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**From:** Chatterji, Rina  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**CC:** Blome, Donald A  
**Subject:** FW: xlation of the Arab League Resolution  
**Sent:** 6/3/2010 4:20:45 AM  
**Attachments:** EN\_AL\_Res\_Israeli Attack on Flotilla 02 June 2010.docx [EN\_AL\_Res\_Israeli Attack on Flotilla 02 June 2010.docx],  
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**From:** Blome, Donald A  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 4:18 AM  
**To:** Chatterji, Rina  
**Subject:** FW: xlation of the Arab League Resolution

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**From:** Najeeb, Usama M  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:59 AM  
**To:** Rosenstock, Matthew S; Watkins, Todd J; Blome, Donald A; Perry, Laura M  
**Subject:** xlation of the Arab League Resolution

Enclosed is the Arabic original and unofficial English translation of the Arab League resolutions issued yesterday at the foreign ministers' meeting.

Thank You  
Usama Najeeb

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**Israeli military attack on Freedom Convoy going to Gaza Strip  
and breaking the Israeli siege imposed on it**

The Arab League council on the ministerial level extraordinary session on 02 June 2010 at the Arab League General Secretariat head quarters,

-After looking at the general secretariat memo,

-Has studied the required steps regarding the Israeli military attack and piracy conduct in international Mediterranean sea waters on the Freedom convoy which carried humanitarian material going to Gaza strip which lies under siege, and which led to the deliberate murder and fall of unarmed civilian victims and injured in this convoy, and all the participants of which were kidnapped using armed force,

-Considers the continuous Israeli occupation of Arab territories and insistence to change the demographic and geographic formation of the occupied Palestinian territories including East Jerusalem to be the basis for disruption and tension in the area,

-Decides that Israel's continuation, as the occupation force, to put Gaza Strip under siege and obstruct its reconstruction is a crime against humanity that should be immediately stopped using all legitimate means including resistance,

-Emphasizes that the continuity of some states to offer support to Israel despite its savage practices and violations against Palestinian people and those who try to offer to Palestinians necessary humanitarian help, is based on a big political mistake by giving Israel an immunity to not respect international law bases which is a precedent that threatens the entire international order,

-Emphasizes that these Israeli policies and practices that form state terrorism feeds terrorist inclinations in the Middle East,

-After discussions and listening to the speeches of the heads of delegations and the general secretary,

**DECIDES**

- 1- To condemn the intentional military attack that Israel conducted against the Freedom Convoy in the international waters, an issue that constitutes piracy and state terrorism and threat to the stability and security in the Mediterranean Sea, and a clear violation of international law that protects sailing in international waters, and related international humanitarian law concepts and principles.
- 2- To break the siege imposed by Israel on the Gaza Strip and commit to deliver medical and food aid and necessary construction material for reconstruction and other required needs for the Palestinian people in the strip using all the means, and hold Israel internationally responsible for the obstruction of humanitarian aid and necessary requirements for reconstruction, and for not opening all the crossings for the movement of people and goods.

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- 3- To assign Lebanon, the Arab member in the United Nations Security Council, and the Arab group in New York to request holding a meeting for the Security Council, in coordination with Turkey, and friend countries and groups, to issue the required resolution condemning the Israeli siege imposed on the Gaza Strip and compulsion of Israel to immediately lift this siege, and request holding the continued 10<sup>th</sup> session in the context of the UN General Assembly to counter the Israeli siege on Gaza Strip.
- 4- To commit to the resolutions of Sirte Summit and particularly resolution number 508 dated 28 March 2010 to stop all forms of normalization with Israel and commitment to the discussions in this regards, and in light of this continuous Israeli challenge and violation of all its commitments, the ministerial council decides to send a recommendation to their excellencies heads of states to implement the speech of Saudi King Abdallah at the Economic Summit in Kuwait in January 2010 that the Arab Peace Initiative will not stay on the table for long.
- 5- That Israel's continuation of its practices and the last of which was the criminal attack on unarmed civilians emphasize clearly Israel is not serious in reaching fair and comprehensive peace in the region and is committed to make the negotiations useless and in vain and doubts the credibility of assurances offered to the Palestinian side, and assign the Secretary General to direct a message to the US Administration in this regards.
- 6- To Coordinate the Arab steps with Turkey and other concerned sides to file cases to national and international specialized suing agencies, on top of which is the ICC regarding the Israeli siege imposed on Gaza Strip.
- 7- To ask Israel to immediately release the remaining kidnapped members of the Freedom Convoy and detained ships and relief material.
- 8- To welcome the Human Rights Council resolution regarding forming an independent fact finding committee to investigate the violations of international law in the Israeli attack on the Freedom Convoy and express appreciation for the countries that voted for the resolution and express resentment from the position of countries that voted against this resolution.
- 9- To welcome the positions of countries that took clear and strong procedures against the Israeli military attack and condemned it, and express resentment from the positions of some countries at the United Nations Security Council that obstructed the agreement to conduct an independent international investigation.
- 10- To call for coordination with all international rights and humanitarian organizations to actually and immediately begin to show all the sides of this case, including the legal and humanitarian dimensions, and target the world media to reveal this crime and show its consequences, and

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praise the Qatari pledge to cover all the special costs for this movement on the legal and media tracks.

