

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From: Jeffrey, James F
To: Marsh, Denise M; Kaidanow, Tina S; Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J
Cc: Silliman, Douglas A; O'Grady, Daniel J; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Schrank, Alexander D; Taylor, Victoria J
Sent: Mon Jun 14 22:55:22 2010
Subject: Re: URGENT / TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT

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From: Marsh, Denise M
To: Kaidanow, Tina S; Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J
Cc: Jeffrey, James F; Silliman, Douglas A; O'Grady, Daniel J; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Schrank, Alexander D; Taylor, Victoria J
Sent: Mon Jun 14 22:42:36 2010
Subject: FW: URGENT / TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT

See below the MFA reaction we just received to the Israeli announcement today of its "special independent committee," particularly this point: **We expect that the international community above all, the USA that lost a citizen of her own, support this constructive proposal by the UN Secretary General and take action in that direction without delay.**

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 3:27 PM
To: Connelly, Maura; Kumar, Prem G.; Brink, Bridget A.; Goldberger, Thomas H; Hof, Frederic C; Rudman, Mara; Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Marsh, Denise M; Taylor, Victoria J; Schrank, Alexander D
Cc: Süleyman Gökçe; Koray Ertaş
Subject: URGENT / TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT

**TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY
PRESS RELEASE
JUNE 14, 2010
(Unofficial Translation)**

Israel's declaration that it will establish a commission, composed of Israeli citizens and two foreign observers, in order to investigate the Israeli raid against the Freedom Flotilla does not in any way meet Turkey's clear demand or international community's expectations, which were expressed in the Presidential Statement of the United Nations Security Council.

Israel does not have the authority to assign a national commission to investigate a crime perpetrated in international waters. An inquiry to be conducted by such a commission cannot be impartial, fair, transparent and credible.

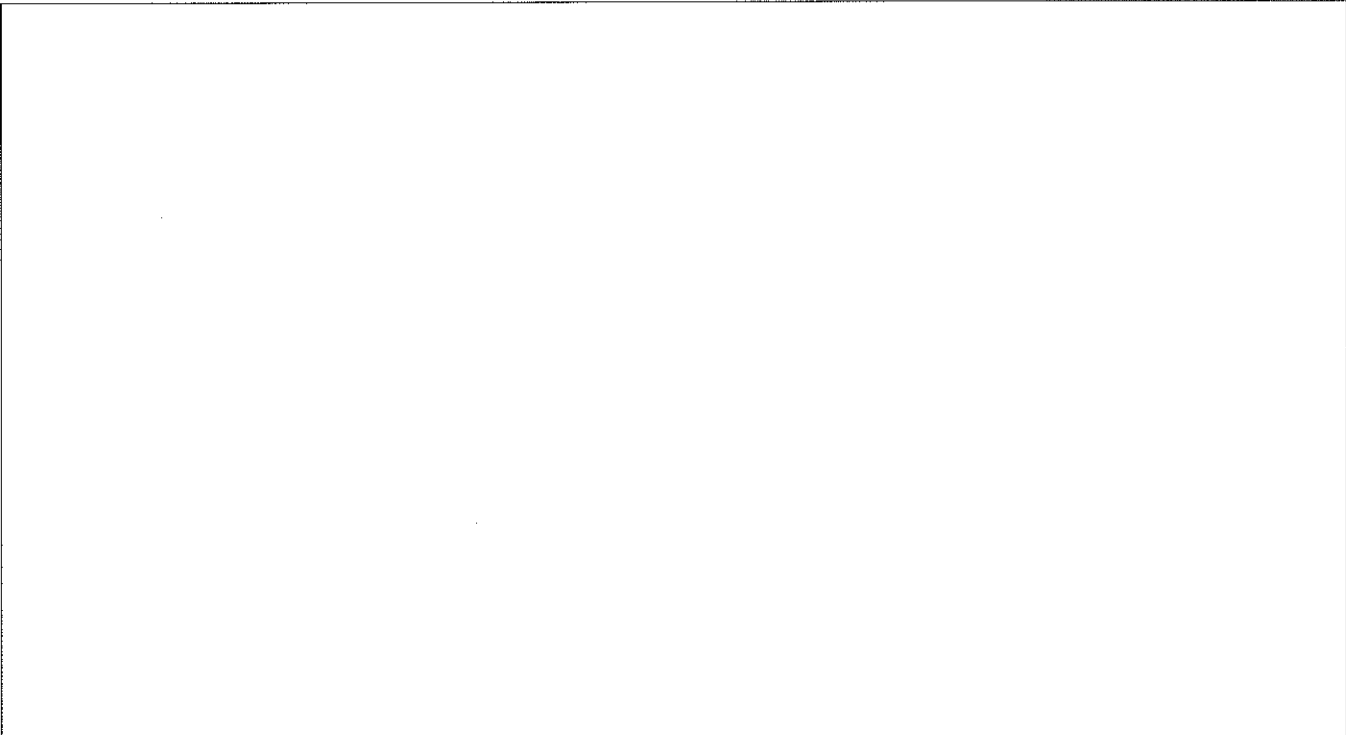
Turkey has indeed already agreed to the proposal by the UN Secretary General to establish an international commission to be composed of one Turkish, one Israeli and three international experts. We strongly condemn Israel's disregard of this proposal to date.

We expect that the international community, above all the USA that lost a citizen of her own, support this constructive proposal by the UN Secretary General and take action in that direction without delay.

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From: Schwartz, Jonathan B
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 8:58 PM
To: Gorove, Katherine M; McLeod, Mary (USUN); Jacobson, Linda; Harris, Robert K; Aswad, Evelyn M
Cc: Townley, Stephen G; Donoghue, Joan E
Subject: Re: Is Quartet investig'n feasible with HRC investig'n?



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Jon

From: Gorove, Katherine M
To: McLeod, Mary (USUN); Jacobson, Linda; Harris, Robert K; Aswad, Evelyn M
Cc: Schwartz, Jonathan B; Townley, Stephen G
Sent: Thu Jun 03 17:12:28 2010
Subject: RE: Is Quartet investig'n feasible with HRC investig'n?



From: McLeod, Mary (USUN)
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:09 PM
To: Jacobson, Linda; Gorove, Katherine M; Harris, Robert K; Aswad, Evelyn M
Cc: Schwartz, Jonathan B; Townley, Stephen G
Subject: RE: Is Quartet investig'n feasible with HRC investig'n?



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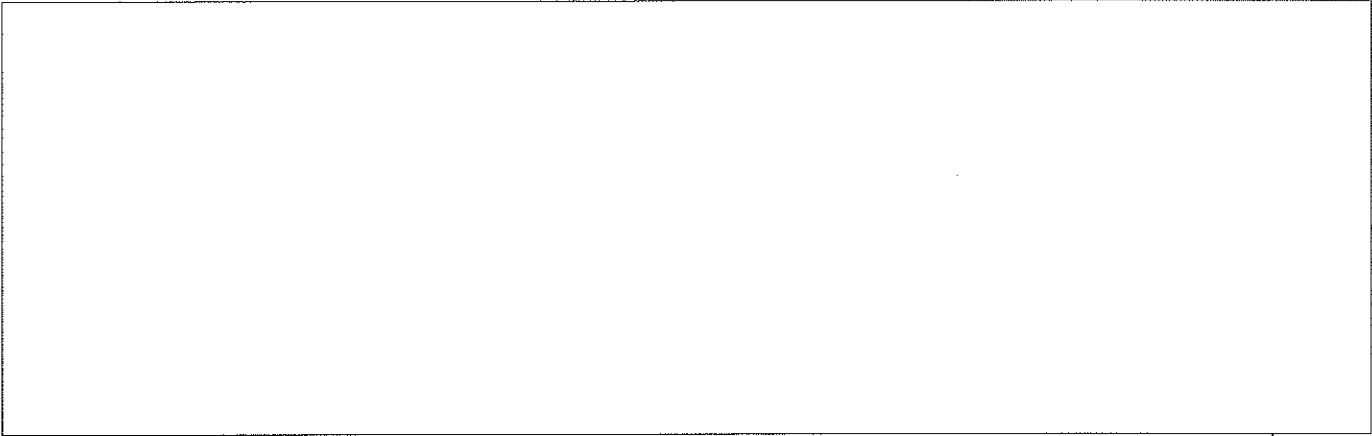
From: Jacobson, Linda
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:03 PM
To: Gorove, Katherine M; Harris, Robert K; Aswad, Evelyn M; McLeod, Mary (USUN)
Cc: Schwartz, Jonathan B; Townley, Stephen G
Subject: RE: Is Quartet investig'n feasible with HRC investig'n?

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From: Gorove, Katherine M
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 4:53 PM
To: Jacobson, Linda; Harris, Robert K; Aswad, Evelyn M; McLeod, Mary (USUN)
Cc: Schwartz, Jonathan B; Townley, Stephen G
Subject: Is Quartet investig'n feasible with HRC investig'n?

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From: Schwartz, Jonathan B
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 3:03 PM **RELEASED IN PART B5**
To: Jacobson, Linda
Cc: Donoghue, Joan E
Subject: Re: Flotilla Inquiry

Thanks. I mentioned to Mara, who may participate by SVTS in the middle of the night.

----- Original Message -----

From: Jacobson, Linda
To: Schwartz, Jonathan B
Cc: Donoghue, Joan E
Sent: Thu Jun 03 14:59:35 2010
Subject: RE: Flotilla Inquiry

We just sent back final comments to NEA on the briefing paper but I will flag these issues for IPA and discuss the UN issue with Kate.

-----Original Message-----

From: Schwartz, Jonathan B
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:57 PM
To: Jacobson, Linda
Cc: Donoghue, Joan E
Subject: Flotilla Inquiry

Linda - you hopefully are reviewing a briefing paper on options that attaches the L survey paper. One issue that I recommend L look into is

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Thanks.

Jon

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From: Schwartz, Jonathan B
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 4:12 PM
To: Dolan, JoAnn; Jacobson, Linda
Subject: Re: Turkey mulls legal action against Israel: report

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From: Dolan, JoAnn
To: Schwartz, Jonathan B; Jacobson, Linda
Sent: Thu Jun 03 16:03:18 2010
Subject: FW: Turkey mulls legal action against Israel: report

If this is ICC question Jonathan is asking about, it was answered by below message

From: Goldberger, Thomas H
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 11:11 AM
To: Dolan, JoAnn; Holmstrom, Todd C
Cc: Jacobson, Linda; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Connelly, Maura; Cunningham, James B; Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan
Subject: RE: Turkey mulls legal action against Israel: report

Very helpful, thanks. Adding Maura and TLV.

I gather that this is from an ICC meeting in Uganda that Harold Koh is also participating in.

From: Dolan, JoAnn
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 11:04 AM
To: Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C
Cc: Jacobson, Linda; Schwartz, Jonathan B
Subject: FW: Turkey mulls legal action against Israel: report

In response to Tom's earlier inquiry . . .

From: Eichensehr, Kristen E
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:44 AM
To: Gorove, Katherine M; Harris, Robert K; Dolan, JoAnn; Townley, Stephen G; Daley, John D; Pomper, Stephen E; Buchwald, Todd F; Aswad, Evelyn M; Perina, Alexandra H; Pomper, Stephen E; Legal-UNA-DL
Subject: RE: Turkey mulls legal action against Israel: report

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Thanks,
Kristen

From: Gorove, Katherine M
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 9:25 AM
To: Harris, Robert K; Dolan, JoAnn; Townley, Stephen G; Daley, John D; Pomper, Stephen E; Buchwald, Todd F; Aswad, Evelyn M; Perina, Alexandra H; Pomper, Stephen E; Legal-UNA-DL; Eichensehr, Kristen E
Subject: RE: Turkey mulls legal action against Israel: report

Me or Kristen (who is in touch with folks in Kampala).

From: Harris, Robert K
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:56 AM
To: Dolan, JoAnn; Townley, Stephen G; Daley, John D; Pomper, Stephen E; Buchwald, Todd F; Aswad, Evelyn M; Perina, Alexandra H; Pomper, Stephen E; Legal-UNA-DL
Subject: RE: Turkey mulls legal action against Israel: report

Kate,

With Todd and John out of the office, can you tell me who would be following ICC-related issues in L/UNA?

Thanks.

Bob

From: Dolan, JoAnn
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:45 AM
To: Townley, Stephen G; Daley, John D; Harris, Robert K; Pomper, Stephen E; Buchwald, Todd F; Aswad, Evelyn M; Perina, Alexandra H; Pomper, Stephen E
Subject: FW: Turkey mulls legal action against Israel: report

May be early but be alert to this ICC angle. See desk inquiry below. Has anyone seen more?

From: Goldberger, Thomas H
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:27 AM
To: Dolan, JoAnn; Jacobson, Linda; Schwartz, Jonathan B
Cc: Holmstrom, Todd C
Subject: FW: Turkey mulls legal action against Israel: report

Has anyone seen anything concrete about ICC action against Israel on this? Thanks. Tom

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From: Sullivan, John L
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 5:11 AM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: FW: Turkey mulls legal action against Israel: report

Turkey mulls legal action against Israel: report

ANKARA, June 2, 2010 (AFP) - Turkey's justice ministry is mulling possible legal action against Israel over its deadly raid on aid ships bound for the Gaza Strip, Anatolia news agency reported Wednesday.

Officials are looking into both domestic and international law to see what action might be undertaken after Monday's operation in international waters that left nine people dead, among them at least four Turks, the report said.

The ministry will also decide whether to file a complaint with Turkish prosecutors, it said.

Calling the raid a "bloody massacre," Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan Tuesday urged an international inquiry into the raid, insisting that Israel's "lawlessness" must be punished.

"It is no longer possible to cover up or ignore Israel's lawlessness. It is time for the international community to say 'enough is enough'," he said.

Most of the bloodshed occurred on a Turkish-flagged ship, the Mavi Marmara, carrying hundreds of pro-Palestinian activists from about 30 countries, mostly Turkish nationals mobilised by an Islamist charity.

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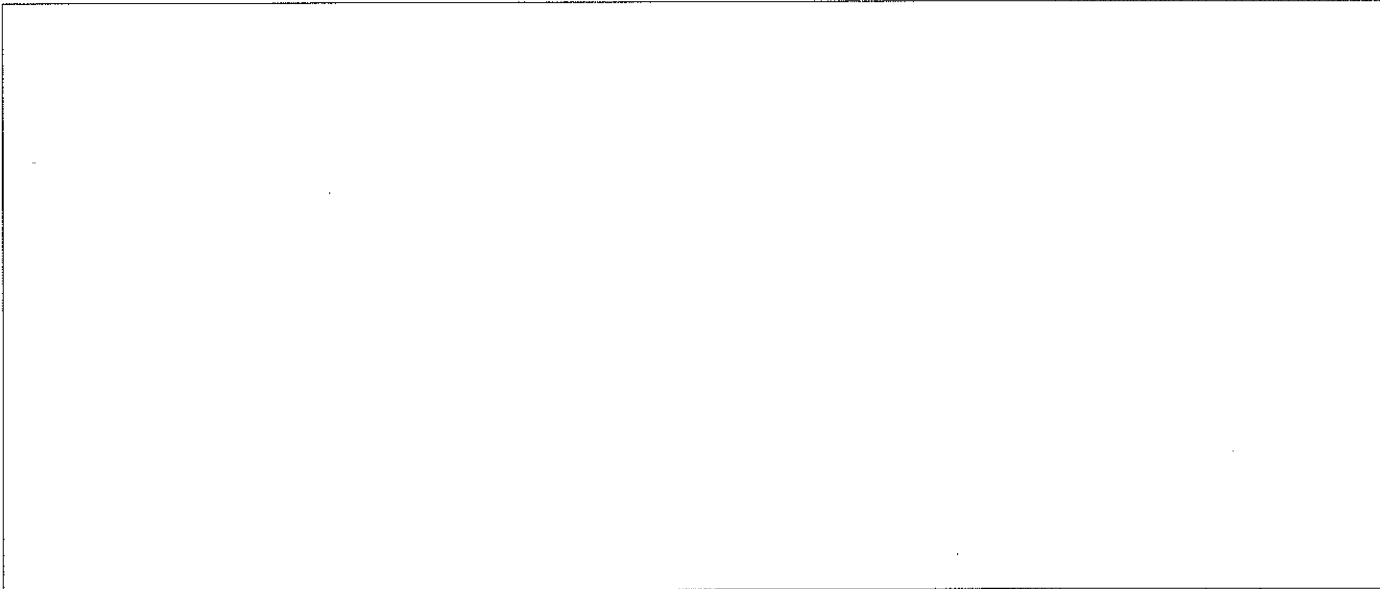
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From: Schwartz, Jonathan B
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:22 AM
To: Jacobson, Linda
Subject: Re: Israel Investigation Options Paper

Thanks Linda. Israeli press is reporting that Dennis Ross and Dan Shapiro proposed to Netanyahu that there be an American observer to the IDF investigation, but I cannot confirm.

I can't go through your paper right now, but if relevant here are a couple general observations:



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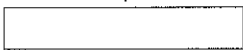
Jon

From: Jacobson, Linda
To: Schwartz, Jonathan B
Sent: Thu Jun 03 05:32:50 2010
Subject: Fw: Israel Investigation Options Paper

Jon, apologies, I am just seeing Steve's email that he did not send this to you for review.

From: Townley, Stephen G
To: Jacobson, Linda
Sent: Wed Jun 02 21:36:19 2010
Subject: FW: Israel Investigation Options Paper

A further question – should we try to send to Jon to see if he has thoughts from afar [redacted]



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From: Townley, Stephen G
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 9:23 PM
To: Cleveland, Sarah H; Eichensehr, Kristen E; Donoghue, Joan E; Koh, Harold Hongju
Cc: Thessin, James H
Subject: RE: Israel Investigation Options Paper

Apologies, attached is a small revision reflecting some further input from Jake. Please use this version. Thanks, Stephen

From: Townley, Stephen G
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 9:05 PM
To: Cleveland, Sarah H; Eichensehr, Kristen E; Donoghue, Joan E; Koh, Harold Hongju
Subject: Israel Investigation Options Paper

Joan (and Harold, if you have time and internetability),

Attached for your review is a paper that Linda has worked up (drawing on work done after Goldstone) on ways to

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Thanks, Stephen

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From: Schwartz, Jonathan B
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 9:41 AM
To: Hale, David M; Rubinstein, Daniel H; 'dshapiro@nsc.eop.gov'; Cunningham, James B; Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA); Sievers, Marc J; Waters, John R
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; Jacobson, Linda
Subject: Fw: US flagged vessels

L's info, per Coast Guard, is that one of the second wave vessels is US registered/flagged.

From: Baumert, Kevin A
To: Thessin, James H
Cc: Townley, Stephen G; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Harris, Robert K; Sullivan, David J; Pomper, Stephen E; Guarin, Marc F
Sent: Wed Jun 02 09:34:35 2010
Subject: RE: US flagged vessels

Update -- USCG confirms that its database shows that the vessel is validly registered in Delaware. We can now be comfortable in concluding that the vessel is properly characterized as U.S. flagged. [redacted]

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From: Baumert, Kevin A
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 12:08 AM
To: Thessin, James H
Cc: Townley, Stephen G; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Harris, Robert K; Sullivan, David J; Pomper, Stephen E; Guarin, Marc F
Subject: US flagged vessels

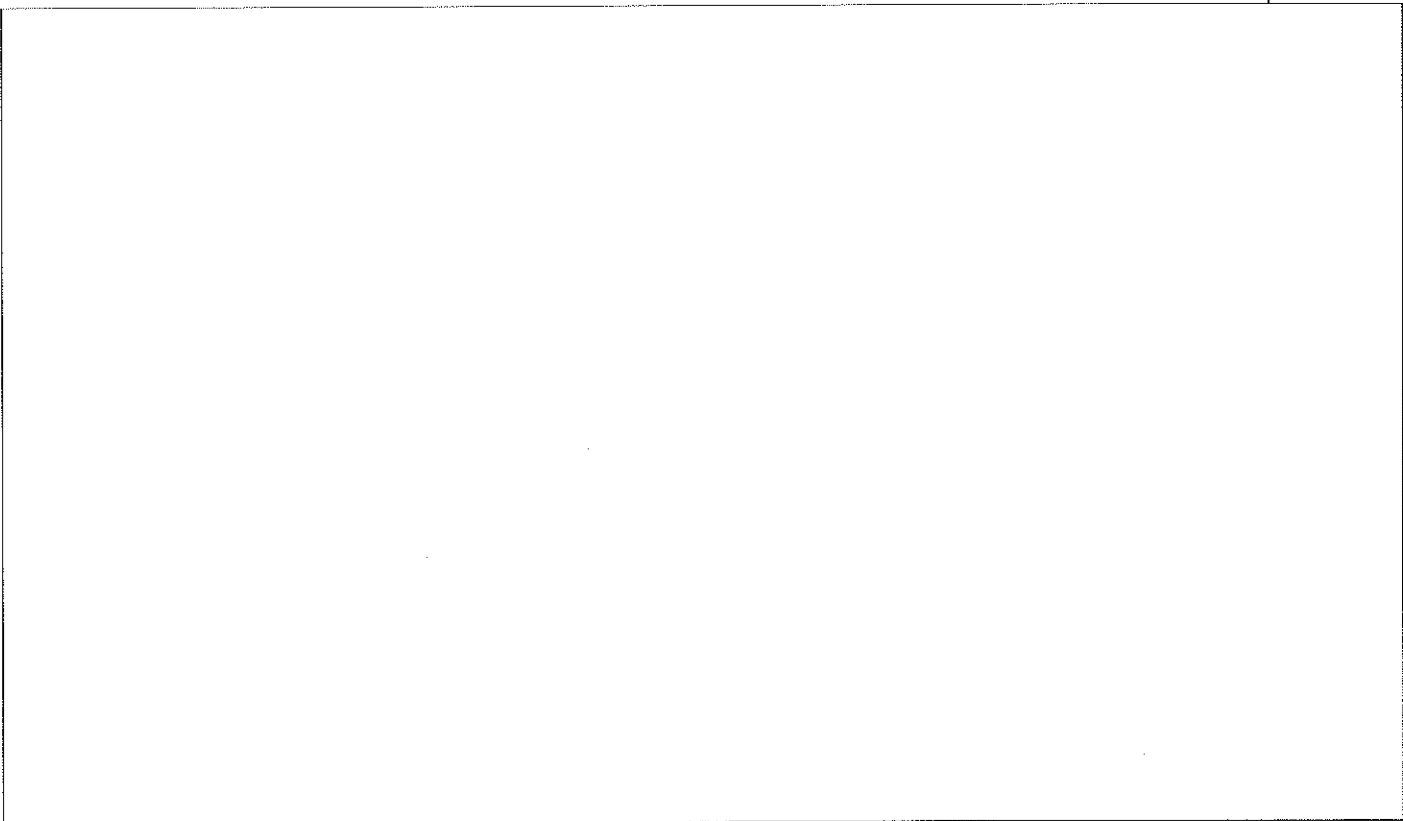
Jim -- in case this comes up tomorrow, here is the situation as I understand it regarding the apparently US flagged vessels.

In terms of the facts --

- There are two vessels -- Challenger I and Challenger II -- that have been involved in this incident and are believed to be U.S. flagged vessels. Challenger I is believed to have been part of the flotilla that was intercepted on Monday by the IDF, although there were no violent confrontations with this vessel. Challenger II is believed to have had mechanical difficulties and may be intended to breach the blockade in the coming days (estimates range from Wed to Saturday).
- We are not certain that the vessels are properly registered in the United States. Greek port authority documentation showed both vessels as having Delaware registration numbers. Coast Guard is still checking whether those registrations are still valid; we should know tomorrow. IDF reported at various times that these vessels were actually flying Greek and St. Vincent flags (after earlier suggesting we take action because they were U.S. flagged). This also raises some doubt as to their nationality.
- It appears there are 12-20 persons on each vessel; Challenger II does not appear to include any AMCITs (again, based on Greek port docs). Cargo - humanitarian or otherwise -- is not known. The two vessels are pleasure craft (yachts) that apparently do not tend to make international voyages. They are not equipped with identification/tracking gear, which makes locating them more difficult.
- Efforts were underway on Friday-Saturday to notify the vessel/owners and pass them a warning regarding potential consequences of unlawful activity. Unclear whether the vessels or owners have been reached yet (and efforts to reach Challenger II may have been aborted because it dropped out of the original flotilla). We are seeking an update on the facts.

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Thanks,
Kevin

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To: Dolan, JoAnn
Cc: Jacobson, Linda
Subject: FW: HRC Gaza resolution - status of negotiations

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From: Shapiro, Daniel B. [mailto:Daniel_B._Shapiro@nss.eop.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 9:43 AM
To: Cassayre, Mark J; Powell, Catherine; Ostermeier, Amy A; Bass, Warren; Nossel, Suzanne F; jpcassidy [redacted]; Ashraf, Madeeha S; Cue, Lourdes C; Aguilera, Patricia; Littlejohn, J.R.; Wecker, John A; Aswad, Evelyn M; Giaouque, Jeffrey G; Knopf, Payton L; Legal-HRR-DL; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Simon, Jennifer J; Busby, Scott W.; Perina, Alexandra H; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Pomper, Stephen E; Donahoe, Eileen C; Khanna, Melanie J; Griffiths, Douglas M; Kumar, Prem G.; Wolff, Alex D (USUN); Germain, Ellen J (USUN); Schedlbauer, Amy W
Cc: Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Posner, Michael H; Geneva HRC; Cassidy, Joseph P; DRL-MLGA-DL; Anderson, Gerald C; Feltman, Jeffrey D; IO-HR-DL; Martin, Julie B
Subject: RE: HRC Gaza resolution - status of negotiations

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From: Cassayre, Mark J [mailto:CassayreMJ@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 9:33 AM
To: Shapiro, Daniel B.; Powell, Catherine; Ostermeier, Amy A; Bass, Warren; Nossel, Suzanne F; jpcassidy [redacted]; Ashraf, Madeeha S; Cue, Lourdes C; Aguilera, Patricia; Littlejohn, J.R.; Wecker, John A; Aswad, Evelyn M; Giaouque, Jeffrey G; Knopf, Payton L; Legal-HRR-DL; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Simon, Jennifer J; Busby, Scott W.; Perina, Alexandra H; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Pomper, Stephen E; Donahoe, Eileen C; Khanna, Melanie J; Griffiths, Douglas M; Kumar, Prem G.; Wolff, Alex D (USUN); Germain, Ellen J (USUN); Schedlbauer, Amy W
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From: Shapiro, Daniel B. [mailto:Daniel_B._Shapiro@nss.eop.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 2:58 PM

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Subject: RE: Instruction and EOV for HRC vote - clearance by 10 AM EST

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From: Powell, Catherine [mailto:PowellC@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 8:56 AM

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Looping in Bill Burke-White and Dafna Rand for S/P.

From: Ostermeier, Amy A

To: Bass, Warren; Nossel, Suzanne F; 'jpcassidy [redacted] <jpcassidy [redacted]>'; Ashraf, Madeeha S; Cue, Lourdes C; Aguilera, Patricia; Littlejohn, J.R.; Wecker, John A; Powell, Catherine; Aswad, Evelyn M; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Knopf, Payton L; Legal-HRR-DL; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Simon, Jennifer J; 'scott_w._busby@nss.eop.gov' <scott_w._busby@nss.eop.gov>; Perina, Alexandra H; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Pomper, Stephen E; Donahoe, Eileen C; Cassayre, Mark J; Khanna, Melanie J; Griffiths, Douglas M; 'dshapiro@nsc.eop.gov' <dshapiro@nsc.eop.gov>; 'Prem_G._Kumar@nsc.eop.gov' <Prem_G._Kumar@nsc.eop.gov>; Wolff, Alex D (USUN); Germain, Ellen J (USUN); Schedlbauer, Amy W
Cc: Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Posner, Michael H; Geneva HRC; Cassidy, Joseph P; DRL-MLGA-DL; Anderson, Gerald C; Feltman, Jeffrey D; IO-HR-DL
Sent: Tue Jun 01 08:49:16 2010
Subject: Instruction and EOV for HRC vote - clearance by 10 AM EST

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Many thanks,

Amy

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ostermeieraa@state.gov

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Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 7:38 AM
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Subject: Re: Instruction and EOV for HRC vote tomorrow - clearance by 10 AM EST

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Adding USUN/NY and NSC/NENA. We should think about [redacted]

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From: Nossel, Suzanne F
To: 'jpcassidy[redacted]' <jpcassidy[redacted]>; Ashraf, Madeeha S; Cue, Lourdes C; Aguilera, Patricia; Littlejohn, J.R.; Wecker, John A; Powell, Catherine; Ostermeier, Amy A; Aswad, Evelyn M; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Knopf, Payton L; Legal-HRR-DL; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Simon, Jennifer J; Bass, Warren; 'scott_w._busby@nss.eop.gov' <scott_w._busby@nss.eop.gov>; Perina, Alexandra H; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Pomper, Stephen E; Donahoe, Eileen C; Cassayre, Mark J; Khanna, Melanie J; Griffiths, Douglas M
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Sent: Mon May 31 23:32:34 2010
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Many thanks,
Suzanne

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The Grave Attacks by Israeli Forces Against the Humanitarian Boat Convoy

Guided by the purposes and the principles of the United Nations Charter, as well as by the provisions of the Universal Declaration for Human Rights,

Taking into consideration the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention for the protection of civilian persons in times of war of 12 August 1949,

Emphasizing the importance of the safety and well-being of all civilians including humanitarian personnel,

Expressing grave concern also at the deepening humanitarian crisis in Occupied Gaza,

Emphasizing the need to ensure sustained and regular flow of goods and people into Occupied Gaza and welcoming the initiatives aimed at creating and opening humanitarian corridors and other mechanisms for the sustained delivery of humanitarian aid;

1. Condemns in the strongest terms possible the outrageous attack by the Israeli forces against the humanitarian flotilla of ships which resulted in the killing and injuring of many innocent civilians from different countries;
2. Deeply deplores the loss of life of innocent civilians and expresses its deepest sympathy and condolences to the victims and their families;
3. Requests the ICRC to seek and provide information on the whereabouts status and condition of the detained and injured persons
4. Demands the Occupying Power Israel to immediately release all detained men and material and facilitate their safe return to their homelands.
5. Calls upon the Occupying power Israel to ensure the unimpeded provision of humanitarian assistance, including of food, fuel and medical treatment to the occupied Gaza strip;
6. Welcomes the statements of the Secretary General UN and the High Commissioner for Human Rights condemning the Israeli attacks and calls for the full accountability and credible independent inquiries into these attacks.
7. Decides to dispatch an independent international fact finding mission to investigate violations of international law resulting from the Israeli attacks on the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian assistance.
8. Decides to remain seized of this matter.

From: Joseph Cassidy <jpcassidy[redacted]>
To: Ashraf, Madeeha S; Cue, Lourdes C; Aguilera, Patricia; Littlejohn, J.R.; Wecker, John A; Powell, Catherine; Ostermeier, Amy A; Aswad, Evelyn M; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Knopf, Payton L; Legal-HRR-DL; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Simon, Jennifer J; Bass, Warren; scott_w_busby@nss.eop.gov <scott_w_busby@nss.eop.gov>; Perina, Alexandra H; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Pomper, Stephen E
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Sent: Mon May 31 16:37:03 2010
Subject: URGENT -- Clearance needed Monday afternoon

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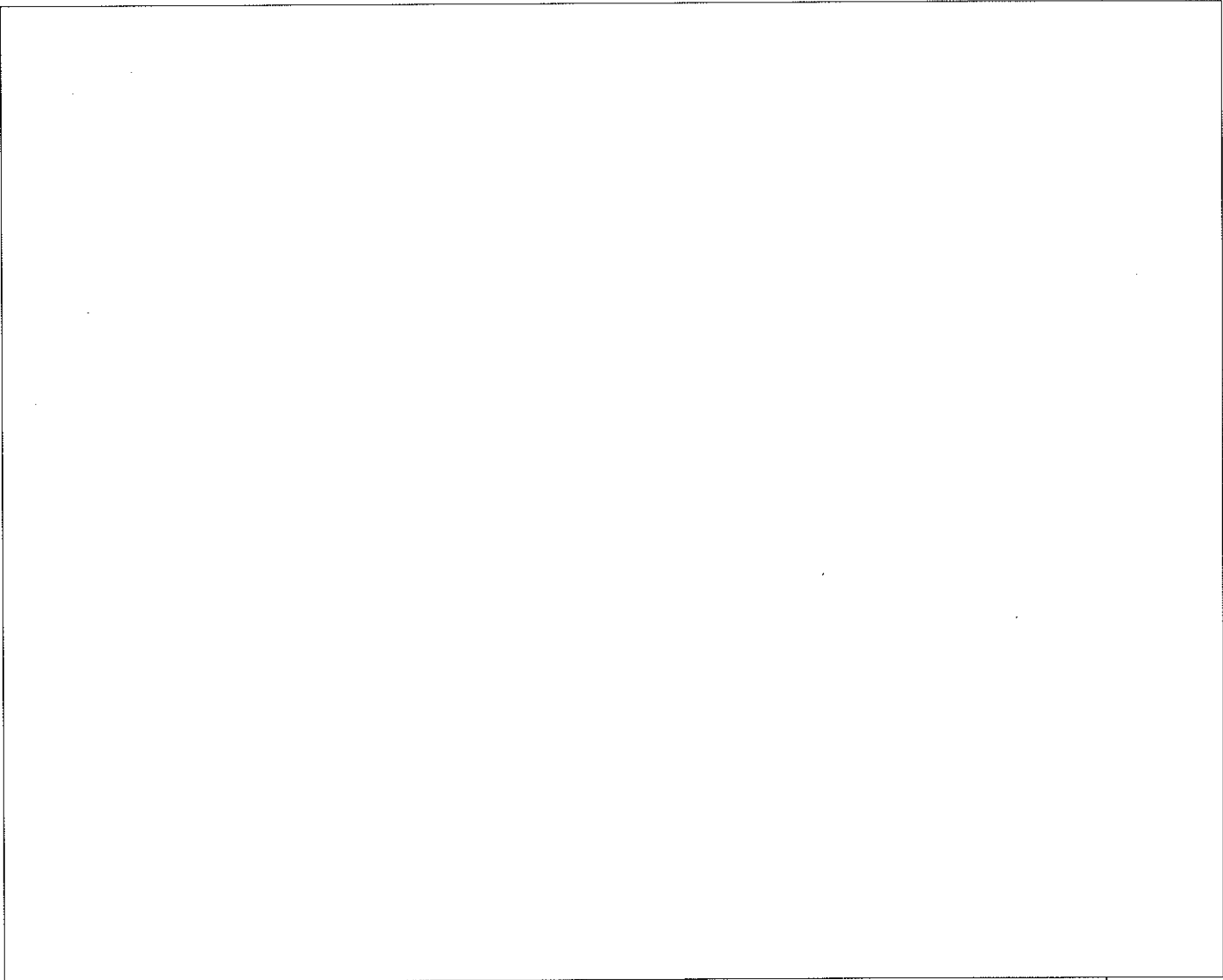
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Thanks, Joe

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**Statement by Ambassador Eileen Donohoe on the Flotilla Incident
for the Human Rights Council special session, June 1, 2010**

Thank you, Mr. President.



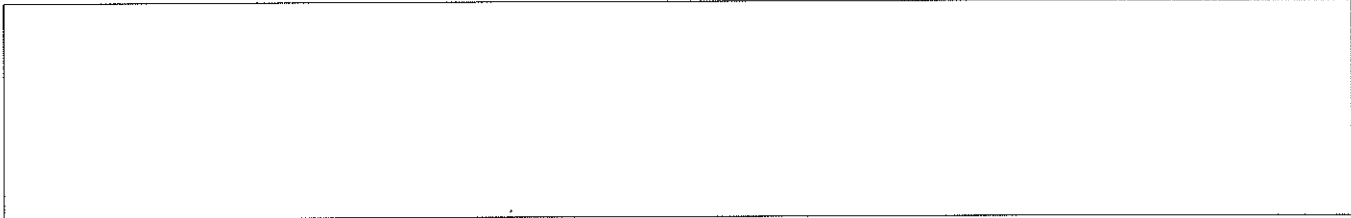
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Law, Rosemary C

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From: Sayles, Ambrose G
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Subject:
Importance: High

Hi Everyone –

Please clear the attached press guidance on the raid on the Free Gaza flotilla. Please note that your clearance is appreciated ASAP. We will need to move this guidance to PA soonest so that it can be used by all that need it.

Thank you,
Ambrose

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Schwartz, Jonathan B
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2010 10:13 PM
To: Jacobson, Linda; Pomper, Stephen E; Walles, Jacob
Subject: Fw: flotilla guidance
Attachments: flotilla guidance.docx

Fyi

From: Koh, Harold Hongju
To: Steinberg, James B; Cook, Akunna E
Cc: Gorove, Katherine M; Buchwald, Todd F; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Daley, John D
Sent: Fri Oct 15 19:40:20 2010
Subject: flotilla guidance

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Jim:

Have a nice weekend
Harold

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Schwartz, Jonathan B
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 11:15 AM
To: Gorove, Katherine M
Cc: Jacobson, Linda; Dolan, JoAnn
Subject: EN_AL_Res_Israeli Attack on Flotilla 02 June 2010.docx
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From: Schwartz, Jonathan B
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 7:46 AM
To: Jacobson, Linda; Pomper, Stephen E
Subject: Fw: judgment 4196-10.doc
Attachments: judgment 4196-10.doc

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Please circulate as appropriate. Thanks.

From: [REDACTED]
To: Koh, Harold Hongju; Schwartz, Jonathan B
Sent: Mon Jun 07 07:13:11 2010
Subject: judgment 4196-10.doc

FYI, I attach the decision of our HCJ on a number of petitions filed in relation to the Gaza flotilla.

Best wishes,

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Sievers, Marc J
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:28 AM
To: Dolan, JoAnn; Goldberger, Thomas H
Cc: Jacobson, Linda; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Pomper, Stephen E
Subject: RE: Situation Report No.5 - Gaza Flotilla (SBU)

It appears that this issue has been resolved and they're sending all of them home today. We should have more details soon, I hope.

From: Dolan, JoAnn
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:22 PM
To: Goldberger, Thomas H; Sievers, Marc J
Cc: Jacobson, Linda; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Pomper, Stephen E
Subject: FW: Situation Report No.5 - Gaza Flotilla (SBU)

Tom/Marc: Would either of you have any greater detail on sit rep entry this morning to the effect:

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From: Pomper, Stephen E
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 7:47 AM
To: Dolan, JoAnn; Jacobson, Linda
Subject: Fw: Situation Report No.5 - Gaza Flotilla (SBU)

Hi--any thoughts about how to get this (cd you check with Tom G if he is the right guy)? Tx!

From: Donoghue, Joan E
To: Pomper, Stephen E; Perina, Alexandra H; Jacobson, Linda; Dolan, JoAnn; Townley, Stephen G
Cc: Schwartz, Jonathan B
Sent: Wed Jun 02 07:09:49 2010
Subject: Fw: Situation Report No.5 - Gaza Flotilla (SBU)

It would be useful to see more detail about the item referring to prosecutions and "combatants." [Redacted]

From: OpsAlert
Sent: Wed Jun 02 06:12:05 2010
Subject: Situation Report No.5 - Gaza Flotilla (SBU)

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SITUATION REPORT No. 5

Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group MGGZ01

Wednesday, June 2, 2010
0600 EDT

STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

(SBU) Eleven AmCit detainees plan to, or have already signed, voluntary deportation forms provided by the Israeli Ministry of Interior. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)*

STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

- (U) Israel's inner security cabinet voted to deport remaining prisoners within 48 hours. A government statement issued late June 1 stated that "the detainees would be expelled immediately according to the procedures set by law," said a government statement issued late June 1. *(AFP)*
- (U) Turkey sent three planes to Israel to repatriate approximately 350 detained activists. *(AFP)*

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RETURN OF ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC FAMILY MEMBERS FROM TURKEY

(U) Approximately 50 people related to Israeli consulate and embassy staff in Turkey are returning to Israel, a senior official told Israeli public radio. *(AFP)*

INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

- (SBU) Moscow condemned Israel's action against the MAVI MARMARA, asserting that the "Use of weapons against civilians and detaining ships in the open sea without any legal reason constitutes obvious and gross violations of generally accepted international standards." Embassy Moscow notes Russia likely will use this incident to push for Israel to lift the Gaza blockade. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Moscow e-mail)*
- (SBU) NATO SYG Rasmussen released a statement June 1 expressing "deep regret over the loss of lives and the other casualties resulting from the use of force" and urging the UN and the EU to conduct "a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation into the incident." He also called for "the immediate release of the detained civilians and ships held by Israel." *(MGGZ01/USNATO e-mail)*
- (U) India condemned Israel for "indiscriminate use of force" and asserted that "lasting peace and security in the region can be achieved only through peaceful dialogue." *(Xinhua)*
- (U) Lebanese President Sleiman discussed the incident with Turkish President Gul and reportedly agreed to coordinate efforts to "counter Israel's actions." *(nowlebanon.com)*
- (U) The Irish government called on Israel to allow an Irish-registered aid ship, the RACHEL CORRIE, to continue its voyage to Gaza. Late June 1, PM Cowen warned of "serious consequences" if any detained Irish citizens were harmed, and called for their immediate and unconditional release. *(bbc.co.uk)*
- (U) The Malaysian Cabinet tabled a parliamentary motion strongly condemning Israel's raid. FM Aman departed for Jordan to seek the release of the 12 Malaysians. *(Xinhua)*
- (SBU) Nicaragua suspended diplomatic ties with Israel June 1 to protest Israel's raid on the MAVI MARMARA, President Ortega's office said. Embassy Managua notes that Nicaragua has no diplomatic presence in Israel but has an embassy in Cairo. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Managua e-mail, elpueblopresidente.com)*

- (U) Iranian FM Mottaki expressed solidarity with the “martyrs” killed during the raid and added that the incident “opened some possibility” to put pressure on Israel to lift the blockade of the Gaza Strip and thereby allow the passage of medicine and humanitarian assistance. *(AFP)*
- (U) French FM Kouchner said that the raid was “a very grave mistake” and “extremely damaging to the image of Israel itself.” Kouchner advocated for an international investigation and said “there should not be impunity.” *(AP)*

For more information on the Gaza Flotilla, please see the Ops Portal at the following link:

http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza_Flotilla_2010

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Approved: DLBanks

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Silverman, Robert J
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2010 2:52 AM
To: Jacobson, Linda
Subject: Re: Clearance Request: IO Press Guidance on Turkish Complaint to ICC on Gaza Flotilla

Thanks Linda - see you on your next trip

From: Jacobson, Linda
To: Silverman, Robert J
Sent: Sun Oct 17 02:27:23 2010
Subject: Re: Clearance Request: IO Press Guidance on Turkish Complaint to ICC on Gaza Flotilla

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From: Silverman, Robert J
To: Jacobson, Linda
Sent: Sat Oct 16 16:51:31 2010
Subject: FW: Clearance Request: IO Press Guidance on Turkish Complaint to ICC on Gaza Flotilla

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Bob

From: Sutphin, Paul R
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2010 4:18 PM
To: Sayles, Ambrose G; Jacoby, Julia I; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA); Rudman, Mara
Cc: Goldberger, Thomas H; Silverman, Robert J; Doutrich, Jack T; Baily, Jess L; Silliman, Douglas A; Walles, Jacob
Subject: RE: Clearance Request: IO Press Guidance on Turkish Complaint to ICC on Gaza Flotilla

Clear.

Tom/Jess/Doug et all – heads up.

Paul Sutphin

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Subject: FW: Clearance Request: IO Press Guidance on Turkish Complaint to ICC on Gaza Flotilla
Importance: High

IPA and SEMEP Colleagues –

Please see the attached press guidance. [Redacted]
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[Redacted] Your clearance is greatly appreciated.

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Thank you,
Ambrose

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Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2010 11:41 AM
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Subject: Clearance Request: IO Press Guidance on Turkish Complaint to ICC on Gaza Flotilla
Importance: High

Colleagues:

PJ has requested press guidance on the below story for today's briefing [Redacted]
[Redacted] Please clear ASAP. Thanks in advance.

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Kurtis

Turks accuse Israel of war crimes at int'l court

AP Associated Press

By ARTHUR MAX, Associated Press Writer Arthur Max, Associated Press Writer

AMSTERDAM – Turkish lawyers representing pro-Palestinian activists filed a complaint Thursday with the International Criminal Court accusing Israel of committing war crimes in May when its troops raided a boat trying to break Israel's blockade of Gaza.

It was unclear whether the prosecutor would agree to pursue the case or whether the court has jurisdiction. But the filing reignited an issue that has severely strained Israel's relations with Turkey, previously its strongest ally in the Muslim world, and keeps Israel on the defensive over its much-criticized Gaza blockade.

A delegation representing some 300 activists and a Turkish nongovernment organization submitted the complaint to the prosecutor's office in The Hague seeking an investigation into the May 31 raid.

Nine Turkish citizens, including 19-year-old Furkan Dogan who had dual U.S.-Turkish nationality, were killed during the melee after Israeli troops rappelled from helicopters onto the deck of the ship Mavi Marmara before dawn.

"I have confidence the international court and the prosecutor will take this case," said Ahmet Dogan, Furkan's father.

Israel has said its troops fired live ammunition only after they were attacked by activists with clubs and metal bars and they felt their lives were in danger.

Attorney Ugur Sevgili said the victims want Israel investigated for torture, inhuman treatment, the taking of hostages and other violations of the Geneva war crimes convention.

"We demanded from the prosecutor to initiate an investigation and prosecute the perpetrators of this crime," Sevgili said. "We didn't mention any Israeli soldiers or any Israeli politicians. We just told them that we believe war crimes and crimes against humanity were committed."

The court, which began work in 2002 as the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal, receives hundreds of complaints every year, but so far has filed indictments against 17 war crimes suspects — all of them involved in African conflicts.

Dogan, speaking outside the court's headquarters, said he thought politics might get in the way of justice.

"I believe that people who killed my son will be prosecuted. However, this case also has international and political dimensions," he said.

A U.N.-appointed panel of human rights experts, chaired by a former judge of the international court, found last month that Israel violated human rights law during its interception of the flotilla carrying humanitarian supplies to Gaza, which has been under an Israeli blockade for three years.

Israel rejected the panel's findings, which it said were biased and one-sided, and said the U.N. Human Rights Council that appointed the panel is heavily weighted in the Palestinians' favor.

The court normally intercedes only if the country involved is among the 114 nations that have endorsed the court's founding treaty. Israeli is not a signatory, but the ship was flying the flag of the Comoros Island, which is a member of the court.

Sevgili said he expected the Comoros to support the victims' application to the court or file its own complaint.

The prosecutor also may initiate an investigation even if the accused country does not belong to the court — but only if he determines that the country is unable to launch its own credible investigation of human rights abuses.

Among the complaints submitted and presumably pending in the prosecutor's office is an application by the Palestinian Authority 18 months ago asking for a war crimes investigation into Israel's brief yet deadly 2008 war in Gaza.

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Excellent, thanks. I will look them over right now.

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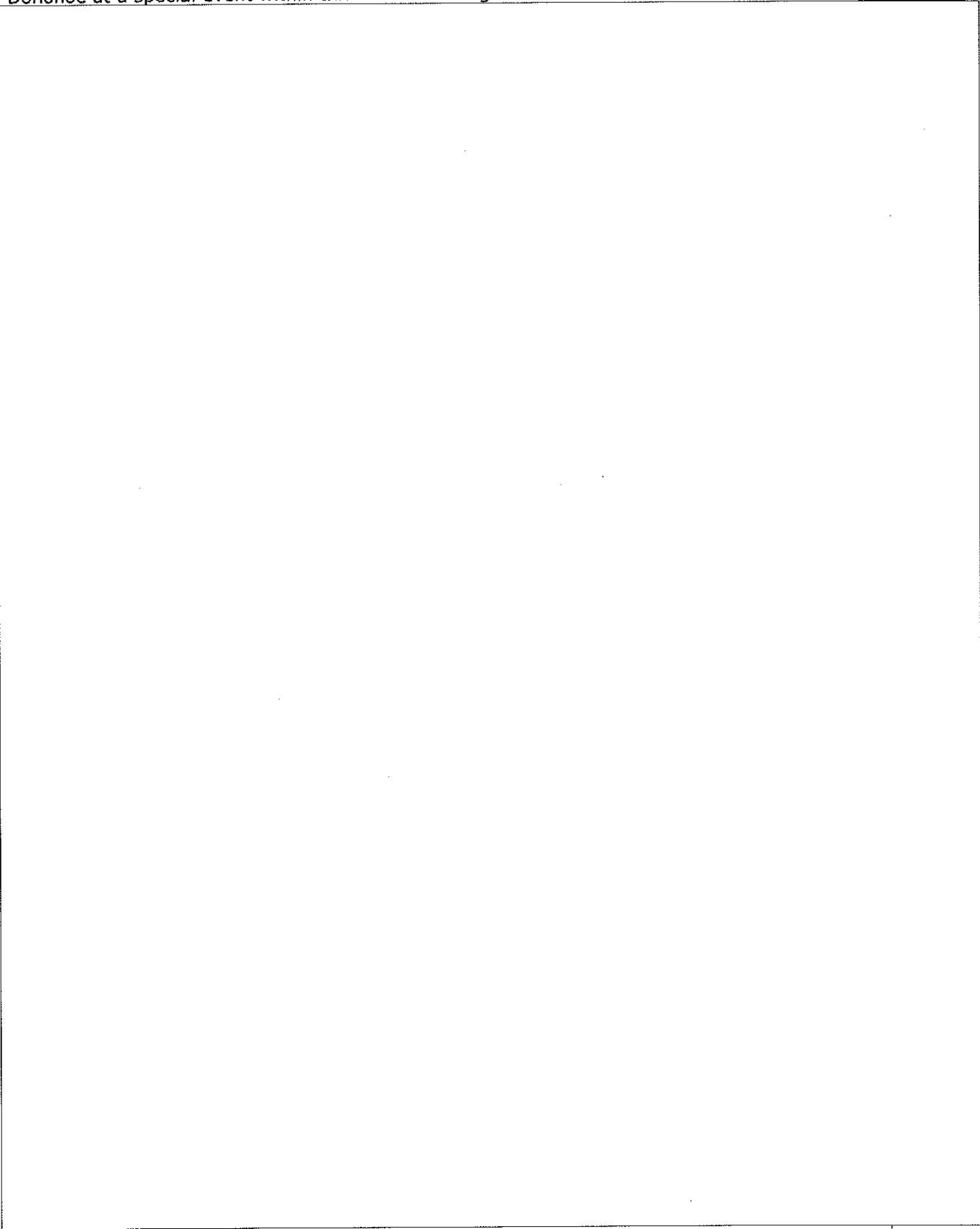
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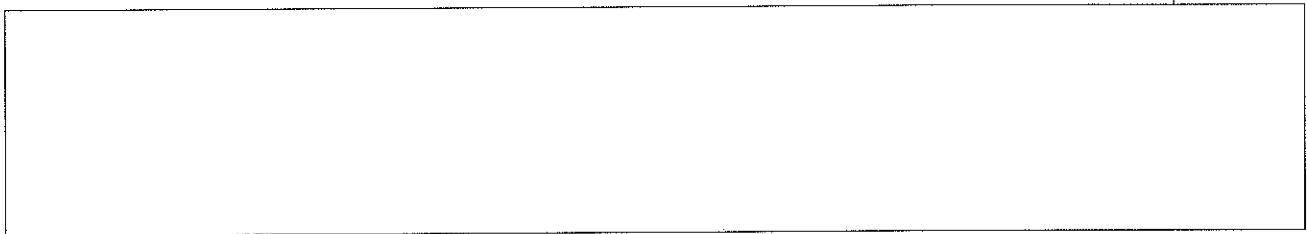
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Cc: Jacobson, Linda; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Townley, Stephen G
Subject: RE: For Clearance: Israel-Turkel Commission report

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
SensitivityCode: Sensitive

Colleagues,

My colleagues in the Political Section responded to Rebecca's suggested revision and the explanation as follows:



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Best regards,

Mark

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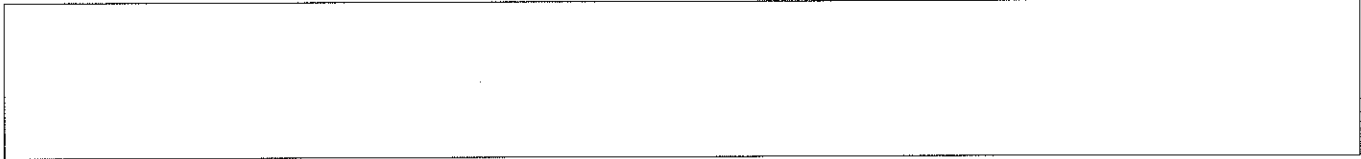
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Cc: Jacobson, Linda; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Townley, Stephen G
Subject: RE: For Clearance: Israel-Turkel Commission report



I just spoke with JoAnn and unless there are concerns with this, I will send back to NEA in the next 10 min.

Thanks!

From: Dolan, JoAnn
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2011 1:45 PM
To: McLeod, Mary; Ingber, Rebecca M; Banos, Mariano H; Perina, Alexandra H; Pomper, Stephen E; Simonoff, Mark A (USUN); Buchwald, Todd F; Baumert, Kevin A; Aswad, Evelyn M; Gorove, Katherine M
Cc: Jacobson, Linda; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Townley, Stephen G
Subject: RE: For Clearance: Israel-Turkel Commission report



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From: Dolan, JoAnn
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Cc: McLeod, Mary; Jacobson, Linda; Schwartz, Jonathan B
Subject: FW: For Clearance: Israel-Turkel Commission report

In case others have not seen as yet.

From: Ventrell, Patrick H (USUN)
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2011 1:03 PM
To: Vasquez, Edgar J; Schrepel, Dawn M; P-NEA Duty; Rand, Dafna H; Jacobson, Linda; Dolan, JoAnn; Kornblau, Mark (USUN); Bass, Warren; Cooper, Kurtis A; Lapenn, Jessica; Owen, Evan; PRM-Press-DL; EUR-Press; Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA); Hale, David M
Cc: Doutrich, Jack T
Subject: RE: For Clearance: Israel-Turkel Commission report

Attached are the suggested edits from USUN.

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From: Vasquez, Edgar J
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2011 12:15 PM
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Cc: Doutrich, Jack T
Subject: For Clearance: Israel-Turkel Commission report
Importance: High

Please clear on the attached press guidance.

Thanks,
Eddie

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Daniels, Cherrie S
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 11:26 AM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Cc: Selinger, Thomas B; Meltzer, Alan D
Subject: Norway Dep FM comments on Israel/Gaza flotilla +UNSC Pres Stmt

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(U) I accompanied CODEL OBEY to see Norwegian MFA State Secretary Gry Larsen (Deputy FM equivalent) today, June 1. They had a comprehensive discussion on many global issues and topics; a write-up will come separately when cleared by the codel.

(C) Ms. Larsen briefed the CODEL group and A/DCM on Norway's engagement internationally w/regard to the flotilla incident. Norwegian PM Stoltenberg had on May 31 issued a statement condemning military attacks on civilians, and Norway was originally in favor of an international investigation into what happened. Norway on June 1 issued a new press release from the MFA noting that Norway is pleased with the UNSC Presidential Statement. (see text on unclass system from me.) Norway supports the UNSC Presidential statement's call for an investigation, she said, even though it doesn't specify whether such investigation will be international or other. Norway was pleased especially with elements she characterized as "condemning what happened," calling for a lifting of the blockade on Gaza, and calling for releasing of civilian prisoners.

(C) Ms Larsen noted that three Norwegian citizens were on board the ship that was boarded and on which the violent incidents took place. The three, like many others on the ship, were taken to Ashdod and offered by Israel a choice of whether to be deported or be detained. All chose to be detained, she said. Norway is seeking to assist them and get them out as soon as possible, and is in direct touch with Israeli authorities.

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From: Steinfeld, Andrew W
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 1:37 PM
To: Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; Knopf, Payton L; Sachar, Alon; Sanderson, Janet A; Connelly, Maura; Hale, David M; Jacoby, Julia I; Rudman, Mara
Subject: FW: GOK/PARLIAMENT REACT STRONGLY TO "FREEDOM FLOTILLA" INCIDENT, PROMINENT KUWAITI MP AMONG THE DETAINED

From: Sullivan, Cassie C
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 1:22 PM
To: Steinfeld, Andrew W; Specht, Linda
Subject: GOK/PARLIAMENT REACT STRONGLY TO "FREEDOM FLOTILLA" INCIDENT, PROMINENT KUWAITI MP AMONG THE DETAINED



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- 16 Kuwaitis on board the Gaza Flotilla – including an MP (an Islamist activist who has been a critic of the GOK), a dual American-Kuwaiti national, journalists, and human rights activists.

Kuwaiti MP Response:

- The **Kuwait Cabinet held a May 31 emergency session** to discuss concerns related to the 16 Kuwaiti "Freedom Flotilla" participants currently reported to be unharmed but in Israeli custody. During the session, MPs passed a motion calling for the GoK to withdraw from the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative (API). In separate statements, various MPs called for the GoK to cease participation in all Middle East peace initiatives and called for Arab and Muslims to sever all ties with Israel (with special pleas for Oman and Qatar to "take the lead") and demanded the expulsion of Israeli diplomats from Arab and Muslim nations.
- The **National Assembly issued a statement** calling for the following:
 - That the UNSC conduct an international investigation to determine Israel's legal culpability and that the UNSC enforce international resolutions calling on Israel's withdrawal from occupied territories.
 - That the International Court of Justice assume jurisdiction for the investigation and legal proceedings against Israel under charges of crimes against humanity.
 - That **Chiefs of Mission in Kuwait call on their governments to exert pressure on the GoI for the immediate release from detention of all flotilla participants.**
 - That Arab and Muslim nations assume their responsibility toward the "Gazans under siege" and work to end the embargo.

Kuwaiti Leadership Response:

- After summoning UNSC P-5 member Chiefs of Mission, Al-Roudhan also noted to the press that the Kuwaiti Amir as current GCC president, had discussed this "heinous humanitarian crime" with other GCC states and other Arab nations via the Arab League and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Kuwaiti Public Response:

- **Several hundred Kuwaitis rallied in front of Parliament May 31** in a demonstration orchestrated by the Kuwait Society for Basic Elements of Human Rights.
- Also circulating in the press and in blogs is the report that "sign-up sheets" for the next flotilla are circulating on university campuses and in the broader community and are quickly being filled.

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Daschbach, Mary E
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Subject: Gaza Flotilla Incident and Uruguayan Media Reporting
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TAGS: PGOV, IMO, KPAO, KMDR, IS, UY, TU, UN
Subject: Gaza Flotilla Incident and Uruguayan Media Reporting

WHA/PDA for CPeterson; WHA/BSC for MDaschbach; NEA/I

Uruguay's daily press coverage of the Israeli military's interdiction of the Gaza-bound flotilla was balanced and "matter-of-fact." With no correspondents of their own in the Middle East, today's dailies relied on wire service stories (e.g., AFP and the AP). Center-right Ultimas Noticias and far left/pro-government La Republica published the Gaza activists' version of events alongside Israel's, including a statement by their Ambassador here, Dori Goren, who called the flotilla a provocation. Ultimas Noticias' headlined the Uruguayan Foreign Ministry statement condemning Israel's military action. Predictably, La Republica also published an anti-Israel op-ed by its extreme-left staff editorialist Niko Schwarz.

Nelson##

Signature: Nelson

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From: Chakravorty, Anamika X
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To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
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Subject: Moscow's Reaction to Gaza Flotilla from Moscow Daily Brief

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(SBU) Moscow's Reaction to Gaza Flotilla: Moscow condemned and expressed "deep anxiety" over the confrontation between Israel and the convoy of ships carrying aid to the Gaza strip, terming the action, in which more than 10 people were killed, a "gross" violation of international law, and called for a thorough investigation into the incident. "Use of weapons against civilians and detaining ships in the open sea without any legal reason constitutes obvious and gross violations of generally accepted international legal standards," the GOR said. During the UNSC deliberations May 31, Russia condemned the capture of the ships in the convoy. *Embassy comment: Russian officials have consistently said Hamas needs to be a part of the solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict and will likely use this incident to push for lifting the Gaza blockade.* (POL: A Hood) [Top](#)

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From: Schrank, Alexander D
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 To: Doutrich, Jack T; Sindle, James M; Jacobson, Michael N; Blazakis, Jason M
 Cc: Helm, Larina M; Newman, David S (L-CA); Beirne, Vincent J; Bilge, Kerem S
 Subject: FW: Bipartisan Letter Urging Turkey to Stop Another Flotilla from Departing for the Gaza Strip
 Attachments: image001.jpg; image002.gif; image003.jpg; image004.jpg; image005.png; image006.png

Categories: Working

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**Reps. Israel & Cole Lead Bipartisan Letter Urging Turkey to Stop Another Flotilla
 from Departing for the Gaza Strip**



Washington, DC – On Wednesday, Reps. Steve Israel (D – NY) and Tom Cole (R – OK) led a bipartisan letter to Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan urging the Prime Minister to stop another flotilla from departing Turkey for the Gaza Strip. Thirty-six Members of Congress signed the bipartisan letter, which asked the Turkish government to help find constructive alternatives for those wishing to provide aid to Gaza.

"Another so-called aid flotilla to Gaza is nothing but an attempt to provoke Israel. The Turkish government can help prevent violence by saying 'no.' We are urging Prime Minister Erdoğan to actively work to put a stop to this and join with Israel in providing real humanitarian assistance to Gaza," said Rep. Israel.

"Turkey plays an important role in the Middle East, and its democratic leaders have a unique opportunity to prevent the turmoil that could result from allowing another Gaza flotilla to confront the Israeli security blockade," said Rep. Cole. "During this volatile time in the region, I urge Prime Minister Erdoğan to work with Israel to avoid conflict and ensure legitimate aid is delivered without creating needless instability."

The full text of the letter is below.

May 11, 2011

His Excellency
 Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
 Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey
 Ankara, Turkey

Mr. Prime Minister-

We write today to express our serious concern over reports that the so-called Free Gaza Movement and the IHH are planning to send another flotilla to Gaza in the coming weeks to provoke a confrontation with Israel. As members of the United States House of Representatives we ask you to help discourage these efforts and work

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with the Israeli government in a productive way as it continues to allow legitimate aid, but not weapons, to enter Gaza.

The government of Israel has demonstrated a commitment to ensuring the basic needs of those living in the Gaza Strip are being met. Over the last year the capacity of existing land crossings has been increased; for example, capacity of the Kerem Shalom crossing has increased by 210 percent. More than 3600 supply trucks entered Gaza in the month of March alone, delivering tens of thousands of tons of goods, including food, clothing, medicine, and fuel. Over the past year, agricultural exports from the Gaza Strip have gradually increased and economic growth in Gaza reached 15 percent in 2010. These are all clear signs that Israeli policies are making a positive impact on the lives of the Palestinian people.

As you know, the government of Israel has a right and a responsibility to protect the Israeli people, and we all realize that the threat facing innocent Israelis by weapons smuggled into Gaza is real. In March, Israeli naval forces intercepted the Victoria, seizing more than 50 tons of weapons, including mortar shells and bullets, destined for Gaza militants. During a 3-day period in early April, approximately 130 rockets and mortars were fired at the civilian population of southern Israel by Hamas and other terrorist groups. In one case, an advanced precision-guided rocket that had been smuggled into Gaza was fired at and hit an Israeli school bus.

Israel, like any country in the world, must take whatever steps necessary to protect its citizens and that starts with preventing additional weapons from entering Gaza. If flotilla organizers carry out their confrontational plans, the Israelis will have little choice but to board the vessels and search for weapons. We fear violence could erupt just as it did last year.

We are seeking your active participation in finding a resolution that prevents violence. On April 21, Ambassador Susan Rice, the United States' representative to the United Nations, stated, "[t]he recent seizures of advanced weaponry underscore that Israel has clear security interests regarding cargo bound for Gaza", and she urged member states to "use every legal means at their disposal to discourage additional flotillas to Gaza". We echo those remarks and hope that your government can help work out a mechanism with Israel to allow legitimate humanitarian assistance to go to Gaza without provoking a needless confrontation. We are confident that Israel, as it has in the past, will continue to allow such aid to flow subject to appropriate security screening. By finding a constructive solution as an alternative to another flotilla, you have a unique opportunity to potentially save lives and be a force for stability at a particularly volatile time.

Sincerely,

STEVE ISRAEL
Member of Congress

TOM COLE
Member of Congress

HOWARD L. BERMAN
Member of Congress

HENRY A. WAXMAN
Member of Congress

JASON CHAFFETZ
Member of Congress

DENNY REHBERG
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GARY L. ACKERMAN
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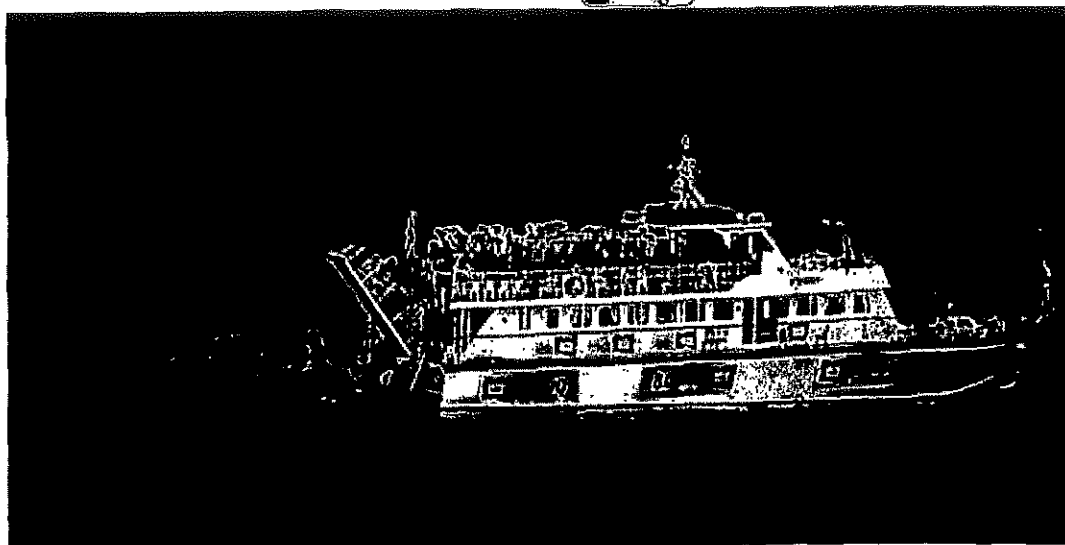
JOE BARTON
Member of Congress

Turkish press also reports:

Members of Congress ask Erdoğan to help stop Gaza-bound flotilla

<http://www.todayszaman.com/news-243748-members-of-congress-ask-erdogan-to-help-stop-gaza-bound-flotilla.html>

12 May 2011, Thursday / TODAYSZAMAN.COM,



In this Monday, May 31, 2010 file photo, image reviewed by the Israeli military and taken aboard an Israeli naval vessel, Israeli navy soldiers intercept one of several boats headed towards the Gaza Strip, in international waters in the Mediterranean Sea.

A group of members of the US Congress has submitted a letter to Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan urging him to "help work out a mechanism with Israel to allow legitimate humanitarian assistance to go to Gaza without provoking a needless confrontation," The Weekly Standard reported on Thursday.

In an explicitly pro-Israeli letter, the congressional members expressed serious concern over reports that the "so-called Free Gaza Movement" and the Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) are planning to send another flotilla to Gaza in the coming weeks to provoke a confrontation with Israel.

"As members of the United States House of Representatives we ask you to help discourage these efforts and work with the Israeli government in a productive way as it continues to allow legitimate aid, but not weapons, to enter Gaza," the letter said.

The members of Congress alleged that the government of Israel has demonstrated a commitment to ensuring the basic needs of those living in the Gaza Strip are being met and that over the last year the capacity of existing land crossings had been increased, citing as an example the capacity of the Kerem Shalom crossing increasing by 210 percent.

The letter recalled that more than 3,600 supply trucks had entered Gaza in the month of March alone, delivering tens of thousands of tons of goods, including food, clothing, medicine and fuel. It said over the past year, agricultural exports from the Gaza Strip have gradually increased and economic growth in Gaza reached 15 percent in 2010.

"These are all clear signs that Israeli policies are making a positive impact on the lives of the Palestinian people," the Congress members underlined.

According to the letter, Israel, like any country in the world, must take whatever steps necessary to protect its citizens and that starts with preventing additional weapons from entering Gaza. It said if flotilla organizers carry out their confrontational plans, the Israelis will have little choice but to board the vessels and search for weapons. "We fear violence could erupt just as it did last year."

The members of Congress called for Erdoğan's active participation in finding a resolution that prevents violence and hoped that his government can help work out a mechanism with Israel to allow "legitimate" humanitarian assistance to go to Gaza without provoking a confrontation.

"We are confident that Israel, as it has in the past, will continue to allow such aid to flow subject to appropriate security screening. By finding a constructive solution as an alternative to another flotilla, you have a unique opportunity to potentially save lives and be a force for stability at a particularly volatile time," the letter concluded.

According to the report, Representatives Steve Israel, Tom Cole, Howard L. Berman, Henry A. Waxman, Jason Chaffetz, Denny Rehberg, Gary L. Ackerman, Henry Cuellar, Shelley Berkley, Mike Quigley, Joseph Crowley, Mike Ross, Theodore E. Deutch, Gene Green, Steve Scalise, Renee L. Ellmers, Richard L. Hanna, Ted Poe, Sue Wilkins Myrick, Heath Shuler, Lynn Jenkins, Reid J. Ribble, Adam B. Schiff, Steven R. Rothman, Carolyn B. Maloney, Jerrold Nadler, Bill Pascrell, Jr., Shelley Moore Capito, Janice D. Schakowsky, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Christopher S. Murphy, Mike Kelly, Bill Johnson, Doug Lamborn, Jean Schmidt and Joe Barton signed the letter.

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Eilts, Colin C
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 10:36 AM
To: Sindle, James M; Doutrich, Jack T
Subject: FW: from Ankara - regarding the next flotilla

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Interesting speech...

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From: Richter, Kim B
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 10:26 AM
To: Eilts, Colin C; Greene, Elisa
Subject: from Ankara - regarding the next flotilla

In the News: Israel, Libya, Syria**5. Gaza Flotilla: "IHH - Don't Let Israeli Tourists to Alanya" (*Milliyet*)**

Mainstream *Milliyet* reports that Islamic Human Rights and Freedom Organization (IHH) head Bulent Yildirim told an audience of over 1,000 that the IHH plans to send a second flotilla to Gaza, but apparently it will not set sail from Turkey. According to *Milliyet*, Yldirim said at an event in Alanya: "We are getting ready for another flotilla. There will be a ship from every country. Our own Mavi Marmara will set sail from Europe. Vessels will come from everywhere in the world. Israel will learn this: The Mediterranean does not belong to Israel. Just because we have had martyrs, we are not afraid. We will not step back. Let all know this: Until the blockade on Gaza is lifted and until our march to al-Aqsa is completed, this sea and land operation will continue. Also, it will not be only by sea. We are preparing for land convoys as well. Our project for the purchase of an airplane will soon be realized. What do we say to the world leaders? Do not expect us to live in comfort, when people in Gaza are dying and don't expect us to remain silent when al Aqsa mosque is a prisoner. We are saying this: We don't have a problem with the Christians or Jews. But we do have a problem with one place! And we declare it with courage, without fear. Our problem is Zionism, which, like a virus, has infected all humanity." *Dogan News Agency* (DHA) quoted Yildirim on 04/07 as saying "There is a flotilla for the memory of 31 May, but it will be in mid June. Our own Mavi Marmara will set sail from Europe." Yildirim also called Alanya residents 'not to let Israeli tourists to Alanya before Israeli government apologizes and pays compensation because of Mavi Marmara.' Alanya, on Turkey's southern coast, is a popular package tour destination for Israelis.

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From: Levin, Jan X
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 10:55 AM
To: NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL
Subject: FW: (CO) UPDATE ON ISRAEL'S VIEWS ON GOLDSTONE AND FLOTILLA INQUIRIES
Attachments: (CO) TEL AVIV 1722

This just out from Tel Aviv. Thanks.

Jan Levin

A/PolCouns

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Schwedt, Miriam L
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To: NEA-ALL-DL
Cc: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL
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From: Snipes, Christopher
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 4:00 PM
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Afternoon Brief No. 1

Monday, June 7, 2010
1600 EDT/1500 Lima

ISRAELI STATE PANEL TO INVESTIGATE GAZA FLOTILLA

(C) Defense Minister Barak made the announcement in parliament in response to a no-confidence motion introduced by opposition parties against the incident, according to press. Embassy Tel Aviv reports Israel is not ready to publicly comment on the panel because high-level officials likely are working out details. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv telcon, Reuters)

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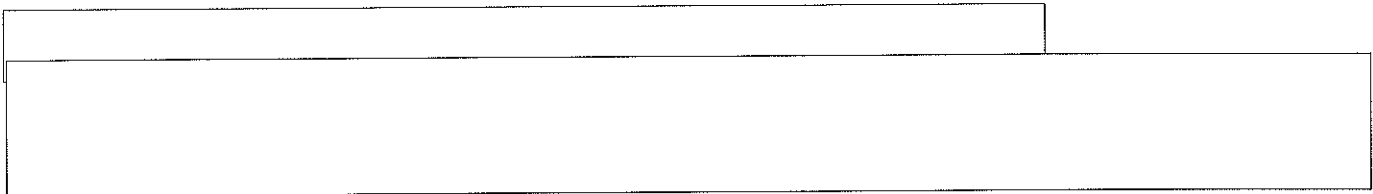
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TURKEY AND AZERBAIJAN SIGN NATURAL GAS AGREEMENT

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Afternoon Brief
Wednesday, June 30, 2010
1500 EDT

ISRAEL TO EXPAND POWERS OF GAZA FLOTILLA INQUIRY

(SBU) The statement by Prime Minister Netanyahu followed panel head Jacob Tirkel's threats to resign if the government refused to grant it powers to subpoena witnesses and recommend sanctions, media report. The Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs comments the government is likely to strengthen the panel to improve its reputation in the international community and approve the request during a July 5 security cabinet meeting.

