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DRAFT RESOLUTION

Follow up resolution to the report of the Independent International Fact Finding Mission

The Human Rights Council,

*Guided* by the principles and objectives of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

*Considering* that the promotion of respect for the obligations arising from the Charter and the other instruments and rules of international law is among the basic purposes and principles of the United Nations,

*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,

*Recalling* its resolution A/HRC/14/1 of 2 June 2010, in which the Council decided to dispatch an independent international fact finding mission to investigate violations of human rights law and international humanitarian law resulting from the Israeli attacks on the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian assistance.

1. Welcomes the report of the Independent International fact finding Mission,
2. Deeply regrets the non-cooperation by the occupying power, Israel, with the independent international fact-finding mission,
3. Endorses the conclusions contained in the report of the Independent International fact finding mission, and calls upon all concerned parties to ensure their immediate implementation,
4. Recommends the General Assembly to consider the report of the Independent International fact finding mission,
5. Requests the High Commissioner for Human Rights to submit to the 16th Human Rights Council's session of March 2011, a report, on the status of implementation of paragraph 3 of this resolution.
6. Decides to follow up the implementation of the present resolution at its 16th Session of March 2011.

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\_\_\_\_\_ DIRECT REPLY TO CONSTITUENT BY OFFICE DIRECTOR WITH COPY TO  
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OTHER ACTION: White House Referred # 1040362

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FROM: Richard R. Verma (H)

**Recommendation**

\_\_\_\_\_ For the Secretary's  
signature to the \_\_\_\_\_ bureau

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ Tasked to the NEA bureau  
for signature by Richard R. Verma  
Assistant Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Provide copy of H signed  
response

COMMENTS: *WH referral*

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August 31, 2010

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2010 Oct 20 F 12:34

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

I write today to ask that you affirm Israel's right to interdict ships at sea and that you direct the United States military to work with the Israeli military to implement tactics and procedures to improve interdiction practices in the future.

As you are aware, on May 31, 2010, Israeli Navy Special Forces intercepted the MV Mavi Marmara, a ship owned by the Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief (IHH) that set sail for the Gaza Strip with the intention of delivering aid and materials and to break the Israeli blockade. While the loss of life and harm that occurred on both sides was tragic, what is clear from the IDF's statements on the Eiland Report is that alternative methods of maritime interdiction could have been employed in order to possibly avoid the violent altercation that took place.

Israel faces challenges to its national security on many fronts, particularly from Iran and Iranian-backed terrorist organizations. Iranian-backed agents have previously used maritime corridors to smuggle weapons and ammunition to terrorist groups seeking Israel's destruction. As Israel's strongest ally and partner it is in our national interest to support Israel's right to interdict ships at sea to prevent weapons and other dangerous materials from reaching those seeking to cause harm. Just as the U.S. Navy acted outside of its maritime border in 2003 when it interdicted a Libya-bound vessel carrying centrifuge technology, the U.S. should affirm that Israel has the same right to act when facing similar extraordinary circumstances.

I understand the difficult challenges surrounding Israel's naval blockade of Gaza. While on one hand the blockade has helped to significantly reduce the number of rocket attacks on Israel from Hamas terrorists in Gaza, it has also placed immense hardship on innocent civilians living within the area. I request that you work with the Israeli government to explore opportunities to better direct humanitarian aid to innocent civilians in Gaza and improve their freedom of movement.

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I appreciate your efforts in these matters and hope that you will continue to put the full weight of the United States behind negotiations to achieve a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrell Issa", written in a cursive style.

Darrell Issa  
Member of Congress

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FOR: Mr. Nathan D. Tibbits  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Staff

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TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

Referral Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A draft reply is attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A translation is attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (see remarks.)

REMARKS:

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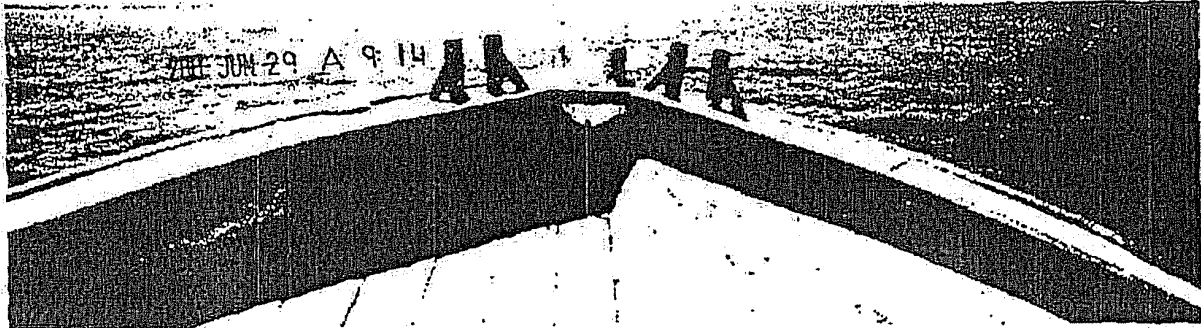
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# U.S. BOAT TO GAZA

## THE AUDACITY OF HOPE

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14 June 2011

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Obama:

We are writing to inform you that 50 unarmed Americans will soon be sailing in a U.S. flagged ship called *The Audacity of Hope* as part of an international flotilla to Gaza.

Our peaceful demonstration will challenge Israel's blockade of Gaza, which has effectively imprisoned 1.6 million civilians, almost half of whom are under the age of 16. The blockade has impoverished the people of Gaza, deprived them of needed materials and supplies to rebuild their lives after the Israeli attack of late 2008 – early 2009, impeded those who are ill or infirm from seeking outside medical aid, and prevented students from seeking education outside of Gaza. 45% of the working age population is unemployed.

In addition to 36 passengers, 4 crew, and 10 members of the press, our boat will carry thousands of letters of support and friendship from people throughout the U.S. to the women, children and men of Gaza. There will be no weapons of any sort on board. We will carry no goods of any kind for delivery in Gaza. Our mission is from American civil society to the civil society of Gaza. We do not serve the agenda of any political leadership, government or group. We are engaged solely in non-violent action in support of the Palestinian people and their human rights.

In our country's great tradition of citizen activists taking nonviolent action to stand up to

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injustice, we sail in the hope that our voyage will show the people in Gaza that they are not alone, and that it will call attention to the morally and legally indefensible collective punishment of a population of civilians.

Mr. President, you have noted the unsustainability of the Gaza blockade. And your administration has spoken boldly in support of peaceful demonstrations throughout this "Arab Spring."

As U.S. citizens we expect our country and its leaders to help ensure the Flotilla's safe passage to Gaza - as our country should support our humanitarian demand that the Gaza blockade be lifted. This should begin by notifying the Israeli government in clear and certain terms that it may not physically interfere with the upcoming Flotilla of which the U.S. boat —*The Audacity of Hope*— is part. We—authors, builders, firefighters, lawyers, social workers, retirees, Holocaust survivors, former government employees and more—expect no less from our President and your administration.

Our boat will sail from the eastern Mediterranean in the last week of June. We shall be grateful to you for acting promptly and decisively to uphold the rights of civilians to safe passage on the seas.

Sincerely,

The passengers of *The Audacity of Hope*

Nic Abramson	Johnny Barber	Medea Benjamin	Greta Berlin
Hagit Borer	Regina Carey	Gale Courey Toensing	Erin DeRamus
Linda Durham	Debra Ellis	Hedy Epstein	Steve Fake
Ridgely Fuller	Megan Horan	Kathy Kelly	Kit Kittredge
Libor Koznar	Melissa Lane	G. Kaleo Larson	Richard Levy
Richard Lopez	Ken Mayers	Ray McGovern	Gail Miller
Carol Murry	Robert Naiman	Henry Norr	Ann Petter
Gabe Schivone	Kathy Sheetz	Max Suchan	Brad Taylor
Len Tsou	Alice Walker	Paki Wieland	Ann Wright

cc:

The Honorable Ban Ki-moon, U.N. Secretary General  
The Honorable Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State

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The Honorable Jeffrey Feltman, Assistant Secretary of State  
The Honorable Susan E. Rice, Permanent U.S. Representative to the United Nations  
The Honorable James B. Cunningham, U.S. Ambassador to Israel  
The Honorable John F. Kerry, Chairman U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee  
The Honorable Richard G. Lugar, Ranking Member U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee  
The Honorable Robert P. Casey, Chairman Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs  
The Honorable James E. Rish, Ranking Member Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs  
The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Chairman U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
The Honorable Howard L. Berman, Ranking Member U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
The Honorable Steve Chabot, Chairman Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia  
The Honorable Gary L. Ackerman, Ranking Member Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia

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Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)

**From:** Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 06, 2010 8:15 AM  
**To:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Cc:** Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL); Hoey, Alexandra (DRL); Stanfield, Emily  
**Subject:** RE: A/S Posner's BCL - Meeting with Egyptian Deputy Foreign Minister Wafaa Bassim and Deputy Assistant Minister for Human Rights Laila Bahaa El-Din on Friday

Thanks.

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**From:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 05, 2010 10:49 PM  
**To:** Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)  
**Cc:** Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL); Hoey, Alexandra (DRL); Stanfield, Emily  
**Subject:** RE: A/S Posner's BCL - Meeting with Egyptian Deputy Foreign Minister Wafaa Bassim and Deputy Assistant Minister for Human Rights Laila Bahaa El-Din on Friday

Thank you. I just got your message sorry for delay. DAS Fitzpatrick cleared this earlier today as well with changes. Alex and Jessica had a copy as well, and I believe it got into A/S Posner's briefing materials before he left this afternoon.

Best,  
Sarah

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**From:** Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 05, 2010 9:06 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H; Stanfield, Emily  
**Cc:** DRL Staff Assistants; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Subject:** A/S Posner's BCL - Meeting with Egyptian Deputy Foreign Minister Wafaa Bassim and Deputy Assistant Minister for Human Rights Laila Bahaa El-Din on Friday

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Assistant Secretary Posner Meeting with Egyptian Deputy Foreign Minister Wafaa Bassim and Deputy Assistant Minister for Human Rights Laila Bahaa El-Din

CONTEXT

This is a reference paper on multilateral issues.

POINTS TO RAISE

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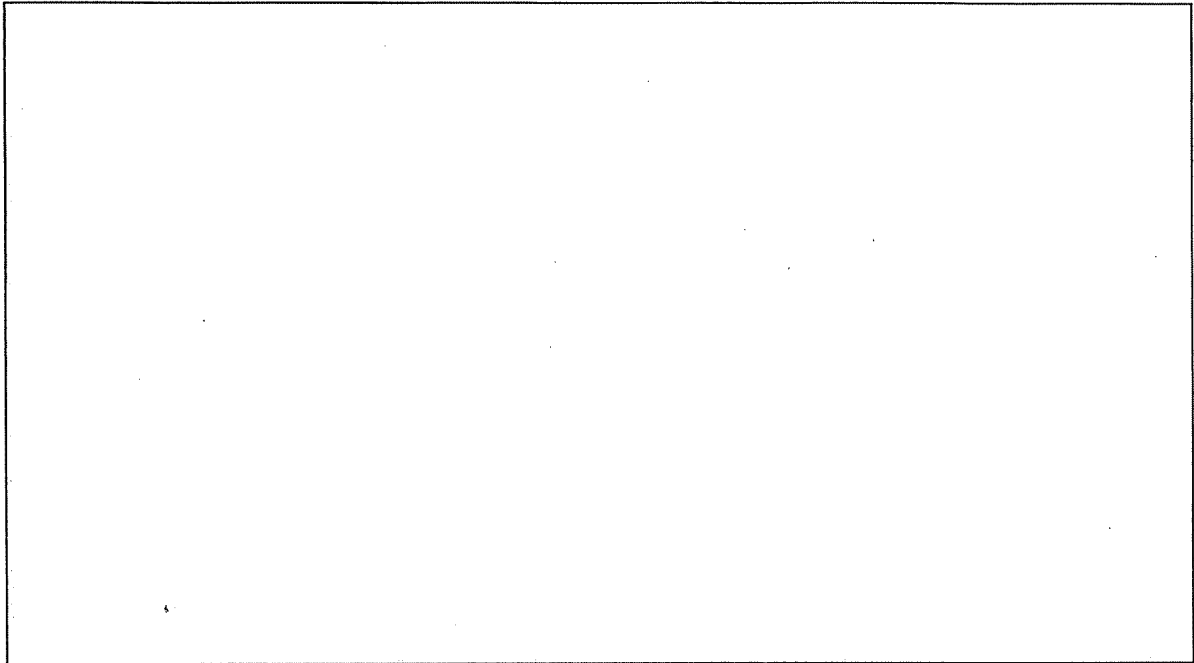
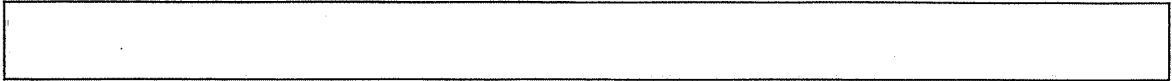
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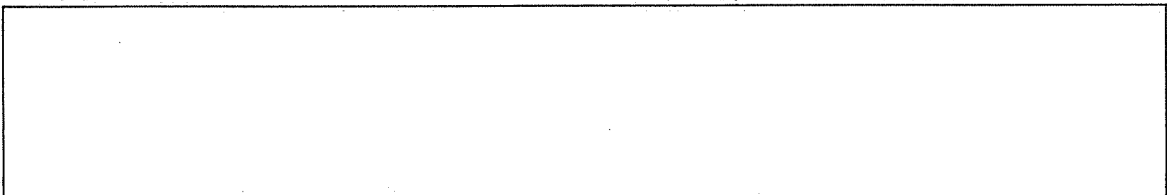
**Israel Related Issues:** The Human Rights Council recently passed two resolutions endorsing the report of the HRC Fact-Finding Mission into the flotilla incident and the Tomuschat committee report. Further HRC action on these issues will continue in the March session. The U.S. was isolated in our opposition to the resolutions. Egypt joined the OIC and offered statements on their behalf and on behalf of the NAM in support of further HRC reports and actions on flotilla and Goldstone follow-up.