- 11- To appreciate all the activists who participated in this noble humanitarian mission and bless the souls of the victim martyrs and express appreciation of the Arab League council and its support for Turkey's honorable position and international positions that expressed condemnation for this attack and expressed solidarity with the Palestinian people and their fair case.
- 12- To ask the Arab delegation participating in the Arab-Turkish Cooperation Forum meetings to express the appreciation for Turkey's positions and offer the condolences for the families of the victims of the Israeli attack on the Freedom Convoy.
- 13- To ask the Secretary General to follow on the implementation of this resolution and keep the Arab League Council in continuous session.

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العدوان العسكري الإسرائيلي على قافلة الحرية المتجهة إلى قطاع غزة  
وكسر الحصار الإسرائيلي المفروض عليه

إن مجلس الجامعة على المستوى الوزاري في دورته غير العادية بتاريخ 2010/6/2 بمقر الأمانة العامة بالقاهرة،

- بعد اطلاعه على مذكرة الأمانة العامة،
- وإذ تدارس خطوات التحرك المطلوبة إزاء العدوان العسكري الإسرائيلي وممارسة القرصنة في المياه الدولية بالبحر المتوسط على قافلة الحرية التي حملت مواد إنسانية متجهة إلى قطاع غزة الواقع تحت الحصار، وما أدى إليه هذا العدوان من قتل متعمد وسقوط ضحايا وجرحى في صفوف المدنيين العزل في هذه القافلة، واختطاف جميع المشاركين تحت قوة السلاح،
- وإذ يعتبر أن استمرار إسرائيل في احتلال الأراضي العربية وإمعانها في تغيير التركيبة السكانية والجغرافية للأراضي الفلسطينية المحتلة بما فيها القدس الشرقية يشكل أساس الاضطراب والتوتر في المنطقة،
- وإذ يقرر أن استمرار إسرائيل، بصفتها القوة القائمة على الاحتلال، في حصار قطاع غزة وتعطيل إعادة بنائه يمثل جريمة ضد الإنسانية يجب وقفها فوراً بجميع الوسائل المشروعة بما فيها المقاومة،
- وإذ يؤكد أن استمرار بعض الدول في تقديم الدعم لإسرائيل رغم هجينة ممارساتها وانتهاكاتها ضد الشعب الفلسطيني وضد من يحاولون تقديم مساعدات إنسانية ضرورية له، إنما يستند إلى خطأ سياسي كبير بإعطاء إسرائيل خصانة إزاء عدم احترامها للقواعد القانون الدولي في سابقة تهدد النظام الدولي برمته،
- وإذ يؤكد أن هذه السياسات والممارسات الإسرائيلية التي تشكل إرهاب دولة تُغذي نزعات الإرهاب في الشرق الأوسط،
- وبعد المداولات والاستماع إلى كلمات رؤساء الوفود والأمين العام،

### يقرر

- 1- إدانة العدوان العسكري المبيّث الذي ارتكبتها إسرائيل ضد قافلة الحرية في المياه الدولية، الأمر الذي يشكل قرصنة وإرهاب دولة وتهديداً للاستقرار والأمن في البحر

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- المتوسط، وخرقاً صريحاً للقانون الدولي الذي يحمي الملاحة في الميناء الدولية، وللاتفاقيات الدولية ذات الصلة ومبادئ وقواعد القانون الدولي الإنساني.
- 2- كسر الحصار الذي فرضته إسرائيل على قطاع غزة، والالتزام بإيصال المعونات الطبية والأغذية ومواد البناء اللازمة لإعادة الإعمار وغيرها من الاحتياجات الضرورية للشعب الفلسطيني في القطاع بشتى الوسائل، وتحميل إسرائيل المسؤولية الدولية المترتبة على التعرض للمعونات الإنسانية والاحتياجات الضرورية لإعادة الإعمار، وعدم فتح جميع المعابر أمام حركة الأفراد والبضائع.
- 3- تكليف الجمهورية اللبنانية، العضو العربي في مجلس الأمن، والمجموعة العربية في نيويورك بطلب عقد اجتماع لمجلس الأمن، بالتنسيق مع تركيا والدول والتجمعات الصديقة، لإصدار القرار اللازم لإدانة الحصار الإسرائيلي المفروض على قطاع غزة وإلزام إسرائيل برفعه فوراً، وطلب عقد الدورة المستأنفة العاشرة في إطار الجمعية العامة للأمم المتحدة لمواجهة الحصار الإسرائيلي على قطاع غزة.
- 4- الالتزام بما جاء في قرارات قمة سرت وخاصةً القرار رقم 508 بتاريخ 2010/3/28 بوقف كافة أشكال التطبيع مع إسرائيل وما أكدته المداولات في هذا الصدد، وفي ظل هذا التحدي والخرق الإسرائيلي المستمر لكافة التزاماتها يوصي المجلس الوزاري برفع توصية لأصحاب الجلالة والفخامة والسمو بشأن تنفيذ ما ورد في كلمة خادم الحرمين في القمة الاقتصادية في الكويت في يناير 2009 بأن المبادرة العربية لن تبقى على المائدة طويلاً.
- 5- إن إمعان إسرائيل في ممارستها وأخرها في العدوان الإجرامي على المدنيين المُزَلَّ تؤكد بالدليل الواضح عدم جدية إسرائيل في التوصل إلى سلام عادل وشامل في المنطقة وإصرارها على أن تجعل المفاوضات غير ذات فائدة أو جدوى ويشكك في مصداقية التأكيدات والتطمينات التي قُدمت إلى الجانب الفلسطيني، وتكليف الأمين العام بتوجيه رسالة إلى الإدارة الأمريكية بهذا الشأن.
- 6- تنسيق التحرك العربي مع تركيا والجهات المعنية الأخرى لرفع دعاوى أمام جهات التقاضي الوطنية والدولية المختصة وعلى رأسها محكمة العدل الدولية فيما يتعلق بالحصار الإسرائيلي المفروض على قطاع غزة.
- 7- مطالبة إسرائيل بالإفراج الفوري عن بقية المختطفين من أفراد قافلة الحرية والسفن المحتجزة ومواد الإغاثة.
- 8- الترحيب بقرار مجلس حقوق الإنسان الخاص بتشكيل لجنة تقصي حقائق مستقلة للتحقيق في انتهاكات القانون الدولي عن الاعتداء الإسرائيلي على قافلة الحرية