(Ops/Israel and Palestinian Affairs Office telcon, BBC)

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Cc: Goldberger, Thomas H; Bass, Warren; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Andris, Matthew R
Subject: FW: (UN) FLOTILLA FACT-FINDING REPORT: WHAT NEXT?
Attachments: (UN) TEL AVIV 2296

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Tel Aviv 2296 reports on conversation with Israeli MFA about potential post-flotilla activity in New York.

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Bowers, Allyson M

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Subject: FW: (SE) GAZA FLOTILLA AFTERMATH - SITREP 2
Attachments: (SE) TEL AVIV 1225

Please see attached from Embassy Tel Aviv, thanks.

Jan Levin, A/PolCouns

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From: Grubb, Jason B
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:03 PM
To: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: FW: (SE) GAZA FLOTILLA AFTERMATH - SITREP 3
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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Honigstein, Michael D
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 11:22 AM
To: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; NEA-IPA-DL; 'Kumar, Prem G.'; 'SES-O@state.gov'
Cc: Levin, Jan X; Sievers, Marc J; Sumka, Howard J; Carlin, Sherry F; Power, Daniel J; Parker, Andrew C; Burnett, David R; Baron, Desiree A; TELAVIV POL; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Waters, John R
Subject: FW: (SE) GAZA FLOTILLA AFTERMATH - SITREP 4

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Patterson, Jessica H
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 6:45 PM
To: NEA-IPA-DL
Subject: FW: FW: (CO) MGGZ01: ALGERIA RESPONDS TO ISRAELI INTERCEPTION OF GAZA FLOTILLA

From: Campbell, Ryan T (Algiers)
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 1:06 PM
To: Patterson, Jessica H
Subject: FW: (CO) MGGZ01: ALGERIA RESPONDS TO ISRAELI INTERCEPTION OF GAZA FLOTILLA

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From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 11:51 AM
To: Holmstrom, Todd; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Jacoby, Julia I; Frelich, Karlene H; Lentz, Andrew N; Groebbacher, Julia; Doutrich, Jack T
Subject: FW: flotilla

FYI

From: Lawson, Christine M
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 11:41 AM
To: Reisser, Wesley J
Subject: flotilla

(SBU) Flotilla on hold?: Sunday's *Al-Hayat* reported that the sailing of the *MV Julia/Naji al-Ali* and/or the *Mariam* Lebanese blockade breakers may be delayed. According to the paper, the ships' organizers are considering joining a Freedom Flotilla 2 which may set sail from Turkey in the second half of July. The delay, the paper said, is due to technical and paperwork problems and also points to a desire to integrate the Lebanese ships in a larger effort so they won't be targeted as directly. The organizer of the *Mariam* project denied the reports to *Al-Hayat*, but as far as we know, that project hasn't even located a ship yet. Over the weekend, our security teams observed that no action was taking place on or around the *MV Julia* in Tripoli's port. While we will continue to remain vigilant and follow up the issue on our end, we will discontinue the sitreps unless they should become necessary again.

Christine Lawson
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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Gregonis, Meghan E
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:25 PM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: (CO) JORDAN RECEIVES GAZA FLOTILLA ACTIVISTS FROM ISRAEL
Attachments: (CO) AMMAN 1270

For the group.

From: Hinman, Richard C (Amman)
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:31 AM
To: Gregonis, Meghan E; Riley, Richard H; Shampaine, Nicole D; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL
Cc: Ward, Jacqueline L (Amman); Long, Leslie Danai
Subject: FW: (CO) JORDAN RECEIVES GAZA FLOTILLA ACTIVISTS FROM ISRAEL

Colleagues,

Update on movement of flotilla activists to Jordan from Israeli detention. Have a great weekend

Suggested ELA: Arab and Muslim activists are released into Jordan amid posturing and complaints

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Holmes, Stephanie E
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 1:31 PM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: (C) MGGZ01: TUNISIA: UPDATE ON REACTIONS TO GAZA

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 06/04/2020
TAGS: ASEC, KPAL, PGOV, PHUM, PREL, GZ, TS, IS
SUBJECT: MGGZ01: TUNISIA: UPDATE ON REACTIONS TO GAZA
FLOTILLA INCIDENT

REF: TUNIS 399

Classified by Ambassador Gordon Gray for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

Summary

1. (C) The Tunisian General Labor Union (UGTT) continued the weeks protests over the Gaza flotilla incident with a demonstration in Tunis on June 3. The event, which drew UGTT supporters from around the area, received minor coverage in Tunisian press, but displayed a marked increase in anti-American themes. The Secretary General of the UGTT is calling on the Ambassador next week, likely to formally condemn Israel's actions and perceived U.S. unqualified support for Israel. The UGTT protest and the disruption of a teacher's union meeting in Gafsa probably reveal how deeply Tunisian anger runs over the Gaza incident. End summary.

UGTT Leads Demonstration

2. (SBU) The Tunisian General Labor Union (UGTT) on June 3 held a demonstration condemning Israeli actions in the Gaza flotilla incident and affirming solidarity with Palestinians, marking the latest in a series of protests this week (reftel). UGTT Secretary General Abdesselem Jerad headed the protest, and participants included labor union members, workers, students, and independent activists. Demonstrators marched on Mohamed V Avenue in Tunis, and a private Arabic daily, Al-Sharouq, reported that "thousands" attended the event.

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3. (SBU) Regional offices of the UGTT took part in the demonstration in Tunis; one of the banners from the event read "The Regional UGTT Office in Bizerte supports resistance movements in Lebanon, Palestine, and Iraq." Unconfirmed reports say that protestors burned Israeli flags, and photos of the event show a plethora of Palestinian flags and scarves. The UGTT executive board met before the demonstration and issued a statement condemning Israeli actions, calling on the UN to implement sanctions, and expressing support to Turkey.

4. (C) After the demonstration, according to civil society contacts, police used force against protestors who were carrying banners calling for freedom of expression and ending Tunisia's policy for normalization with Israel, according to civil society contacts.

Minor Press Coverage

5. (SBU) Some of the daily newspapers reported on the UGTT demonstration, but apart from the UGTT's paper, none of them carried the story on the first page. La Presse, an official French daily, had a short article on the demonstration without photos on page eight. A private Arabic daily, Al-Sharouq, published a longer article on the demonstration and included photos. The UGTT's paper, Ash-Shaab, not surprisingly carried the story on the first page, had two pages of articles and photos within the paper, and published photos of the event on its back cover.

Some Anti-American Sentiment

6. (SBU) The UGTT demonstration had some anti-American overtones. The UGTT's paper showed photos of demonstrators with banners, and a handwritten one read "U.S. imperialism and world Zionism are the worst enemies of freedom." Unconfirmed reports say that demonstrators burned US flags at the UGTT protest, and Jerad reportedly told French press that "The U.S. might have a good hand in defending mankind and democracy, but its continuous and scandalous 'cover' for Israel's crimes take away all credibility."

7. (SBU) Jerad called the Embassy requesting an urgent appointment with the Ambassador, during which we expect he intends to deliver a message condemning Israeli actions in the flotilla incident and U.S. support for Israel. The Ambassador has agreed to meet with Jerad on June 9 and plans to explain to him the U.S. position on the Gaza incident and

the importance of continued proximity talks.

Teachers Fight Over Flotilla Stance

8. (SBU) An independent Arabic daily, As-Sarih, reported that arguments over the flotilla incident disrupted a meeting of the teacher's union in Gafsa. The former head of the union wanted the union to be more active in condemning the Israeli actions, and an altercation occurred between the former and current head of the union. Members decided to cancel the meeting following the argument.

Comment

9. (C) The UGTT's latest demonstrations appeared harsher in tone than the government-sanctioned protest on June 1, and the protest and disruption in the teacher's union meeting indicate how strongly the flotilla incident has stirred the anger of the Tunisian populace. While the government has been careful to control the demonstrations and public statements, the latest expressions of anger are increasingly directed toward the USG. End comment.

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From: Holmes, Stephanie E
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 6:44 AM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: (SBU) MGGZ01: OFFICIAL RESPONSE: OMAN CONDEMNS ISRAELI ACTION AGAINST AID FLOTILLA

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E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: PREL, PGOV, GZ, IS, MU

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL RESPONSE: OMAN CONDEMNS ISRAELI ACTION AGAINST AID FLOTILLA

1. (U) SUMMARY: The Sultanate yesterday issued a statement expressing its condemnation of the Israeli actions against the 'aid' flotilla convoy intended for Gaza. Comments were released May 31 from both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Majlis Ash'shura and posted by the Government of Oman's "Oman News Agency" website. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STATEMENT: "The Sultanate of Oman followed with pain and concern the incidents of the aid flotilla convoy which was heading for Gaza and obstructed by the Israeli navy using weapons that resulted in the fall of martyrs and innocent victims. The Sultanate expresses its sincere condolences and sympathy for families of the bereaved, and also condemns the Israeli assault which contravenes with the international law. The Sultanate appeals to the international community to shoulder its responsibility towards the lifting of the blockade on Gaza Strip and provide every possible support to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank."

3. (U) Majlis Ash'shura STATEMENT: The Majlis Ash'shura condemned the Israeli aggression on the aid flotilla in a statement that said, "the assault caused the victimization of scores of innocent people. Majlis Ash'shura calls upon the international community, parliamentary councils in the world and human rights organizations to take practical steps to deter Israel and stop its recurrent aggression on the Palestinian people and humanitarian initiatives." It also echoed a similar plea on the international community and reviewed reports on parliament members kidnapped by the Israeli occupation authorities in Palestine.

3. (SBU) COMMENT: The official Omani reaction was relatively measured in comparison to other responses, in keeping with its low-key approach to foreign affairs. The separate statement from the Majlis Ash'Shura is one of the few times that the Majlis has officially issued a separate statement from the government (Foreign

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Ministry). END COMMENT.

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From: Holmes, Stephanie E
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 11:38 AM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: (SBU) MGGZ01: VIEWS ON THE GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT IN SE TURKEY

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E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: PREL, PGOV, ASEC, TU

SUBJECT: VIEWS ON THE GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT IN SE TURKEY

1. (SBU) Summary: A number of anti-Israel protests have taken place in southeast Turkey, but contacts and media report no anti-U.S. sentiment during demonstrations outside Adana. Commentary puts the blame for the incident squarely on Israel for its use of disproportionate force. Pro-Kurdish media reject attempts to link the Gaza flotilla incident with an attack that occurred on a Turkish naval base in Iskenderun on May 31. Tension over the Gaza incident appears to be dissipating, and the priority in the SE is again Kurdish issues.

PROTESTS ARE ANTI-ISRAEL, NOT ANTI-U.S.

2. (SBU) Local media and contacts report law-abiding and peaceful demonstrations and protests throughout southeast Turkey, including in Diyarbakir, Van and Mardin. The protests target Israel, and anti-U.S. sentiments are not pervasive. Van Times (www.vantimes.net) owner and editor Aziz Aykac told us that "Because western countries and the United Nations condemned the incident, residents did not place any blame on the U.S. or other western countries."

3. (SBU) Diyarbakir Journalists Association Chairperson Faruk Balikci told us one of the people killed in the incident was from Diyarbakir, and his family has set up a tent to receive people extending condolences. Balikci observed mourners peacefully extending condolences but, like Aykac, did not note any anti-U.S. sentiment.

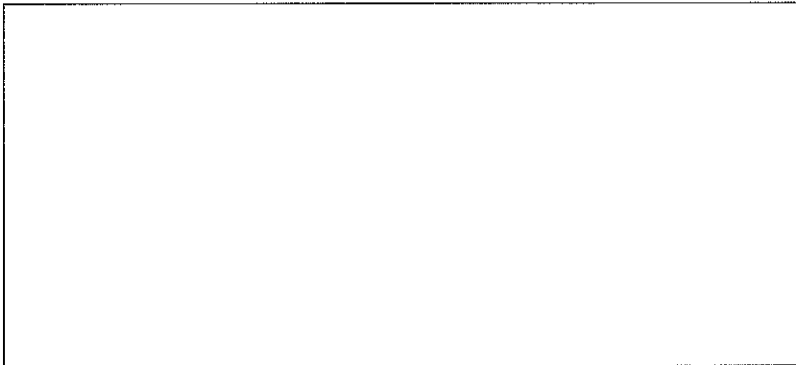
4. (SBU) President of Cizre's Chamber of Commerce Adana Elci said the mood in Cizre in Sirnak province reflected that of other areas of Turkey - sadness at the loss of life and outrage at Israel's "anti-humanitarian" attack. He conceded that Israel had issued several warnings to the flotilla organizers, but said there was no need for such a "disproportionate attack."

5. (SBU) While most local media in SE Turkey agreed with Elci's

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view that Israel had acted disproportionately against the flotilla, pro-PKK Firat News sounded a contrary note. In an article titled "Did IHH Head for Gaza to Help or to Run Jihad?" Firat quoted statements from IHH President Bulent Yildirim to reach the conclusion that the activists on the Mavi Marmara attacked the Israeli soldiers first.

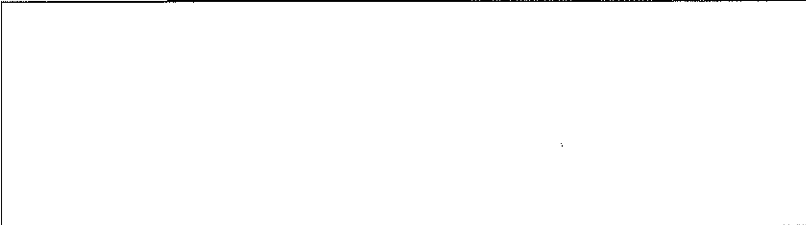
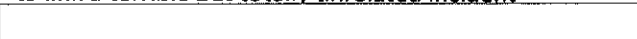
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PRO-KURDISH MEDIA RESIST ATTEMPTS TO LINK ISKENDERUN ATTACK AND GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT

7. (U) In contrast with other local media, pro-Kurdish media resisted attempts to link the Gaza flotilla incident with the June 1 PKK attack on a Turkish naval facility in Iskenderun, Hatay province, which resulted in the deaths of six sailors. A columnist from Gunluk newspaper (<http://www.gunlukgazetesi.net>) categorically dismisses any link between the two incidents, saying it is AKP's "routine habit" to link a terrible but totally unrelated incident with the PKK.



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FIRAT: TURKEY-ISRAEL WILL MAINTAIN MILITARY TIES

8. (U) Pro-PKK Firat News (www.firatnews.com) analyzed the long-term military relationship between Turkey and Israel to support its argument that despite the GoT's tough statements on the Gaza flotilla incident, it is unlikely that the strong trade and arms sales connection between the countries will end. Firat said Turkey and Israel have gone through crises in the past because of Palestine and Gaza issues, but it has always been the case that commercial ties, especially military trade, have not stopped. The article touches upon "the continuing intelligence sharing between the two countries against the PKK," saying that Israel's Mossad was involved in Abdullah Ocalan's capture in 1999, and that the Herons

Israel sold to Turkey have enabled Turkey to gather intelligence for its internal and cross-border military operations. According to Firat, Turkey had already asked for ten more Herons to be supplied in the first six months of 2010.

9. (SBU) Comment: The lack of anti-U.S. sentiment in the distant corners of SE Turkey is in marked contrast to protestors in Adana, who burned both an Israeli and a U.S. flag in a demonstration on Tuesday. Pro-PKK and pro-Kurdish media sources tend to be unreliable in their reporting, but their denial of a link between the Gaza and Iskenderun incidents stands out from other local media outlets which have used inflammatory rhetoric to link the events.
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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Gregonis, Meghan E
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:33 PM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: (SE) JORDAN CONDEMNS ISRAELI RAID ON FREEDOM FLOTILLA, URGES INTERNATIONAL ACTION
Attachments: (SE) AMMAN 1269

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More on Gaza from Embassy Amman.

From: Olson, Maria G
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:53 AM
To: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; Gregonis, Meghan E
Cc: Olson, Maria G; Mandel, Lawrence C (Amman)
Subject: FW: (SE) JORDAN CONDEMNS ISRAELI RAID ON FREEDOM FLOTILLA, URGES INTERNATIONAL ACTION

Summary: Jordan's condemnation of the Israeli raid is calibrated to public outrage and frustration in an effort to avoid domestic and regional criticism of Jordan's moderate policies and cooperation with the U.S. and Israel.

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From: Rathod, Rona R
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 6:47 AM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: (U) MGGZ01 MALAYSIAN DEMONSTRATIONS IN FRONT OF CHANCERY PROTESTING GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT

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E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, MY, IS
SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN DEMONSTRATIONS IN FRONT OF CHANCERY PROTESTING GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT

1. (SBU) Summary: Prime Minister Najib Razak and Foreign Minister Anifah Aman denounced Israel's actions toward the Free Gaza Movement flotilla and called for UN action on May 31 and June 1. A group of 50-100 demonstrators drawn from opposition Parliamentarians, a conservative Malay NGO called Perkasa, and other groups of NGOs, held peaceful demonstrations in front of the U.S. Embassy on June 1 and presented petitions and protest letters addressed to President Obama. Further, larger demonstrations are expected on Friday, June 4, after midday prayers. The GOM did not contact the U.S. Embassy officially on this issue. End Summary.

2. (SBU) Several political party groups and NGOs staged peaceful demonstrations in front of the U.S. Embassy on June 1, presenting a total of seven documents (e-mailed to EAP/MTS) -- letters to President Obama and various petitions -- to Polcouns outside the Embassy's gates, with local media on hand. One group included nine Members of Parliament from the opposition parties, Islamic Party of Malaysia (PAS), the People's Justice Party (PKR) and the Democratic Action Party (DAP). While most of the letters called on the U.S. to take action against Israel, one NGO group said that their message was targeted only at the government of Israel, using the USG as a conduit. In the only untoward incident, one demonstrator, described in press reports as a Palestinian, slashed his legs with a penknife before being restrained. Police provided protection for the Embassy and Embassy

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operations were not interrupted.

3. (SBU) Malaysia had a strong interest in the Free Gaza Movement flotilla. The Perdana Global Peace Organization, headed by former Prime Minister Mahathir, reportedly financed three of the flotilla's ships. Prime Minister Najib Razak's wife Rosmah Mansor was reported to be providing financial support. The 17 Malaysian participants in the flotilla included a member of Parliament, several journalists, and NGO representatives; 11 Malaysians were reportedly aboard the Mavi Marmara when it was boarded by the Israeli navy; no Malaysians have been reported as injured or killed. The organization of the flotilla received prominent press coverage, and news of the interception of the flotilla and deaths aboard ship was the leading news story on May 31 and June 1.

4. (SBU) On June 1, Prime Minister Najib was quoted as saying that the "whole world should condemn the action of this cruel regime," adding that Tel Aviv had no respect for international law. On May 31, Foreign Minister Anifah Aman issued a statement demanding that Israel cease its "inhumane" treatment of the activists, calling for their immediate release, and calling for a UN Security Council emergency meeting. Former Prime Minister Mahathir called the interceptions "a ridiculous action on a non-combatant ship that carried no weapons." He added that the Israelis "can do anything they want, break any international law without care and they will be protected by certain people."

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Holmes, Stephanie E
 Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 11:55 AM
 To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
 Subject: (U) MGGZ01: Media Reaction: Mideast-Flotilla, Afghanistan-Jirga, U.S.-Oil, Economic-Regulation; BERLN

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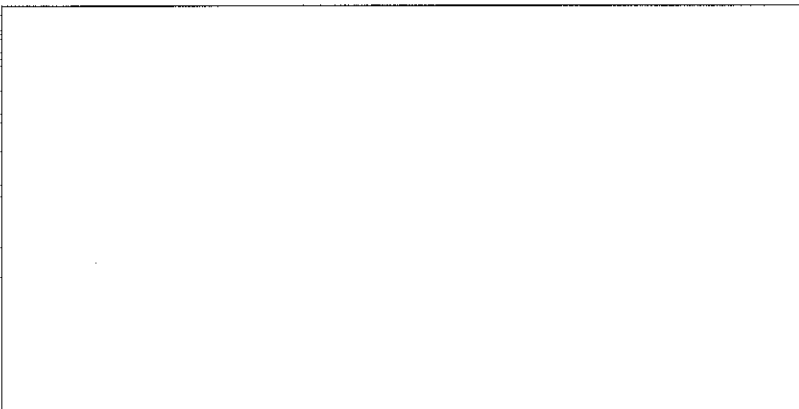
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2. (Mideast) Gaza Flotilla

Frankfurter Allgemeine (6/4) carried several reports on the aftermath of the Israeli raid on the Gaza flotilla. One dealt with the Israeli reaction under the headline: "Wooden Blocks Turned into Iron Rods" and wrote: "It is still unclear what happened during the storming of the 'Solidarity Fleet,' but Israel is resisting an international investigation and is instead trying to prove how violent the activists on the ships were."

In a report on the Turkish reaction to the raid on the flotilla, Frankfurter Allgemeine (6/4) wrote under the headline "Turkey Demands Apology," that "Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan said it is a welcome consequence of the Israeli attack on the Gaza flotilla that the situation of the Palestinians is now again attracting greater attention. In addition, he criticized that Israel always defines criticism of Israel as anti-Semitism. Erdogan said in Ankara on Thursday: 'No one believes this any longer.'... In a resolution that was adopted in the Turkish parliament on Thursday, it called

upon Israel to apologize for the 'inhuman attack' on May 31, punish the ones who are responsible, and pay compensations to the victims."

Tagesspiegel (6/4) carried a report under the headline: "Gaza Activists Announcing New Ships - Grand Reception for Returnees in Istanbul," and reported that the activists "were welcomed in Istanbul like heroes. Thousands of people shouted; 'We are proud of you.' The paper added: "In view of the widespread anger of the Turks at Israel, new activities for Gaza are likely. An IHH spokesman said that many more ships than the previous six ones would soon set off on a voyage [to Gaza]."

"U.S. Calling for Relaxation of Gaza Blockade," headlined Financial Times Deutschland (6/4) and wrote: "The U.S. government is working under high pressure to defuse the diplomatic crisis following the Israeli storming of the Gaza 'solidarity flotilla.' Washington is working on a relaxation of the blockade of the Gaza Strip but also on setting up an independent investigative committee that is to examine the bloody incident. With this approach, President Obama is trying to help Israel get out of the current isolation. Friends and enemies condemned the storming of the six ships because it was out of proportion. All nine victims come from Turkey and one of them had a U.S. passport. The government in Ankara is irritated by the subdued U.S. reaction."

Deutschlandfunk (6/3) commented: "Israel and the United States no longer have the same interests in the Middle East. Since Israel's

behavior is weakening the U.S. allies in the region - be it Jordan's King Abdullah or Egypt's President Mubarak - it will weaken the U.S. influence.... The Arab neighbors will now receive the Turks with open arms.... And what about the Europeans? Irrespective of whether it w Israel's war in the Gaza Strip or Mossad's assassination attack in Dubai, the Europeans only made statements that were as soft as wax and no one took it seriously, neither the Israelis nor the Arabs. Thus, the Europeans are forfeiting their reputation and the ability to influence events. The EU cannot be indifferent to the fact that Israel is stirring up the situation in the Middle East again and again. The citizens in Europe must demand a change of their governments' policies toward the Middle East and insist on a policy that serves their own European interests."

In an editorial Frankfurter Allgemeine (6/4) said: "It was a previous Israeli strategy not to admit any mistakes or to show weakness. In the meantime, it has turned into an obsession that no longer protects the country but is detrimental to Israel. Prime Minister Netanyahu has dismissed demands to lift the Gaza blockade even though Israel has not achieved one of its goals...and now Israel even rejects an independent investigation of the military operation against the Gaza flotilla, even though its justification must really be doubted when applying international law and even though the implementation of the operation was out of proportion....."

In an editorial, under the headline: "Alone Against the Rest of the World," Sueddeutsche Zeitung (6/4) argued: "With its stubborn attitude, Israel is even infuriating its closest allies. With this

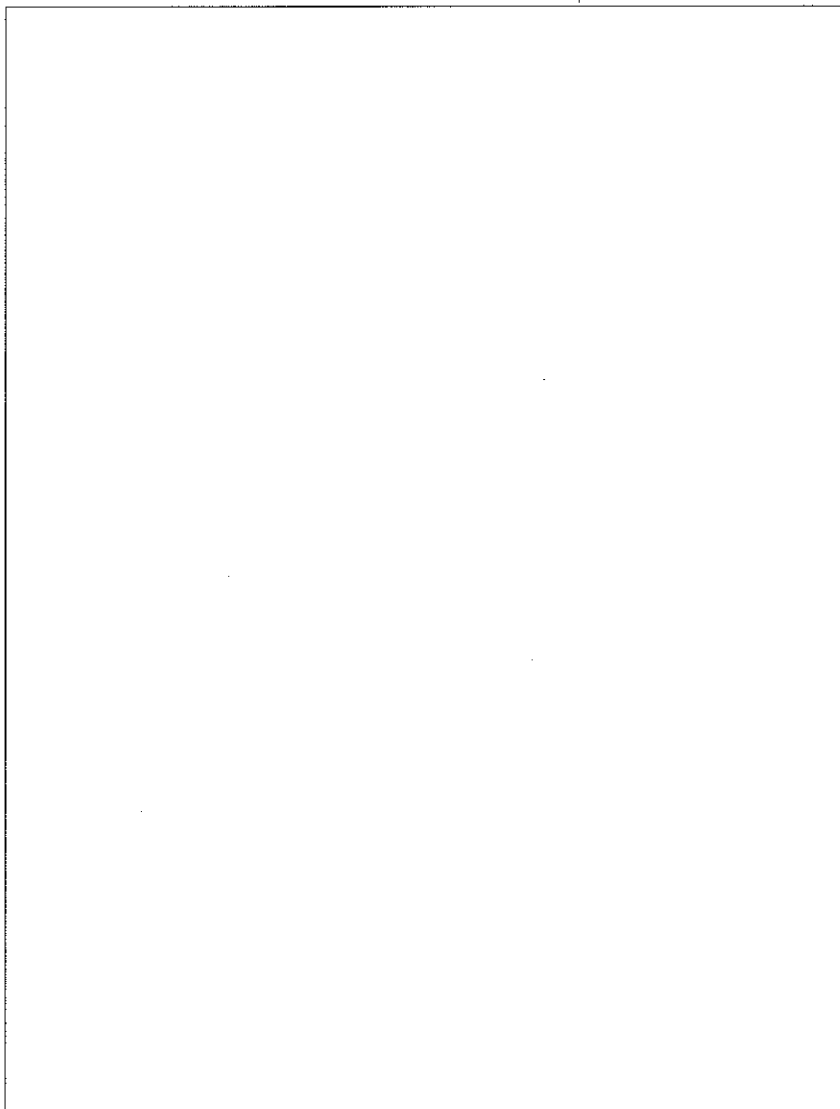
Rambo operation against ships loaded with relief goods, Israel has caused an outrage everywhere in the world. But now the leadership in Jerusalem is about to worsen the situation by stubbornly justifying the operation that went far beyond the original goal. With it, Israel is now risking an international isolation.... If Israel has nothing to hide, as the government and the military have asserted again and again, it should not be opposed to an international investigative commission.... In this case, the stubbornness of the Israeli leadership is not only scandalous but even counterproductive."

Financial Times Deutschland (6/4) judged under the headline: "The Ultra-Right-Wing State" that "the government of Benjamin Netanyahu and Avigdor Lieberman does not give a damn about human rights. As long as this remains the case, the West should suspend Israel's privileged status. It was easy for the West to find reasons for this privileged status as long as Israel was a state that abided by rule of law, but these privileges should no longer be granted to Netanyahu and Lieberman. Their temporary freeze would be a signal that the current situation cannot go on - also towards the Israelis who do not support the policy of their government. Israel's right

wing is arguing that human rights violations are based on the state of war in which the country is. If Netanyahu and Lieberman are allowed to continue as before, the Middle East will remain in its current state."

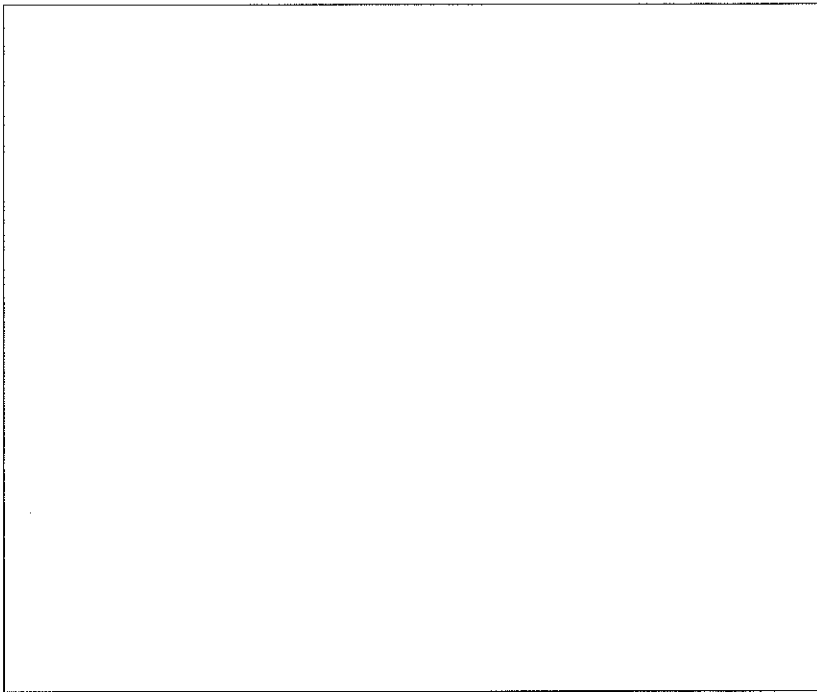
Berliner Zeitung (6/4) observed in an editorial: "It has long been clear that never before has a policy been as counterproductive as Israel's policy towards the Gaza Strip. But it is new that an increasing number of politicians openly say so.... The Gaza policy must be redefined. The problem with the Palestinian house of poverty is that it can no longer be ignored. Even the rapprochement talks between Israel and the moderate Palestinian leadership must now dedicate their attention to the Gaza question. Much will depend on whether the Obama government considers the previous Gaza policy not only to be 'questionable' but also sees a need to revamp it."

3. (Afghanistan) Peace Jirga



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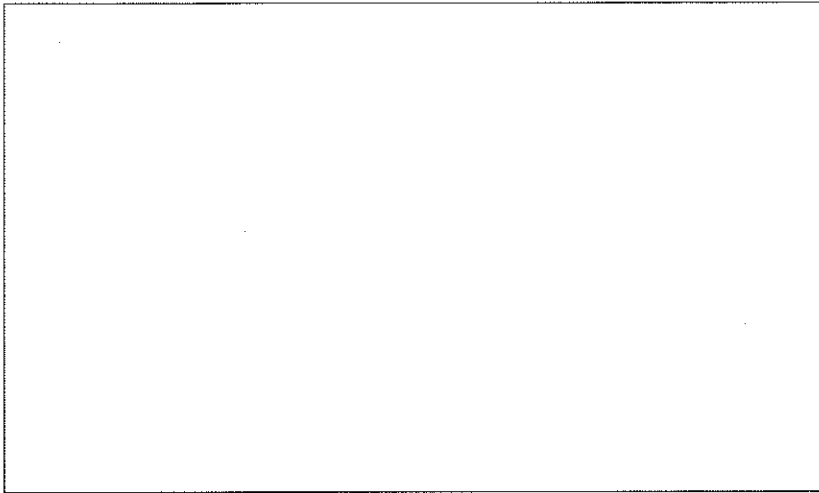
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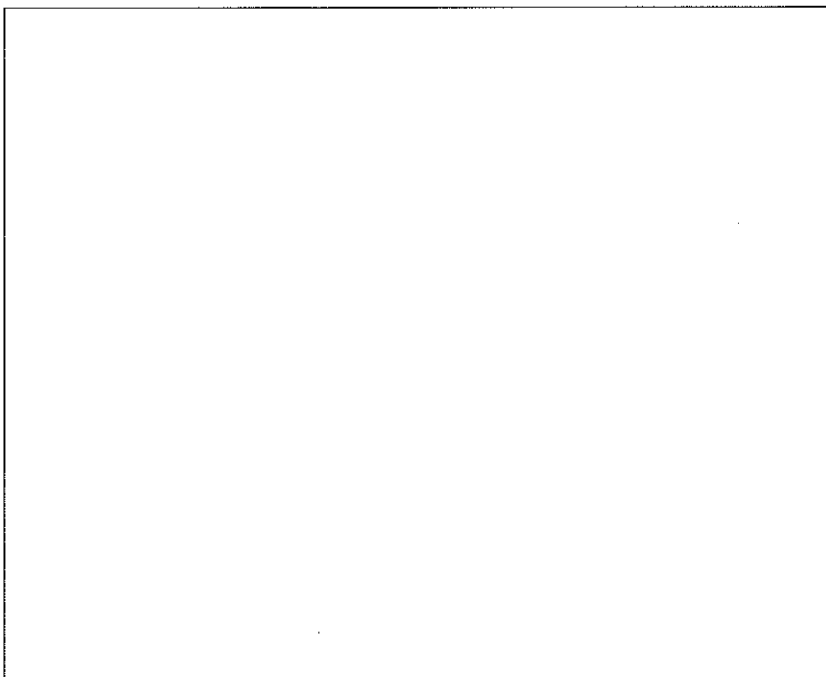
4. (U.S.) Oil Spill



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5. (Economic) Financial Regulations



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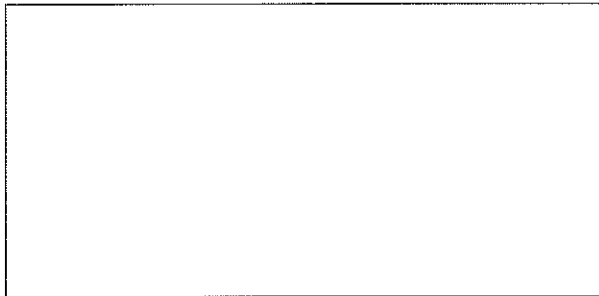
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2. "Israeli Attack - Decision to Maintain Coalition?"
On the Israeli commando raid on a flotilla of aid vessels headed for Gaza, a Cairo correspondent with the liberal Tokyo Shimbun stated (6/1): "The Netanyahu administration is apparently viewed as the most right-wing government since Israel's foundation. It once again demonstrated its hard line stance amid the aggravation of its ties with President Obama. The Israeli government's foremost policy priority is the complete containment of the Islamic fundamentalist group Hamas, which controls the Gaza district. The prime minister was apparently prepared to face international condemnation for attacking [the flotilla] in order to maintain control over his coalition government that includes an ultra-right party."

3. "Major Rift in Friendship" The liberal Mainichi wrote from Jerusalem (6/1): "Relations between Israel and Turkey are bound to deteriorate significantly. Turkey has been number one among Islamic countries as a friendly nation to Israel. Hopes are pinned on Turkey as a 'go-between' in Middle East peace talks. A schism between Turkey and Israel could develop into a situation that would further confound the stalemate in the region."



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2. "Use of Force Unacceptable" The liberal Asahi editorialized (6/4): "Israel's forceful military action has caused another tragedy.... Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has been insisting that his nation took the action out of self defense. However, the attack was carried out by a fully armed unit against civilians from Turkey and European nations. The prime minister's statement is not convincing. It made sense for the UN Security Council to hold an emergency meeting and issue a presidential statement expressing 'regret at the loss of life resulting from the use of force by the Israeli military.' Criticism of Israel is spreading in Arab nations and Turkey. The U.S. must move quickly to improve the situation by using its influence over Israel. Otherwise, indirect talks between the Israelis and the Palestinians mediated by the U.S. will collapse."

3. "Blockade on Gaza Must Be Immediately Lifted" The liberal Mainichi wrote in an editorial (6/4): "It's hard to believe that such an incident occurred.... The UN Security Council unanimously adopted on the day after the incident a presidential statement expressing 'deep regret' over the Israeli military's use of force. We approve of the UNSC's swift adoption of the statement. However, the statement failed to include a clear condemnation of Israel because of opposition from the U.S., which 'unconditionally supports' Israel. It is not acceptable to support Israel simply because it is a friend of the U.S.... Israel must immediately lift its blockade on Gaza. We hope that the U.S. will make responsible efforts to persuade Israel to do so."

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4. "Isolation Deepening" On another seizure of a Gaza-bound aid ship by the israelis, the liberal Asahi stated from Jerusalem (6/6): "A military clash was averted this time around. However, international criticism of Israel has continued. As a greater number of aid vessels are expected to depart for Gaza, Israel is being forced to review how to deal with them. At the same time, its relations with Turkey, which has been one of a few friendly states in the Middle East, have aggravated sharply."

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1. Japan is a Shinto/Buddhist society with virtually no Jewish minority and no notable history of discrimination against Jews as an ethnic or religious group. Nonetheless, Ref B elaborates on instances in which anti-Semitism has manifested itself in Japanese society. That said, per Ref A request, post has noted no instances of anti-Semitism attributable to the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident. Notable reaction to the May 31 incident was limited to government and editorial expressions of concern and criticism of Israeli Defense Force (IDF) actions and calls for further investigation.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) issued the

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following statement on May 31:

The Government of Japan is shocked at the report that people aboard boats carrying supplies to the Gaza Strip were victimized as a result of confrontation with Israeli Defense Forces. We deeply deplore the casualties and the injuries of many people. Japan condemns the violent acts which caused this tragic incident.

Japan expresses its deepest condolences to the bereaved families. Japan urges that a full investigation be conducted and the situation be fully clarified.

Japan strongly calls upon all parties to refrain from activities that could set off a cycle of violence.

End text MOFA statement.

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Summary

1. (U) On May 31, demonstrations were organized all over Sweden in support of the 11 Swedish citizens onboard the Gaza flotilla and against the actions of the Israeli authorities. The demonstration held in Stockholm was reportedly the largest in Europe with around 7,000 protesters. The GoS immediately condemned the violence that occurred and the Israeli Ambassador to Sweden was summoned to the MFA. All 11 Swedes have been accounted for; however, the MFA has no information about their condition. End Summary.

Demonstrations in Sweden

2. (U) Demonstrations against the Gaza flotilla incident were organized all over Sweden on May 31. Protesters proclaimed support for the 11 Swedes onboard the flotilla, and condemned the actions of the Israeli authorities. POL LES staff walked through the demonstration in downtown Stockholm of some 7,000 people [police figures] demanding sanctions against Israel and an end to the Gaza blockade. Protesters burned Israeli flags and chanted anti-Israeli and anti-U.S. slogans. Unlike previous demonstrations against Israel, no Hezbollah or Hamas flags were observed. The demonstrators marched on the Israeli embassy as well. Although the demonstration was reportedly the largest held in Europe, there were no reports of violence. The police announced on June 1, that they have increased protection of synagogues in Stockholm and Malmo, the Israeli Embassy and the Jewish school in Stockholm.

GoS Reactions

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3. (SBU) On May 31, the Israeli Ambassador to Sweden Benny Dagan was summoned to the MFA where State Secretary Frank Belfrage expressed Sweden's deep concern regarding the situation with the Gaza flotilla and inquired about the 11 Swedish citizens who were aboard the ships. FM Bildt immediately stated [in an interview with Swedish Radio] that the Israeli actions were "very serious and unacceptable." He also contacted EU's High Representative Catherine Ashton to urge a joint EU statement condemning the use of force. At the same time, he demanded an immediate, permanent and unconditional opening of the borders to Gaza for humanitarian aid, trade, and persons.

4. (U) Bildt wrote on his blog on May 31, that "it is clear that the Israeli action is incompatible with international law as it took place in international waters. Let me say that I am concerned that the Israeli overuse of violence today plays right in the hands of extremists in different camps. We have all reason to distance ourselves from any use of violence and encourage political dialogue." When Bildt later in the evening was asked if he wished to see sanctions on Israel, Bildt said no, arguing that sanctions would affect the wrong persons. He also said that there are no plans to recall personnel from the Swedish Embassy in Israel as there are too few, rather than too many, diplomats present there at the moment.

Red-Green Opposition Critical

5. (U) The opposition three-party Red-Green Coalition made a joint statement on May 31, condemning Israel, saying "Israel's blockade of Gaza makes the entire area a gigantic outdoor prison where Israel controls what gets in and out." Social Democratic Party Leader Mona Sahlin demanded that Sweden recall its military attaché and push to suspend the EU's trade agreement with Israel. Left Party Leader Lars Ohly spoke at the demonstration in Stockholm and demanded a boycott of Israel and an international discussion about sanctions. He referred to Israel as "God damn killers."

All Swedes Accounted For

6. (U) At least four of the eleven Swedes that were onboard the Gaza flotilla are flying back to Sweden today, according to the Swedish MFA. Five Swedes aboard the ship "Sofia" were faced with the choice of signing a voluntary deportation agreement or going through legal proceedings in Israel. Those five are: author Henning Mankell, Dr. Viktoria Strand, Green Party Member of Parliament Mehmet Kaplan, artist Dror Feiler, and cashier in the Swedish "Ship to Gaza" organization Saman Ali. Six Swedes are held in the Ela Prison in Beersheba, according to the MFA and the organization "Ship to Gaza": theologian Ulf Carmesund, pediatrician Henry Ascher, researcher in refugee medicine Kimberly Soto Aguayo, and Chair of the Immigrant Groups of Uppsala Amil Sarsour. Professor and spokesperson for "Ship to Gaza" Mattias Gardell and his wife, historian Edda Manga, who were aboard the "Mavi

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Marmara," are also reportedly being held in the Ela Prison. The MFA states it has no information about the conditions of any of the Swedes.

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1. (U) START SUMMARY

The immediate reaction in Swedish media to the boarding of the Gaza flotilla was emotional and uniformly critical. The reaction was influenced by the fact that eleven Swedes with the flotilla were initially missing. In the last 24 hours, media reporting and commentary has become more muted and focused on balanced discussion of Israel's policy and the situation in Gaza. The traditionally liberal and Israel-friendly print media have tried to strike a balance in editorials between condemning what they see as the excessive force by Israel while not being seen as supportive of Hamas. Sweden's largest circulation paper, Aftonbladet, has featured the harshest criticism of the raid and Israeli policies on settlements and Gaza. (Note: In October 2009, Aftonbladet also caused controversy with Israel over an article connecting the Israeli army with reputed organ theft.) The broadcast media has featured more neutral reporting following initially heated first reactions. The overall trend in the media appears have gone from 'massacre by Israel' to a more 'unfortunate outcome caused by unexpected events.' Among the bloggers the divide is greater, with strong Israel supporters on one side and Palestine supporters on the other, and little or no common ground.

END SUMMARY

2. (U) BROADCAST MEDIA

Swedish broadcast media is two-thirds public service owned and therefore attempts to report rather than comment. Swedish Television's (SVT) senior foreign affairs commentator, Bo-Inge Andersson stated that the Israeli action is threatening President Obama's "grand plan" to achieve peace in the Middle East and continued, "As long as Hamas does not recognize Israel's existence, there can be no agreement," and, "it is pretty clear that Obama will not be able to change Israel's policy." Andersson stated that while the U.S. voters support Israel, Obama cannot overly favor Israel and retain his good reputation in the world. Andersson concludes that support for Hamas is falling in Gaza but the world will need to promise a better life for the Palestinian people for a regime shift to occur which "requires that both Palestinians and Israelis start to think anew." All broadcast media (SVT, TV4 and Swedish Radio) focused much reporting on the fate of the released Swedes, Member of Parliament Mehmet Kaplan and writer Henning Mankell. Mankell called for sanctions against Israel similar to the ones levied against

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South Africa during apartheid while Kaplan spoke about how rubber bullets and stun guns were used in the raid.

3. (U) PRINT MEDIA

Traditionally Israel-friendly major liberal and conservative media were attempting to downplay the Israeli raid in their editorials and instead focused on Israel's role in the world and their reputation internationally. Leading opinion maker Dagens Nyheter (DN) wrote on June 1 in its lead editorial that while "there is a legitimate interest that heavy weapons are not smuggled into Gaza, one cannot defend yesterday's deadly confrontation with the pro-Palestinian activists." Conservative Svenska Dagbladet (SVD) commented that Israel reacts to its reputation and sense of isolation by striking back, instead of trying to mitigate the damage. Noting that they believe Israel has reason to feel alone "it does not mean that Israel is always right." Liberal-center morning daily Sydsvenska Dagbladet wrote that "Israel deserves much of the harsh criticism now being heard, even if it is obvious that many of the country's old enemies are taking the opportunity to increase the tone." Sydsvenskan also notes that "It must be presumed that Jerusalem did not expect the boarding to have the consequences it did. That is why further facts should not worsen the diplomatic situation." Liberal-center Göteborgs Posten (GP) writes that at the root of what has happened is "the failed and, in all regards, inhumane isolation of the Gaza area." Social Democratic leading tabloid Aftonbladet called on the global community "to move from statements to actions," and called for both economic sanctions and a cultural boycott of Israel. The traditionally Israel-friendly second-largest tabloid center-liberal Expressen also focused on the blockade rather than the raid itself "which cannot be compared to the abuse that the blockade entails for 1.5 million people in Gaza." Expressen's Foreign Editor Mats Larsson comments in a separate signed column on the situation on what he calls "hypocrisy" as both Egypt and other neighboring states are continuing to use Palestinians as weapons in the fight against Israel.

4. (U) BLOGS

Magnus Norell, terrorism and Middle East expert, opined in an article on Newsmill (Sweden's largest news blog) that "It seems obvious that some Europeans actually didn't know anything about the main organizer - the Turkish Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH) - and never intended to forcefully resist the Israelis, should it come to a clash. There is no reason to not believe the many activists who sincerely went on the mission to help alleviate a situation deemed dire from a purely humanitarian perspective. This theory is strengthened by the fact that the only violence that occurred happened on the largest ship in the flotilla. It was the ship where most of the activists had gathered and that contained most of the radical activists from the IHH." Continuing, Norell writes, "For the United States, this couldn't have come at a worse time. With Turkey on the Security Council and the vote on new sanctions coming up, the ruckus with Turkey over the nuclear deal is already causing the Obama Administration a headache. A more nuanced official U.S. response is to be expected in time, but right now, this can only draw attention away for what in Washington is regarded as the main issue in the Middle East; the Iranian nuclear topic."

5. In addition to political commentary by political leaders and ministers, Urban Ahlin, Social Democrat Foreign Affairs spokesman, noted on the Social Democratic blog that "Excessive force and shootings cannot be in any way accepted. It must quickly be made clear what happened when the Israeli military boarded the convoy with humanitarian supplies bound for Gaza. If it occurred in international waters, it is a violation of international law. I am deeply concerned about the humanitarian situation in Gaza. Gaza is under a blockade that in practice has led to a situation where people are living in an outdoor prison. The humanitarian situation is alarming and the possibilities for rebuilding and economic development are being hindered. The blockade of Gaza, like the occupation of all of Palestine, must come to an end." Ahlin also issued a press statement that called for an extra meeting of the Foreign Affairs Council: "Israel's boarding of ships in the 'Ship to Gaza' convoy in international waters and the resulting shootings are very serious actions and, therefore, the council should be convened at once. We must have proper information about the sequence of events from the past few days and find out what the government intends to do to pressure Israel to lift the blockade of Gaza." The two major political youth leaders Niklas Wykman, Young Moderates and Jytte Guteland, Young Social Democrats took separate views on the raid. Wykman created a major debate when he wrote "It is good that Hamas will not be getting the visit they had been expecting. Hamas oppresses and persecutes the people of Gaza while at the same time having the destruction of Israel at the top of their to-do list. 'Ship to Gaza'(activists) are pawns, terrorists and ideologically motivated Israel exterminators... It is a relief that Hamas will not get the visit they had been expecting. It is a victory for all of Gaza!" Guteland responded to Wykman's statements by saying that "It is among the worst things he has done. It is totally

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unacceptable. This is about violence towards and the murder of aid workers and it is a crime against international law. The Moderates need to react and remove Wykman from their party leadership; otherwise this is now Moderate Party policy." Liberal Youth leader Adam Cwejman, traditionally the party most closely associated with the "pro-Israeli" community wrote "That everyone can yell themselves hoarse about Israel is nothing new. It's also not always strange or wrong. The Israeli government and military have a habit of placing themselves in tricky situations. The latest is particularly disturbing, and if any good can come from this is, it is if the blockade is lifted. At the same time it is of the utmost importance that Hamas is not allowed to attack Israel. It is very difficult to be a friend of Israel today, likewise it is hard to be hopeful of a lasting peace."

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Per REF A, Post conducted a review of news articles, op-ed pieces, blogs and other online media and commentaries regarding the Gaza Flotilla incident. Based on this review, Post is not aware of any media items that displayed anti-Semitic commentary. In fact, many op-ed pieces and other media items expressed a pro-Israeli sentiment. While quite a few lamented the loss of life and/or characterized the response as too heavy, many commentators still maintained that Israel has a right to self defense (REF B). Estonian President Iivess carried out his previously planned state visit to Israel from June 27-29. This visit included a stop in Ramallah, where Iivess participated in a seminar on e-governance carried out as part of Estonia's development cooperation program with the Palestinian Authority. Media reporting from this event remained focused on the political issues surrounding Estonian- and EU-Israeli relations and the broader issues facing the Middle East.

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1. SUMMARY. The May 31 Israeli offensive against a flotilla of ships bound for Gaza has triggered fervent condemnation and large protests in Yemen. Three Yemeni Members of Parliament were aboard the flotilla and were reportedly arrested by Israeli forces. On May 31 Yemen's Parliament issued a statement condemning Israel's "criminal" actions, and some MPs called for the mustering of an "Islamic army" to confront Israel. Thousands protested in Sana'a on June 1, demanding UN intervention to end the blockade of Gaza. The Israeli-Palestinian issue resonates strongly in Yemen, and this latest incident has intensified Yemeni condemnation of Israel. END SUMMARY.

2. Yemenis awoke on May 31 to nonstop coverage on Al-Jazeera of the melee between Israeli forces and pro-Palestinian activists in the "freedom flotilla." Saudi-affiliated MBC reported that three Yemeni Members of Parliament were aboard the flotilla and were among those arrested in the fray: Mohammad al-Hazmi, Haza'a al-Maswari and Abdulkhalig Shalhoon, all from the Islah opposition party. Independent website News Yemen reported that Hazmi, one of Yemen's most prominent and conservative imams, was recorded on video scuffling with an Israeli soldier while saying, "God is great, God is great!" Quasi-independent Mareb Press reported that Maswari had been injured. Yemen's Parliament issued a statement on May 31 saying, "The Zionist entity could not commit such crimes against humanity without the support of international powers that claim to

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support human rights."

3. On June 1, tens of thousands of protesters gathered in Sana'a's Sabaiyn Square, paralyzing traffic. (Note: Contacts reported that several ministries instructed their employees to attend the protest, and observers saw busloads of students being ferried to the site. End Note.) The speakers at the protest included Ahmed bin Dagher, Assistant Secretary-General of the ruling General People's Congress, and Sadiq al-Ahmar, nominal leader of the Hashid tribal confederation. Demonstrators demanded UN intervention to end the Gaza blockade, called on all Arab nations to sever diplomatic ties with Israel, and urged the Palestinian Authority to immediately end negotiations with Israel. Al-Jazeera aired footage of the protest. Ministry of Defense mouthpiece 26 September reported that thousands of people also gathered on June 1 to protest in the town of Dhamar.

4. On Facebook, Yemeni contacts posted statuses reflecting their condemnation of the attack and their praise for Turkey's decision to withdraw its ambassador to Israel. A representative posting said, "Many thanks to the Turkish champions, and shame, shame, shame on all who support the blockade in one way or another."

5. COMMENT. The Israeli-Palestinian issue resonates more strongly in Yemen than perhaps any other international issue. Whenever there is a skirmish at Al-Aqsa or a bombing in Gaza, Yemenis take to the streets to denounce the "Zionist entity." With this latest high-profile incident being cast as a ruthless attack on innocent civilians, Yemenis remain unlikely to support any Arab overtures of peace toward Israel. END COMMENT.

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1. (SBU) SUMMARY: Gaza flotilla reaction in Mauritius continued with a letter to President Obama delivered to the Embassy, followed by an editorial by the former Attorney General of Mauritius. The Israeli response to the flotilla has increased anti-Israel sentiment in Mauritius, among Muslims and non-Muslims alike. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) On the afternoon of June 4, after Friday prayers, Cader Hosenally, from the non-governmental organization "Free Palestine Now," delivered a letter of protest to the U.S. Embassy. Hosenally, who is also "Chairman of The Anglo Mauritian Disability Link," was accompanied by a handicapped person with whom his NGO works, as well as by the president of the Jummah Mosque, the main mosque in Port Louis. The letter, from Hosenally in both his capacities listed above, was addressed to President Obama, care of the U.S. Embassy, and was accepted by the Public Affairs Officer, an event covered on Mauritian TV and in several press articles.

3. (U) Begin text of letter:

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I am writing to you on behalf of the Mauritian people, its Non-Governmental Organizations and the Disabled Community as a whole.

We in Mauritius have watched with dismay in recent years as conditions in the Middle East have rapidly deteriorated. As part of your Presidential election pledge, you promised the international community an effective course of action to rescue the people of the Middle East from their plight. Thus far, though, we in Mauritius have been profoundly disappointed with your foreign policy.

When President Bush's era of neo-realism came to an end, two years ago, the developing world was filled with hope. As the incoming President you had actively promoted anti-war discourse as part of your electoral campaign. The feeling around the world was that your administration would carry on the sterling work performed by President Clinton, which was cut short by the expiration of his mandate.

However, it has become painfully apparent that this is not the case. The recent atrocities committed by the Israeli Defence Force, whereby it entered international waters illegally and murdered innocent civilians, have received no condemnation from the American executive. The failure to condemn these appalling actions is tantamount to acknowledging complicit guilt.

This incident is just the latest example of Israeli aggression towards a persecuted nation, since you assumed the role of President in 2008. That was a time when Gaza was under prolonged attack by Israeli forces, between December and January 2009, a war of such injustice that it should have implored you to take action.

We the Mauritian people are a peace-loving community who have become gravely concerned that you and your Israeli allies are purporting [sic] war in our region. We have monitored the situation since your election, from both a humanitarian and a strategic sense, and we feel that American foreign policy is to blame for the deterioration of Middle Eastern relations.

During this time we have continually lobbied the governments of Europe, and we have been pleased with their reactions. Indeed, William Hague, the United Kingdom's Foreign Minister, has reacted admirably to the events of the last few days. Your administration meanwhile, has done nothing, and we in Mauritius find this heartbreaking.

In the two years since you came to power your policies toward the Middle East have achieved very little. Now I urge and implore you to reconsider America's position; consider how history will remember you, as a President who valued the lives of men, or as someone who sat back and did nothing. Please take action, both for the sake of the Palestinian people and the global community as a whole.

END TEXT.

4. (U) An editorial in English by former Attorney General Rama Valayden (a Hindu with a Muslim wife) continued the press coverage on June 11. Entitled "Israel's Murderous Assault: End Gaza blockade now!" the editorial focused on the suffering of 1.5 million Palestinians under the blockade. Valayden pointed out that the blockade is not actually weakening Hamas, and stated that Hamas "has said that they are ready to enter into a long term truce with Israel." Valayden called for a "UN Aid Flotilla to break the

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blockade," and concluded, "Hope by the time we reach such drastic steps God would have revisited the minds of the high officials of Israel who love to joke that the aim of the blockade is to 'put the Gazans on the diet.'" The editorial was accompanied by a cartoon of an aid worker face down in a huge pool of blood, with the faint reflection of an Israeli flag on the surface.

COMMENT

5. (SBU) The sentiments in the letter to the President appear to be shared by the great majority of the Muslim community here, although the intensity of the feeling varies. In the non-Muslim communities as well, already strong pro-Palestinian sentiment appears to be gaining ground, with the Gaza blockade acting as a catalyst to crystallize resentment against Israeli policy in recent years and decades, a resentment that reflects on the United States as well.

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1. (SBU) SUMMARY: Turkey's Ambassador to Pristina, Metin Husrev Unler, notified Kosovo's Deputy Foreign Minister on May 31 that a Kosovo citizen, Mr. Fuad Ramiqi, was among the participants in the Turkish NGO Humanitarian Aid Foundation flotilla bound for Gaza that Israeli forces intercepted in the Mediterranean earlier in the day. Unler urged the GOK to issue a statement condemning the raid, but the MFA refused. Ramiqi is currently a member of the Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK) and has been active in Kosovo politics and the Armed Forces of the Republic of Kosovo (FARK). He previously served in the Yugoslav National Army but deserted in 1991 and subsequently joined the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Ramiqi was a founding member of Kosovo's Islamic-oriented Justice Party, and his post-war engagement in Kosovo has focused primarily on the promotion of religious and traditional values in Kosovo society. END SUMMARY.

Fuad Ramiqi Reported Aboard Gaza Aid Flotilla

2. (SBU) On May 31, Turkey's Ambassador to Pristina, Metin Husrev Unler, notified Deputy Foreign Minister Vlora Citaku that Kosovo citizen Fuad Ramiqi was onboard the Turkish NGO Humanitarian Aid Foundation flotilla bound for Gaza that Israeli forces intercepted earlier that day. Kosovo media are reporting that Ramiqi survived the incident unscathed and is expected soon to contact his family. Ambassador Unler urged the GOK to issue a statement condemning the Israeli action in the Mediterranean, but the MFA refused the request and has no plans to issue any statement.

Fuad Ramiqi Bio

3. (U) Ramiqi, born on March 26, 1960, in the village of Pozharan near Viti/Vitina, served as a junior officer

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in the former Yugoslav National Army (JNA) until 1991, when he deserted following the outbreak of war in the former Yugoslavia. In 1992, he joined the fledgling Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina where he served as chief of staff in the Fifth Corps' Brigades 521 and 526 until 1994. In 1995, he joined the Defense Ministry of the Kosovo Government-in-exile, where he served, with the rank of Colonel, initially as advisor and later as assistant minister for organizational affairs and mobilization. In that position, he helped the efforts to stand-up and consolidate the Armed Forces of the Republic of Kosovo (FARK), a rival to the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA).

4. (U) After the war, Ramiqi helped found the Justice Party (PD), a small religiously-oriented political party, and served as its secretary-general. He left the PD in 2004 over disagreements with party leadership and fielded his candidacy as an independent for the 2004 general elections on a platform that called for promotion of religious and traditional values in Kosovo society. He was the most successful independent candidate in the election and fell a couple of hundred seats short of securing a seat in the Kosovo Assembly. He subsequently disappeared from public life, save for offering intermittent analyses of military and security affairs published in daily newspapers.

5. (U) Ramiqi returned to public life in July 2008 when he joined the Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK). At the time, there were rumors about his appointment as deputy minister in the newly-established Ministry for the Kosovo Security Force. He was later rumored to be an LDK candidate for the board of Kosovo's Civil Aviation Authority; neither appointment materialized. He has not had any significant political engagements since then.

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1. (SBU) On June 1 the Icelandic Parliament discussed the recent Israeli raid on the Gaza flotilla and publicly denounced the action as a breach of international law. Members of Parliament from all of the political parties were unified in their condemnation of the raid and several politicians suggested that Iceland should respond by invoking economic sanctions and/or severing diplomatic relations with Israel. Following this general parliamentary debate, the Foreign Affairs Committee passed a resolution requesting the Foreign Minister to formulate an official Icelandic response to the raid. The resolution, besides asking the Foreign Minister to consider the possibility of diplomatic sanctions against Israel, also urged him to provide aid to Gaza and to organize a trip to the region. (Note: The full text of the Foreign Affairs Committee's resolution is included in paragraph five. End Note.)

2. (SBU) Foreign Minister Ossur Skarphedinsson had already publically condemned the Israeli raid even before parliament met to discuss the subject. The Minister said on May 31 that Israel's disproportionate use of power can no longer be accepted. "Gaza is in fact a giant prison where international law is being violated. This has to stop," he said. Skarphedinsson, according to an MFA press release, also sent a letter of condemnation to the Israeli Foreign Ministry and requested a meeting with Israel's Ambassador to Iceland who is resident in Oslo.

3. (SBU) The government's actions are very much in line with public sentiment on this matter. There was a protest yesterday against Israel

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outside of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that, according to the media, attracted approximately 200 people. The protestors carried signs that read "We are responsible for this" with a picture of a burned child, and other signs that read "Stop War Criminals and Imperialism." A group of approximately 20 protestors also demonstrated outside of the U.S. Embassy with similar signs.

4. (SBU) Comment: Post spoke with a well placed contact at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who suggested that it was too early to consider the idea of Iceland implementing economic sanctions against Israel or severing diplomatic ties with the country. This source, however, did not rule out the possible use of these options in the future. At the same time, we note that Iceland has demonstrated a tendency in the past to follow positions laid out by the EU. It would be out of character for Iceland to unilaterally employ economic sanctions or suspend diplomatic relations. End comment.

5. (U) The full text of the Foreign Affairs Committee's resolution reads as follows:

The majority of the Foreign Affairs Committee harshly condemns the Israeli army's raid on a Turkish ship in a convoy on an international maritime route with aid supplies to the Gaza Strip. The raid is a breach of international law. It goes against people's sense of justice, to use violence to prevent aid supplies from reaching people in dire needs. The majority emphasizes that human rights conventions, United Nations resolutions, and international law be fully respected in occupied Palestine, in Gaza, and on the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

The majority resolves to ask the Foreign Minister, in consultation with the Foreign Affairs Committee, to organize a trip to the Gaza Strip, and that Iceland send aid supplies to help the people in Gaza and thus oppose the blockade that the Israelis have imposed in Gaza in contradiction to international law. It is unacceptable that for more than half a century UN resolutions on human rights and the Palestine people's right to self-determination have been ignored. It is a serious possibility that Iceland could cut diplomatic relations with Israel, and the Foreign Minister will be asked to assess, in cooperation with other nations, what solutions, which are considered the most effective, shall be employed to compel changes in accordance with international law, such as international solidarity on economic sanctions or severing diplomatic ties with Israel, if other solutions are not fruitful.

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(SBU) Around midday on October 30, Embassy investigators confirmed that the *Mariam* remains docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around it. As previously noted, the *Julia* departed for Turkey on October 23.

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1. (SBU) SUMMARY: The leadership role taken by several Omani NGOs in organizing responses to the Gaza flotilla incident demonstrated an increasing interest by civil society in the Sultanate to engage the public on substantive policy issues. A statement issued by the nascent Human Rights Commission showed that this group is also developing its own identity in its portfolio. While Oman has seen protests in the past (ref A) regarding events in Gaza, this is the first time the public voice has been channeled through civil society organizations. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) The nascent National Commission for Human Rights issued a strongly worded public statement about the flotilla incident, condemning the actions of the Israeli military and asserting violations of international law and treaties on human rights. It also called for "solidarity with the Palestinian people" and for continued efforts to alleviate the "sufferings of the people of the Gaza Strip." The government exercises tight control over the content of newspapers; several news outlets reported on the Commission's statement.

3. (U) The Omani Association for Writers and Scholars and the Omani Journalist's Association also released a public statement. It made specific reference to being in "solidarity with Abbas Mustafa" an Omani journalist, working for Gulf News, who was aboard the Mavi Marmara (ref B). Similar to the National Commission for Human Rights, it expressed regret and frustration, and assigned blame to Israel for the incident. The statement used very strong language to both condemn and categorize the incident: "...the Israeli brutal assault by beating and confiscation...denouncing this massacre [by] the Zionist war machine." Circulation included various news outlets.

4. (U) The Omani Association for Writers and Scholars, with sponsorship from the popular Sabla blog/website, also organized a "night of solidarity with the Palestinian people" at a local Borders bookstore. The stated purpose was to mobilize civil society to condemn the Israeli attacks, and included participation by the Palestinian Ambassador to Oman, H.E. Luai Issa, local poets and scholars. The organizers also circulated a petition calling for an end to the Gaza blockade, release of all those captured, criminal charges against the Israeli Government by the International Criminal Court of Justice, compensation to those killed, and a boycott of all Israeli companies and merchandise. The petition will be delivered to the Embassy of Spain in Muscat, for forwarding to the

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European Union and the Human Rights Committee. A march from the Palestinian to the Spanish embassy to deliver the petition was cancelled due to the Omani cyclone (ref C).

5. (SBU) COMMENT: The official government reaction has been measured; the response by civil society expressed unprecedented anger, frustration, and calls for legal and societal action. The Omani government permitted civil society to orchestrate and implement their own strong public reaction. Although public demonstrations concerning Gaza have occurred in the past, these most recent activities were led by NGOs representing the separate voice of civil society. These activities are new for NGOs and may show civil society's growing capacity and desire for a larger role. Such developments will be monitored to determine whether this is a new element within a larger trend of political and democratic awakening. END COMMENT.

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1. (U) Per Reftel, Post reviewed news media and statements by political leaders following the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident. Although the incident, which occurred close to Cyprus' territorial waters, received significant media coverage in both the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities, the coverage consisted mainly of political analyses and commentary and did not appear to "cross the line" into anti-Semitism.

2. (SBU) Post also contacted the leaders of the local Jewish community center in Larnaca, which reported no Gaza flotilla-related commentary or public statements that appeared to be anti-Semitic. The center did, however, report a slight increase after the Gaza flotilla incident in the number of verbal assaults and harassing phone calls, which they report receiving on a regular basis throughout the year. (Note: The Cyprus Jewish Community Center, led by members of the Chabad-Lubavitch Hasidic Orthodox faith, is located in Larnaca, an area with a significant number of Palestinian refugees. End note.) The rabbi of the synagogue located in

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the Turkish Cypriot community reported no increase in anti-Semitism following the Gaza flotilla incident; he reported cordial and mutually respectful relations with local residents and authorities.
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1. (U) SUMMARY: Israel's May 31 actions to halt the "Freedom Flotilla" headed for Gaza have generated considerable press and media coverage (most sharply critical), a government statement, a demonstration at the U.S. Embassy in Port Louis, and the delivery of a letter to the Embassy addressed to President Obama. The outpouring of criticism here for the Israeli actions was predictable. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) Israel's May 31 actions to halt the "Freedom Flotilla" headed for Gaza quickly generated media coverage. On June 2, the daily "Le Mauricien" reported a statement by the left wing party Lalit condemning the attacks by Israel against the "Liberty Flotilla," calling it "an act of piracy" and calling on the Government of Mauritius to "immediately stop all bilateral relations with Israel." (NOTE: Post is not aware of any substantive, ongoing bilateral relations. END NOTE.) On June 3, the private radio station Radio Plus reported the GOM "condemned the loss of human lives." In its 0800 news broadcast the radio carried an interview with Foreign Minister Arvin Boolell, who confirmed that the government "condemned the attacks." Boolell added that it was unacceptable to use force against civilians, and that it was important that aid and food reach

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Gaza. The radio station then announced a demonstration for that day in front of the U.S. Embassy. Also on June 3 the daily newspaper "Le Matinal" carried a statement by the GOM on its front page. One opinion piece the same day said that the Israeli version of the facts was more credible and indicated legitimate self-defense, ending "Let's not condemn Israel, let's forget Palestine. The World Cup is in nine days!"

3. (U) On June 4, at least four stories in the mainstream press continued the coverage, with opinion pieces and reporting on the demonstration and the GOM statement. This press coverage was almost uniformly negative toward Israel. The Washington correspondent for "L'express" reported that "the White House is taking a more cautious position on the raid, standing by a U.N. Security Council statement condemning 'acts which resulted in the loss of at least ten civilians and many wounded,' without specifying who was responsible for those acts." A harsh cartoon depicted an Israeli soldier, thinking that a dove conceals Islamic fighters, killing the dove and peering into its bloody remains in search of the imaginary fighters.

4. (U) On the afternoon of June 4, after Friday prayers, Kader Hosenally, from the non-governmental organization "Free Palestine Now," delivered a letter of protest to the U.S. Embassy. Hosenally was accompanied by the president of the Jummah Mosque. The letter, addressed to President Obama, was accepted by the Public Affairs Officer, an event covered on Mauritian TV and in the press.

5. (U) Over the weekend, the weekly newspaper "Le Dimanche" published a letter from former Attorney General Rama Valayden sharply critical of the "killing of at least ten civilians by Israel forces and the injuries inflicted on many more. He urged the Mauritian Government to take the lead through the Southern African Development Community (SADC) to condemn Israel for its "barbarous acts" and to ask Israel to stop its "Operational Cast Lead" against Palestinians of the Gaza strip. Also, the leader of Muslim party Front Solidarite Mauricien and new MP Cehl Meah condemned the attacks and said he plans to seek the approval of the Israeli government to send medication to the children in Gaza. Leader of the opposition Paul Berenger condemned the Israeli attack, calling it "shocking brutality," and added that Mauritius has been slow in condemning this attack. He deplored the fact that the France-Africa Summit, which was being held when the attack took place, did not condemn it.

Comment

6. (SBU) Mauritius tends to be strongly pro-Palestinian at any time. The reaction here to the botched raid was predictable.

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(SBU) STATUS OF SHIP(S): As of late afternoon June 22, no ships have left Lebanon bound for either Cyprus or Gaza, but preparations for one launch are underway. The freighter *Julia*, a Bolivian-flagged vessel we have been watching in Tripoli harbor for nearly a week, is now being identified in the media as the ship that will be rechristened *Naji al-Ali* (then in theory to be used to run the Gaza blockade by a group of journalists and activists organized by two Lebanese NGOs). Until yesterday, the *Julia* was believed to be intended for the "all-female" venture and rechristened *Mariam* (in a separate effort organized by the wife of a former national police director). The woman leading the *Mariam* effort, when questioned by the press yesterday, would not give any details about her undertaking other than to say that the group would have a ship and that as many as 70 women might be on it "when it leaves for Gaza."

(SBU) GOL ACTION: The Lebanese cabinet discussed the issue last night, but concluded that it did not need to intervene because the matter was within the jurisdiction of Transportation Minister Ghazi Aridi. Aridi reportedly stated during the cabinet meeting that he would give approval to the *Mariam* and *Naji al-Ali* to depart if they submit requests in accordance with the law; are planning to go to a permitted destination, like Cyprus; and otherwise meet all technical and legal conditions. Cabinet sources were cited in the press as saying "there was not complete satisfaction with the departure of the two ships in these circumstances because of the Israeli threats and unsuitable political timing," but the cabinet did not take any steps to block it.

(SBU) ACTIVITY ON JULIA: This afternoon the *Julia* is alongside the pier in Tripoli and is being loaded with cargo in boxes from trucks. At 1500 local time, there were no signs of imminent departure. Our investigators were not able to identify any other ships in Tripoli harbor that are obviously under preparation for a "flotilla" voyage. We and the UK Embassy also verified that there are currently no ships of any kind in the southern Lebanese ports of Saida, Tyre and Joun that could be used to travel to Gaza. Our Surete Generale contacts in Tripoli believe the other intended ship is also in Tripoli, but they cannot identify it. Late this afternoon, Lebanese Customs contacts in Tripoli said that the *Julia* is the only ship currently being prepared for departure.

(SBU) TECHNICAL ISSUE: The *Julia* is reportedly licensed to carry only 16 passengers and crew, so technically should not be allowed to depart if it submits a manifest with more than 16 individuals listed on it. The two Lebanese NGOs organizing the *Naji al-Ali* effort have said for some days that they intend to send a group of at least 50-60, including 20-30 journalists.

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The Surete Generale confirmed within the last half-hour that it has not received any manifests. The SG did not indicate, however, that it would necessarily take steps to prevent a departure if it does receive a manifest in proper form.

(SBU) AMCITS: The local press has also run a couple of stories today claiming that five Amcits nuns will be among the people on the *Mariam*, and that 12 unidentified Amcits plan to travel on the *Naji al-Ali*. We have repeatedly checked with the Surete (which handles immigration) in recent days, but they have no information about any Amcits with such plans. The Surete has promised to notify us if they receive any manifests listing U.S. citizens.

(SBU) CONCLUSION: We are not currently able to determine how far advanced the preparations for the launch of the *Julia* may be, nor have we been able to obtain additional information concerning reports that the ship is probably not seaworthy. It is being loaded with cargo, however, and we have to assume it could depart with very little notice, assuming all of its documentary requirements have been met.

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(SBU) On Saturday, 08/21/2010, at 0933 hours Embassy investigators reported that both the *Mariam* (formerly the *Jounieh Star*) and the *Julia* (aka the *Naji al-Ali*) remain in their same positions in the Lebanese port of Tripoli without any signs of activity. Our team will remain in Tripoli throughout the day, and we will provide further reports, as appropriate.

(U) Transportation Minister Ghazi Aridi told Lebanese papers on August 21 that he could not allow the *Mariam* to sail, as planned, because the Cypriot authorities had announced that they would not allow it to land there en route to Gaza. He added, however, "We will grant the ship the necessary license according to the required legal conditions," explaining that the ship's owners must locate a different port that will receive the ship.

(U) The head of the sponsoring Free Palestine Movement, Yasser Qashlaq, stressed that the *Mariam* will depart as scheduled on August 29. He told the daily Asharq al-Awsat on August 21, "There will be no backing down from the launch date and Cyprus has no right to refuse it entry to its port....If the ship does not sail, regardless of the reason, I will reveal secrets and many surprises to the Palestinian people." The Lebanese paper As-Safir, which supports the ship's mission, reported that organizers are negotiating with Greek authorities for permission to land in a Greek port.

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No Activity in Tripoli Port

(SBU) On Saturday, August 21, at 1620 hours Embassy investigators reported that both the *Mariam* (formerly the *Jounieh Star*) and the *Julia* (aka the *Naji al-Ali*) remain in their same positions in the Lebanese port of Tripoli without any signs of activity. The investigators added that there was no elevated security presence at the port and no press was present. The team will return to Tripoli on Sunday, August 22, and we will provide further reports, as appropriate.

GDL Says Ship Will Not Sail Before Monday

(SBU) Gen. Joumana Tabet, head of General Security's intelligence unit, assured the RSO that the *Mariam* will not depart on either August 21 or 22, although she declined to provide additional information.

Flotilla Organizer Claims Ship Will Not Sail Directly to Gaza

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(U) Coordinator of the Mariam's efforts, Samar al-Hajj, told the LBC television channel on Saturday that contacts are ongoing with countries near Gaza in order to acquire permission for the ship to dock at one of their ports. She complained, "it seems as if there is universal war against us....We will not allow anyone to cancel the ship's trip." She added that the ship will not head to Gaza directly from Tripoli, stressing, "The ship cannot be the reason for the start of a war."