**If Raised Talking Points:**

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- **Flotilla:** The U.S. takes the issue seriously and read the Fact-Finding Mission report very carefully. We note that the Fact-Finding Mission referred to ongoing domestic investigations and the Secretary General's panel and did not recommend further UN action.
- Immediately following the May 31 incident, we noted the importance of a credible, impartial, and transparent investigation into these tragic events. We will not prejudge the conclusions without the opportunity for a full examination of the facts and perspectives from all sides. We will seriously consider the results of the domestic investigations and the UNSYG panel findings. The United States believes that the UNSYG panel, which includes the participation of both Israel and Turkey, offers a balanced and credible channel to address these very serious issues. We hope that the SYG's process and direct discussions between Ankara and Tel Aviv could facilitate an acceptable way forward and stand ready to help longstanding friends move ahead. The United States hopes the parties will find a way to address this incident while repairing relations.



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Approved: DRL/MLGA Office Director Joe Cassidy  
Drafted: DRL/MLGA – Lynn Sicade, Sarah Johnston-Gardner, Melike Yetken  
Cleared: DRL/NEA J Lieberman  
DRL/MLGA: K McGeeney OK  
IO/HR M Andris/L Gambone OK  
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**From:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 05, 2010 12:30 PM  
**To:** DRL Staff Assistants  
**Cc:** Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL); Hoey, Alexandra (DRL); Hutchings, Jill  
**Subject:** MLGA insert for A/S Posner Egypt trip

Hello,

In a trip preparation meeting with Posner on Friday MLGA agreed to provide multilat points for A/S Posner's meeting with the Egyptian MFA. These have been cleared with Joe. As DAS Melia is out today I am not sure who in the FO needs to clear these before going into the briefing materials, perhaps DAS Fitzpatrick? I understand they depart for the trip at 4pm today so trying to move this quickly. Will bring up a hard copy now as well.

Best,  
Sarah

Sarah Johnston-Gardner  
Foreign Affairs Officer  
Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL)  
Office of Multilateral and Global Affairs (MLGA)  
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**Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)**

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**From:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2010 8:07 PM  
**To:** Walker-Johnson, Lynda W (DRL); Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); DRL-MLGA-DL  
**Cc:** DRL Staff Assistants  
**Subject:** RE: TPs for Amb. Donahoe w/Turkey on Flotilla  
**Attachments:** Talking Points for Amb D on flotilla.doc

**Importance:** High

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Lynda, This is version sent to Tom for clearance, I believe. Sarah, can you confirm? Thanks, Joe

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**From:** Walker-Johnson, Lynda W (DRL)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2010 7:31 PM  
**To:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); DRL-MLGA-DL  
**Cc:** DRL Staff Assistants  
**Subject:** TPs for Amb. Donahoe w/Turkey on Flotilla

We do not have an electronic copy, this was passed to us from Roland marked time sensitive. Please send the electrons.

DAS Mellia has approved as is. Lynda

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**Coleman, Charmaine D (DRL)**

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**From:** Melia, Thomas O  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 6:13 PM  
**To:** Sicade, Lynn M (DRL); Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL)  
**Cc:** DRL Staff Assistants-DL; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Subject:** RE: Flash clearance please: HRC point for P

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**From:** Sicade, Lynn M (DRL)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 4:21 PM  
**To:** Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL); Melia, Thomas O  
**Cc:** DRL Staff Assistants-DL; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Subject:** FW: Flash clearance please: HRC point for P  
**Importance:** High

Going to clear this unless you both have an issue with it.

Lynn M. Sicade,  
Senior Policy Advisor  
DRL/MLGA  
7-2362

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**From:** Gregonis, Meghan E  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 4:17 PM  
**To:** DRL-MLGA-DL  
**Subject:** Flash clearance please: HRC point for P  
**Importance:** High

Colleagues,

I understand Sarah Johnston-Gardner is off-line from 4-5. Can anyone take a quick look at the highlighted point below? IO cleared while NEA made comments. Note EUR.DAS Kaidanow has already cleared. The meeting is at 8:30 tomorrow morning.

Thanks,  
Meghan

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**From:** Doutrich, Jack T  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 4:11 PM  
**To:** Gregonis, Meghan E; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Andris, Matthew R  
**Cc:** Honigstein, Michael D; Mokhtarzada, Homeyra N; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar  
**Subject:** RE: Flash clearance please: HRC point for P  
**Importance:** High

Meghan,

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This doesn't change the substance any, so should not contravene your DAS' clearance. It does take the impact on peace efforts out of the laundry list of impacts and highlight it on its own - a point of great importance to NEA and SEMEP.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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**From:** Gregonis, Meghan E

**Sent:** Thursday, September 23, 2010 3:35 PM

**To:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Andris, Matthew R; Doutrich, Jack T

**Cc:** Honigstein, Michael D; Mokhtarzada, Homeyra N

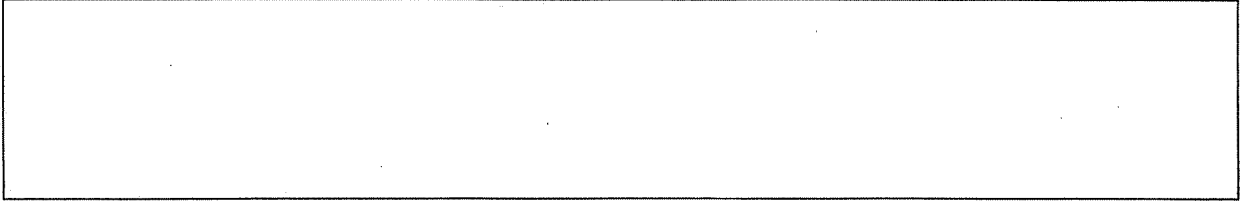
**Subject:** Flash clearance please: HRC point for P

I hope to get this back to my front office no later than 4pm. Note we'll re-order the P BCL to make this the top point. Many thanks!

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## Advance Edited Version

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23 June 2010

Original: English

**Human Rights Council**  
Fourteenth session  
Agenda item 1  
Organizational and procedural matters

### Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council

#### 14/1 The grave attacks by Israeli forces against the humanitarian boat convoy

*The Human Rights Council,*

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

*Taking into consideration the provisions of the fourth Geneva Convention relative to 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 at the deepening humanitarian crisis in occupied Gaza,*

*Emphasizing the need to ensure the 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 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;*

The resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its fourteenth session (A/HRC/14/37), chap. I.

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3. *Calls upon* the occupying Power, Israel, to cooperate fully with the International Committee of the Red Cross to seek and provide information on the whereabouts, status and condition of detained and injured persons;
4. *Demands* that the occupying Power, Israel, immediately release all detained men and material and facilitate their safe return to their homelands;
5. *Calls upon* the occupying Power, Israel, to immediately lift the siege on occupied Gaza and other occupied territories;
6. *Also 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;
7. *Welcomes* the statements made by the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights condemning the Israeli attacks and calls for full accountability and credible independent inquiries into these attacks;
8. *Decides* to dispatch an independent, international fact-finding mission to investigate violations of international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law, resulting from the Israeli attacks on the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian assistance;
9. *Also decides* to authorize the President of the Council to appoint members to the above-mentioned fact-finding mission, who should report on their findings to the Council at its fifteenth session;
10. *Further decides* to remain seized of this matter.

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[Adopted by a recorded vote of 32 to 3, with 9 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Chile, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritius, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovenia, South Africa, Uruguay;

*Against:*

Italy, Netherlands, United States of America;

*Abstaining:*

Belgium, Burkina Faso, France, Hungary, Japan, Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.]

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**From:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2011 2:31 PM  
**To:** Cassidy, Joseph P; Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL); Mann, Winston E (DRL)  
**Subject:** Fw: Turkel Report

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**From:** Doutrich, Jack T  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2011 12:33 PM  
**To:** Bass, Warren; Khanna, Melanie J; Andris, Matthew R; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Reisser, Wesley J; Masilko, Barbara J (USUN); Zurcher, Kenneth M  
**Subject:** Fw: Turkel Report

1 of 3 emails on today's Turkel Report release.

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**From:** Silverman, Robert J  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2011 11:21 AM  
**To:** NEA-IPA-DL; 'Kumar, Prem G.' <Prem\_G\_Kumar@nss.eop.gov>; Walles, Jacob  
**Cc:** Goldberger, Thomas H; Cunningham, James B; Levin, Jan; Eussen, Matthew  
**Subject:** FW: Turkel Report

As Jan accurately predicted (see email below), the Turkel Commission met today and ruled that the Israeli navy and IDF were in full accordance with international law in interdicting the Mavi Marmara, furthermore, the conduct on board the ship involved self defense.

We'll have a full report tomorrow.

Bob

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**From:** Levin, Jan  
**Sent:** Friday, January 21, 2011 12:07 PM  
**To:** Cunningham, James B  
**Cc:** Goldberger, Thomas H; Tel Aviv POL Section  
**Subject:** Turkel Report

Mr. Ambassador: The first half of the Turkel Committee report will be released in a public ceremony on Sunday (which we will cover). The MFA has confirmed that the leaks that have appeared in the press are accurate -- the report will conclude that Israel and the IDF had the legal right to take over the Mavi Marmara and the other ships of the flotilla and that their conduct once on-board was appropriate under the circumstances. According to [redacted] all seven members (including the international members) of the committee voted unanimously on these points. The committee is also expected to render an opinion on the legality of the maritime closure overall. The committee's deferential questioning of government figures -- Netanyahu, Barak, Ashkenazi, Livni -- and hostile questioning of civil society representatives leads me to assume that the Report will also conclude that the maritime closure is legitimate.

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The second part of the Committee's report, in line with the Committee's mandate, will examine the question of whether the mechanism for examining and investigating complaints and claims raised in relation to violations of the laws of armed

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conflict, as conducted in Israel generally, and as implemented with regard to the Mavi Marmara incident, conform with Israel's obligations under IHL. We understand that the Committee is accepting submissions expressing views on this question until the end of January, which suggests that the second half of the report would not be released until late February at the earliest.

Israel's critics will certainly claim that the report is a whitewash, and the press will likely be full of such stories early next week.

Understand that the Palmer Panel will be meeting in New York middle of next week.