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- والإعراب عن التقدير للدول التي صوتت لصالح القرار، وكذلك الإعراب عن استيائه من مواقف الدول التي صوتت ضد هذا القرار.
- 9- الترحيب بمواقف الدول التي اتخذت إجراءات واضحة وقوية في مواجهة العدوان العسكري الإسرائيلي وإدانته، والإعراب عن استيائه إزاء مواقف بعض الدول في مجلس الأمن التي أعاققت الاتفاق على إجراء تحقيق دولي مستقل.
- 10- الدعوة إلى التنسيق مع كافة المنظمات الدولية الحقوقية والإنسانية للبدء الفعلي والفوري لإظهار كافة جوانب هذه القضية، ببعديها القانوني والإنساني، والتوجه نحو وسائل الإعلام العالمية لكشف هذه الجريمة وإظهار تداعياتها، والإشادة بتعهد دولة قطر بتغطية جميع التكاليف الخاصة بالتحرك على المسارين القانوني والإعلامي.
- 11- توجيه تحية تقدير إلى جميع الناشطين الذين شاركوا في هذه المهمة الإنسانية النبيلة والترحم على أرواح الضحايا الشهداء، والتعبير عن تقدير المجلس ودعمه لموقف تركيا المشرف والمواقف الدولية التي عبرت عن إدانتها لهذا العدوان وتضامنها مع الشعب الفلسطيني وقضيته العادلة.
- 12- الطلب من الوفد العربي المشارك في اجتماعات منتدى التعاون العربي التركي بالإعراب عن التقدير للمواقف التركية وتقديم العزاء لأهالي ضحايا العدوان الإسرائيلي على قافلة الحرية.
- 13- الطلب إلى الأمين العام متابعة تنفيذ هذا القرار وإيقاء المجلس في حالة انعقاد دائم.

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**From:** Valdez, Pablo M  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 3:54 AM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** MGGZ01: (AP) Forensic report indicates nine activist killed by gunshots

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ISTANBUL (AP) - Turkey's NTV television says an initial forensic report concludes that the nine activists killed in the Israeli commando raid on the aid flotilla to Gaza died of gunshot wounds.

Pablo Valdez  
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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:08 AM  
**To:** Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Cc:** Brandeis, Katherine L; Leone, Christina A; Plott, Susan M; Zuckerman, Eve  
**Subject:** Re: Status of Free Gaza Amcits

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Spoke with [redacted] daughter of 81 year old [redacted] about 30 min ago. She had not yet heard from him - but for the first time did not seem worried. Her phone # is [redacted]

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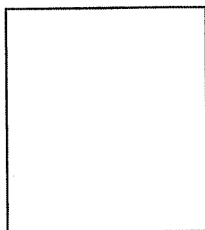
**From:** Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul)  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; SES-O\_CMS; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Cc:** Parker, Andrew C; Brandeis, Katherine L; Leone, Christina A  
**Sent:** Thu Jun 03 07:52:10 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Status of Free Gaza Amcits

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:43 AM  
**To:** SES-O\_CMS; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Cc:** Parker, Andrew C; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Brandeis, Katherine L; Leone, Christina A  
**Subject:** Status of Free Gaza Amcits

Per Andy Parker in Tel Aviv, the following Amcits have been deported to Istanbul:

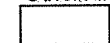


Turks are planning reception desks to assist pax with onward travel resy. Probably will be a PR show as well. Pax will be admitted to Turkey without visas etc while in transit. Onward travel is not covered by Israel. That was only for people who accepted immediate repat from the Port. No consular access was accorded by GOI at Ben Gurion Airport. Two or three smaller medical flights took injured to Ankara. No Amcits in that category that we have known about.

[redacted] has been deported to Athens. Andy has notified [redacted] s wife.