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(U) In a press conference held inside the Lebanese port of Tripoli around midday on Sunday, August 22, the organizers of the *Mariam*, a ship intending to break the Gaza blockade, announced that they are "postponing but not cancelling" its departure, previously planned for August 22. This decision, they said, was made necessary by the refusal of Cypriot authorities to allow the ship to dock in Cyprus en route to Gaza. The organizers are now seeking another port that will allow them to land, and they announced that they are in contact with Turkish and Greek authorities. The Government of Lebanon will not allow the ship to sail directly to Gaza because it is occupied by Israel, with which Lebanon is officially in a state of war.

(SBU) An Embassy security team reported at 1445 hours that all those who attended the press conference had departed the port area and no activity was taking place on or around the ship. Embassy Beirut will continue monitoring the situation and sending staff to observe the port, reporting when necessary.

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(SBU) On August 24 at 1300 hours, Embassy investigators reported that the Mariam (formerly the Jounieh Star) and the Julia (aka the Nají al-Ali) remained in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no signs of activity taking place on or around them. The Julia is anchored away from the wharf, and the Mariam has been moved to a secondary docking location next to a larger ship. The team will return to observe the ships on August 25.

(SBU) Yasser Qashlaq, head of the Free Palestine Movement that is sponsoring the ships, told An-Nahar newspaper, "From now on, we will start sending ships carrying humanitarian aid with the U.N. flag to all of Palestine, not only to Gaza, and Israel will not be able to forbid it or detain it." Since the Government of Lebanon has refused to allow the ships to sail unless they indicate as their destination a port that will receive them other than Gaza, this claim is not credible. The press reported over the weekend that the flotilla organizers contacted Turkish and Greek authorities to seek permission to dock there.

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(SBU) Around midday on August 26, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the Mariam and the Julia remain docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them.

(SBU) Two photos taken today are attached.

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(SBU) Around 1000 on August 27, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the *Mariam* and the *Julia* remain docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them.

(U) We will report again on the ships' status on Monday, unless we receive information over the weekend indicating that they plan to embark.

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(SBU) Around midday on September 19, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the *Mariam* and the *Julia* remain in the Lebanese port of Tripoli. While the *Mariam* is still anchored near the wharf, the *Julia* has been taken out of the water for repair work. Please see attached photos.

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(SBU) Around midday on September 25, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the *Mariam* and the *Julia* remain docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them. The *Julia* remains in dry dock.

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(SBU) Around midday on October 2, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the *Mariam* and the *Julia* remain in the Lebanese port of Tripoli. The *Mariam* is still anchored near the wharf, and the *Julia* remains in dry dock for repair work. Please see attached photos.

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(SBU) Around midday on October 12, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the *Mariam* and the *Julia* remain in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them. The *Julia* is currently in dry dock.

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(SBU) Around midday on October 18, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the *Mariam* and the *Julia* remain docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them.

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1.(U) Summary: Kuwait's major newspapers widely condemned the Israeli military's actions regarding the "Freedom Flotilla" manned by international peace activists, including 16 Kuwaitis, as it attempted to deliver aid to the Gaza Strip. They highlighted both domestic and international official and unofficial reactions to Israel's actions, emphasizing that the raid "was conducted in international waters." Papers widely reported the May 31 summoning by the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of the envoys representing the five permanent member states of the U.N. Security Council. End summary.

2.(U) Al-Qabas, one of Kuwait's most well-established newspapers associated with the country's intelligentsia, headlined its front page with the words, "Israel's massacre has angered the world." The English-language Al-Watan Daily, as well as Arabic language Al-Qabas, Al-Watan and Al-Rai newspapers all carried the word "massacre" in their headlines. The papers prominently displayed pictures of protests around the world, including in Kuwait. The Arab Times (English language daily) published a picture of an injured person whom, it reported, was an American peace activist who was hit in the eye with a tear gas canister thrown at her by Israeli forces while participating in a West Bank protest. The Al-Wasat daily published gun-wielding Israeli commandos on its front page. A cartoon depicting a dove crucified by the Star of David appeared in the Al-Jarida newspaper. The front page of the Al-Rouiah newspaper was headlined, "Israeli Piracy...Above International Law."

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3. (U) Kuwait's Arabic and English language dailies covered both official and unofficial Kuwaiti reactions to the incident. However, while the country's Arabic language dailies paid particular attention to the reactions of the Kuwaiti government and normal citizens, English language dailies The Kuwait Times, Arab Times and Al-Watan Daily primarily focused on the international dimension to the incident and its global repercussions.

4. (U) Kuwait's official news agency KUNA, as well as international news agencies, serve as the main source of information on the circumstances surrounding the incident and its implications. Most coverage in the local Arabic language newspapers has been limited to Kuwait's political landscape. All papers extensively covered the fate of the 16 Kuwaiti citizens who participated in the flotilla, including National Assembly member Dr. Waleed Al-Tabtabaie. Al-Jarida dedicated half a page to official statements made by members of Kuwait's National Assembly, with MP Juman Al-Harbesh, a member of Kuwait's branch of the Muslim brotherhood, saying that the "Zionist entity only understands the logic of force."

5. (U) Papers widely reported the May 31 summoning by State Minister for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs Roudhan Al-Roudhan of the envoys representing the five permanent member states of the U.N. Security Council, including Ambassador Jones. KUNA reported that the Kuwaiti minister asked the ambassadors to exert pressure on Israeli to ensure the safety of the 16 Kuwaitis. Ambassador Jones was quoted by KUNA as saying "the United States has expressed its deep regret over this tragic loss of life and has called for a full investigation into the circumstances." She added that it is important, as all sides assess the tragic incident, that "we do not lose sight of the objective; namely, setting up Palestinian and Israeli states living side by side in peace and security."

6. (U) All major Kuwaiti newspapers covered a rally that was held in Kuwait City's Determination Square, condemning Israel and calling for the safe return of the Kuwaitis. The event was attended by a number of Kuwaiti MPs and prominent figures from all sides of Kuwait's political spectrum. Al-Seyassah stated that the rally's attendees "called for the widest possible solidarity campaign with the Kuwaiti nationals and a condemnation of Israel's crimes."

7. (U) Editorials: The front pages of the Alam Al-Yom, Al-Rai and Al-Qabas newspapers featured columns slamming Israel's attack. Titled "The Terrorism of the State between Capitulation and Resistance," the column that appeared on the front page of Alam Al-Yom argues that the United States acts as the "strategic authority of the terrorism of the Zionist state, funds it, supports it logistically, acts as its diplomatic cover and justifies it in the media." Appearing prominently on the front page of the moderate Al-Qabas newspaper, an editorial carrying the title, "That is how we Punish Israel" concluded with the sentiment, "without a response (to Israel's actions)...that will unite the Arab and Islamic worlds, and the Palestinians, Israel will achieve whatever it likes...and after that words will not suffice." Jassim Boodai, editor-in-chief of the liberal Al-Rai newspaper, wrote a somber column that appeared on the newspaper's front page in which he lamented the perceived silence of the Arab governments towards what is happening and wrote "that the story is not related to Israel alone as we are in the heart of it also...our silence has become our voice."

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1. (U) Summary: All Arabic and English newspapers in Kuwait carried a wide range of editorials on the flotilla incident. In general, the editorials condemned the Israeli acts and criticized the U.S. reaction towards Israel, which in the columnists' views was not critical enough of the Israeli action. Harsh words, such as "massacre," "disgrace," and "inhumane" were used to describe the attack. Several newspapers featured front page editorials praising the Kuwaiti participants, who were detained by Israel, for their heroism and support of the Palestinians. Meanwhile, some columnists attempted to analyze the GOK's reaction to the events. End summary.

2. (U) Moderate Arabic daily Al-Qabas published an article by Ms. Amal Arabeed, a frequent critic of U.S. foreign policy in the region. In her article which carried the headline, "Obama's contradicting priorities in his new strategy," Ms. Arbeed said, "We do not see any change in the U.S. strategy, but rather a redistribution of roles and allies. The mix that President Obama is trying to achieve between flexible policies and the U.S. unilateral military dominance in leading the battle is something for the EU to examine and especially Great Britain before their Sterling collapses and their role in the region deteriorates."

3. (U) Under the headline "God Bless Him Who Knows His Limits," Liberal columnist Abdul Latif Al-Duaij opined in the moderate Arabic daily Al-Qabas: "It goes without saying that the government position - on the flotilla incident - resulted from an attempt to appease and to gain the support of Islamist MPs and the nationalists at the National Assembly, more than it was a real humanitarian stance that is sympathetic with the Palestinians, or out of concern for the fate of Kuwaiti citizens who voluntarily participated in

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the Freedom Flotilla."

4. (U) Abdul Mohsen Jamal, a regular columnist in the moderate Arabic daily Al-Qabas, praised the acts of those who supported the Palestinians in Gaza and called upon the Arab countries and the international community to take actions against Israel. In his editorial that was headlined, "The Freedom Convoy," Mr. Jamal concluded, "If the leaderships in the United States and Europe were really honest about their willingness to fight terrorism, then they need to be honest with themselves and to their principles and make Israel accountable for its actions. The credibility of these leaderships has become questionable. That is why the Arab countries and the Muslim world must be vigilant to any Zionist backstabbing at any time."

5. (U) Mr. Mohammed MUSAED Al-Saleh criticized the tone and choice of words in the UN Security Council statement on the flotilla incident. He also expressed his disappointment with the Arab countries reaction to the tragedy, and he downplayed the importance of the Arab League statement, which had not been issued by the time he finished his article. In the editorial that appeared on the back page of the moderate Arabic daily Al-Qabas, Mr. Al-Saleh said: "Unfortunately Israel will remain the one with the upper hand in convincing the world of its point of view, and our people have nothing more than protests to express their feelings about the Israeli massacre."

6. (U) Liberal Arabic daily Al-Rai published an Op-Ed on its back page by Mr. Walid Al-Rujaib, who criticized the U.S. support of Israel. The article that was headline, "The Chronic Disgrace," Mr. Al-Rujaib concluded, "Our disgrace will remain chronic as long as the United States controls the fate of world and exercises a unipolar policy and insists on protecting the Israeli nuclear armament program. Israel on the other hand will keep on laughing at us, and it will fall on its back laughing when it hears the Arab condemnation statement."

7. (U) Conservative Arabic daily Al-Watan published an article by Nabil Al-Fadhil, an Islamist regular columnist, where he said: "We think we know the reason behind Israel's aggression on the ships. Israel was hoping that the people of the Arab world would put pressure on their government to withdraw their commitment from the Arab Peace Initiative that was spearheaded by King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia. And that has almost been achieved; we saw yesterday at the Kuwaiti National Assembly how the majority of MPs voted in favor of pulling Kuwait out of its commitment to the Arab peace initiative."

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On 08/16/2010, our investigators reported that the *Mariam* (aka the *Jounieh Star*) had changed its dock tie down to a different part of the Tripoli Port. We were unable to determine the reason for the new position. The *Julia* remains in its same position within the port. Both vessels displayed no signs of activity.

Today around noon, the head of the *Mariam* Flotilla Committee, Ms. Samar El-Hajj, gave a telephone interview to an NBN reporter during a televised newscast. Following are the key points from the interview:

- All paperwork for the trip is done, and it is a question of days for the ship to be ready to sail. The ship was supposed to sail a long time ago but the organizers received a lot of pressure. In the coming days, they will call a press conference onboard the *Mariam*, at which they will declare the timing of the trip. The departure time will be announced, and it will certainly be during the month of Ramadan.
- The number of applications to participate exceeded 500 from different countries (U.S., France, Europe, etc.). While this many volunteers cannot participate in the *Mariam's* voyage, there will be a *Mariam 2* and a *Mariam 3*.
- The total number of travelling passengers will be between 50 and 70, the majority of them Lebanese women. She insisted on having more Lebanese women than foreigners and gave them priority to travel.
- The participants are aware of the danger that they will face, but they are determined even if the Israelis are going to use violence. The *Mariam* will definitely go to Palestine. Let Cyprus bear its responsibility and not decide in advance in this concern. The organizers appeal the United Nations to interfere and bear its responsibilities. UNSYG Ban Ki Moon has to bear his responsibilities, as well, and he shouldn't say that ships must not go to Israel and let them face the consequences.

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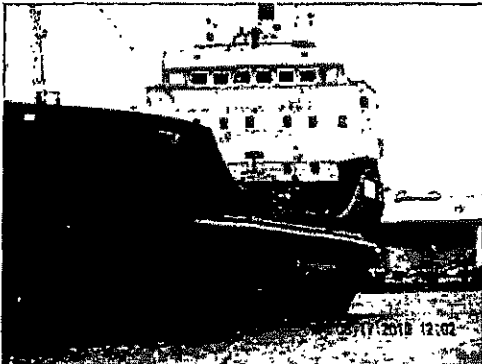
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On 08/17/2010, 1100 hours, our investigators found the vessels *Julia* and *Mariam* (aka *Jounieh Star*) anchored in the same position in the Tripoli port. There were no signs of activity observed on or around either vessel.

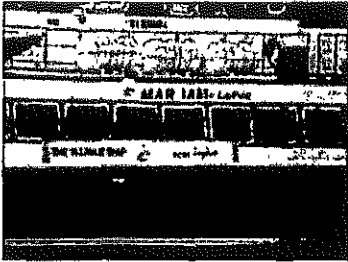
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Summary

1. (SBU) Protest activities rumbled on in the Gaza Strip in the aftermath of Israel's interdiction of the "Free Gaza" flotilla, but none took place on a large scale. Gaza-based contacts described an atmosphere of uncertainty, apathy, and depression. One suggested that many Gazans resented what they saw as international gestures in support of Hamas, and that they saw the flotilla in that light. The Gazan delegation to the Palestine Investment Conference (PIC) in Bethlehem has, despite reservations given the current situation, decided to try to attend. A senior Palestinian official described President Abbas's determination not to let Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood capitalize on the current situation. Post has identified and located the Amcit described in refel as having been

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injured while participating in a demonstration in the West Bank.
End summary.

Gaza Reactions

2. (SBU) A locally-employed staff member based in the Gaza Strip described calls for protests being made through all available forms of media in Gaza during the day on May 31. This included (Hamas-controlled) radio and television stations as well as the loudspeaker systems of mosques. While some demonstrations were held by Hamas, there were no large rallies. A large demonstration is expected to be called tomorrow (June 1).
3. (SBU) Hamas earlier in the day on May 31 called for a three-day strike in the Palestinian Territories, but has not so far enforced it, even in Gaza. Some stores closed, but others remained open, according to Gaza-based contacts reached by phone. Contacts described merchants as waiting to see what direction prices of goods will take.
4. (SBU) Gaza-based contacts described the atmosphere in Gaza as very tense. One compared it to that at the beginning of Israeli combat operations against Hamas in December 2008. Another commented that there is no longer unity during moments of crisis. In the past, this contact said, Palestinians would come together to protest Israeli actions. Now, he said, many in Gaza are staying home, watching events develop on television, and wondering what will happen next.
5. (SBU) A few Gaza-based contacts suggested that the apparent lack of enthusiasm for protests reflected scant hope for the future in Gaza, especially regarding an international response to the current situation. Some conveyed a sense of letdown after Hamas had built up anticipation for the flotilla's arrival, with lanterns set up to welcome it to the port of Gaza.
6. (SBU) One Gaza-based contact, speaking to Post prior to the flotilla's interdiction, noted that while Gazans widely welcomed any attempts to lift the Israeli "siege" on Gaza, they saw initiatives like the "Free Gaza" flotilla as intended to support only Hamas and its beneficiaries. Many Gazans blamed Hamas for the ongoing immiseration of Gaza and the continued division of the Palestinian Territories, he said, and consequently resented international gestures of support for Hamas, like (as many saw it) the flotilla.

Gazans Will Still Try to Attend PIC

7. (SBU) One Gaza-based leading businessman reported that the Gaza delegation to the June 1-4 PIC was reconsidering its attendance. The contact described uncertainty as to whether the Erez crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip would be open, what actions Hamas would take, and what the perception would be of Gazan business leaders running off to an international investment conference the day after the flotilla incident.
8. (SBU) This Gaza-based business contact notified Post on the evening of May 31 that the 25-member committee formed to coordinate Gazan participation in the PIC finally agreed to participate in the PIC as originally planned.

Further Official Palestinian Reactions

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9. (SBU) A senior Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) official told Post that President Abbas told a joint May 31 meeting of the PLO's Executive Committee and the Fatah Central Committee that the Palestinian Authority (PA) was reaching out to others -- including the USG, UN, and European Union -- for support. It was also doing

the utmost to contain the situation so that the Palestinians could "stay the course." Abbas had noted strict instructions to PA security forces not to condone any violence by Palestinians or allow frictions with Israeli security forces in the West Bank, according to the senior PLO official.

10. (SBU) The senior PLO official said that President Abbas told meeting attendees the PA should work to ensure that the strike announced by Hamas for tomorrow (June 1) was not honored in the West Bank. In general, the senior PLO official said, Abbas and the PA were doing everything possible to deny Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood the opportunity to capitalize on the situation. That said, the PA could not block initiatives being pushed by others regarding the flotilla incident at the UN Security Council or the Arab League, the senior PLO official said. He added that Abbas had received a telephone call from Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan and President Gul, and had told them that he would see them in Istanbul as scheduled on his way to Washington next week.

11. (U) At a signing ceremony for the Northern Gaza Emergency Sewage Treatment project on the afternoon of May 31, Prime Minister Fayyad spoke briefly of the flotilla incident. Referring to it as a "tragedy," Fayyad said that even during "sad days, we must move forward."

American Citizens

12. (SBU) Post has identified and located the Amcit described in refTel as having been injured while participating in a demonstration in the West Bank. The Amcit was one of approximately 70 demonstrators at the Qalandiya checkpoint protesting the interdiction of the flotilla on May 31. She was reportedly hit by a tear gas canister fired by Israel Defense Forces personnel, and subsequently taken to a hospital in Jerusalem. Conoffs will attempt to visit her on June 1.

Comment

13. (SBU) Concerns that the interdiction of the flotilla might spark broad-based violent protests in East Jerusalem appear to have subsided somewhat, with Israeli news media reports during the evening of May 31 regarding the situation of Ra'ed Salah, head of the Islamic Movement in Israel-Northern Branch. According to the latest reports, Salah, a flotilla passenger, was not in fact seriously injured during the Israeli naval operation, as earlier reports alleged.

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1. (SBU) Summary and Comment: The Malaysian Parliament on June 7 passed a motion sponsored by Prime Minister Najib Razak's office condemning Israel's action against the Mavi Marmara and calling for Israel to be referred to the UN General Assembly and International Criminal Court (ICC). PM Najib said Malaysia's condemnation of Israel's "state-sponsored terrorism" would not end with the motion. Meanwhile, Malaysians, including a Member of Parliament, who had been aboard the Mavi Marmara and the Rachel Corrie, returned to Kuala Lumpur to a heroes' welcome on June 5-6. PM Najib said their efforts had been "written into history" and called Israel's May 31 boarding of the Mavi Marmara a "blatant act of aggression and terrorism." A Malaysian doctor who was aboard the Mavi Marmara when Israeli forces boarded it told the media he had treated two Israeli soldiers with gunshot wounds, while another activist claimed, sensationally and without showing evidence, that activists had found a "hit list" with the names of activists who were to be killed on the Mavi Marmara. End Summary.

2. (SBU) Comment: Even in the absence of a Gaza flotilla incident,

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the Israel-Palestine issue resonates with the Malaysian public on a daily basis like no other foreign policy issue, and it is inevitably portrayed as an example of Muslims being oppressed. The May 31 deaths of activists aboard the Mavi Marmara are seen as further proof of Israel's evil intentions. The emotional reaction toward Israel affects public sentiment toward the U.S., which Malaysians view as enabling Israel. However, PM Najib did not criticize the U.S. in otherwise strident statements, an approach that the political opposition found fault with. End Comment.

Special motion tabled in Parliament on GAZA

3. (U) PM Najib Razak tabled a 15-point motion at the Parliament on June 7, condemning Israeli's attack on the vessel Mavi Marmara on May 31. The motion, seconded by Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin, called on the world to bring a resolution to the UN General Assembly and refer Israel's atrocities to the International Criminal Court (ICC). I said the "Zionist regime's attack" was a violation of international human rights law, international humanitarian law and the Charter of the United Nations. The motion also proposed Turkey to consider taking action under the Rome Statute of the ICC. The motion strongly condemns Benjamin Netanyahu for allowing the Israel's military forces to act beyond the bounds of humanitarian norms against the people involved in the aid mission. The motion states that Malaysia was dismayed with the inability of the international community, especially the United Nations Security Council, to strongly protest Israel's violent acts.

Reactions

4. (SBU) The opposition party Pakatan Rakyat (PR) unanimously supported PM Najib's special motion and urged the PM to condemn the United States. The PR leaders argued that the Zionist would not be allowed to attack the flotilla without the consent of the United States.

5. (SBU) At a homecoming reception held at PM Najib's residence for the twelve Malaysians who returned on June 6, PM Najib described the

attack as a "blatant act of aggression and terrorism" and added that the Israeli regime should offer an apology and compensation payments to the families of the nine who were killed during the attack. Najib lauded the activists, saying that their efforts had been "written into the country's historical annals" and that what they went through opened "the eyes of the world to the cruelty of the Zionist regime towards Palestinians." He added that most Malaysians had only seen the "atrocities of Israel on television, but now at least 12 Malaysians can say they have viewed Israel's cruelty firsthand." Najib said Malaysia would raise USD 5,000 for the families of each of the activists killed aboard the Mavi Marmara.

6. (SBU) Explicit criticism of the USG came from Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry Mukhriz Mahathir, former PM Mahathir's son and Perdana Global Peace Organization (which helped fund the flotilla) advisor, who said the mission organizers will not be deceived by Vice President Biden's promise that Israel will hand over the aid to Gaza, and added that U.S. policy toward Israel was a failure.

7. (SBU) "Utusan," the leading Malay-language newspaper owned by the government-leading United Malays National Organization (UMNO), argued in a June 7 editorial that the ship boardings clearly showed to the world the true picture of "Jewish Israel being stubborn, arrogant and

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lacking humanity," noting condemnation by numerous countries including the U.S. and suggested that future volunteers and NGOs receive "self defense and weapons training."

8. (SBU) On June 5, a statement from Foreign Minister Anifah Aman demanded safe passage and rapid repatriation of the Malaysian citizens aboard the Rachel Corrie. The weekend return to Malaysia of the group, and the non-violent nature of the boarding, helped cool rhetoric. For example, Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin was quoted on June 6 saying that he had word that the Malaysians aboard the vessel were being safely transported home through Jordan; he avoided further negative comments about Israel.

9. (SBU) Earlier, on June 4, 1,500-2,000 peaceful demonstrators chanted slogans such as "destroy Israel!" in front of the U.S. Embassy after Friday prayers. Opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim and the heads of the other opposition parties led one of the demonstrations. In a brief meeting inside the Embassy, Anwar told the CDA that Israel's unacceptable intransigence occurs only because of USG tolerance, and conveyed a letter to President Obama (shared with Monitoring Group).

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1. (SBU) Indonesian FM Natalegawa published an op-ed regarding the Gaza Flotilla in the June 7 issue of the English-language Jakarta Post, his most extensive public statement on the matter to date. (Note: The piece was adapted from an address that Natalegawa gave to the OIC Executive Committee meeting in Jeddah on June 6.) Natalegawa's op-ed restated the broad principles of Indonesian policy toward Israeli-Palestinian issues. He condemned the Israeli military action, urged a full investigation into the incident, and called on Israel to lift the blockade of Gaza. He also endorsed the two-state solution and proximity talks between Israel and the Palestinians. The full

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text of FM Natalegawa's op-ed follows.

2. (U) BEGIN TEXT:

Insight: The world needs to proceed beyond
condemnation of Israel
Marty M. Natalegawa
The Jakarta Post
Monday, 06/07/2010

All of us, participating in the present meeting are
driven by the same motivation: To respond urgently to
the Israeli attack on the humanitarian vessel, the
Mavi Marmara.

All of us, without exception share a deep sense of
grief for the loss of life and injuries caused by the
Israeli attacks.

The raid by Israeli forces resulting in the killing
and injuring of scores of innocent civilians
represents a gross violation of international law.

It represents, once again, Israel's utter disregard
for international humanitarian principles.

And, unfortunately, it is consistent with Israel's
practice of creating new obstacles whenever there is
fresh prospect for the peace process, including the
recently announced "proximity talks".

As such, Israel fully deserves the universal
condemnations for its latest heinous and cowardly act.

Enough is enough.

Indonesia, my own country, has been swift and crystal
clear in expressing its condemnation.

At the global level, the Security Council of the
United Nations has spoken.

Similarly, the United Nations Human Rights Council has
added its voice.

At the regional level, scores of organizations have
expressed their view. Thus, ASEAN and GCC (Gulf
Cooperation Council) foreign ministers meeting in
Singapore last week also joined the chorus of
condemnations.

Foreign ministers of the OIC (Organization of the
Islamic Conference) member countries will no doubt
today add to the list of global outrage.

Yet Indonesia deems it important that we proceed
beyond condemnation.

Expression of condemnation does not, of itself, make
for a policy.

In this connection, Indonesia considers it important
that we redouble our efforts on a number of points.

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First, ensure that Israel immediately release all detained persons and facilitate their safe return to their homelands.

Second, ensure that Israel be held fully accountable for its actions. A prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation into the attack is an absolute necessity.

Third, ensure that we speak with one voice in demanding that Israel, immediately and without delay, lift its illegal blockade of the Gaza strip, Occupied Palestine, which has caused a deep humanitarian crisis.

Fourth, ensure that Israel immediately cease all acts in violation of international law and relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council, including the building of illegal settlements in Occupied Palestine.

And fifth, ensure progress in the peace process leading to the realization of the two-state solution with an independent and viable Palestinian State living side by side in peace and security with Israel and its neighbors. More specifically, support for the Palestinian position on the proximity talks, as well as efforts for the creation of conditions conducive for these talks.

In seeking to promote those objectives, Indonesia deems it important that member states of the OIC not only consolidate a common position, but also that we build bridges to countries, and indeed, civil societies the world over, beyond our organization: those who have been equally outraged by this latest Israeli illegal act.

In other words, to galvanize the international community in the widest sense, driven no doubt by countries such as those belonging in the OIC, the League of Arab States and the Non-Aligned Movement, against the Israeli action and demanding its accountability.

Remaining one in speaking in favor of the peace process.

And remaining one in supporting the Palestinian cause.

Indonesia wishes to thank all those, including Palestine, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Turkey, as well as the ICRC for their humanitarian assistance in ensuring the safety and welfare of the 12 Indonesian humanitarian personnel aboard the vessel. Two of our nationals have sustained serious injuries.

Indonesia shall remain steadfast in its support for the Palestinian cause.

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1. Israeli flotilla attack

"Attack on International aid flotilla isolates Israel"

The pro-PRC Chinese-language Macau Daily News remarked in an editorial (6/4): "...Since Hamas took control of the Gaza Strip in 2007, Palestine-Israel relations have continued to deteriorate and Israel's iron fist has gotten tougher. Israel blocked off the Gaza

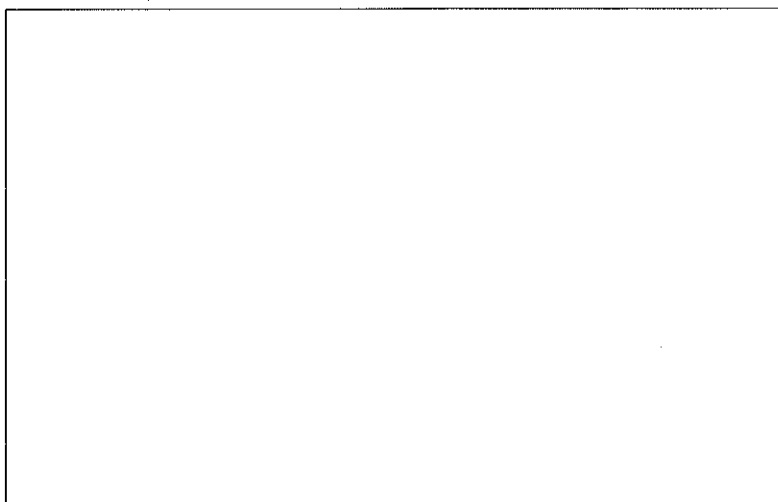
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Strip's 1.5 million residents and attempted to bully Hamas into submission by using 'collective punishment.' The three-year blockade has caused a severe humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip. Life for the Palestinians is miserable. More than 70 percent of the people are living below the poverty threshold. Palestine Authority President Abbas described the Gaza Strip as a huge 'prison.' Although there have been international calls to lift the blockade of the Gaza Strip, Israel is still hardhearted and does not plan to change. Prime Minister Netanyahu said, 'Blocking the Gaza Strip can protect Israel from missile attacks.' Thus, this policy will not be changed. Israel's stubbornness has triggered the international community's sympathy for Palestinian people and discontent with Israel. The recent anti-Israel protests in the Middle East, Europe, and the U.S. are the proof. If Israel continues to ignore the misery of people living in the Gaza Strip and turns a deaf ear to the demands of the international community, it will be 'isolated.' This is not good for Israel."

2. Economic Crisis



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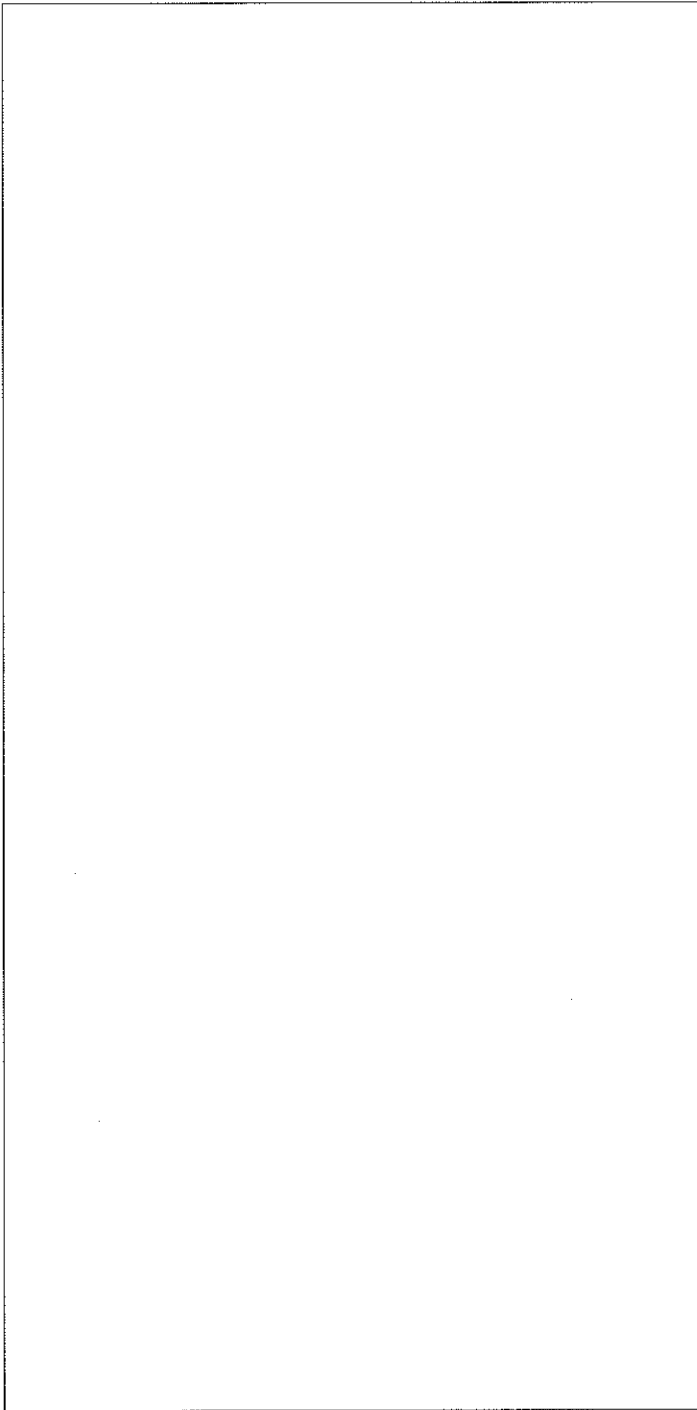
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2. Israeli flotilla attack

"Israeli military's killing hurts friendship, Turkey turns to

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support Hamas"

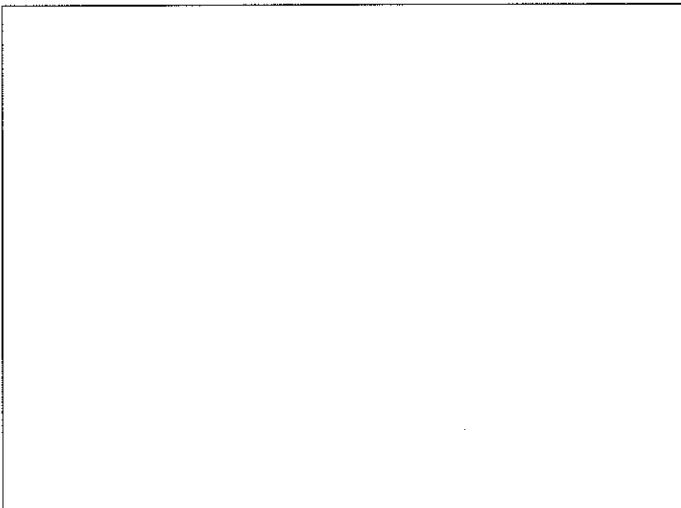
The mass-circulation Chinese-language Oriental Daily News wrote in

the 'World View' column (6/7): "The Israeli military suddenly attacked the international aid flotilla heading toward the Gaza Strip. The people killed included Turkish people. The attack has further undermined Turkey-Israel relations. Turkish PM Erdogan said publicly last Friday that he did not view Hamas, which rules the Gaza Strip, as a terrorist organization. They are just defending their land. Israel's Ambassador to the U.S. Oren immediately accused Erdogan of aiding and abetting the evil-doers. Erdogan's move to remove the label of terrorist organization from Hamas has made Turkey-Israel relations even gloomier.... Washington, which views Hamas as a terrorist organization, is trapped in the middle, for the U.S. has always excluded Hamas from the Middle East peace process. No matter who is right and who is wrong in Israel's raid against the aid flotilla, Turkey's move toward Hamas has attracted Washington's attention. And it is also a matter of wide concern whether the U.S. will side with Turkey or Israel."

"Dateline Israel"

The English-language China Daily Hong Kong Edition remarked in an editorial (6/5): "Israel's attack on a Gaza-bound aid convoy is evolving into a political storm. But the international community should continue exerting pressure on Israel to change its hard-line stance and release the ships and aid workers it has detained. World leaders are justified in lashing out at Israel because its Monday raid was targeted at a humanitarian fleet of ships in international waters, in which nine people were killed. There is no excuse for such blatant defiance of international rules and attack on humanitarian aid.... Israel's ruthless move has cast a shadow on efforts to restart the Middle East peace talks. The international community, led by the U.S., the European Union, Russia and the UN, had stepped up diplomatic efforts over the past few months to break the impasse in peace talks. With anti-Israel sentiments flying high in the Arab world, the positive momentum these efforts had built faces an uncertain future now."

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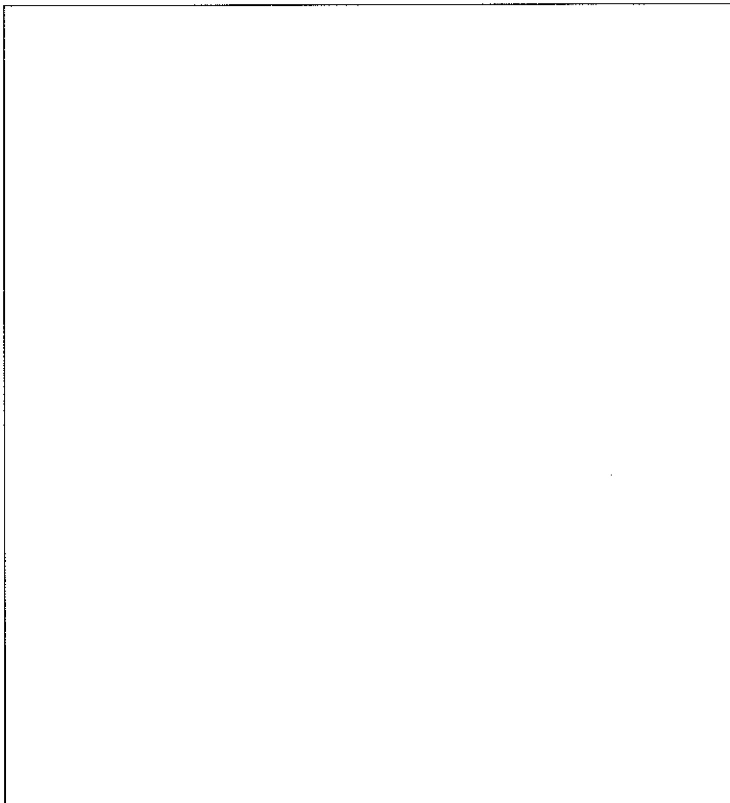


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1. SUMMARY. Finnish government officials acted swiftly to express concern and criticism about the violent incident involving the Gaza flotilla. Perhaps getting ahead of themselves, officials described the use of force by Israel as "disproportionate" at the same time they called for an independent inquiry of the incident. The Foreign Ministry called in the Israeli Ambassador to condemn the violent interception of the aid convoy in international waters. Media outlets were similarly swift in condemning the intervention. On Tuesday approximately 900 demonstrators – a large number for Finland – marched to the Israeli Embassy in a peaceful protest. The government reported that no Finns took part in the convoy. END SUMMARY.

Ministers express shock, concern and criticism

- 2. Foreign Minister Stubb was the first Finnish Government (GoF) official to publicly address the Gaza flotilla incident. On June 1 he expressed his shock and called for an explanation of the incident and the circumstances surrounding it. The media also picked up Stubb's comments in his June 1 blog. In it he confirmed that no Finns were on board the aid ships. He reiterated his disappointment and concern at the lack of a "proper explanation" for the attack. He called the intervention in international waters unacceptable and wrote, "I cannot accept such a disproportionate use of force." Stubb wrote that the matter must be investigated thoroughly by an impartial body. Stressing that "the most important thing of all is to establish sustainable peace" in the region, he wrote that it is essential that Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations continue; all parties involved as well as the international community must keep cool and do their utmost to keep negotiations on track. He also pointed to "flickers of hope": Palestinian PM Fayyad has agreed to continue negotiations with Israel mediated by the USA, and Egypt is prepared to ease the boycott of Gaza.
- 3. On June 2 Prime Minister Vanhanen publicly expressed his "incredulity" over the incident, and asserted that "Israel all too often used disproportionate military force." That same day Trade and Development Minister Väyrynen proposed that former President Ahtisaari be sent to the region by the EU to act as a peace mediator.

Foreign Ministry Remonstrates Israeli Ambassador

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- 4. On June 1 the Foreign Ministry summoned Israel's Ambassador Avi Granot to offer his government's account on the incident. According to the MFA's release, State Secretary Pertti Torstila "made clear that Finland condemns the violent interception of an aid supply convoy to Gaza in international waters and disapproves of using excess force against civilians. The incident must be analyzed reliably and to the full by a neutral party. [Torstila] also made a strong appeal to end the siege of Gaza."
 - 5. Later on June 1 the Israeli DCM confirmed to Pol-Econ Chief that his Ambassador had a serious, substantive and extended exchange of views along the lines of the MFA's release. He said that Torstila delivered a firm message and gave his full attention to the Ambassador's reply, which included an explanation of the Israeli forces' conduct during the raid as well as the legality of the action in international waters. Torstila took those points on board and tempered his additional comments, though the thrust of his message remained consistent throughout the meeting.

Media harshly critical of Israel

- 6. Media coverage of the event has been almost uniformly critical. Opinion pieces described the incident as "barbarous," "criminal," and an "orgy of blood," and referred to Israel as a "pirate state." Heisingin Sanomat, the main daily, offered some of the more measured coverage, noting in a piece on Thursday that both sides were releasing videos to demonstrate that the other used force; it concluded that the "bloody events" should not be used to strengthen "extremist views" and must be thoroughly investigated.

Several hundred demonstrate

- 7. An estimated 900 people took part in a demonstration the evening of June 1 in Helsinki. According to press reports, the demonstrators, waving Palestinian and Turkish flags, ended their march at the Israeli embassy. Approximately 250 remained outside the embassy for an hour to voice their displeasure. According to police, the protest march was surprisingly peaceful. At one point during the demonstration, tomato sauce was thrown at the nameplate on the embassy building. Police took one man into custody.

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1. (SBU) SUMMARY: In response to ref A request, Post is not aware of any public statements by prominent leaders or in the media following the Gaza flotilla incident that would cross the line from being merely critical of Israel to anti-Semitic. Since our last reporting on Finnish reaction to the incident (ref B), there has been a pro-Israel demonstration (reportedly twice the size of the previously reported anti-Israel demonstration) and a visit by Israeli FM Lieberman. In a less positive vein, public broadcaster YLE decided to rebroadcast a radio program in which its commentator lamented that criticism of Israel is too often reflexively labeled anti-Semitic, a response which she alleged is inculcated into Israeli Jews from the time they are schoolchildren. The Israeli Embassy raised its concerns to YLE about their decision to rebroadcast the program shortly after the flotilla incident. END SUMMARY.

PRO-ISRAEL DEMO TWICE THE SIZE OF ANTI-ISRAEL DEMO

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Photo of June 10 Pro-Israel demonstration in Helsinki from www.cbn.com.
The message on the sign reads in Finnish "Media, are you afraid of the truth?"

2. (U) Following and apparently in response to the June 1 demonstration against Israel's action against the Gaza flotilla, in which about 900 people participated (ref B), around 2000 people took part in a pro-Israel demonstration on June 10. According to media reports, most of the demonstrators were reportedly members of Christian groups or churches, though the event was reportedly coordinated with Finland's small Jewish community of some 1,500 residents.

LIEBERMAN VISIT POSITIVE, THOUGH MEDIA FOCUS ON CONTROVERSY

3. (SBU) Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman visited Helsinki on July 7 for meetings with President Halonen, FM Stubb, and Development and Trade Minister Väyrynen. The Israeli DCM provided a generally positive assessment to P-E Chief, noting that he was pleased that Lieberman was able to see the President (a meeting he described as "comfortable" in its atmosphere) as well as his GOF counterparts. While Israel and Finland didn't see eye to eye on all issues, both Stubb and Lieberman emphasized their strong bilateral relations in their meeting, which lasted twice as long as had been scheduled. The Foreign Ministers held a thirty-minute press conference following the meeting. The Israeli DCM lamented that the only portion of the press conference that aired on the Finnish news was a question from a documentary filmmaker about Israel's responsibility for the death of a Finnish UNIFIL peacekeeper in Lebanon in 2006. The question drew a vehement response from Lieberman, who accused the questioner of hypocrisy, and an attempted follow-up question was deftly squelched by FM Stubb.

RADIO PROGRAM ALLEGES POLITICAL USE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

4. (SBU) Post's survey of Finnish media and public commentary since the Gaza flotilla incident revealed significant numbers of articles and statements both criticizing and supporting Israel, with others calling for a neutral assessment before any blame could be apportioned. None of the comments appeared to veer towards anti-Semitism.

5. (SBU) YLE, the national public broadcaster, did take the opportunity to rebroadcast a radio program by journalist Kirsi Virtanen in which she directly addressed the issue of anti-Semitism. In the broadcast Virtanen indicates that she does not see any anti-Semitism in Finland whatsoever but then goes on to question why those who criticize Israel are so often labeled as anti-Semitic. She offers her opinion that Israelis are brought up with a siege mentality in which they are taught that the outside world hates them and thus criticism from outside is automatically anti-Semitic. Many listeners posted comments on the program's webpage both supporting Virtanen's view ("at last someone is telling the truth," etc.) and attacking it for being ignorant of the situation Israel faces. The Israeli DCM related to P-E Chief that his embassy expressed their concerns to YLE after the original broadcast. When the embassy again raised the matter with YLE after the re-broadcast, it attributed the re-broadcast to a "technical error." (NOTE: For a limited time, the program can be heard online (in Finnish) at

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Paul and John,

Please see the attached Flotilla demarche response tracker.

Best,

Benjamin MacWilliams
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Summary: Palestinian media outlets report that the Israeli navy intercepted a French-flagged Gaza "anniversary" flotilla ship en route to the Gaza Strip. Coverage includes wide Palestinian and regional condemnation of the interception.

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End Summary.

Main Stories:

Palestinian media outlets lead with reports that the Israeli navy boarded the "Dignite - Al Karame," a French ship that was part of the Gaza "anniversary" flotilla, off the Gaza coast yesterday (07/19) after it refused to change course. According to coverage, the ship was taken to the Israeli port of Ashdod. Independent daily Al-Quds reports that Fatah spokesperson Ahmad Assaf condemned the action, stating, "The act is a violation of international law that compounds with all other Israeli violations." Hamas spokesperson in Gaza Taher Nunu also criticized the seizure. Reports also note that Arab League Secretary General Al-Arabi condemned the "attack," characterizing it as "piracy."

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(C) Anniversary Flotilla Update

Freedom Flotilla II has not formed and its vessels largely remain in ports in Greece, which has banned them from leaving if they are headed to Gaza. The US-flagged *Audacity of Hope* attempted to depart Piraeus, Greece on July 1, but was stopped by the Greek Coast Guard which escorted the ship back to port and took its AmCit captain into custody for setting sail in defiance of the Greek ban on the flotilla boats leaving. The captain was released July 5. Greek authorities detained nine AmCits gathered in front of Embassy Athens on July 3, and six additional AmCits who gathered in front of the U.S. Ambassador's residence July 4, to protest Greek actions to stop ships from sailing to Gaza. Both groups were released following questioning. The Greek Coast Guard also intercepted a Canadian ship on July 4 that attempted to sail for Gaza without permission. Unconfirmed media reports that a French pleasure boat associated with the flotilla left Greek territorial waters on July 4 without permission from Greek authorities.

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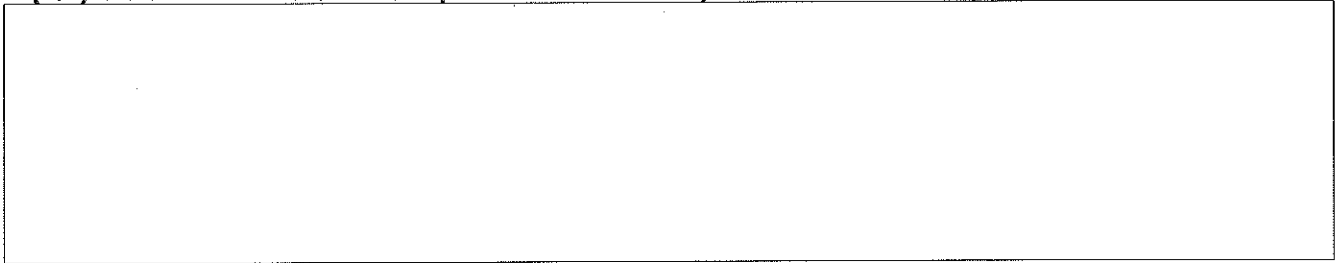
(C) Polish MidEast Watcher on Quartet Statement and Palestinian Action at UN

In a meeting with Jack Doutrich on July 1, Polish Mideast Watcher Justyna Bartkiewicz-Godlewska said Warsaw supported U.S. MEP efforts and would back a Quartet statement that endorses the principles outlined in President Obama's May speech. Bartkiewicz-Godlewska asked if there was any chance the U.S. would accept a Quartet statement that also addressed East Jerusalem and Palestinian refugee issues. Looking ahead to possible Palestinian unilateral action at the UN in September, B-G said Poland is eager to maintain EU consensus in its role as President of the EU (Poland began its six-month term on July 1). She underscored that the next EU Foreign Affairs Council (FAC), slated for July 18, would likely be the last one before UNGA, limiting the opportunity for additional routinely scheduled statements from the EU.

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Uruguay's daily press coverage of the Israeli military's interdiction of the Gaza-bound flotilla was balanced and "matter-of-fact." With no correspondents of their own in the Middle East, today's dailies relied on wire service stories (e.g., AFP and the AP). Center-right Ultimas Noticias and far left/pro-government La Republica published the Gaza activists' version of events alongside Israel's, including a statement by their Ambassador here, Dori Goren, who called the flotilla a provocation. Ultimas Noticias' headlined the Uruguayan Foreign Ministry statement condemning Israel's military action. Predictably, La Republica also published an anti-Israel op-ed by its extreme-left staff editorialist Niko Schwarz.

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From: Levin, Jan X
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To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: Release of flotilla detainees

According to the Israeli NSC, Attorney General Weinstein has agreed to the Cabinet's request to release all but "a very small number, perhaps 4 or 5" of the detainees. The GoI is trying to get all of the rest out today, but are having some difficulties at the airport with uncooperative detainees.

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Subject: Status of the Challenger II

Importance: High

Bob,

Thanks a lot for this; very helpful! They may have meant the Challenger II, since that's what everybody in the press and IC is saying. The fact that we have positively identified the vessel in port, however, is a major coup.

Thanks again,

Jim

From: Riley, Robert J
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:03 PM
To: Sindle, James M
Cc: EUR-SE-DL
Subject: Ships in Cyprus

Hi Jim – Terry mentioned you left him a voicemail asking about ships in Cyprus. Post has made multiple inquiries about this, and thus far the Cypriot port authorities have said there is one ship in Limassol, US flagged, called the Challenger 3. Per our consular folks in Nicosia, the port officials say there are no Amcits aboard. Port authorities also say the GoC's position re not allowing ships to depart for the flotilla has not changed. That's what we know right now.

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From the Netanyahu BCL:

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From the Netanyahu BCL with update:

(If Raised) Flotilla Investigation: Emphasize our support for a prompt, impartial, transparent, and credible investigation into the May 31 flotilla incident. It is still not clear whether or how UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon will follow up on his original proposal; he has stated publicly that he is still in contact with the Israelis on how the investigation that he proposed and the one that Israel has announced might complement one another. PM Netanyahu met with Ban Ki-moon on July 7. Israel has taken an important step forward in proposing an independent public commission, with international participation, to investigate the circumstances during the boarding of the Mavi Marmara. We believe that Israel, like any other nation, should be allowed to undertake an investigation into events that involve its national security. We will await the conduct and findings of the investigation before drawing further conclusions.

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Jack- I think the language from the barak or Bibi BCLs would be the best. Isn't that where I provided new language on the boycott as well?

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Any updates on the investigation, Gaza access or PA boycott that you can add to this draft BCL for the D(L)-Oren meeting next week? The meeting could happen as early as Monday so I need input ASAP today so I can get out for clearances.
Thanks!

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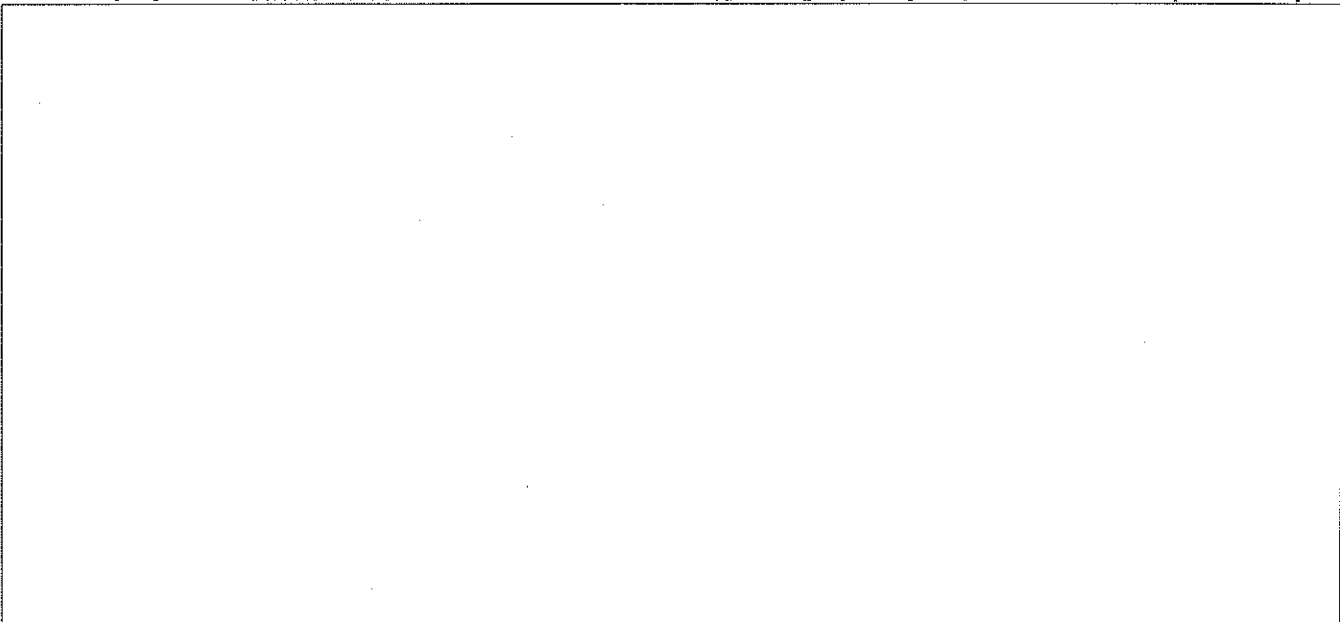


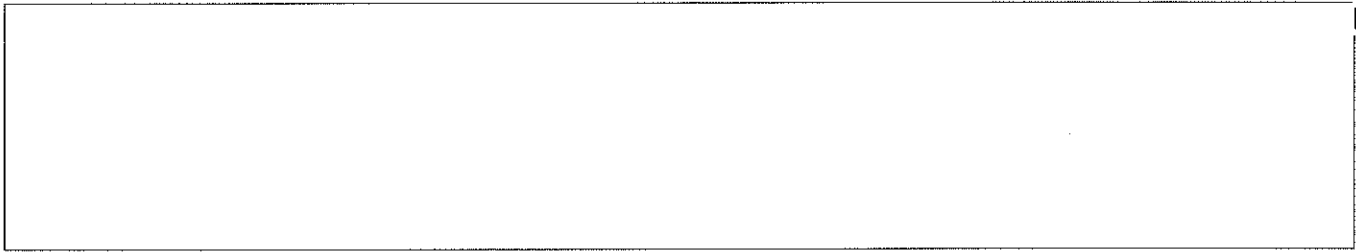
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(SBU) Gaza Flotilla Lessons Learned

S/ES Crisis Management Support is preparing a lessons learned review following the May 31 Gaza Flotilla incident. They have invited Embassy Tel Aviv to send in a cable on any lessons learned from the incident that would be of use for future crisis response by the Department. IPA has forwarded a copy of a recent lessons learned cable to CONS and POL.

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Subject: Spain: Spanish Response to Flotilla Demarche

(SBU) The GOS has taken steps to pass on security risks to activists and organizers regarding the dangers of attempting to access Gaza by sea, highlighting the violent Salafi activist group murder of Italian Vittorio Arrigoni. POLOFF delivered reftel demarche to MFA Arab-Israeli Office. MFA has modified their travel recommendations on their web page advising Spaniards not to travel to the Gaza Strip. The MFA is also advising Spaniards not to sail to Gaza and that humanitarian aid should be sent by land through authorized channels.

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Subject: Spain: Gaza Flotilla participation

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Reference: A) STATE 36240
Subject: Spain: Gaza Flotilla participation

1. (U) A Spanish coalition called, "On the Way to Gaza" plans to participate in the second international Gaza flotilla, now postponed from a mid-May sailing to early June. The Spanish Group raised approximately funds to buy a small boat, but reportedly still needs to raise money for fuel. A group of 80 Spaniards will reportedly join the flotilla, including left-wing Euro MP Willy Meyer and the Initiative for Catalonia Greens Party Euro MP Raul Romeva. Spanish actor Willy Toledo and activists Laura Arau, María del Mar Fernández and Manuel Tapial are supposed to be among them. Former UNESCO Director, Federico Mayor Zaragoza, has expressed his public support for the initiative.
2. (U) Spanish dailies El Mundo and El Pais report that Israeli PM Netanyahu called President Zapatero last on May 9, to ask him to maintain Europe's firmness with Hamas and to prevent the participation of Spaniards in the second Freedom Flotilla. FM Jiménez said in Istanbul on May 11 that diplomacy "is more useful" than the Freedom Flotilla to lift the Israel embargo to the Gaza Strip.
3. (U) The Spanish NGO "Culture, Peace, and Solidarity," a member of the above-mentioned coalition, has asked the GOS to take the necessary diplomatic steps to protect them. Some of the Spanish participants met with MFA officials who "warned them about the dangers of the operation. Many EU countries are giving their advice following that line. There is not enough security to send the flotilla." On May 11 the MFA included in its travel advisory on the Palestinian Territories a note advising against boarding any ships participating in the "On the Way to Gaza" initiative, because of the serious danger that participants could face. The Ministry advised that any humanitarian assistance should be by land, respecting authorized channels. In any event, FM Jiménez said that in the event of a new Israeli attack, the obligation of her Ministry "is to protect Spanish citizens."

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Reference: A) STATE 36240
Subject: Gaza Flotilla: Update on Swedish Participants

(SBU) On April 18, Post delivered reftel demarche to the Swedish MFA's Department of Middle Eastern Affairs. The Department was unaware of which, if any, Swedish citizens would participate in the second flotilla to Gaza. Our internet search revealed that Dror Feiler, a Swedish-Israeli musician who was arrested in the first flotilla, will participate and Mehmet Kaplan, a parliamentarian arrested with Feiler, might. Kaplan twittered that "there is a lot of interest and the Board of "Ship to Gaza" has many (persons) to chose from."

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Subject: AUSTRIA: RESPONSE TO FREE GAZA FLOTILLA DEMARCHE

(C) Pol/Econ Counselor discussed reftel points April 27 with the MFA's Middle East office. The MFA said they had heard rumors that one Austrian citizen was planning to travel with the flotilla, but had no information on that person's identity. The GoA said they supported the USG's points on the potential safety risks involved in breaching the blockade. If asked, they would support ships travelling first to Ashdod before continuing to Gaza.

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Subject: Today's Reporting
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Noteworthy items in today's briefing book include:

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Attached are two USDAO-Tel Aviv reports on Freedom Flotilla II.

Best,
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Cc: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL
Subject: FW: (Reuters) Turkish flotilla organizers to send more Gaza ships

From: Withers, Anne M
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 9:51 AM
To: NEWS-NEA
Cc: SES-O_Shift-II; SES-O_CMS
Subject: (Reuters) Turkish flotilla organizers to send more Gaza ships

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - A Turkish pro-Palestinian group said it will send another aid flotilla to Gaza next month, again trying to break an Israeli blockade after its last convoy was the target of a deadly Israeli raid in May. The Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Aid (IHH) told members of the European Parliament it had assembled six ships for the next flotilla and put out an appeal for others to join. The next flotilla is due to sail in the second half of July, IHH said. The group invited the international media to inspect all goods on board before the convoy sails to "demonstrate their commitment to total transparency."

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To: NEA-IPA-DL
Cc: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL
Subject: FW: (Reuters) Russia, EU demand flotilla inquiry, Gaza opening

From: Withers, Anne M
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 5:44 AM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: (Reuters) Russia, EU demand flotilla inquiry, Gaza opening

ROSTOV-ON-DON (Reuters) - Russia and the European Union jointly called for an impartial probe into the deadly Israeli operation against an aid flotilla and urged the opening of crossings into Gaza. In a joint declaration during a Russia-EU summit, Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov and EU foreign policy chief Ashton demanded a "full and impartial inquiry" into the incident. "The EU and Russia call for immediate opening of crossings for the flow of humanitarian aid, commercial goods and people to and from Gaza," said the declaration, which also regretted the loss of life in the incident.

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Subject: (Reuters) Libyan aid ship tacks from Gaza to Egypt

JERUSALEM (Reuters) - A Libyan-chartered ship carrying aid for Palestinians set a new course for Egypt July 14 after Israel's navy warned it away from the blockaded Gaza Strip, an Israeli official said.

The real-time shipping map on MarineTraffic.com showed the Amalthea on a southeasterly approach to El Arish, 40 miles away, with an estimated time of arrival of 1300 GMT. The ship had earlier been absent from the map, suggesting that its GPS tracker was temporarily obstructed or turned off.

Egypt said the Amalthea had requested and been granted permission to dock in El Arish, and authorities planned to transfer its declared haul of 2,000 tons of food and medicine overland to neighboring Gaza.

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Cc: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL
Subject: FW: (Reuters) Israeli cabinet approves Gaza flotilla inquiry

From: Shelstad, Jeffrey
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 5:26 AM
To: NEWS-NEA
Cc: SES-O_Shift-I
Subject: (Reuters) Israeli cabinet approves Gaza flotilla inquiry

JERUSALEM (Reuters) - Israel's cabinet approved June 14 an Israeli inquiry commission into a deadly raid on a Gaza aid flotilla, a panel set to include two foreign observers after international calls for an impartial investigation. The cabinet's unanimous approval, announced by Prime Minister Netanyahu's office, followed an official statement on June 13 that Israel intended to form the panel and that its findings would be made public.

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Subject: FW: (Reuters) Iranian aid ships head for Gaza

From: Shelstad, Jeffrey
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To: NEWS-Iran; NEWS-NEA
Cc: SES-O_Shift-I
Subject: (Reuters) Iranian aid ships head for Gaza

TEHRAN (Reuters) - Iran is sending aid ships to blockaded Gaza, state radio said June 14. One ship left port on June 13 and another will depart by June 18, loaded with food, construction material and toys, the report said. An official of the Iranian Red Crescent Society's youth organization said some 100,000 Iranians had volunteered as potential crew for aid ships, Iran daily reported.

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Cc: SES-O_Shift-II
Subject: (AP) Libyans say Israel orders Gaza aid ship to Egypt

CAIRO (AP) - The Libyan organizers of an aid ship trying to breach Israel's three-year blockade of Gaza say an Israeli military vessel has confronted the ship and ordered it to change course for the Egyptian port of el-Arish. The Gadhafi International Charity and Development Foundation says its boat refused to alter its destination and will steam on for Gaza.

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Subject: FW: (AP) Israeli PM backs army in Gaza-bound flotilla raid

From: Valdez, Pablo M
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To: NEWS-EUR; NEWS-NEA
Cc: SES-O_Shift-II; Lash, Fred C
Subject: (AP) Israeli PM backs army in Gaza-bound flotilla raid

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel's prime minister has expressed his support for the military's actions in a deadly raid against an aid flotilla sailing to the blockaded Gaza Strip. Netanyahu's office says he spoke to top Israeli diplomatic and security officials by telephone from Canada and voiced his "full backing" for the military.

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Subject: (AP) Israeli FM: Gaza ships to be stopped 'at any cost'

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israeli foreign minister Lieberman says the country is prepared to stop a flotilla of pro-Palestinian activists from reaching the Gaza Strip "at any cost."

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Subject: Fw: (AP) Flotilla bound for Gaza delayed, loses key members

From: Casteel, Ezra A
To: NEWS-NEA
Cc: SES-O_Shift-I
Sent: Sat May 29 06:52:53 2010
Subject: (AP) Flotilla bound for Gaza delayed, loses key members

JERUSALEM (AP) - Ships carrying 10,000 tons of aid supplies for blockaded Gaza are being held up near Cyprus as organizers try to get more than two dozen high-profile activists on board. The would-be passengers, including 17 European legislators and a Holocaust survivor, were expected to join the ships from Cyprus. Organizer Greta Berlin said Saturday the Cypriot government is not allowing smaller boats to carry the group to the flotilla waiting in international waters. The number of ships has dwindled from eight to five. Berlin says the flotilla is to sail toward Gaza by the afternoon of May 28 in any event and approach the territory May 29.

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Subject: FREE GAZA SPOKESPERSON: THE "RACHEL CORRIE" NOW EXPECTED MONDAY -- IL RADIO

IL RADIO QUOTES A SPOKESPERSON FOR FREE GAZA MOVEMENT AS SAYING THAT THE "RACHEL CORRIE" IS NOW EXPECTED TO REACH THE GAZA SHORE EARLY NEXT WEEK, PROBABLY ON MONDAY.

GRETA BERLIN TOLD IL RADIO REPORTER ERAN SIKUREL THAT THE VESSEL'S ETA HAD BEEN CHANGED TO FACILITATE BETTER INTERNATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE ARRIVAL.

THE FREE GAZA SPOKESPERSON REFUSED TO GIVE THE CURRENT LOCATION OF THE VESSEL SAYING THIS WOULD MAKE IT HARDER FOR IL TO SABOTAGE IT....

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Subject: Flotilla Updates
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ITIC Update: The Canadians and Americans about to set sail with the flotilla from Greece participated in a short training workshop covering various topics and centering on "passive resistance" to IDF soldiers. Several flotilla organizers said the training was meant to present a "nonviolent" response to an Israeli attempt to take control of the ship. However, the flotilla's hard core, including Arab participants, may use violent methods. In addition, documentation of passenger resistance was apparently practiced and the participants were taught how to hide electronic storage devices from the IDF soldiers.

JERUSALEM - (AP) An organizer of a Gaza-bound flotilla is dismissing Israeli allegations that extremists aboard the ships plan to harm Israeli soldiers who would be dispatched to stop them.

Dror Feiler says the hundreds of people planning to sail soon in a bid to break Israel's naval blockade of the Palestinian territory have signed a declaration of nonviolence.

Feiler told Army Radio on Tuesday that if Israel has information about specific suspects, it should pass it along to flotilla's organizers.

Israeli military spokeswoman Maj. Avital Leibovich on Monday cited intelligence reports saying extremists in the flotilla have "dangerous incendiary chemicals" for use against Israeli forces.

Israel says it will block any attempt to breach the naval blockade of the Palestinian territory.

STOCKHOLM - (AP) Scandinavian activists in the Gaza-bound flotilla say someone sabotaged their ship's propeller while the vessel was docked in a Greek port.

The Swedish activists say the propeller shaft of the "Juliano" was cut off in Piraeus and that it would take a couple of days to repair the damage.

The ship is shared by Swedish, Norwegian and Greek activists and is part of a 10-ship flotilla due to set sail shortly in a bid to break Israel's naval blockade of Gaza.

Israel says it will block any attempt to breach the naval blockade of the Palestinian territory.

Swedish activists said the propeller damage was discovered late Monday. Norwegian delegation leader Torstein Dahle said Tuesday that "someone is willing to go to great lengths to stop the flotilla from sailing."

Embassy Tel Aviv - Dror Feiler one of the organizers of the Flotilla told IL RADIO a few minutes ago that the Flotilla vessels will not leave for Israel before Thursday this week

ISRAEL RADIO NEWS 7:00 AM Hebrew Report

* **Flotilla:** Activists of the IHH organization are planning to link up with the flotilla participants on their way to Gaza, despite the IHH announcement that it would not take part in the flotilla. This emerges from information that Israel has obtained. A number of these activists have links to Hamas and to organizations connected to obtaining funding for

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Hamas. A high-ranking military source said last night that there were activists on at least one of the ships from a radical Islamist organization and activists whose intentions are violent. Furthermore, he said, the ship is carrying chemical substances that are liable to endanger soldiers. This refers to sulfuric fertilizer that Israel bans from entering Gaza, including overland.

Political and military officials said that Israel has continued to take diplomatic action but that, at the same time, the IDF is preparing to stop the flotilla by various means.

The flotilla's organizers said that they would try to assemble the ships of the coast of Crete either tomorrow or Friday, before sailing for Gaza. They said that one of the ships had been sabotaged. They said that its propeller and gear box had been disconnected and it had been badly damaged.

The US again said that the flotilla was a dangerous and provocative act and that Israel has the right to defend itself against arms smuggling. However, the State Department called on all sides to display restraint so that there would be no recurrence of the flotilla incidents from last year.

Coming to Kill

Ma'ariv (p. 2) by Ahikam Moshe David, Eli Bardenstein and Amit Cohen -- The flotilla scheduled to leave soon for Gaza has thus far been perceived as friendly, at least in comparison to the *Mavi Marmara*. But information that recently reached the IDF has changed the picture. Intelligence officials say that the ships will be loaded with chemical substances, including sulfuric acid, with the goal of badly injuring the IDF soldiers. On deck will also be at least two top Hamas members and activists from the IHH organization, which was responsible for the fatal outcome of the previous flotilla.

Four of the ships planning to take part in the flotilla docked last night in Greece: an American, a Spanish, an Italian and a Canadian ship. Another ship, a French one, has already set sail from Corsica and it will join them soon. But while the Israel Navy is training strenuously for the flotilla and has promised "surprises" for the 350 activists expected to arrive, it turns out that the passengers have not been idle either. Under cover of bringing in fertilizer and pesticides, these ships will be loaded with dangerous chemical substances.

Military officials painted a troubling picture last night, and said that the activists were planning to kill as many soldiers as possible. The officials said that in meetings that they held, the activists threatened "a lot of IDF soldiers will be killed in this flotilla." Other violent remarks were made saying that anyone trying to stop them would encounter violence and that "the blood of IDF soldiers will be spilled." The information about the chemicals came as a surprise and it will force the combatants to drill means of dealing with such a scenario.

The IDF has also discerned that there are activists on board the ships who are directly linked to Hamas, and that they are being funded with money that comes directly from terror organizations. Among them is Amin Abu Rashad, one of the Dutch organizers of the flotilla, who in the past headed the Hamas charity in Holland, which was closed after an investigation by the authorities because of its involvement in funding terror. Another is Mohammed Ahmed Hannoun, known to be a Hamas activist, who heads the ABSPP fund, which is involved in transferring money to terrorist elements.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday convened the security cabinet again to discuss the flotilla, and after two meetings the ministers approved the Israel Navy's plan of action for stopping it. Attending were the chief of staff, the IDF Intelligence director, the director of the Operations Directorate in the IDF General Staff and senior officers from the Israel Navy. Foreign Ministry Director General Rafi Barak reviewed the diplomatic efforts being made to prevent the flotilla. This time, the system for distributing pictures from the takeover was coordinated between the IDF Spokesperson's Office and the Foreign Ministry. Journalists, mainly foreign, will be put on special Israel Navy boats to cover events from up close. From a military standpoint, the order is clear: not to let vessels break the blockade on Gaza and to use military force if necessary. A statement that was issued by the Prime Minister's Bureau read: the State of Israel is determined to prevent the flotilla from reaching Gaza, with minimal friction as far as possible with the passengers.

The second Freedom Flotilla is the initiative of a coalition of organizations to "break the illegal blockade on Gaza." Ten ships from different countries were supposed to join, among them Ireland, the US, Canada, Germany, Italy, France, Spain and Scotland. Sweden, Norway and Greece removed their joint ship, but it still isn't clear how many will actually take part. At first the *Mavi Marmara* was to lead the flotilla, but in the end it was reported that because of technical problems, it would not sail. [...]

There are already 30 journalists on board from various countries. The famous novelist Alice Walker, the author *The Color Purple* and Pulitzer Prize winner, has also joined, because she says she is concerned about the children.

At this stage some of the ships are still detained in Greece, but at a press conference it was said that the ships are ready to leave and will do so the moment the inspection of the boats are completed. This will be in two days at most, said Greta Berlin, one of the organizers from the US.

*** Feiler comments:** Israeli anarchist Dror Feiler, one of the organizers of the flotilla to Gaza, denied this morning that there are chemical substances on board meant to hurt IDF soldiers. He told Army Radio: "there are no activists who plan to attack IDF soldiers on the flotilla. If there is someone they suspect of this, let them give us the information and we will talk to him. If we see that this is true, we won't take him on the flotilla. There are no chemical substances and no plan to attack IDF soldiers."

Interview with Moshe Yaalon

Ma'ariv (p. 4) by Maya Bengal --

Q: Minister Yaalon, during the previous government's term in office, Israel allowed ships to enter Gaza. Not only did nothing terrible happen, but the activists became stuck in Gaza and begged to leave. Why has a decision been made for a second time to stop the flotilla by military means? Have we not learned the lesson of the *Mavi Marmara*?

Yaalon: "We mustn't allow ships to reach Gaza. The blockade, even if it wasn't officially declared, has existed since 1967. The negative experiences we've accrued with the Palestinians over the years have led us to the conclusion that we must not permit ships and goods to reach Gaza without supervision and inspection. We learned that when Arafat passed through the Rafah border crossing for the first time in 1994, and smuggled in his car an RPG and even a terrorist. If we had allowed ships to enter, then a ship like the *Karine A* would have docked in the Gaza port and would have presented its array of weapons directly to the Palestinians. On board the *Francop* was ammunition the scale of which was 80% of what was fired on us during the Second Lebanon War.

"People who are genuinely concerned about the welfare of the residents of Gaza we allow to pass, only after an inspection at safe crossings. This is also an opportunity to clarify that there is no humanitarian crisis in Gaza. This month two new hotels are supposed to be opened in the Gaza Strip, and next month a new mall will be opened. There is no crisis, and this flotilla is a provocation, not an answer to the humanitarian needs of the residents."

Q: The impending report by the state comptroller about the takeover of the *Mavi Marmara* will include severe criticism of the political echelon, and particularly of the prime minister and defense minister for having failed to consult and hold meetings. Today, when the assessment is that there will not be a *Mavi Marmara II* in the next flotilla, a great many meetings are being held. That looks like CYA.

"I can't talk about the state comptroller's report, but I was critical in the past about the manner in which we prepared for the *Mavi Marmara* flotilla. I am glad that the political and military lessons were learned, and we are better prepared to deal with this flotilla. The political-diplomatic activity that has been taken thus far has reduced the number of vessels and participants. That too is part of the lesson-learning process from the *Mavi Marmara*.

Q: Once again Israel has failed in its public relations effort. Last time the foreign journalists waited for hours in the sun to see the weapons that were on the *Mavi Marmara*, and left angrily. This time the Government Press Office threatened to deport any foreign journalist who took part in the flotilla, but in the end retracted that threat. Aren't we shooting ourselves in the foot?

"I was surprised to hear about that in the news, and the prime minister was also surprised. He demanded that this issue be taken care of."

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Subject: FLOTILLA SITREP: IRAN CANCELS ONE SAILING BUT ANOTHER PLANNED -- JPOST & HTZ VERSIONS

JPOST 06/25/2010 03:08

Iranian aid ship cancels Gaza voyage

By JPOST.COM STAFF

An Iranian aid ship which had been due to set sail for the Gaza Strip in the coming days in an attempt to break the Israeli blockade has canceled its trip due to Israeli warnings, Iranian officials said Thursday night.