Jan

*Jan Levin*  
*Deputy Political Counselor*  
*U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv*  
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From: Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2011 2:30 PM  
To: Cassidy, Joseph P; Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL); Mann, Winston E (DRL)  
Subject: Fw: Turkel English documents

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Here is one of three emails from NEA on Turkel findings. Will probably need to radar and do an Info memo for the FO tmrw.

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

From: Doutrich, Jack T  
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2011 01:13 PM  
To: Bass, Warren; Andris, Matthew R; Khanna, Melanie J; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Reisser, Wesley J; Zürcher, Kenneth M  
Subject: Fw: Turkel English documents

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

From: Hoyer, Kurt J  
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2011 01:08 PM  
To: NEA-Press-DL; NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-SEMEP-DL  
Subject: Fw: Turkel English documents

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

From: Landau, Avida  
To: Hoyer, Kurt J; Ellis, Roya M; Feldboy, Yael  
Sent: Sun Jan 23 18:32:40 2011  
Subject: Turkel English documents

Below are the links to the English Turkel documents in pdf format.

The website:

<http://www.turkel-committee.gov.il>

The report summary

<http://www.turkel-committee.gov.il/files/wordocs/7896summary-eng.PDF> - the report summary

The Observers' letter:

<http://www.turkel-committee.gov.il/files/wordocs/4229observers-eng.pdf>

The report part I

<http://www.turkel-committee.gov.il/files/wordocs/8808report-eng.pdf>

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**Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)**

**From:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 20, 2011 1:58 PM  
**To:** Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL)  
**Subject:** FW: Radar items

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FYI doing radars on both per Joe's request NR

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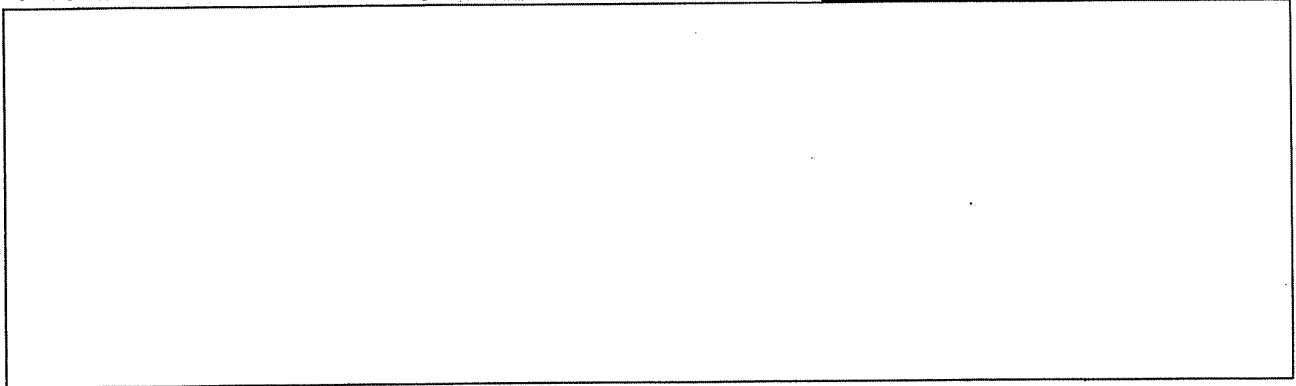
**From:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 20, 2011 1:55 PM  
**To:** Galindo, David R  
**Subject:** Radar items

(SBU) Israeli Turkel Committee Report - Mission Geneva has heard from Amb. Yaar that the Israeli Turkel Committee will likely release their findings as early as this Sunday, Jan. 23. The report will include their conclusions of Israeli government conduct during the May 31 flotilla incident, it will not include the greater questions about the Israeli judicial/military system and compliance with international standards as articulated in Art. 5 of their mandate. Mission Geneva predicts that the Turkel report, which will also be sent to NY to the UNSYG Palmer panel, will not silence calls for further UN follow-up on flotilla which nearly guarantees another resolution in the March HRC session. MLGA- SJohnston-Gardner.

(SBU) Update on Possible Hosts for the New OIC Human Rights Commission-



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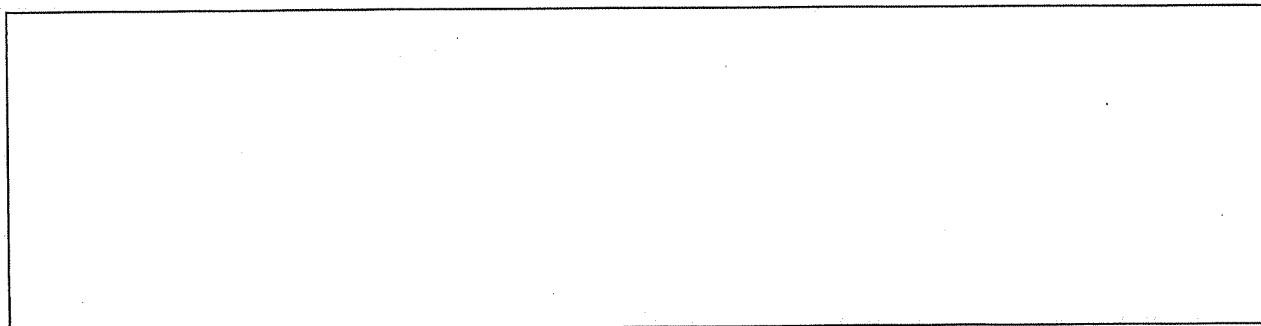
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**Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)**

**From:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2010 3:23 PM  
**To:** Cassidy, Joseph P; Yetken, Melike A (DRL); Galindo, David R  
**Cc:** Sicade, Lynn M (DRL); Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL)  
**Subject:** Re: Report of the Human Rights Council

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Thank you  
Sarah

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**From:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2010 02:03 PM  
**To:** Yetken, Melike A (DRL); Galindo, David R; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Cc:** Sicade, Lynn M (DRL)  
**Subject:** FW: Report of the Human Rights Council

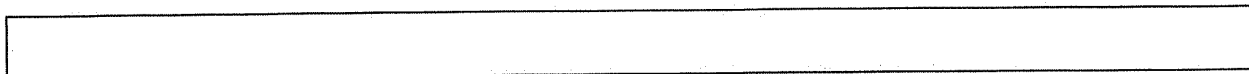
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**From:** Doutrich, Jack T  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2010 12:36 PM  
**To:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Cc:** Millar, McKenzie; Honigstein, Michael D; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Cook, Akunna E; Haldeman, William E (P); Powell, Catherine; Richardson, Eric N; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Brancato, Gilda M; Sullivan, David B; Jacobson, Linda; Cassidy, Joseph P; Bass, Warren; Cassayre, Mark J; 'scott\_w\_busby@nss.eop.gov'; 'mark\_a\_abdoo@nss.eop.gov'; 'Kumar, Prem G.'; Zurcher, Kenneth M; Masilko, Barbara J (USUN); Buzbee, John R; Razzouk, Kelly L  
**Subject:** Report of the Human Rights Council

Wes and all,



Among other things, the Flotilla FFM report found, among other things, that Israel's blockade of Gaza was against intl law.



Thanks,  
JD.

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**From:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2010 11:59 AM  
**To:** Zurcher, Kenneth M; Cook, Akunna E; Haldeman, William E (P); Powell, Catherine; Richardson, Eric N; Doutrich, Jack T; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Brancato, Gilda M; Sullivan, David B; Jacobson, Linda; Cassidy, Joseph P; Bass, Warren; Cassayre, Mark J; 'scott\_w\_busby@nss.eop.gov'; 'mark\_a\_abdo@nss.eop.gov'  
**Cc:** Millar, McKenzie; Honigstein, Michael D; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Subject:** Pls CLEAR by 3PM - Report of the Human Rights Council  
**Importance:** High

All – The attached resolution takes note of the recent Report of the Human Rights Council and acknowledges the recommendations contained within it. It will be voted on in the UNGA 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee on Thursday. Israel has informed us that they will call a vote and vote no, as the HRC recommendations include those on the Gaza Flotilla and Goldstone.



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Thanks for your quick help!  
Wes

*Wesley J. Reisser, Ph.D.*  
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**From:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 20, 2010 8:57 AM  
**To:** Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL); Cassidy, Joseph P; Sicade, Lynn M (DRL); Yetken, Melike A (DRL); McGeeney, Kristen R (DRL)  
**Subject:** RE: Flotilla-ICC PG  
**Attachments:** -flotilla\_war\_crimes\_\_ICC\_Press\_guidance L.DOC; PG 10-14-10 ICC Flotilla Complaint MLGA.doc

Thank you.

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**From:** Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 20, 2010 8:52 AM  
**To:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Cassidy, Joseph P; Sicade, Lynn M (DRL); Yetken, Melike A (DRL); McGeeney, Kristen R (DRL)  
**Subject:** RE: Flotilla-ICC PG

YES. We can raise in directors?

**From:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 20, 2010 8:51 AM  
**To:** Cassidy, Joseph P; Sicade, Lynn M (DRL); Yetken, Melike A (DRL); McGeeney, Kristen R (DRL); Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL)  
**Subject:** FW: Flotilla-ICC PG

I've learned that

[Redacted]

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**From:** Honigstein, Michael D  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2010 7:28 PM  
**To:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Subject:** RE: Flotilla-ICC PG

I just spoke to IO/PAO and they said that [REDACTED]

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Mike

**Michael Honigstein**  
**Human Rights Section Chief**  
**Office of Human Rights, Humanitarian, and Social Affairs (IO/HR)**  
**Bureau of International Organizations**

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**From:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2010 5:53 PM  
**To:** Honigstein, Michael D  
**Subject:** FW: Flotilla-ICC PG

Hi Michael,

Wanted to follow-up on our conversation about the flotilla ICC petition press guidance. [REDACTED]

Many thanks,  
Sarah

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**From:** Gorove, Katherine M  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2010 9:48 AM  
**To:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Subject:** RE: Flotilla-ICC PG

Here is the PG on that issue.

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**From:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2010 9:20 AM  
**To:** Daley, John D; Gorove, Katherine M; Banos, Mariano H; Martin, Julie B; Perina, Alexandra H  
**Subject:** FW: Flotilla-ICC PG

Hello,

Hope you are all doing well. Thought I'd check in to see if you are all working on the ICC/Flotilla PG. IO said that

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Best,  
Sarah

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**From:** Cooper, Kurtis A  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2010 9:17 AM  
**To:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Subject:** Re: Flotilla-ICC PG

When I have a clear indication of what they want to say, I'll make sure everyone sees it.

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**From:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**To:** Cooper, Kurtis A  
**Sent:** Tue Oct 19 09:08:56 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Flotilla-ICC PG

Ok, could you keep us in the loop on this? Or should I ask L, NSC and D(S) staff?

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**From:** Cooper, Kurtis A  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2010 9:07 AM  
**To:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Subject:** Re: Flotilla-ICC PG

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**From:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**To:** Cooper, Kurtis A  
**Sent:** Tue Oct 19 08:48:51 2010  
**Subject:** Flotilla-ICC PG

Hi Kurtis,

Was the PG ever finalized on the flotilla ICC issue?

Thanks,  
Sarah

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From: Pelton, Erin  
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 12:44 PM  
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Subject: Haaretz: Israel to appoint state panel to investigate Gaza Flotilla

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## Israel to appoint state panel to investigate Gaza flotilla raid

**Senior government source says committee to comprise top justices, as well as two international observers.**

By Barak Ravid Tags: Israel news Gaza flotilla

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was expected to announce on Monday or Tuesday the creation of a state panel of inquiry to investigate the Israel Navy's deadly raid of a humanitarian aid flotilla bound for the Gaza Strip last week.

A senior source in Jerusalem said the panel would comprise top justices experienced in matters of international and marine law. Two international justices - at least one of them American - would be invited to participate as observers, said the source.

In addition to investigating the circumstances surrounding the Israel Navy's seizure of the Turkish-flagged Mavi Marmara, the committee will also be charged with looking into the legality of Israel's closure of the Gaza Strip and its naval blockade.

Netanyahu's forum of top seven ministers decided to create the internal investigative panel on Monday, after days of deliberation. An official announcement on the matter was awaiting approval from the attorney general, to ensure that there were no conflicts of interest among the potential members of the committee.