Location unknown: [redacted] (dual Irish/Amcit)

Others believed to have left thru Allenby:



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**From:** Schrank, Alexander D  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** Turkey - Situation Calms with Flights Scheduled; NSC Meeting Ends; Moderate Statement by FM Davutoglu  
**Sent:** 6/2/2010 12:10:17 PM

The Turkish National Security Council meeting ended with a statement focused on the PKK and Gaza. The NSC is a consultative body chaired by PM Erdogan that provides recommendations to the cabinet and other bodies:

**NSC ANNOUNCEMENT:** "At the meeting the attack that happened in Iskenderun on the night of May 31 and the attack of Israel on the same day against the ships taking aid to Gaza were evaluated. Both attacks were studied with all of their dimensions and the things were lived were discussed in detail. The terrorist incidents that occurred in the recent period, the works in the fight against terrorism, additional measures to be taken and steps to be taken were negotiated.

It was noted that the multi-dimensional struggle against terrorism will continue with determination in every field and works to eliminate the conditions that are exploited by terrorism will be speeded up. The steps to be taken after the Israel attack were taken up. The issue was put on the table with its political, military, economic and legal dimensions.

Within this framework the international initiatives that were launched were evaluated. The UN Security Council and NATO council issued statements condemning Israel. The UN Human Rights Committee at its meeting today in Geneva accepted the investigation of Israel's attack by an international neutral committee.

As a result of the works conducted by our government the wounded and dead were brought back. All bodies and all volunteers from every country will be brought back on Turkish Airlines (THY) planes that are specifically assigned to Istanbul."

**FOREIGN MINISTER DAVUTOGLU:** Upon his return to Ankara today from the United States, FM Davutoğlu told the press that the United States had also signed on the condemnation issued by the UN Security Council and there was no need for further speculation in this regard. Therefore, the United States has condemned Israel. In addition, he said the United States has clearly issued a condemnation and has openly showed solidarity with Turkey. He also said Turkey is ready to normalize ties with Israel if it lifts the blockade on Gaza. He said, "It is time that calm replaces anger" in the wake of Israel's deadly boarding of the IHH Free Gaza flotilla. Davutoğlu also told the press that the future of Turkish-Israeli ties depends on Israel's attitude.  
<http://www.internetajans.com/default.asp?NID=96596>; <http://www.todayszaman.com/tz-web/news-211900-turkey-to-normalise-israel-ties-if-gaza-blockade-ends.html>

**TURKISH PARLIAMENT:** The Turkish Parliament has just passed a joint declaration condemning Israel by unanimous vote. The declaration asked the GOT to "review economic and

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military relations" with Israel. It also asked Israel to apologize to Turkey. "Turkey's reactions do not target the people of Israel," it noted:

<http://www.cnnturk.com/2010/turkiye/06/02/israile.kinama.deklarasyonu.krizi.cozuldu/578602.0/index.html>

The human rights committee of the Turkish parliament will send a letter to several parliaments to condemn the Israeli attack on the Gaza-bound aid flotilla. <http://haber.turk.net/ENG/2439613/-Turkish-Parliament-Committee-To-Send-Letter-Of-Condernnation>

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## Turkey boosts security for Jews

By JONAH MANDEL  
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### Local Jewish community exhibits solidarity with flotilla fatalities.

Though hundreds of Turks protested against Israel for the third day on Wednesday, the Turkish Jewish community seems to have scored an important success by publicly distancing itself from the Jewish state and the violent hatred aimed at it.

Following the Israeli raid on the Gaza flotilla, Turkey's Jewish community and chief rabbinate expressed their sorrow over the "military operation against the *Mavi Marmara* ship" and the "loss of life and injury resulting from the operation," in a joint statement on the community's official Web site, musevicemaati.com.

"We share the public reaction this operation has created in our country and express our deep sorrow," the statement read.

In addition, during an interview with Israeli haredi radio station Kol Barama on Monday, Turkish Chief Rabbi Isak Haleva repeatedly praised the regime's attitude toward its Jews, while softly condemning Israel for its recent operation, to the native-Israeli interviewer's surprise.

Turkey maintains strict separation between religion and state, and Jews there consider themselves Turks, which might strike some Israelis who automatically fuse religious and national identity as odd.

The results of Turkish Jewry's public voice were apparent in Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's Tuesday speech on the raid: Even as he slammed Israel's "bloody massacre... deserving of any kind of curse and condemnation," he not only praised his Jewish subjects for their loyalty, but spoke out against any hostilities toward them.

"I thank the Turkish Jewish community, putting in words their right and sincere reaction to the event," he said. "Our Jewish citizens have, as members of the Turkish people, defended, and continue to defend, the right position of Turkey to the utmost."

He added that "looking with hatred upon our Jewish citizens... is not acceptable; it cannot be and should never be."

On Wednesday, Turkish Interior Minister Besir Atalay said security had been stepped up at 20 different sites alone in Istanbul, which has several synagogues and centers serving 23,000 Jews.

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Nonetheless, it is likely that beyond their loyalty to the state, any other public sentiment by the Jewish community in Turkey would only have exacerbated the hostilities they face from the majority-Muslim population.

"The situation in Turkey is very difficult for the Jews now," Eyal Peretz, chairman of Arkadash – The Turkish Community in Israel, told *The Jerusalem Post* on Wednesday.

"The atmosphere on the streets is hostile, and there is a feeling of anger," he said, noting that the Israeli institutions in Turkey had been closed.

Peretz noted the link that Islamists in Turkey made between Jews and the State of Israel, and pointed out that Erdogan's statements would carry weight on the Turkish street in helping to curb violence toward Jews.