HTZ Latest update 23:37 24.06.10

Iran activists cancel Gaza aid flotilla 'due to Israeli threats'

Separate Iranian ship heads to Gaza via Caspian Sea after Egypt denies Israel request to prevent vessels in Suez Canal.

By Haaretz Service

One of the organizers of an Iranian aid flotilla that was to sail to Gaza in efforts to break Israel's naval blockade on the territory, announced Thursday that the event has been cancelled due to "Israeli threats."

A separate Iranian ship carrying 60 Iranian activists was being prepared to sail to Gaza via the Caspian Sea, according to Army Radio. This after the Lebanese media reported several days ago that Egypt has denied Israel's request to prevent Iranian ships from passing through the Suez Canal toward Egypt.

Meanwhile Thursday, the U.S. State Department issued a statement calling the aid flotillas to Gaza irresponsible.

"Mechanisms exist for the transfer of humanitarian assistance to Gaza by member states and groups that want to do so," the U.S. State Department said regarding Lebanese plans to ship aid to Gaza. "Direct delivery by sea is neither appropriate nor responsible, and certainly not effective, under the circumstances."

The Lebanese and Iranian efforts come after a tragic incident aboard a Turkish aid ship, part of an 8-ship Turkish flotilla, which was headed for Gaza on May 31. Israeli navy commandos, intent on preventing the ship from reaching Gaza's shore, boarded the ship, and were met by a violent mob wielding sticks and knives. The clash that ensued resulted in the deaths of nine Turkish activists.

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Subject: FLOTILLA SITREP: INTRODUCING THE "SHAHID MOHAMMAD AL-DURA" -- THE TIMES, AL SHOROUK & YNET

YNET 17:04 , 06.25.10

Women prepare for Gaza sail: We won't fight Israel

One of hundreds of female volunteers planning to sail to Hamas-ruled territory with diapers, milk, medical supplies and clothes says, 'Our only weapons are faith in the Virgin Mary and in humanity'

Ynet

'Be sure we will never give Israel such a gift as to fight them or to have Hezbollah with us or to have any political party with us,' the spokeswoman for the organizers of an aid flotilla from Lebanon to Gaza told The Times in an interview published Friday.

'We have diapers, a lot of diapers, we have milk, we have treatments for cancer in children and medical supplies and clothes. If they fight we will not defend ourselves,' Semir El-Hajj said.

The hundreds of female volunteers planning to set sail to the Hamas-ruled territory aboard the ship "Mariam" deny allegations that the flotilla organizers are connected to Hezbollah, the Lebanese terror group linked to Iran.

"Our only weapons are faith in the Virgin Mary and in humanity," said Rima Farah, one of the activists.

The organizers told The Times that the women "all represent themselves", are without political affiliations and include adherents to all the world's big religions, including Judaism.

It remains unclear when the convoy will depart. Egyptian newspaper Al-Shorouk quoted a member of the International Movement Against Globalization and the American-Zionist Hegemony as saying that the "Freedom Flotilla 2" will consist of five ships from France, six from Germany and one from Lebanon.

According to movement, which is based in Egypt, the vessels are expected to begin the journey to Gaza on July 15 under the banner "The Shahid Mohammad al-Dura," referring to the 12-year-old Palestinian boy who was killed during a furious exchange of fire between Israeli forces and Palestinian terrorists in Gaza in 2000.

The movement's representative added that activists from several countries, including Egypt, Ireland, Algeria and some Gulf states will take part in the sail.

He said Israeli Knesset Member Hanin Zoabi (National Democratic Assembly), and Raed Salah, the leader of the northern branch of the Islamic Movement in Israel, have already confirmed their participation.

The two Arab Israelis took part in the first sail to Gaza, during which Israeli commandos raided a Turkish ship, leaving nine people dead.

The movement's representative said former South African President Nelson Mandela (92) will announce whether he will be taking part in the flotilla in the coming days.

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Subject: FLOTILLA SITREP: IL NAVY DENIES THEATENING LIBYAN VESSEL -- YNET

IL RADIO QUOTES AN AL JEZEERA REPORTER ON BOARD THE VESSEL AS SAYING THE IL NAVY THREATENED TO ARREST THE PASSENGERS IF THE CREW PERSISTS IN STEERING FOR GAZA RATHER THAN EL ARISH.

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YNET 15:46 , 07.13.10

Navy contacts Libyan ship

Confrontation looming? Libyan Gaza-bound ship says Israeli Navy threatened to intercept vessel; army says it did not issue such message, will continue to monitor ship's route as it approaches area.

AFP and Hanan Greenberg

Israel threatened on Tuesday to send its Navy to intercept the Gaza-bound freighter chartered by Libya to aid the Gaddafi Foundation for Gaza, a representative of the group said Tuesday afternoon.

However, Israeli officials denied the report, saying they have not conveyed any such messages during an initial attempt to contact the vessel.

"The Israelis have contacted us and threatened to send their navy to intercept and escort the vessel to the port of Ashdod, if we do not change direction," Machallah Zwei told AFP by satellite phone.

At midday, the ship was 130 nautical miles (about 240 km) from the Gaza Strip and would dock Wednesday morning, said Zwei.

"We explained to the Israeli authorities that our original destination was Gaza and that we were not there to make provocation," he said. "We also explained that we were carrying food and medicine and asked them to let us unload our cargo to Gaza."

However, Navy officials said they have heard nothing from the Libyan vessel. The IDF said it attempted to make initial contact with the ship in order to check the quality of the line, without including any kind of messages for the captain.

The army said the vessel did not respond to the attempt to make contact. Navy officials will continue to monitor the course of the boat throughout the day to ensure it will not be heading to Gaza.

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Subject: FLOTILLA SIMULATIONS IN THE EAST MED. --- YNET

YNET 00:53 , 05.24.10

Activists en route to Gaza: We won't resist IDF if boats seized

Pro-Palestinian activists aboard one of vessels headed for Strip to 'break Israeli blockade' say if seized they will not put up a fight, explain to soldiers that they are violating international law. 'Jewish state was not established to impose blockades,' one activist says

Aviel Magnezi

Pro-Palestinian activists aboard one of the ships that will head for Gaza's shore as part of the efforts to "break the Israeli blockade," practiced a possible takeover by IDF naval forces at the port in Piraeus, Greece.

"We will not resist the Israeli forces. We'll explain to the soldiers that they are committing an offence," one of the organizers said.

Another organizer, a former Israeli who has been living in Sweden for the past few decades said, "We are preparing for the journey. We've loaded the equipment onto the vessels, which are manned by Greeks and Swedes. They are being briefed on how to conduct themselves should the IDF decide to seize the boat."

Amid reports that the Israeli navy will prevent any attempt to break the blockade, Dror Feiler told Ynet Sunday that the crew will not resist, but rather "try to explain to the soldiers that our intentions are humane and that by boarding the vessel they are violating international law."

Feiler, who served in the Israeli army in the 1970s, said he was aware that the journey will end once the soldiers board the vessel. "I know how this works. I was a soldier for three years and refused to serve in the territories, but I hope the Israeli government will come to its senses and refrain from attacking a convoy of 500 citizens. It won't look good," he said.

Henry Asher, a Jewish-Swedish physician, said the sail to Gaza, which is backed by Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, "is important to the residents of the Strip and to the State of Israel. The Jewish state was not established to impose blockades. It is against Jewish tradition," he told Ynet.

"How are Gaza's children at fault for what is happening? This sort of collective punishment is forbidden by law," he added.

On Saturday some 30 Israeli ships set sail "to counter the Turkish flotilla." Posters comparing Erdogan to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad were displayed aboard the vessels.

Guy Bechor, who organized the Israeli sail, said it was an "appropriate response to a few rickety boats that are being presented as a threat to Israel."

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Subject: FLOTILLA SITREP: IL-LIBYA CONTACTS TO AVERT FLOTILLA CRISIS REPORTED -- IL RADIO & AL SHARQ AL AWSAT

QUOTING ARAB DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, IL RADIO REPORTS THAT AUSTRIAN JEWISH BUSINESSMAN MARTIN SCHLAFF IS THE MEDIATOR IN THE CONTACTS BETWEEN IL AND THE QADAFI FOUNDATION IN REGARD TO EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE LIBYAN VESSEL REACHING GAZA PORT. IL RADIO SAYS FM LIEBERMAN'S BUREAU IS NOT COMMENTING ON THE REPORTS OF DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS REGARDING THE LIBYAN VESSEL AND NEITHER CONFIRMS NOR DENIES THEM. IL RADIO'S ARAB AFFAIRS REPORTER NOTES THAT MARTIN SCHLAFF HAS CLOSE TIES WITH THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT AND HE IS KNOWN TO HAVE TIES TO FM LIEBERMAN.

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YNET 09:19 , 07.14.10

Report: Israel holding talks with Gaddafi's son

Al-Sharq al-Awsat reports Israel holding indirect talks with Gaddafi foundation in hopes of bringing Gaza-bound aid ship affair to peaceful end

Roe Nahmias

Israel is holding indirect talks with the Gaddafi foundation behind the Libyan aid ship en route to Gaza, London-based al-Sharq al-Awsat reported on Wednesday. Meanwhile, AFP reported the ship's captain said its main engine was out of order and that the crew was working to repair it.

According to the report, Israel is in contact with the organization, headed by Saif al-Islam Gaddafi, son of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, via Arab and western sources, in an attempt to bring the incident to a peaceful end.

It was also reported that Israel has expressed its willingness to deliver the aid to the Gaza Strip without having to take over the ship. A Libyan official said talks were being held through third party elements.

The Navy said on Tuesday that it made contact with the ship's captain, who announced he would divert to El-Arish Port in Egypt. But members of Gaddafi's organization on board the al-Amal ship denied the Navy's report and said it would not change course, and would proceed to Gaza.

Youssef Sawani, one of the organization's members on board the ship, also noted problems with the ship's communication devices.

US State Department Spokesman Philip Crowley addressed the issue on Tuesday and urged all parties involved to act responsibly and avoid confrontation. "We have urged the Libyan government to avoid unnecessary confrontations. We call on all parties to act responsibly in meeting the needs of the people of Gaza," he said.

He reiterated the American stance on the delivery of aid to Gaza, saying, "We, along with our partners in the in the Quartet, urge all those wishing to deliver goods to do so through established channels so that cargo can be inspected by the government of Israel, and transferred via land crossings into Gaza."

Earlier, the Egyptians confirmed the Israeli report that the ship's captain announced he would proceed to El-Arish, and said the al-Amal received permission to dock in the Sinai port. The Israel Defense Forces continue to shadow the ship.

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Subject: FLOTILLA SITREP: IRANIAN SHIP OF DOLLS DUE NEXT WEEK -- YNET

YNET 14:44 , 06.16.10

Second Iranian ship to set sail this weekend**Iranian Red Crescent says ship carrying humanitarian aid, toys for Gaza Strip to set sail 'at start of next week'**

Dudi Cohen

Tehran's preparations for sending an aid convoy to Gaza are at their peak, and two organizations plan to send ships to the Strip. One of the ships seems to have already set sail, and the other is slated to leave this Saturday. They are expected to arrive at Gaza's shores via the Red Sea.

"The ship will depart for Gaza in a special ceremony that will be attended by thousands of people at the start of next week," a statement on the Iranian Red Crescent's website said on Wednesday.
 Foreign Aid

The Iranian work week begins on Saturday, but the statement did not specify which day the ship will leave. The organization said earlier this week that it is still waiting for a green light from the Iranian Foreign Ministry before setting sail.

According to the statement, the ship is to leave from the Bandar-Abbas Port in southern Iran and travel directly to the Gaza Strip. The first ship will be carrying humanitarian aid for the residents of the Strip, as well as a small team of doctors and aid workers. Alongside the humanitarian aid, gifts will be sent to the children in Gaza, including baby clothes, toys and dolls.

In addition, the Iranian Red Crescent's youth organization said that "in light of the possibility that the Zionist regime may do something evil," they plan to send no more than 10 volunteers who have already undergone training. Their ages were not specified.

The Iranian Red Crescent said that so far, over 155,000 volunteers have signed up for the Gaza flotilla. Registration will continue for a few more days, and is meant mainly as a way for Iranian citizens to identify with the residents of the Gaza Strip.

The organization plans to send another ship to Gaza, most likely a week later, carrying more aid workers such as doctors and volunteers.

Iran is eager to show that it cares more for the Palestinians than Turkey does, and is working fervently to have the blockade on the Strip lifted.

Earlier this week another Iranian ship reportedly set sail for Gaza. The ship set sail on behalf of another organization that is not affiliated with the government, by the name of "The Iranian Company for the Protection of the Palestinian Nation."

The organization's head said this week that it plans to send aid to Gaza through land to Turkey, and from there set sail to Gaza, but did not specify when this would take place.

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Subject: FLOTILLA SITREP: LEBANON SAYS VESSELS MAY SET SAIL – YNET

YNET 09:30 , 06.21.10

Report: Lebanon gives ships green light to set sail

Lebanese transportation minister allows Gaza-bound aid flotilla to sail to Cyprus before heading to Strip, an-Nahar newspaper reports

Roe Nahmias

Lebanese Transportation Minister Ghazi Aridi confirmed that the ministry allowed organizers of a Gaza-bound aid flotilla to sail from the northern port city of Tripoli to Cyprus before heading to the Strip, Lebanese newspaper an-Nahar reported Monday morning.

The vessels will pass through Cyprus so as not to violate UN Security Council Resolution 1701.

The minister added that one of the vessels would undergo a technical checkup before it sails from Tripoli and that the Lebanese government was responsible for the decision.

Diplomatic sources in the United Nations said over the weekend that the UNIFIL headquarters in New York had warned Lebanon that UN naval forces would not allow any violation of Resolution 1701 and would prevent any such violation.

UN Resolution 1701, which ended the Second Lebanon War, stipulates that the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon's role is to ensure that the region will not be used for any aggressive actions.

On Friday, Israel warned the UN that the security situation in the Middle East may be undermined as result of the Lebanese flotilla planning to head to the Gaza Strip.

In a letter relayed to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Israel's Ambassador to the UN Gabriela Shalev said the "provocative" sail may affect security in the entire region.

Two ships are expected to leave from Lebanon to Gaza: Naji al-Ali – which will be carrying 25 European activists, including parliament members, and some 50 journalists – and Maryam – which is said to carry female activists with chemotherapeutic medications for women and children and humanitarian aid. It is unclear when the vessels will set sail.

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Some more reactions from Egypt.

Gaza Flotilla: Parliament Speaker Fathi Sorour said the two Egyptian parliamentarians detained in Israel after being taken by Israeli forces were released with the efforts of the general intelligence and ministry of foreign affairs (Al Ahram, Al Gomhuria). In a related context, UNSC condemned the Israeli attack on the flotilla. Egyptian delegate to the UN Maguid Abdel Fattah said the Arab group at the UN allowed the UN 30 days to complete their independent investigation before calling for another UNSC meeting to discuss the new procedures (Al Ahram, Al Gomhuria). In a related context, President Mubarak ordered yesterday the opening of Rafah Crossing to allow in humanitarian and medical needs to Gaza. The crossing will be opened in the two directions for an undefined time (Al Ahram, RAY). An official at Rafah Crossing said additional staff was called in to help facilitate the crossing operation. The first day of operation is today. Mamdouh Gabr, the secretary general of the Egyptian Red Crescent said his organization is currently deciding how much aid it will send (Al Gomhuria, El Shorouk). Khaled Meshaal in a speech in Yemeni Capital Sanaa thanked Egypt and asked for the crossing to remain permanently open (El Shorouk, Youm7). In a related context, Official and popular condemnations of the Israeli attack on the flotilla continued for the second day (Al Ahram, Al Gomhuria). Shura Council speaker Safwat El Sherrif said the Israeli army conduct could not be interpreted or justified. El Sherrif condemned the Israeli attack on behalf of the NDP and emphasized the need to hold an international investigation of the incident (Al Ahram, Al Gomhuria). Arab Foreign ministers will hold an emergency meeting today to discuss the consequences of the Israeli attack on the flotilla (Al Gomhuria). Amr Moussa said yesterday at the permanent delegates meeting that Turkey is now partnering with Arabs to counter the Israeli attack (El Shorouk). The meeting was attended for the first time by the Turkish Ambassador who falsified Israeli allegations that the attack was an act of self defense (Youm7). In the closed session, Syrian delegate proposed a 5 step plan that focuses on stopping normalization, lifting the siege, holding Israel accountable for the attack, unite in refusing indirect and direct negotiations before lifting the siege, coordinate to pursue Israeli war criminals (Youm7). In a related context, Egyptian and Libyan officials discussed yesterday countering the consequences of the Israeli attack on the flotilla (Al Gomhuria).

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Subject: EILAND CTTEE: MISTAKES WERE MADE -- YNET

YNET 17:30 , 07.12.10

Eiland report finds 'mistakes, but no failures'

Committee that probed IDF raid on Gaza-bound flotilla ship says high-ranking officers erred in assessment of situation, gathering of intelligence. Army should have considered changing relations with Turkey, report says

Hanan Greenberg

The committee elected to investigate the deadly Israel Defense Forces raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla ship in late May handed in its report Monday, in which it says that there had been "no failures, but mistakes were made".

The committee, headed by Major-General (Res.) Giora Eiland, concluded that high-level officials had made errors in judgment, but accused no one of negligence.

The report was handed Monday afternoon to the army's chief of staff as well as a number of high-rank officers. Since the Eiland committee was appointed by the IDF, its report deals neither with the state's conduct nor the army's pre-emptive gathering of intelligence, but rather focuses on preparations for the flotilla's arrival.

Analysis of the incident that occurred on board the Turkish Marmara, the report says, led the committee to conclude that the activists on deck had been the first instigators of violence.

At least four instances of live fire on soldiers were noted, though the committee believes there were six in all. In addition, a bullet removed from a soldier's knee shows the Turkish activists had prepared non-military arms to use against the forces.

The report adds that the IDF had begun preparing for the flotilla in February. In mid-May Chief of Staff Gabi Ashkenazi sent a letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Ehud Barak requesting their cooperation in order to prevent a violent incident.

The first issue probed by the committee was whether the Navy had the chance to stop the ships before they arrived in Israel's territorial waters. It concluded that this was not an option because the Navy has not yet developed such abilities, which take around two years to acquire. The army is discussing the option of doing so now.

Another issue probed was that of intelligence gathered by the Navy and the Military Intelligence Directorate before the flotilla set sail. The committee concluded that the IDF had chosen not to collect intelligence on Turkey and the IHH because the former is considered friendly and the latter unthreatening.

Eiland said this decision seemed correct, but that army officials should have taken into consideration the changing tides of Israel's relations with Turkey in the first months of 2010, which was also the time the IHH began openly discussing the flotilla.

He added that the developing relationship between the IHH and the Turkish government necessitated more extensive research than provided by intelligence sources.

However, Eiland said, even with more research intelligence still would have failed because so much of the violence had been brewing on board the Marmara itself.

Regarding the actual raid, the report found that the Navy had prepared only for "likely" resistance by a handful of activists, and not for a violent attack. Even when the ships neared, and the Navy began to understand it had erred, no new set of plans was formulated.

Eiland said the Navy should have understood that the situation did not match its assessments and stop to reconsider the actions it would take.

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Aside from the criticism, the Eiland committee also made use of its report to praise the forces that conducted the raid. "I am glad to say we found a long list of praise-worthy things, and these do not only have to do with the conduct of the commando soldiers on the ship but also with other factors, including the evacuation of victims after the operation," the major-general said.

And in any case, he concluded, there was probably nothing the army could have done that would have led to a vastly different outcome. "We must learn from the conclusions deduced by the investigation and the way I see it, the IDF is trying to do so," Eiland said.

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Subject: Email 1 of 2 on Eiland Report: MG Eiland Presents the Chief of the General Staff with the Conclusions of his Examination Team
Attachments: IDF Spokesperson Announcement- Maj. Gen. (Res.) Eiland Presents the Chief of the General Staff with the Conclusions of his Examination Team.doc

This is the first of two emails about the Eiland Report. What we don't yet have is a copy of the report itself, but Embassy TA is working on it.

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IDF Spokesperson

For Immediate Release
July 12th, 2010
17:00

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Eiland Presents the Chief of the General Staff with the Conclusions of his Examination Team

The IDF Chief of the General Staff, Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, received the conclusions reached by a team of experts, headed by Maj. Gen. (Res.) Giora Eiland, tasked with examining the incidents that took place at sea on May 31st 2010.

Maj. Gen. Eiland presented the team's findings and conclusions to the Chief of the General Staff as well as to officers from the General Staff and from other IDF branches and directorates who were involved in the preparations and in the actual boarding of the flotilla. The core of the report was presented the Minister of Defense of Israel as well.

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The team was appointed by the Chief of the General Staff to examine the deployment towards the flotilla, the chosen course of action and other possible alternatives, advance preparations, and the operation's implementation.

The team included eight officers and their examination focused on intelligence, Naval command, the naval commando unit responsible for carrying out the operation, the Israel Air Force, media relations, technological alternatives, medical aspects and legal counsel and international law.

The examination presented various lessons on a broad, systemic level, not only as regards this specific operation (stopping the flotilla).

In terms of the intelligence effort, the team concluded that not all possible intelligence gathering methods were fully implemented and that the coordination between Navy Intelligence and the Israel Defense Intelligence was insufficient. At the same time, the team emphasized that it is not certain that an optimal intelligence effort would create a complete intelligence picture. The team also pointed out that the anticipated level of violence used against the forces was underestimated.

In terms of situation assessments towards the flotilla, the team clarified that the operation relied excessively on a single course of action, albeit a probable one, while no alternative courses of action were prepared for the event of more dangerous scenarios.

Regarding technological alternatives, the team determined that on the day of the incident, decision makers were not presented with alternative operational courses of action other than a full boarding of the flotilla. The team emphasized the fact that as far as is currently known, no country in the world holds the ability to stop a vessel at sea in a non hostile manner. Therefore statements made on this matter following the incident are unfounded and irresponsible. At the same time, the team determined that alternative courses of action could have existed had the process of preparation begun enough time in advance, and recommended to accelerate the process of examining alternative methods.

The expert team determined that regarding media relations, the preparations made in advance were good. However, the release of press statements and visual materials was delayed due to the need to maintain reliability, the obligation to notify the families of the critically injured soldiers and the long authorization process at the levels above the IDF Spokesperson Unit. The team noted with favor the work of the IDF spokesperson following the incident and emphasized the need for better coordination between the IDF, the foreign ministry and other foreign affairs institutions.

In terms of commanding over the operation, the team determines that the location of the commanders during the incident and the presence of the Commander of the Israel Navy at sea during the operation, was proper and fit

with the Chief of the General Staff's view regarding the role of commanders at the front lines of IDF activity. His presence proved effective in terms of the decision making process, saving lives and more. The team praised the Israel Navy combat protocols, the preparations of the Naval Commando Unit, the Navy Command, the Electronic Warfare Formation and the medical evacuation.

The team determined that the Navy Commando soldiers operated properly, with professionalism, bravery and resourcefulness and that the commanders exhibited correct decision making. The report further determines that the use of live fire was justified and that the entire operation is estimable.

The team noted with favor the various stages of medical evacuation of the injured by air and by sea, including the injured passengers of the Mavi Marmara. In addition the team pointed out the serious attitude with which the General Staff and the Israel Navy approached the matter, as expressed in the preparations.

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Eiland noted with favor the degree of cooperation and transparency exhibited by those involved in the examination at all levels. In the summary of the examination Maj. Gen. Eiland determined that the issue should be viewed with perspective, being that the damage caused to Israel is not as severe as it seemed following the incident. In addition, he said that there's a tendency to draw general conclusions based on a single incident and that the fact that the IDF examines itself and others does not result in that only the command of

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Subject: FW: Activist: U.S. boat may sail for Gaza without permit (AP)

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Subject: Activist: U.S. boat may sail for Gaza without permit (AP)

ATHENS (AP) - An activist says a U.S.-flagged vessel that is part of a pro-Palestinian flotilla planning to break Israel's sea blockade of Gaza may set sail from a Greek port without receiving official permission.

American Ann Wright repeated allegations Thursday that Israel is pressuring Greek authorities not to allow the 42 passengers and crew of the U.S. flagged Audacity of Hope to leave from a port near Athens.

But she wouldn't say how long activists would wait for the all-clear before the 33-meter (108-foot) ferry begins its journey.

Between 300 and 400 international activists aboard 10 ships had been due to sail this week to Gaza to try and break the naval blockade Israel imposed after Hamas militants overran the Palestinian territory in 2007.

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Subject: Activists say French boat escaped Greece for Gaza (AP)

PARIS (AP) - French pro-Palestinian activists say a pleasure craft linked to a flotilla banned from sailing from Greek ports to the Gaza Strip has left Greek waters and is on its way.

Jean-Claude Lefort, a spokesman for the group, told The Associated Press Tuesday that the "Dignite-Al Karama" left port near Athens early Monday and has reached international waters. On board are eight activists and two crew members.

It is the first and so far only boat linked to the flotilla. Other boats, including one other French boat, have been blocked by Greek authorities.

Greek authorities say they are looking into the report.

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Subject: FW: France says Israeli raid was a serious mistake

France says Israeli raid was a serious mistake

PARIS (AP) — France's Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner says Israel's raid on an aid flotilla heading for Gaza was a serious mistake that damaged Israel's global reputation.

Kouchner is urging Israel and the Palestinians to continue indirect peace talks so that the tensions that led to the raid can be diminished.

Kouchner said on RTL radio Wednesday that the deadly raid was "a very grave mistake" and "extremely damaging to the image of Israel itself." Nine people were killed in the assault at sea.

The French foreign minister called for an international investigation, and said "there should not be impunity."

He says French activists seized during the raid are being held by Israel in "very acceptable conditions" and will be released quickly.

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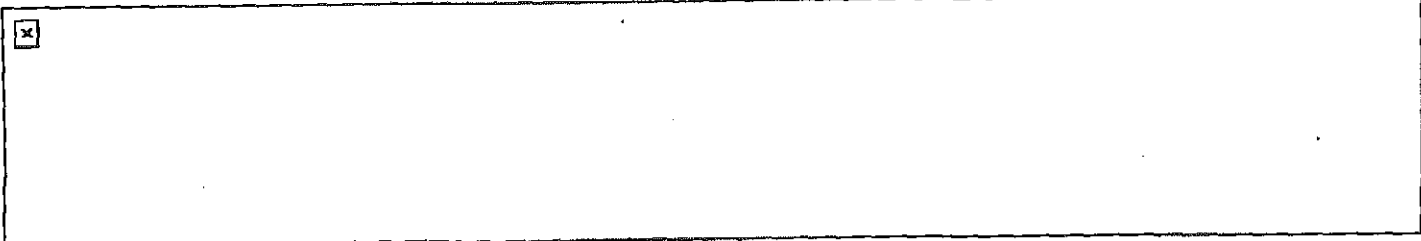
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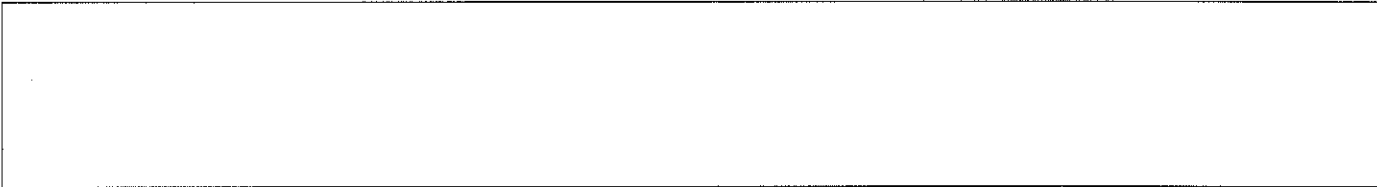
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From time to time, the Palestine Center distributes articles it believes will enhance understanding of the Palestinian political reality. The following recently published articles are worth reading.



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"Israel deportee calls on US and Ireland for support" (BBC)

Nobel peace prize winner Mairead Corrigan Maguire was one of five Irish activists who arrived in Dublin after being deported from Tel Aviv on Monday.

"Crisis may hurt Turkish-Israeli trade" by Ari Rabinovitch and Joseph Nasr (Reuters)

The Gaza flotilla crisis between Israel and Turkey could disrupt a \$3 billion trade channel that has been central to their once-strong alliance, Israeli and Turkish officials said on Monday.

"Turkish charity behind flotilla gains new prestige" by Jeffrey Fleishman (The Sydney

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Morning Herald)

The Islamic charity that helped organise last Monday's flotilla sits below a mosque in a busy neighbourhood of Istanbul, its doors open to accept donations from women in headscarves and men in suits. Renowned Jewish-American scholar and activist Noam Chomsky, who was barred from the occupied West Bank by Israel earlier this week, on Tuesday delivered a lecture to Palestinian students by video link from Jordan.

"AFTER THE MASSACRE: The Global Impact of the Gaza Flotilla Crisis" by Phyllis Bennis (The Huffington Post)

Israeli commandoes murdered nine humanitarian aid workers in international waters. Nine were Turkish citizens; one a U.S. citizen. They wounded scores more. They imprisoned hundreds, and impounded the ships they hijacked on the high seas. Someone asked me the question: will they get away with it? So far, I answered, they HAVE gotten away with it.

"Israel defends aid ship raid" (Al Jazeera)

Israel has attempted to justify its deadly raid on a Gaza-bound aid ship last week by accusing five of its passengers of being "active terror operatives linked to al-Qaeda, Hamas and other armed groups.

"Israel apologises for spoof video mocking Gaza flotilla" (BBC)

The Israeli government has apologised after its press office emailed to journalists a spoof video about the flotilla which tried to dock in Gaza.



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"Shot Australian says Israelis left him to bleed" by Norman Hermant (ABC News Australia)

The Australian shot during last week's raid on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla says Israeli soldiers left him to bleed on the deck after a bullet hit an artery in his leg.

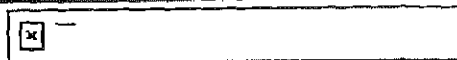
"Israeli raid 'illegal,' its acts 'unconscionable'" by George Bisharat (USA Today)

Israel must believe that it can get away with murder. That conclusion is hard to escape following the Israeli military's forceful boarding of a civilian fleet bearing 10,000 tons of humanitarian supplies to Gaza's besieged Palestinian population.

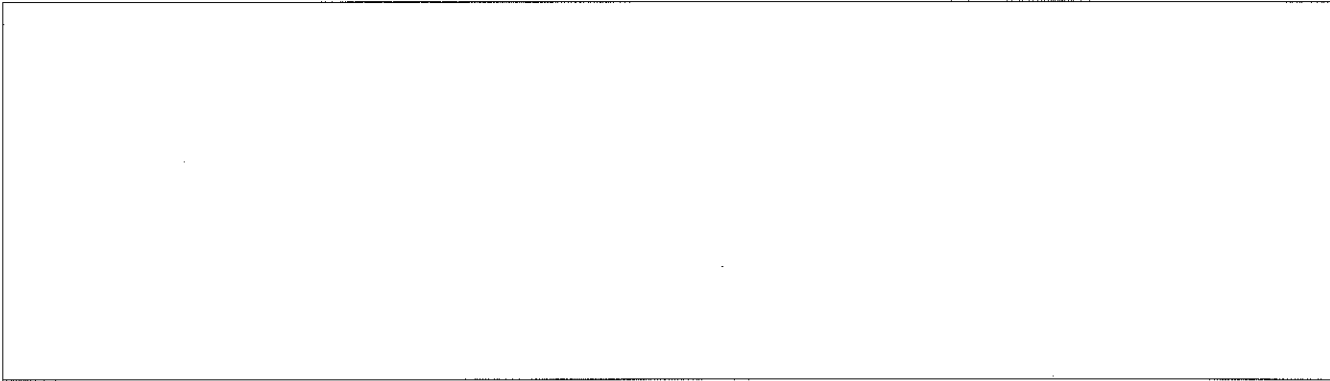
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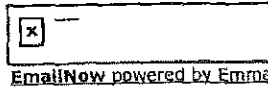


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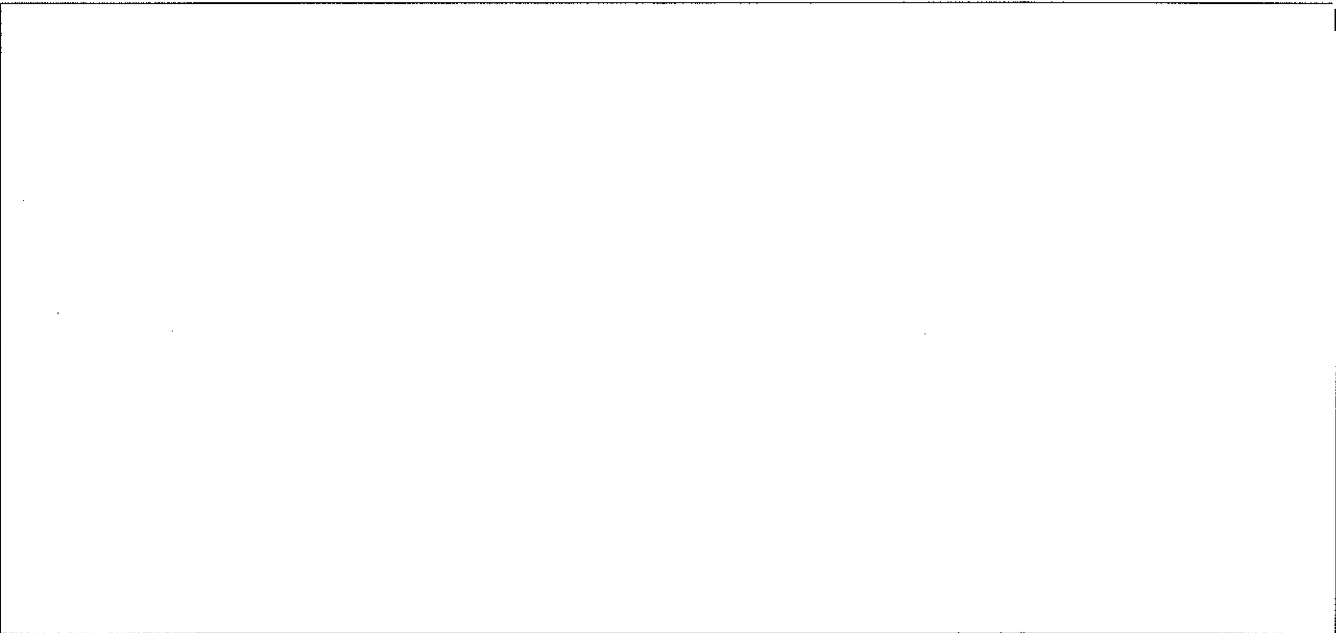
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Subject: FLOTILLA SITREP: HOISTING THE FLAG BUT NOT THE SAIL -- IL RADIO & YNET

IL RADIO REPORTS THAT THE FRENCH YACHT WHICH SET SAIL THIS MORNING FROM A GREEK PORT BOUND FOR THE GAZA STRIP HAS RETURNED TO PORT. FLOTILLA PARTICIPANTS ARE QUOTED AS SAYING THOSE ON BOARD THE YACHT DO NOT WANT TO SAIL TO GAZA ALONE AND THEIR DEPARTURE FROM GREECE WAS INTENDED AS A SYMBOLIC PROTEST ONLY. **IL RADIO** ALSO REPORTS THAT 30 FLOTILLA PARTICIPANTS BROKE INTO THE SPANISH EMBASSY IN ATHENS AND MADE THEIR DEMANDS KNOWN TO THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR [see below for more details -- rbb].

Ruth

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Pro-Palestinian activists occupy embassy in Athens



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Meanwhile, Greek authorities detained three activists attempting to breach Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip, after a boat set sail in defiance of a Greek ban, officials and pro-Palestinian activists said Tuesday.

David Heap, a spokesman for the Tahrir, identified those detained as Canadians Sandra Ruch and Soha Kneen, and Australian Michael Coleman. The boat tried to leave the southern Greek island of Crete on Monday, but was forced to turn back by Coast Guard vessels.

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The Greek Merchant Marine Ministry said one of the Canadians, who was responsible for the boat, was arrested on charges of illegally sailing without permission. The other Canadian national and the Australian were arrested for using kayaks to block a coast guard vessel from setting sail to stop the flotilla boat.

Greece last week banned all boats participating in the Gaza flotilla from leaving port, citing security concerns after a similar flotilla last year was raided by Israeli forces, leaving nine activists on a Turkish boat dead. The Greek foreign ministry has offered to deliver the humanitarian aid the activists want to take to Gaza.

French pro-Palestinian activists said in Paris Tuesday one small boat was in international waters and on its way.

Jean-Claude Lefort, a spokesman for the group, told The Associated Press Tuesday that the Dignite-Al Karama left a port near Athens early Monday with eight activists and two crew members on board. If true, it would be the first flotilla boat to leave Greece.

However, the claim could not be confirmed. Greek authorities said they were looking into the report. Greek activist Dimitris Plionis said during a news conference in Athens that the boat had been in a "safe" area "in this part of the Mediterranean." He said it was not sailing to Gaza at the moment, but was waiting for other boats from the flotilla to join it.

The captain of another boat in the flotilla, the Audacity of Hope, appeared in court in Piraeus Tuesday to give a deposition after being arrested over the weekend for setting sail in defiance of the Greek ban.

John Klusmire was led into the building in handcuffs, holding a bottle of water and escorted by police.

"It's a terrible, terrible thing that the government of Greece has done. We are here in support of the captain, an honorable man and a professional sea captain," said one campaigner, retired U.S. Army Col. Ann Wright, at the courthouse. "It is terrible that they feel they had to keep him in jail."

AFP and AP contributed to this report

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Subject: FLOTILLA SITREP: GRETA BERLIN ON PROJECTED DEPARTURES -- IL RADIO

GRETA BERLIN, FOUNDER OF THE FREE GAZA MOVEMENT AND ONE OF THE PROMINENT ORGANISORS OF THE FLOTILLA TOLD IL RADIO OVERNIGHT THAT SHE IS ON BOARD THE VESSEL "AUDACITY OF HOPE" ANCHORED IN PIRAEUS, "WAITING FOR THE FINAL PAPERWORK TO RELEASE OUR BOAT."

BERLIN TOLD IL RADIO:

"PEOPLE KEEP ASSURING US WE HAVE ONE MORE THING TO FILL OUT -- ONE MORE THING TO DO. THE GREEK BUREAUCRACY IS DOING ITS BEST TO PREVENT US FROM GOING BUT WE'RE PRETTY DETERMINED. WE'VE SAID WE'RE GOING TO GO IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. I THINK THAT OUR DROP-DEAD DEADLINE IS GOING TO BE JULY 5TH. I REALISE THAT THAT IS 2 WEEKS LATER THAN WE SAID WE WERE GOING TO GO, BUT I'VE DONE A LOT OF THESE AND WE ARE NEVER ON TIME."

"SOMETIMES WE FEEL THAT WE ARE THE BESIEGED PEOPLE AS WELL AS THE PALESTINIANS OF GAZA. ISRAEL IS DOING ITS VERY VERY BEST TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T GET OUT OF PORT BECAUSE ONCE WE GET OUT OF PORT -- AND WE WILL -- THEY ARE NOW FACED WITH WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO WITH US. SO THEY WOULD RATHER SABOTAGE OUR BOATS, TIE US UP IN PAPERWORK AND PREVENT US FROM GOING. IT'S DIFFICULT FOR THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THAT IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE OUR DETERMINATION."

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Subject: Flotilla Update

Embassy Athens – Per two Gaza flotilla websites, passengers on the U.S. Boat to Gaza, *The Audacity of Hope*, invited Greek and international media to inspect the boat on June 30 at 3:00 pm in Perama, Greece. The passengers note that they were inspected by Greek officials on Monday, June 27, but have not yet received notification of their findings. Gale Courey Toensing, a passenger on the American boat said to the media today, "Our voyage is totally transparent and we have nothing to hide. All we want to do is sail to Gaza with our cargo of letters from Americans to the people of Gaza. We are sulfur-free and ready to sail." Due to vandalism discovered Monday on the propeller of the Swedish-Greek vessel *Juliano*, flotilla participants have organized guard duty rosters for each ship that is due to sail for Gaza. The *Juliano* was towed for repairs to a shipyard at another port and should be ready to sail on July 1 pending another assessment by Greek officials. The Canadian ship, which an anonymous complaint also labeled unfit to sail, has been reinspected and received clearance as seaworthy.

JERUSALEM (AP) - Organizers of a Gaza-bound flotilla say Israel has sabotaged a second ship.

An activist told Israel's Army Radio that the engine of an Irish ship was damaged.

Earlier this week, activists said Israel damaged the propeller of a Swedish ship in the Greek port of Piraeus.

Israel has not commented on the allegations.

About 10 ships are due to set sail this week from Greece. It's unclear if the damaged boats will delay things.

Israel imposed a naval blockade after Hamas militants overran the Palestinian territory in 2007.

It says it will not allow the flotilla to reach Gaza.

Last year, an Israeli raid on a similar flotilla killed nine activists on a Turkish vessel. Each side blamed the other for the violence.

ISRAEL RADIO NEWS 8:00 AM Hebrew Report

* **Flotilla ships:** Organizers of the Gaza flotilla have accused Israel of sabotaging the ships and said that they would guard the ships currently anchored in Greece and Turkey. One organizer said the group erred by not making plans to secure the boats. Members of Ireland's For Gaza organization will hold a press conference in Dublin. Earlier, organizers accused Israel of sabotage against the Swedish ship *Juliano*.

Sabotage and Delay

Yedioth Ahronoth (p. 6) by Menahem Gantz (Athens) -- Did Israel sabotage one of the flotilla ships currently docked in a Turkish port? Last night there were reports that the Irish ship *Saoirse* is not seaworthy and will not be able to set sail in the coming days. A variety of sources told *Yedioth Ahronoth* that "without question this was sabotage, serious sabotage that was committed in Turkey's territorial waters."

Members of the group that was supposed to set sail from the Turkish port checked the ship carefully, eventually confirming their suspicion that the incident was deliberate sabotage. It is not clear what the exact nature of the mishap was, but sources said yesterday that it was serious enough to prevent the Irish ship from taking part in the flotilla. Twenty-two people were scheduled to sail on the *Saoirse*.

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Flotilla spokespeople refused to confirm or deny the reports, but at the beginning of the week they pointed an accusing finger at Israel, claiming that "highly trained professionals" had attacked the boats in order to prevent the flotilla from getting under way. This followed a report on Monday that the propellers on the Swedish-owned vessel *Juliano* had been mysteriously sabotaged while anchored in Athens.

"The longer we are held up Israel believes it will be able to dampen our motivation and our spirit, but they are mistaken," said Thomas Sommer-Houdeville, the French spokesman for the flotilla and one of the senior members of the international flotilla to Gaza. "There are several parliamentarians here, from several European capitals, journalists and activists, and not one of them will back down. I hope that we'll set sail soon." But as much as Thomas and his colleagues may hope, it is unlikely the flotilla will set sail this week. It will likely be pushed off to next week.

Apart from the mysterious mishaps on the ships, the flotilla has encountered other difficulties as well. The general strike and riots in the streets of Athens, as well as other legal and administrative problems, have pushed the flotilla off. In the meanwhile activists continue to hold meetings and other gatherings, mainly in order to interest the media and to keep activists primed for a clash with IDF soldiers before they lose interest and abandon the ships.

Thomas invites me to tour the *Louise Michel*, named for the French revolutionary, a legendary figure for the French left wing. "The IDF says there are chemical agents here. You're welcome to look for them," he said before introducing me to the captain and crew members. Although the Israeli claim referred to the French ship *Dignity*, there is no question that the presence of an Israeli journalist could serve the propaganda agenda for flotilla organizers. [Several French journalists] were invited to record and report on the Israeli visiting the peace-lovers' ship and seeing for himself that there were no weapons on board.

The flotilla to Gaza was thought up by more than one person, but it is questionable whether it would have come to pass in its current format, or the format it used last year, without the involvement of Swedish-Israeli Dror Feiler (60). After the last flotilla Feiler was banned from entering Israel for 10 years. "I'm not a religious man so I can't identify with the concept of *shahid*, but I am certainly prepared to sacrifice myself for the values I believe in," Feiler said yesterday. He was with his 88-year-old mother, Prina, who travelled from Israel to accompany her son on the flotilla.

The elder Feiler did not flinch when she heard her son say was prepared to give his life for the Palestinian people. "[In Hebrew] we call this 'sanctifying God's name.' This is exactly the same thing," said Feiler, who was born in Poland and immigrated to Palestine in 1938. "We came to Israel despite the fact that we weren't Zionists," she clarified. Asked whether she is a Zionist now, she answered with a sharp "no."

And what if the Palestinians you're fighting for betray you and kill you, the way they did to your friend *Juliano Mer*? "It could happen," said Dror Feiler. "But at least I'll know I acted in accordance with my principles."

Is there anything positive you could say about Israel, without reservations?

"Nope. It's in my nature to have reservations about everything," he said.

Netanyahu to Greek Prime Minister: Stop the Flotilla

Yedioth Ahronoth (p. 7) by Itamar Eichner -- Israel has asked the Greek authorities to prevent the departure of the flotilla from the Greek ports to the Gaza Strip. "We made it clear to the Greeks that it is inconceivable that while Turkey realizes the damage that the flotilla could cause it, and stopped its departure from Turkish territory, Greece, which is Israel's close friend, will enable the flotilla ships to set sail from its ports," said a high-ranking political official last night.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu spoke on the matter to his counterpart, Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou, who is very troubled these days by the acute crisis and the severe riots that are taking place in his country—but understands well the volatile potential of the flotilla waiting in his ports. Netanyahu asked Papandreou to take action similarly to the president of Cyprus, who issued a presidential order that barred the departure of the flotilla from Cypriot ports.

The Greeks announced that after checking the legal aspects of the matter, it became clear that they were legally unable to stop the flotilla. At most, they said, they could delay its departure on various technical pretexts—but they could not prevent the ships from setting sail.

Meanwhile, the port officials in Greece have been given instructions to harass the organizers of the flotilla: Every mishap or error in registration—causes delays in granting the permits necessary for departure. The Greeks are also searching closely for every malfunction in the flotilla ships that are in their territory, including shortages of safety equipment, fire extinguishers, first aid kits and the like.

The bureaucratic delays that the Greeks are causing to the flotilla ships are not satisfactory to Israel, as is the courteous reply regarding the "legal inability" to stop the flotilla. Officials in Jerusalem made it clear to Athens that this

means that the current flotilla to Gaza would be the "Greek flotilla," and this is incompatible with the mutual interests of the two countries. "This is a flotilla of provocative terrorist elements," political officials told their Greek colleagues, "and its departure at this time could gravely damage the chances of renewing the peace process."

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Possible Mavi Marmara redux

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Subject: Mavi Marmara will sail again to Gaza

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Mavi Marmara will sail again to Gaza, head Turkish activist says

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The area set aside for the welcome in Sarayburnu was full of people carrying Palestinian and Turkish flags, chanting slogans as the aid flotilla approached and commemorating the dead. DAILY NEWS photo, Emrah GÜREL

The vessel Mavi Marmara will make another attempt to break the blockade on the Gaza Strip a year following its ill-fated first journey, one of the main activists who organized the trip said Sunday.

Seven months after nine people were killed onboard a Gaza-bound aid flotilla, the ship returned to Istanbul on Sunday, where it was welcomed in the Sarayburnu neighborhood with commemorations for those who died in Israeli commandos' May 31 attack as well as past victims of the Gaza blockade.

"The fate of the Mavi Marmara will be determined by its owners' conscience. We will organize another trip to Gaza on May 31, the same date the raid happened this year, with a larger crew to draw interest to the embargo one more time," Ümit Sönmez, the production branch coordinator of the Humanitarian Relief Foundation, or İHH, which organized the flotilla, told the Hürriyet Daily News & Economic Review.

An additional 50 ships will accompany the Mavi Marmara on its next journey, Sönmez said, adding that the İHH has been receiving a lot of international support for its campaign. Asked whether the activists are afraid of experiencing another deadly incident, Sönmez said they only had to undergo that fear once, while the Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank experience it every day and should be liberated from their hardships.

"Children should be able to go their schools without the fear of bombs. Of course, we have fear, but we think Israel will not demonstrate the same cruelty toward unarmed human-rights activists," he said. "If they attack, there is nothing to do. It's their choice."

The welcome for the Mavi Marmara came on the two-year anniversary of the start of Israel's "Operation Cast Lead" against Gaza, something Sönmez said the İHH wanted the crowd gathered to see the ship to remember. "Many civilians lost their lives and suffered financial losses. This was an opportunity to remember them along with the Mavi Marmara," he said.

The area set aside for the welcome in Sarayburnu was full of people carrying Palestinian and Turkish flags, chanting slogans as the aid flotilla approached and commemorating the dead.

Noting that the İHH's aim is not only to liberate people in Gaza, but also to support victims in the rest of the world regardless of their religion, race or ethnicity, Sönmez said the Mavi Marmara could travel to Africa, the Philippines and Thailand in the future.

The İHH has initiated a project called "Nine Martyrs, Nine Monuments," under which it will construct schools, cultural centers or sport complexes in the hometowns of those who died to remind people of the risks they took, Chairman Bülent Yıldırım said.

Noting that Israel-born Swedish human-rights activist Dror Feiler and Greek human activist Dimitris Plionis appeared onstaged during the Mavi Marmara welcome, Yıldırım said the Israel government would draw reactions from Jews, Christians and Muslims if it engaged in another attack on Gaza.

The Mavi Marmara will anchor for a week in Istanbul, where it will be open to group tours led by guides who experienced the May 31 incident. Following this, the vessel will be taken to a shipyard to undergo maintenance before next year's journey. "The bullet and blood traces are still left on the walls and seats," Sönmez said.

Relatives of the victims and accredited press members wanted to board the ship in the northwestern province of Çanakkale on Saturday and sail with it to Istanbul, but were prohibited from doing so at the last minute, according to Cihat Gökdemir, chairman of the Association for Human Rights and Solidarity for Oppressed Peoples, or Mazlum-Der. "The undersecretariat of maritime affairs didn't allow it due to technical problems," he said.

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SUMMARY

1. (U) The May 31 Israeli attack on the Free Gaza Flotilla was on the front page of every newspaper in Algeria the following day. The coverage was widespread and universally condemned the attacks. Algerians are outraged about the incident and have expressed particular concern over the 32 Algerians that reportedly participated in the convoy. Editorials were numerous, and many placed blame not only on the Israeli government but their "American and Western financiers." Another key theme in the editorial line was a sense of frustration with the Obama administration. One editorial asked when President Obama would reveal his new roadmap to settle the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as called for in his Cairo speech; another opined that maybe the Noble Prize was awarded to President Obama prematurely. This is a markedly different line as journalists are often critical of

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U.S. policies but have previously been positive about President Obama and his administration.

COVERAGE

2. (U) It was a rare day in Algeria when the state-owned, private, French language, and Arabic language press all ran exactly the same cover story. All of the stories were similar in their outrage and condemnation of the Israeli raid on the Gaza flotilla on May 31. More than one newspaper has called Israel a "hoodlum" state, and concern has been expressed for the 32 Algerians who reportedly were in the convoy and are now believed being held in Israel. One French daily, the online "Tout Sur L'Algerie," has reported that the Algerian government has requested Jordan's assistance in repatriating the Algerians who were on the flotilla. Many papers expressed their anger and said that, once again, the Arabs are angry, but "En-Nahar" used a well-known Arab proverb that says "talking is free." Many newspapers said that the time for talking was over and the time for action was now. In the largest newspaper in the country "Echourouk", a cartoonist ran a drawing of an Arab ostrich with its head in the water while the vessel was being attacked. This cartoon expressed the general sentiment of frustration toward Arab leadership and the overall state of play that was very common in all of the reporting.

EDITORIAL

3. (U) The editorials in all of the largest French and Arabic language newspapers expressed the same themes of outrage towards Israel and the West's tepid condemnation of the attacks. "Sawt al-Anrar" the official paper of the ruling party, ran an editorial saying that western governments were complicit in the attacks due to their unwavering support for Israel. One of the largest French language dailies in the country, "Liberte," wrote a similar piece but also questioned the "real value" of all of President Obama's promises. "Liberte's" piece added that the U.S. role as Israel's complacent ally does not serve the long-term interest of the U.S. in the Middle East. "Liberte" and another French language daily, "Le Quotidien d'Oran," called Obama's reaction to the incident "embarrassed." A common theme in the editorials in the French, Arabic, government-run, and private newspapers was the expectation of a stronger reaction from the West, especially the United States.

COMMENT

4. (SBU) Only time, Israeli actions, and our public reaction will tell where the editorial lines of Algerian papers will be in the coming week. How the USG responds to this crisis will dramatically affect public opinion in Algeria if not the region. Currently, we are being portrayed here as not taking a tough enough stance towards Israel. There are conflicting media reports about two Algerian casualties on the flotilla. If these reports turn out to be true, we can expect to see even harsher anti-Israel commentary that will

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Cc: Daniels, Cherrie S
Subject: FW: Norway press on Israel/Gaza flotilla incident

Please see below for Norwegian reactions to the Gaza flotilla incident.

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From: Daniels, Cherrie S
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 1:10 PM
To: Call, Christopher D
Cc: Selinger, Thomas B; Slakey, Monica M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Peterson, Julie Anne; Krarup, Juliet Gole; Darnell, Stephanie R; Naess, Petter
Subject: Norway press on Israel/Gaza flotilla incident

Chris – could you share these excerpts of US embassy oslo’s press brief today with the monitoring group on gaza? (info should be in the cable establishing the monitoring group.)

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From: Naess, Petter
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 11:05 AM
Subject: Oslo press brief, Tuesday, June 1

Oslo press briefing Tuesday, June 1, 2010

News/commentary

Israel Prime Minister Stoltenberg’s office released the following yesterday under the headline **Military attacks on civilian activists are completely unacceptable**
“We are shocked by the news that Israeli naval forces have attacked ships with humanitarian aid to Gaza” Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg said commenting on the boarding of an aid convoy to Gaza .- An independent international investigation of what actually happened must take place as soon as possible. Foreign Minister Støre will take this up today with the UN Secretary General, “said Stoltenberg. Norway has repeatedly called for end to the blockade. There are Norwegian citizens on board the convoy. Norwegian authorities are monitoring the situation and are there to endeavor to assist the Norwegian citizens.

When asked whether the government has considered recalling the Norwegian ambassador to Israel Stoltenberg responded: “No, it’s a question of needing, especially in times like these, channels to convey Norwegian views.” Norwegian media, political parties and opinion generally condemn the Israeli commandeering of the Gaza bound relief

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convoy (see editorials), though with varying degrees of forcefulness. Even Frp, probably Norway's most pro-Israel party, condemns the boarding of the ship in international waters and endorses an investigation into the circumstances. VG's editorial merely notes that Israel has repeatedly demonstrated that it cares little about international response to its actions, and that contradictory testimony makes it unclear what actually happened during the boarding of the ship. VG endorses the UN and EU demand for a full investigation. DN's editorial notes that Israeli recalcitrance in the face of international opinion is well-known. Although Israel's version of the events that led to loss of life is probably more accurate than reports coming from the other side, the operation was yet another public relations catastrophe for Israel. NUPI director Jan Egeland says Israel's actions are "spectacularly unwise" (DN38), and that only North Korea behaves in a comparable way in international waters. SV's Kristin Halvorsen says "Everyone should follow Norway's example and refuse to buy arms from Israel. It doesn't have a great impact when we alone do it, but the situation we have now is intolerable." Halvorsen demurs when asked what other measures should be implemented (that should be the subject of an international debate) but says an international weapons boycott would be effective. AP secretary Raymond Johansen warns against a boycott: "This is not a time for foolishness, or sanctions. Israel's ambassador has been called in on the carpet, but we need diplomatic ties. Priority number one is to have the blockade lifted and ensure that agricultural products from Gaza can get out." Media unanimously condemn Israel's jamming of cell phones and black-out on reporting from the scene.

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Subject: No Rise in Anti-Semitism in UAE After Gaza Flotilla Incident

1. (U) Post is not aware of any incidents of anti-Semitism in the media as defined in refTel A. COMMENT: While the media has harshly criticized Israel, and even the USG (see refTels B and C), news coverage and op-eds do not meet the Department's definition of anti-Semitism. END COMMENT.

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Subject: FW: Irish FM Statement from today on Rachel Corrie

From: Hackworth, Jason K
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 3:39 PM
To: Goldberger, Thomas H; Dwyer, Stuart A; Cormack, Maureen E
Subject: Irish FM Statement from today on Rachel Corrie

Statement by Minister Martin on the Rachel Corrie

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Micheál Martin, T.D. has issued the following statement:

“The Government has made clear that it believes that the Rachel Corrie should be allowed to proceed to Gaza and to unload its humanitarian cargo. Those on board the Rachel Corrie have indicated that they are ready to accept inspection of their cargo at sea, prior to docking in Gaza. However, the Israeli government has stated that it is not willing to allow any breach of their naval blockade of Gaza.

As the Rachel Corrie continues to approach Gaza, the Government’s primary concern is the safety of Irish citizens and others on board. We are also conscious of the urgent need to address the humanitarian concerns of the people of Gaza, the desirability of reducing international tensions following the violent storming of humanitarian supply vessels by Israeli commandos earlier this week, and the obligation of States to respect the right to peaceful protest.

Acting on these considerations, I sought through various contacts to secure an agreement which would ensure the safety of those on board the Rachel Corrie, allow them to make their protest, and provide for the delivery to Gaza of the Rachel Corrie’s full cargo.

On Friday morning, an understanding was reached with the Israeli government whereby the Rachel Corrie would have approached the Israeli exclusion zone before accepting diversion to the Israeli port of Ashdod. At Ashdod, the cargo would have been unloaded and inspected under the supervision of UN and officials from the Irish Aid Division of my Department. The entire cargo, including what is understood to be 550 tonnes of cement, would then have been transported to Gaza. Two persons from the Rachel Corrie would have been permitted to accompany the cargo to the Israeli border crossing into Gaza at Erez.

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In my view, such an arrangement would have offered a useful precedent for future humanitarian shipments, pending the complete lifting of the blockade.

This proposal was put to those on board the Rachel Corrie who, on Friday afternoon, after careful consideration and having thanked the Government for its efforts, declined to accept it. I fully respect their right to do so and to continue their protest action by seeking to sail to Gaza.

If, as is their stated intention, the Israeli government intercepts the Rachel Corrie, the Government demands that it demonstrate every restraint. Those on board the Rachel Corrie have made clear their peaceful intentions and have stated that they will offer no resistance to Israeli forces. Based on these assurances, there can be no justification for the use of force against any person on board the Rachel Corrie.

The Government also urges the Israeli Government to ensure the transfer to Gaza of the entire cargo of the Rachel Corrie, including cement which is urgently needed for the reconstruction of Gaza. The Government continues to call on Israel to lift its blockade of Gaza. Pending that, Israel should immediately facilitate the import into Gaza of all goods, other than weapons.”

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Subject: FW: What about the last ship?

From: Levin, Jan
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 3:46 AM
To: Reisser, Wesley J
Cc: Grubb, Jason B
Subject: RE: What about the last ship?

We've heard that a Thursday arrival is anticipated; last word we heard through DATT is that Israelis have not yet decided how to respond.

From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:45 AM
To: Levin, Jan; Grubb, Jason B
Subject: What about the last ship?

Israel's navy, meanwhile, says it is ready to stop another aid ship headed to Gaza, playing down the prospect of its forces shying from another confrontation.

Israel's Army Radio reported the MV Rachel Corrie, a converted merchant ship, would reach Gazan waters by Wednesday.

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Cc: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL
Subject: Fw: Israeli forces reportedly board aid flotilla ship (SBU)

From: OpsAlert
Sent: Mon May 31 00:02:03 2010
Subject: Israeli forces reportedly board aid flotilla ship (SBU)

(SBU) Israeli warships have intercepted and reportedly boarded one of the six ships carrying aid for Palestinians, possibly killing at least two and wounding an unknown number of people on board, al-Jazeera and Turkish television report.

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Strong Israeli support for Netanyahu, ship boarding and Gaza blockade; strong Israeli dissatisfaction with American reaction and President Obama

Princeton, NJ (June 8, 2010)—Pechter Middle East Polls (PMEP) releases data from a telephone nationally representative survey in Hebrew of 500 Israeli Jews conducted June 7, 2010. The margin of error is +/- 4%.

The poll was undertaken in the aftermath of the May 31, 2010 Israeli ship boarding in international waters off Gaza that left nine activists dead and several Israeli commandos injured.

Eighty five percent (85%) of the respondents indicated that Israel either did not use enough force (39%) or the right amount of force (46%) regarding the recent ship boarding incident. Only eight percent (8%) of respondents felt that Israel used too much force. Sixty one percent (61%) felt that Israel should not adjust its tactics to elicit a more favorable international reaction.

Seventy three percent (73%) of those polled indicated that Israel should not open up Gaza to international humanitarian shipments. A majority, fifty nine percent (59%) responded that they definitely should not open Gaza to international humanitarian shipments. A majority of those polled, fifty six percent (56%) indicated that Israel should not agree to an international inquiry committee to investigate the incident?

Responding to rumors that Turkish PM Erdogan, is planning to come in person on a ship accompanied by Turkish Navy in order to break through the closure, seventy five percent (75%) of those polled indicated that Israel should stop him whatever it takes. Regarding news reports that Iran is planning to send Red Crescent ships to Gaza, eighty four percent (84%) of those polled said stop them whatever it takes.

Political leaders fared differently in the poll. Fifty three percent (53%) were satisfied with the job Prime Minister Netanyahu did while only forty one percent (41%) were satisfied with Defense Minister Ehud Barak's performance. Seventy one percent (71%) disliked U.S. President Barak Obama with forty seven percent (47%) saying that they strongly dislike him. In all, sixty three percent (63%) of those polled were dissatisfied with the American government's reaction to the incident.

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More complete results of the survey will be posted on pechterpolls.com.

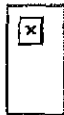
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124 Gaza aid flotilla activists arrive in Jordan
DALE GAVLAK, Associated Press Writer

ALLENBY BRIDGE, Jordan (AP) - Dozens of pro-Palestinian activists detained in the Israeli raid on the Gaza aid flotilla arrived in Jordan on Wednesday after being deported from neighboring Israel, Jordanian officials said.

The 124 activists from 12 Muslim nations - most of them without diplomatic ties with Israel - crossed the Allenby Bridge aboard five Jordanian buses.

The bridge across the Jordan River is under Israeli control. It links Jordan with the West Bank.

Jordanian government spokesman Nabil Al-Sharif said there were 30 Jordanians in the group. Jordan is one of two Arab nations with a signed peace treaty with Israel.

The bridge's Jordanian chief, Brig. Mahmoud Abu Jumaa, said Jordan will help repatriate the activists - who include lawmakers and journalists - to their respective countries in coordination with their governments.

Kuwaiti ambassador Sheik Faisal Al Sabah said there were 16 Kuwaitis aboard the buses. "They will be flown home aboard a Kuwaiti government-chartered plane later Wednesday," Al Sabah said.

He said the other activists came from Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Yemen, Oman and Bahrain.

Dozens of other activists remain in Israeli detention, but most are expected to be deported in the coming days.

Worldwide condemnation has poured on Israel since its naval commandos halted the aid flotilla in international waters overnight Monday, setting off a melee that left nine activists dead and dozens wounded. Turkey, an unofficial backer of the flotilla, has led the criticism, accusing Israel of committing a "massacre," and the U.N. Security Council demanded an impartial investigation.

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From: Greene, Douglas C
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To: McGovern, Bridget (Helen-Mary)
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Subject: UAE Reactions to Israeli Actions against Relief Flotilla

Bridget,

The Amb is on his way out to pick up Secretary Napolitano at the airport, but wanted me to pass on initial UAE reactions to this morning's clash between Israeli commandos and passengers/crew on ships belonging to the Gaza Relief Flotilla.

A very well connected contact told the Ambassador that the UAEG expects an Arab League call for immediate cessation of Palestinian peace talks with the Israelis. The UAE will not object. Beyond AL or GCC statements, the UAE is likely to issue its own statement on the incident. We'll forward that when we receive it.

Please copy us (in blackberry readable form) on all statements out of Washington – White House or Department – on today's events. We fully expect that the regional Aviation Security Conference Sec. Napolitano is here to attend (mostly Arab League members, and Iran invited – though not clear if all will attend) will be dominated by discussion of this incident.

Thanks,
Doug

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From: Netos, Eleftherios E
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 2:42 PM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: FW: Republic of Cyprus President's Remarks on the Gaza Flotilla

PRESIDENT CHRISTOFIAS DENOUNCES ISRAELI ASSAULT AGAINST FLOTILLA

CYPRUS NEWS AGENCY has reported that President Christofias said that the Government of Cyprus has denounced the Israeli assault against the flotilla of activists carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza, expressing the belief that Israel would be condemned by the international community for the death of so many people.

"No one is happy, first of all with the continuing blockade that followed the attack against Gaza in December 2008, which had catastrophic results for the Palestinians," he said, adding that "the ongoing blockade violates international law and challenges everyone's human rights."

Therefore, he underlined, "the position of principle of the Government of Cyprus is known: the killing of people is condemnable for any one of us; the loss of life of civilians constitutes a criminal act."

"The Government of Israel must retreat because it will be condemned by the whole world. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus cannot afford not to denounce these acts."

Invited to say whether he had any contacts with any of his counterparts or other officials of EU member states, President Christofias said that "the EU has already reacted," but that he hadn't held any telephone communication on this issue. "However," he added, "I am sure that other international organizations and the UN will react."

Christofias denied press reports that the decision of the Government not to allow the flotilla to use the ports of Cyprus en route to Gaza was because of hydrocarbon reserves in the Eastern Mediterranean and the setting of the Cyprus-Israel boundaries of their Exclusive Economic Zones. "No one can stop people's imagination," he said.

Invited to comment on the vital interests the Government of Cyprus has evoked regarding the ban of the use of the Cyprus ports, Christofias said, "we have not evoked them, but there are vital interests: the occupation of Cyprus, the problems we constantly face regarding Turkey's acts towards a number of countries, including Israel, regardless of the fact that Turkey is in confrontation with Israel now."

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"When the Israeli attack on Gaza took place in December, we took a position that was clearer and tougher than the positions of many Arab countries, and we did so consciously. From there on," he said, "when the Republic of Cyprus runs the risks it was running, and calls and asks those who were undertaking the initiative to break the blockade to avoid using the Cypriot ports, I believe, having in mind the history of the position of the Republic of Cyprus and mine personally, that they should have respected us. Unfortunately, they did not respect us and I am sorry about that. They could have sailed from ports of other countries that would have given them permission."

Replying to repeated questions whether the Government of Cyprus or he personally were aware of the determination of the Israelis to attack the flotilla, and therefore the policy of the Government changed in order to protect the activists, he said that he could not have known this and that "the Government has not changed any policy."

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From: Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA)
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 7:47 PM
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Subject: Fw: Press Release: FREE GAZA SAILS TODAY - BOAT BY BOAT
Attachments: image001.jpg; image002.jpg

From: Angela Godfrey-Goldstein <angela@icahd.org>
To: angela@icahd.org <angela@icahd.org>
Sent: Wed Jun 24 18:10:43 2009
Subject: Press Release: FREE GAZA SAILS TODAY - BOAT BY BOAT

**For Immediate Release****Boat by Boat**

Contact: Greta Berlin, Cyprus: +357 99 081 767 tristulip@gmail.com
 Angela Godfrey Goldstein, Jerusalem: 0547 366 393 angela@icahd.org

(25 June 2009) The Free Gaza Movement will depart from Larnaca Port for the Gaza Strip at 10am today, Thursday 25 June. We are sending two ships, the **Free Gaza** and the **Spirit of Humanity**, with 3 tons of medical supplies, 15 tons of cement, suitcases full of toys, crayons and coloring books for children, as well as human rights workers and journalists from 14 countries, including Nobel laureate Mairead Maguire and former U.S. Congresswoman and presidential candidate Cynthia McKinney. This will be our first attempt to challenge Israel's naval blockade on Gaza by sea since the Israeli Navy brutally rammed our boat, DIGNITY, in December, and nearly sank the SPIRIT OF HUMANITY with all on board in January.

We shall hold a press conference at Larnaca Port between 9-10 am, prior to departure.

For more information, please contact Greta Berlin or Ramzi Kysia at +357 99 081 767, friends@freegaza.org

The Free Gaza Movement will sail 240 miles from Cyprus to Gaza, its eighth mission to break Israel's draconian siege on 1.5 million Palestinians. Two of the organizers, Huwaida Arraf and Greta Berlin, as well as the Honorable Cynthia McKinney, former U.S. Congresswoman from Georgia, held a press conference this week in Doha, Qatar, calling on the world to recognize the Palestinians' human and civil rights, rights that have been denied for 61 years. (See link below for YouTube/Al Jazeera press conference coverage.)

"People in Gaza are being made to live in subhuman conditions. Children are dying, and governments are silent. It is important to continue sending boats to Gaza to challenge the criminal blockade enforced by the Israeli military," said Ms. Arraf. The group emphasized that what they are taking is only a token of what the people of Gaza need. They are hoping to buy a cargo boat, to bring in larger amounts of building supplies via the sea route they aim to open. They ask for the financial support of people around the world to purchase this ship.

Speaking to Al Jazeera and eight other news organizations, Ms Arraf emphasized, "International donors pledged over \$4bn to rebuild Gaza, yet none of them are doing a thing about the fact that Israel allows no building supplies into the territory. So 36 of us from 16 countries are leaving on Thursday to tell the world to do something."

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When asked what guarantees the group has received from the Israeli government, both Berlin and Arraf frowned. "We do not seek permission from or coordinate with the Israeli authorities. Israel has grossly abused its authority as an occupying power, daily violating the human rights of Palestinians, and imposing collective punishment on them. It is past time for the international community to stop abetting Israel's illegal closure policy," stated Ms. Arraf. The group intends to go at least three times over the summer, June 25th, July 14th and August 16th, near the anniversary of the first successful voyage.

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The Free Gaza Movement, a human rights group, sent two boats to Gaza in August 2008. These were the first international boats to land in the port in 41 years. Since August, four more voyages have been successful, taking Parliamentarians, human rights workers, and other dignitaries to witness the effects of Israel's draconian policies on the civilians of Gaza. On December 30, their boat, the DIGNITY, was rammed three times while 90 nautical miles out, in international waters, on its way to deliver emergency medical supplies to the people of Gaza, while under the infamous attack by Israel.

Contact the Free Gaza Movement at www.freegaza.org

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Davide Pecorelli (Italy)
Adam Shapiro (US)
Cynthia McKinney (US)
Derek and Jenny Graham (Ireland)
Lubna Marsawa (Palestine, Israel)
Mairead Maguire (Ireland)
Denis Healey (UK, Cyprus)
Fathi Jaouadi (Tunisia, UK)
Theresa McDermott (Scotland)
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Adam Qvist (Denmark)
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Doha Press Conference on June 22nd: www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWI-5KOB03o

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From: Miller, James N
Sent: 7/18/2011 11:51:30 AM
To: svcSMARTCrossLow
Subject: French yacht from grounded flotilla sails for Gaza

French yacht from grounded flotilla sails for Gaza

10:58am EDT

By Nidal al-Mughrabi

GAZA (Reuters) - A French yacht carrying pro-Palestinian activists sailed for the Gaza Strip Monday after other ships in a flotilla that had planned to challenge Israel's blockade were grounded in Greece, organizers said.

They said the 17-passenger "Dignite-AlKarama," having declared an Egyptian port as its official destination, left Greek waters Sunday and was on course to reach the Palestinian enclave by Tuesday.

"It is now the voice of the whole Freedom Flotilla, as all its ships were forbidden to sail by the Greek government thereby fulfilling a clear demand by the Israeli government," said a statement issued by French campaigners aligned with the umbrella Free Gaza Movement.

Passenger Dror Feiler said the yacht planned to dock in Gaza at around noon Tuesday. "We don't want to sail at night," he told Reuters via satellite telephone.

Israel, whose marines killed nine Turkish activists while storming a Gaza-bound flotilla on the Mediterranean high seas last year, has vowed to stop any new attempt to breach a naval blockade it deems necessary to prevent arms from reaching the ruling Palestinian Islamist group Hamas.

"If this boat is on its way to Gaza, which is a breach of international maritime law, and it is trying a provocative act, yes, we will intercept it," Deputy Israeli Foreign Minister Danny Ayaon told foreign journalists in Jerusalem.

"But I assure you that we will try our best to make all those on board very comfortable."

Activist vessels that had berthed in Greece last month were refused permission by local authorities to sail on to Gaza. Two were turned back by the coast guard after leaving port without authorization. Organizers said two boats were also sabotaged.

Greta Berlin of the Free Gaza Movement said the Dignite-AlKarama had declared Alexandria, Egypt, as its destination "in order to get out of Greece."

"But you can change destinations in the middle of the Mediterranean, any time you want to," she said. "It's legal to do that."

Palestinians and their supporters consider the Gaza blockade illegal and say it stunts the economic development of the territory, most of whose 1.5 million residents rely on aid to survive.

(Writing by Dan Williams; Editing by Tim Pearce)

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To: NEA-IPA-DL; EUR-SE-DL; NEA-Egypt; PM-CPMS; SES-O; Vasquez, Edgar J; Grubb, Jason B; Levin, Jan; Silverman, Robert J; Walles, Jacob; Sutphin, Paul R; Richter, Kim B; Worman, Patrick F; Zurcher, Kenneth M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Masilko, Barbara J (USUN); Marchese, Gregory M; Blome, Donald A; Waters, John R; Pitz, Amanda C; Miller, Walter R; 'Prem_G_Kumar@nss.eop.gov'; 'Melissa Russell'; Jacobson, Michael N; Bilge, Kerem S; CA-OCS-Duty; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Rodriguez, Hugo F; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Greene, Elisa; George, Leah; Daniels, Cherrie S; Slakey, Monica M; Rudman, Mara; Reed, Julia G; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Bitar, Maher B; Norman, Marc E; Nardi, Margaret H; Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Bass, Warren; Ried, Curtis R (USUN)
Subject: FW: FLOTILLA ADVANCE: SPECIAL FORCES APPROVED -- IL RADIO

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From: Blaukopf, Ruth B
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 10:30 AM
To: Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Zuckerman, Eve; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Elisha Saltoun, Tamara T; Burnett, David R; Daniel_B_Shapiro@nsc.eop.gov; Goldberger, Thomas H; NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-SEMEP-DL; Otto, Jeffrey L; Tel Aviv ECON; Cunningham, James B; Berns, David B; DeJuana, Carlos A; Eussen, Matthew; Grubb, Jason B; Levin, Jan; Lurie, Mike D; Nelson, Timothy (Tel Aviv); Parsell, Benjamin C; Silverman, Robert J; Surowicz, Mireille M; Tel Aviv PD Press Section DL
Subject: FLOTILLA ADVANCE: SPECIAL FORCES APPROVED -- IL RADIO

IL RADIO REPORTS THAT THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY AFFAIRS [SECURITY CABINET] HAS APPROVED THE INTEGRATION OF MEMBERS OF THE MASSADA UNIT WITHIN THE PRISON SERVICE IN THE FORCE TO BE USED TO BLOCK THE FLOTILLA.