The forum of seven ruled in its decision that the panel would not be allowed to interrogate soldiers or officers who took part in the commando raid, which left nine Turkish activists dead and several people wounded. It was not yet clear whether senior Israel Defense Forces officials - including IDF Chief of Staff Gabi Ashkenazi and Israel Navy Commander Eliezer "Chiney" Marom.

The ministers' decision comes on the heels of a United Nations proposal to establish an international committee comprising representatives of Israel, the U.S. and Turkey to investigate the incident.

Despite growing international pressure, Netanyahu had balked at the proposal, claiming Israel has the right to investigate itself.

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**Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)**

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**From:** McFeeters, Brian D  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2010 6:44 AM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Cc:** Bischof, Daniel R  
**Subject:** FW: Protest Letter 12  
**Attachments:** Document.pdf

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Colleagues, Another letter faxed to US Embassy KL today, Brian

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

**From:** Rauland, Frances N  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2010 6:17 PM  
**To:** Rauland, Frances N; McFeeters, Brian D  
**Subject:** Protest Letter 12

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Date: 3rd Jun 2010

His Excellency Ambassador,  
Embassy of the United States of America  
376 Jalan Tun Razak,  
50400 Kuala Lumpur

Tel: 03 2168 5000, Fax: 03 2148 5801

Dear Sir,

**RE: PROTEST AGAINST THE ISRAELI RAID OF A PRO-PALESTINIAN FLOTILLA OF  
GAZA-BOUND AID SHIPS.**

I representing Malaysian Youth Council and all the youth in Malaysia am writing to express our utmost frustration and condemnation towards the outright inhuman embargo on Gaza. This was demonstrated by the Israeli regime attacked on a convoy of humanitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza which resulted to a number of people casualties and demised.

Hence, we consider that the attack on innocent unarmed volunteers to be no other than an act of terrorism, uncivilized as well as against humanity by the Israeli. This incident further displayed that the Israeli has zero respect or regard towards the norm of universal humanity and international law.

Thus we strongly urge the United Nations together with the United States to immediately intervene in this issue in order to cease this rampant brutal violence and to provide the appropriate redress towards damage caused by the Zionist regime. We believe a more aggressive and proactive approach in dealing with the Zionist regime is necessary to ultimately address the Israeli military action against the convoy of humanitarian aid mission. I appeal to you, to act with speed.

Thank you.

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Sincerely,

**MOHAMAD MALIKI MOHAMED RAPIEE**  
President  
Malaysian Youth Council

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SUBJECT: MGGZ01: Malaysia: Parliamentary Motion on Gaza Flotilla

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, 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). It 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 condemned 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.

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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 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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# IDF SPOKESPERSON ANNOUNCEMENT



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IDF Spokesperson

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
09:00

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## Israel Navy Communicates Radio Message to 7<sup>th</sup> Flotilla Ship

The Israel Navy conveyed the following message to the 7<sup>th</sup> flotilla ship a few moments ago via radio transmission:

"This is the Israeli Navy. You are approaching an area of hostilities which is under a naval blockade. The Gaza area, coastal region and Gaza Harbor are closed to all maritime traffic. The Israeli government supports delivery of humanitarian supplies to the civilian population in the Gaza Strip and invites you to enter the Ashdod port. Delivery of the supplies in accordance with the authorities' regulations will be done via the formal land crossings and under your observation, after which you can return to your home ports aboard the vessels on which you arrived."

The ship organizers chose to ignore the invitation to dock at the Ashdod port where the cargo could be unloaded and transferred to the Gaza Strip upon inspection.

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Senator Brown (R-MA) spoke at a dinner tonight and the full AP article on his remarks is pasted below for consideration of inclusion in tomorrow's sitrep.

**(AP) U.S. Senator Brown of Mass.: Israel no liability to United States**

BOSTON (AP) - U.S. Senator Scott Brown of Massachusetts says Americans should stand together in "unwavering commitment" to Israel in the wake of a deadly commando raid on ships taking aid to the Gaza Strip.

The Republican Brown was the keynote speaker Sunday night at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee leadership dinner in Boston.

He says he was disappointed that so many condemned Israel after the raid without considering Israel is at war with Gaza. He says Israel is one of the United States' greatest allies against jihad and says Israel is not a liability to America.

Israel raided an aid flotilla bound for the Gaza Strip last week. Eight Turks and an American were killed in the fighting.

President Barack Obama has called the raid "tragic" but stopped short of condemning the actions of Israeli forces.

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Israel will reject int'l panel to study raid -ambassador

WASHINGTON (Reuters)- Israel's ambassador to the United States Michael Oren said Sunday that Jerusalem will reject the idea of an international commission to study its commando raid on a Gaza-bound aid ship in which nine pro-Palestinian activists were killed.

"We are rejecting an international commission. We are discussing with the Obama administration a way in which our inquiry will take place," Oren said on "Fox News Sunday."

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has proposed a multinational investigation of the raid, an Israeli official said earlier Sunday.

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Colleagues,

FYI, see below. Jeddah is working on getting a readout of the meeting (and an indication whether Mottaki has any bilateral meetings with Saudis) with the intention of getting a report out by OOB Washington time tomorrow.

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## Iranian FM Arrives in Saudi Arabia for OIC Urgent Meeting

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Jeddah, June 6, IRNA - Foreign Minister of Iran Manouchehr Mottaki arrived here on Sunday to attend the emergency Executive Committee meeting of the ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) on Zionists' crimes in Gaza.

Heading a high-ranking delegation, Mottaki is in Saudi Arabia to elaborate on the Islamic Republic of Iran's stands on the attack of the Israeli forces on the aid flotilla to the Gaza Strip.

Mottaki has already held talks with a number of world leaders, including OIC Secretary-General Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, on the latest developments in Gaza, the Monday raid on the aid convoy to Gaza in particular.

Mottaki in his talks has called on the Islamic leaders to adopt a similar stance against the Zionist regime.

The OIC has 57 members.

According to media reports, early Monday morning in international waters, Israeli forces intercepted and took control of the six-ship aid convoy, which was carrying 10,000 tons of aid and hundreds of activists from several countries. At least 10 people were killed in the serious violence on one or more of the vessels.

The six-ship flotilla had 682 passengers from 42 countries.

Across the world, tens of thousands of people protested on the streets and several countries summoned Israel's ambassadors.

The international community has called for an impartial inquiry into the Israeli assault.

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**Cairo External Affairs News 06-06-2010**

**Summary:**

- Egypt keeps an American ship in Suez because it cut internet cables canal.
- US DOS: Mitchell completed a constructive negotiations session.
- Israeli troops seized Irish ship bound to Gaza.
- FM Aboul Gheit sends letters to EU foreign ministers on Flotilla.
- Hamdy Khalifa files case at ICC against Israelis involved in flotilla attack.
- OIC holds emergency ministerial today on flotilla attack.
- 3,700 crossed through Rafah Crossing during first 4 days of operation.
- Court approves citizenship rule when married to Israeli women.
- GOSS: Egypt has to recognize other countries' rights in water.

**News:**

**US Ship in Suez:** Port Said prosecution ordered the keeping of the American Ship Liberty Agile because it cut the internet cables in Suez Canal when it went off its sailing track in Suez Canal. The ship was carrying flour to Djibouti and was crossing through Suez when its sailing system broke (RAY).

**Palestinian Israeli Negotiations:** US Department of State said the US Envoy to the Middle East completed a news session of indirect negotiations between the Palestinians and Israelis. Abbas said

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Palestinian Authority faces many difficulties in the negotiations. Crowley said discussions were constructive and both the sides reiterated their commitment to reach the joint goal of achieving comprehensive peace in the region. Separately, Spanish FM said he will present a plan from the EU to the EU Foreign Affairs Meeting to be sent to the IQ to lift the siege imposed on Gaza by sending an EU monitoring delegation for crossings between Israel and Egypt and spread European naval forces on Gaza shores (Al Ahrām).

**Gaza Flotilla:** Israeli troops seized the Irish owned ship bound to Gaza, boarding the Rachel 35 miles out in the Mediterranean. Israeli troops boarded the ship without any violent confrontation and they escorted it towards Ashdod's port (Al Ahrām, Al Gomhuria). FM Aboul Gheit sent letters to his European counterparts and permanent UNSC members and the UN Secretary General expressing Egypt's dismay from countries that voted against the Human Rights Council resolution condemning the Israeli crime of attacking the aid flotilla (Al Gomhuria, RAY). Head of the Egyptian Bar Association and president of the Arab Lawyers' Union Hamdy Khalifah announced a case will be filed at the ICC against Israelis involved in the attack on the Gaza Flotilla (Al Gomhuria). Ambassador Mohamed Sobeih demanded going to the ICC to sue Israel for its crimes. He added yesterday that Turkey is going in this direction (Al Gomhuria). The OIC will hold an emergency meeting today in Jeddah to discuss the developments of the attack on the flotilla. Turkish FM Oglu announced yesterday he will attend the OIC meeting (Al Gomhuria).

**Rafah Crossing:** 3,700 Palestinians crossed through Rafah in the first 4 days of operation most of them carrying residencies in other countries and Palestinians with humanitarian reasons. Egyptian employees at the crossing work 14 hours per day (Al Ahrām, Al Gomhuria and RAY).

**Tunnels:** A small landslide in front of the police station in Al Qambaz police station in Rafah revealed a tunnel used for smuggling between Egypt and Gaza. The hole created in the street was 4 meters deep, 6 meters long, and 3 meters wide. The area is currently being scanned for other tunnels. Security officials said 3 tunnels were found in Salah Eddin and Barahma area close to the international border (RAY).

**Egyptian Citizenship:** The High Administrative Court supported the first degree rule to withdraw the Egyptian citizenship off men who get married to Israeli women. The court said each case has to be proposed by the Egyptian ministry of interior independently to the cabinet. Arabs of 1948 married to Palestinian women will be excluded from this rule because they are under occupation and their case is different from those married to Israeli Jewish women (Al Ahrām, Al Gomhuria).

**Nile Water:** Vice president of the GOSS in Egypt said in a lecture that Egypt has to recognize others' rights in Nile water. He added that this recognition will dissolve any problems between Nile Basin countries and lead these countries to recognize Egypt's water rights. He added that Egypt has to transform from defense and protest to cooperation with Nile basin countries (Al Gomhuria). Ugandan minister of energy says the Nile water issue is not technical but rather political. He added that his country recognizes water agreements signed earlier (RAY).

**Egypt - Lebanon:** The Egyptian Lebanese high committee meeting in Beirut on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of June lead by the prime ministers of both countries will discuss marketing products between the two countries, expanding financial cooperation, Lebanese needs of Egyptian natural gas, electricity network, and overcoming problems facing Egyptian workers in Lebanon. A preparatory meeting will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of June lead by Faiza Aboul Naga and her Lebanese counterpart (Al Gomhuria).

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**Libya:** Libyan authorities granted foreign workers in Libya, including Egyptians, a 60-day grace period to fix their status by getting approved working contracts and have a residency. Undisclosed Libyan official sources said after this grace period labor violating country rules will be stopped and deported (Al Ahram).

**Doha Talks:** A new peace negotiations session between Darfurian groups and the Sudanese government will be held in Doha today. JEM continues to refuse to return to negotiations. Separately, government of south Sudan considered any request to delay the referendum a call for war (Al Ahram).

**UAE Amnesty:** Sheikh Khalifah Bin Zayed issued an amnesty for 33 Egyptian prisoners in the country. Egyptian embassy in the UAE will quickly complete their travel procedures for them to return to Egypt (Al Ahram, Al Gomhuria). This constitutes about half the number of Egyptians in UAE prisons (RAY).

**Arab League:** Beheira Governorate signed a cooperation protocol with the Arab Economic Unity Council at the Arab League. The protocol includes youth training in some specialized economic fields including international trade agreements, money markets, stock exchanges, etc. Dr. Goweili said the protocol opens new horizons for development in Beheira. Beheira Governor Mohamed Shaarawi said protocol includes holding scientific conferences and joint discussion sessions of issues of joint concern (Al Ahram).