Still, he added that "the Jewish community in Turkey, which has always tried to culturally assimilate into the general society and maintain a low profile, is now perplexed and helpless."

Peretz noted that Jews in Turkey also served in the military there, paid taxes, and generally considered themselves Turks.

"We Israelis understand the need for an operation against the boats, but how would we feel if Israeli civilians were killed by the Turkish military?" he asked.

Those sentiments notwithstanding, "in every confrontation between Israel and Muslims, since the state's inception to this very day, the Jewish community in Turkey has felt a backlash of hostility to varying degrees, especially from the more religious factors in the Turkish populace," Peretz said.

"Accordingly, there have always been waves of aliya from Turkey after Israel's wars," he added, predicting another imminent one in the wake of recent events.

*AP contributed to this report.*

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 7:48 PM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** MGGZ01: (Reuters) Arabs seek UN push to end Israel's Gaza blockade

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CAIRO - Arab states will ask the UN Security Council to demand an end to Israel's blockade of Gaza, the Arab League chief said after ministers met to respond to Israel's attack on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla. "The Arab League will go to the Security Council and demand lifting of the blockade from Gaza," the League secretary general, Amr Moussa, said after the talks.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 6:37 PM  
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**Subject:** Situation Report No.6 - Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group MGGZ01 (SBU Version)

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## SITUATION REPORT No. 6

Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group MGGZ01

Wednesday, June 2, 2010  
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### STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

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

*(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)*

### STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS

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### OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA

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### HUMANITARIAN GOODS

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

### ISRAELI RESPONSE

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

### SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

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

### INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- (U) ASEAN-GCC: Foreign ministers condemned the Israeli raid as "an act of violence," and urged release of the detainees and an end to the blockade. *(MGGZ01/EAP e-mail)*

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- (U) UNHRC: The Human Rights Council approved a Palestinian-drafted resolution condemning the "outrageous attack by the Israeli forces" by a vote of 32 yes, three no (U.S.), nine abstentions, and three no-shows. The resolution establishes an international fact-finding mission to investigate alleged violations of international law. (MGGZ01/IO Bureau e-mail)

**INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS**

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

For more information about the Gaza Flotilla, please see the Ops portal at the following link:  
[http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza\\_Flotilla\\_2010](http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza_Flotilla_2010)

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**Cc:** Baer, Daniel B; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL); Cassidy, Joseph P; Stanfield, Emily  
**Subject:** Israel

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Maria

Here is a quick update on recent developments related to the Flotilla. A resolution on the topic passed in the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) this morning with 32 in favor, 3 opposed (US plus Netherlands and Italy), and 9 abstentions (Belgium, Burkina Faso, France, Hungary, Japan, Korea, Slovakia, Ukraine and the UK). The flotilla resolution contained problematic language (e.g. "occupation") and also called for a new UN fact finding mission, which will result in even more of a focus on Israel in the HRC. Many of those who voted against the resolution or abstained did so based on the fact that the UNSC Presidential Statement's call for impartial, credible investigation does not necessarily require an international fact finding mission.

We have no doubt that our isolation on this issue will affect our other HRC priorities at the Council. In particular, we are concerned that this could have a negative effect on the renewal of the Sudan mandate.

According to press reports, Israel's inner security cabinet voted to deport remaining prisoners within 48 hours. A government statement stated that the detainees would be expelled immediately according to the procedures set by law. Turkey has sent three planes to Israel to repatriate approximately 400 people. According to press reports, Egypt has opened its Rafah crossing for travel and humanitarian aid and has allowed a shipment of electric generators into Gaza. This is the first time it has let in non-food or medical supplies since late 2008.

PRM is drafting a memo with ideas for improving the humanitarian situation, which we welcome (and to which we have contributed ideas). I also plan to give some ideas to NEA/SEMEP on how to address the human rights situation in Gaza.

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**To:** Casteel, Ezra A; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** RE: MGGZ01: (Reuters) UN rights body sets probe into flotilla raid  
**Sent:** 6/2/2010 1:42:18 PM  
**Attachments:** 100602 HRC 14 Flotilla EOV - FINAL.doc [100602 HRC 14 Flotilla EOV - FINAL.doc],  
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Please note that three (vice 33) African countries were absent.

Voting breakdown:

32 in favor

3 opposed (US, Italy, Netherlands)

9 abstentions (Belgium, Burkina Faso, France, Hungary, Japan, Korea, Slovakia, Ukraine, UK)

3 absent (Cameroon, Madagascar, Zambia)

Attached is the resolution and the EOV as delivered.

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**From:** Casteel, Ezra A  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 1:29 PM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** MGGZ01: (Reuters) UN rights body sets probe into flotilla raid

GENEVA (Reuters) - The United Nations Human Rights Council voted to set up an independent fact-finding mission to look into what it called violations of international law in Israel's raid on a Gaza aid flotilla. In a resolution proposed by Pakistan for the Organization of the Islamic Conference and Sudan for the Arab group, the Council by a vote of 32 of its 47 members also condemned the Israeli action as outrageous. The United States together with Italy and the Netherlands voted against, while nine European, African and Asian nations abstained and 33 more African countries did not vote.