IL RADIO SAYS THE UNIT IS AN ELITE FORCE WHICH SPECIALISES IN TAKING SWIFT CONTROL OF PRISON RIOTS. ITS MEMBERS ARE TRAINED IN THE USE OF NON-LETHAL WEAPONRY.

IL RADIO ADDS THAT THE SECURITY CABINET ALSO EMPOWERED INTERNAL SECURITY MINISTER AHARONOVITCH TO AUTHORISE THE USE OF FEMALE BORDER POLICE OFFICERS TO DEAL WITH WOMEN ON BOARD THE FLOTILLA VESSELS.

Ruth

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From: Conlon, Steven M
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 8:44 AM
To: NEA-IPA-DL
Cc: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL
Subject: FW: Spanish Embassy in Greece Occupied by Gaza Flotilla Protesters (Bloomberg)

From: OpsNewsTicker
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 8:43 AM
To: NEWS-EUR; NEWS-NEA
Cc: SES-O_OS; SES-O_Shift-II; SES-O_CMS
Subject: Spanish Embassy in Greece Occupied by Gaza Flotilla Protesters (Bloomberg)

ATHENS (Bloomberg) - Protesters occupied Spain's embassy in Athens in support of a demand that ships be allowed to sail to the Gaza Strip from Greek ports, an embassy spokeswoman said.

About seven protesters entered the embassy at 12:30 p.m., the spokeswoman, who declined to be identified, said by telephone. The group, who would have been with a flotilla that was prevented from setting sail at the weekend, want Spain to support the lifting of a Greek government ban on ships leaving the country's ports bound for Gaza, the spokeswoman said.

Greece banned ships from sailing to the Gaza Strip to break Israel's blockade on July 1. The government ordered the coastguard to take "all appropriate measures" to enforce the decision.

Israel said it won't allow the flotilla to reach the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip. A similar attempt by a previous flotilla ended in violence in which nine Turks were killed on May 31 last year.

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From: Levin, Jan
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 6:10 AM
To: Sutphin, Paul R; Sindle, James M; Hale, David M; Jacoby, Julia I; 'Harrington, Kimberly D CIV JCS J5 ME'; 'Kumar, Prem G.'; 'Steven_N_Simon@nss.eop.gov'; Baumert, Kevin A; Tyson, Paul H; Holliday, Gregory X
Cc: Grubb, Jason B; Silverman, Robert J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Hood, Jeffrey L; Palm, Robert H; Cyril, Todd A; Edgington, Jason K
Subject: FW: Flotilla Photos Vindicate Israel - Defense/Middle East - Israel News - Israel National News
Categories: Working

Folks: Attached please find links to two websites which display photos allegedly showing participants on last year's Mavi Marmara flotilla brandishing lethal weapons. These photos have just become public. Embassy Tel Aviv cannot vouch for their veracity.

Would appreciate your assistance adding people to this distro as appropriate, especially among our DOD colleagues.

Thanks,
 Jan

<http://news.nana10.co.il/Article/?ArticleID=806423>

"The pictures show activists armed with guns on board of the Marmara. The first one holds a short arm, probably a submachine gun. The second activist waves with a pistol or a short gun. In one of the pictures MK Hanin Zoavi (Balad) is to be seen. She does not appear on the pictures with armed activists, but she was in the same area, her picture was taken a minute after one of the above mentioned pictures. IDF Spokesperson said these pictures did not uncover new facts that had been unknown. The fact that two soldiers of the naval commando got injured by open fire shootings is known to everyone who has dealt investigating this event.

<http://www.mako.co.il/news-military/security/Article-1b37f4b4a276031004.htm&sCh=31750a2610f26110&pld=2082585621>

Yediot Aharonot published pictures showing two Turkish IHH activists, holding a rifle and a pistol, a few moments before IDF soldiers got on board. The incriminating pictures and video footage, which were taken by participants on the flotilla, reached the IDF's intelligence. However it appears that even the members of the Turkel Commission, charged with investigating the flotilla events, had not seen them.

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/144816>

Flotilla Photos Vindicate Israel

by Hillel Fendel

Only now, more than a year after the violent flotilla incident in which terrorists tried to run Israel's blockade of Gaza, has it been conclusively shown that some of the "humanitarian" flotilla participants were armed with guns.

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Photos of passengers on the Marmara ship sporting the guns were published on Tuesday in the Yedioth Acharonot daily. It is not clear why the photos were not published until now.

The flotilla, ostensibly organized to bring humanitarian aid into Gaza, was organized by the Turkish organization IHH, of radical Islamic anti-Western orientation and with a history of ties with and fund-raising for Hamas.

When the ships neared Gaza some 13 months ago, Israel warned them not to attempt to breach its legal blockade of Gaza. However, the Mavi Marmara ship did not adhere to the orders, and IDF commandos were forced to board the ship and stop it by force. They did not expect to be attacked by the humanitarian aboard the ship, but when they were – including being set upon with metal pipes, chains and knives, having a soldier nearly thrown overboard, and others briefly taken prisoner – they were able to fight back, killing nine of their attackers, including five known terrorists.

The incident led to international headlines for weeks afterwards. The flotilla backers consistently claimed that they had only peaceful intentions – now belied by the new photos.

A United Nations committee is expected to publish its findings on the IHH flotilla incident within a month. Israel's well-documented position that it was within its rights in using force to stop the ships did not receive much play in the international debate, though the UN committee is expected to justify Israel in this regard.

Another anti-Israel flotilla is being planned for the coming weeks.

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To: NEA-IPA-DL
Subject: FW: Video of the Irene being boarded without incident: <http://ht.ly/2KZl3>
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IDF Spokesman

Video of the Irene being boarded without incident: <http://ht.ly/2KZl3>

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Snipes, Christopher K
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 8:51 AM
To: Riley, Robert J; Gregonis, Meghan E
Cc: NEA-IPA-DL
Subject: FW: FPD IIR Gaza Freedom Flotilla
Attachments: IIR 6 120 0021 11 - IDENTIFICATION OF SHIPS PARTICIPATING IN THE.doc

Categories: Working

FYI – and please see attached. Post believes “Audacity of Hope” is U.S.-flagged. Chris

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Cc: Cockrell, John D (Athens); Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Subject: FW: FPD IIR Gaza Freedom Flotilla

Chris/Ilan – Some more data on vessels and ownership. We understand from the MFA that the “Audacity of Hope” is U.S.-flagged. Also, unrelated to the flotilla, President Papoulias is expected to travel to Israel July 10-12.

Regards,
Dan

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**Statement by Ambassador Eileen Donohoe on the Flotilla Incident
for the Human Rights Council special session, June 1, 2010**

Thank you, Mr. President.

As we made clear yesterday at the Security Council, the United States government is deeply disturbed by the recent violence and regrets the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the May 31 incident aboard the Gaza-bound ships. We are working to ascertain the facts. We expect a credible and transparent investigation and strongly urge the Israeli government to investigate the incident fully, with Quartet support. We urge all parties to behave responsibly and uphold their international obligations.

The United States remains deeply concerned by the suffering of civilians in Gaza, and the deterioration of the situation there, including the humanitarian and human rights situation. We continue to believe the situation is unsustainable and is not in the interests of any of those concerned. As we have pointed out when confronted by a similar situations in the past, mechanisms are in place for the transfer of humanitarian assistance to Gaza. We will continue to engage the Israelis on a daily basis to expand the scope and type of goods allowed into Gaza to address the full range of the population's humanitarian and recovery needs. Hamas' interference with international assistance shipments and the work of nongovernmental organizations complicates efforts in Gaza, and the Government of Israel has legitimate security concerns.

Ultimately, this incident underscores the needs to move ahead quickly with negotiations that can lead to a comprehensive peace in the region. The only viable solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is an agreement, negotiated between the parties, that ends the occupation that began in 1967 and fulfills the aspirations of both parties for independent homelands through two states for two peoples, Israel and an independent, contiguous, and viable state of Palestine, living side by side in peace and security. We call again on our international partners – both inside and outside this Council – to promote an atmosphere of cooperation between the parties and throughout the entire region.

Thank you.

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Subject: DEF. MINISTER BARAK NEWS CONF. -- YNET Jason pls note

YNET 13:23 , 05.31.10

Barak: Sail's organizers responsible for deadly raid

Defense minister, IDF chief of staff and Navy commander explain Israeli considerations following takeover of aid ships sailing to Gaza, which left at least 15 pro-Palestinian activists dead. 'We regret the casualties, but the sail's organizers are fully responsible'

Attila Somfalvi

Defense Minister Ehud Barak said Monday that the organizers of the flotilla to Gaza were responsible for the deadly Israel Defense Forces raid of the ships, which left at least 15 pro-Palestinian activists dead and dozens injured.

Speaking at a joint press briefing with IDF Chief of Staff Gabi Ashkenazi and Navy Commander Eliezer Marom, Barak said, "We express our regret over the injuries, but the sail's organizers and its participants are fully responsible."

He added that a violent incident took place on only one of the six ships involved in the sail.

"The State of Israel appealed to the organizers before the ships set sail and during the sail and invited them to arrive at the Ashdod Port and transfer the aid to Gaza after security checks," he said. "All of our appeals were turned down. The soldiers were attacked after arriving at one of the ships. Some were injured by serious physical violence on the part of the protestors.

"I am familiar with these types of operations and their possible developments, and I am familiar with the units which operated and with their commanders. They are the best of our people," the defense minister explained.

"In light of the life-threatening situation, the soldiers were forced to use crowd dispersal means and firearms," he said, adding that some of the casualties were killed by firearms. According to Barak, 10 soldiers were injured in the incident, some from firearms and some from cold arms.

"The IHH organization, which was behind these unruly ship, is a violent and radical organization acting under the cover of humanitarian activity," Barak argued.

"This is the time for responsibility and I call on everyone to act with restraint and common sense and not let an anarchistic organization and radical elements seeking to undermine the public order to take advantage of this unfortunate incident for violence."

'Crowd dispersal equipment wasn't enough'

IDF Chief of Staff Ashkenazi said that during the clash with the passengers of the Marmara ship, the activists used iron bars and knives.

"They even fired shots from a weapon snatched from one of the soldiers," he said. "It's clear beyond any doubt that the soldiers acted as required."

Ashkenazi added that the soldiers were prepared for the mission, but that "the crowd dispersal equipment was not enough."

As for the organizers' intentions, the army chief insisted that "it had nothing to do with humanitarian aid. The activity was radical from the very first moment."

According to Ashkenazi, the Navy operation was aimed at preventing an unsupervised infiltration of people and cargo to Gaza.

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From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 8:29 AM
To: Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Frelch, Karlene H
Subject: FW: Background information on some of the upcoming flotillas

FYI – Tel Aviv is in touch with Beirut to determine if four Amcits may be trying to board the women’s flotilla boat.

From: Richter, Kim B
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 8:17 AM
To: Reisser, Wesley J
Subject: FW: Background information on some of the upcoming flotillas

It’s in Arabic.

From: Greene, Elisa
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 8:09 AM
To: Greene, Alden S; Abouzeid, Wahib G; Jackson, Mollie J; Richter, Kim B; Daughton, Thomas F (Beirut); Shampaine, Nicole D; Lawson, Christine M; Sison, Michele J; Cornforth, Jeremy A
Cc: Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Zuckerman, Eve; Parker, Andrew C; Tanus, George; Wetherbee, Amos A; Nobel, Natanya D; Plott, Susan M
Subject: FW: Background information on some of the upcoming flotillas

Dear Colleagues:

We have received unconfirmed reports that four Amcit nuns may be on an upcoming ship of women only sailing from Lebanon in an attempt to break the Israeli blockade on Gaza. Are you aware of this? If so, can you provide further information: names, biodata, where they will sail from, when, etc?

Media reports (thus far, Arabic-only, for example <http://daralhayat.com/portalarticlendam/153074>) state that the women-only ship, the Mariam, will be comprised of 50 women, of whom 30 are Lebanese and 20 are foreigners. They will be taking medical supplies and plan to sail “as soon as possible.”

We look forward to your response,

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From: Otto, Jeffrey L
To: Parker, Andrew C
Cc: Slevvers, Marc J
Sent: Fri Jun 18 12:52:31 2010
Subject: FW: Background information on some of the upcoming flotillas

Andy,
I’m forwarding this email from The Israel Project because of the reference to four AmCits (highlighted) that may be on the Miriam women’s flotilla from Lebanon.

Regards,

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-Jeff-

Jeffrey L. Otto
U.S. Embassy, Tel Aviv

From: Shai Oseran [mailto:shaio@theisraelproject.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 6:21 PM
To: Eli Ovits
Subject: Background information on some of the upcoming flotillas

Please find below some background information (and links to sources) on some of the upcoming flotillas from Lebanon and Iran – prepared by TIP's research team for your reference.

We will be happy to help facilitate interviews with experts on these subjects.

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Journalists' flotilla

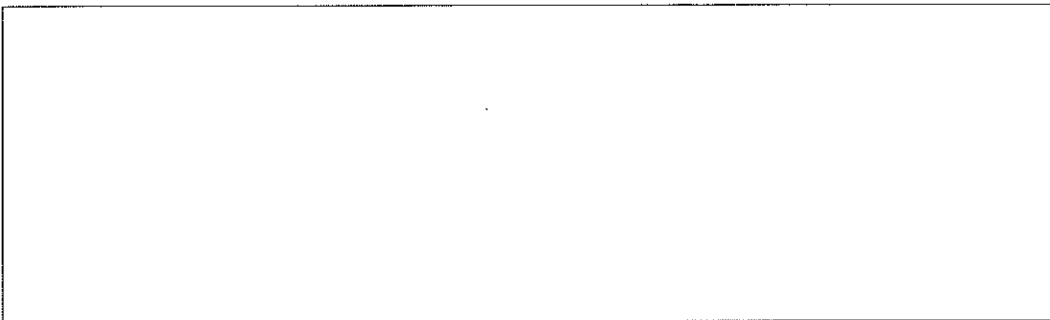
The ship is organized by Free Palestine, an organization headed by Yasser Qoshlok, who is also behind the *Miriam*, and by a Beirut-based group calling themselves "Journalists Without Bounds" and "Reporters Without Bounds" and "Journalists Without Limits" - not to be confused with Reporters Without Borders/Reporters Sans Frontières, the respected international NGO based in Paris. The Beirut-based group has a Facebook page and a blog:

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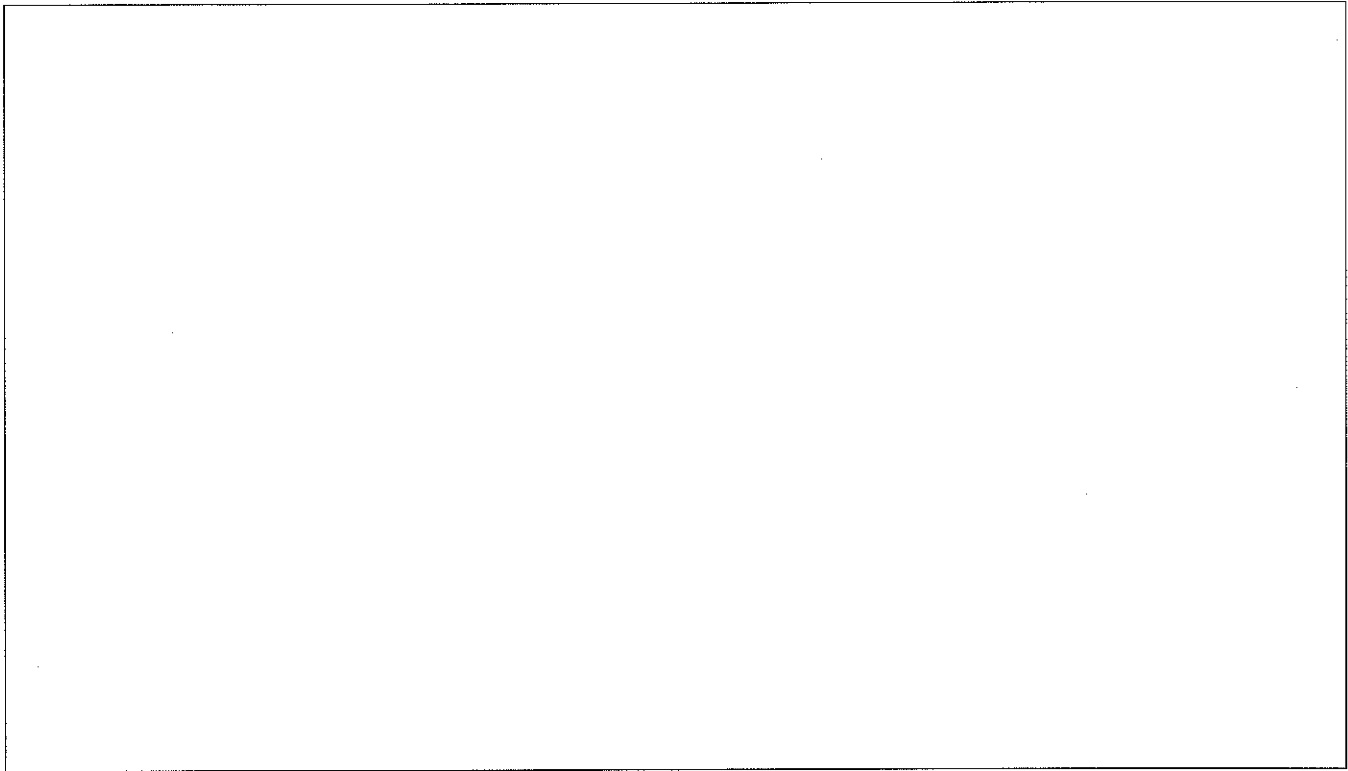
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The organizers claim they will have 50 reporters on the ship, out of 225 reporters who applied to come along. The date of departure and the names of the people who will be on the ship remain unclear - apparently this is a policy decision.

With the exception of one reporter who wrote he applied to join, we have not seen any information about the participants.



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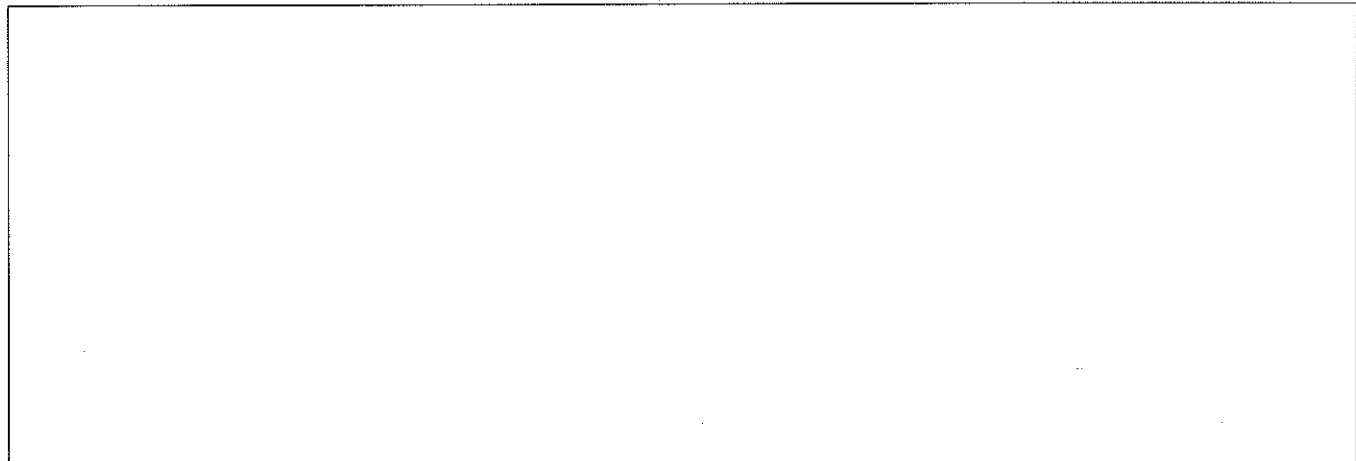


Women flotilla

Relations to Hezbollah and Syria:

Samer al-Hajj will lead the *Miriam*. She is a former journalist and best known for being the wife of Ali al-Hajj, a former general in the Lebanese security forces implicated in the assassination of Rafik al-Hariri. Samer al-Hajj has been the public face of the *Miriam*. She has given many interviews in the past few days, including one that appeared on the Hezbollah website.

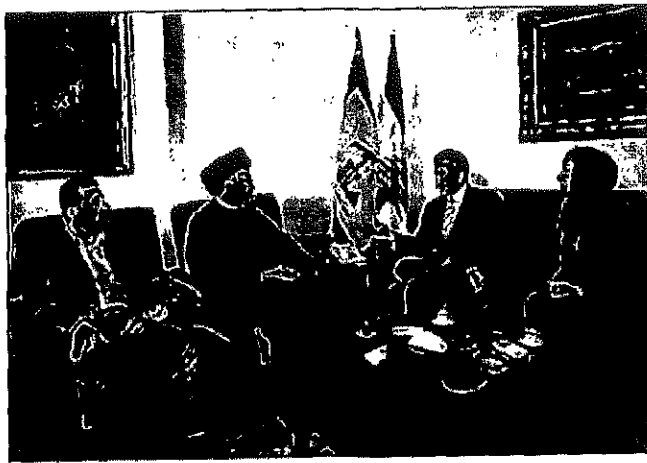
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Even though Samer al-Hajj and Yasser Kashiak say the ship has no connection to Hezbollah or Hamas, she said in her last interview that Nasrallah's campaign to lift the siege is "something that is motivating everyone"

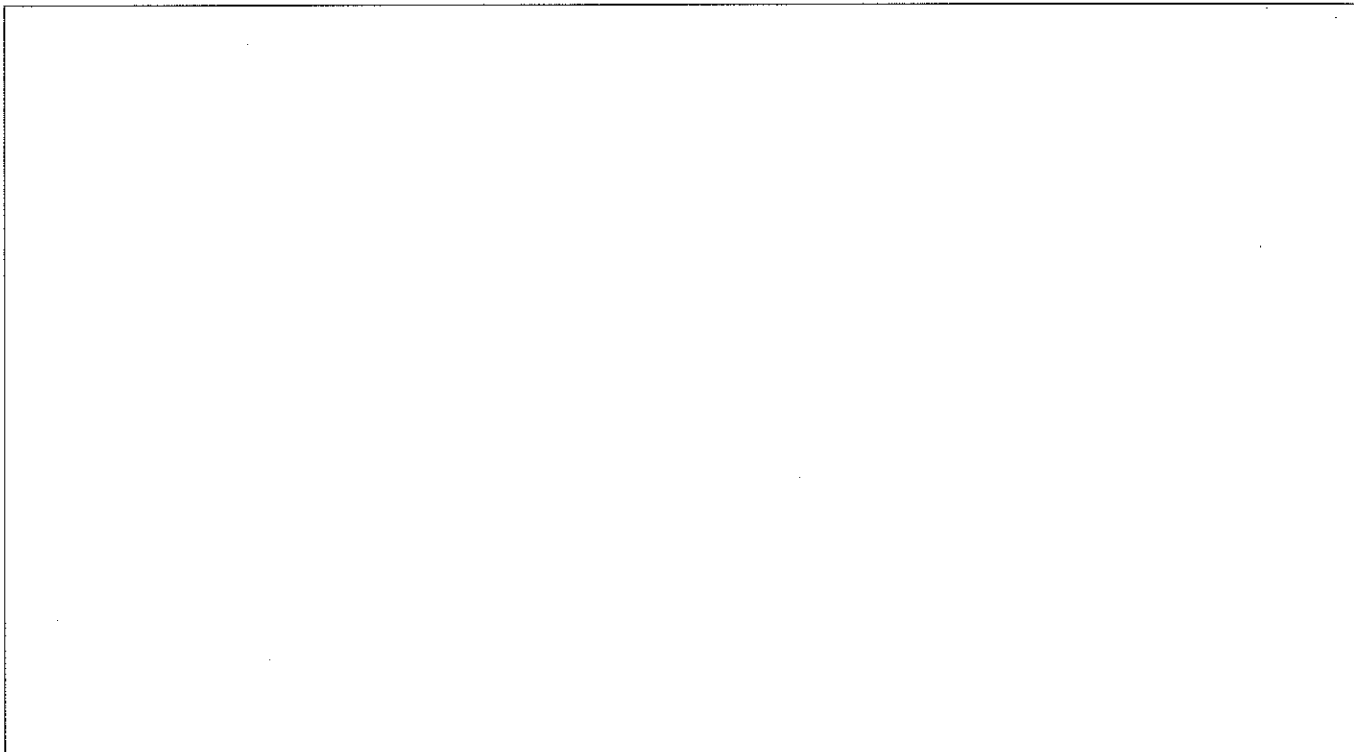
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The organizers say the ship will also be carrying four American nuns.



From right to left: Samer al-Hajj; Ali al-Hajj (her husband); Hassan Nasrallah (the Secretary General of Hezbollah);

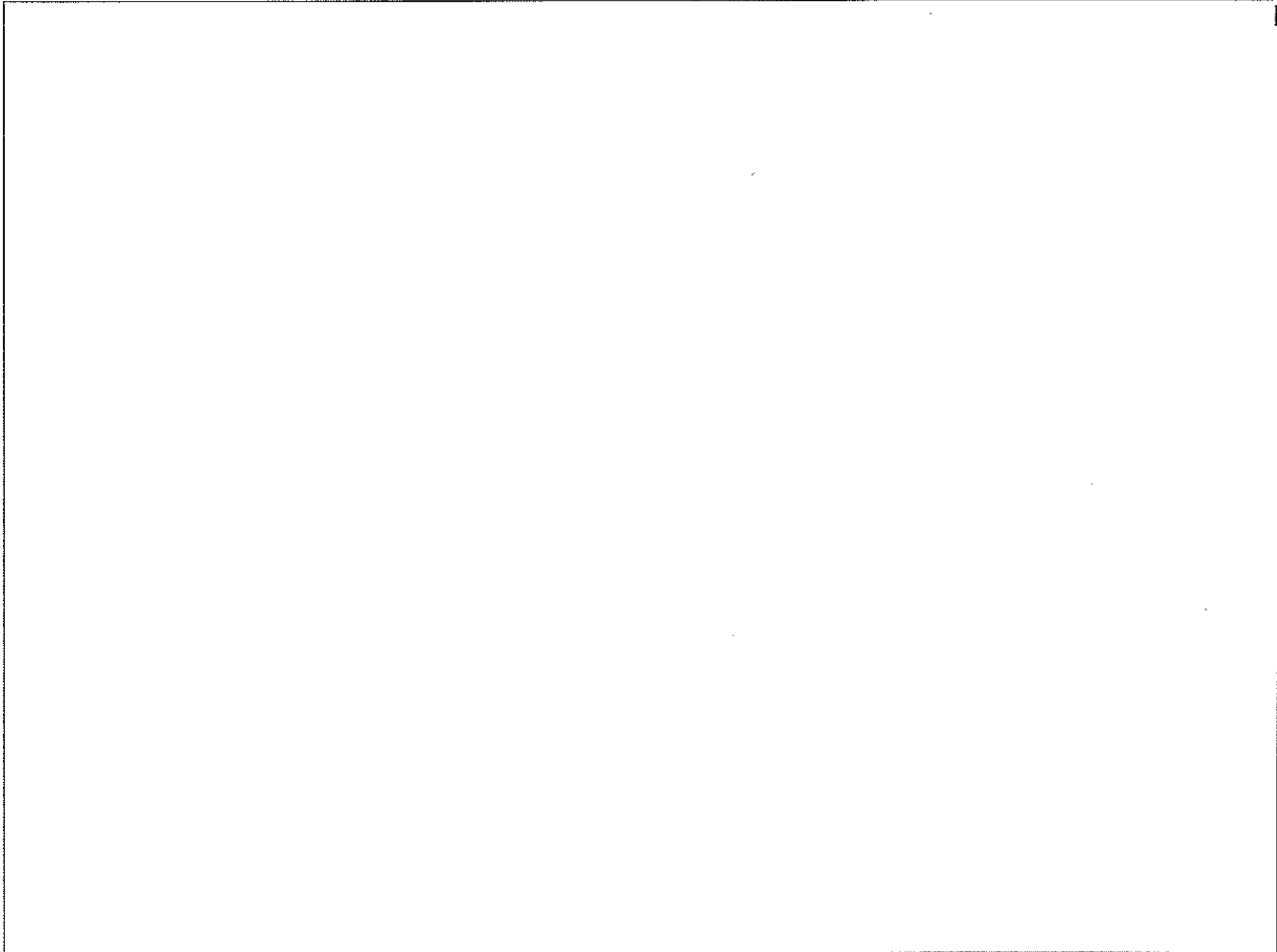
Wafik Safa (head of the Hezbollah coordination and liaison committee, responsible for the negotiations to release murdered Israeli soldiers Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev



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In English:



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The Iranian flotilla:

One of the Ayatollahs saying it is a privilege to die on the way to Gaza

<http://www.irna.ir/AR/View/FullStory/?NewsId=1173464&IdLanguage=2>

The former head of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard saying he is willing to go to Gaza the minute they will need him

<http://arabic.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=8903260150>

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Top Line Results: Snap Poll of Israeli Jews June 7, 2010

Please tell me how you feel about the job performance of Prime Minister Netanyahu?

Very Satisfied 12.10%

Somewhat Satisfied 41.30%

Somewhat Dissatisfied 18.00%

Very Dissatisfied 22.40%

Dont know 4.90%

Refuse 1.30%

Total 100.00% N N=500

How about Defense Minister Ehud Barak?

Very Satisfied 10.30%

Somewhat Satisfied 30.90%

Somewhat Dissatisfied 24.10%

Very Dissatisfied 28.00%

Dont know 6.10%

Refuse 0.40%

Total 100.00% N N=500

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Regarding the recent ship incident, did Israel use too much force, not enough force, or the right amount of force?

Too much force	7.60%		
not enough force	39.20%		
right amount of force	45.50%		
Dont know	6.10%		
Refuse	1.60%		
Total	100.00%	N	N=500

Do you think that Israel should or should not adjust its tactics to elicit a more favorable international reaction? Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

Should strongly	12.30%		
should somewhat	22.60%		
should not somewhat	16.60%		
should not strongly	44.10%		
Dont know	4.20%		
Refuse	0.30%		
Total	100.00%	N	N=500

Do you think that Israel should open up Gaza to international humanitarian shipments?

Should strongly	9.20%		
should somewhat	12.80%		
should not somewhat	14.50%		
should not strongly	58.60%		
Dont know	4.20%		
Refuse	0.70%		
Total	100.00%	N	N=500

How do you feel about the American governments reaction to the recent ship incident?

Very Satisfied 3.10%
 Somewhat Satisfied 18.70%
 Somewhat Dissatisfied 24.60%
 Very Dissatisfied 38.70%
 Dont know 14.10%
 Refuse 0.80%

Total 100.00% N N=500

In your opinion, should or shouldnt Israel accept/agree to, an international inquiry committee that will investigate the recent ship incident?

need strongly 17.10%
 need somewhat 19.50%
 not necessarily 16.60%
 definitely dont need 39.50%
 Dont know 6.80%
 Refuse 0.60%

Total 100.00% N N=500

Do you like or dislike American President Barack Obama?

Strongly like 2.40%
 somewhat like 17.10%
 somewhat dislike 24.70%
 strongly dislike 46.70%
 Dont know 8.60%
 Refuse 0.40%

Total 100.00% N N=500

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There are rumors in the media that the Turkish PM Erdogan, is planning to come in person on a ship accompanied by Turkish Navy in order to break through the closure. How should Israel react? Let him in quietly or to stop it whatever it takes?

- Let him in quietly – strongly 7.10%
- Let him in quietly – somewhat 7.10%
- stop it whatever it takes – strongly 68.10%
- stop it whatever it takes – somewhat 6.90%
- Dont know 9.80%
- Refuse 1.00%

Total 100.00% N N=500

News reports say Iran is planning to send Red Crescent ships to Gaza. If this happens, do you think Israel should or should not stop those ships, even by using force? And do you feel that way strongly, or only somewhat?

- Let them in quietly – strongly 3.40%
- Let them in quietly – only somewhat 3.90%
- stop them whatever it takes – strongly 77.70%
- stop them whatever it takes – somewhat 6.60%
- Dont know 6.70%
- Refuse 1.70%

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Schwedt, Miriam
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 11:59 AM
To: NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-ARP-DL
Cc: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL
Subject: FW: UAEG Statement on Flotilla Incident

From: Greene, Douglas C
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 9:21 AM
To: McGovern, Bridget (Helen-Mary)
Cc: Specht, Linda; Steinfeld, Andrew W; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; Abu Dhabi Front Office; Nuutinen, Aaron A; Tarar, Humza I; Pike, Steven L
Subject: UAEG Statement on Flotilla Incident

Statement as carried by the UAE's official wire service, WAM.

From: Tarar, Humza I
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 5:14 PM
To: Olson, Richard G; Greene, Douglas C; Cooper, Susannah E; Nuutinen, Aaron A; Pike, Steven L
Subject: Update: Sheikh Abdullah condemns Freedom Flotilla attack

UAE condemns Freedom Flotilla attack

WAM
Published: 16:02 May 31, 2010

Shaikh Abdullah said that the attack on civilians traversing across the sea to deliver aid to the Palestinian people strongly defied international laws

Abu Dhabi: The UAE has condemned Israel's violent attack on the Freedom Flotilla on Monday.

The attacks against the flotilla lead to the death of at least 19 civilians, and wounded many others.

The UAE condemned this violent act that occurred on international waters and violated international laws by targeting civilians.

Shaikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Foreign Minister, said in a statement made on Monday that he called on the Secretary General of the United Nations (UN) to carry out the necessary investigations on the attack, as well as submitting a clear report of this matter to the UN.

Shaikh Abdullah said that the attack on civilians traversing across the sea to deliver aid to the Palestinian people strongly defied international laws, and is an unprovoked response against an act of humanitarian intentions.

He added that Israel must be held responsible for its actions, calling on the Security Council to arrange an emergency meeting to address this issue and take the necessary procedures.

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He added that Israel must lift the ban it's enforcing on global media organizations so that Israeli government's intentions and actions are made clear to the world.

Shaikh Abdullah also expressed his solidarity with the families of the dead and the wounded, who have courageously given up their lives for this cause. He also called for the release of the detainees onboard the ship.

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IDF Chief of Staff Ashkenazi said that during the clash with the passengers of the Marmara ship, the activists used iron bars and knives.

"They even fired shots from a weapon snatched from one of the soldiers," he said. "It's clear beyond any doubt that the soldiers acted as required."

Ashkenazi added that the soldiers were prepared for the mission, but that "the crowd dispersal equipment was not enough."

As for the organizers' intentions, the army chief insisted that "it had nothing to do with humanitarian aid. The activity was radical from the very first moment."

According to Ashkenazi, the Navy operation was aimed at preventing an unsupervised infiltration of people and cargo to Gaza.

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From: McGovern, Bridget (Helen-Mary)
Sent: Saturday, July 10, 2010 4:25 PM
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Cc: SES-O
Subject: (AP) Gaza Aid ship leaves Greece for Egypt

Colleagues –

Please find below a media report with more information on the departure of the M/V Amalthea from Greece en route to Egypt. The Watch will send any updates as they become available.

*Regards,
 Bridget McGovern
 Senior Watch Officer
 Operations Center
 Department of State
 202-647-1512*

Gaza aid ship leaves Greece for Egypt
 By DEMETRIS NELLAS - Associated Press Writer

ATHENS, Greece - (AP) A ship commissioned by a Libyan charity organization has left Greece headed for the Egyptian port of al-Arish, and not for Gaza, as originally planned, according to Greek authorities.

The Moldovan-flagged cargo ship Amalthea left around 8 p.m. local (1700 GMT) Saturday from the port of Lavrio, southeast of Athens, carrying 2,000 tons of food and medical supplies destined for Gaza, mostly donated by Greek companies and charities, organizers said.

In addition to 15 volunteers _ all from Libya except for a Nigerian and one Moroccan _ the ship has a crew of 12 from Cuba, Haiti, India, and Syria.

"We confirmed the destination in talks with the Libyan ambassador and the ship's agent," foreign ministry spokesman Grigoris Delavekouras told the Associated Press earlier Saturday. He said Greek Deputy Foreign Minister Dimitris Droutsas had discussed the ship's planned trip with Israeli foreign minister Avigdor Lieberman on Friday.

Youssef Sawani, executive director of Gaddafi International Charity and Development Foundation, which has mounted the aid operation, insisted the aim remained to unload the supplies in Gaza.

"The ambassador speaks for the state of Libya, I speak for the NGO," Sawani said. He said the ship would not seek confrontation with the Israelis.

If Israel does not allow the ship into Gaza, the group will seek "any other appropriate destination _ Al-Arish or other _ to deliver the goods to the people in need," Sawani said.

The Amalthea's trip comes over a month after Israel boarded Gaza-bound ships, killing eight Turks and a Turkish-American on one of them. The flotilla was trying to break Israel's blockade of Gaza.

"I think the Israelis need to understand we are not provoking any kind of action, we are not in military action we are a peaceful, humanitarian organization," said Sawani.

The Amalthea's trip is expected to last about 80 hours, according to the organizers, which means it will arrive at al-Arish early Wednesday.

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From: Conlon, Steven M
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 10:02 AM
To: NEA-IPA-DL
Cc: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL
Subject: FW: Greek court releases American captain of Gaza flotilla boat (SBU) (SBU)

From: OpsAlert
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 9:59 AM
Subject: Greek court releases American captain of Gaza flotilla boat (SBU) (SBU)

(SBU) The captain of the Audacity of Hope was released from custody after his July 2 arrest for attempting to set sail in defiance of a Greek ban on the flotilla boats leaving port, media report. Embassy Athens confirms the release.

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From: Brownstein, David P
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 5:15 AM
To: NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-SEMPEP-DL
Cc: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL
Subject: Fw: Gaza flotilla organizers: 2nd ship sabotaged (AP)

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From: OpsNewsTicker
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 12:54 AM
To: NEWS-EUR; NEWS-NEA
Cc: SES-O_OS; SES-O_Shift-I
Subject: Gaza flotilla organizers: 2nd ship sabotaged (AP)

JERUSALEM (AP) - Organizers of a Gaza-bound flotilla say Israel has sabotaged a second ship. An activist told Israel's Army Radio that the engine of an Irish ship was damaged. Earlier this week, activists said Israel damaged the propeller of a Swedish ship in the Greek port of Piraeus. Israel has not commented on the allegations. About 10 ships are due to set sail this week from Greece. It's unclear if the damaged boats will delay things. Israel imposed a naval blockade after Hamas militants overran the Palestinian territory in 2007. It says it will not allow the flotilla to reach Gaza. Last year, an Israeli raid on a similar flotilla killed nine activists on a Turkish vessel. Each side blamed the other for the violence.

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Subject: Activist: U.S. boat may sail for Gaza without permit (AP)

ATHENS (AP) - An activist says a U.S.-flagged vessel that is part of a pro-Palestinian flotilla planning to break Israel's sea blockade of Gaza may set sail from a Greek port without receiving official permission.

American Ann Wright repeated allegations Thursday that Israel is pressuring Greek authorities not to allow the 42 passengers and crew of the U.S. flagged Audacity of Hope to leave from a port near Athens.

But she wouldn't say how long activists would wait for the all-clear before the 33-meter (108-foot) ferry begins its journey.

Between 300 and 400 international activists aboard 10 ships had been due to sail this week to Gaza to try and break the naval blockade Israel imposed after Hamas militants overran the Palestinian territory in 2007.

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From: Buzbee, John R
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 12:51 PM
To: Goldberger, Thomas H; Silverman, Robert J; Levin, Jan; Grubb, Jason B
Cc: NEA-IPA-DL
Subject: FW: Flotilla Update...

Categories: Working

Tom and team TA, we were glad to see the update below. Interest here is rising sharply as D-day (whenever that is) approaches. We'll forward today's Department statement, if you haven't seen it already, as well as a wire story that has already picked up on the statement. Nick will be sending your update below and other developments to an e-mail collective on this system including interested NEA and EUR offices and posts, other bureaus including CA and PA, and NSS. As you have further news, please chime in to that collective. If you have something that should not be shared widely, but is still appropriate for this system, please send to Paul, myself, and Nick, who will be our flotilla AO for the next week. And of course let us know if you have additional suggestions for how best to keep everyone lashed up and informed of the latest. Thanks,

John

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From: Eilts, Colin C
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Cc: Buzbee, John R
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 To: NEA-IPA-DL; EUR-SE-DL; NEA-Egypt; PM-CPMS; SES-O; Vasquez, Edgar J; Grubb, Jason B; Levin, Jan; Silverman, Robert J; Wallis, Jacob; Sutphin, Paul R; Richter, Kim B; Worman, Patrick F; Zurcher, Kenneth M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Masilko, Barbara J (USUN); Marchese, Gregory M; Blome, Donald A; Waters, John R; Pilz, Amanda C; Miller, Walter R; 'Prem_G_Kumar@nss.eop.gov'; 'Melissa Russell'; Jacobson, Michael N; Bilge, Kerem S; CA-OCS-Duty; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Rodriguez, Hugo F; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Greene, Elisa; George, Leah; Daniels, Cherrie S; Slakey, Monica M; Rudman, Mara; Reed, Julia G; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Bitar, Maher B; Norman, Marc E; Nardi, Margaret H; Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Bass, Warren; Ried, Curtis R (USUN)
 Subject: Flotilla News

ISRAEL RADIO NEWS 7:00 AM Hebrew Report

* **Gantz comments:** Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz said that the IDF was preparing for the flotilla to Gaza, and would not permit the blockade on Gaza to be breached by any means, irrespective of whether the participants came armed or not. In statements made last night, the chief of staff added that the planned hatred flotilla was another example of the delegitimization campaign against the State of Israel.

On another matter, the chief of staff said that in advance of September, Israel should prepare for a broad range of scenarios, and added that the IDF was cooperating with the police and other bodies.

* **Gaza flotilla:** Flotilla activists complained yesterday that Israel had sabotaged one of the ships that was due to set sail from the port of Piraeus. They said that divers had sawed off part of the propeller of the *Juliano*, and it was brought onto land for repairs.

Flotilla Organizer: "This Wasn't the Work of Amateurs"

Yedioth Ahronoth (p. 2) by Menahem Ganz (Athens) -- The 18-meter ship, *Juliano*, looks old and battered as it is led to be repaired in a shipyard outside of Athens. Anyone looking from the side would be hard put to understand how close to 20 activists and journalists agreed to board this ship and to set sail for Gaza in an attempt to break the Israeli blockade, and certainly after the sabotage that was done to the ship's propellers, which became the talk of the day yesterday among the organizers of the event, prompting a long list of speculations and accusations.

"This wasn't the work of amateurs," said Thomas Sommer-Houdeville, a spokesperson for the French group participating in the Freedom Flotilla II to Gaza, pointing to the connections between the propellers and the boat. "Look at how they cut the connection between the two propellers and the boat on both sides. That is a surgical operation by professionals. Who could have done that if not the Mossad? What, the American secret service? The Greeks? It's clear that Israel is the one that profits from this sabotage. The Mossad might not have signed this operation, but I'll leave it up to your readers to decide who it could have been."

That is just another phase in the war of versions being waged between Israel and the organizers of the flotilla. The information provided on Monday by the Israeli security forces as if people affiliated with Hamas were going to be on board the ships taking part in the flotilla, and that some of the activists intended to attack the soldiers, forced the organizers to launch a counterattack. That is the reason why they are pleased to show journalists, even ones who refused to state from the outset that they would support the Palestinian struggle, the slit in the propellers and the signs of supposed sabotage. "There's no doubt that they sawed this underwater," said the captain of the vessel Theodoros Bokas. "Greeks are seafaring people, they can tell about that sort of thing. The sabotage was committed between Friday and Sunday, and I believe we are going to need three days to fix the damage." Proof of sabotage is at least as important to them as it is to have the *Juliano* fixed and ready to leave in time to take part in the flotilla.

"Legitimate to Hurt Us"

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As opposed to last year, this time the organizers of the flotilla and Israel have already begun to clash even before the first ship has set sail for Gaza, with each party accusing the other of presenting misinformation and of using cheap propaganda. "Greece is mired in an economic crisis. It's desperate and needs the assistance that Israel is offering it," said members of the Italian group taking part in the flotilla. "That's why the Greek government has capitulated to Israel's pressure and is collaborating with it with the goal of preventing the flotilla from setting sail."

The Italians are convinced that the Jewish lobby, which controls the global economy, is also directing the turn of events in the ports. "Israel is spreading intelligence warnings about how there are violent activists among us and that we're in possession of chemical substances that are supposed to hurt Israeli soldiers," said one of the Italian group. "Their goal is clear: to make it legitimate to hurt us." Up until yesterday the organizers of the flotilla kept their cards close to their chests. Not even the 500 activists who had registered to take part in the flotilla had received information about the location of the ships taking part and the date on which they were setting sail. So that when the 30 members of the Italian group showed up at the meeting point that was set for them in Athens, they discovered that they now had to travel all the way to the island of Corfu. When they finally reached that northern island, they were not allowed to see the ship that was going to be taking them to Gaza, and they were told that it would be leaving from a different nearby port and would stop to pick up activists in a different port. "We're trying not to do the expected," said Jihad, a resident of Rome, "because that will make it easier for the people trying to sabotage the flotilla."

"I'll Be Accused of Being a Collaborator"

Meanwhile, activists on board the *Juliano* spend their time trying to organize the three cabins that are geared to hold a total of six people so that they can house no fewer than 20 activists. The captain begins to give an explanation about the yacht, but suddenly stops and asks me to identify myself a second time and to tell them to whom I am going to be transferring this information. They are deeply suspicious: they don't know any Israelis who don't identify with their own ideology, such as Dror Feiler, his mother and the pilot Yonatan Shapira. Some remain suspicious of me throughout the entire course of our conversation, whereas others are more prepared to be trusting. Nikos Pilos, a well-known photojournalist in the city, refused to join me as I made my way to the main offices of the organizers of the flotilla. "I don't want to burn my connections," he explained to me. "If I come with you then they'll say that I'm collaborating with the Israelis, that I'm helping their agents. I don't want to be connected with you."

"We've Learned Lessons Too"

The main offices are located on Notara Street in the Exarchia neighborhood of Athens, which is associated with anarchist students, the ones who are in the front lines of the demonstrations that have become common in the Greek capital. This is the most natural place for organizing a flotilla to Gaza. The mood in that neighborhood was stormy yesterday. Hundreds of police officers were forced to fire tear gas canisters in the air to disperse demonstrators.

Feiler promised that the scenes of violence of the kind that were seen last year in clashes with IDF troops would not recur. "There isn't going to be any violence," he says. "Why would we use violence if we know that the other side is stronger than we are? The last number of months have taught us that the people, who are unarmed, are the side that wins, so what is this nonsense about us being in possession of chemical substances? Soon they will say about us, like Saddam Hussein, that we have chemical weapons and an atom bomb."

Feiler offers as proof the statement that the various members of the flotilla had to sign in which they undertook not to resort to violence. "Everyone made the commitment," he said. "If things turn out otherwise, that isn't my responsibility." I reminded him that a similar commitment was made last year on the eve of the flotilla that ended with a violent clash. "Back then IDF soldiers shot two Turks in the morning. You don't know how you'd respond either if your friend was killed right next to you."

Thomas Sommer-Houdeville stood beside Feiler, and said that things had changed since the previous year. "We've also learned our lessons," he said. "We don't want this flotilla to end with the deaths of innocent people, and that is why we tried to get to know the activists better and we made them sign a declaration of non-violence."

Security Cabinet Ministers: PR Hysteria Surrounding Flotilla

Ma'ariv (p. 6) by Eli Bardenstein -- Ministers who serve on the security cabinet were highly critical of the fact that they were not apprised of the sensitive intelligence that was disseminated on Monday night to journalists about the plans by

the organizers of the flotilla to use sulfuric acid against IDF troops, their intention to injure and kill as many soldiers as possible and the presence of terrorists on board the ships taking part in the flotilla.

Some of the ministers went so far as to accuse the spokespersons who provided that information of trying to create a media spin, which they said was part of what they described as the "public relations hysteria" surrounding the flotilla in an attempt to have it perceived as violent in nature.

"It is inconceivable that we should hear information in the security cabinet meeting to the effect that there are no threats posed by the participants in the flotilla to take violent action or about the presence of terrorists on board the ships, and that senior state organizations, including the army, should produce for the media information that is the complete opposite of what we were told," said one security cabinet minister angrily. Another high-ranking political official said last night that "there is increasing reason to fear that this is a spin. Nothing of the information that was disseminated to the media was presented to us."

One security cabinet minister said that the media briefings were geared to pressure the international community. "Prime Minister Netanyahu decided to change the version about the nature of the flotilla for two reasons that are connected to the international community. The first is for reasons of covering himself—if, suddenly, in the course of the military operation something goes awry and there are casualties, Israel will be able to say that it warned of that in advance. The second reason is to apply pressure on the international community so that governments will prevent the ships from leaving for the flotilla from the outset."

IDF officials rejected the allegations as if the information was merely a media spin or, at the very least, a deliberate attempt to create hysteria surrounding the flotilla. The military officials insisted that the intelligence they had received attested to plans to kill soldiers and to use chemical agents: "At issue are substances with dual use that are banned from entering Gaza. Those substances can be utilized in a number of ways, including so as to injure IDF soldiers. According to the intelligence we have, some of the participants in the flotilla intend to injure and kill soldiers."

Either way, as opposed to the previous flotilla, after which the *Mavi Marmara* was returned to Turkey after being towed to the Israeli coast, this time a decision has been made to confiscate any ship with the goal of deterring the ship-owners. A decision has also been made this time that any activist who uses violence against IDF troops will not be swiftly released, as occurred following the flotilla last year.

The participants in the flotilla, incidentally, denied the veracity of the information about chemical agents having been loaded on board the ships with the goal of using them as weapons to main and/or kill Israeli soldiers.

They Bought Some Time

Yedioth Ahronoth (p. 3) by Alex Fishman -- There is no information that there is going to be a group of radicals on board that will form a hard core of violent resistance against IDF soldiers. Nor is there any clear information about live weapons that will be on board the ships. It is very reasonable to assume that this is one working assumption, alongside of many other scenarios and working assumptions that have come up in the brainstorming sessions in the army and the various intelligence services in advance of the upcoming flotilla. But when a working assumption of that sort is turned into a fact by the Israeli public relations machine, that is liable to prove to be a boomerang that could cast Israel as unreliable.

That's the way it is in Israel. Before the previous flotilla no one bothered even to enlist people who speak Turkish to monitor the publicly-available information in Turkish, which indicated precisely what was going to happen. In advance of this flotilla they're digging up the most marginal information, some of which is based on unreliable sources and some of which has not been verified. Take, for example, the report about chemicals that supposedly are going to be used against IDF troops: The issue at hand are sacks of fertilizer that have been loaded onto one of the ships. Some of the fertilizers are phosphate-based. Israel has banned substances of that sort from entering Gaza since those organic fertilizers can be used as rocket fuel and in bombs. Hamas no longer needs to use fertilizer for those purposes, since it now obtains standard explosives via the tunnels.

There is no argument: the IDF needs to be prepared for the worst case scenario. It needs to be prepared for a situation in which someone on board the ships opens live fire. But the dramatic announcements by Israel about preparations being made on board the ships to fight to the death and to kill IDF soldiers are strongly redolent of propaganda. Smart PR work most certainly has the capacity of embarrassing the other side in public opinion. In the meantime, the more sober situation assessment is that IDF troops are liable to encounter intense physical resistance on two of the ships—the French vessel, *Le Dignité-El Karameh*, and an Arab boat that was bought by the Jordanian Muslim Brotherhood.

The flotilla, which was supposed to set forth yesterday, has been delayed by two days. Some of the ships have been damaged unexpectedly. The Israeli diplomatic effort this time was successful in persuading the governments of Greece and Cyprus to prevent—or, at the very least, to delay—the departure of the ships. Every day that passes in which the flotilla does not set sail increases the chances of it becoming even more depleted. Quite a number of the people who are supposed to take part in the flotilla—people from Switzerland, the United States and Holland—flew in at their own expense, and are now stranded and waiting at their own expense. Thus far, Israel has been quite successful in its efforts to buy time and to deplete the flotilla. Out of the 15 ships that originally were supposed to take part in the flotilla, the number is now down to six. It is not inconceivable that the current delay is not the last one either. The organizers of the flotilla keep on discovering new problems every day.

Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs Ministry Holds Successful Exercise Ahead of Gaza Flotilla

(Communicated by the Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs Ministry Spokesman)

The Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs Ministry yesterday (Tuesday), 28.6.11, held a successful readiness exercise ahead of the Gaza flotilla. In the course of the exercise, Ministry employees summoned Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs Minister Yuli Edelstein to a special situation room that has been established ahead of the flotilla. The situation room is designed to disseminate public diplomacy on the Internet via messages, photos, video clips and additional materials, with emphasis on Diaspora communities, as well as Jewish organizations and friends of Israel around the world, that are seeking to assist public diplomacy activities in their languages and local environments. Participating in the exercise were professional elements from the Ministry, along with representatives from the Prime Minister's Office, the Foreign Ministry, the IDF Spokesperson, the Government Press Office, the Jewish Agency and public diplomacy organizations.

The simulation:

The exercise was based on a scenario in which approximately 500 activists on approximately ten ships reached Israel's territorial waters at 10:00. Despite having been warned by the IDF, the ships continued on their way. At 10:30, the Israel Navy began approaching the ships. Stun grenades were thrown at the IDF soldiers, as well as one live grenade that caused a number of casualties to our forces. At 11:00, the order was given for IDF units to physically seize control of the ships on which there was resistance. Our forces were attacked with live – and other – weapons and were obliged to neutralize the assailants. The results, by 11:45, were ten IDF soldiers wounded (one critically, four severely and the rest lightly). Among the flotilla participants, there were two dead and 14 wounded, including two severely.

As the events were taking place, the media – with emphasis on the Internet, Facebook and Twitter – were flooded with mendacious reports (by private users, Hamas and others among Israel's enemies). The situation room, in coordination with the IDF Spokesperson and the National Information Directorate, began to disseminate credible messages to Jewish communities and friends of Israel around the world. Those in the situation room responsible for new media began to update messages on the social networks, Facebook and Twitter.

Minister Edelstein said that, "Given the provocation by the flotilla, which is entirely designed to attack Israel's image around the world, we established a special situation room that will ensure coordination between Government officials, Diaspora Jewish communities and friends of Israel around the world. We are here to expose the true face of the terrorist organizations and the inciters to hatred that have organized the flotillas and which disseminate messages and photos in real time over the Internet. I am certain that alongside us will stand significant force multipliers in the form of thousands of activists from Jewish communities around the world."

PLO's Ashrawi Condemns 'Israeli Threats' on Media Coverage of Freedom Flotilla 2

GMP20110628061001 Ramallah Wafa in Arabic 1232 GMT 27 Jun 11

[Corrected version: changed "negative" to "destructive" in text; "Ashrawi: Israel Has To Lift the Blockade Imposed on the Gaza Strip and End the Occupation" – Wafa News Agency Headline]

Ramallah, 27 June 11 (Wafa) – Hanan Ashrawi, member of the PLO Executive Committee and head of the PLO Department of Information and Culture, has condemned the Israeli threats against international media outlets that are participating in Freedom Flotilla 2.

Ashrawi's statements have been made following a message that "Oran Helman," director of the Israeli Government Press Office, sent to the international journalists, in which he warned them of deporting, confiscating equipment, and banning them from entering Israel for 10 years.

Ashrawi also said: "While the Arab region is witnessing radical changes and democratic transitions about basic human rights and ensuring freedoms, including the freedom of opinion and journalism, Israel is confiscating rights, targeting international media outlets, and threatening journalists with punishment."

She added: "It is not the first time that Israel is seeking to hide the facts and inhuman crimes regarding its illegitimate blockade of the Gaza Strip. In addition, Israel's refusal to end its military occupation of Palestinian land is the only reason behind its isolation on the international stage."

Ashrawi also pointed out the catastrophic conditions facing the Gaza Strip, due to Israeli control over all entry and exit points to the Gaza Strip, and the imposition of a land, air, and naval blockade, in a blatant violation of the rules of international law and international legitimacy, something that has had destructive effects on the lives and livelihoods of Palestinian civilians.

Ashrawi said further: "If Israel does not want to see freedom flotillas after today, it will have to lift its illegal blockade on the Gaza Strip, and end its occupation of the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967 in order to establish the independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital."

Ashrawi also called on the Israeli Government to retract its threats. In addition, Ashrawi urged the journalists not to fear Israeli warnings and urged them to insist on their right to the freedom of journalism. Ashrawi said: "The Palestinians welcome the international media coverage, as one of the useful means to expose to the world Israeli violations and depict the suffering that our people are living in the occupied territories."

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 Subject: Flotilla News

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Gaza-bound flotilla underway

French ship which departed Saturday apparently skipped Athens stop, en route to rendezvous. Jordanian activists say they purchased additional ship for \$800,000

Aviel Magnezi

French ship Dignity which departed for the rendezvous with vessels participating in the Gaza flotilla on Saturday has apparently decided to skip the Athens stop and is en route to Gaza. Flotilla organizers refused to officially confirm the ship is approaching the region and are maintaining secrecy.

Jordanian activists said they purchased an additional ship for \$805,000 which could carry as many as 200 activists. It was said it will carry 35 Jordanian activists. The organizers said that the flotilla will set sail on Thursday but noted there may be delays.

Various reports concerning the Irish ship have also surfaced. *Several elements claimed that it was heading towards the rendezvous point but soon retracted their statements. It is apparently docking at an undisclosed port in the Mediterranean to avoid delays in Greece.*

"One ship was damaged and two others are being detained over bureaucratic claims," Hawida Araf of the Free Gaza movement told Ynet. "We will pass the checks as these ridiculous claims are baseless: The ships have already been checked."

The organizers say that claims against the American ship and the Greek-Swedish ship are causing the delays in Greece. The activists maintain that Israel sabotaged one ship which resulted in heavier security.

"The damage was done underwater with a machine that can cut through steel. It could not have happened accidentally. I can't say Israeli soldiers did it, but who else wants to stop us?," Araf said.

She noted that they have boosted security measures.

Meanwhile, the organizers are disappointed in the limited turnout. Less than 300 are expected to board the flotilla ships.

According to the organizers, the Italian ship Stefano Chiarim will carry the most passengers with 65 people; Canadian ship Tahrir will carry 48 passengers and the American vessel, which is currently detained in Greece, will carry 40 passengers.

An additional seven ships are expected to depart from Spain, France, Ireland, Greece, Sweden and Norway. Organizers expect 292 participants and 36 members of the press. It is highly likely not all of the vessels will be fit to travel.

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Meanwhile, two reserve soldiers filed a criminal lawsuit against 14 foreigners who participated in last year's flotilla with the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court.

Aviad Glickman contributed to this report

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 Subject: Flotilla Update - July 1 Open Source

Another Mysterious Malfunction

Yisrael Hayom July 1, 2011 (p.2) by Shlomo Cezana et al -- [...] [O]n Thursday Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu addressed the issue of the expected flotilla to Gaza and said that "sometimes, we not only need to deflect our enemies' physical attacks, but also deflect the attack on our right to protect ourselves." At the end of the IAF flight school graduation ceremony in Hatzerim, Netanyahu thanked the many world leaders who spoke out and acted against in recent days "against the provocation flotilla," first and foremost the American and European leaders, and the secretary general of the United Nations. The prime minister also commended his Greek counterpart George Papandreou, who is closely cooperating with Israel in coordinating the moves related to the flotilla. "Israel has the full right to act against the attempts to legitimize the smuggling of missiles, rockets and other weaponry for Hamas's terror enclave," Netanyahu said, in what could be understood as a hint to the damage some of the flotilla's vessels experienced.

Defense Minister Ehud Barak predicted on Thursday that the current flotilla would be calmer than the previous one, but stressed that Israel was bracing for any possible scenario. "The Marmara is absent and the IHH is absent, but nobody can predict that there won't be a small group, or that one of the ships will try to resist forcefully, or a more extreme case of somebody who brought weapons and will try to use them," Barak said. He added that the IDF's working premise was that they were liable to face extremely violent resistance, and even use of arms:

Barak threatened that a ship from which shots would be fired at IDF soldiers would be defined as a "terror ship." The implication would be a different attitude of the soldiers, in other words, the exercise of different procedures and other modes of action. "In such a case, things are simpler and more clear-cut. The soldiers will have an easier time dealing with it, since if they are fired at, this is no longer a ship of activists to them," security sources said on Thursday.

Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman said on Thursday that there is a wall-to-wall coalition in the world against the flotilla, but "there are marginal groups, anarchists and extreme Islamic groups, that will try to harm Israel by the flotilla. There are not coming to help the residents of Gaza, but to confront the State of Israel and create a provocation against it. As a sovereign state we can't allow anyone to harm our sovereignty. No self-respecting state would let that happen."

Information Minister Yuli Edelstein said on Thursday that the fact the flotilla was joined by Amin Abu Rashid, who is in charge of raising money for Hamas's terror activities, "is clear-cut evidence that this is not a humanitarian flotilla, but a covert flotilla for provocation and terror activity."

Edelstein added that in the previous flotilla, Rashid spoke of his intention to confront IDF soldiers, which should be taken into account as his intention for the current flotilla as well.

The US State Department on Thursday addressed the claims of deliberate sabotage to the ships, and the deputy spokesman said that while not justifying sabotage in any way, the flotilla itself is a bad idea that endangers the passengers.

Opposition Chairwoman Tzippi Livni met on Thursday with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in New York, and called to continue the delegitimization of Hamas. "Whoever wants to help citizens doesn't do so by severe and unnecessary provocations like the planned flotilla. The international community should convey a clear message to this flotilla and those that will come, that such provocations are unacceptable and should be prevented and stopped," Livni said.

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The Activists are Splitting

Yedioth Ahronoth July 1, 2011 (p. 5) by Yossi Yehoshua, Menahem Ganz and Itamar Eichner -- Intelligence information that has reached Israel indicates that a clash is developing between two groups of activists on the planned flotilla. The argument is over the departure date for Gaza and on willingness to promise not to employ violence in an encounter with the IDF.

Peace activists groups say that they worked on organizing the flotilla for a year and that they should wait until all the malfunctions are corrected. In contrast, the extremist group of Arabs, from different countries, is demanding to leave now with the ships that are operational (this is eight out of ten ships). Another argument is over the non-consent of the Arabs to sign forms obligating them not to use weapons and their extremist statements about their wanting to hurt IDF soldiers. [...]

...Yediot reported that Israel has obtained intelligence about Arab extremists who will not commit themselves to renounce violence and who wish for the flotilla to depart now. Yediot quoted a Dutch journalist who was supposed to join the flotilla as saying that he and other journalists and crew were leaving it because they had lost faith in the operation's organizers.

ISRAEL RADIO NEWS 7:00 AM Hebrew Report -- July 1, 2011

* Flotilla: The flotilla to Gaza might be further delayed. Flotilla initiator Greta Berlin estimated it would set sail in five days after the damage to the vessels is repaired. Flotilla organizers claim that Israel sabotaged the ships.

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GRETA BERLIN, FOUNDER OF THE FREE GAZA MOVEMENT AND ONE OF THE PROMINENT ORGANISORS OF THE FLOTILLA TOLD IL RADIO OVERNIGHT THAT SHE IS ON BOARD THE VESSEL "AUDACITY OF HOPE" ANCHORED IN PIRAEUS, "WAITING FOR THE FINAL PAPERWORK TO RELEASE OUR BOAT."

BERLIN TOLD IL RADIO:

"PEOPLE KEEP ASSURING US WE HAVE ONE MORE THING TO FILL OUT -- ONE MORE THING TO DO. THE GREEK BUREAUCRACY IS DOING ITS BEST TO PREVENT US FROM GOING BUT WE'RE PRETTY DETERMINED. WE'VE SAID WE'RE GOING TO GO IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS! I THINK THAT OUR DROP-DEAD DEADLINE IS GOING TO BE JULY 5TH I REALISE THAT THAT IS 2 WEEKS LATER THAN WE SAID WE WERE GOING TO GO, BUT I'VE DONE A LOT OF THESE AND WE ARE NEVER ON TIME."

"SOMETIMES WE FEEL THAT WE ARE THE BESIEGED PEOPLE AS WELL AS THE PALESTINIANS OF GAZA. ISRAEL IS DOING ITS VERY VERY BEST TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T GET OUT OF PORT BECAUSE ONCE WE GET OUT OF PORT -- AND WE WILL -- THEY ARE NOW FACED WITH WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO WITH US. SO THEY WOULD RATHER SABOTAGE OUR BOATS, TIE US UP IN PAPERWORK AND PREVENT US FROM GOING. IT'S DIFFICULT FOR THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THAT IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE OUR DETERMINATION."

Jerusalem Political-Security Update -- July 1, 2011

PM Netanyahu said Thursday [June 30] Israel is fully entitled to try to **stop an upcoming flotilla bound for the Gaza Strip in an attempt** to break Israel's naval blockade on the Strip. The Prime Minister said Israel has the full right to operate against efforts to smuggle missiles, rockets and other weapons to Hamas' terror enclave. PM Netanyahu expressed his gratitude to many world leaders who expressed themselves and acted against this provocation flotilla, including the US, Europe, the UN secretary general and Greek Prime Minister. Hamas is a ruthless enemy who maliciously harms the Israeli cities and children and holds Gilad Shalit captive against all humane standards, PM Netanyahu added at a graduating ceremony for Israel Air Force pilots.

YNET July 1, 2011

Gazans unimpressed by flotilla (abridged)

Israeli claims over futility of flotilla receive reinforcement from surprising direction – Gazan businessmen who say it isn't imports that are problem, it's exports. 'Gaza doesn't need any more humanitarian aid,' says Gisha movement director

Israel has been claiming for quite some time that the desire to break through the blockade on the Gaza Strip is devoid of any basis since it is possible to transfer essential goods to Gaza through the monitored crossings. This claim received unexpected reinforcement on Thursday from none other than the Gazans themselves.

In a conversation with Ynet Palestinian businessmen expressed veiled criticism saying that the flotilla organizers were missing their target since the main problem wasn't getting goods into Gaza – but exporting them outside of the strip.

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Subject: FW: US Ship to Gaza Fundraiser with Ann Wright Oct 17th 17:30pm Pacific time-Watch it LIVE via witnessgaza.com
Attachments: att3110d.gif; att3110e.jpg
Categories: Working

Supposed new flotilla being planned for February. Ann Wright was one of the Americans on the May 31 sailing and is a former FSO.

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Apparently there will be another sailing to Gaza in Feb. 2011.

<http://ustogaza.org/>

From: ann wright [mailto:microann@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2010 10:00 AM
To: Gaza Delegations
Subject: US Ship to Gaza Fundraiser with Ann Wright Oct 17th 17:30pm Pacific time-Watch it LIVE via witnessgaza.com

I hope you will support the US Ship to Gaza fundraiser where ever you are in the world.

www.ustogaza.org

Peace,

Ann

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--- On Sun, 10/17/10, Gail Miller <gail@nyc.rr.com> wrote:

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From: OpsAlert
Sent: Sat Jun 05 06:17:37 2010
Subject: Israeli forces board RACHEL CORRIE (SBU)

(SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv reports RACHEL CORRIE was boarded by IDF without resistance or injury and will arrive in Ashdod in two hours. Three Israeli naval ships had tailed RACHEL CORRIE for several hours and issued four demands to change course. The vessel refused to comply.

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Attachments: IDF Spokesperson Announcement- Maj. Gen. (Res.) Eiland Presents the Chief of the General Staff with the Conclusions of his Examination Team.doc

This is the first of two emails about the Eiland Report. What we don't yet have is a copy of the report itself, but Embassy TA is working on it.

Leslie

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IDF Spokesperson

For Immediate Release
July 12th, 2010
17:00

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Eiland Presents the Chief of the General Staff with the Conclusions of his Examination Team

The IDF Chief of the General Staff, Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, received the conclusions reached by a team of experts, headed by Maj. Gen. (Res.) Giora Eiland, tasked with examining the incidents that took place at sea on May 31st 2010.

Maj. Gen. Eiland presented the team's findings and conclusions to the Chief of the General Staff as well as to officers from the General Staff and from other IDF branches and directorates who were involved in the preparations and in the actual boarding of the flotilla. The core of the report was presented the Minister of Defense of Israel as well.

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The team was appointed by the Chief of the General Staff to examine the deployment towards the flotilla, the chosen course of action and other possible alternatives, advance preparations, and the operation's implementation.

The team included eight officers and their examination focused on intelligence, Naval command, the naval commando unit responsible for carrying out the operation, the Israel Air Force, media relations, technological alternatives, medical aspects and legal counsel and international law.

The examination presented various lessons on a broad, systemic level, not only as regards this specific operation (stopping the flotilla).

In terms of the intelligence effort, the team concluded that not all possible intelligence gathering methods were fully implemented and that the coordination between Navy Intelligence and the Israel Defense Intelligence was insufficient. At the same time, the team emphasized that it is not certain that an optimal intelligence effort would create a complete intelligence picture. The team also pointed out that the anticipated level of violence used against the forces was underestimated.

In terms of situation assessments towards the flotilla, the team clarified that the operation relied excessively on a single course of action, albeit a probable one, while no alternative courses of action were prepared for the event of more dangerous scenarios.

Regarding technological alternatives, the team determined that on the day of the incident, decision makers were not presented with alternative operational courses of action other than a full boarding of the flotilla. The team emphasized the fact that as far as is currently known, no country in the world holds the ability to stop a vessel at sea in a non hostile manner. Therefore statements made on this matter following the incident are unfounded and irresponsible. At the same time, the team determined that alternative courses of action could have existed had the process of preparation begun enough time in advance, and recommended to accelerate the process of examining alternative methods.

The expert team determined that regarding media relations, the preparations made in advance were good. However, the release of press statements and visual materials was delayed due to the need to maintain reliability, the obligation to notify the families of the critically injured soldiers and the long authorization process at the levels above the IDF Spokesperson Unit. The team noted with favor the work of the IDF spokesperson following the incident and emphasized the need for better coordination between the IDF, the foreign ministry and other foreign affairs institutions.

In terms of commanding over the operation, the team determines that the location of the commanders during the incident and the presence of the Commander of the Israel Navy at sea during the operation, was proper and fit

with the Chief of the General Staff's view regarding the role of commanders at the front lines of IDF activity. His presence proved effective in terms of the decision making process, saving lives and more. The team praised the Israel Navy combat protocols, the preparations of the Naval Commando Unit, the Navy Command, the Electronic Warfare Formation and the medical evacuation.

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Maj. Gen. (Res.) Eiland Presents the Chief of the General Staff with the Conclusions of his Examination Team

The IDF Chief of the General Staff, Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, received the conclusions reached by a team of experts, headed by Maj. Gen. (Res.) Giora Eiland, tasked with examining the incidents that took place at sea on May 31st 2010.

Maj. Gen. Eiland presented the team's findings and conclusions to the Chief of the General Staff as well as to officers from the General Staff and from other IDF branches and directorates who were involved in the preparations and in the actual boarding of the flotilla. The core of the report was presented the Minister of Defense of Israel as well.

The team was appointed by the Chief of the General Staff to examine the deployment towards the flotilla, the chosen course of action and other possible alternatives, advance preparations, and the operation's implementation.

The team included eight officers and their examination focused on intelligence, Naval command, the naval commando unit responsible for carrying out the operation, the Israel Air Force, media relations, technological alternatives, medical aspects and legal counsel and international law.

The examination presented various lessons on a broad, systemic level, not only as regards this specific operation (stopping the flotilla).

In terms of the intelligence effort, the team concluded that not all possible intelligence gathering methods were fully implemented and that the coordination between Navy

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Intelligence and the Israel Defense Intelligence was insufficient. At the same time, the team emphasized that it is not certain that an optimal intelligence effort would create a complete intelligence picture. The team also pointed out that the anticipated level of violence used against the forces was underestimated.

In terms of situation assessments towards the flotilla, the team clarified that the operation relied excessively on a single course of action, albeit a probable one, while no alternative courses of action were prepared for the event of more dangerous scenarios.

Regarding technological alternatives, the team determined that on the day of the incident, decision makers were not presented with alternative operational courses of action other than a full boarding of the flotilla. The team emphasized the fact that as far as is currently known, no country in the world holds the ability to stop a vessel at sea in a non hostile manner. Therefore statements made on this matter following the incident are unfounded and irresponsible. At the same time, the team determined that alternative courses of action could have existed had the process of preparation begun enough time in advance, and recommended to accelerate the process of examining alternative methods.

The expert team determined that regarding media relations, the preparations made in advance were good. However, the release of press statements and visual materials was delayed due to the need to maintain reliability, the obligation to notify the families of the critically injured soldiers and the long authorization process at the levels above the IDF Spokesperson Unit. The team noted with favor the work of the IDF spokesperson following the incident and emphasized the need for better coordination between the IDF, the foreign ministry and other foreign affairs institutions.

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The IDF Chief of the General Staff Refers to the Conclusions of the Eiland Report

The IDF Chief of the General Staff, Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, announced today that he adopts the report and the conclusions made by the expert team following the examination of the Flotilla incident "Winds of the Sky 7". The Chief of the General Staff thanked the team and its head, Maj. Gen. (Res.) Giora Eiland, for their thorough and comprehensive examination, which was presented to him and to a group of other commanders, this morning.

The Chief of the General Staff appointed the IDF Operations Branch and the Doctrine and Training Division, to gather the conclusions and follow their implementation by all of the relevant IDF branches. The Chief of the General Staff said that an expert's examination of this kind is at the foundations of the IDF's organizational culture as a supervised, transparent and constantly learning institution which aims to continue and improve in order to face the challenges before him.