Thank You

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FYI: Possible channel 16 radio broadcast between IDF and MV Rachel Corrie

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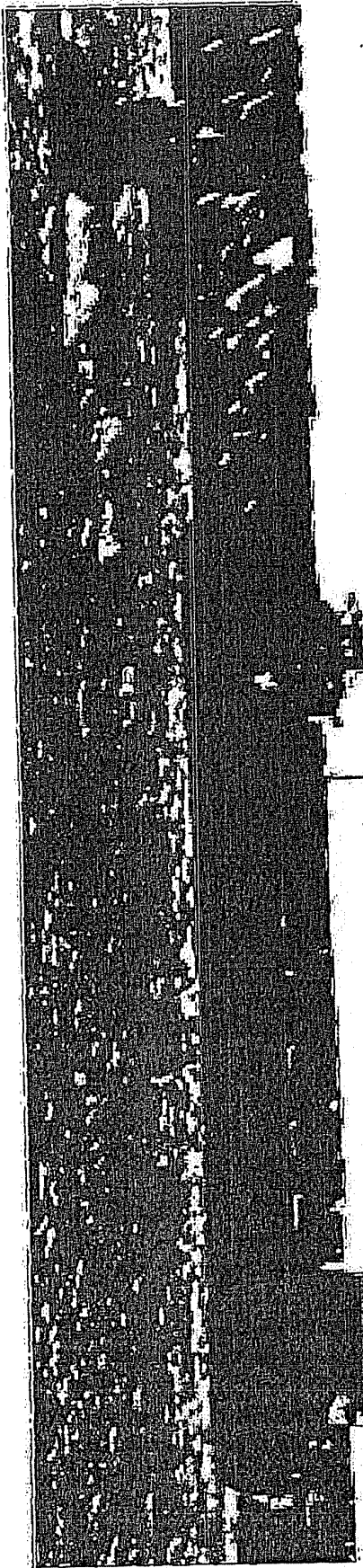
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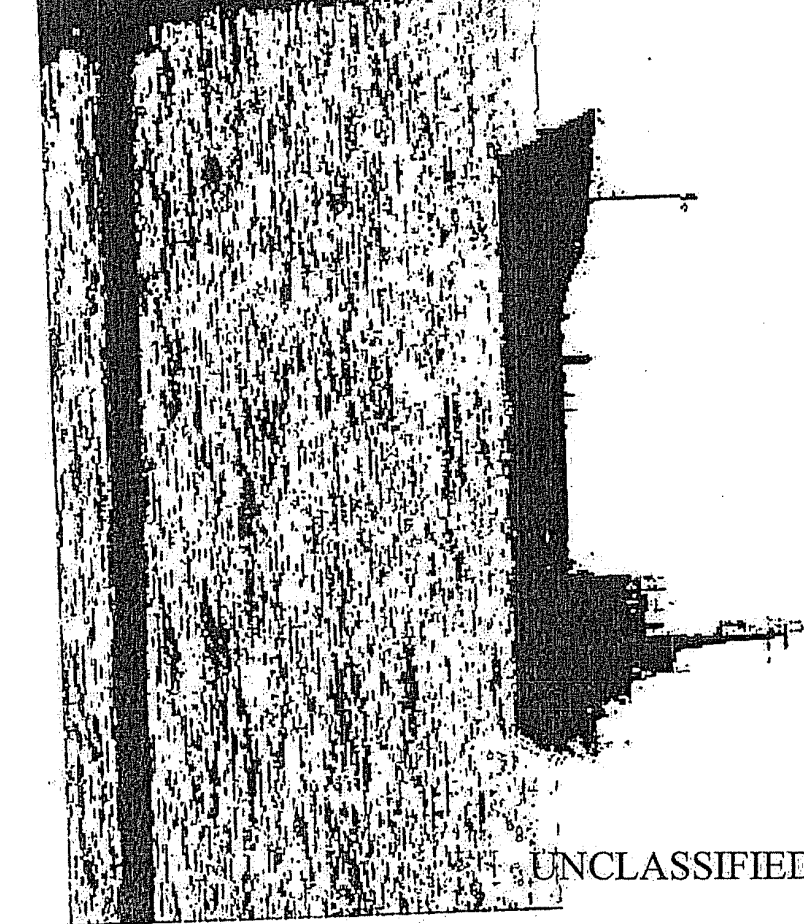
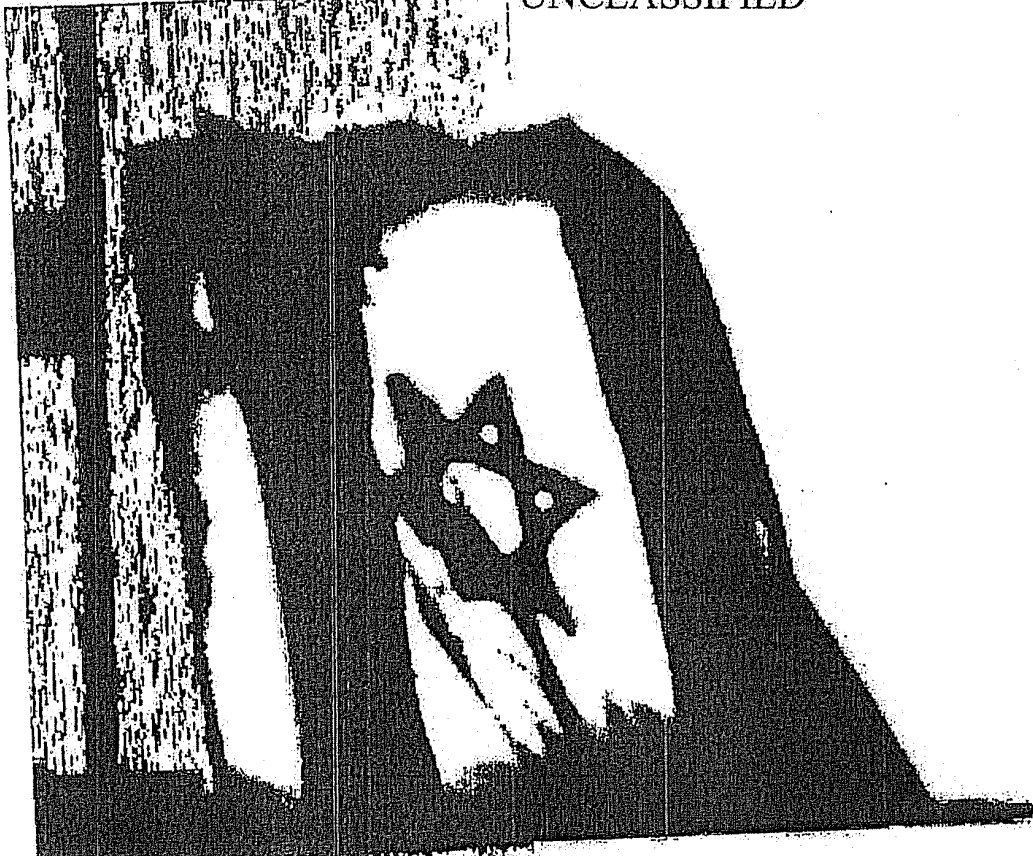
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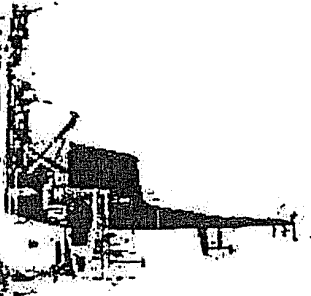
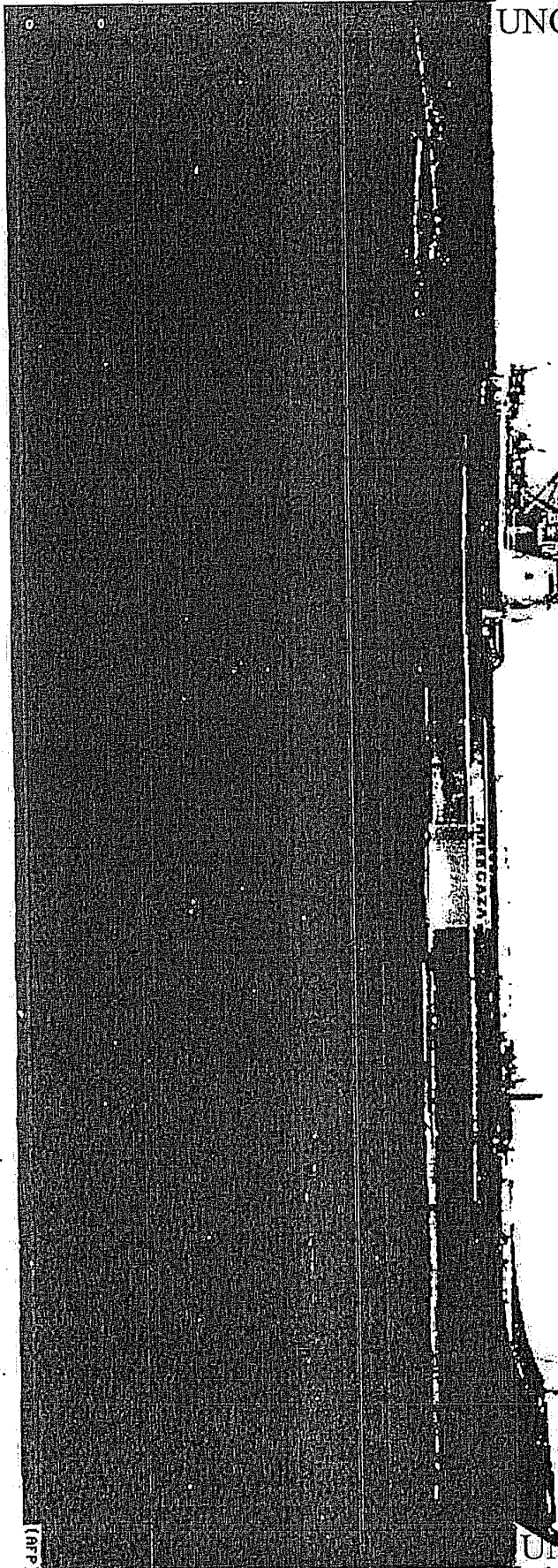
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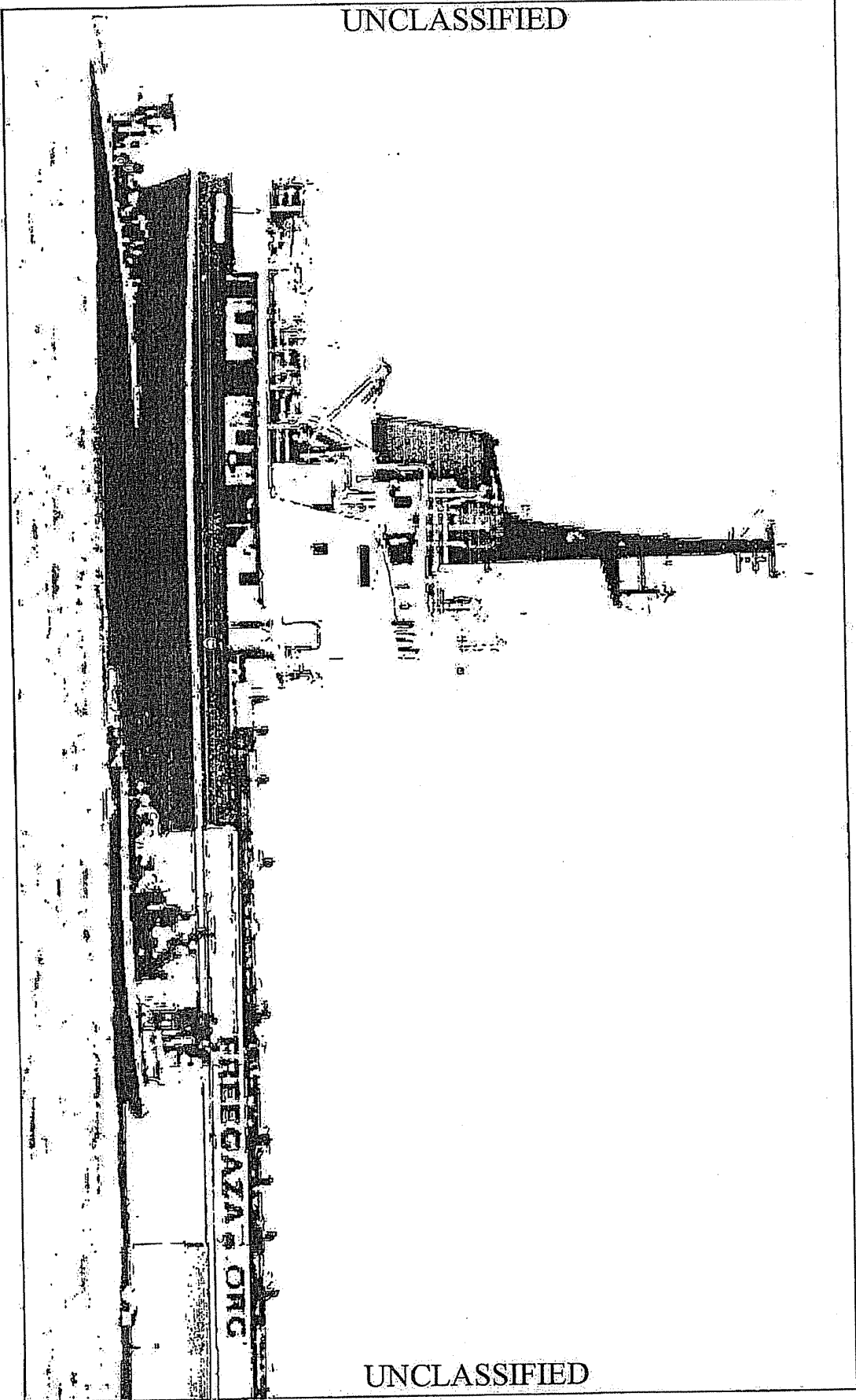
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## Gaza Flotilla: MV Rachel Corrie Live Feed, Updates, and Resources