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HRC 14

Explanation of Vote: The Grave Attacks by Israeli Forces Against the  
Humanitarian Boat Convoy

We regret having to call a vote and vote no on this resolution. It is our hope that, over time, this Council will be able to unite around balanced and appropriate responses to urgent situations that deserve our attention. We have engaged intently in discussions here in Geneva and in forums around the world in response to the events addressed in this resolution, and are deeply committed to working with partners to ensure a full and appropriate response to this incident and the circumstances that led to it.

As noted in our statement in this chamber yesterday, the United States is deeply disturbed by the recent violence and regrets the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident aboard the Gaza-bound ships. We condemn the acts that resulted in the loss of at least ten lives and many wounded, and we express our condolences to their families.

We call attention to the Security Council statement adopted on June 1. It is important to ensure a prompt, credible, impartial, and transparent investigation. Israel has a very strong interest in conducting such an investigation that meets international standards and exposes all the facts. There are, of course, a number of ways to ensure such an outcome.

The United States continues to be deeply concerned by the suffering of civilians in Gaza and the deteriorating humanitarian and human rights situation there. The situation in Gaza is unsustainable and unacceptable. In line with the Security Council statement adopted yesterday, we stress the need for sustained and regular flow of goods and provision and distribution of humanitarian access throughout Gaza, and we will continue our work towards this end while bearing in mind the Government of Israel's legitimate security concerns.

In the context of today's debate, it is important to once again stress that the only viable solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is an agreement, negotiated between the parties, that ends the occupation that began in 1967 and fulfills the

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aspirations of both parties for independent homelands through two states for two peoples, Israel and an independent, contiguous, and viable state of Palestine, living side by side in peace and security.

Unfortunately, the resolution before us rushes to judgment on a set of facts that, as our debate over the last day makes clear, are only beginning to be discovered and understood. It creates an international mechanism before giving the responsible government an opportunity to investigate this incident itself and thereby risks further politicizing a sensitive and volatile situation. We understand the impetus to respond quickly to a troubling set of events. But we have an obligation to determine facts and make considered judgments on how to best address what is a complex and difficult situation.

For these reasons, we must vote against this resolution.

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**From:** Sullivan, John L  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 11:44 AM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** FW: Six Germans still held in Israel after Gaza aid boat raid

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Six Germans still held in Israel after Gaza aid boat raid

BERLIN, June 2, 2010 (AFP) - Six Germans who were on the Gaza-bound aid flotilla held up by Israeli forces, including one who was injured, remained in detention in Israel on Wednesday, the German foreign ministry said.

Five Germans were detained "in a prison" following the deadly assault, foreign ministry spokesman Anton Peschke said.

"The Israeli authorities intend to take them later this evening to Ben Gurion airport to deport them," he added.

The sixth "could be kept in a hospital near to Tel Aviv," he said, without giving any details of the man's condition or injuries.

At least 11 Germans were on the boats which were raided Monday by Israeli commandos leaving at least nine people dead. Five, including two deputies from the Left Party, a former deputy and a doctor, had already been deported.

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To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Subject: FW: UN rights council approves probe into Israel's ship raid

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UN rights council approves probe into Israel's ship raid

GENEVA, June 2, 2010 (AFP) - The UN Human Rights Council on Wednesday adopted a resolution setting up an independent international probe into Israel's interception of Gaza-bound ships.

The resolution, which also condemned Israel's "outrageous attack," was adopted after a vote, with 32 countries voting in favour, three against, and eight abstentions.

It "decides to dispatch an independent international fact-finding mission to investigate violations of international law, including international humanitarian aid and human rights law, resulting from the Israeli attacks on the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian assistance."

The text also decides to "authorise the president of the council to appoint members of this independent international fact finding system."

Israeli commandos boarded one of the aid ships bound for the Gaza Strip in the pre-dawn raid on Monday that left at least nine passengers dead. Hundreds of pro-Palestinian activists were also arrested.

The move sparked global outrage and prompted states from the Arab League and the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) to ask for the special session of the 47 member states in the rights council.

It also drove Pakistan, Sudan and the Palestinian delegation to propose the resolution during the urgent sitting, during which countries ranging from Laos to Peru to Iceland all spoke out against Israel's move.

The United States said it was "deeply disturbed" by the violence but opposed the resolution.

US ambassador Eileen Donahoe said the text "rushes to judgement on a set of facts" that were only starting to emerge.

"It creates an international mechanism before giving the responsible government the opportunity to investigate the incident itself," she added.

The Netherlands also voted against, with its envoy saying that the call for a "parallel investigation" into the raid by the council "would not be conducive to relaunching the Middle East peace process."

Israeli ambassador Aharon Leshno Yaar did not refer to the resolution when he spoke ahead of the vote, but he reiterated that the activists onboard the raided ship did not have peaceful motives.

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He noted that Molotov cocktails, clubs and iron bars were used against Israeli soldiers.

He also claimed that "large quantities of cash were also found on board, some in the pockets of the attackers and most in courier belts ready for transfer to the Hamas."

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**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** FW: All detained activists en route home: Israel prisons

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All detained activists en route home: Israel prisons

JERUSALEM, June 2, 2010 (AFP) - The hundreds of activists detained in a deadly raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla have all been released from prison to be deported, a prisons authority spokesman said on Wednesday.