Lt. Gen. Ashkenazi added that the flotilla incident is an opportunity that should not be wasted to learn and reach conclusions. "The IDF is confident enough to critically examine itself and improve based on the conclusions. This is the heart and soul of the IDF", said the Chief of the General Staff and added: "Not me, nor did the examination team identify a failure or negligence, but nonetheless, an examination as thorough as this brings up mistakes which must be corrected for future incidents".

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The Chief of the General Staff expressed his appreciation for the Israel Navy and the Naval Commando Unit, which for the past three and a half years proved high and unique capabilities in the field of boarding boats during various known and unknown incidents. He stated: "We continue to send our soldiers every day, in the air, on land and at sea, to missions much more dangerous than this flotilla. We want them to continue to act charge and take risks. I wouldn't want commanders and soldiers to embark on missions much more complicated and dangerous, knowing that back on land, or past the border at home, there waits an investigation committee. Therefore, the centrality of the examination, its thoroughness and quality, are a central method in our military culture".

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Subject: DEPORTATIONS UPDATE – IL RADIO

IL RADIO REPORTS THAT TO DATE 325 PERSONS DETAINED FROM THE GAZA FLOTILLA HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO BEN GURION AIRPORT FOR DEPORTATION TO TURKEY. APPROXIMATELY 180 REMAIN IN JAIL AND WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE AIRPORT IN THE COMING HOURS. IL RADIO'S REPORTER ADI ME'IRI SAYS IL INTENDS TO DEPORT ALL THE FOREIGN NATIONALS DETAINED IN CONNENCTION WITH THE GAZA FLOTILLA BY THE END OF THE DAY.

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Subject: DEPORTATIONS UPDATE @ CoB --- YNET

YNET 18:18 , 06.02.10

State Prosecutor: All foreign flotilla detainees have been released

State Prosecutor Moshe Lador said that "all the foreign detainees from the aid convoy have been released; some are at the airport and some are already on board airplanes. There is only one injured person that cannot be flown for medical reasons, but Israel has not detained even one passenger from the ship."

Lador did not give out information regarding detainees that are not considered foreign citizens, namely Israelis and Palestinians.

(Ronen Medzini)

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From: Vasquez, Edgar J
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 12:14 PM
To: Sutphin, Paul R; NEA-IPA-DL
Subject: Article on Gaza Flotilla

Categories: Working

AP has picked up on our statement...

US steps ups pressure on Gaza flotilla activists

By MATTHEW LEE - The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - (AP) The Obama administration is stepping up pressure on activists planning to challenge Israel's sea blockade of the Gaza Strip, warning that they will face action from Israeli authorities and that American participants may also be violating U.S. law.

The State Department said Friday that attempts to break the blockade are "irresponsible and provocative" and that Israel has well-established means of delivering assistance to the Palestinian residents of Gaza. It noted that the territory is run by the militant Hamas group, a U.S. designated foreign terrorist organization, and that Americans providing support to it are subject to fines and jail.

The warning is the third in as many days and follows the announcement by 36 Americans that they will sail aboard a U.S.-flagged vessel in a flotilla to Gaza.

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Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 10:47 AM
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Subject: Announcement by Flotilla Organizers
Categories: Working

Announcement issued by the flotilla organizers following their press conference in Athens.

<http://www.shiptogaza.gr/English/News-Announcements/item/738-GAZA-WE-ARE-COMING-Despite-pressure-and-threats-of-violence,-flotilla-will-sail>

[Athens] On Saturday, 25 June, the French boat, Dignity / Karama, left the port of Corsica to meet up with at least nine other vessels sailing to Gaza to challenge Israel's illegal blockade. Israel's best efforts to stop our boats at port, including pressure on governments, threats against insurance and communications companies, intimidation of human rights defenders, and other underhanded tactics, have thus far failed. The Freedom Flotilla has set sail.

In the coming days the rest of the vessels in the flotilla, two cargo ships and seven other passenger boats, will leave from various ports to a meeting point in international waters from which the boats will sail all together towards Gaza. We will carry nearly three thousand tons of aid and hundreds of civilians from dozens of countries, including members of parliament, politicians, writers, artists, journalists and sports figures, as well as representatives of indigenous peoples and various faith groups.

Unfortunately some of our vessels are facing delays admittedly prompted by frivolous complaints from the Israel Law Center, attempted sabotage of some boats, as well as administrative obstacles created by the Greek government in response to Israeli pressure. We call upon the Greek government not to become complicit in Israel's illegal actions by succumbing to this pressure.

There is no question that Israel's near hermetic closure of the Gaza Strip is illegal; this has been affirmed again and again by numerous international human rights bodies including the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross. There is no question that Israel's closure policy has had a devastating effect on the occupied people of Gaza. This has also been well documented. The only question is why does the international community of states allow Israel to keep violating the law and rights of the Palestinian people with impunity?

Recent steps taken by Israel to address the concerns raised in the public eye by the *Freedom Flotilla II – Stay Human* initiative, including last week's announcement of authorization for construction materials for 1,200 homes and 18 schools in Gaza, prove that flotillas work. However, this is not enough, as our effort is not simply about increasing humanitarian aid to Gaza. It is about freedom for Palestinians in Gaza and the rest of the occupied Palestinian territories. Calls by some world leaders for flotilla organizers to use "established channels" to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza show a fundamental disregard for Palestinian human rights. The Palestinian people do not want handouts from the international community; rather they want liberation – a call we must all support.

Therefore, despite intimidation, pressure, and threats of violence from the Israeli government, which is not ashamed to boast that it will use snipers and attack dogs against unarmed civilians, we will sail. We are part of a growing movement, led by Palestinian civil society

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campaigning for their freedom, that Israel's strong-arm tactics cannot stop. We call on our governments to do their utmost to protect their citizens as we take to the sea, nonviolently, in defense of freedom, human rights, and the rule of law. **Gaza, we are coming.**

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Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 9:50 PM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Cc: SES-O_Shift-III
Subject: (AP) Israel sending American on seized ship home

WASHINGTON - (AP) - A former U.S. ambassador aboard a Gaza aid ship seized by Israel commandos is on his way home, his wife said. Edward Peck, 80, of Chevy Chase, Md., was among activists in the flotilla trying to get humanitarian aid to Gaza, said his wife, Ann Peck. She said she received a brief e-mail from Israel's foreign ministry on May 31 informing her that her husband was fine and headed home. The e-mail said he would likely arrive June 1 and would call from a New York airport when he landed, Ann Peck said. She said that as of the evening of May 31 she hadn't spoken with U.S. officials, nor was she able to talk to her husband, a former U.S. ambassador to Mauritania.

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Cc: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL
Subject: FW: Greece intercepts Gaza-bound American activists (Reuters)

From: OpsNewsTicker
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 4:08 PM
To: NEWS-EUR; NEWS-NEA
Cc: SES-O_Shift-III; SES-O_OS; SES-O_CMS
Subject: Greece intercepts Gaza-bound American activists (Reuters)

ATHENS/JERUSALEM (Reuters) - Greece prevented a boat of U.S. activists from sailing on Friday to join a flotilla of pro-Palestinian campaigners planning to challenge Israel's sea blockade of the Gaza Strip.

The small flotilla of activists from the United States, France and Canada was due to leave at least a week ago, but the departure has been constantly put back amid allegations of sabotage.

The Greek coastguard intercepted the boat soon after it left the port of Perama, near Piraeus, for the open sea, one of the activists said.

"We are just here, two miles off Piraeus," said U.S. activist Ann Wright, aboard the ship. "We've been stopped by the coastguard. Their ship manoeuvred in front of us and they are now talking to the captain. They want us to turn around," she told Reuters by phone.

Some hours later the vessel started heading back to the Greek shore, said a coastguard official who declined to be named.

Wright said the mission had wanted to sail to the Greek island of Crete but the coastguard would not allow them.

Greek authorities said earlier on Friday that ships destined for Gaza -- which involves transit through international waters -- were prohibited from leaving Greek ports.

But another activist said the coastguard's interception was illegal and would not deter the rest of the flotilla, which is expected to leave in the following days.

"The interception does affect us but we believe it is illegal and unreasonable," Vangelis Pissias told Reuters. "We are determined to continue. How can they be doing this?"

Israel says its blockade of Gaza is aimed at stopping weapons from reaching the enclave's rulers, Hamas -- an Islamist group that is branded a terrorist organisation by the West.

Palestinians and their supporters say the naval blockade is illegal and constitutes collective punishment for Gaza's 1.5 million residents.

Israel has urged foreign governments not to let the latest convoy get under way. On Thursday, Israeli Prime

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Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thanked allies, including Greece, for taking steps to block the activists.

A spokeswoman for the campaigners said the flotilla would set sail from Greece by the middle of next week.

"Israel is doing its very, very best to make sure we don't get out of port," spokeswoman Greta Berlin said, speaking by telephone from Greece where some of the ships are moored.

"We want to move the boats by July 5 to get to our rendezvous point no later than July 6 or 7 ... We will go with what we have," she said adding that nine boats were now hoping to take part in the mission against original plans for up to 15.

Irish activists accused Israel on Thursday of sabotaging their boat in Turkey, stopping it from sailing to Gaza.

Israel has denounced the flotilla as a provocation, but has denied allegations that it sabotaged either the Irish boat or a Swedish vessel that reported propeller damage after berthing in a Greek port.

Just over a year ago, Israeli marines stormed another pro-Palestinian flotilla that had set sail from Turkey and approached Gaza. Nine activists died in the onboard clashes, provoking an international outcry.

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Subject: Israel denies it damaged Gaza bound ships (AP)

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel has denied claims it sabotaged ships trying to breach its sea blockade of the Gaza Strip.

Activists accuse Israel of damaging two ships docked in Turkey and Greece that are part of a flotilla attempting to reach the Palestinian territory with humanitarian aid. Efforts were further stalled Friday when Greece prevented ships from sailing.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor on Saturday dismissed the sabotage charges as "ridiculous," calling them "sad conspiracy theories."

Israel says it imposed the blockade in 2007 to stop weapons reaching the Islamic militant group Hamas that rules Gaza. Activists describe the blockade as a form of incarceration for the Palestinians.

Nine activists were killed last year in an Israeli raid on a similar flotilla.

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Subject: Israel foreign minister: Don't take eyes off Iran (AP)

VIENNA (AP) - Israel's foreign minister says Iran is using the smoke screen of Mideast unrest to advance both its missile and nuclear programs.

Avigdor Lieberman also urged would-be participants of the pro-Palestinian flotilla to give up their plans and deliver their aid to U.N. supervised ports for distribution.

Lieberman spoke to reporters Thursday after meeting with Austrian Foreign Minister Michael Spindelegger. Spindelegger said Austria had not yet made up its mind whether to support U.N. recognition of a Palestinian state, adding he preferred a joint EU approach to the issue.

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Subject: Gaza flotilla boat departs from Greek port (AP)

ATHENS (AP) - Witnesses say a boat carrying several dozen Americans who seek to break Israel's sea blockade of the Gaza Strip has set sail from a Greek port.

The boat dubbed "The Audacity of Hope" is part of a flotilla of nine vessels and several hundred activists who say they want to deliver aid to the Palestinian territory. The boat left the port of Perama on Friday afternoon.

American activists have alleged that the administrative delays in their plans were caused by Israeli pressure on Greece.

Israel has said it will thwart any effort to breach the sea blockade of Gaza.

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Subject: FW: Gaza Flotilla Update

Update on one of the boats in Greek docks.

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To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: Gaza flotilla update, this just in

Per two Gaza flotilla websites, passengers on the U.S. Boat to Gaza, *The Audacity of Hope*, invited Greek and international media to inspect the boat on June 30 at 3:00 pm in Perama, Greece. The passengers note that they were inspected by Greek officials on Monday, June 27, but have not yet received notification of their findings. Gale Courey Toensing, a passenger on the American boat said to the media today, "Our voyage is totally transparent and we have nothing to hide. All we want to do is sail to Gaza with our cargo of letters from Americans to the people of Gaza. We are sulfur-free and ready to sail." Due to vandalism discovered Monday on the propeller of the Swedish-Greek vessel Juliano, flotilla participants have organized guard duty rosters for each ship that is due to sail for Gaza. The Juliano was towed for repairs to a shipyard at another port and should be ready to sail on July 1 pending another assessment by Greek officials. The Canadian ship, which an anonymous complaint also labeled unfit to sail, has been reinspected and received clearance as seaworthy.

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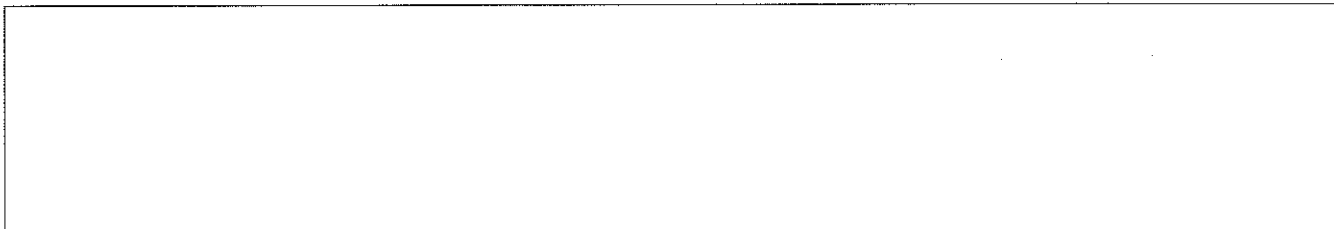
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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Guarin, Marc F
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:29 PM
To: Sindle, James M
Cc: Connelly, Maura; NEA-IPA-DL; Ko, Selene S; Maggi, Robert W; Tyson, Paul H; Shampaine, Nicole D; Struwe, Rebecca L; Pomper, Stephen; Baumert, Kevin A; Jacobson, Linda; Heinemann, Thomas B
Subject: RE: (S/NF) Corrie Location



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Marc

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From: Sindle, James M
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:19 PM
To: Guarin, Marc F
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Roger that -- one and the same.

From: Guarin, Marc F
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To: Sindle, James M
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Subject: RE: (S/NF) Corrie Location

James-



Marc

From: Pomper, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:02 PM
To: Baumert, Kevin A; Sindle, James M; Guarin, Marc F; Jacobson, Linda; Heinemann, Thomas B
Cc: Connelly, Maura; NEA-IPA-DL; Ko, Selene S; Maggi, Robert W; Tyson, Paul H; Shampaine, Nicole D; Struwe, Rebecca L
Subject: RE: (S/NF) Corrie Location

L/PM will take a look at this and get back with additional thoughts.

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From: Baumert, Kevin A
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:20 PM
To: Sindle, James M; Guarin, Marc F; Pomper, Stephen; Jacobson, Linda
Cc: Connelly, Maura; NEA-IPA-DL; Ko, Selene S; Maggi, Robert W; Tyson, Paul H; Shampaine, Nicole D; Struwe, Rebecca L
Subject: RE: (S/NF) Corrie Location

Jim -- Adding others in L here (and this issue is mainly in L/PM's lane). Here are my understandings:

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Thanks,
Kevin
L/OES

From: Sindle, James M
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:39 PM
To: Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Connelly, Maura; NEA-IPA-DL; Ko, Selene S; Maggi, Robert W; Tyson, Paul H; Shampaine, Nicole D; Struwe, Rebecca L
Subject: (S/NF) Corrie Location
Importance: High

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Kevin,

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Thanks,

Jim

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:15 PM
To: Sindle, James M
Subject: RE: (S/NF) Corrie Location (SECRET)

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Mr. Sindle,

Attached is a powerpoint slide showing [redacted]

Very Respectfully,

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From: Sindle, James M [mailto:SindleJM@state.sgov.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:23 AM
To: J2 ADD1 JCS; Williams, Richard A.; Loewy, Benjamin D.; Clay, Andreia; Szekely, Peter M. PB3; JAC IDWM MWA; Puce, Joseph L. LT; Suldo, Joseph GG-14; Schlereth, LCDR Frank G.; McGrory, James P; Sanford, Lara N; Giese, Ashton K
Subject: (S/NF) Corrie Location
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Folks,

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By the way, Embassy Nicosia informed me today that the Challenger II, according to Cypriot authorities, is in the port of Limassol, Cyprus. Cypriots have also said they are not allowing it to leave.

V/R,

Jim Sindle

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From: Sindle, James M
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 3:38 PM
To: Dwyer, Stuart A; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Cc: Goldberger, Thomas H; Boyer, Spencer P
Subject: RE: (S/NF) [redacted]

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Negative.

From: Dwyer, Stuart A
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 3:29 PM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Cc: Goldberger, Thomas H; Boyer, Spencer P
Subject: FW: (S/NF) [redacted]

Any update from there on status of the Corrie? SD

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From: McEldowney, Nancy E
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 3:04 PM
To: Dwyer, Stuart A; Boyer, Spencer P
Cc: Hackworth, Jason K
Subject: RE: (S/NF) [redacted]

What is the latest on [redacted]

From: Slattery, Phillip T
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 10:27 AM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; SES_DutyDeputies; S_SpecialAssistants; D(S); D(L); P; C; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL
Cc: SWO; SES-O_Shift-II
Subject: (S/NF) [redacted]

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Colleagues –

The latest information Ops has received [redacted]
[redacted]

Ops will continue to monitor the situation and update accordingly.

Regards, **REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer**

-Phill

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GAZA FLOTILLAS

On May 31, Israeli Naval Forces (INF) intercepted in international waters a flotilla of six vessels carrying passengers and humanitarian cargo bound for Gaza in an attempt to break Israel's maritime blockade. After flotilla organizers rejected Israeli requests to divert to the port of Ashdod to unload their cargo, Israeli forces boarded the vessels and met with violence aboard the Turkish-flagged M/V Mavi Marmara. As a result, four Israeli soldiers were wounded and nine Turkish citizens, including one Turkish-American, were killed. The Turkish organizers claim that the INF opened fire without provocation, causing a controversy over the facts. The incident resulted in intense international criticism of Israel, the acceleration of already deteriorating Israeli-Turkish relations, additional vessels attempting to break the blockade, and several investigations into the incident.

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Since the May 31 incident, several other vessels have capitalized on the Mavi Marmara's publicity by attempting to break the blockade or by delivering goods to the Egyptian port of El-Arish for overland delivery to Gaza. On June 4, the INF boarded the M/V Rachel Corrie without incident, escorted it to Ashdod, offloaded and screened its cargo for delivery to Gaza, and immediately repatriated the participants.

[REDACTED]

Israel has attempted to improve relations with Turkey since the May 31 tragedy by lifting a travel ban to Turkey, releasing all of the passengers and vessels detained, allowing more goods into Gaza, and participating in the UN Secretary General's panel of inquiry.

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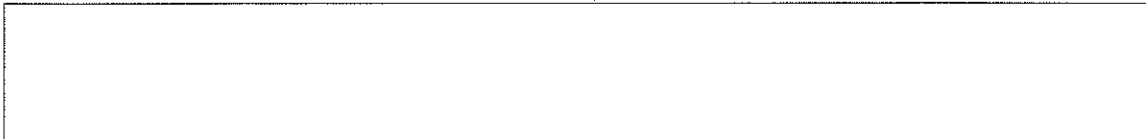
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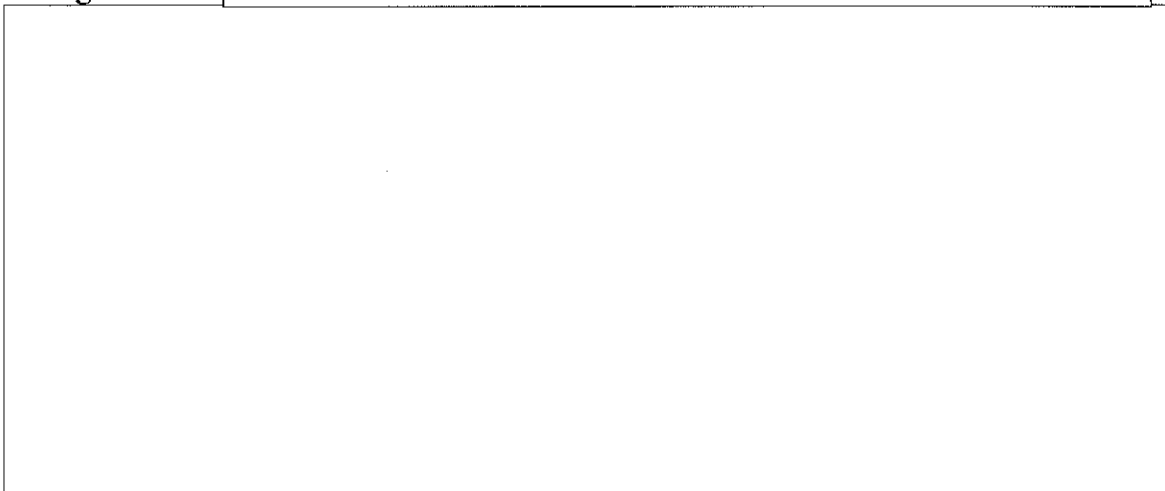
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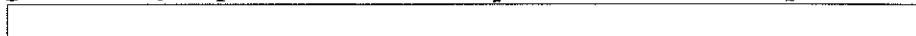
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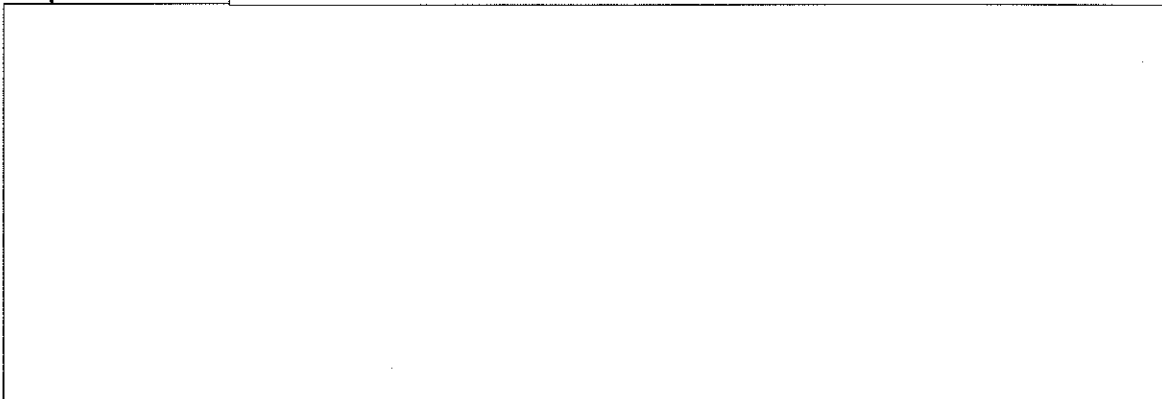


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Significant differences over the appropriate mechanism to handle an investigation into the Mavi Marmara incident resulted in several different investigative bodies being formed. 



We have welcomed UN Secretary General Ban ki-Moon's establishment of – and Israel and Turkey's cooperation with – a panel to receive and review the Israeli and Turkish investigations. The panel convened in New York on August 10-11 and will meet again in early September. It aims to produce an interim report on September 15. 



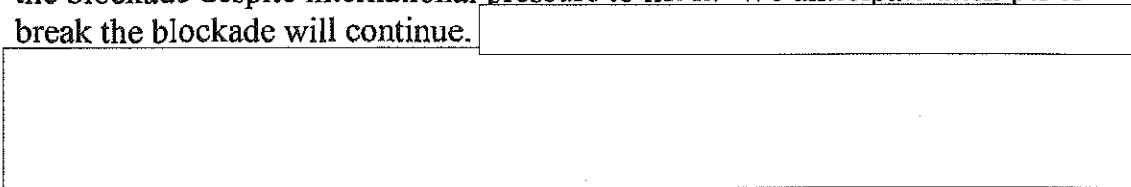
Israel's naval blockade of Gaza was established in 2007 in an attempt to cut off the flow of illicit arms to Hamas, which was at the time launching rockets from Gaza into southern Israel. It is that overriding security concern that underlies Israel's position that its naval blockade on Gaza is legitimate. Israel insists it has not

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committed any violations of international law, and that it will continue to enforce the blockade despite international pressure to lift it. We anticipate attempts to break the blockade will continue.



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Drafted: NEA/IPA Jim Sindle; x 7-4386, afterhours 703-867-9543

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P: ECatalano - ok
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D(L): SCarl-Yoder - ok
S/P: DRand - ok
S/SEMEP: SKhoury-Kincannon -
EUR/SE: ASchrank - ok
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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Chakravorty, Anamika X
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 12:26 PM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: UNCLAS STOCKHOLM 000324 – Gaza Flotilla Tidbits from the Swedish Government and Port Union

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SUBJECT: Gaza Flotilla Tidbits from the Swedish Government and Port Union

1. (U) The following summarizes recent reactions to the Gaza aid Flotilla by the Swedish Parliament, MFA and Port Workers Union.

2. (SBU) Parliament: At the initiative of the Left Party, the Swedish Parliament today held a debate on the wider Gaza aid issue. As Sweden is four months away from general elections, the debate was more about campaigning than foreign policy making. Foreign Minister Carl Bildt summed up the debate well with his closing statement: "What is the Red-Green opposition's position? Foreign policy is no laughing matter. The opposition basically only agrees on one thing--to bring home the military attache, and even then they agree that it probably will not have any effect whatsoever."

3. (SBU) MFA: On June 4, DCM Silverman met with [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the Swedish position is clear in two aspects: Israel was wrong to board the ships in international waters and Israel had used extensive violence. Bildt has stated that Sweden will continue to build on the EU's unity and work through the international system.

4. (SBU) Port Workers Union: The AP news wire reported on 5 June that the Swedish Port Workers Union will launch a weeklong boycott of Israeli ships and goods in response to the raid on the Gaza-destined aid flotilla. Although Swedish trade unions are traditionally very powerful, this is a small freestanding group with only 1,500 members. Post does not expect this group to have

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any real impact on trade between Sweden and Israel.
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Law, Rosemary C

From: Sutphin, Paul R
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 9:31 PM
To: Walles, Jacob; NEA-IPA-DL
Subject: FW: FYI Update on Amcit Cases: CONS TLV Meets with MFA
Attachments: StateSeal.gif

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From: Eilts, Colin C
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 11:31 AM
To: Sutphin, Paul R; Buzbee, John R
Subject: FYI Update on Amcit Cases: CONS TLV Meets with MFA

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Note updates on Flotilla,

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From: SMART Core
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 06:22:54
To: Greene, Elisa

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Cc: Parker, Andrew C; ANKARA-SMARTS; Jerusalem, SMARTS; Goldberger, Thomas H; TELAVIV-SMARTS

Subject: Update on Amcit Cases: CONS TLV Meets with MFA

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Subject: Update on Amcit Cases: CONS TLV Meets with MFA

SUMMARY

1. (SBU) The Consul General and ACS Chief met with [redacted] for a follow-up meeting on May 3, 2011 regarding a range of ongoing ACS cases. END SUMMARY.

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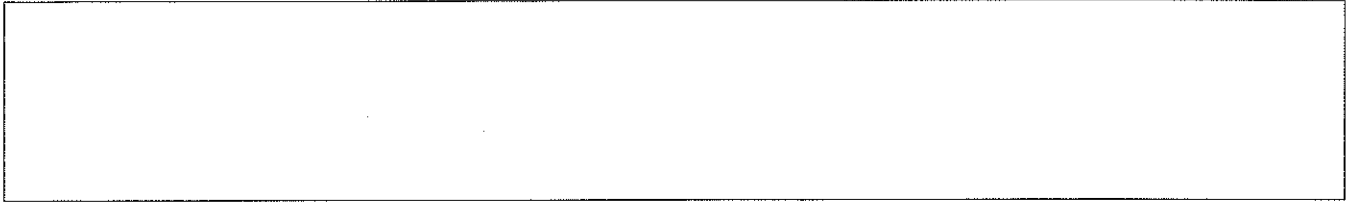
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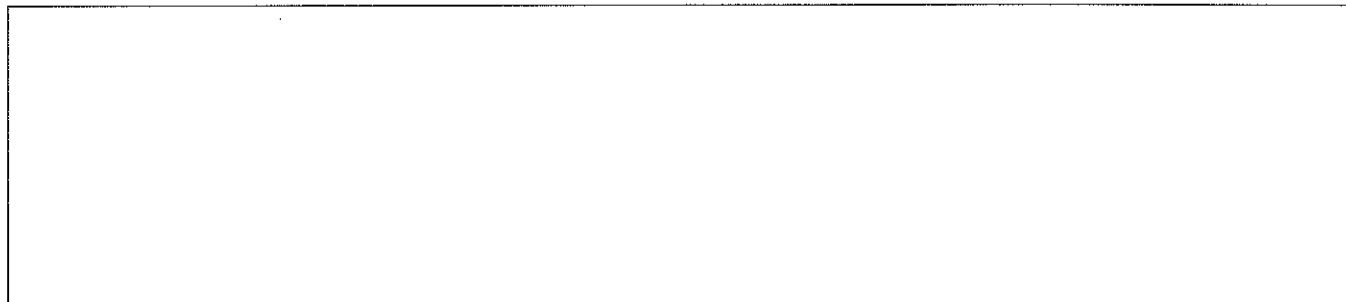
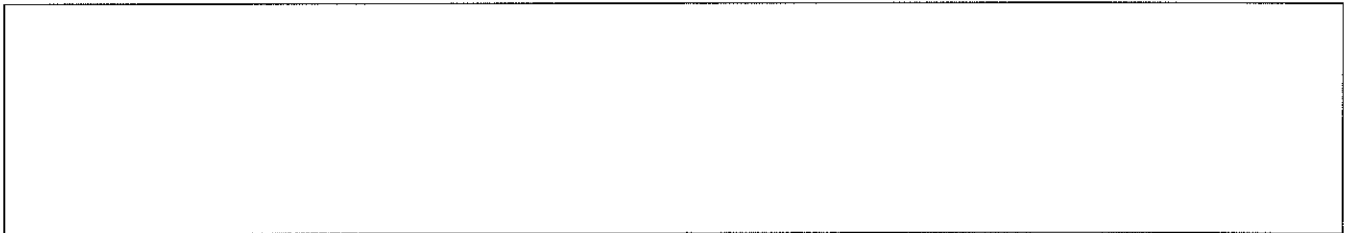


FLOTILLA UPDATES

6. (SBU) Furkan Dogan: Post delivered a dipnote on April 27, 2011 regarding the missing personal effects of American citizen Furkan Dogan, who was killed on the Mavi Marmara vessel during the May 2010 Gaza flotilla. The dipnote included a list of 7 items belonging to the deceased that were not received by the next of kin, Prof. Ahmet Dogan. MFA confirmed the Note has been forwarded to the Ministry of Defense for further information.

7. (SBU) Property: According to the MFA, the catalogue received by Post contains only the property taken from the Mavi Marmara. Some of that property was handed over to the IDF and the rest to the Turkish Embassy. Post requested that the MFA determine if there are any items still in the possession of the IDF, and if so, when they will be released and to whom. MFA reps stated that the GOI sent three air shipping containers filled with personal property (but not electronics) to Turkey after the May 2010 flotilla. Two months ago, the GOT returned one shipping container filled with approximately 200 suitcases to Israel. MFA reps described the GOT's actions as "very bizarre" and requested that Post send a message to the GOT via Embassy Ankara asking why these items were returned. Additionally, the GOI removed non-personal items from the flotilla ships and is storing these items, which fill at least part of seven shipping containers which are stored at the Kishon building at the Ashdod Port, under IDF purview. MFA reps stated that the GOI is stumped on what to do with the confiscated ships and property in the shipping containers. COMMENT: The fact that the MFA requested that the USG send a message to the GOT rather than the GOI contacting the GOT directly speaks to the poor state of relations between Israel and Turkey. END COMMENT.

8. (U) Future Flotillas: MFA had no updates on upcoming possible flotillas. MFA reps suggested the USG put out a travel alert requesting Amcits not participate in future flotillas.



11. (U) Post's meeting with MFA reps was insightful and productive. Post will continue to follow up on these cases.

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Goldberger, Thomas H
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To: Holmstrom, Todd; Lentz, Andrew N; Frelich, Karlene H; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Knopf, Payton L; Reisser, Wesley J; Groeblacher, Julia
Subject: FW: (S/NODIS) Scenesetter for Abbas Visit

From: Rubinstein, Daniel H
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 6:21 PM
To: Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura; Rudman, Mara; 'Shapiro, Daniel B.'; 'Kumar, Prem G.'; Cunningham, James B; Goldberger, Thomas H
Subject: (S/NODIS) Scenesetter for Abbas Visit

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1. (S) Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen)

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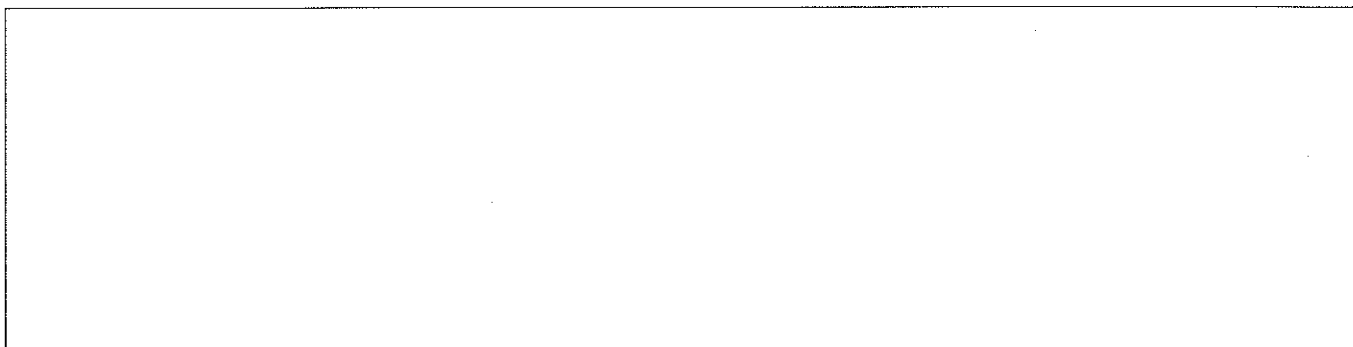
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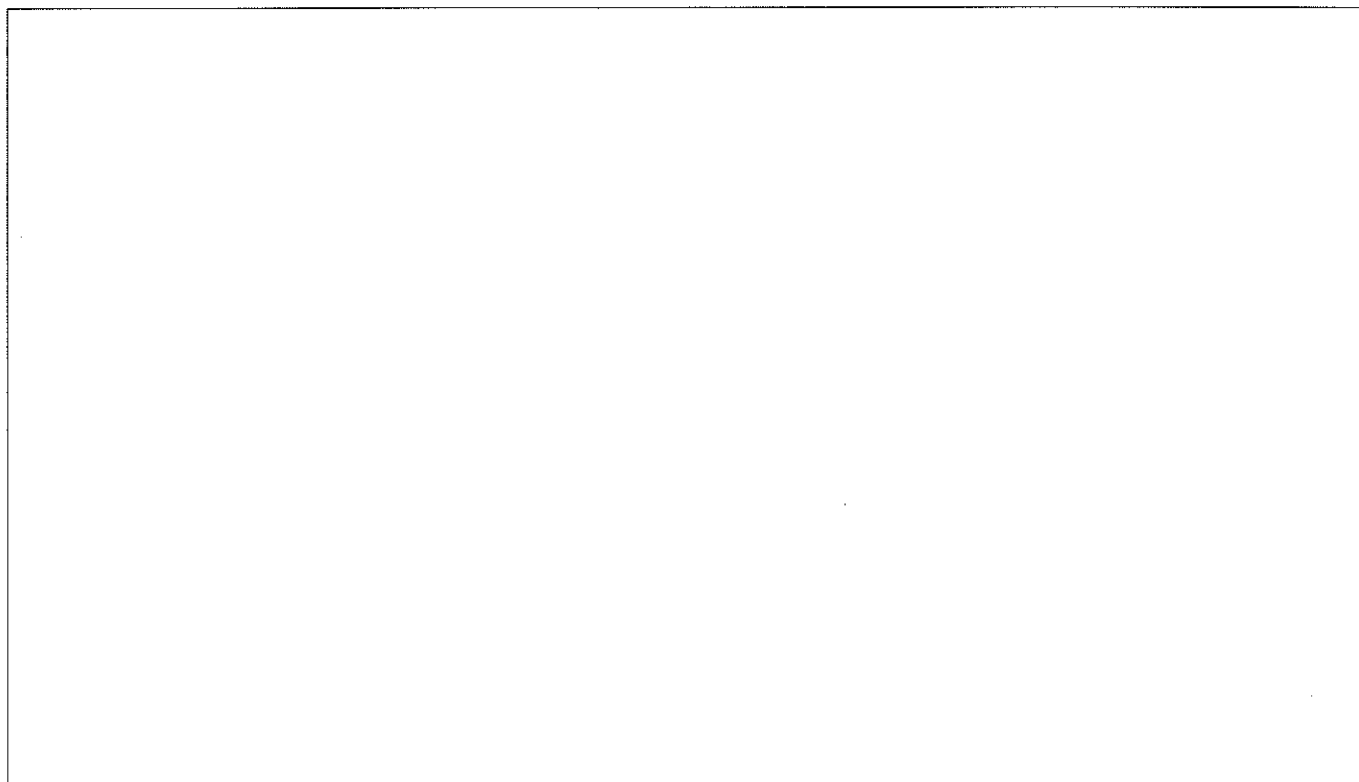
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11. (S) The May 31 "Free Gaza" flotilla incident returned Gaza to the forefront of Palestinian politics [redacted]

[redacted] He has sharply criticized the GOI's handling of the event, describing it as a "major public relations victory" for [redacted]

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12. (S) The flotilla incident may have also contributed to Abu Mazen's decision to send an emissary to Gaza, as a public sign of his support for intra-Palestinian reconciliation. (Hamas refused to receive him.) While [redacted]

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 11:24 AM
To: NEA-IPA-DL
Subject: FW: (S//OC/NF) [redacted] the Findings 1.4(D)
the UN Gaza Flotilla B1

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From: Lester, Raymond
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 7:51 AM
To: Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J
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Subject: (S//OC/NF) [redacted] the Findings of the UN Gaza Flotilla



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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Scovitch, Joseph R
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Afternoon Brief
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ISRAEL TO COOPERATE WITH UN PROBE;

• (SBU) Senior members of PM Netanyahu's cabinet voted to allow the panel access to material gathered by two Israeli committees conducting separate probes into the May 31 raid on a Gaza aid flotilla, media report. The Israel-Palestinian Affairs Office notes the Israeli government and the UN have been working out modalities since Netanyahu's July 6 visit to Washington in order to forestall potentially divisive resolutions at the upcoming UN General Assembly. *(Ops/Israel and Palestinian Affairs Office e-mail, Reuters)*

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1. As of 4 p.m. local time on June 2:

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2. (U) The Israeli government continues to reiterate that its actions in stopping the Gaza flotilla were legitimate. The security cabinet issued a communique this morning which announced that "The Cabinet decided that the imposition of restrictions on the entry of ships into Gaza, which is controlled by the Hamas terrorist organization, is an outstanding act of self-defense against Hamas's continued aggression against Israeli citizens and communities; so too the IDF action against the violent provocation on the high seas. The Cabinet regrets the fact that there were fatalities during the event but lays full responsibility on those elements that took violent action which tangibly endangered the lives of IDF soldiers."

3. (C) [redacted] told the Ambassador this afternoon that a way had been found to release all the Turkish

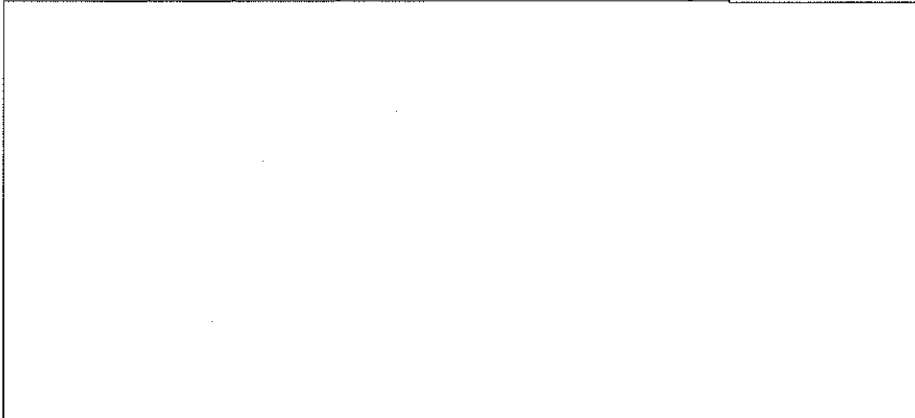
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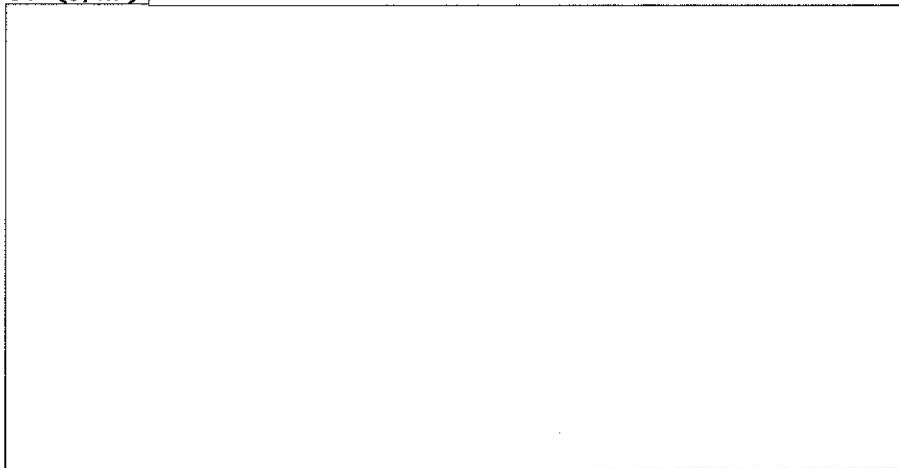


As of 3 p.m. local time, the MFA informed Embassy that Ella Prison had been closed and all the flotilla detainees from Ella were in transit en route to Ben Gurion Airport.

4. (C)

told EconOff today that eight truckloads of humanitarian goods from the flotilla entered Gaza via Kerem Shalom June 1, and more were scheduled to enter today. COGAT is coordinating remaining shipments with the ICRC and UN. UN approval is still pending; ICRC is still in discussions with Hamas regarding delivery of medical items. The items offloaded from the flotilla ships were not packaged properly and need to be repackaged for transfer (e.g. unpacked motor scooters); union safety rules at the port are complicating offloading since ships were not loaded properly and many items had just been thrown in unpacked. estimated that in all, the items offloaded from the ships might total some 70-80 truckloads.

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7. (U) Demonstrations of support for the IDF were held across Israel today. Two of the main organizations behind the shows of solidarity were Im Tirtzu and Bnei Akiva, who brought hundreds of activists into the streets. (Note: Im Tirtzu is the organization that launched the recent campaign against the New Israel Fund, which supports many human rights organizations, some of which provided evidence which was used in the Goldstone Report.) Im Tirtzu organized pro-IDF demonstrations in Israeli universities in Beersheva and Haifa, at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and across the street from the Turkish Embassy in Tel Aviv. They are calling for another demonstration June 2 at Tel Aviv University, as well as another at sea near Haifa, under the title "We're all navy." Im Tirtzu's chairman, Ronen Shuval, said that the organization's aim was to show public support for the IDF as well as to "make people boycott Turkey and its products, to combat Turkish hypocrisy."

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8. (SBU) On June 1, consular officers visited 12 American detainees, 11 at Ella Prison in Beersheva. All were in good health and signed Privacy Act waivers. All families were contacted. All said they would agree to be deported. One detainee, moderately injured in altercations with Israeli Navy personnel at sea and with immigration police at the Port of Ashdod, refused medical treatment and is being held at Givon Prison, Ramle. CONS continues efforts to locate and contact seven possible AmCits who may have been on the flotilla vessels.

9. (SBU) CONS asked MFA for a list of AmCits deported from Israel, those to be deported, and those likely to remain in detention. MFA said it may be able to provide such a list later today.

10. (SBU) The document all detainees are being asked to sign, a Request for Immediate Departure, does not specify any further consequences to those who sign. We have asked MFA to clarify whether those signing will be barred for a period of years from entering Israel. Generally, deportations from Israel incur a ten-year bar.

11. (SBU) ConGen Jerusalem ConOff and Consular Assistant visited [Redacted] at the Ein Kerem Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. As previously reported, [Redacted] injured when hit by an IDF-launched tear gas canister on May 31 during a pro-flotilla protest at Oalandiya, on the West Bank. [Redacted]

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12. (S/NF) [Redacted]

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13. (C) A relatively small minority of the Israeli Arab community in Israel participated in a general strike on June 1, though all Arab schools and some shops were closed throughout the country. Israeli Arabs noted higher participation in Umm al-Fahem, Nazareth, and east Jerusalem. The rumor that Israeli Islamic Movement head Sheikh Raed Salah had been seriously injured or killed on board the Mavi Marmara has now been dispelled and most Israeli observers, including in the Ministry of Internal Security, head of Arab Affairs, are not concerned there will be any further increase in tensions resulting from the May 31 violence.

14. (SBU) After an eight-hour hearing, an Israeli judge extended for a week the arrest of the four Israeli Arab leaders involved in the flotilla, citing possible disruption of legal proceedings against them and concerns about the public peace. Sheikh Raed Salah appeared to enjoy the media attention at the hearing regarding him and the other leader of the Islamic Movement, along with the head of the Arab Higher Monitoring Committee.

15. (SBU) In what appears to be the sole case of violence, one man in Netanya who sustained light wounds said he was stabbed repeatedly by an Arab shouting "Allahu Akbar" (God is great) this morning. Israeli Arabs say their community has generally responded maturely, and has not resorted to any violent demonstrations. Some Israeli Arabs say the Mavi Marmara incident contributes to a growing sense of alienation and powerlessness among Israeli Arabs that leads them to look to the international community for help on Palestinian issues like the Gaza blockade. On the whole, the Israeli Arab reaction appears to be tempered in spite of incendiary statements by the Islamic Movement and some Arab members of the Knesset aiming to stir up protests.

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16. (U) Today the Israeli newspapers began looking at issues including the impact the incident will have on Israel's foreign relations (including with the U.S.), the fate of Gaza, the current Israeli leadership's ability to make decisions in such matters, and the possibility of conducting an investigation into the affair. Media quoted Mossad Director Meir Dagan as saying before the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that "Israel is gradually turning from an asset to the United States to a burden."

17. (SBU) Key commentaries in the news focused on the international ramifications of the flotilla incident, as well as what the future will hold if Israel does not divest itself completely from Gaza and make peace with the Palestinians. The larger conclusion was that Israel had better take dramatic international steps to remedy its present position, or face growing isolation and

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OF GAZA FLOTILLA

Classified By: DCM William Jordan; reasons 1.4 (b and d).

1. (C) SUMMARY: Algerian news outlets have universally
condemned the Israeli raid on the Gaza flotilla, which
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reportedly included an Algerian vessel and a contingent of around 30 Algerians led by the vice president of the Islamist Movement for Society and Peace (MSP) political party. Local press circulated unverified reports on June 1 that two Algerians are among the casualties. Press also focused criticism on the west's tepid response to the crisis. One paper cited the "embarrassed reaction of the U.S.," which called into question the value of President Obama's Cairo message.

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[Redacted] PUBLICLY, the MFA denounced the Israeli raid as cowardly and criminal in a statement released May 31. To date, there have been no reports of demonstrations or violence in response to the Gaza incident. MSP party officials reportedly plan organize a rally near the UN's offices in Algiers or the Algerian Presidency.

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ALGERIA TO CONTINUE POSITIVE ENGAGEMENT AT ARAB LEAGUE

2. (SBU) Ambassador delivered demarche points on the Gaza flotilla incident to Algerian MFA Secretary General Boudjemaa Delmi, who said we was speaking on behalf of Foreign Minister Medelci still attending, along with President Bouteflika, the France - Africa summit in Nice. Delmi said the Israeli attack was a very serious and unwelcome development that would make the Arab League discussion of proximity talks difficult.

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MSP PARTY LEADS ALGERIAN PARTICIPATION IN FLOTILLA

3. (U) Algeria's leading news outlets widely reported the Israeli raid against the Gaza flotilla, universally characterizing Israel's response as a massacre of civilians and deploring the tepid response by western countries. Press articles on June 1 focused on the reported number of dead and injured as a result of Israeli military action. Some newspapers circulated unverified reports that 2 Algerians died during the Israeli raid. There were reportedly 32 Algerians who participated in the flotilla, including members of parliament, senators, political party representatives, journalists, students, and businessmen. Algeria's Islamist

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Movement for Society and Peace political party organized the Algerian component's participation in the flotilla. MSP Vice President Abderrezak Mokri is the reported head of the delegation; local press cited MSP party member Ahmed Brahimi as the Algerian group's campaign coordinator. MSP President Bougerra Soltani (whose wife, Masar Nedjma, is part of the Algerian group) called a press conference to underscore MSP efforts to ascertain the welfare and whereabouts of the Algerian participants. He also called for an emergency meeting with the FLN and RND parties (major elements of the "presidential alliance") to elaborate a common position on the incident. A journalist from "Le Soir d'Algerie" said MSP might attempt a rally in front of the Presidency or UN mission in Algiers by late afternoon on June 1.

4. (C) [redacted] told us June 1 that reports of Algerian victims among those killed were unconfirmed; [redacted] said MSP was working with Algeria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Turkish embassy to obtain more information. [redacted] said the Algerian flotilla group was aboard a vessel purchased in Turkey but sailing under an Algerian flag as well as a white flag. He said the Algerian vessel was transporting prefabricated homes to be distributed to Gaza residents living in tents. [redacted] said MSP lost contact with Algerian group soon after the Israeli raid. In a brief message, [redacted] communicated that the Algerian group intended to travel to Gaza as planned.

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MFA STATEMENT ON GAZA INCIDENT

6. (U) The Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs released an official statement May 31 condemning Israeli military action, which it called cowardly and criminal. The GOA urged the international community and the UN Security Council to respond with a vigorous and unanimous reaction condemning the incident. The statement concluded by reaffirming Algeria's

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solidarity with the Palestinian people, its support for the establishment of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, and its support for a resolution to the question of Palestinian refugees in accordance with international law.

7. (U) Embassy unofficial translation of MFA communique, dated May 31, 2010:

BEGIN TEXT:

Algeria condemns with the strongest words the cowardly and criminal aggression by the Israeli army against the peace-freedom flotilla carrying activists as well as food to break up the inhumane blockade imposed on civilian populations in Gaza since June 2007.

In light of this deplorable military action, perpetrated in international waters, against a long-planned humanitarian initiative, Algeria calls for a vigorous and unanimous reaction from the international community, including at the level of the United Nations Security Council, to condemn with the strongest words this unjustifiable international bloody act of piracy.

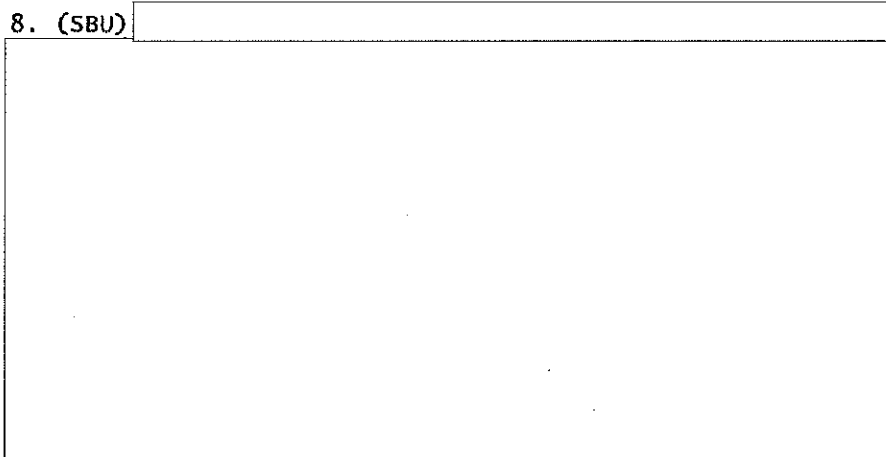
The international community must also take the necessary steps to shed immediately, without any delay, light on this violation of international humanitarian law so that such an act, which is condemned by international morality, will not happen again.

During this painful ordeal, Algeria reiterates its highest level of solidarity to the Palestinian cause and its full support to the Palestinian people's struggle to recover all its stolen rights through the establishment of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital and the resolution of its refugee situation in conformity with international law.

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9. (C) Given the size of the Algerian component in the Gaza flotilla, the GOA will have to contend with an inflamed public opinion in the coming days. Rumors of Algerian casualties are already circulating and, if verified, will further aggravate the reaction here. Politically, the flotilla incident represents an opportunity for the MSP to boost its popularity with Algerians and portray itself as standing up to Israel. This message will resonate with many here who harbor residual anger left over from the Gaza attacks in December 2008/January 2009. The tone of newspaper editorials on June 1 reflects the public's sentiment: impunity for Israel, massacre of civilians, tepid denunciations by Western countries, general outcry elsewhere. The French language daily "Liberte" commented that the "embarrassed" reaction of the United States called into question the sincerity of President Obama's promises in Cairo for a new relationship between the U.S. and the Muslim world. After 52 years of conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, the article continued, the President, like his predecessors, appeared only to be serving the interests of Israel.

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B. TEL AVIV 1225

CLASSIFIED BY: A/DCM MARC SIEVERS, REASONS 1.4 (B), (D)

1. (U) AS OF 6:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME ON JUNE 3:

POLITICAL-MILITARY

2. (U) DURING A SPECIAL EVENING PRESS CONFERENCE IN HIS OFFICE ON JUNE 2, PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU ADDRESSED THE HARSH INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM LEVELED AT THE IDF'S GAZA FLOTILLA INTERVENTION. SPEAKING IN ENGLISH AND HEBREW, NETANYAHU SAID THAT ISRAEL REGRETS THE LOSS OF LIFE, BUT WILL NOT APOLOGIZE FOR DEFENDING ITSELF. HE NOTED THAT ISRAEL IS ONCE AGAIN FACING WHAT HE TERMED INTERNATIONAL "HYPOCRISY" AND A "BIASED RUSH TO JUDGMENT."

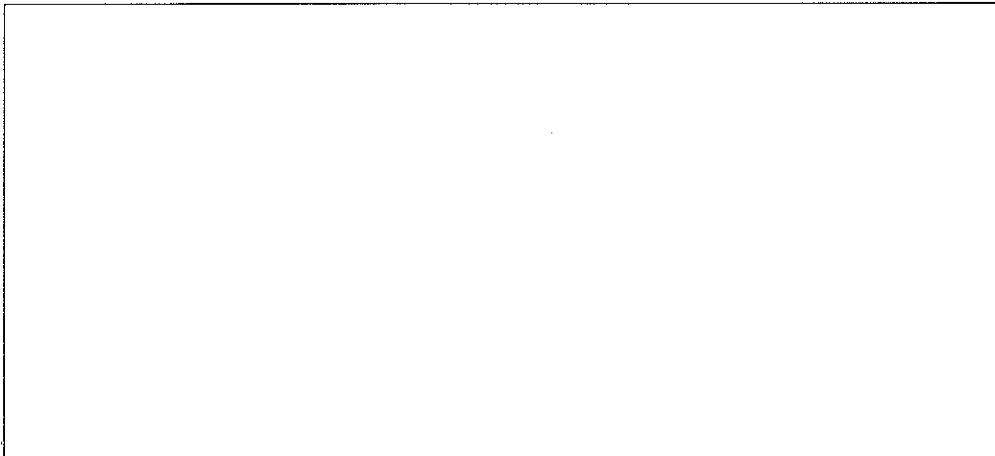
3. (U) NETANYAHU ARGUED THAT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW, ISRAEL

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HAD THE RIGHT TO INTERDICT AND INSPECT THE GAZA FLOTILLA SHIPS. PREVIOUS INTERDICTIONS -- THE FRANCOPI AND THE KARINE A -- DISCOVERED TONS OF WEAPONS DESTINED FOR HIZBALLAH AND FATAH, RESPECTIVELY. NETANYAHU SAID THAT HAMAS ALREADY POSSESSES ROCKETS CAPABLE OF HITTING TEL AVIV -- ISRAEL CANNOT AFFORD TO PERMIT IRAN TO ESTABLISH A MEDITERRANEAN PORT, WHICH WOULD ALSO BECOME A THREAT TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

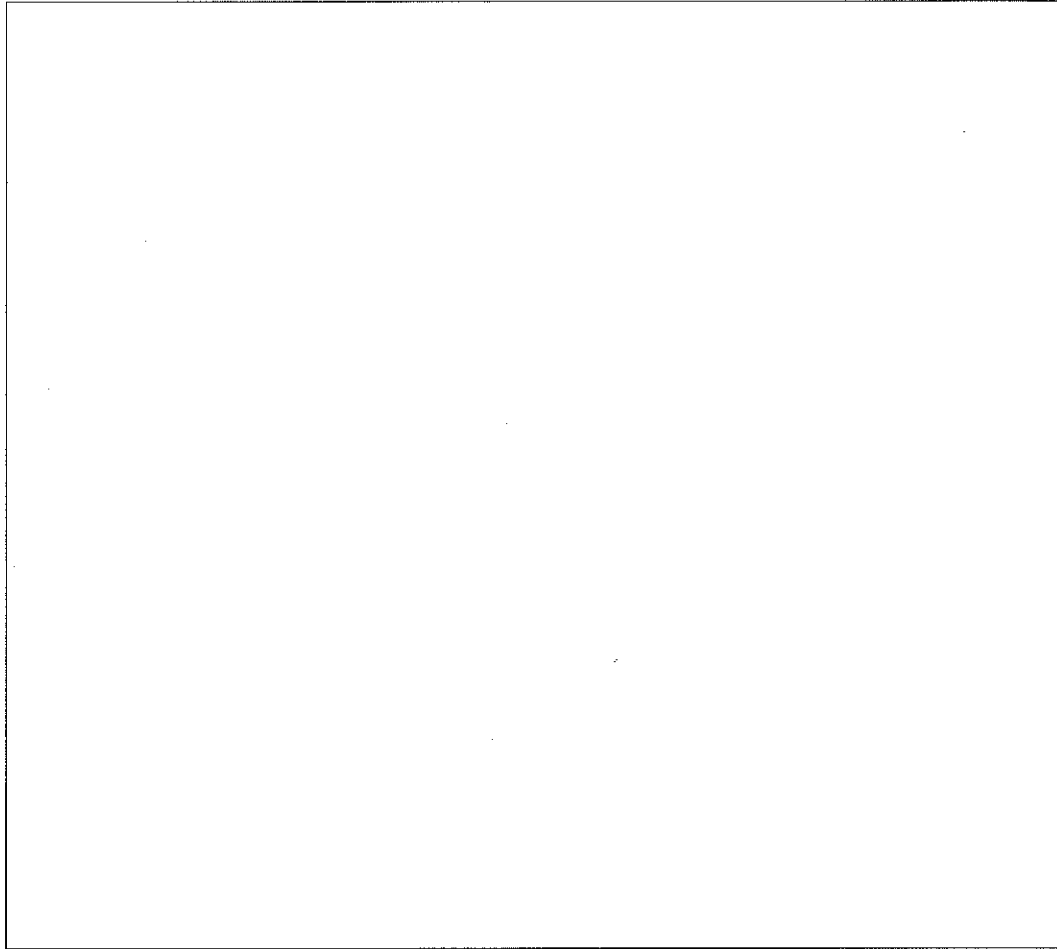
4. (U) NETANYAHU DEFENDED THE ACTIONS OF THE IDF NAVAL COMMANDOS THAT BOARDED THE MAVI MARMARA, WHO WERE MET BY A "VICIOUS MOB" WHICH STABBED, CLUBBED AND FIRED UPON THEM. HE SAID THIS WAS NOT A "LOVE BOAT," BUT A "HATE BOAT" OF "VIOLENT SUPPORTERS OF TERRORISM." HE ASKED INTERNATIONAL LEADERS HOW THEY WOULD RESPOND IF FACING A SIMILAR SITUATION, AND REITERATED ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO DEFEND ITSELF.

5. (C) DURING A JUNE 3 BRIEF TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS,



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7. (U) THE IDF MILITARY ADVOCATE GENERAL RELEASED A REPORT
DETAILING THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE FLOTILLA
INTERDICTION. THE REPORT STATES THAT ACCORDING TO THE LAWS
OF ARMED CONFLICT, A STATE PARTY TO AN ARMED CONFLICT HAS THE
RIGHT TO ESTABLISH A NAVAL BLOCKADE ON ITS ENEMY'S COAST FOR
SECURITY REASONS. A NAVAL BLOCKADE MEANS PREVENTING THE
PASSAGE -- ENTRY OR EXIT -- OF ALL VESSELS TO OR FROM THE
PORTS AND COASTAL AREAS OF THE ENEMY, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE
KIND OF CARGO CARRIED BY THESE VESSELS. THE REPORT ALSO

QUOTES THE U.S. NAVY'S "COMMANDER'S HANDBOOK ON THE LAW OF NAVAL OPERATIONS," WHERE ARTICLE 7.7.1 STATES THAT NATIONS ARE ENTITLED TO SEARCH CONTENTS ENTERING OR EXITING, AS WELL AS THE RIGHT TO BLOCKADE "INTENDED TO PREVENT VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT, REGARDLESS OF THEIR CARGO, FROM CROSSING AN ESTABLISHED AND PUBLICIZED CORDON SEPARATING THE ENEMY FROM INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND/OR AIRSPACE."

8. (U) ALL FOUR ISRAELI ARAB PARTICIPANTS IN THE FLOTILLA HELD IN CUSTODY WERE RELEASED JUNE 3 TO HOUSE-ARREST UNTIL JUNE 8. THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD-AFFILIATED ISLAMIC MOVEMENT'S NORTHERN BRANCH LEADER, SHEIKH RAED SALAH, CLAIMED IN COURT THAT ISRAELI SOLDIERS TRIED TO KILL HIM AND SHOT AT SOMEONE ELSE THEY THOUGHT WAS HIM. NEWS REPORTS TODAY ALLEGED THAT SALAH WAS ONE OF THE ACTIVISTS WHO ATTACKED IDF SOLDIERS BOARDING THE MARMARA AND WHO "TRIED TO PROVIDE COVER" FOR A GUNMAN WHO OPENED FIRE ON THE COMMANDOS. THE THREE ISLAMIC MOVEMENT LEADERS AND THE HEAD OF THE ARAB HIGHER MONITORING COMMITTEE WERE RELEASED ON BAIL OF NIS 150,000 (ABOUT USD 39,000) AND THE CONDITION THEY NOT LEAVE THE COUNTRY FOR 45 DAYS. STREET CELEBRATIONS WERE PLANNED TO BE HELD IN UMM AL-FAHEM TODAY TO WELCOME THE ISLAMIC MOVEMENT LEADERS HOME.

9. (S//NF) THE IDF CONTINUES TO WATCH FOR ADDITIONAL VESSELS THAT MAY POTENTIALLY PARTICIPATE IN A "SECOND WAVE." ISRAELI

AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON THE
INTENTIONS OF THE M/V RACHEL CORRIE, A CAMBODIAN-FLAGGED

1,200-TON CARGO VESSEL. [REDACTED]

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HOWEVER, PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY ORGANIZERS SUGGEST THE RACHEL
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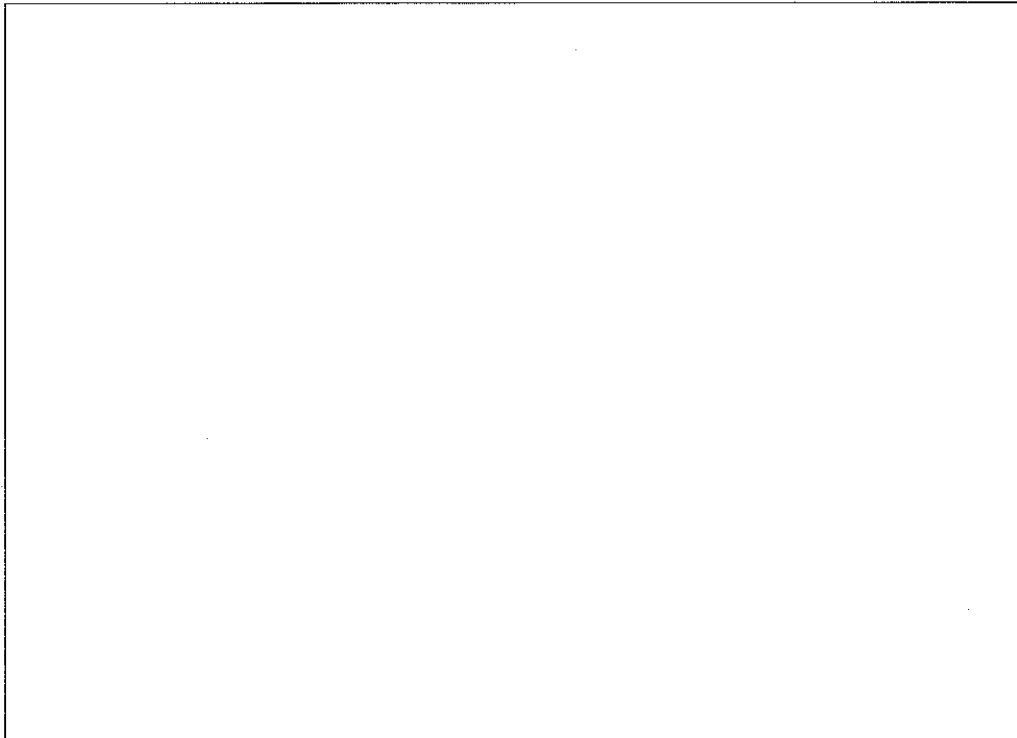
10. (S//NF) [REDACTED]

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11. (C) [REDACTED]

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12. (SBU) DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JUNE 3, CONS
CONFIRMED THROUGH THE MFA THE DEPARTURE OF EIGHT AMCITS TO
ISTANBUL AND ONE AMCIT TO ATHENS. THE NINE AMCITS LEFT FROM
BEN GURION AIRPORT ON AIRCRAFT SENT BY THE GREEK AND TURKISH
GOVERNMENTS. CONSULAR ACCESS WAS NOT PERMITTED AT BEN GURION
AIRPORT. ONWARD TRANSPORTATION WAS TO BE THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF EACH TRAVELER. MANY INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED
CONCERNING [REDACTED], AN ACTIVIST WHO HAS BEEN ARRESTED
PREVIOUSLY IN ISRAEL. HE SHOWED SIGNS OF BRUISING ALL OVER
HIS BODY WHEN CONSULAR OFFICERS VISITED HIM ON JUNE 2. HE

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ALLEGES MISTREATMENT AND HAS PUBLICIZED HIS CONDITION TO PHYSICIANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO THE MEDIA.

13. (SBU) POST LATER LEARNED THAT ONE OF THE DECEASED WHOSE REMAINS WERE RETURNED TO TURKEY AT THE SAME TIME WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY THAT OF FURKAN DOGAN, A 19-YEAR OLD TURKISH AMERICAN DUAL NATIONAL WHOM WE HAD BEEN TRYING TO LOCATE FOR SEVERAL DAYS. EMBASSY ANKARA IS WAITING FOR THE TURKISH MFA TO CONFIRM THE IDENTITY OF THE DECEASED. POST DOES NOT KNOW OF ANY AMCITS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE FLOTILLA WHO REMAIN IN DETENTION. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THREE POSSIBLE AMCITS:

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14. (SBU) AMCIT PARTICIPANT UPDATE:

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DEPORTED TO ATHENS

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DEPARTED VIA BEN GURION AIRPORT TO UNITED STATES ON MAY 31

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-- [REDACTED]

OTHERS

-- [REDACTED] (DUAL IRISH/AMCIT) IS USING HIS IRISH
PASSPORT AND ARRIVED IN ISTANBUL, ACCORDING TO A FELLOW
TRAVELER.

-- [REDACTED] (DUAL PALESTINIAN/AMCIT) IS IN RAMALLAH,
WEST BANK, ACCORDING TO HER HUSBAND [REDACTED]

PRESS REPORTING

15. (U) THE MOST DOMINANT THEME IN THE ISRAELI PRESS THREE
DAYS REMOVED FROM THE GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT IS THE DEBATE
OVER WHAT TYPE OF INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE LAUNCHED. AS
REFLECTED THROUGHOUT THE PRESS, THE "SPIRIT OF INVESTIGATIONS
PAST" LOOMS OVER THE DEBATE AND GUIDES THE ISRAELI
LEADERSHIPS CURRENT BEHAVIOR IN THE MATTER -- SPECIFICALLY,
THE INTERNAL WINOGRAD COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE 2006
SECOND LEBANON WAR, AND THE EXTERNAL GOLDSTONE REPORT
INVESTIGATING THE 2008-2009 OPERATION CAST LEAD IN GAZA.

16. (U) CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS DEMANDS OF ISRAEL TO COOPERATE WITH INTERNATIONAL PROBES, THERE IS A COMPELLING RECOGNITION IN THE PRESS THAT ISRAEL SHOULD ALLOW SOME KIND OF INTERNATIONAL SCRUTINY AND PARTICIPATION -- EVEN IF LIMITED -- IN ITS OWN INVESTIGATION OF THE EVENTS, HOPEFULLY STAVING OFF A FULL-BLOWN "GOLDSTONE II." ANOTHER OPTION DISCUSSED IS COOPERATION WITH AN INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION AS A LESSON LEARNED FROM THE RESULTS OF ISRAEL'S NON-COOPERATION WITH THE GOLDSTONE REPORT. THE WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW THIS UNPRECEDENTED ACTION ALSO STEMS FROM THE LIMITED MANDATE OF THE WOULD-BE PROBE, AND THE FACT THAT ISRAEL'S CASE IS BACKED BY PHYSICAL AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE AND "POSITIVE" LEGAL OPINIONS.

17. (U) ACCORDING TO ISRAEL RADIO NEWS ON JUNE 3, A MAJORITY OF MINISTERS ARE OPPOSED TO THE FORMATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY. THAT SAID, THEY BELIEVE THAT AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE MUST EXAMINE OPERATIONAL ISSUES TO DETERMINE INTELLIGENCE FAILURES AND FLAWS IN THE POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. FM LIEBERMAN HAS INDICATED HE SUPPORTS AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION THAT MIGHT BE SUPERVISED BY IMPARTIAL FOREIGN OFFICIALS.

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Subject: (S/NF) [redacted] Rachel Corrie

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Colleagues –

[redacted]

Ops will continue to monitor the situation and update accordingly.

Regards,

-Phill

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Holmes, Stephanie E
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 11:18 AM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: (SBU) MGGZ01: MOROCCAN MFA ON GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT

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TAGS: PREL, PHUM, ASEC, MARR, PINR, MO, GZ, IS
SUBJECT: MGGZ01: MOROCCAN MFA ON GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT

REF: FELTMAN-NEA AMBASSADORS E-MAIL, MAY 31, 2010

1. (SBU) OFFICIAL REACTION: With Minister of Foreign Affairs Taieb Fassi Fihri in France for the France-Afrigue Summit, the Ambassador delivered our talking points to [redacted], MFA [redacted] on June 1. The GOM was "dismayed" by Israeli actions against the Gaza flotilla, [redacted] said, and deeply troubled by the possible impact the event could have on those states in the region that have, up to now, been quietly committed to the two-state solution and the peace process. He lamented what he described as Kuwait's decision to "withdraw" from the Arab Peace Initiative in response to the incident, and worried that other less moderate Arab states were likely to follow suit. In addition, he worried that the Netanyahu government had badly jeopardized the extremely important diplomatic role Turkey has been trying to play in the region. [redacted] expressed some optimism that Turkey and Israel could ultimately move beyond this crisis, but noted that they would "need help," namely in the forms of 1) outside mediation (i.e., from the U.S.) and 2) Israel's "reaching out" (i.e., offering a carefully worded apology).

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2. (SBU) As for Morocco, [redacted] assured the Ambassador that Morocco "remains committed, in our way, to supporting the peace process and the two state solution." The GOM will counsel "patience and more negotiations" and will try to shore up Abu Mazen, who will again face great criticism in the wake of this crisis. The Ambassador emphasized the very helpful role Turkey, Morocco and Jordan have traditionally played in fostering the peace process, and noted that a greater burden may now fall to Morocco, at least until Turkey and Israel move beyond this incident and its fallout. [redacted] clearly took this direct message on board, and promised to underscore it when transmitting our demarche to the Foreign Minister.

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3. (SBU) POPULAR REACTION: As of June 3, the Moroccan press continued to be awash in scathing criticism of Israel's action; a

significant minority of press commentary has criticized the United States for its support to Israel. Human rights and pro-Palestinian NGOs are planning a "National Day of Anger" to include public demonstrations in Rabat (and possibly in other cities) for Sunday, June 6. Such demonstrations in the past have brought upwards of 50,000 to the streets in Rabat alone, but we expect police control of such events to be adequate. The prominent leader of Morocco's Jewish community told the Ambassador that, in general terms, there has been a strongly negative popular reaction to the Gaza flotilla incident; however, he judged it to be much less vehement than the anti-Israel reactions to events of previous years such as the military incursions into Gaza of 2006 and 2008. Other observers have also suggested that even though the participation of seven Moroccans in the flotilla has increased public interest, the fact that none was hurt could contribute to the issue fading more quickly than we initially expected.

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SUBJECT: JORDAN CONDEMNS ISRAELI RAID ON FREEDOM FLOTILLA,
URGES INTERNATIONAL ACTION

REF: AMMAN 1231

Classified By: Ambassador R. Stephen Beecroft for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (S/NF) Summary: Jordanian officials and the public have sharply criticized Israel's May 31 raid of a ship attempting to break the Gaza blockade and urged stronger international action. Jordan's Foreign Minister proposed in a June 2 emergency Arab League meeting a plan of action to respond to Israel's raid.

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Official Reaction

2. (U) At a June 2 emergency Arab League session, Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh proposed measures to respond to the May
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31 Israeli raid. Under Judeh's proposal as outlined in press reports:

-- The UN's Arab Group would call for a continuation of the United Nations' 10th emergency session to press for a resolution condemning Israel.

--The Arab Group would also press for an international investigation of the attack and urge an end to Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip.