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Radio Exchange Between Israeli Navy and 7th Flotilla Ship Regarding Transfer of Aid to Gaza

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Update: MV Rachel Corrie Boarded By IDF, Diverted To Ashdod, No One Hurt

Twitter Feed Here!

Live Stream Here!

Al Jazeera English Live News Coverage

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As of 7:20 AM Gaza Time: MV Rachel Corrie is 25 miles from Gazan waters, shadowed by two Israeli warships, but has not been boarded. Jamming of radios has been reported.

Expected to arrive in Gaza around 10:00 AM Gaza Time

7:25 AM: MV Rachel Corrie 20 miles of shore, visible from Gaza shore.

7:27 AM: It looks like she might make it!

7:33 AM: 19 minutes ago the Free Gaza Movement said they were not able to contact the ship, unknown if communications has been reestablished. Earlier jamming of radios was reported.

7:37 AM: Reports of MV Rachel Corrie being boarded and diverted to Ashdod! Not sure if this is confirmed. There were earlier false reports of a boarding, this could just be a late breaking dud.

7:43 AM: No confirmation that Corrie has been boarded, she may very well be under way

still.

7:47 AM: I am being told that she has not been boarded, but I haven't received any update in quite a few minutes. Standing by, ready to post more info as soon as possible.

7:51 AM: "We have been trying every two minutes to contact passengers. No answer. #Flotilla" from the Free Gaza Movement Twitter feed, they still are no able to make contact, Jamming of communications may still be active.

7:56 AM: IDF Twitter claiming Corrie has not been boarded. Not sure if this is actually official IDF twitter page, still working to bring you up to date info.

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8:02 AM: "Haaretz says Rachel Corrie ship closing in on Gaza shore. Posted this information to their page 20 minutes ago. #Flotilla" Free Gaza Movement's Twitter is reporting that Haaretz confirms Rachel Corrie is still underway and headed for Gaza.

8:10 AM: Still waiting for more info about MV Rachel Corrie's status, she is currently underway towards Gaza and jamming of communications is continuing.

8:13 AM: CNN's Ben Wedeman reports, Corrie can be seen with smaller vessels around her through binoculars. Smaller vessels are probably IDF patrol boats mentioned earlier.

8:18 AM: IDF naval activity in port reported to be more intense than usual.

8:22 AM: jvplive@twitter is reporting, "Phone ringing, no answer. But #Rachel Corrie is speeding towards Gaza. #Flotilla" MV Rachel Corrie is still under way!

8:25 AM: Ma'an News Agency confirms, that MV Rachel Corrie is being shadowed by Israeli naval vessels and the ship's radar and communications are being jammed.

8:30 AM: Free Gaza reports via twitter, "Al Jazeera reports that the Navy is insisting they go to Ashdod. Passengers say 'no'. Navy says they will drag boat to Ashdod. Not possible"

8:38 AM: Not much info coming in right now, but I will post fresh information as soon as possible.

8:45 AM: IDFSpokesperson@twitter (supposed to be IDF's official twitter) reports, "Update: Rachel Corrie now ~40 miles from shore; IDF made initial request for ID; ship not boarded". MV Rachel Corrie still underway.

8:48 AM: Free Gaza Twitter reports, "From the BBC: IOF issued initial request to ship to identify. No warning to the ship. No boarding ship yet. No contact for hour and a half." Further confirmation the ship is still en route to Gaza and has not been boarded.

8:55 AM: Information is scarce, but I will continue updating as often as possible. MV Rachel Corrie's status appears to be the same as last reported. Still underway, shadowed by naval vessels, radar and communications still being jammed.

9:00 AM: IDF twitter says, "IDF Navy began transmission to crew of Rachel Corrie telling them to dock @ Ashdod; aid will be transferred via land xings to Gaza"

9:05 AM: Ma'an News Agency says, "Army source: Aid ship will not reach Gaza <http://ping.fm/nlj9S>".

9:14 AM: **BREAKING!** Free Gaza's Twitter reports, "According to the IOF, the boat was stopped in international waters six minutes ago and that it is legal. #Flotilla". It appears she is possibly being stopped after she rejected a second call to divert to Ashdod.

9:24 AM: Ma'an News Agency reports, "BREAKING Israel orders MV Rachel Corrie to change course <http://ping.fm/Mplvg>" No further confirmation yet that Corrie has been stopped.

9:27 AM: Free Gaza Movement says, "Engine expert. "They may be apprehensive to use helicopters this time. If you want to drag the Rachel, you must first break his engine." 3 minutes ago via web" MV Rachel Corrie is due in port within an hour, not sure how far from the coast she is.

9:32 AM: Free Gaza reports, "Sky News now: RC refused a second call to go to Ashdod. Not sure of the source for this. #Flotilla" Once again there has not been any further mentions of the ship being stopped.

9:40 AM: Breaking News@twitter says, "Update: Israelis tell aid ship it won't reach Gaza, ask it to change course <http://bit.ly/dnMyYp>"

9:47 AM: Mondoweis@Twitter, "RT @JamalDajani: According to Al Jazeera #Israel navy trying to force the Rachel Corrie ship to

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Ashdod"

9:53 AM: Not much information coming in at this time, but I will continue to post it as it comes. Ma'an News Agency confirms that IDF has ordered MV Rachel Corrie to change her course again. "BREAKING Israel orders MV Rachel Corrie to change course <http://ping.fm/Mplvg>".

MV Rachel Corrie was expected in port around 10:00 AM, not sure if this estimate is still accurate.

10:00 AM: No reports yet of arrival, and information is not forthcoming. I'm posting info as soon as it comes in.

10:04 AM: Live news reports by Al Jazeera English and PressTV. PressTV is reporting that the IDF is preparing to board the ship inside Gazan territorial waters!

10:11 AM: on Al Jazeera English, Israeli official Mary Eisen says they will stop the Rachel Corrie, and is being followed by two IDF naval vessels.

10:18 AM: Ben Wedeman of CNN reports, "Everything gone quiet in #Gaza port: everyone waiting for #rachelcorrie." The calm before the storm, everyone is waiting to see what going to happen. Once again Al Jazeera and PressTV have confirmed via live coverage that the IDF has two boats trailing MV Rachel Corrie, and appear to be staging themselves.

10:25 AM: Just in from Free Gaza's Twitter, "From Vik: The 6 gunboats disappeared on the horizon south-west just about a half hour ago. #Flotilla" It appears that there may be as many as 6 IDF patrol boats near the Rachel Corrie.

10:33 AM: IDFSpokesperson@twitter: "Update: Rachel Corrie has rejected IDF Navy request to dock at Ashdod Port for 3rd time" It appears that the IDF has not yet tried to stop the boat, but there seems to be a dialogue between them and the Rachel Corrie.

10:44 AM: It looks like the situation is at a stand still.

But, Free Gaza is reporting this at their Twitter feed, "Israeli army: Ship has to directly handle all she carries to the Israeli army in Ashdod Port or we will use force (from source listening), Israeli spokesperson confirms they had three contacts to contact the RC to take it to Ashdod, the RC said they refuse to go to Ashdod, About cutting the communications, he said that Israel has different methods to reach their objectives and they will use them, Israeli spokesperson said they hope not to be forced to use violence, but they will use all means to stop the RC. #Flotilla".

The IDF is telling them to divert again, and if they don't they will use any means they deem necessary.

10:50 AM: Almost an hour after MV Rachel Corrie was originally supposed to arrive in port, Ben Wedeman of CNN says, "Waiting in port for #RachelCorrie. getting hot, drinking tea. No sign of ship."

10:55 AM: IDFSpokesperson@twitter says, "Update: The Rachel Corrie is now ~28 miles from shore, have rejected 3 requests from IDF navy to dock @ Ashdod Port" and Free Gaza reports, "So far, peace activists have refused to go to Ashdod. Israeli navy preparing to violently stop them if necessary. #Flotilla"

11:00 AM: It's now 11AM in Gaza and 1AM in Arizona. But no matter how tired I get, I will remain ever vigilant and continue to bring you up to date information. No new info coming in right now, well no real relevant info. But, as soon as I can I will post new information.

11:08 AM: PressTV has just said that they can neither confirm that anything has happened, nor confirm anything hasn't happened. How helpful.....

11:15 AM: Al Jazeera English just interviewed someone from the Malaysian group involved with the MV Rachel Corrie (not on ship), She confirms that their radar and communications are still being blocked, and that Israel is continuing to tell them they will be stopped if they do not comply. Last contact with the Rachel Corrie was over 3 hours ago.

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11:25 AM: Situation still at a stand still, no new information. But, apparently The United States has urged the aid ship to change its course, the San Francisco Gate writes.

11:35 AM: Nothing has changed yet. The Rachel Corrie's crew is still standing their ground, and the IDF is still rattling their saber. CNN's Ben Wedeman says, "Isn't an offer by its nature optional? Israel is giving #RachelCorrie an ultimatum. We are waiting in #Gaza."

11:45 AM: Mr. Wedeman gives us more insight into the current situation at the port of Gaza, "Reports re #RachelCorrie conflicting for all. When I see her enter #Gaza port, then I'll believe it." Believe me sir, I am just as bored as you. and IDFSpokesperson@twitter shows us, that the IDF's record must be broken, "Update the Rachel Corrie has now rejected 4th request by IDF Navy to dock @ Ashdod Port; transfer aid by land. Ship not boarded."

11:55 AM: Sad news everybody, It appears that MV Rachel Corrie has been seized by the IDF and is being towed into Ashdod. Thankfully all on board are safe and sound, but regretably they are probably going to be arrested like those onboard MV Mavi Marmara and the other five ships.

Free Gaza reports, "The Rachel Corrie has been forcibly seized by the Israeli navy and is being towed to Ashdod. All on board are reported safe. From Perdana" and "Eyewitnesses in Gaza say they can see the boat."

12:06 PM: Free Gaza reports, "IDF denies they have boarded, but they are going to post 'their' video tape soon. Eyewitnesses can see the boat from the shore" Video Here.

12:18 PM: Ma'an News has a chronological list of some of the events here. They also say, "Israeli army says navy gearing for possible forceful takeover of ship" here.

12:30 PM: That's all the information I can get at this time, I will report later when there is confirmation.