"There are no longer any detainees in prison," Yron Zamir told AFP when asked about the people detained after Monday's commando raid in international waters that killed nine activists.

He said they were all taken to Ben Gurion international airport near Tel Aviv or to the Jordanian border.

More than 120 people were deported to Jordan on Wednesday morning, others were put on flights out and more were awaiting deportation at the airport.

Authorities said 682 people from 42 countries had been aboard the six ships that tried to bust the Gaza blockade.

There was very little official information about the condition of the injured passengers being treated in Israeli hospitals.

Physicians for Human Rights put the number of wounded activists at 52.

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**From:** Casteel, Ezra A  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:19 AM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** MGGZ01: (Reuters) Israelis "humiliated" ship activists: eyewitness

ALGIERS (Reuters) - Activists aboard a Turkish aid ship used sticks to defend themselves against a raid by Israeli commandos but were eventually forced to surrender and were tied up, one of the activists said. "They humiliated us," said Ahmed Brahimi, an Algerian who said he was on board the Mavi Marmara ship where most of the violence took place during the raid. "We were not armed. We did not go there to fight," Brahimi, who said he was the coordinator of the Algerian contingent on board the convoy's ships.

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**Subject:** FW: Per your request - Turkish Planes

**Sent:** 6/2/2010 8:50:36 AM

All,

Following up on conversations with Israelis in DC and Tel Aviv, we called the Turkish MFA Operations Center. MFA Ops reports that two Turkish passenger planes are currently on the ground in Israel loaded with pax. There is a third Turkish passenger plane also on the ground without pax.

There are also three "ambulance planes" to carry wounded. MFA says those planes (not sure how many of them or how many pax) are being loaded now.

MFA said all planes would take off "in a synchronized way." Not sure what that means.

Doug

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:46 PM  
**To:** Silliman, Douglas A  
**Cc:** Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Miles, Barbara J  
**Subject:** Per your request - Turkish Planes

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**To:** de Otalvaro, Laura H  
**Cc:** Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Ahn, Michael; Arvey, Jason M  
**Subject:** Turkish planes

Laura,

I talked to MFA crisis desk. They said that there are no Turkish planes took off Israel yet.

Now there are 3 ambulance planes, and 3 passenger planes in Israel waiting at the airport. 2 of the passenger planes have their passengers on board.

Right at this moment, ambulance planes are making preparations to board their patients. They are foreseeing all six planes to leave Israel in a synchronized way.

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**From:** Casteel, Ezra A  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:50 AM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** MGGZ01: (AP) Turkish lawmakers urge govt to review Israel ties

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ANKARA (AP) - Turkish lawmakers issued a declaration calling on the government to review its political and military ties with Israel. The lawmakers also urged Israel to lift the blockade on Gaza, issue an apology for the deadly raid on Gaza-bound aid ships that left nine activists dead, and compensate victims.

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**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** MGGZ01: (AP) Israel to expel all activists by day's end

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JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel's attorney general said all of the nearly 700 activists detained in a deadly raid on an aid flotilla bound for the Gaza Strip will be deported by the end of the day. Yehuda Weinstein said Israel decided not to prosecute any of the activists. Officials earlier said they were considering prosecuting about 50 people believed to be involved in violence.

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**From:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:45 AM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** FW: Arraf

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**From:** Richter, Kim B.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:32 AM  
**To:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Subject:** Arraf

### **Roseville woman on Gaza flotilla freed from Israeli jail**

By Niraj Warikoo  
Detroit Free Press  
June 1, 2010

A Palestinian-American woman originally from Roseville who was part of the Gaza flotilla was released today from an Israeli jail after being beaten by Israeli security, her husband told the Free Press today. Huwaida Arraf, a native of metro Detroit, is a Palestinian advocate who was on one of the several ships by activists in a flotilla looking to deliver aid to people in Gaza. She is co-founder of the International Solidarity Movement, a controversial group, and is married to Adam Shapiro, an activist with the Free Gaza Movement.

"She was released from the prison about 5-6 hours ago," Shapiro told the Free Press. "She was beaten up on the ship by an Israeli commando when they took it and again in the jail. She was punched at least once. And on the way out of prison, one officer elbowed her in the face. She's bruised, but she's a tough kid."

Israeli officials said they could not confirm Arraf's story.

Orli Gil, consul general of Israel to the Midwest, told the Free Press that they could not find a record of someone with her name with a U.S. passport.

Gil also said: "She was probably not beaten."

She added, "If there was any violence initiated by the people on the boats, of course the soldiers had to react to this in order to get over the resistance."

Shapiro said Arraf was on the Challenger One boat, which was part of a flotilla that was intercepted by Israel. Since the incident, Arraf has been featured in media outlets such as the New York Times and CNN.

An Israeli captain told Israeli newspapers he and others were violently assaulted after they landed on one of the ships. He said some of the activists attempted to lynch the Israelis with weapons.

Shapiro said the Israelis are giving misleading statements.

"It's clear they have been coached on what to say," Shapiro said. "They are acting as if they are the weak victims ... to make it seem they were somehow the victims here is utterly ridiculous."

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Israeli officials have said that while they regret the shooting deaths, their commandos acted in self-defense in dealing with violent extremists.