--The Arab Group in Geneva would seek an emergency session of the UN Human Rights Council to support a resolution condemning Israel and to call for an international investigation and an end to the blockade.

--The Arab League would study the possibility of suing Israel in the International Court of Justice for "repeated breaches of international human rights."

3. (U) A day before the Arab League session, Jordan's King Abdullah strongly condemned Israel's raid, saying it constituted a clear violation of international law. The King called for an international investigation into the "crime" and urged the international community to take immediate and effective measures to lift the illegal embargo on Gaza. The King asserted that Israel's occupation of Palestinian lands was the main cause of regional tension, adding that establishing a viable and independent Palestinian state was the only way to bring peace, security and stability to the region.

4. (U) The King's comments followed the May 31 condemnation by Minister of State for Media Affairs and Communications Nabil Sharif who labeled the Israeli act "a heinous crime." Sharif added in statements to the media that: "This is rejected, unjustified and unprovoked belligerence and a gross breach of international laws and conventions." Jordan's Senate President Taher Al Masri also criticized the Israeli attack, urging world countries to confront continued Israeli aggression on the Palestinian people and violations of international law.

Media Reaction

5. (U) All local media outlets carried lengthy coverage of the attack and international reaction, with photos, news articles, and analysis highly critical of Israel. June 2 editorials praised the Turkish government's strong condemnation of Israeli action, comparing the response critically to that of Arab governments. For example, in the independent, Arabic-language daily, Chief Editor Taher Odwan argued: "The Arab official policies are in need of comprehensive revision in terms of the position on Israel and on the evil alliance between America, Europe, and the occupation country." He lashed out: "It is ironic that any Arab regime would claim to be on the throne of the Arab nation when it contributes to sealing the siege against the Palestinians in Gaza or to creating the atmosphere in the region that encourages Israel to practice more brutality, bloodshed, and violations of rights." A leading political

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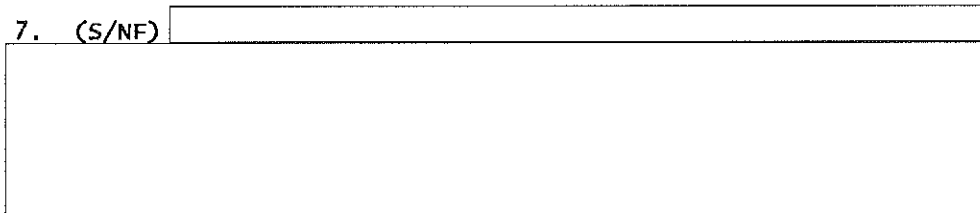
analyst, Mohammad Abu Rumman, in the independent Al-Ghad Arabic daily opined: "The rules of the game are clear, but we, the Arabs, do not get them. Israel knows them and so does Turkey, Iran, and those countries that own their choices and their will and have the ability to define their interests and security and to defend them. No one is going to offer to defend our security and our interests as long as we are afraid to."

Public Reaction

6. (U) The public has been outraged by the Israeli action. Since the May 31 event, there have been daily protests in Amman, including near the Israeli Embassy. PAO attended a thesis defense on Monday, May 31, in which the candidate, a professional journalist and former Jordanian diplomat, asked the attendees to rise and observe a moment of silence for "the martyrs of the Freedom Flotilla." In an invitation to a monthly meeting for entrepreneurs, technology experts, and academics, organizers noted that as part of the agenda they would begin with a few moments "to honor our brothers in Gaza". In response to the Embassy's Facebook posting of the President's National Security Strategy, fans evoked the Israeli raid and criticized what they saw as U.S. bias toward Israel. A prominent businessman declined the invitation to the Embassy's July 4 reception, citing the United States' "unhumanitarian stance in Palestine."

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E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: ASEC, ID, KISL, PGOV, IR
SUBJECT: TWO INDONESIA INJURED ABOARD HUMANITARIAN SHIP
BOUND FOR GAZA

1. (U) This message is Sensitive but Unclassified. Please handle accordingly.

2. (SBU) According to [redacted] two Indonesians were injured when the Mavi Marmara was allegedly stormed by Israeli forces on May 31. The Mavi Marmara was part of the Freedom Flotilla attempting to bypass the Israeli blockade to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza. The Indonesian government is working through its embassies in Beirut, Turkey and Jordan to ascertain the current health and welfare of its citizens. Indonesia maintains no diplomatic ties with Israel. There were 12 Indonesians in the flotilla from three pro-Palestine activist groups (one considered hardline) and five local journalists. Peaceful protests are ongoing throughout Jakarta with approximately 1,000 gathered outside Embassy Jakarta.

3. (SBU) The Indonesian government condemned the alleged attack and urged the United Nations to fully investigate the incident. Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalagawa announced that one of the groups, Medical Emergency Rescue

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Committee (Mer-C), notified the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (KEMLU) prior to its departure. KEMLU officials reportedly told Mer-C that it appreciated efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza, but warned of the high risk associated with this action.

4. (SBU) Mer-C is one of three pro-Palestine organizations aboard the Mavi Marmara and Indonesia's largest contingency with five representatives. It is known as a Muslim hardline group focused on providing humanitarian and disaster relief. This group sent representatives into Gaza in the aftermath of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict last year. Although the group is not known to have official ties to any jihadi group, there are allegations that it provided financial assistance to widows of the conflict in Poso, which may have included families of terrorist suspects.

5. (SBU) The other two organizations include the Indonesian Committee for Palestine Solidarity (KISPA) and Friends of Al Aqsa Mosque (Sahat Al Aqsa). KISPA is a humanitarian and charity organization for the Palestine Authority, actively involved in a forum supporting Palestinian independence. Other members of the forum include the moderate mass-Muslim organization Muhammadiyah (with over 35 million members) and more hardline groups such as the Islamic Defender's Front (FPI) and Dewan Dakwah Islamiyah Indonesia (DDII). Friends of Al Aqsa Mosque conducts awareness campaigns on issues related to Palestinian humanitarian efforts. It was founded by an activist from the Prosperous Justice Party (PKS), Indonesia's largest Islamic-based political party.

6. (SBU) Also on board were several local journalists [redacted]

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[redacted] a popular Muslim women's magazine. [redacted] was chosen in the past to participate in a regional East-West Center program, although [redacted] was unable to attend, and is a contributor to Indonesia's largest English-language newspaper. [redacted] is reportedly among the injured and remains hospitalized in QHaifa. [redacted] Magazine, Indonesia's second largest current affairs magazine. According to our information, [redacted] (KISPA) also sustained minor injuries.

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From: Olsen, Briana L
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To: SMART Core
Subject: Gaza Flotilla Tidbits from the Swedish Government and Port Union

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Captions: SENSITIVE, SIPDIS
Subject: Gaza Flotilla Tidbits from the Swedish Government and Port Union

1. (U) The following summarizes recent reactions to the Gaza aid Flotilla by the Swedish Parliament, MFA and Port Workers Union.
2. (SBU) Parliament: At the initiative of the Left Party, the Swedish Parliament today held a debate on the wider Gaza aid issue. As Sweden is four months away from general elections, the debate was more about campaigning than foreign policy making. Foreign Minister Carl Bildt summed up the debate well with his closing statement: "What is the Red-Green opposition's position? Foreign policy is no laughing matter. The opposition basically only agrees on one thing--to bring home the military attaché, and even then they agree that it probably will not have any effect whatsoever."
3. (SBU) MFA: On June 4, DCM Silverman met with [redacted] stated that the Swedish position is clear in two aspects: Israel was wrong to board the ships in international waters and Israel had used extensive violence. Bildt has stated that Sweden will continue to build on the EU's unity and work through the international system.
4. (SBU) Port Workers Union: The AP news wire reported on 5 June that the Swedish Port Workers Union will launch a weeklong boycott of Israeli ships and goods in response to the raid on the Gaza-destined aid flotilla. Although Swedish trade unions are traditionally very powerful, this is a small freestanding group with only 1,500 members. Post does not expect this group to have any real impact on trade between Sweden and Israel.

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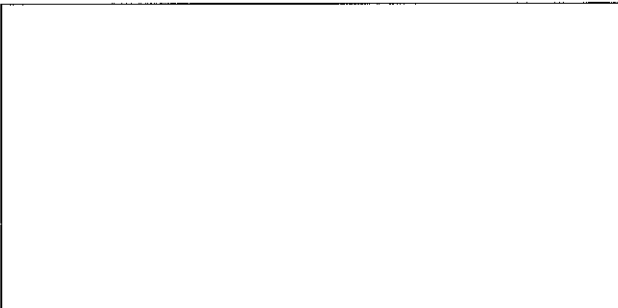
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1. (U) This is an action request. See paragraph 6.

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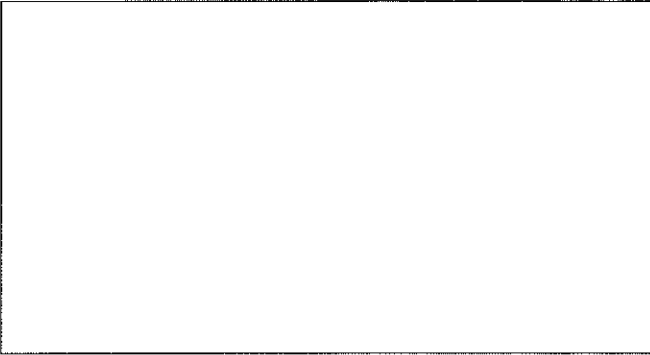


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SAUDI CABINET STATEMENT CONDEMNS "MASSACRE"

7. (U) The initial Saudi reaction was a statement released Monday evening following the weekly meeting of the Council of Ministers. The statement: (quote) The Cabinet denounced and condemned the massacre committed today by Israel whose forces attacked the aid flotilla heading to the Gaza Strip to break the siege imposed by the Israeli authorities. The Cabinet described this attack as aggressive and reflecting Israel's inhuman practices, flagrant defiance of the whole world and international law, insistence to starve the Palestinian people and prevent all kinds of humanitarian relief, and indulgence in killing innocent people. The Cabinet called on the international community to shoulder its responsibilities towards the barbarous attacks and policy of Israeli occupation authorities. (End quote)

(U) SAUDI MEDIA REFLECTS POPULAR OUTRAGE AND SOME ANGER AT ARAB INACTION

8. (U) News of the Flotilla incident has dominated the Saudi media, with most articles and editorials expressing outrage and denunciations of Israel and criticisms of perceived U.S. failure to hold Israel accountable for its "crimes." There was also widespread criticism of perceived Arab inaction to confront Israeli aggression and inability to effectively help Gaza. Several editorials hailed Turkey's apparent decision to abandon its role as a mediator and called for "freezing the peace process," and taking action against Israeli action, "which cannot be stopped except by force."

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9. (C) In Jeddah, [redacted] told Poloff that the OIC was planning to call an Executive Meeting at the Foreign Ministers level on June 6th in Jeddah to allow for an exchange of views and to identify ways to put pressure on Israel.⁸ He said that a strong joint statement from the group should be expected. [redacted] added that the OIC had hoped for a harsher statement from the U.S. and was specifically disappointed that term & condemnation⁸ was not used.
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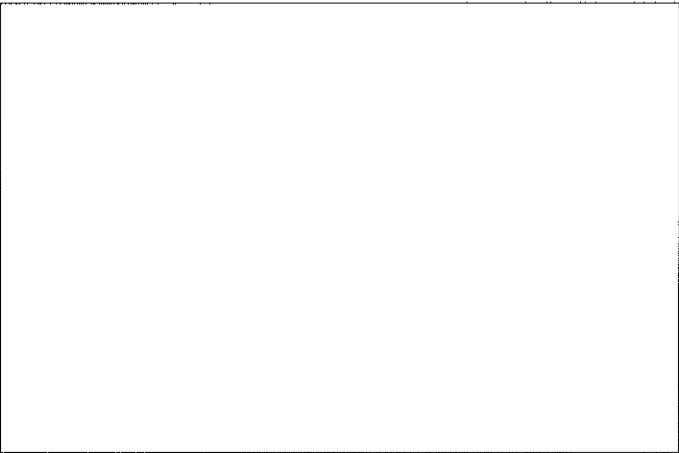
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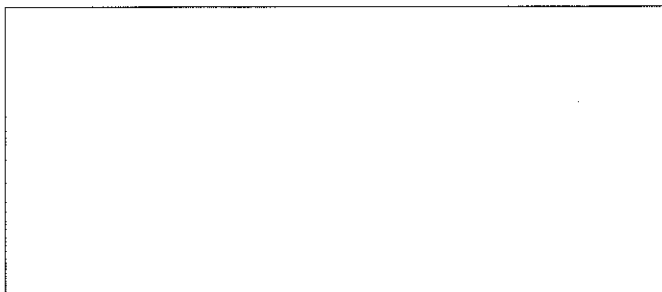


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Subject: [redacted] ON GAZA FLOTILLA AND [redacted]
[redacted]

1. (S/NF) SUMMARY: The French currently prefer for the Quartet to act as the international element of an investigation into the events that took place May 31 on board the Gaza flotilla, [redacted]

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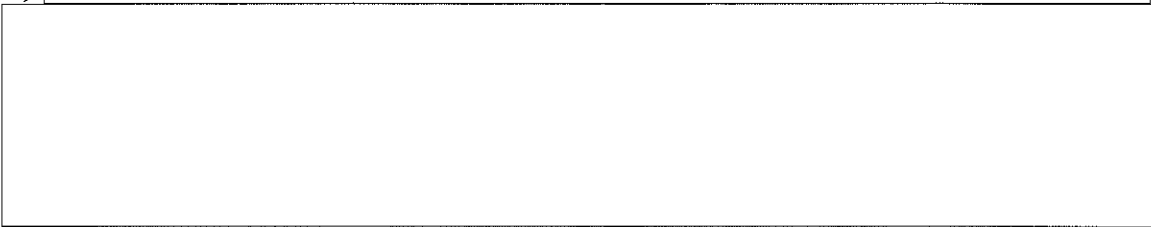
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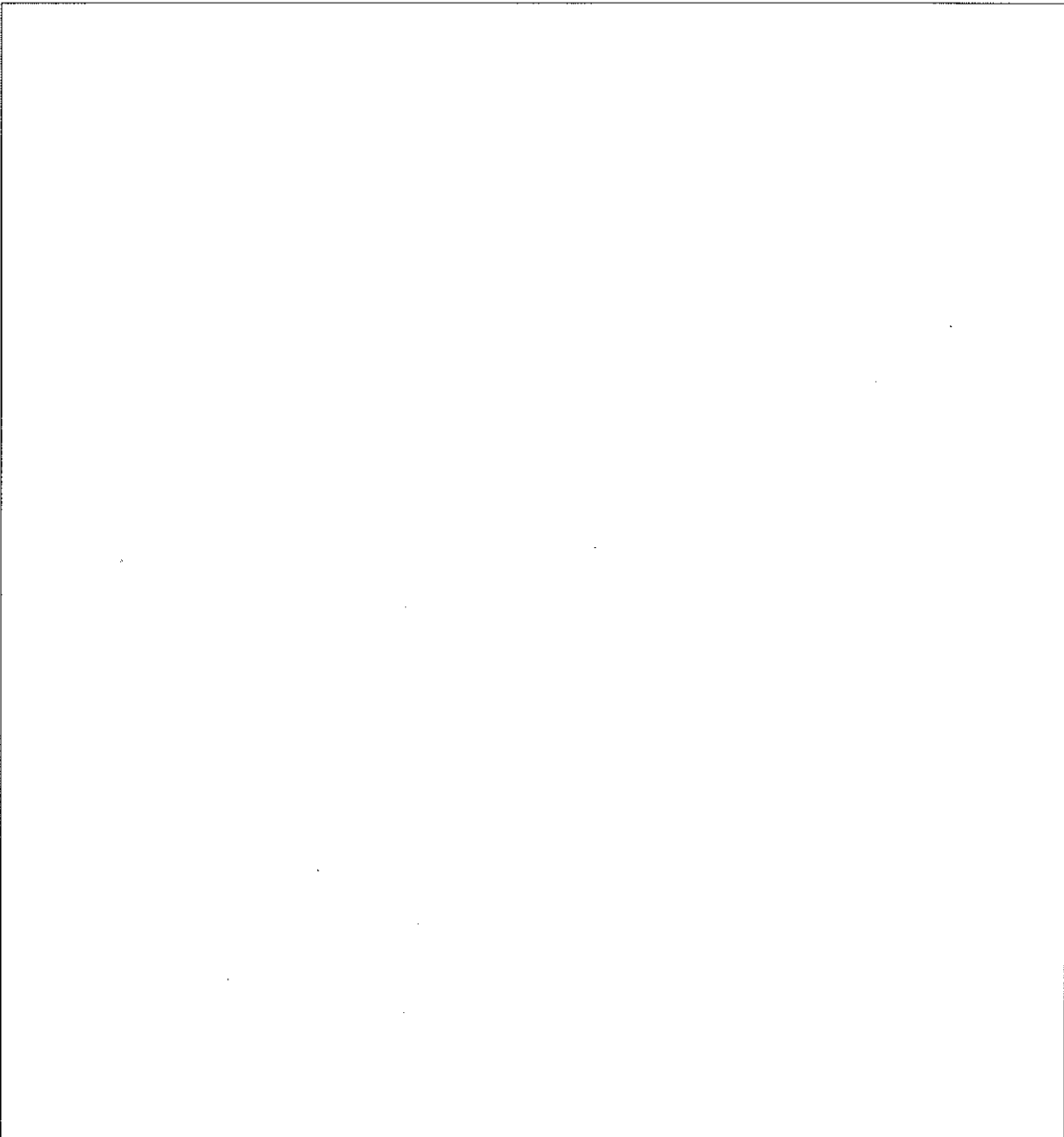
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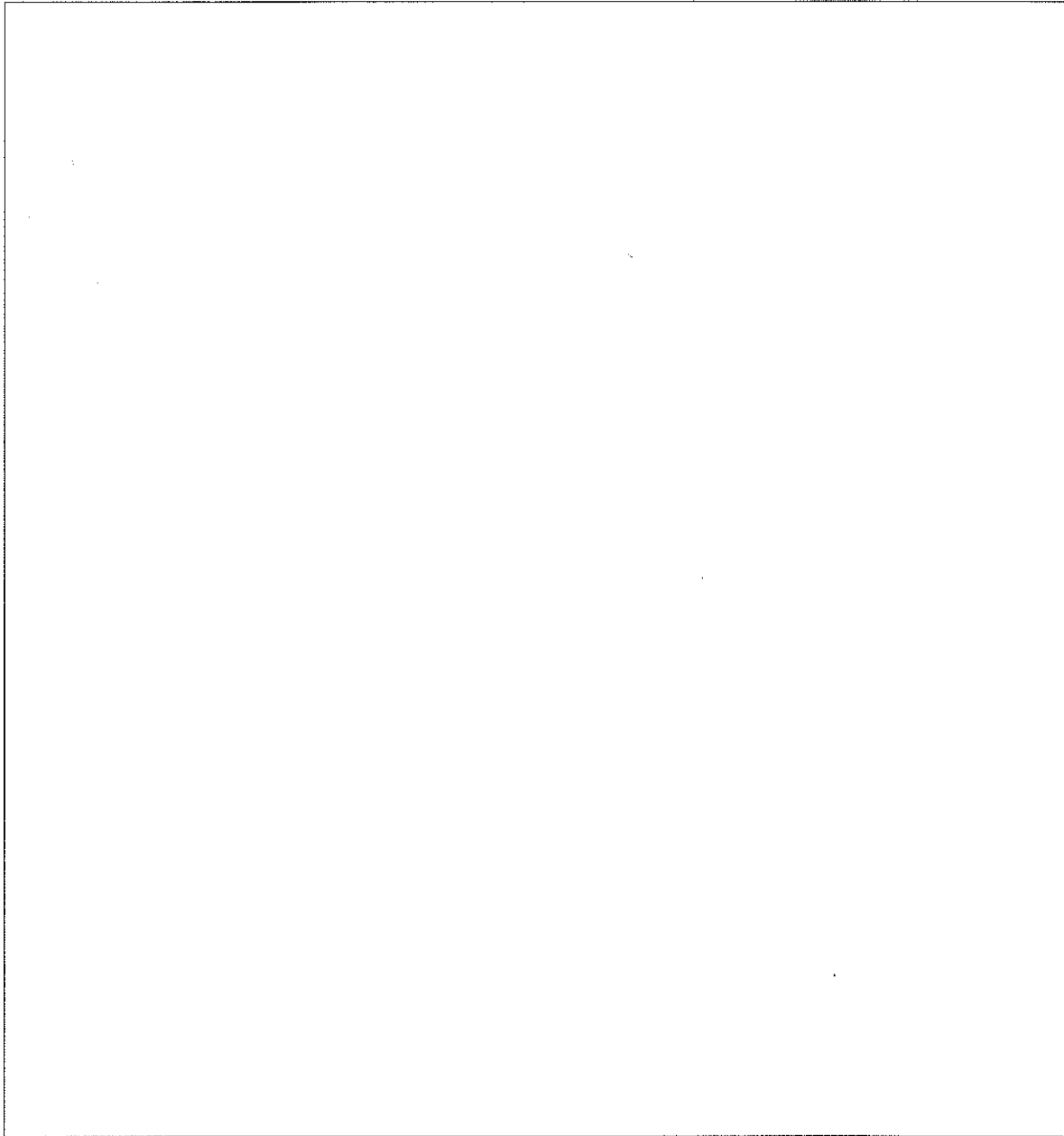


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(SBU) *JULIA / NAJI AL-ALI* SHIP STATUS: The MV *Julia* is still sitting next to the pier in the Tripoli port (attached are two photos taken yesterday, one showing a truck from which cargo was being loaded onto the ship). Our investigator reported that, as of 17:00 local time today, no paperwork has been submitted on the boat -- neither a request for permission to leave port nor a passenger manifest. Their police and port contacts therefore concluded that the *Julia* would not be departing Lebanon today. There was no activity of any kind around the ship during the several hours we were watching it during the day. We will send our LES investigator back to Tripoli in the morning to continue to observe and report on developments.

(SBU) *MARIAM* STATUS: The organizers of the *Mariam* effort continue to assert that they are planning to launch a ship for Gaza with 50-70 women on board, but it has become increasingly clear that the group has not yet identified a specific ship they can use. Transportation Minister Ghazi Aridi is reported in today's press as having said that only one ship -- the *Julia* -- is currently being prepared for launch. Aridi indicated that the *Mariam* planners were still working on putting their effort together. Aridi also was reported as having claimed to the media that he had already granted permission for the *Julia* to depart. We note that Aridi's permission is not the only legal requirement the ship's organizers must meet.

(SBU) *MARIAM* ORGANIZER'S COMMENTS; AMCIT ISSUES: [redacted] to meet today with [redacted]
 [redacted] claimed that it will have 50-70 women on board from all nationalities and religions. She also stated that the *Mariam* mission is not affiliated with any political party. Citing privacy and security concerns, she declined to provide a manifest or confirm how many AmCits were going to be on board. She said that as soon as the ship had departed from Lebanon she would send us the manifest. She did mention, however, that three American nuns were planning on joining the trip (Note: the press here has been reporting that four or five "U.S. nuns" would be part of the group.). [redacted] also overheard a phone call in which [redacted] made reference to an American woman from Qatar [redacted] who was going to join the ship. [redacted] refused to say which port the ship would be sailing from, stating only that it would be "from the shores of Lebanon." She also said they were waiting for clearance from Cyprus, and that they expected to depart "in the next couple of days." She said that all precautions have been taken to ensure the safety of the ship. As of COB June 23, we still have no reports of a specific ship being identified as the intending *Mariam*.

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(SBU) [redacted] downplay flotilla progress: [redacted] told the Ambassador this morning that he was working closely with [redacted] on the issue of ships planning to sail from Lebanon to Gaza. [redacted] said, "We have a handle on the situation" and added that no activity was taking place in the Tripoli port near the MV *Julia*. The GOL knows, he emphasized, that the journey of such a ship toward Gaza "is not in our interest." [redacted] also underscored to the Ambassador today that "nothing is happening" with regards to the MV *Julia*.

(SBU) *Julia/Naji al-Ali* ship status: The MV *Julia* (aka *Naji al-Ali*) is still sitting next to the pier in the Tripoli port. Our investigator reported that, as of 1200 local time today, no paperwork has been submitted on the boat -- neither a request for permission to leave port nor a passenger manifest. There was no activity of any kind around the ship during the several hours we were watching it during the day. We also touched base with Customs, General Security, the Lebanese Armed Forces' G-2, and the Internal Security Force at the ports in Sidon, Beirut, and Tripoli ports, in addition to all of those agencies' headquarters. Furthermore, the DATT spoke with [redacted] yesterday and asked him to notify us if any suspect vessels depart Lebanese ports. Outside of the MV *Julia* in Tripoli, we have not learned of any other vessels suspected of planning to sail to Gaza.

(SBU) Transportation minister says no *Mariam* exists: Transportation Minister Aridi told *As-Sharq al-Awsat* newspaper on Wednesday that he has no information regarding a Lebanese aid ship dubbed *Mariam*. "There is a campaign called *Mariam*, and the organizers of the campaign to lift the Gaza blockade did not say there was a vessel carrying that name." He added that the only aid ship, the MV *Julia*, is currently docked at the Tripoli port, and he said it has been dubbed the *Naji al-Ali*.

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No Activity Around Flotilla Ships

(SBU) At midday on August 20, an Embassy security team determined that the *Mariam* (formerly the *Jounieh Star*), a ship docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli that intends to break the Gaza blockade, remained in its position on the wharf with no activity taking place on or around it. Its sister ship the *Julia* (aka the *Naji al-Ali*) remains anchored in the port with no activity taking place on or around it.



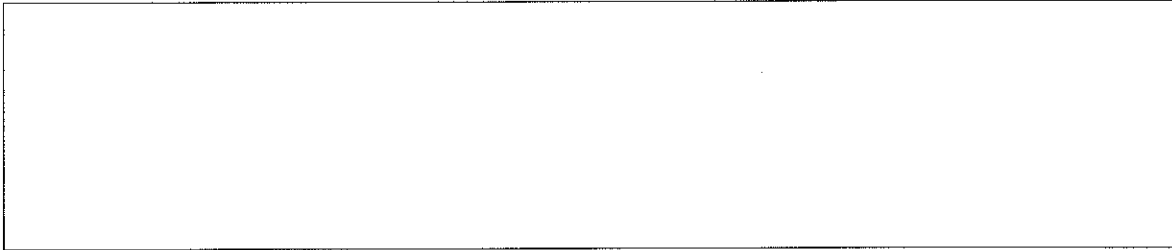
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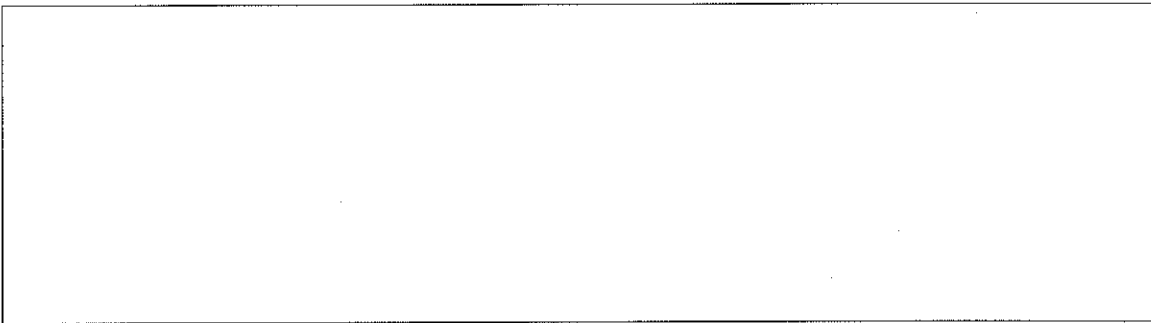
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{SBU} We are currently reaching out to the Lebanese Armed Forces, as well, to urge that the ship's departure be prevented. We will send a team to observe the port all day on August 21 and 22 to report on the situation.

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1. (C) Kuwaiti National Assembly Speaker Jassem Al-Khorafi and PM Shaykh Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Ahmad Al Sabah welcomed and hailed as heroes Kuwait's 16 "Freedom Flotilla" participants upon their June 2 return from Israel via Jordan. The Amir and Crown Prince also extended their congratulations and support to the group, which was met by a large crowd of relatives, friends and press at Kuwait's airport. Comments from the flotilla participants in subsequent press interviews praised the Amir for allocating the Amiri plane to provide transport to Kuwait, Kuwait's National Assembly for its political support of the cause, and Jordan for its intervention with the Israelis. In emotional public comments, returnees variously condemned the Israelis as "terrorists" and accused them of mistreatment and abuse, including forcing the captives to disrobe and subjecting them to intense interrogations. MP Walid Al-Tabtabaie, still attired in "Israeli prison garb," claimed to the press that Israeli soldiers opened fire on the flotilla, beat the participants, and prevented them from eating, sleeping and using the bathroom for 24 hours. Despite the ordeal, the participants expressed pride in their participation and an intent to return, with journalist Mona Shester summing up the view by stating, "I will return again once, twice, and many more times until Palestine is liberated."

2. (C) The Parliament's approval June 1 of a motion calling inter alia for Kuwait to withdraw from the Arab Peace Initiative (ref A) was the subject of confusing local press coverage June 2. Speaker of the Parliament Jassem Al-Khorafi publicly noted that the motion was not binding on the government and should be considered only as advice or a recommendation. The GoK, however, was reported by some media outlets to have accepted the motion, although some reports clarified that the government would accept "some" of the recommendations.



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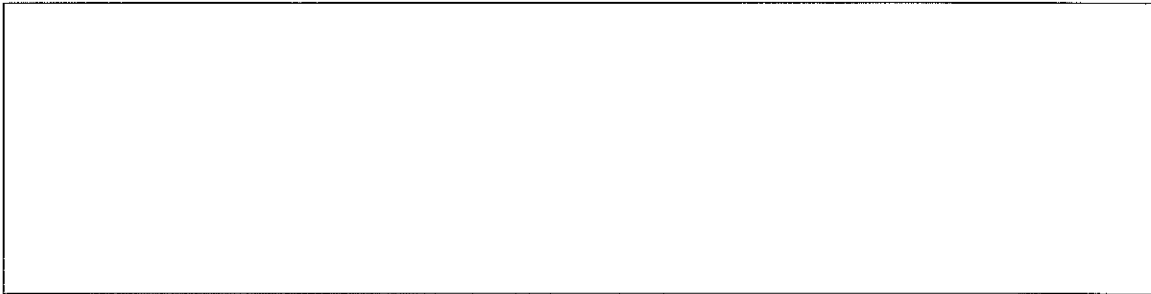
Latest Developments

(C) Based on our further inquiries today and on press reports, we now believe that two separate efforts are underway in Lebanon to launch follow-up "flotillas" to attempt to run the Israeli blockade into Gaza. The first, organized by the Lebanese NGOs Journalists Without Limits (JWL) and the Free Palestine Movement (FPM), published an advertisement in *As-Safir* over the weekend calling for contributions to help them rent or buy a boat. The second, supported at least nominally by the Free Palestine Movement and led by the wife of Gen. Ali el-Hajj (one of the four generals formerly detained by UNIIIC for suspicion of involvement in the Hariri assassination), is attempting to assemble an all-female group of Lebanese and foreign nationals to travel aboard a boat called the *Mariam*. Of the two, the latter appears to be making more concrete progress, to the point that within the last 24 hours the possibility of it actually making an attempt seems to have increased significantly.

(C) [redacted] told the Ambassador this morning that a Lebanese journalist who is enlisted in the joint JWL/FPM effort said today that the group expects to have a boat or boats ready to depart on Saturday. The effort was initially disorganized, the contact said, but it has recently become better organized. A separate contact told UNSCOL that the effort was likely to have a boat ready to launch "in the next several days." The JWL/FPM effort is the one that reportedly involves at least one Amcit, named in the press as Paul Laroody (phonetic). [redacted]

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(C) [redacted] told our PAO this morning that the all-female group trying to organize the effort of the *Mariam* is "dead serious" about launching the boat, though he said the group had declined to give him a specific date for their launch. He assessed that they might be ready to launch by the end of this week.

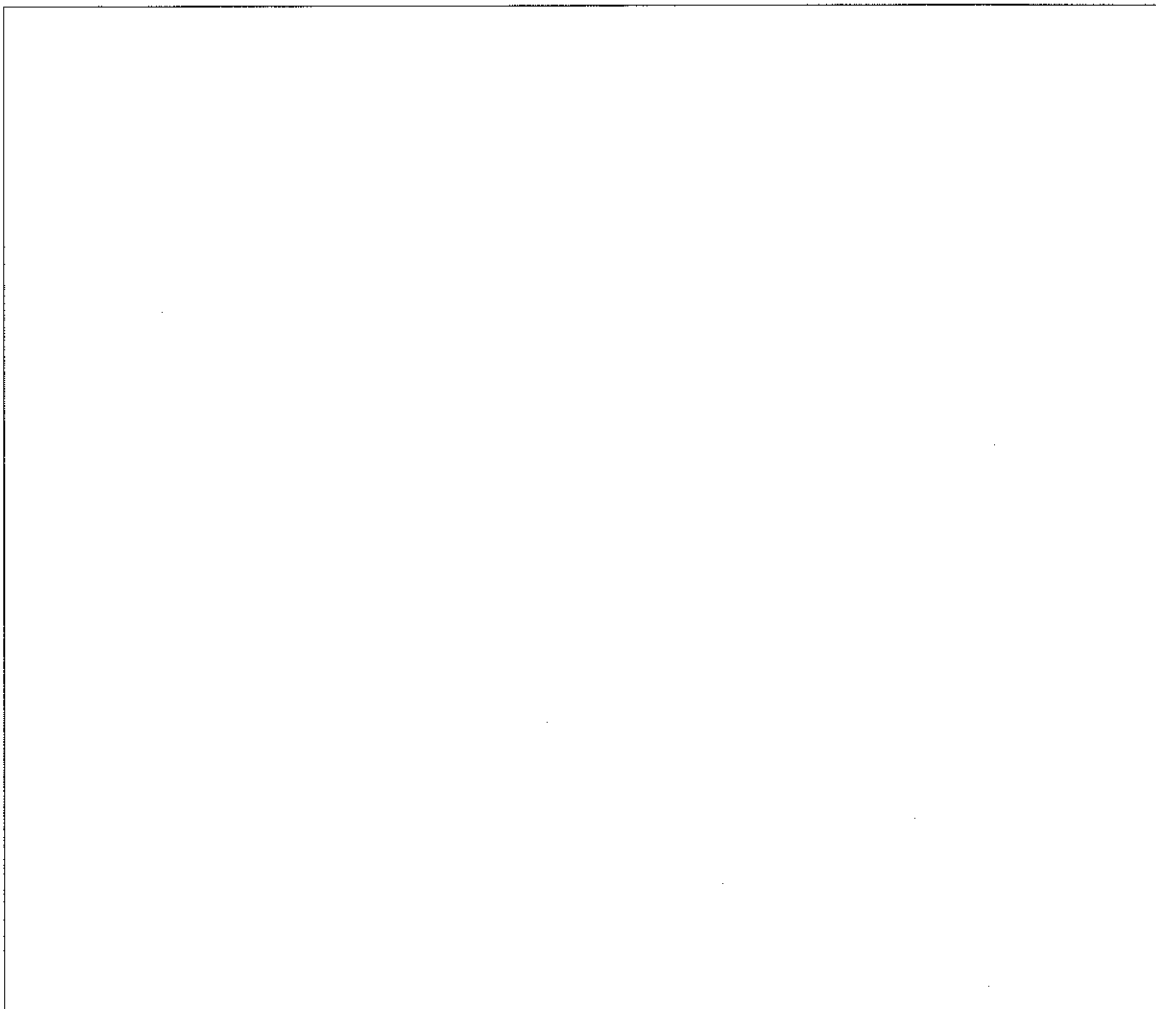


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Our Contacts with the GOL



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Conclusion

(C) We will continue to register our concerns [redacted] we do believe it is possible that one or more boats may succeed in launching from Lebanon in the next 3-5 days. We will continue to report on developments.

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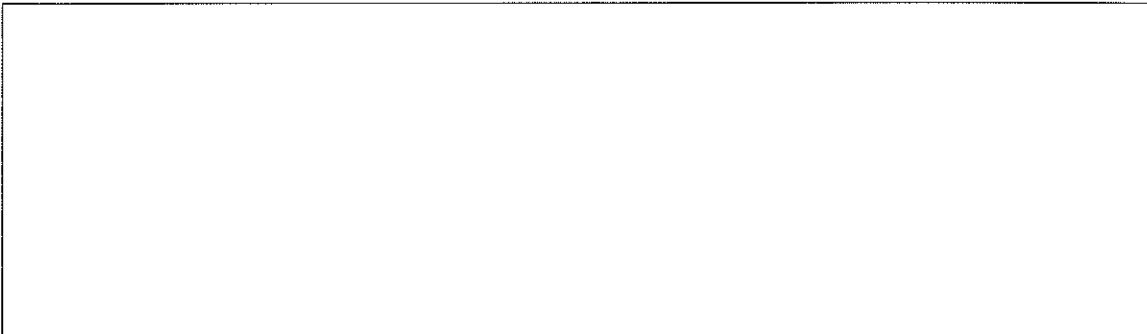
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(C) POSSIBLE LAUNCH TOMORROW? Media contacts say that the *Mariam* is hoping to launch for Gaza the morning of June 18 carrying 50 women of different nationalities. *An-Nahar* reports that the *Mariam* effort is being led by Inam Saad, the wife of a Saida-based opposition politician who is a foe of PM Hariri. Conflicting press reports have said the boat plans to launch from Beirut, Jounieh (just north of Beirut), Tripoli and Saida. We have verified that the *Mariam* is not in Beirut or Jounieh, and are seeking now to verify the Saida report (Saida is roughly halfway between Beirut and the Israeli border; the Maronite bishop of Saida is presiding over a mass there today to bless the *Mariam's* undertaking). A security team that went to look at the Saida port saw one vessel that might be the *Mariam*. We have sent a separate security team to Tripoli to see if anything is happening at the port there. The press is also reporting that Yasser Kashlak, a wealthy Palestinian businessman based in the Gulf, is the main funder of the *Mariam* effort. Kashlak heads the Palestinian Businessmen's Association as well as the Lebanese Institute of International Research.

(C) AMCIT INVOLVEMENT: One newspaper is reporting that "four U.S. nuns"

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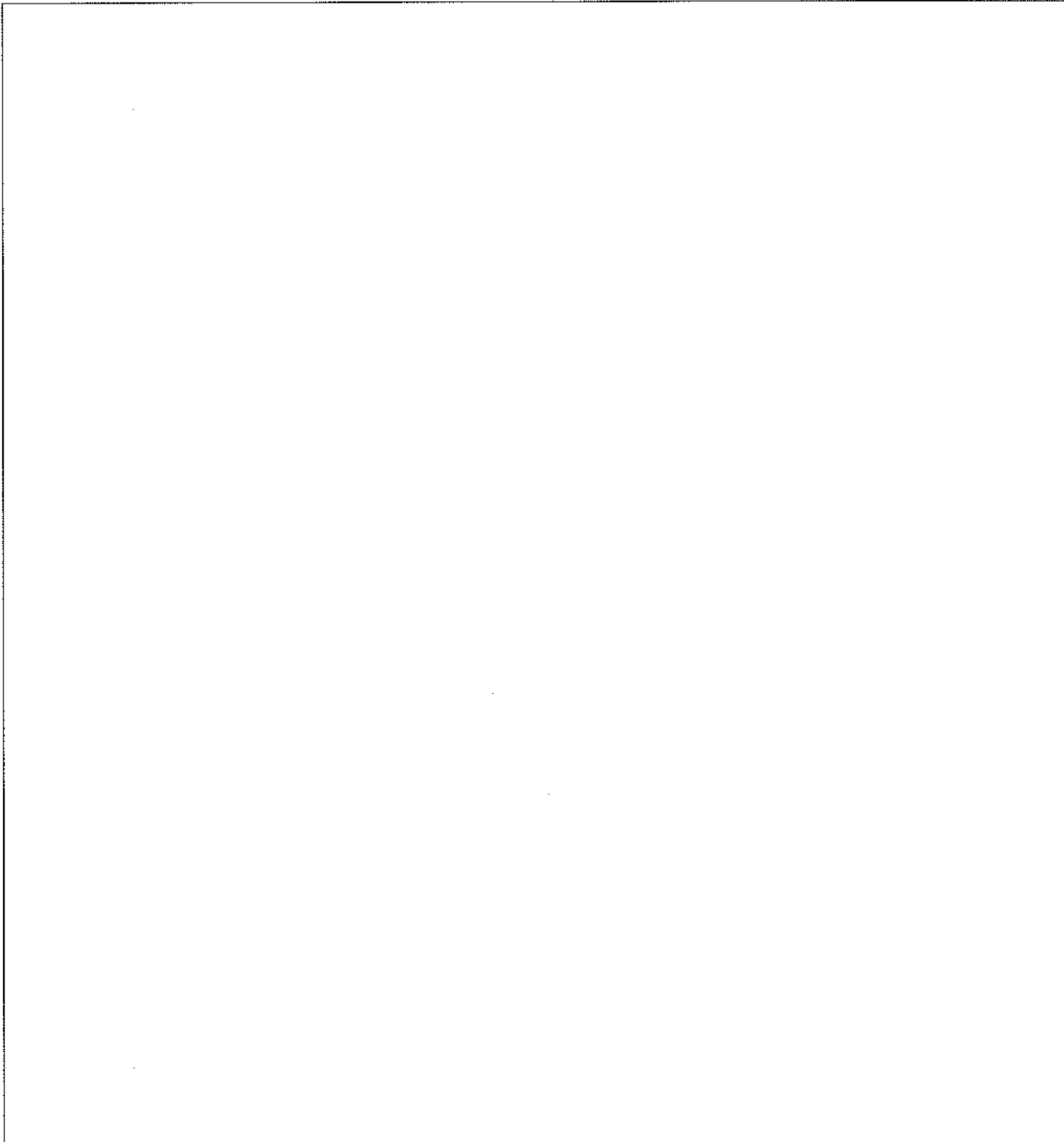
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plan to be among the 50 women aboard the Mariam. Separately, Amcit Paul Larudee (who was on the first Gaza flotilla) gave an interview to a Beirut paper, but it is not clear from the article that Larudee was present in the country at the time of the interview. [REDACTED]

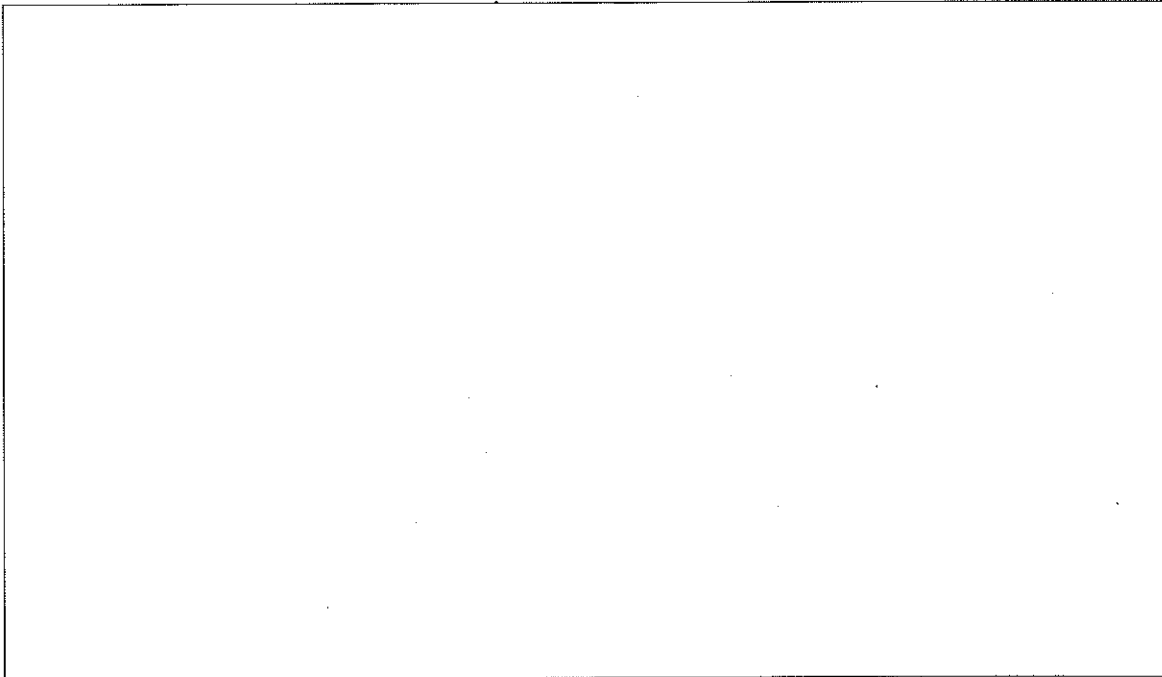
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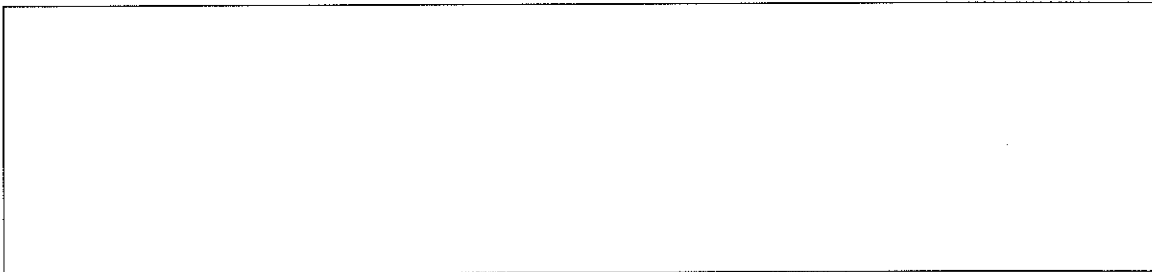
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1. (C) Summary: A week after Israel's May 31 interdiction of the "Free Gaza" flotilla, contacts in the Gaza Strip describe life returning to "normal" -- by Gaza standards -- and few report closely following the news of subsequent flotilla efforts, including by the MV "Rachel Corrie." Gaza contacts, reflecting on the events of the previous week, expressed sadness that people had died trying to help them; felt some consolation that Gaza was again on the international community's agenda; noted admiration for Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan; and reiterated their disappointment in the political leaders in Gaza, the West Bank, and Egypt. Despite that international focus, none of Post's contacts predicted an upturn in the situation in Gaza anytime soon. End summary.

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More of the Same?

2. (C) According to Gaza contacts reached on June 5, the MV "Rachel Corrie" and its peaceful interdiction by the Israeli navy received scant attention inside Gaza. (In contrast, Gazans had closely watched the events following the May 31 interdiction of the "Mavi Marmara.") While some commented positively on reports indicating changes to Gaza's access regime, they noted that the perception in Gaza remains that the closure will continue. [redacted]

[redacted] said that the mood in Gaza is "darker, but with a little hope in the air." However, another contact remarked that Israel's actions were interpreted in Gaza as a message to the international community not to "break the siege, or a price will be paid."

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Leadership and its Absence

3. (C) Contacts described Gazans as impressed by the response of Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan, who one contact called the "first leader" for Palestinians in Gaza, adding that many wished that their own leaders were more like him. Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas's reference to Turkey in his June 2 speech at the Palestine Investment Conference elicited a standing ovation, said Gaza [redacted] and one should expect the response by Palestinian refugees in Gaza's camps to be "ten times" stronger than the business elite in the West Bank. [redacted] remarked that there is now "a larger window for Turkey to intervene."

4. (SBU) According to Gaza contacts, Hamas and Fatah are perceived as parties more concerned with their own interests than the well-being of Gazans. Hamas seized supplies from humanitarian convoys to Gaza for its own purposes, said contacts working in the humanitarian field, who were relieved that Hamas was denied this opportunity. One contact compared Abbas's unwillingness to suspend proximity talks after the flotilla incident with his weak leadership during the Goldstone affair. The PA's gain this past week, noted one contact, is "zero percent." Even leading up to the current crisis, said one contact, Abbas has "failed to engage with civil society and the private sector in Gaza." According to other contacts, Gazans resented the foreign activist organizers of the flotilla, who were perceived to be Hamas supporters with a political message to "sustain the division between Gaza and West Bank."

5. (SBU) Hamas-led protests at the Gaza port during the couple days following the May 31 events numbered in the thousands. A Gaza contact derided this, saying that a successful demonstration would require "hundreds of thousands." Other Palestinian factions held symbolic demonstrations, but none gathered noticeable traction. According to contacts, Palestinians in Gaza have not expressed solidarity in the wake of the flotilla incident, in contrast with large-scale demonstrations against Israeli military actions in the past.

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6. (C) While Palestinians in Gaza have not rallied behind Hamas since the events of May 31, the movement has benefited significantly from international attention as well as from greater internal cohesion within its ranks, said one contact. The international media "storm" emboldened Hamas, said Shaban, leaving the movement more "united, proud, and energized" and more likely to resist further reconciliation

with Fatah. [redacted] said that events surrounding the interdiction of the flotilla "served Hamas's interests one hundred percent."

7. (SBU) According to contacts, Gazans are "angry" with Egypt's reaction. Egypt's opening of the Rafah crossing with Gaza is seen as a political ploy to simply reduce the anger of Palestinians and (even more so) Egyptians, said contacts. Rafah is restricted to certain travelers only, such as patients and those with Egyptian visas. One contact said he tried to cross to Egypt at Rafah in the past week, but was denied permission, since he did not have a visa and had no guidance on how to obtain one. Rafah is expected to be closed again within days, said contacts, and this decision will be interpreted as a sign of Egypt's true position towards Gaza.

No More Aid; "End the Siege"

8. (SBU) NGO contacts say that Gazans are not in need of the aid delivered by the flotilla, since most basic supplies are available through the tunnels, with the exception of reconstruction materials. According to contacts, Palestinians in Gaza wish an "end to the siege," especially in order to increase employment and to travel outside of Gaza, whether for health, family, or professional reasons.

9. (C) A number of Gazans said the opening of land crossings with Israel would represent neither a favor nor a victory for Hamas. Goods permitted through Israeli crossings are available to everyone in the market, directly improve people's lives, and lead to "greater economic options" and fewer reasons to "turn to radicalization," according to

[redacted] With the import of glass and aluminum, prices fell, and Gazans were relieved to be able to conduct basic repairs to their homes, without giving any credit to Hamas. According to an NGO contact, the import of goods through Israeli crossings least benefits Hamas, which is in a position to assert control over goods smuggled through the tunnels or received by humanitarian aid convoys.

Reaction to the U.S. Response

10. (SBU) Contacts reported that Gazans were disappointed with the USG for its perceived role in "watering down" the text of the June 1 U.N. Security Council presidential statement on Gaza. Though hoping for stronger language, Gazans were pleased to hear statements of President Obama and Secretary Clinton referring to the blockade as "unacceptable" and calling for an investigation into the flotilla incident.
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Summary

1. (SBU) Senior Palestinian Authority (PA) officials condemned Israel's naval interdiction of the "Free Gaza" flotilla on May 31, but emphasized a commitment to keep the security situation in the West Bank under control. A peaceful demonstration was ongoing in Ramallah at mid-day on May 31, and protest activities appeared to be gearing up elsewhere in the West Bank. Israeli authorities were on high alert in East Jerusalem, but the Old City was quiet, with many shops in the Muslim Quarter closed in protest. Post is investigating a report of an Amcit injured in a protest in the West Bank. End summary.

Official Palestinian reactions

2. (U) PA President Mahmoud Abbas has declared a three-day period of mourning in response to reports of deaths of a number of those on board the "Free Gaza" flotilla intercepted by Israeli naval forces

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early on May 31. Calling the Israeli naval operation a "massacre," Abbas called on the Arab League to hold an emergency meeting.

3. (SBU) A joint meeting of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Fatah Central Committee, already scheduled to take place at 6:30 p.m. local time on May 31 to discuss other topics, will now discuss the flotilla incident, according to Palestinian sources.

4. (SBU) In separate discussions with Post, a number of senior Palestinian officials reported having been contacted by Major General Eitan Dangot, the Israeli Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, who offered a briefing on the incident. A senior PLO official said Dangot called the Israeli actions absolutely justified. The PLO official said he asked Dangot how the incident occurred, given that previous attempts by activists to carry supplies to Gaza by boat had been allowed to proceed. Dangot answered that Israeli military personnel were attacked, and said he was sorry for what happened, according to the senior PLO official.

5. (SBU) The senior PLO official predicted consequences as a result of the Israeli actions – which he called "unjustified" – particularly if Islamic Movement in Israel-Northern Branch leader Ra'ed Salah, allegedly wounded in the Israeli interdiction of the flotilla, were to die. Note: press reports on Salah's situation are contradictory. End note. He said that "we know who" – that is, Hamas – will use this incident for political advantage. He noted Aljazeera reportage "calling for demonstrations," including in Cairo, and for the Egyptian government to open the Rafah crossing between the Gaza Strip and Egypt. Such coverage was breaking Hamas's way, according to the senior PLO official; "everyone will use it." He noted further that the incident was occurring at the same time that candidates are being selected for local elections scheduled to take place in the West Bank on July 17; it could have political ramifications, he said.

6. (SBU) A top PA official told Post that he was following up on security ramifications of the flotilla incident, describing that as his major focus at the moment. He had likewise heard from Dangott, although Dangott did not relay any information not already being carried by the news media, he said.

7. (SBU) The PA official stated that, as in previous situations, Palestinians in the West Bank would have room to express themselves peacefully. The PA's goal would be to keep demonstrators away from potential flashpoints of conflict with Israeli security personnel, he said. He expected some public events; as of this morning, but had only heard of demonstration activity in Ramallah (see below).

8. (SBU) According to a senior PA security official, PA Prime Minister Salam Fayyad held a meeting with security chiefs just after a very short cabinet meeting on the morning of May 31. In the meeting with security chiefs, Fayyad stressed the need to keep the situation under control. PA security forces are on high alert and will deploy surveillance detection units to spot any signs of friction with Israeli military personnel in the West Bank, the senior PA security official said.

9. (SBU) The senior PA security official confirmed having received from Israeli counterparts a request to help keep the situation calm. He said he responded by characterizing this latest event as a new challenge, but emphasized a continuing PA commitment to prevent any provocations. The senior PA security official

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noted calls for protests in various parts of the West Bank. He called the situation tense but said PA security forces were working to ensure calm.

10. (U) Prime Minister Fayyad issued a statement on May 31. Referring to the interdiction of the flotilla, the statement said that the "Palestinian government strongly condemns this crime." It called on the international community to condemn the Israeli actions, and also called for "lifting the siege" on Gaza.

11. (U) PLO Chief Negotiator Sa'eb Erekat likewise issued a statement, calling the interdiction of the flotilla a "war crime." Erekat called on the international community to "act immediately to end the illegal Israeli siege and to protect the civilians savagely attacked by Israeli forces," according to the statement.

Hamas Reaction

12. (U) In the Gaza Strip, Hamas "Prime Minister" Ismail Haniyeh has called on the PA to stop talks with Israel in response to the Israeli interdiction of the flotilla.

13. (SBU) A Gaza-based source told Post that Hamas has called for a general strike in the West Bank as well as the Gaza Strip. A number of political factions in Gaza were planning demonstrations in protest of the flotilla's interdiction, the Gaza-based source said.

West Bank

14. (SBU) A West Bank "popular committee" leader told Post that demonstrations in Bethlehem's Nativity Square would begin at 2:00 p.m. local time. Various "popular committees" were organizing protests throughout major West Bank cities in order to demonstrate solidarity with the flotilla, he said. Among these events, various Palestinian political factions were participating in a mid-day demonstration in Ramallah's Manara square. Post contacts expected to the demonstration to be peaceful.

15. (SBU) [redacted] for an organization that promotes "peaceful resistance" demonstrations in the West Bank against the Israeli separation barrier told Post that 70 demonstrators had assembled in Ramallah's Manara Square as of 11:00 a.m. Fatah had announced it would join, and that a reported strike by PA employees was expected to swell participation further. A report of an incident of stone-throwing near the Qalandiya checkpoint was the only sign of violence in East Jerusalem and the West Bank as of mid-day May 31.

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Jerusalem

16. (SBU) Israeli police were on high alert and deployed in force throughout East Jerusalem, including the Old City, as of mid-day May 31. Jerusalem's Old City, particularly the Muslim Quarter, was very quiet as of mid-day May 31, with many shops having closed in protest of the flotilla incident.

17. (SBU) [redacted] with insights into Salah's Islamic Movement of Israel-Northern Branch described Salah's appeal in predominant Arab East Jerusalem as strong (and noted its use of tools like phone trees to organize that support), but not strong

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enough to trump general aversion to mass-protest events. He did not expect widespread violent protest in Jerusalem immediately, but rather predicted attempts by Salah's supporters to mobilize events later in the week, in conjunction with Friday prayers.

American Citizens

18. (SBU) Post is attempting to confirm a report of one Amcit having been injured by a tear gas cannister fired during a demonstration in the West Bank on May 31.

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Here is more info you can send. I'll wrap it all into the O/I, as well:

[redacted] told us at midday that the GOI had confirmed [redacted] that three detainees -- [redacted] and [redacted] -- would be transferred to UNIFIL at Naqoura today. [redacted] said no time for the transfer had been fixed, but he expected it to be after dark. [redacted] who holds both Irish and Lebanese citizenship, will be transferred at Naqoura, as well, if he can produce his Lebanese passport. If not, he will be deported directly to Ireland. As for [redacted] who [redacted] reported sustained a gunshot to the leg, he is currently in a hospital in Israel

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Hizballah Agriculture Minister Hussein al-Hajj Hassan told Future News today that Israel will pay for its attack on the convoy. "Lebanese nationals detained by Israel are our responsibility as a government, people and Resistance," Hajj Hassan said, in reference to the three Lebanese nationals who had been detained by Israeli forces following the raid on Monday.

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Cc: Connelly, Maura; Sullivan, Jacob J; Schlicher, Ronald L; Shampaine, Nicole D; Lawson, Christine M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Hale, David M; Rana, Gautam A; Catalano, Elisa; Hof, Frederic C; Cornforth, Jeremy A
Subject: RE: Lebanese detainees in Israel

More information on what transpired at last night's cabinet meeting:

We spoke this morning to [redacted] who said that the cabinet did not make any formal decisions about the Lebanese held by Israel.

[redacted]

Thomas F. Daughton
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

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Subject: Lebanese detainees in Israel

To all:

[redacted] called me, and [redacted] called both me and Maura Connelly. Their concern: that the Israelis are holding five Lebanese citizens who were on the Gaza flotilla. [redacted]

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I talked with Michael Oren, Israeli Ambassador. After checking with his government, he reported the following:

- 3 Lebanese will be deported to Lebanon via Ras Naqoura tomorrow.
- 1 Lebanese is Irish-Lebanese and is being expelled via the airport as an Irish citizen
- The fifth Lebanese is wounded and therefore is being treated as a suspect. The Israeli Attorney General has not decided yet what action to take with the wounded in general, all of whom are considered suspects in the attacks on the IDF soldiers. So the fifth will not be released now.

[redacted]

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Subject: Ireland's Reaction to the Gaza Flotilla
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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: Ireland's Reaction to the Gaza Flotilla

1. (SBU) Summary: Ireland tends to view the Israel/Palestine conflict through its own troubled history with the British and will identify with the Palestinians on most issues. Irish criticism of the raid on the Gaza flotilla came from across the political spectrum. However, according to Embassy contacts and from our observations, anger over the flotilla raid has been directed at Israel specifically and has not been broadly anti-Semitic. End summary.

Community Reaction

2. (SBU) Malcolm Lewis, head of the Dublin Hebrew Congregation, said that he has not seen or heard of any rise in anti-Semitism in Ireland following the raid on the flotilla. He told Poloff that the Irish have been very clear that they are protesting specifically the actions of Israel, rather than actions of Jews in general. In addition, he said that he found incidents of anti-Semitism (as opposed to anti-Israel) to be extremely rare in Ireland.
3. (SBU) The leader of the Terenure Hebrew Congregation, the largest in Ireland, also told Poloff that he had not seen a recent increase in anti-Semitism. Cantor Shulman made very similar points to those made by Lewis, stating that in his 19 years in Ireland anti-Semitism has never been a very big problem. He noted that while people may be angry with Israel, they do not blame Jews generally or Ireland's Jewish population for Israel's actions.

Media Reaction

4. (SBU) The media criticism of the raid on the flotilla has been aimed at Israel. Stories in the mainstream media have been careful to refer to Israel in their coverage of the flotilla raids, and they have not tied Judaism to the events. The *Irish Times* and *Irish Independent*, Ireland's two largest newspapers, published a number of letters to

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the editor about the flotilla raid. These letters, while generally in opposition to the raid on the flotilla and the blockade of Gaza, also did not link Israel's action to the broader Jewish community. In addition, the two publications published a number of letters from readers who defended Israel's actions.

Protests

5. (SBU) Numerous protests were held Dublin following the raid on the flotilla. Following news of the raid, protesters marched across Dublin to the Israeli Embassy, where more protesters joined. Police estimated 1,600 people took part in the protest. Protesters demanded the expulsion of the Israeli ambassador, which did not happen. Protests have continued outside the Israeli Embassy over the last seven weeks, most frequently on Friday mornings.

6. (C) [redacted] reported that during one of the protests clear shouts of "Haybar, Haybar Ya Yahud" (Holy war against the Jews) could be heard. [redacted] told Poloff that [redacted] had received roughly 40 calls that were clearly anti-Semitic, referring to "dirty Jews" and how "Hitler should have a done a better job." [redacted] said they also recently received a letter that included ethnic slurs and Holocaust denials.

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7. (C) Protests outside the Israeli Embassy have dwindled following the initial outrage over the raid on the flotilla. There have been no reports of anti-Semitism from the local community, [redacted] Post will continue to monitor for future incidents of anti-Semitism.

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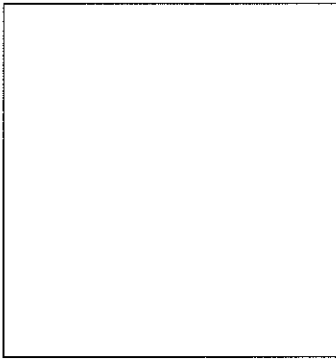
Bowers, Allyson M

From: [Redacted]
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To: [Redacted]
Cc:
Subject: mostly hearing 25 June--but also 5 July as FF2 date

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Just FYI... Checked all-source and nothing too notable over the weekend.



KUNA: Turkey Leaves 2nd Freedom Convoy Set To Sail July 5 (U)

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["Turkey Leaves 2nd Freedom Convoy Set To Sail July 5" -- KUNA Headline (U)]

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(Kuwait News Agency) - Today: 19 June 2011 Time: 06:20 PM Turkey leaves 2nd Freedom Convoy set to sail July 5 Politics 6/19/2011 5:53:00 PM AMMAN, June 19 (KUNA) -- Turkish committee for solidarity with Gaza Strip withdrew from the international committee of the Second Freedom Flotilla, Wael Al-Saqa, Chairman of Jordan Lifeline Committee said here Sunday, noting that the Gaza-bound convoy was postponed to July 5. Al-Saqa told the press that, "the cause behind this withdrawal is the willingness of the Turkish committee, as a member of the international committee, to invalidate the Israeli excuse regarding the existence of an Islamic state leading the flotilla, and consequently attacking the participants." He also expected that Turkey's official withdrawal will put further international pressures on Israel to allow the activists, mostly Europeans, to cross the sea toward Gaza.

Further, he said that the voyage's supervisors are preparing relevant paperwork for eight ships, which are ready to set sail and belong to the Netherlands, Italy and Greece and carrying on board hundreds of European activists, who will take part in breaking the siege imposed on Gaza by Israel.

Asked about the Turkish participation, he said that Turks will take part as single individuals onboard of the ship, which the Arab activists currently seek to purchase, or on the European ships which will carry about 600 participants from 40 countries. Al-Saqa made clear that Jordan Lifeline Committee is now at the final stage

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negotiations for purchasing a ship carrying both Jordanian and Arab activists, noting that the Jordanian committee has been able to raise up till now USD 500, 000 in order to take part in the convoy. The international committee of the Second Freedom Flotilla Convoy postponed the ships' voyage toward Gaza to help Turkish activists take part in the parliamentary elections, which were held June 12.

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Subject: GAZANS PAY SCANT ATTENTION TO "FREEDOM FLOTILLA II"
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Subject: GAZANS PAY SCANT ATTENTION TO "FREEDOM FLOTILLA II"

1. (SBU) On July 19, the Israeli Navy reportedly intercepted the M/V Dignite – a single ship of the "Freedom Flotilla II" that set sail for the Gaza Strip – without incident. On the same day, Post contacts in Gaza reported that local interest in "flotilla" events was at a low ebb. Amjad Shawwa, the head of the Gaza branch of the umbrella group Palestinian Non-Governmental Organizations Network (PNGO), called for a "symbolic reception ceremony" for the "Freedom Flotilla II" on July 19. Only seven supporters (including PNGO staff) attended the gathering and then dispersed within a half hour, according to a Post contact present at the event. (See attached photo.) Journalists, in contrast, were well represented, numbering close to 30 representatives of local and regional press, freelance journalists, and bloggers.

2. (C) Several local civil society contacts reported to Post that Palestinians in Gaza have paid scant attention over the past several weeks to this year's flotilla attempt, particularly in comparison to the build-up to (and aftermath of) the "Free Gaza Flotilla" in May 2010. [redacted] told Post that Gazans, realizing the flotilla would not reach their shores, lost interest in public events like the one organized by PNGO. Other Post contacts were unaware of PNGO's "ceremony" altogether.

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Subject: Greece Bans Departure of Flotilla Vessels to Gaza, Offers to Deliver Aid
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Subject: Greece Bans Departure of Flotilla Vessels to Gaza, Offers to Deliver Aid

1. (C) SUMMARY: The Greek government's decision on July 1 to prohibit the departure of ships from Greek ports intended for Gaza was a significant shift from Greece's previous, less visibly confrontational, approach towards "Flotilla II - Stay Alive" Gaza vessels and activists. Over the July 4 weekend two boats attempting to depart Greek ports, in violation of the ban, were intercepted by the Hellenic Coast Guard, resulting in the arrest of the AMCIT captain of one of the boats. Also over the weekend, Gaza flotilla activists protested the Coast Guard action at the American Embassy and the Embassy Mission Residence (EMR). [REDACTED]

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Greek Ban on Departure of Ships to Gaza

2. (SBU) On July 1, the Ministry of Citizen Protection released a notice to flotilla participants that the departure of ships with Greek and foreign flags from Greek ports to the maritime area of Gaza was prohibited, and that the Hellenic Coast Guard would take all appropriate measures to enforce the decision. Despite the departure ban by the Greek government (as well as an order to remain in port due to unresolved questions about the vessel's documentation and seaworthiness), the American-flagged vessel "Audacity of Hope" attempted to depart the Greek port of Perama, near Piraeus on July 1. The Hellenic Coast Guard intercepted the vessel and after a standoff at sea, the ship consented to return to port.
3. (SBU) The American captain was arrested by Greek authorities upon the ship's return to port. Embassy Athens provided regular consular services to Amcit members of this year's "Flotilla II – Stay Alive" US Boat to Gaza organization both before and after the captain's arrest. On June 24, American Citizens Services (ACS) Chief and Counsel General met with AMCIT flotilla participants to provide a consular briefing and ACS Chief had regular contact with the captain and his attorney, including a meeting on July 5 to verify that he was in good health, understood his arrest, had legal representation, and that authorities were treating him well. The captain was released on July 6 without bail. There will be a trial at some point, but the captain will not have to return to Greece.
4. (C) On July 4, the Canadian boat "Tahrir" was intercepted by the Hellenic Coast Guard five kilometers off shore when it attempted to leave the eastern port of Aghios Nikolaos on the island of Crete. The boat carrying 50 Gaza activists and medicine was towed back to an undisclosed location on Crete. According to reports, no arrests were made. According to Embassy sources, a total of nine ships intending to participate in the flotilla docked around Greece. Two of those, the "Audacity of Hope" and "Tahrir", defied the departure ban, prompting Coast Guard action. Seven have remained docked.
5. (SBU) On July 1 some 35 demonstrators assembled outside the American Embassy to protest on behalf of the Gaza flotilla. On the evening of July 3, a group of eight people from the US Boat to Gaza organization assembled at the American Embassy and presented a letter calling for U.S. officials to defend their rights to sail out of Greece to Gaza and to request 50 tickets to the Embassy's upcoming Independence Day celebration. On both occasions the protestors dispersed peacefully. On July 4, nine demonstrators assembled outside the EMR. The demonstrators were taken into custody briefly for identification checks after stating they planned to sleep on the sidewalk in front of the EMR. The demonstrators spent under two hours in the station and were released. They were never placed under arrest.
6. (SBU) In addition to the group's regular website updates and Tweets, the Embassy has received roughly 500 calls and emails since July 1 asking the USG to put pressure on Greece to allow the flotilla to proceed to Gaza.

Greek Proposal to Deliver Humanitarian Aid to Gaza

7. (SBU) PM Papandreou spoke by phone with Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas on July 3. According

to reports, Abbas positively viewed a Greek government proposal to facilitate the transport of humanitarian aid to Gaza, in cooperation with the United Nations. The proposal was confirmed later in the day when the MFA released a statement announcing Greece's intention to undertake the task of transporting humanitarian aid to Gaza through "appropriate channels." The statement also reiterated Greece's ban on departure from Greek ports primarily to protect human life and stressed Greece's concurrent view that the naval blockade should be lifted. The MFA announced plans to liaise with all concerned parties, while flotilla organizers and activists decried both the Greek government's intent and Abbas' alleged backstabbing collusion with the Greek

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8. (C) Late July 5, MFA [redacted] provided the Ambassador an update. [redacted]

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COMMENT

9. (C) On June 22, the Greek MFA issued a strongly worded statement discouraging its citizens from participating in the flotilla [redacted]

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Best,

Leah Martin

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Subject: Greece Urges Its Citizens and Greek-Registered Vessels Not to Participate in Gaza Flotilla

1. (C) MFA Secretary General Zepos called the Ambassador June 23 to highlight the MFA's "Announcement Regarding the Intention of Greek Citizens to Participate in a Flotilla That Will Attempt to Break the Gaza Blockade." The statement urges Greek citizens and Greek-registered vessels not to participate in the new flotilla

bound for Gaza. The MFA published the statement June 22 on the MFA website, and it has been picked up by the local media. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

4. (U) The text of the MFA June 22 statement on the Gaza flotilla follows: "On 31 May 2010, Israeli military forces intercepted a flotilla that was attempting to break the Gaza blockade, with the well-known, tragic consequences. In view of the new attempt to break the Gaza naval blockade, the UN Secretary General expressed his conviction that humanitarian aid for Gaza should be supplied through official channels and asked the member states of the UN – and particularly those with access to the Mediterranean – to discourage such operations, which run the risk of escalating the violence. Greece's positions on the need to lift the Gaza blockade and improve the humanitarian situation in the region are well known. Equally well known is Greece's position of principle on the need to respect international law and avoid the use of violence. We have made these positions clear to all the interested parties. The Foreign Ministry – bearing in mind the UN Secretary General's request, the Israeli government's stated intention not to allow vessels to approach the Gaza coast and the immediate danger to human life entailed in participation in the operation in question, particularly in light of last year's events – urges Greek citizens as well as Greek-registered vessels not to participate in the new flotilla headed for the Gaza port. The government is responsible for planning and exercising the country's foreign policy, based on the promotion of Greece's interests. In this critical state of affairs, everyone needs to show similar responsibility or take full responsibility for their actions. The planned operation does not deal with the substance of the humanitarian problem in Gaza. In the past, Greece and Cyprus have made specific proposals in the direction of meeting the humanitarian needs of Gaza residents. The potential for implementing these proposals was also discussed at the recent meeting of the two countries' Foreign Ministers in Nicosia. The ultimate objective remains the full lifting of the Gaza blockade. Greece actively supports the reopening of the peace talks as the only path to a comprehensive and viable solution on the Palestinian problem.

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Bowers, Allyson M

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Dear All,

(S//REL TO USA, GBR) NGA just released the following report, [redacted]

(S//REL TO USA, GBR) The Israel Naval Forces (INF) [redacted]

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Sutphin, Paul R
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 1:09 PM
To: Shampaine, Nicole D; NEA-IPA-DL
Cc: Schedlbauer, Amy W; Parrs, Walter; Walles, Jacob
Subject: RE: From Cairo re Rafah crossing and flotilla

Categories: Working

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Subject: From Cairo re Rafah crossing and flotilla

(S/NF) Rafah Crossing, Gaza Flotilla:

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The M/V Finch remains moored outside the port of El-Arish.

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Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 10:21 AM
To: Levin, Jan X; NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; NEA-SEMEP-DL
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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Berenberg, Alex M
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 5:16 PM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: MGGZ01: BAHRAIN SUPPORTIVE OF PEACE PROCESS [REDACTED] ISRAELI ACTION AGAINST FLOTILLA

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REF: A/S FELTMAN EMAIL - 06/01/2010

Classified By: Ambassador Adam Erel for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C) Ambassador delivered ref email points to Crown Prince
Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa on June 1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2. (C) [REDACTED]
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3. (SBU) Public reaction has been sharp, and the flotilla issue continues to dominate local press. Editorials and blogs are critical of Arab and Muslim leaders as well as the international community, with considerable ire directed toward the United States. An official GOB statement on June 1 condemned the "barbaric attack" and demanded an investigation into the "unjustified terrorism of Israel." Among other protests and sit-ins organized throughout Bahrain, approximately 100-200 people demonstrated peacefully on May 31 outside the local UN House. On June 1, fourteen political societies -- Sunni and Shia alike -- organized another, larger demonstration outside the UN House condemning the Israeli action. Another demonstration is expected to take place on Friday, June 4.

4. (U) Four Bahraini citizens were aboard the Turkish vessel and were taken into custody unharmed by Israeli forces. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr. Nizar Al Baharna confirmed to the press on June 2 that the four would return home later that day via Jordan.