12:45 PM: Jerusalem Post confirms, the Rachel Corrie has been boarded. IDFSpokesperson@twitter confirms also, "The crew of the Rachel Corrie has permitted IDF soldiers to board"; "IDF soldiers boarded the Rachel Corrie with permission by sea, no helicopters used", "The Rachel Corrie will be brought to the Ashdod Port where goods will be inspected + transferred to Gaza via land xings" and an Israeli official has now admitted on Al Jazeera English that the Rachel Corrie is under the control of the IDF.

12:50 PM: Apparently an agreement was reached, the crew of the Rachel Corrie agreed to be towed into Ashdod on the conditions that the cargo would be inspected by UN officials in Ashdod and would be escorted in its entirety to Gaza, with two MV Rachel Corrie crewman, Irish and UN officials. Hopefully the IDF will live up to their end of the bargain. source: Al Jazeera English

Update: MV Rachel Corrie Boarded By IDF, Diverted To Ashdod, No One Hurt

Twitter Feed Here!

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Photos Of IDF Boarding MV Rachel Corrie.

Photos Of MV Rachel Corrie's Arrival In Ashdod

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## Official: Detained foreign activists civilized, polite

**Irish Nobel peace laureate eats dinner with Israeli inspectors, who laud civilized conduct of activists detained on board Rachel Corrie ship**

Yael Branovsky

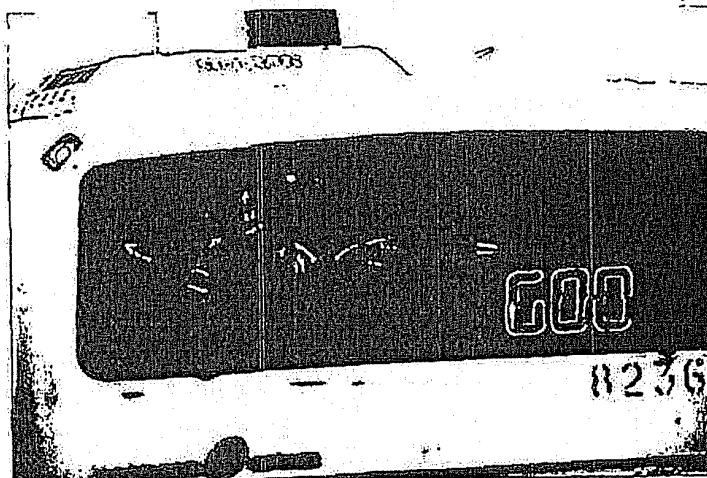
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The 19 foreign activists on board the seized Rachel Corrie ship were taken Saturday evening for an interrogation at an Immigration Authority facility in Holon, just south of Tel Aviv.

The activists underwent an interrogation in an effort to clarify their citizenship. All 19 of them have agreed to be expelled from Israel Sunday.

One of the activists, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Mairead Maguire, ate her dinner along with Immigration officials. Following her interrogation she was smiling and recalled memories of her previous sail to Israel, about 10 months ago.



Activists en route to interrogation (Photo: Dudu Azoulay)

Immigration Authority officials said the activists are "very quiet and are cooperating."

Immigration official Yossi Edelstein told Ynet that the activists in the latest ship were much friendlier and cooperative than previous activists. However, he said it was clear they too arrived

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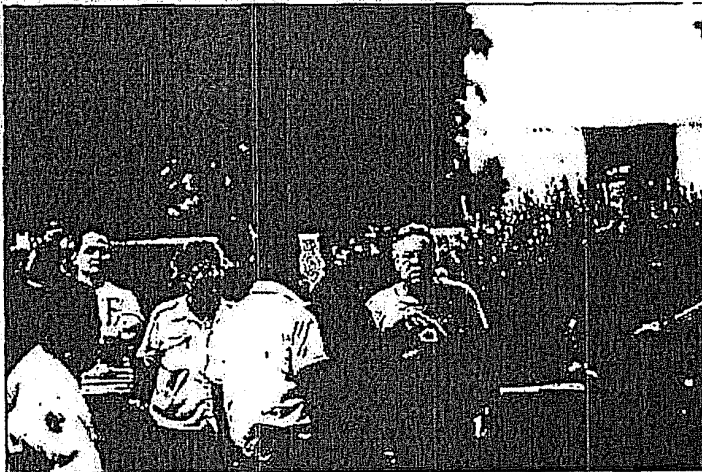
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in order to create a provocation, and said nothing about the humanitarian aid they were bringing in during their interrogation."

"Today it was much easier. People were much more polite and did not attempt any violent provocations," he said. "Some of them, like the Filipinos who were part of the crew, didn't really understand why they're here."

"They came off the boat and arrived to us in a civilized manner, did not riot, and did not swear at our inspectors or looked at them with hatred in their eyes," the official said. "Compared to the previous people they were very calm."



Activists praised by officials (Photo: Dudu Azoulay)

Following the interrogations, which are expected to end Sunday, the activists will be expelled back to their countries of origin.

In the previous Gaza-bound flotilla, 16 of the roughly 700 activists on board the Marmara were not identified. Three activists who took part in the previous sail, an Indonesian and two Uzbekistan nationals, are also expected to leave Israel tomorrow.

The Rachel Corrie ship entered the Ashdod Port Saturday afternoon accompanied by Navy ships. Earlier Saturday, Navy commandoes raided the commandeered the ship in a peaceful operation and without any injuries. A senior IDF official said that activists on the ship displayed no resistance and even offered a ladder to the soldiers.

**Amnon Meranda contributed to the story**

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3899386,00.html>

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**From:** Sayles, Ambrose G  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2010 4:29 PM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** RE: NEA Final Guidance on Gaza Flotilla - Update  
**Attachments:** 060410-Israel-Palestinians - UPDATE on Free Gaza Flotilla.docx

**Importance:** High

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Please see the attached UPDATED/REVISED version of the press guidance, given today's most recent events.

Thank you,  
Ambrose

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**From:** Sayles, Ambrose G  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2010 12:28 PM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** NEA Final Guidance on Gaza Flotilla - Update

Attached is yesterday's "Free Gaza" Flotilla updated press guidance as cleared through Deputy Steinberg.

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**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2010 1:21 PM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** FW: Rachel Corrie Boarding

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FYI...

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2010 1:13 PM  
**To:** Levin, Jan; Bartels, Katharine V; Sievers, Marc J  
**Cc:** Burnett, David R; Greene, Elisa  
**Subject:** Re: Rachel Corrie Boarding

The Irish consul is with the 19 from the ship at a facility in Holon near TLV. At 10 pm they will go to Ben Gurion detention facility. Those who accept will be repatriated ASAP. They have 72 hours to appeal their deportation. Those who take the three days to think about that will most likely be repatriated at the end of the 72 hours. Use the time to make their point. No Amcits, but one Cuban. He also told me that a participant in the first wave of boats [redacted] was Irish but also Amcit, former US Marine, who had tried at some point to relinquish US citiz.

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**From:** Levin, Jan  
**To:** Bartels, Katharine V; Sievers, Marc J  
**Cc:** Parker, Andrew C; Burnett, David R  
**Sent:** Sat Jun 05 19:36:07 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Rachel Corrie Boarding

I don't have anything new, Katherine, but pls see my colleague Dave Burnett's msg re distro of goods. CG Andy Parker may be able to answer your question as to where the activists are being held and how long they might expect to stay in Israel.

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**From:** Bartels, Katharine V  
**To:** Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan  
**Sent:** Sat Jun 05 19:20:04 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Rachel Corrie Boarding

Hi Jan/Marc,

I'm drafting the SitRep for NEA this afternoon and wanted to check in to see if there were any additional developments regarding the Rachel Corrie since Marc's last email below.

Specifically:

1. Do we have any further information on the delivery of goods? Or are things on hold as it's a Saturday?
2. Any other information regarding the ship's cargo?
3. Where are the activists being held? Are they likely to be released or will they remain in Israel for some time?

Many thanks,  
Kit Bartels  
NEA Duty Officer

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**From:** Sievers, Marc J  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2010 10:35 AM  
**To:** Levin, Jan; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** Re: Rachel Corrie Boarding

In addition, Israel Radio at 5 pm local reported 500 tons of cement on board. MOD officials reportedly were looking into whether it could be delivered to UN so that Hamas would not be able to use it.

**From:** Levin, Jan  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Sent:** Sat Jun 05 17:12:10 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: Rachel Corrie Boarding

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**From:** Burgess, Richard J  
**To:** Cunningham, James B  
**Cc:** Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Grubb, Jason B; Schlereth, Frank G; Palin, Robert H  
**Sent:** Sat Jun 05 16:55:13 2010  
**Subject:** Rachel Corrie Boarding

Sir,

Rachel Corrie boarding as reported by YNET:

**Takeover ended in 5 minutes**

Ron Ben-Yishai reports from the field: Five days after bloody raid on Marmara, Navy stages peaceful takeover at sea; female combat soldiers take part in quick raid on Rachel Corrie; fighters board ship using rope ladders.  
Ron Ben-Yishai

Published: 06.05.10, 18:35 / [Israel News](#)

**Just five minutes – this is the estimated time it took Israel's Navy to commandeer the Rachel Corrie Ship en route to the Gaza Strip.**

The raid got underway with the vessel roughly 23 miles west of the Gaza shore, right on the boundary of the naval blockade imposed on the strip. Navy Chief Major General Eliezer Marom received the chief of staff's approval before proceeding. The top military officials were also in touch with Defense Minister Ehud Barak during the operation.

The overall operation was headed by the commander of Israel's missile boat fleet, while the actual raid on the ship was led by the commander of the Flotilla 13 commando unit, Colonel A.

The decision to take over the vessel was taken roughly at 12 pm, when it became clear that the ship had no intention of complying with the Navy's messages and turn to the Ashdod port for an inspection.

The vessel's captain was informed that Navy soldiers will board the ship in line with international law and without using force, and that the IDF expected personnel on the ship to behave similarly.

**4 female fighters**

The captain made it clear to the forces he had no intention to offer violent resistance. He gathered the 11 passengers and crewmembers on the ship's deck, where they peacefully waited for the Navy's boats. The Navy dispatched three missile boats to the area, as well as several patrol vessels which have been accompanying the Rachel Corrie since Friday. Additional missile boats were deployed in case the operation turned violent.

Shortly before 12:30, two missile boats reached the Rachel Corrie carrying about 20 combat soldiers, including four female fighters belonging to the Navy's special security unit, in charge of securing ports and vessels. The females were brought in so that they personally handle the females on board, including Nobel Prize Laureate Mairead Maguire.

The Navy commander was on board a nearby missile boat along with Flotilla 13's commander during the operation. The fighters boarded the ship using rope ladders without facing any resistance, explained their demands to the captain, and ensured they were being met.

The operation took about five minutes, with activists on board the ship yelling slogans at Navy troops but refraining from any violence. The incident highlighted the difference between passengers on Board the Marmara, who planned a violent and lethal clash in order to smear Israel, and Rachel Corrie activists. The Navy said the latter activists were part of a "provocative sail", but made do with conveying their political message, thereby averting any kind of violent clash.

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UPDATED NEA Press Guidance  
June 4, 2010

**Israel/Palestinians: UPDATE Free Gaza Flotilla**

**Key Message:**

- We deeply regret the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident aboard the Gaza-bound ships earlier this week.
- We remain deeply concerned by the situation in Gaza, including the humanitarian situation. 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 work of nongovernmental organizations, and its use and endorsement of violence complicate 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 expanded to allow in all humanitarian items and be used by those organizations wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the innocent people of Gaza.
- We expect the Israeli government to conduct a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation conforming to international standards that gets to all the facts surrounding this tragic incident. We are open to different ways of assuring a credible investigation, including international participation. We will continue to discuss these ideas with the Israelis and our international partners in the days ahead.
- This recent incident involving the "Free Gaza" flotilla underscores the need to move ahead quickly with negotiations that can lead to a comprehensive peace in the region and ultimately address issues such as the situation in Gaza.

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Q: Does the U.S. have any information or comment on the Irish ship on the way to face the blockade tomorrow? What action is the U.S. taking?