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Berenberg, Alex M
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 5:16 PM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
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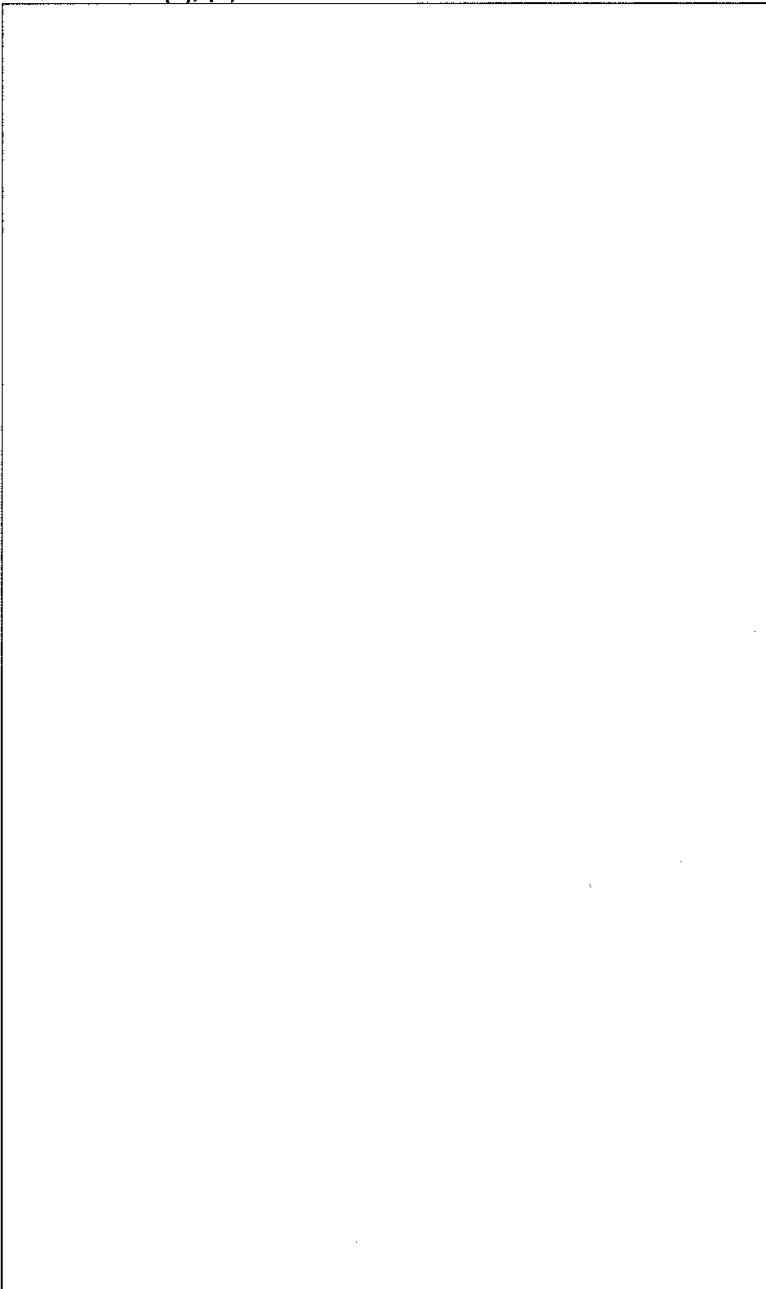
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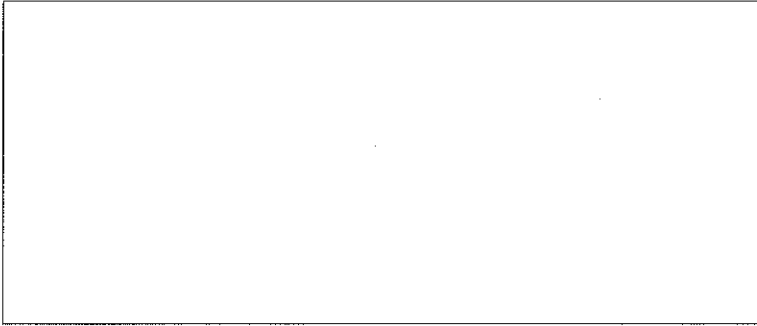
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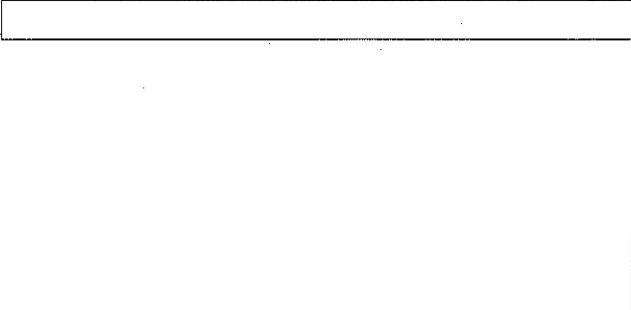


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5. (C) Comment. Gaza dominated all Libyan news and official commentary on June 1. Qadhafi's strong rebuke of the Israeli operation in his letter to POTUS was reported on all official news outlets and on the Foreign Ministry's website. In all references, Qadhafi styled himself the President of the Arab Summit.



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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Berenberg, Alex M
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SUBJECT: MGGZ01: JUNE 2, 2010, UPDATE OF ALGERIAN REACTION
TO GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT

REF: ALGIERS 524

Classified By: DCM William Jordan; reasons 1.4 (b and d).

PRESS UPDATE

1. (U) Outrage over Israel's raid on the Gaza flotilla continued to dominate Algerian headlines on June 2. Press focused on the whereabouts of the Algerian citizens detained by Israel after the military assault and the international community's inadequate response. Political parties of the Presidential Alliance (MSP, FLN, RND) held a solidarity rally at the People's House June 1, at which Palestinian "Ambassador" to Algeria Mohamed el-Hourani, Movement for Society and Peace (MSP) President Bouguerra Soltani, National Liberation Front (FLN) Secretary General Abdelaziz Belkhadem, and National Democratic Rally (RND) Spokesman Miloud Chorfi jointly denounced Israel's actions and the "silence and indifference of the international community." Belkhadem called for Arab unity in support of the Palestinian cause and requested Egyptian authorities keep the Rafah crossing border open permanently to allow for the transportation of medical and food supplies. At a Workers Party press conference June 1, party leader Louisa Hanoune called on the GOA to lift the state of emergency so that people could demonstrate their support for the Palestinian people in the streets. Other calls for popular marches to denounce Israeli actions came from Moussa Touati, president of the Algerian National Front.

RUMORS OF DEMONSTRATIONS NEAR EMBASSY

2. (SBU) Two separate groups (a Facebook group of journalists and intellectuals as well as a group organized by ex-FIS spiritual leader Ali Belhadj, who referred to themselves as "the Revolutionaries") called for peaceful demonstrations in front of U.S. Embassy Algiers June 2 at 11:00 to protest U.S. support for Israel. Host government police officials informed RSO that they would not permit demonstrations to occur in or around Embassy premises. Neither group, in the end, made a serious attempt at protesting. RSO reported two young men arrived at the Embassy main entrance but were

quickly escorted from the Embassy by Algerian law enforcement. There were no reports of arrests. AP reported that a small group of Algerian intellectuals gathered near the Embassy to protest, carrying banners that were confiscated by police. RSO, however, did not observe such activity in the immediate vicinity of the Embassy.

ALGERIAN FLOTILLA COMPONENT IN JORDAN

3. (C) [redacted] told us that all 32 members of the Algerian flotilla component were released from Israeli detention during the afternoon of June 1, negating earlier rumors that two Algerians were killed or that some Algerians were still in Israeli custody. [redacted] said the delegation is at the Algerian Embassy in Amman and would be repatriated in groups starting June 2.

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4. (C) Events in Gaza have been used successfully to mobilize public protest in Algeria in the past; however, there have not yet been any known demonstrations in the streets of Algiers or other cities. Authorities told RSO that the GOA will not approve marches or demonstrations. Many news outlets continued to criticize Western countries' insufficient condemnation of Israeli actions. "L'Expression" claimed the U.S. performed "gymnastics" to avoid criticizing the "Israeli murder" and made a comparison with U.S. efforts to impose sanctions on Iran, a country only suspected of having nuclear arms. MSP addressed a letter to the Ambassador signed by party leader Soltani urging the U.S. and others to intervene against Israel's (or, as Soltani referred to it for one of the first times we have seen in recent memory, the "Zionist Entity's") defiant actions and warned of negative fallout from the incident. The strong rhetoric in the press and Algerians' sincere outrage over the Gaza incident have not hampered Embassy operations. The Ambassador's reception June 1 for the opening of the Algiers Trade Fair was well attended. Prime Minister Ouyahia toured the U.S. pavilion on the opening day of the trade fair with the Ambassador;

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REACTIONS TO GAZA INCIDENT

REF: A. TUNIS 389
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Classified by Ambassador Gordon Gray for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

Summary

1. (C) The Government of Tunisia sanctioned a demonstration on June 1 that voiced solidarity with the Palestinian people and protested Israeli actions over the Gaza flotilla incident. Poloffs observed hundreds of people gathering for the event, which newspapers reported included "thousands." Leaders of the ruling Democratic Constitutional Rally (RCD) party and senior government officials such as Presidential advisor Ben Dhia appeared and claimed credit for organizing the demonstration. Widespread press coverage and condemnations of the Gaza flotilla incident continued for a third day. End summary.

Gaza Demonstration

2. (C) The government allowed a demonstration about the Gaza flotilla incident on the afternoon of June 1, following the prevention of several other demonstrations earlier in the week (ref A). Police closed off a portion of Mohamed V Avenue, a prominent street in Tunis, for the event, and poloffs observed Tunisians gathering for the demonstration carrying banners, flags, and a megaphone. Poloffs estimated that there were several hundred people on the street, probably before the protest began, and newspapers report that the demonstrations included "thousands." Police forces heavily monitored the event, and poloffs observed them lining the demonstration area and on street corners. The Tunisian General Labor Union (UGTT) has called for another demonstration on June 3.

3. (C) While banners appearing in the media expressed predictable sympathy for the Palestinians and anger at Israel, at least some banners carried by opposition activists included slogans such as "No to American interests and to Zionist embassies on Arab land," and "Shame on Arab regimes,

Gaza is dying." According to reports UGTT leader Abdessalam Jerad was sending a message of thanks and encouragement to the Ambassador of Turkey and a message of condemnation to the U.S. Ambassador. (Note: No such message has yet been received by the Embassy. End note.)

Widespread Coverage in Press

4. (U) All eight of the daily newspapers carried headlines about the demonstration on the first page. The daily papers, which are either owned by the government or privately owned but pro-government, used the same text from the official news outlet, the Tunisian African Press Agency. The story highlighted that that "political parties, national organizations, and components of civil society" staged the demonstration and included the demonstrators' calls for the support for the Palestinian people and the lifting of the blockade on Gaza. The Arabic language papers have had wide coverage of the flotilla incident. The tabloid Chourouq, for example, carried a three page commentary of four Tunisian experts in international law who condemned Israeli actions as a violation of international law.

Ruling Party Anxious to be Seen in Front

5. (C) High-profile leaders of the RCD party and government featured prominently in photos of the demonstration, which also included heads of civil society organizations and opposition parties. Some of the leaders present were Presidency Spokesman Ben Dhia, the head of the Chamber of Advisers, RCD Secretary General Ghariani, RCD political bureau member Nezzi Naziha Zarrouk, and head of the Social Liberal Party Mondhor Thabet. Several civil society organizations were represented, including the UGTT, the farmers union, and the women,s union.

6. (C) An Embassy contact said that the demonstration was originally called by three opposition parties, the El-Tajdid (Renewal) party, the Democratic Forum for Labor and Liberties (FDTL), and the Progressive Democratic Party (PDP). They requested permission for the demonstration from the Ministry of Interior, and the governor of Tunis subsequently called on

the parties to have a large demonstration with all parties represented.

Comment

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Berenberg, Alex M
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:43 AM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: MGGZ01: Turkey: SitRep 7 on IHH Flotilla; Dual National AMCIT May be Among the Dead

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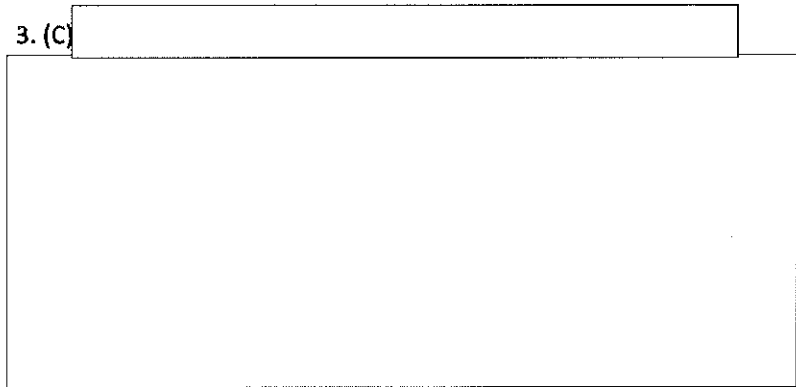
1. (C) SUMMARY: A dual national AMCIT may be among the nine killed during the flotilla's interception. The GOT is reviewing its bilateral relationship with Israel with a view towards restricting government-to-government and commercial cooperation. Protests today have been subdued, but are expected to grow Saturday. The GoT is exploring bringing criminal charges and civil suits against Israeli officials in international and national legal venues. END SUMMARY.

AMCIT MAY BE AMONG THOSE KILLED

2. (SBU) The nine bodies returned to Turkey all appear to have been Turkish citizens. Reportedly, one of the nine was a dual national AMCIT. Due to the wounds suffered by the possible American decedent, positive identification will be difficult. We are seeking confirmation of his identity from the MFA.

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4. (U) Trade Minister Mehmet Zafer Caglayan announced Turkey could easily sacrifice its trade relationship with Israel, which from January to April of this year was valued at \$1 billion (\$695.4 million in Turkish exports to Israel and \$415.9 in imports). Energy Minister Tamer Yildiz said Turkey would not consider energy trade deals with Israel until "relations are normalized." The Turkish media reports 20,000-50,000 Israelis have canceled their plans to vacation in Turkey since the flotilla's interception. Atlasjet and El Al have canceled their planned code-share agreement, which was to have come into effect June 20 with a direct flight from Istanbul to Tel Aviv. THY, Turkey's national airlines is maintaining its schedule of multiple daily flights between Turkey and Israel.

MORE PROTESTS EXPECTED OVER THE WEEKEND

5. (C) [redacted]

[redacted] told us his party is working to ensure protests do not become violent. [redacted] intervened during a protest at the Israeli Consulate to prevent demonstrators from throwing stones at the building. According to [redacted]

[redacted]

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6. (SBU) Protests are continuing in Istanbul; funerals today for activists killed during the flotilla's interception may attract large crowds. Around 100 protestors erected five tents outside the Israeli Consulate. The consulate tells us it has not been the target of violence. The Turkish-Jewish community in Istanbul has not reported any hostility and commends government official's care in focusing public anger at the Israeli government and not the Israeli people or Jews, generally.

7. (U) Protests continued in Ankara today, focused on the Israeli Ambassador's residence. A maximum of 250 protestors June 2 chanted: "Close the Zionist Embassy; Atrocious Israel will account for this; We are all soldiers and good enough to beat Israel," and "God is great." Referring to Jerusalem's Al Aksa Mosque, one banner read: "Mescid-i Aksa is ours forever". One protestor recited Koranic verses through a bullhorn. Protestors are maintaining a 24-hour presence at the residence. Turkish National Police have advised us to expect large coordinated demonstrations in Ankara and Istanbul on Saturday, June 5.

TURKISH CRIMINAL CHARGES

8. (U) The GoT is exploring bringing criminal charges and civil suits against Israeli officials in international and national legal

venues. According to Article 8 of the Turkish Criminal Code, which pertains to territorial jurisdiction, a crime "is presumed to have been committed in Turkey" if it was committed "in the open sea...and in, or by using, Turkish sea...vessels" (section (2)(b)). By asserting the Mavi Marmaris is a Turkish vessel, the GoT may bring criminal charges in Turkish courts against the Israel Defense Force personnel who boarded the ship. We have seen reports the ship was flying under the Comoros flag.

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From: Tyson, Paul H
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:28 PM
To: Heinemann, Thomas B; Guarin, Marc F; Sindle, James M
Cc: Connelly, Maura; NEA-IPA-DL; Ko, Selene S; Maggi, Robert W; Shampaine, Nicole D; Struwe, Rebecca L; Pomper, Stephen; Baumert, Kevin A; Jacobson, Linda; Maxwell, Raymond D; Stevens, John E
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From: Heinemann, Thomas B
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 4:42 PM
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Marc

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Thanks,
Kevin
L/OES

From: Sindle, James M
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Kevin,

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Thanks,

Jim

From: [Redacted] **B3 DOD-CP**
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:15 PM
To: Sindle, James M
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Mr. Sindle,

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Very Respectfully

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V/R,

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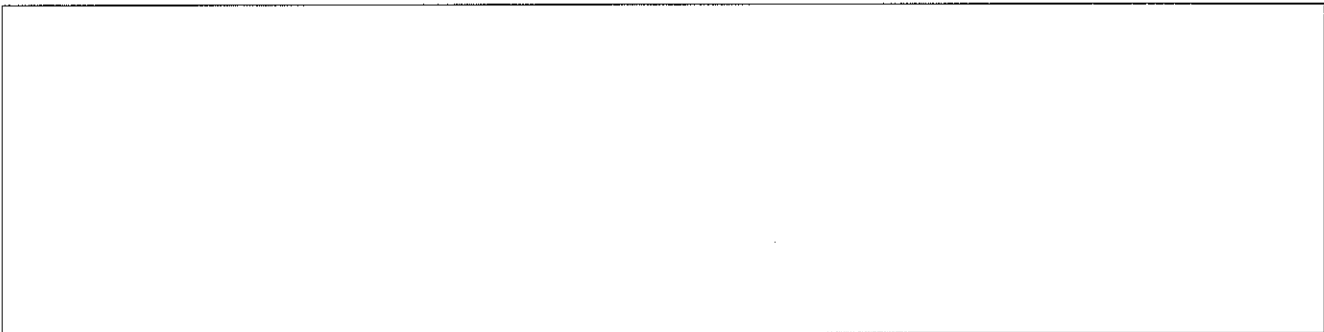


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L/PM will take a look at this and get back with additional thoughts.

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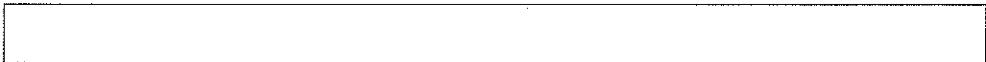
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From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 8:54 AM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: FW: Rachel Corrie

From: Galpern, Steven G
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 8:46 AM
To: Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd; Sindle, James M; Reisser, Wesley J
Subject: Rachel Corrie



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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Wednesday, November 24, 2010 9:47 AM
To: Berglund, Katherine H
Subject: FW: ACTION REQUEST: DEMARCHE ON PLANNED ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN
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Katherine,

Can you check if Islamabad will be sending something in on this today, or if I missed it?

JD.

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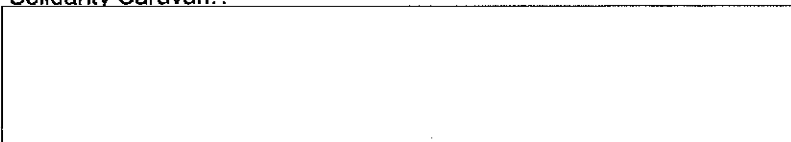
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CARAVAN

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NEARreason(s): 1.4 (b), (d)

1. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 5.
2. (C) New Delhi, Islamabad, and Ankara are requested to demarche host governments to reiterate that those wishing to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza do so through existing mechanisms so cargo can be inspected and transferred via land crossings. Posts are also requested to seek more information on the ?Asia to Gaza Solidarity Caravan.?



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Organizers claim the caravan will depart from India on December 2 and travel through Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Syria and Jordan en route to a Syrian or Turkish port, where goods and activists would board ships departing for Gaza on December 26. The ships aim to arrive in Gaza on December 27, the second anniversary of 2008-2009 Israeli incursion into Gaza ?Operation Cast Lead.?

Information from the organization can be found on its website at asiatogaza.org.

4. (U) According to press reports and Asian People?s Solidarity for Palestine press releases, organizers expect 500 activists from 17 Arab and Asian nations to participate. Organizers, including the Turkish Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH), announced plans for the caravan in early October in India, Iran, Indonesia, Lebanon, and Turkey.

5. (C/REL India, Pakistan, and Turkey) New Delhi, Islamabad, and Ankara are requested to deliver the following points to appropriate host government officials and report by November 24; slug reply to NEA/IPA Jack Doutrich. Begin talking points:

- We have heard reports regarding the ?Asian People?s Solidarity for Palestine? planned ?Asia to Gaza Solidarity Caravan,? particularly its stated intention to break through Israel?s naval blockade to deliver assistance to Gaza by sea.
- We would be interested in hearing what your government knows about this group and its planned ?Asia to Gaza Solidarity Caravan.?
- The United States believes strongly that aid flotillas that aim to deliver goods directly to Gaza by sea are irresponsible and intentionally provocative.
- We urge you to take whatever steps you can to prevent this convoy from taking this approach; we must do all we can to avoid another incident like the tragic events of May 31 aboard the M/V Mavi Marmara.
- We are committed to meeting the humanitarian and development needs of those in Gaza, including rebuilding the private sector that will be the engine of Gaza?s recovery.
- Legitimate mechanisms exist for the transfer of humanitarian assistance to Gaza by states and groups that want to do so.
- All those wishing to deliver goods should do so through established channels so cargo can be inspected and transferred via

land crossings into Gaza.

-- We hope that you will engage the convoy organizers to underscore the need to focus on how best to assist the people of Gaza and to avoid provocative confrontations.

6. (U) Minimize considered.

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Schrank, Alexander D
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 4:32 PM
To: Sindle, James M; Doutrich, Jack T
Subject: FW: EUR/SE - NEA/IPA - S/CT Meeting re Gaza Flotilla
Categories: Working

Fyi.. wanted to make sure we had shared this (if we haven't already) -- Post readout of their meeting with the Israeli Embassy in Ankara on these issues...

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From: Howard, Jeremiah H
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Cc: Baily, Jess L; Schrank, Alexander D; Riley, Robert J; Goodman, Ilan A
Subject: RE: EUR/SE - NEA/IPA - S/CT Meeting re Gaza Flotilla

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Hey, Meghan:

I have no insights for you beyond what Dan wrote below, but I do have some additional information, which shows the Israelis are already communicating with the GoT on this, followed by one question:

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(SBU) The Israeli Embassy here expects 15 or so ships from various countries to set sail for an eastern Mediterranean rally point as early as May 15. The embassy expects one of those ships to be the Mavi Marmara herself. The embassy said this flotilla is making no pretence of delivering humanitarian aid to Gazans. The Israelis perceive its goal to be: break the blockade.

(SBU) The embassy and Israeli MoD are inviting a group of Turkish journalists to visit Gaza to show them there's no humanitarian crisis.

(U) This commemoration convoy would be sailing within two-to-three weeks of the parliamentary elections here.

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-- Jerry

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Paul Sutphin
Director
NEA/IPA

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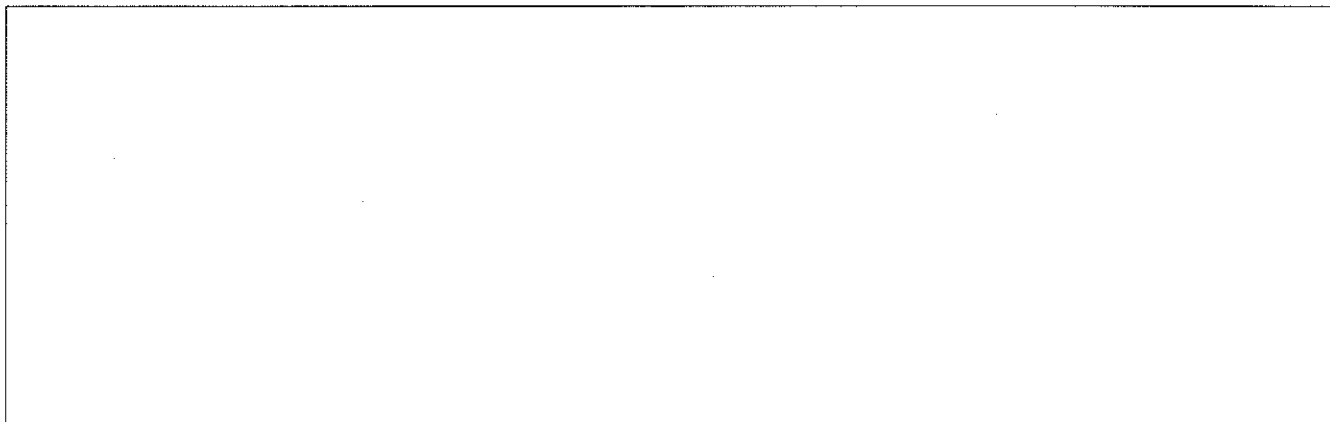
John – That sounds good and thanks for offering up IPA for the meeting in 6251. 2:00p works for SE. Will let other offices chime as well on your suggested date and time. Many thanks, Bob

Robert J. Riley
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Office of Southern European Affairs (EUR/SE)
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Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 3:00 PM
To: Riley, Robert J; Sutphin, Paul R; Norman, Marc E
Cc: Baily, Jess L; Schrank, Alexander D; Bilge, Kerem S; Gregonis, Meghan E; Goodman, Ilan A
Subject: RE: EUR/SE - NEA/IPA - S/CT Meeting re Gaza Flotilla

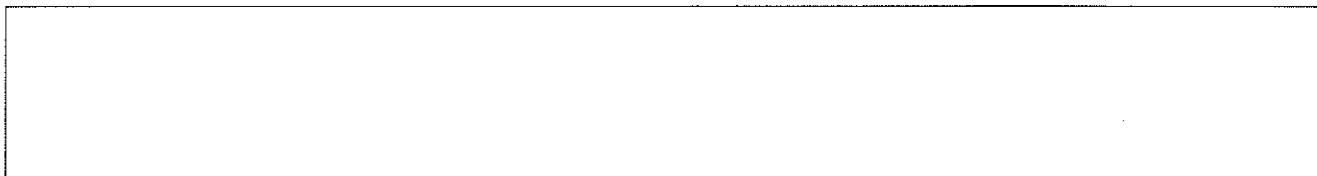


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From: Riley, Robert J
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 1:26 PM
To: Sutphin, Paul R; Buzbee, John R; Norman, Marc E
Cc: Baily, Jess L; Schrank, Alexander D; Bilge, Kerem S; Gregonis, Meghan E; Goodman, Ilan A
Subject: EUR/SE - NEA/IPA - S/CT Meeting re Gaza Flotilla

Paul, John and Marc –



Many thanks,

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From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 4:25 PM
To: Mokhtarzada, Homeyra N
Subject: FW: FW: Israeli MFA Updates on Flotilla Preparations
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Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 12:10 PM
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Cc: Ellts, Colin C
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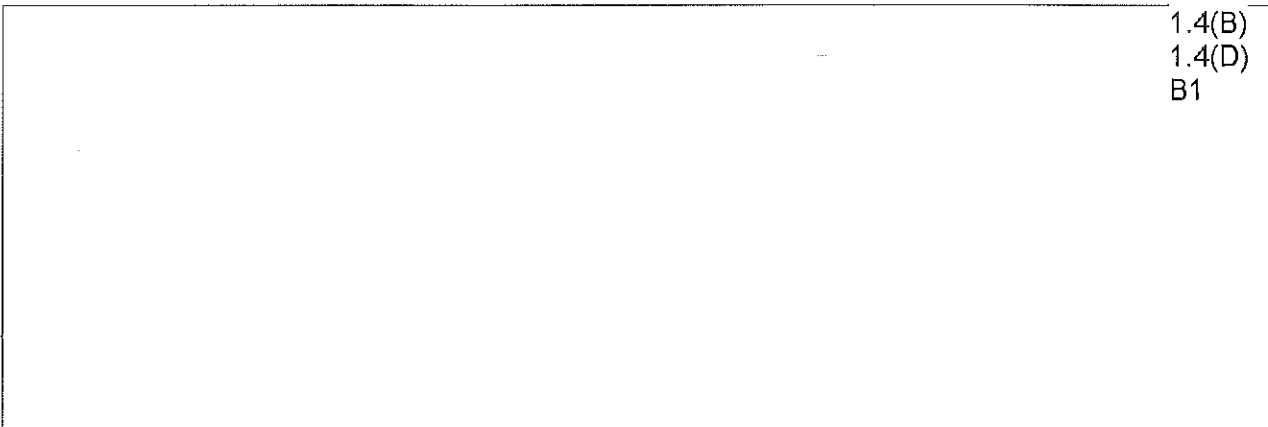
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Date/DTG: Jun 10, 2011 / 101359Z JUN 11
From: AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, KWBG, PARM, PTER, PHSA, IS
Subject: Israeli MFA Updates on Flotilla Preparations

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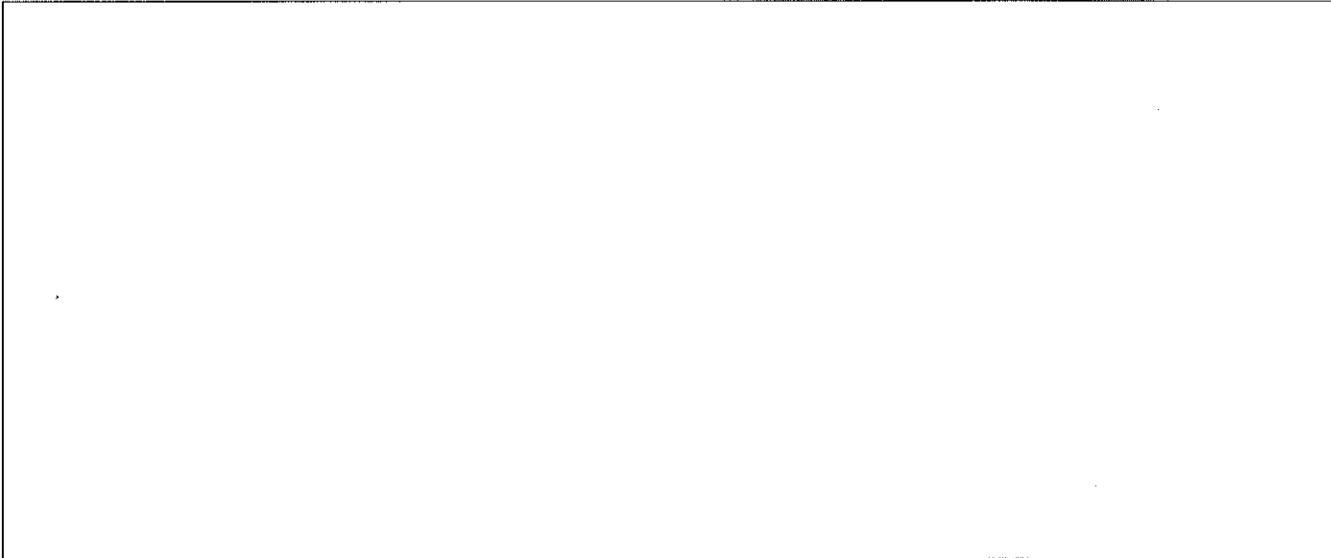
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From: Silverman, Robert J
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 5:33 AM
To: Nossel, Suzanne F; Delgado, Gustavo X
Cc: Levin, Jan X; Goldberger, Thomas H; NEA-IPA-DL
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Cc: TELAVIV POL; Goldberger, Thomas H; Katz, Jonathan D; Cassidy, Joseph P; Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL); Lapenn, Jessica E; Germain, Ellen J (USUN); Masilko, Barbara J (USUN); Cassayre, Mark J
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From: AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
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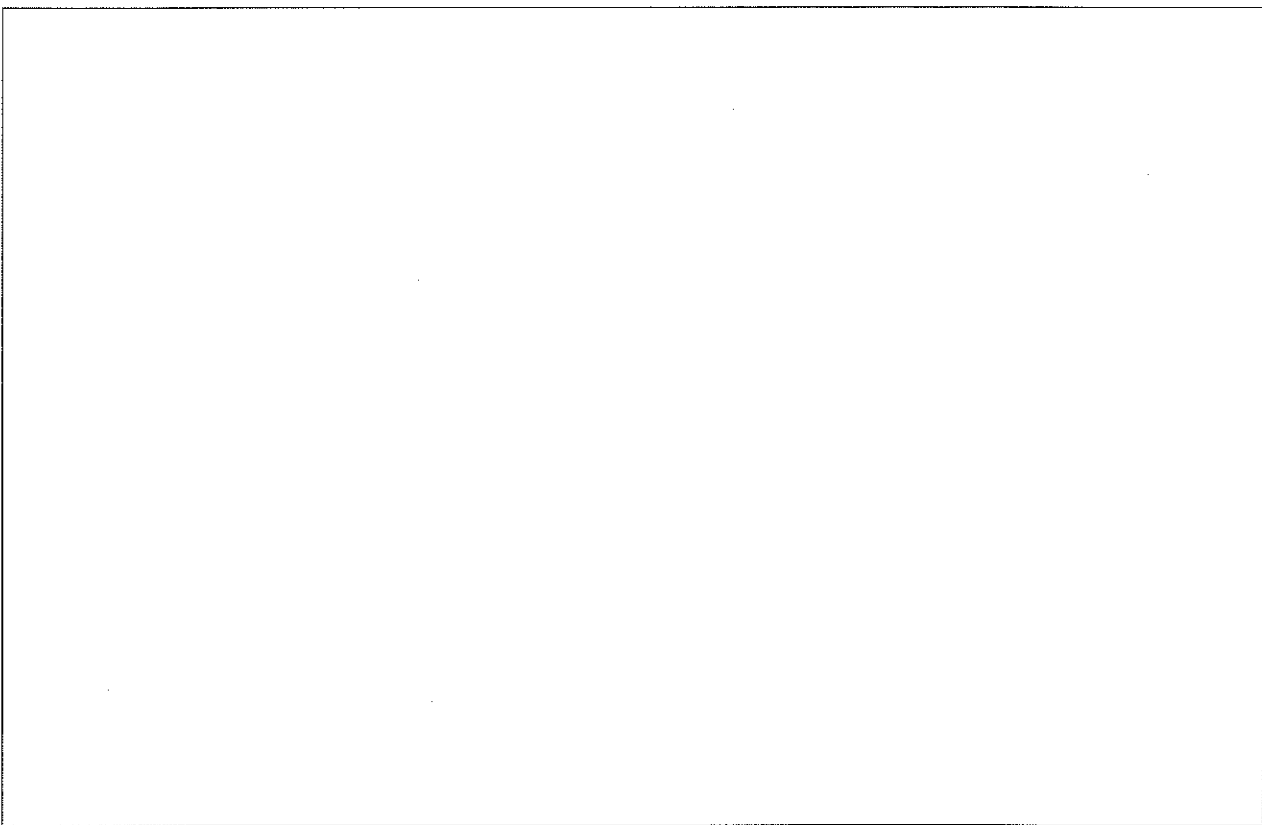
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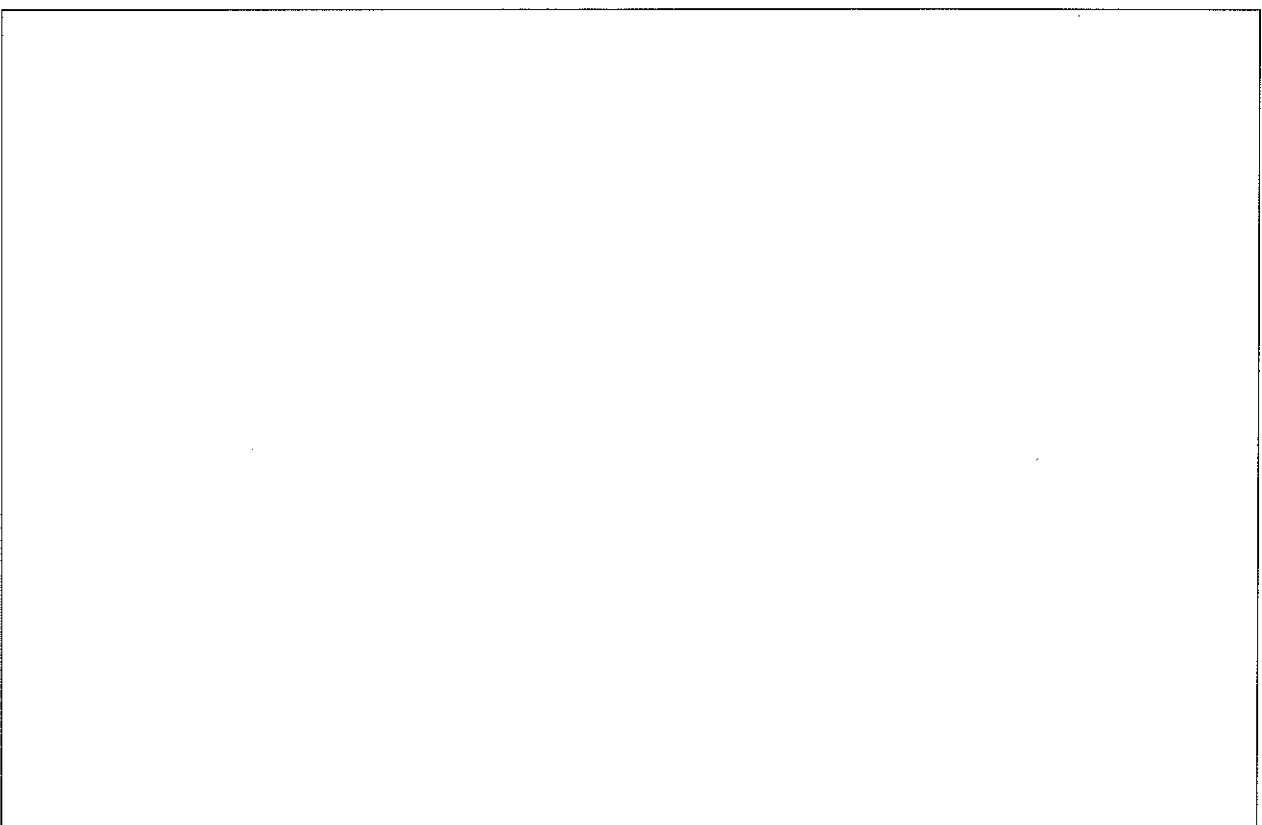
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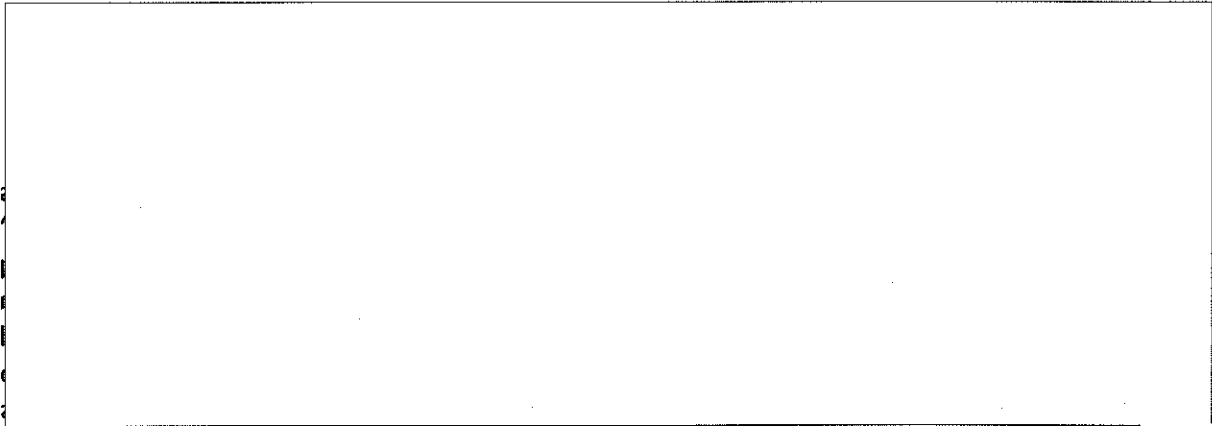
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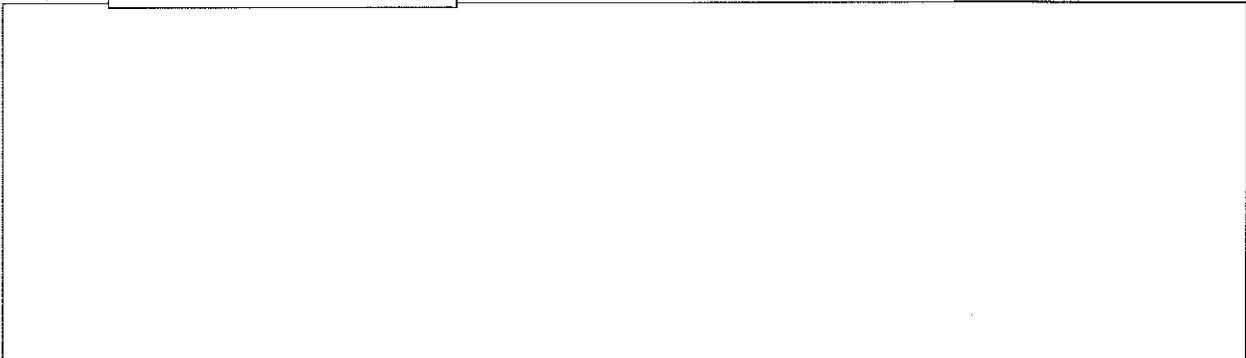
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7. (C) MFA [redacted] expanded on his April 5 discussion with us by [redacted]



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From: Bell, Richard K
Sent: 4/20/2011 11:07:28 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP04
Subject: GAZA FLOTILLA: DEMARCHE DELIVERED
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From: AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PARM, PGOV, PHSA, PTER, KWBG, IS, DA
Reference: A) STATE 36240
Pass Line: STATE FOR NEA/IPA:JSINDLE, EUR/NB
Subject: GAZA FLOTILLA: DEMARCHE DELIVERED

1. (C) Denmark has not yet given much thought to a possible Gaza flotilla in May [redacted] due to its intensive focus on Libya, but the Israeli Ambassador has made a demarche, and the Danes know they need to make a decision after the Easter break, according to [redacted] 1.4(B)
[redacted] Responding to refel demarche April 19, he told Pol-EconCouns he [redacted] 1.4(D)
[redacted] B1

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2. (U) Post will follow up after the Easter break (April 21 through 25) and report septel.

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From: Siler, Brian J
Sent: 4/28/2011 12:57:36 PM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP0P5
Subject: Ireland: Gaza Flotilla - Neither Yes nor No
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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MRN: 11 DUBLIN 49
Date/DTG: Apr 28, 2011 / 281657Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY DUBLIN
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, PHSA, PGOV, KWBG, TU, IS, EI
Captions: NOFORN
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Subject: Ireland: Gaza Flotilla - Neither Yes nor No

1. (C) Summary: PoOff delivered reftel demarche to [redacted] the Middle East and North Africa Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) on April 20. [redacted] replied that Irish Free Gaza activists and supporters, including elected members of Ireland's parliament, plan to be aboard an Ireland-registered yacht that will take part in the 2011 Free Gaza Flotilla.

[redacted]

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2. (C) In response to PoOff's demarche, DFAT [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] confirmed that, again this year, an Irish vessel would take part in the flotilla, this time a yacht registered in Ireland. [redacted] the vessel is reported to already be in the Mediterranean. [redacted]

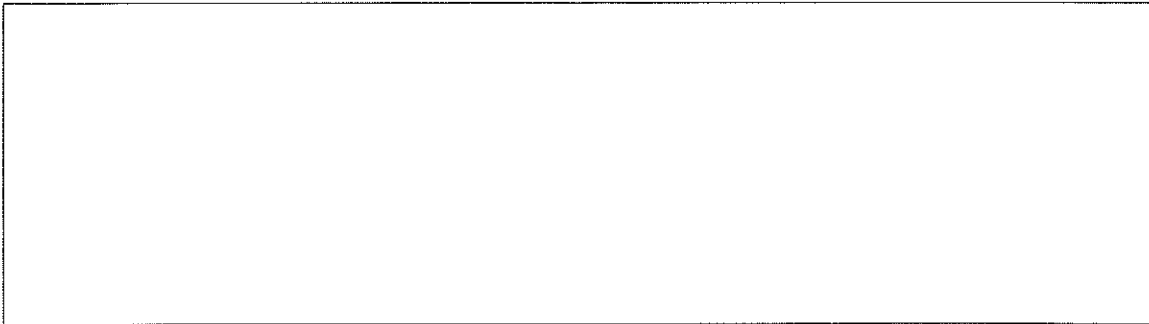
[redacted] it is beyond the reach of Ireland's own maritime authorities at this point.

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5. (U) Speaking in parliament on April 21, Foreign Minister Gilmore refused a call by Deputy Boyd Barrett to state government's explicit support for the Gaza flotilla, but the ForMin recognized "the essentially humanitarian motivation" that gave rise to participation in the flotilla. He described the blockade as "absolutely unacceptable" and said the Irish government "will continue to press Israel to do all possible to facilitate those wishing to transport humanitarian goods to Gaza." With regard to Irish participation in the flotilla, he noted, however, that "I cannot support a project which would involve Irish citizens engaging in actions which could lead them into real danger. DFAT's travel advice would remain, he said, that "people should not attempt to sail to Gaza at the present time."

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From: Vaughan, Gareth J
Sent: 4/21/2011 9:13:13 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP05
Subject: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON FREE GAZA ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA; MFA RELATES FURTHER INFO ON [redacted]
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From: AMEMBASSY KYIV
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE/ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, PHUM, UP, IS, GZ, KPAL
Reference: A) 11 STATE 37374
B) 11 KYIV 247
Pass Line: STATE FOR NEA/PA
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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL YEKATERINBURG
AMEMBASSY VILNIUS PASS TO AMEMBASSY MINSK
Subject: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON FREE GAZA ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA; MFA RELATES FURTHER INFO ON [redacted]

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1. (C) PolOff met April 20 with [redacted] the MFA [redacted] to deliver ref A demarche on the planned "Free Gaza" anniversary flotilla. [redacted] said that the GOU is currently not engaged in any special monitoring of this 1.4(B) situation, as it only involves NGOs, but declared that the GOU shared our concerns regarding the possibility of particip[redacted] 1.4(D) sustaining injury or death during the flotilla. [redacted] said that he was not aware if any Ukrainians were plannin[redacted] B1 participate, [redacted]

2. (C) [redacted]

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To: svcSMARTHTSPOP4
Subject: Istanbul Demonstrators Mark Free Gaza Flotilla Anniversary
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 AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL YEKATERINBURG
 AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
 AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: Istanbul Demonstrators Mark Free Gaza Flotilla Anniversary

1. (SBU) A few tens of thousands of demonstrators gathered in Istanbul's central Taksim Square on May 30 to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the Israeli security forces' raid on the Mavi Marmara-led flotilla. The rally, organized primarily by the Turkish Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH), was also supported by two small fringe opposition political parties – the Islamist Saadet Party (Felicity Party, or SP) and the ultranationalist Grand Unity Party (BBP). According to press reports, demonstrators marched along a popular pedestrian thoroughfare carrying signs and Palestinian flags, chanting the names of those who died last May and slogans such as "Wait Palestine, Mavi Marmara is coming," and "Millions hand in hand, en route to Gaza."
2. (U) Following the march, demonstrators amassed around a stage in Taksim Square for speeches, including Quran recitations and prayers for the Mavi Marmara victims, as well as speeches from Palestinians including Sheikh Raed Salah and Palestinian member of the Israeli parliament Muhammad Zeldan. On behalf of the families of those who died, Cigdem Topcuoglu – widow of Cetin Topcuoglu – gave a speech and said "You are the pride of Palestine and this community and the heroes of Mavi Marmara. You are the fear of Israel, its annihilation." IHH Chairman Bulent Yildirim, addressing Israel and the United States, said that the IHH is preparing a second flotilla and that IHH has received 500,000 applicants to join the flotilla, up from 600 last year.
3. (SBU) Throughout Istanbul around the anniversary date, we noticed a larger-than-usual display of posters and banners bearing the IHH logo, and several outdoor exhibits commemorating the anniversary of the flotilla. A busy square in Istanbul's Sultanahmet district – near the Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque – was taken over by a photo exhibition displaying graphic images of casualties from the Mavi Marmara. On May 30 we saw a conspicuous elderly Shia cleric –

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surrounded by aides – holding a banner with photos of the nine flotilla victims while posing for a photo in front of the Hagia Sophia. (Note: Although the Turkish press did not focus on the Iranian delegation's participation, one article noted that Ayatollah Kaimmakami – head of the Fehmide Foundation – visited Turkey in conjunction with the Mavi Marmara anniversary. End Note.)

4. (C) [Redacted]

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5. (C) Comment: While the Taksim demonstration was by far the largest in Istanbul, the Mavi Marmara flotilla's anniversary also sparked other emotionally-charged commemorations throughout the city. Foreign participants emphasized themes of solidarity and remembrance, [Redacted]

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To: svcSMARTHBTSP0P1
Subject: PORTUGAL: THE FREE GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA"
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Date/DTG: Apr 27, 2011 / 280642Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY LISBON
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Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Pass Line: DEPT FOR NEA/IPA
Subject: PORTUGAL: THE FREE GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA"

(C) Poloff delivered refel demarche April 20 to the [redacted] Portuguese MFA. He said the GOP knows of no Portuguese individuals or vessels participating in the flotilla in May to break the blockade of Gaza.

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To: svcSMARTHTBTSPOP1
Subject: Gaza Flotilla Demarche Delivered London
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Date/DTG: Apr 20, 2011 / 201116Z APR 11
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Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PARM, PGOV, PHSA, PTER, KWBG, UK, IS
Captions: NOFORN
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Pass Line: AMEMBASSY ASTANA PASS TO AMCONSUL ALMATY
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AMEMBASSY ROME PASS TO AMCONSUL FLORENCE
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL VLADIVOSTOK
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AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL YEKATERINBURG
AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: Gaza Flotilla Demarche Delivered London

1. (C/NF) Poioff delivered ref tel demarche on April 19.

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted] The FCO [Redacted]
[Redacted] expected to send options to Ministers for a decision later this week. While the FCO's position has not been fully vetted, our contacts expected their public line to advise against traveling to Gaza (as it already does) and to warn against any attempts to run the Israeli naval blockade.
[Redacted]

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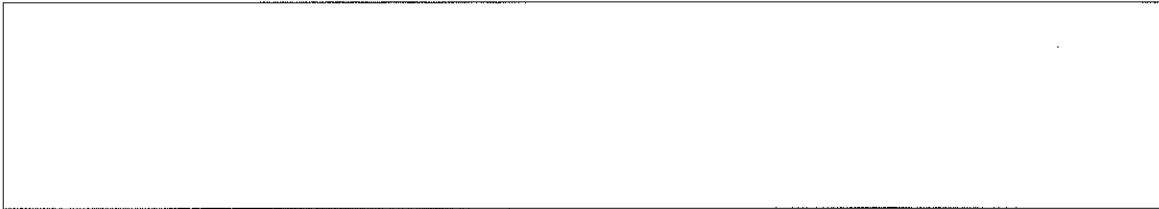
2. (C/NF) Contacts said they would take Washington's concerns under consideration and requested any additional information on the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) that we can provide. The FCO is currently unaware of any British flagged ships that are planning to participate in the flotilla, but stressed that it was "extremely unlikely" HMG would prevent British nationals or boats from participating. Contacts expressed serious concerns regarding the possible involvement of extremist elements, while noting that HMG is "broadly sympathetic" to the desire to end the blockade and noting that last year's "clearly political" flotilla had actually resulted -- in addition to the many clearly negative impacts -- in a positive easing of the restrictions on Gaza.

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From: Bagwell, D. Ashley (Luxembourg)
Sent: 4/20/2011 7:21:13 AM
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Subject: DEMARCHE DELVIERED ON GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA"
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Date/DTG: Apr 20, 2011 / 201121Z APR 11
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E.O.: 13526
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Captions: SENSITIVE
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Pass Line: DEPT FOR NEA/PA AND EURWE(PARADISE)
Subject: DEMARCHE DELVIERED ON GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA"

1. (SBU) DCM delivered reftel demarche to [redacted] April 20. [redacted] said that Luxembourg residents or firms were almost certain to have no ties to the planned flotilla. He promised to share the U.S. message with his MFA colleagues to ensure his government was doing everything it could on this issue. He agreed that these kinds of blockade running attempts are not the way to resolve the situation in Gaza, nor related issues of concern. He emphasized that the Government of Luxembourg in general seeks to reach within the EU, and then to implement, a consensus on issues like this one.

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From: Allison, Alicia P
Sent: 4/26/2011 8:22:05 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP0P2
Subject: CYPRUS: ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA RESPONSE
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MRN: 11 NICOSIA 129
Date/DTG: Apr 26, 2011 / 261222Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY NICOSIA
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE IMMEDIATE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PARM, PGOV, PHSA, KWBG, TU, IS, CY
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Pass Line: DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/SE AND NEA/IPA
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AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: CYPRUS: ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA RESPONSE

1. (C) Poloff delivered reftel points to Republic of Cyprus MFA [redacted] April 26. 1.4(B)
[redacted] confirmed that the ROC would maintain in force the decision it made last year to prevent ships setting sail for Gaza 1.4(D)
from ROC ports. [redacted] B1
[redacted] noted that the ROC had already been approached by Israel on the matter. [redacted]
[redacted] emphasized that the ROC policy was driven by the belief that "ports which are not legally
in operation should not be approached." [redacted]

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From: Sirotic, Aldo J
Sent: 4/29/2011 9:13:40 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP05
Subject: Norway Agrees Free Gaza Anniversary Flotilla Unnecessary
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Date/DTG: Apr 29, 2011 / 291313Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY OSLO
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PARM, PGOV, KWBG, PTER, IS, NO
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Subject: Norway Agrees Free Gaza Anniversary Flotilla Unnecessary

1. (C) On April 27, Acting PolEcon Counselor delivered ref A demarche on the Free Gaza "Anniversary Flotilla" to [redacted] the Norwegian MFA's Middle East section. [redacted] said there is no humanitarian crisis in Gaza today and that goods, including commercial goods, are flowing to the area. Land border crossings have adequate capacity to handle increased trade. [redacted] said there is no need for a flotilla and that Palestinian PM Fayyad is certainly not interested in one. He told us that Norway unsuccessfully sought to include a line in the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee (AHLIC) Chair's Summary on this subject. However, there is a need for reconstruction and infrastructure development. Norway and the United States are discussing with the parties in the region ways to improve Gaza's water supply.

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[redacted] suggested that the issue is thus far attracting scant interest in Norway, including in the press.

3. (U) On April 28, Norwegian left-leaning media outlet *Klassekampen* reported the organization Ship to Gaza Norway is going against warnings from the MFA and is determined to travel to Gaza to break the blockade. The Norwegian group is collaborating with 20 organizations from various countries that will bring aid supplies to Gaza in late May. The chairman of Ship to Gaza Norway, Georg Morland, says the ship will pursue a non-violent strategy if attacked. Several MPs will take part in the travel, including Storting Vice President Akhtar Chaudhry (Socialist Left - SV, which is in the governing coalition), and possibly Labor Party parliamentarian Hadia Tajik, who says she is still weighing her participation. The Ship to Gaza group's webpage is <http://www.shiptogaza.no>.

4. (U) Chaudhry was criticized by Israel-friendly Christian Democrat (KrF) politician Hans Olav Syversen for his decision to participate. In comments to newspaper *VG* April 9, Foreign Minister Stoere warned his Labor Party colleagues that they might be "exploited" by groups with ulterior motives, and expressed a fear that the aid could end up in the hands of Hamas. Stoere stressed that as a member of the government, he did not want to restrict parliamentarians' freedom to choose their own course of action. Tajik told *VG* that she has made clear her

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expectations to the flotilla organizers with respect to ensuring that civil society rather than Hamas will benefit from the shipment. She said she believes it is possible to ensure that the cargo will not fall into the hands of Hamas, and that the flotilla is a good way to show solidarity with the Palestinian civilian population.

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Sent: 4/26/2011 8:56:42 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP05
Subject: Canada Possibly To Express Concern About Gaza Flotilla After Canadian Elections
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E.O.: 13526
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Captions: SENSITIVE, NOFORN
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Pass Line: PASS TO NEA/IPA
Subject: Canada Possibly To Express Concern About Gaza Flotilla After Canadian Elections

1. (C/NF) Canada will possibly make a public statement of concern about the planned Gaza flotilla (ref a) after the Canadian federal elections take place on May 2, 2011, [redacted]

[redacted] explained the Canadian government is in caretaker mode, and DFAIT cannot make sensitive public statements during the campaign. Once the election is over, [redacted] said he "pretty sure" DFAIT would make a press announcement about the flotilla. [redacted] said some of the groups organizing the flotilla are based in Canada, but he has few details about them. DFAIT is not aware of any Canadian-based vessels planning to be part of the flotilla, he said. [redacted] saw little utility in approaching the flotilla organizers, saying "they probably wouldn't listen to us anyway."

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D) PARIS POINTS, MAY 5, 2011
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AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: GOF ACTIVELY OPPOSES FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN GAZA FLOTILLA

1. (S) SUMMARY: The GOF has taken steps to dissuade French citizens from participating in the flotilla designed to break the Israeli maritime blockade of Gaza later this year (refels). [redacted] 1.4(B)
[redacted] 1.4(D)
[redacted] told us French officials have taken three key B1
actions: they spoke directly to discourage a French group seeking to join the flotilla; made a statement in the UN Security Council; and issued an official travel warning. They also plan to issue a public declaration the week of May 9.
[redacted]

MFA WARNS FRENCH GROUP NOT TO SEND SHIP; GROUP LACKS FUNDING

2. (C) A group of French citizens may send a ship to join the flotilla of vessels planning to break the Israeli

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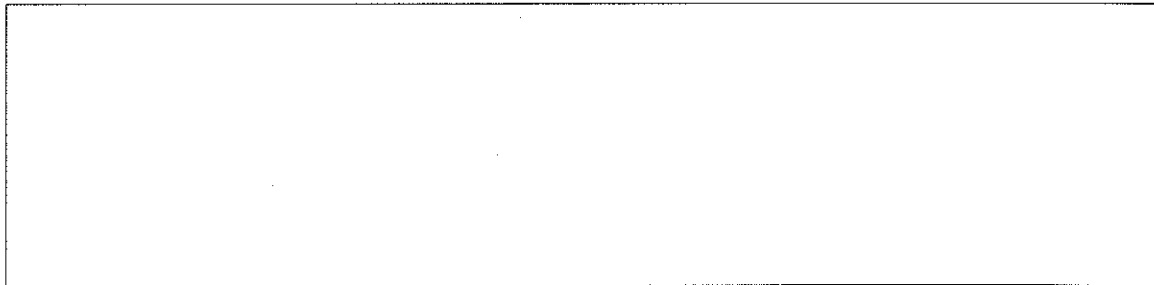
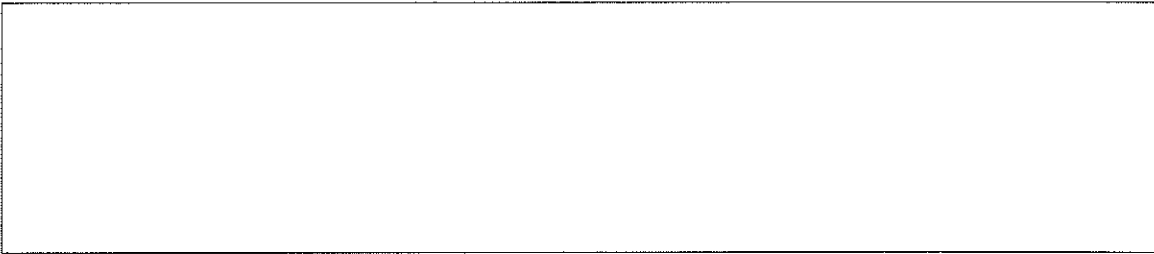
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maritime blockade of Gaza, [redacted] In late April, the group contacted and met with French MFA officials, who delivered a stern warning not/not to participate in the flotilla. [redacted] told us the MFA urged the group to send humanitarian aid through existing land channels rather than engaging in provocative, risky endeavors. The group reportedly said they would "take into account" the MFA warning, but did not promise to suspend their effort. Group members acknowledged problems paying for a French ship, [redacted] predicted they would struggle to raise the necessary funds.

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GOF PUBLICLY DISCOURAGES FRENCH PARTICPATION

3. (C) On April 22, in the UN Security Council open debate on the Middle East, the French representative urged those wishing to provide humanitarian aid to Gaza to use existing land channels to do so. [redacted] said the GOF will issue a similar public statement the week of May 9. In the meantime, the MFA published an official travel warning on May 5 urging French citizens not to participate. The text reads, "It is formally discouraged to board ships intending to break the maritime blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip, in light of the security risks involved in such an enterprise."



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Subject: CZECH RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE: THE FREE GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA"

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1. (C) On 18 April we delivered refel demarche to Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Middle East and North Africa Department [redacted] [redacted] said the Czechs agree with the U.S. position. They support opening the borders to Gaza but believe that cargos must be inspected to stop weapon smuggling. The Czechs see the flotilla as a political statement, not a humanitarian effort to improve the lives of the people in Gaza.

2. (C) [redacted] said they have indications that more than 15 ships with over 1000 people will participate in the flotilla. The Czechs are now considering changing their travel warning for Israel and the Palestinian territories to advise travelers of possible greater danger due to the flotilla [redacted]. The Czechs believe that due to the large number of ships participating in the flotilla the chances of violence occurring is greater than last year and they are hoping that no Czechs participate in this activity. There were three Czech journalists on board the Mavi Marmara last year. To date the MFA does not know of any Czechs planning to participate in the flotilla.

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I214

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Subject: LATVIA: NO KNOWN GAZA FLOTILLA PARTICIPATION
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Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Pass Line: AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF
AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
Subject: LATVIA: NO KNOWN GAZA FLOTILLA PARTICIPATION

(C) Latvian officials are unaware of any Latvian participation of any kind in the "anniversary flotilla" to Gaza planned in late May. MFA [redacted] thanked us for our April 19 delivery of reftel demarche points.

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From: Le Claire, Claire (Rome)
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Subject: ITALY: FREE GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA" RESPONSE
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AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: ITALY: FREE GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA" RESPONSE

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1. (C//NF) On April 21, Poloff delivered reftel points [redacted] to [redacted] noted that the MFA was convening a GOI interagency meeting in the coming week to assess the risk of a Gaza "Anniversary Flotilla" ship emanating from Italy and to coordinate preventive strategies. The meeting will be chaired by Central Director for the Mediterranean and Middle East Domenico Giorgi. [redacted]

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ZEN/AMEMBASSY MINSK; ZEN/AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF;
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I216

From: Hamrick, Andrew S
Sent: 4/26/2011 11:05:06 AM
To: SMART Core
Subject: MACEDONIA: NO KNOWN PARTICIPATION IN GAZA ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA

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MRN: 11 SKOPJE 226
Date/DTG: Apr 26, 2011 / 261502Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY SKOPJE
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PGOV, PREL, MK, PHUM, TU, IS
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Pass Line: STATE FOR NEA/ IPA
Subject: MACEDONIA: NO KNOWN PARTICIPATION IN GAZA ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA

1. (U) The GoM is aware of no Macedonian citizens planning to participate in a flotilla being organized to breach Israel's maritime blockade of Gaza on the one-year anniversary of the Mavi Marmara incident, stated MFA [redacted] on April 26. [redacted] was aware that there were three citizens of Macedonia aboard the ship at the time of the May 13, 2010 incident and stated that the GoM will contact us if it learns of citizens of Macedonia planning to participate this year.

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I223

From: O'Keeffe, Thomas A (The Hague)
Sent: 4/20/2011 8:40:51 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP05
Subject: NETHERLANDS/GAZA: DUTCH GOVERNMENT WARNS NGOS OF FLOTILLA CONFRONTATION, TO NO AVAIL
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MRN: 11 THE HAGUE 183
Date/DTG: Apr 20, 2011 / 201241Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, PHUM, IS, GZ, NL
Captions: SENSITIVE, NOFORN
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Subject: NETHERLANDS/GAZA: DUTCH GOVERNMENT WARNS NGOS OF FLOTILLA CONFRONTATION, TO NO AVAIL

1. (S/N/F) SUMMARY: The Dutch have publicly and privately warned individuals and organizations against participating in the Free Gaza anniversary flotilla in May. END SUMMARY.

2. (S/N/F) PolOff delivered refel demarche to MFA [redacted] [redacted] April 19. [redacted] said that the MFA had taken a series of steps, publically and privately, to communicate the danger and ineffectualness of attempting to deliver uninspected goods directly to Gaza, and undertaking any provocations that would invite and escalate a confrontation.

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3. (S/N/F) "Our Minister spoke out about this in parliament, and we talked to individual organizations about the dangers involved," [redacted] said. [redacted]
[redacted] We have issued a travel advisory against Gaza, and told activists to speak with their insurance companies before going. If they are arrested, we can only offer them consular services."

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4. (S/NF) [] provided a link to the following website of Dutch NGOs active in the Gaza Flotilla II campaign: www.nederland-gaza.nl. The website, which is primarily in Dutch, outlines a well-developed program of activism with widespread NGO participation, linkages throughout the EU, Facebook pages and even fundraising schemes, such as sales of olive oil the profits of which support humanitarian aid to Gaza. 1.4(B)
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5. (S/NF) [] also provided a Dutch-language letter by the Netherlands-Gaza Foundation seeking funds and 35 participants to sail with a Dutch ship. The Foundation says it is comprised of Dutch Christian, Jewish, Islamic and secular organizations. They are looking specifically for people with journalism backgrounds, as well as lawyers, writers, doctors, academics and politicians, to participate as passengers. Interested individuals are asked to contact Rob Groenhuijzen at +31-061.468.6769 or via email at re4evolution@gmail.com or infor@nederland-gaza.nl. Funding is also requested to be sent to bank account No. 447872605 t.n.v. Stichting Nederland-Gaza in Gouda, Netherlands.
6. (S/NF) The Netherlands-Gaza Foundation letter lists 24 supporting organizations:
- Al Maktaba
 - Al Awda Netwerk Palestina
 - Atlasbridges Foundation
 - Een Ander Joods Geluid
 - Federatie Islamitische Organisaties Nederland
 - Friends of Nazareth
 - Internationale Socialisten
 - Nederlands Instituut Palestina/Israel
 - Nederlands Palestina Komitee
 - Palestijnse Gemeenschap Nederland
 - Palestina Komitee Rotterdam
 - Rotterdam voor Gaza
 - Stichting ISRAA
 - Stichting Palestijnse Vrouwen in Nederland
 - Stichting Talliq

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- Stop de Bezetting
- Utrecht4Palestine
- Vreinden van Sabeel Nederland
- Vereniging Ettaouhid
- Vereniging Landelijk Organisatie Op Koers (LOOK)
- Vrouwen in het Zwart
- Werkgroep Keerpunt
- Wij Bliven Hier

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I 226

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To: svcSMARTHBTSP0P4
Subject: POLISH MFA: EU DIVIDED ON GAZA FLOTILLA RESOLUTION
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Date/DTG: Mar 24, 2011 / 241755Z MAR 11
From: AMEMBASSY WARSAW
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE/ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, PHUM, UN, PL
Captions: SIPDIS
Reference: A) 10 STATE 16233
Pass Line: AMEMBASSY ASTANA PASS TO AMCONSUL ALMATY
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AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: POLISH MFA: EU DIVIDED ON GAZA FLOTILLA RESOLUTION

(C) The EU countries are divided on the Gaza flotilla incident follow-up resolution, according to [redacted] and Great Britain support it, [redacted] While Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary oppose the resolution, France and Great Britain support it, [redacted] According to [redacted] Poland is cognizant of divisions within the EU on Israel-related resolutions and therefore consistently lobbies member states to adopt a uniform EU position of abstaining on Israel-related resolutions. This practice notwithstanding, [redacted] said Poland is currently considering opposing the resolution on follow-up to the Goldstone report. [redacted]

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I 227

From: Callahan, J. Nicole
Sent: 4/22/2011 8:46:03 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTPO7
Subject: Demarche Response: Gaza Anniverary Flotilla
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MRN: 11 ZAGREB 157
Date/DTG: Apr 22, 2011 / 221246Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY ZAGREB
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE/ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PARM, PGOV, PHSA, PREL, HR, PTER, KWBG, TU, IS
Subject: Demarche Response: Gaza Anniverary Flotilla

1) (C) On April 21, PolOff delivered refel demarche on the possibility of an anniversary flotilla to Gaza during May to [redacted] 1.4(B)
[redacted] the MFA. The GoC understands and shares our concerns. At this [redacted] 1.4(D)
time they do not have any information that would lead them to believe that Croatian citizens, boats, or ports will be part
of the flotilla. [redacted] B1

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I 228

From: Hinman, Richard C (Amman)
Sent: 4/21/2011 9:24:27 AM
To: svcSMARTHTBTSP0P3
Subject: Jordan Claims No Knowledge of Gaza Flotilla
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MRN: 11 AMMAN 569
Date/DTG: Apr 21, 2011 / 211324Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY AMMAN
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, PARM, PTER, PHSA, GZ, IS, JO
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Subject: Jordan Claims No Knowledge of Gaza Flotilla

1. (S) PolOff delivered refTel points to [redacted] the MFA. [redacted] acknowledged our concerns [redacted]. He also said that the issue had not been discussed within the ministry and that he did not know anything more about it than had appeared in the media.

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2. (S) COMMENT. [redacted]

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I229

From: O'Grady, Daniel J
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To: svcSMARTHBTPOPS
Subject: Anniversary Flotilla: IHH Plans to Postpone Past Elections
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Date/DTG: Apr 25, 2011 / 251359Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY ANKARA
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, TU, IS, UN
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Reference: A) STATE 36240
B) 11 ANKARA 497
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AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: Anniversary Flotilla: IHH Plans to Postpone Past Elections

1. (C) SUMMARY: The Ambassador continues to urge the GoT to forestall Turkish participation in or support for the anniversary "Free Gaza" flotilla. [redacted]

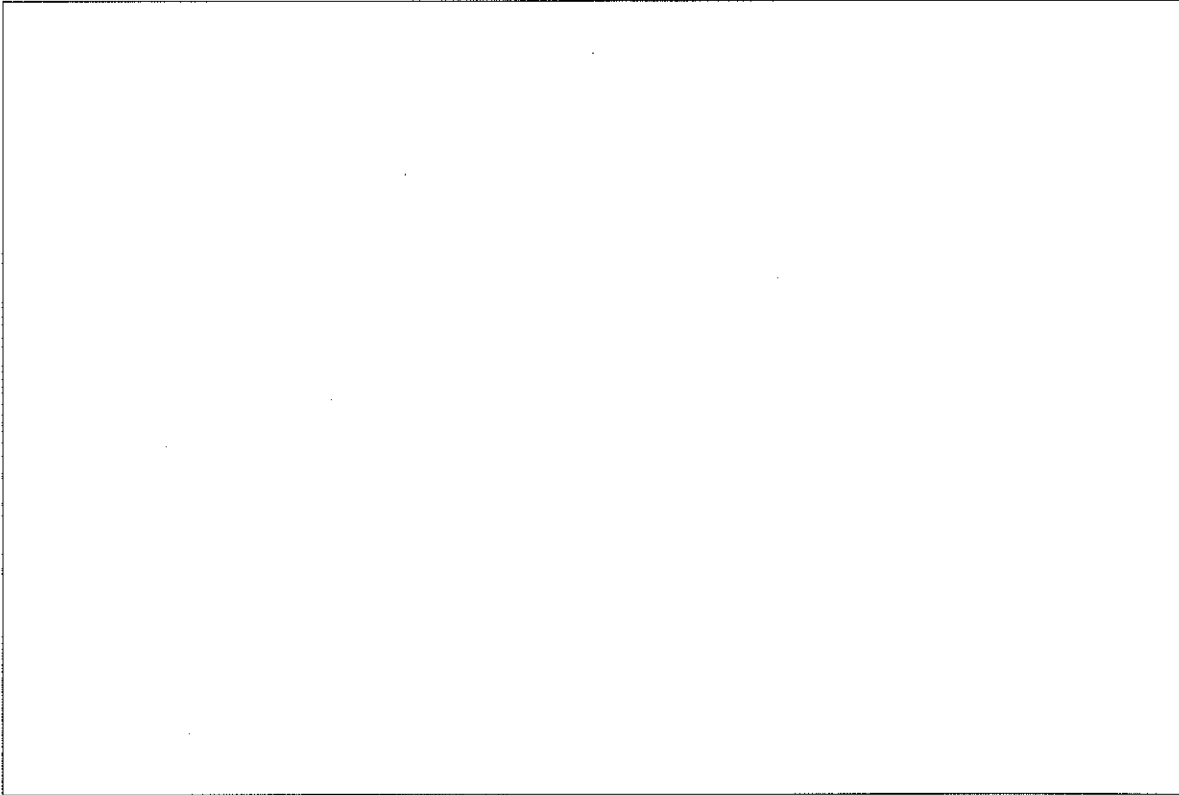
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2. (C) During April 1 (REF B) and April 14 discussions with MFA [redacted] the Ambassador urged the GoT to forestall Turkish participation in or support for the anniversary "Free Gaza" flotilla. [redacted]

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Subject: Mavi Marmara Anniversary Flotilla's Timing Still Unclear
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From: AMEMBASSY ANKARA
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATEIMMEDIATE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, MARR, MOPS, PGOV, GZ, IS, TU
Reference: A) ANKARA 663
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Subject: Mavi Marmara Anniversary Flotilla's Timing Still Unclear

1. (C//REL UK) SUMMARY: The Turkish Islamist NGO IHH announced it is sending a single ship May 31, carrying humanitarian supplies, to El Arish, where the cargo will be transhipped to Gaza by truck through the Rafah border crossing. IHH also plans a separate anniversary flotilla, but timing is unclear. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] END SUMMARY.

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3. (C//REL [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] 1500 people from 22 countries will participate in the commemorative flotilla, sailing on 15 vessels. 150 of the 1500 are Turks. [REDACTED]

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6. (U) In a recent posting, the IHH website announced plans to dispatch May 31 a 1000-ton ship to Gaza, carrying "construction materials, textile products and medicine...The ship will have been sent...before the departure of the second "Freedom Flotilla" and will dock at Egypt's Arish port. Aid supplies will be loaded aboard trucks here which will then be transported to Gaza through the Rafah Border Crossing which was opened to Gazans after the public revolution in Egypt."



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