- We engaged with the Israelis, and continue to do so, on a daily basis and in a variety of contacts about the flotilla. We continue to engage them regarding any ships – including the M/V RACHEL CORRIE – that are still on their way.
- We call on all parties to avoid any actions that could further complicate the situation and obstruct our ability to move towards a lasting solution.

Q: What discussions is the U.S. having with the Israelis on their actions to stop this ship? Did the U.S. talk to the Israelis before the flotilla arrived earlier this week?

- We had extensive contact with the Israeli and Turkish governments in the weeks leading up to the flotilla sailing to Gaza in an effort to avoid a situation such as the one that took place earlier this week.
- We expressed to the Israelis in a variety of contacts, in Israel and Washington, the need for caution and restraint in dealing with civilians, including American citizens. Israel was well aware of our concerns, which they shared.
- We are continuing to engage them regarding the two ships that are still on their way.

Q: What ways are we recommending to Israel to address the Gaza blockade?

- As Secretary Clinton said, the status quo 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 work with Israel, along with those in the international community who have direct interest in what happens in Gaza, to find ways to increase the amount of assistance entering Gaza, while also protecting Israel's security interests.

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- **This conflict can be solved only through an agreement based on a two-state solution negotiated between the parties. This incident underscores the need to move ahead quickly with negotiations that can lead to a comprehensive peace in the region and ultimately address issues such as the situation in Gaza.**

Q: Can you confirm if there are any Americans onboard the M/V RACHEL CORRIE?

- **The "Free Gaza" Movement in Washington has informed us that there are no Americans presently onboard. We are working diligently to confirm this information.**

Q: Are Turkish warships accompanying the ship?

- **Embassy Ankara has informed us that the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs firmly denies press reports that Turkish frigates are escorting the M/V RACHEL CORRIE.**

Q: What is the latest on the overall investigation? Has it started? Who is involved?

- **As the President said, we are calling for an effective investigation to determine the facts.**
- **This is a very difficult situation that requires careful, thoughtful responses from all concerned.**
- **We expect the Israeli government to conduct a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation conforming to international standards gets to all the facts surrounding this tragic incident. We are open to different ways of assuring a credible investigation, including international participation. We will continue to discuss these ideas with the Israelis and our international partners in the days ahead.**

Q: What happened at the emergency meeting at the UN earlier this week in regards to the above incident? What specific proposal did Turkey put forward? Will the U.S. support any action against Israel?

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- The UN Security Council Presidential Statement – which was adopted by consensus – regretted loss of life, took note of the Secretary General's call for an investigation, called for a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation conforming to international standards, noted the situation in Gaza is unsustainable, and underscored the need to realize a two state solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Q: What is the current status of U.S. citizens involved in the "Free Gaza" flotilla?

- Furkan Dogan's remains were repatriated to Turkey and we will be engaging the Israeli government on the circumstances surrounding his death.
- All other identified U.S. citizens have been deported to either Greece or Turkey. Embassy officials are providing consular assistance as appropriate to all U.S. citizens involved with the flotilla.
- We refer individuals to our Travel Warning for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza in which we urge U.S. citizens to avoid all travel to the Gaza Strip.

Q: What is the U.S. response to the presence of high profile Americans (former U.S. government officials, etc.) in the "Free Gaza" flotilla?

- American participants in the "Free Gaza" flotilla are private citizens, not representatives of the U.S. government.

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**Background:**

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**SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON THE RECENT  
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The Security Council deeply regrets the loss of life and injuries resulting from the use of force during the Israeli military operation in international waters against the convoy sailing to Gaza. The Council, in this context, condemns those acts which resulted in the loss of at least ten civilians and many wounded, and expresses its condolences to their families.

The Security Council requests the immediate release of the ships as well as the civilians held by Israel. The Council urges Israel to permit full consular access, to allow the countries concerned to retrieve their deceased and wounded immediately, and to ensure the delivery of humanitarian assistance from the convoy to its destination.

The Security Council takes note of the statement of the UN Secretary-General on the need to have a full investigation into the matter and it calls for a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation conforming to international standards.

The Security Council stresses that the situation in Gaza is not sustainable. The Council re-emphasizes the importance of the full implementation of Resolutions 1850 and 1860. In that context, it reiterates its grave concern at the humanitarian situation in Gaza and stresses the need for sustained and regular flow of goods and people to Gaza as well as unimpeded provision and distribution of humanitarian assistance throughout Gaza.

The Security Council underscores that the only viable solution to Israeli-Palestinian conflict is an agreement negotiated between the parties and re-emphasizes that only a two-State solution, with an independent and viable Palestinian State living side by side in peace and security with Israel and its other neighbours, could bring peace to the region.

The Security Council expresses support for the proximity talks and voices concern that this incident took place while the proximity talks are underway and urges the parties to act with restraint, avoiding any unilateral and provocative actions, and all international partners to promote an atmosphere of cooperation between the parties and throughout the region.

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Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)

**From:** Doner, Susan L  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2010 9:04 AM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** FW: Inquiry from the Ops Center: Rachel Corrie questions

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**From:** Sievers, Marc J  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2010 8:41 AM  
**To:** Goldberg, Joshua W; Schlereth, Frank G  
**Cc:** SES-O\_Shift-I  
**Subject:** Re: Inquiry from the Ops Center: Rachel Corrie questions

Correction, I will answer. The original GOI offer to deliver the goods and to include an NGO or UN rep in the process was part of a package that included voluntary delivery of cargo to Ashdod, an offer that the ship refused. That said, they moved the supplies off the previous flotilla and to the Gaza crossing within a day. Saturday the GOI is closed, with only emergency services operating, so I assume not much will happen until tomorrow.

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**From:** Goldberg, Joshua W  
**To:** Sievers, Marc J; Schlereth, Frank G  
**Cc:** SES-O\_Shift-I  
**Sent:** Sat Jun 05 15:01:06 2010  
**Subject:** Inquiry from the Ops Center: Rachel Corrie questions

Mr. Sievers and Commander Schlereth – Good afternoon.

We have a few questions regarding the status of the Rachel Corrie we wanted to ask of you both:

1. Do you have a timeline for when the Israelis will begin inspecting the ship's cargo – when this search will happen, and how long it is expected to take?
2. Once the inspection is complete, will an international organization become involved in transporting the ship's goods from the port into Gaza?

We appreciate any information you can provide on these two questions, and any further updates on the overall situation.

I am happy to call either of you to discuss the situation.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Josh Goldberg  
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Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)

From: Doner, Susan L  
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To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Subject: FW: Situation Report No. 11 - Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group MGGZ01 (SBU)

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## **SITUATION REPORT No. 11**

**Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group MGGZ01**

Saturday, June 5, 2010  
0600 EDT

### **STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS**

(U) Autopsies revealed the nine dead Turkish activists had been shot a total of 30 times, mostly at close range, and five were killed by gunshot wounds to the head. *(UK Guardian)*

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

- (SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv reports RACHEL CORRIE was boarded by IDF without resistance or injuries and will arrive in Ashdod in two hours. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)*
- (U) Three Israeli naval ships had tailed RACHEL CORRIE for several hours and made four demands for the ship to change course. The vessel refused to comply. *(Xinhua)*

### **INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS**

- (U) Turkey: Prosecutors are considering indictments against senior Israeli figures for the MAVI MARMARA deaths. *(Jerusalem Post)*
- (U) Malta: On June 4, approximately 200 people protested peacefully in Valletta against the Israeli use of force on the Gaza flotilla. *(Times of Malta)*

Additional updates are available through our unclassified Intellipedia portal at [http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza\\_Flotilla\\_2010](http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza_Flotilla_2010)

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From: Lewis, Robert B  
Sent: Saturday, June 05, 2010 1:51 AM  
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Subject: Information June 5th Early AM

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<http://www.jpost.com/Home/Article.aspx?id=177526>

Please look at the information displayed in the teleprompter/breaking news section:

<http://www.debka.com/search/tag/Rachel%20Corrie/>

International newspapers: <http://www.kidon.com/media-link/index.php> 19K+ newspapers and magazines.

Language Translation tools:

[http://www.google.com/language\\_tools?hl=en](http://www.google.com/language_tools?hl=en) Entire webpage's can be translated with this site

<http://babelfish.yahoo.com/>

I sent out information on the Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Groups SIPRNET site yesterday. Have a great day.

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From: Goldberger, Thomas H  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 6:52 PM  
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Subject: FW: Statement on the Gaza Flotilla by National Security Council Spokesman Mike Hammer

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June 4, 2010

**Statement on the Gaza Flotilla by National Security Council Spokesman Mike Hammer**

The Government of Israel has stated its desire to avoid a confrontation and a repeat of Monday's tragic events on the *Mavi Marmara*. It remains a U.S. priority to provide assistance to the people of Gaza. In the interest of the safety of all involved, and the safe transmission of assistance to the people of Gaza, we strongly encourage those on board the *Rachel Corrie* and other vessels to sail to Ashdod to deliver their materials to Gaza.

We are working urgently with Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and other international partners to develop new procedures for delivering more goods and assistance to Gaza, while also increasing opportunity for the people of Gaza and preventing the importation of weapons. The current arrangements are unsustainable and must be changed. For now, we call on all parties to join us in encouraging responsible decisions by all sides to avoid any unnecessary confrontations and to ensure the safety of all involved.

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**Subject:** FW: Gaza Flotilla: Clarifying information regarding Challengers II & III and Cyprus  
**Sent:** 6/4/2010 5:33:54 PM  
To reduce confusion, please note the following information based on reporting from Embassy Nicosia and USCG contacts with Cypriot port authorities:

--The U.S.-flagged Challenger II has suffered extensive damages and is on the ground in Limassol. It arrived in Cyprus after showing ingress of water and will remain out of the water for at least a month.

--The U.S.-flagged Challenger III (formerly, the Greek-flagged Dimitris K) is in the water at Limassol new port, but without crew or passengers and is chained to the pier by port and marine police.

--Both vessels are U.S.-flagged. The Challenger II had previously been Greek-owned, flagged in Honduras and known as the Nitta II. The Challenger III, had previously been the Cyprus-flagged and owned Dimitris K.

--Cypriot port authorities in Limassol have told Embassy Nicosia they do not intend to let any vessel depart to participate in the flotilla.

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**From:** Goldberger, Thomas H  
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**Subject:** FW: Irish FM Statement from today on Rachel Corrie  
**Sent:** 6/4/2010 4:59:09 PM

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**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

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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.

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."

**ENDS**

**04 June 2010**

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**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** Greek FM States GoG positions on Flotilla and Peace Process  
**Sent:** 6/4/2010 11:08:15 AM  
**A/FM Droutsas in Greek Parliament yesterday:**

**Full transcript of the speech (translation):**

(opening reply)

Mr. Speaker,

Ladies and Gentlemen MPs,

Late last night – or, rather, in the early hours of this morning – we welcomed, with you, Mr. Dritsas, and representatives of the parties, the Greek citizens returning to Greece on a special Air Force flight from Israel. Personnel from our Embassy saw them off at Tel Aviv airport. Throughout this crisis, the Foreign Ministry's crisis management unit operated non-stop, keeping relatives informed responsibly. At every juncture, the Ministry's service structure functioned as it should.

This is the reality of the situation. So before I get into my answer, I need, I want to congratulate and thank the Foreign Ministry personnel, at the Central and Foreign Services, for their conscientiousness, their proficiency in carrying out their duties, their resolve and effectiveness. They carried out their duties in the extreme.

And now to the substance of the matter:

For months now, the Foreign Ministry has been monitoring preparations for the carrying out of an international humanitarian mission carrying aid to the Palestinian population of Gaza. And this was not the first time such an operation had been organized.

Our main point of reference for our moves and actions was to take care that the safety of the Greek citizens participating was not jeopardized. For this reason, as you well know, the Foreign Ministry's services in Greece and Israel – as well as I, personally – made the appropriate representations in a timely manner.

There is, for us, a position of principle here. A position that we have stated repeatedly throughout the crisis: any NGO activity must be allowed to proceed unhindered, on the condition that it is within the law. Beyond that, we informed the organizers of this initiative in a timely manner regarding the dangers involved in their endeavor.