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**Cc:** Cunningham, James R; Sievers, Marc J; Jeffrey, James F; Silliman, Douglas A; Gordon, Philip H  
**Subject:** RE: Israel DCM reports Attorney General permits release of ALL Gaza flotilla passengers

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Israeli DCM Dan Arbell just called me back with further clarification. He said that there are/are "four to five" individuals who are "being left behind" temporarily, but not/not because of any judicial procedures. These "four to five" are either undergoing medical treatment, and thus staying behind at their request, or they are waiting for the right flights to their intended destination. The "four to five" are not being held involuntarily, nor are they being held for political or judicial reasons. He did not elaborate on the nationalities.

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**From:** Feltman, Jeffrey D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:00 AM  
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**Cc:** Cunningham, James R; Sievers, Marc J; Jeffrey, James F; Silliman, Douglas A; Gordon, Philip H  
**Subject:** Israel DCM reports Attorney General permits release of ALL Gaza flotilla passengers

To all:

Israeli DCM Dan Arbell just called me with the following information (which does not track entirely with what Embassy Tel Aviv has reported, so I underscore that I cannot vouch for the accuracy of this message):

-- The Israeli Attorney General has determined that all/all Gaza flotilla detainees are to be released now. This includes those wounded and includes even the "six or seven" who were suspected of instigating the attacks on the Israeli commandos. All means all, Dan said; responding to my question, he confirmed that the Lebanese wounded, [redacted] [redacted] was part of the "all."

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-- One Turkish plane, full, has already left Ben-Gurion Airport for Turkey. A second plane is currently being filled. "Within a few hours" everyone should be out. There are Turkish consular officials working with the Israelis, and the Turkish Ambassador to Israel is likely to be on one of the planes leaving.

-- There were some Israelis who objected to the Attorney General's blanket release, but the Supreme Court has upheld the decision.

This seems to be good news; let's hope it is accurate.

*Jeffrey Feltman*

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**To:** Feltman, Jeffrey D; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Sullivan, Jacob J; Abedin, Huma; 'Dennis B Ross'; 'dshapiro@nsc.eop.gov'; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov'; 'Hajjar, Hagar H.'  
**Cc:** Cunningham, James R; Sievers, Marc J; Jeffrey, James F; Silliman, Douglas A; Gordon, Philip H  
**Subject:** RE: Israel DCM reports Attorney General permits release of ALL Gaza flotilla passengers  
**Expires:** Sunday, November 28, 2010 5:00 PM

Seems to be, per my email about talk with Gilad.

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**From:** Feltman, Jeffrey D  
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**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Sullivan, Jacob J; Abedin, Huma; 'Dennis B Ross'; 'dshapiro@nsc.eop.gov'; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov'; 'Hajjar, Hagar H.'  
**Cc:** Cunningham, James R; Sievers, Marc J; Jeffrey, James F; Silliman, Douglas A; Gordon, Philip H  
**Subject:** Israel DCM reports Attorney General permits release of ALL Gaza flotilla passengers

To all:

Israeli DCM Dan Arbell just called me with the following information (which does not track entirely with what Embassy Tel Aviv has reported, so I underscore that I cannot vouch for the accuracy of this message):

-- The Israeli Attorney General has determined that all/all Gaza flotilla detainees are to be released now. This includes those wounded and includes even the "six or seven" who were suspected of instigating the attacks on the Israeli commandos. All means all, Dan said; responding to my question, he confirmed that the Lebanese wounded, [redacted] [redacted] was part of the "all."

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-- One Turkish plane, full, has already left Ben-Gurion Airport for Turkey. A second plane is currently being filled. "Within a few hours" everyone should be out. There are Turkish consular officials working with the Israelis, and the Turkish Ambassador to Israel is likely to be on one of the planes leaving.

-- There were some Israelis who objected to the Attorney General's blanket release, but the Supreme Court has upheld the decision.

This seems to be good news; let's hope it is accurate.

*Jeffrey Feltman*  
Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs  
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Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)

From: Giaque, Jeffrey G  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 7:53 AM  
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Subject: FW: ASEAN-GCC Statement on Israel

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**JOINT STATEMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF  
ASEAN-GCC COUNTRIES**

At the Second ASEAN-GCC Ministerial Meeting on 1 June 2010 in Singapore, Foreign Ministers considered the recent attacks by the Israeli authorities against personnel aboard the humanitarian vessel, Mavi Marmara.

The Ministers strongly deplored and condemned this Israeli raid and act of violence in international waters.

The Ministers expressed condolences to the victims of the raid and solidarity with the people and Government of Turkey and other countries.

The Ministers urged the immediate release of those who are still held hostage by the Israeli authorities.

The Ministers called for the removal of the Israeli blockade in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions, in particular UN Security Council Resolution 1860.

Through the aforementioned raid and violence, Israel has once again created additional hurdles to the Middle East peace process which is currently entering a critical phase with the launching of the "proximity talks".

The Ministers agreed on the need for international cooperation to ensure that Israel is held accountable for its action in accordance with international law. Specifically, the Ministers urged the United Nations to discharge its responsibilities in accordance with its Charter, including through investigation of the Israeli attack in order to ensure its accountability.

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**From:** Larson, Jennifer A  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
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**Subject:** Statement from UNESCO Director-General  
**Sent:** 6/2/2010 7:35:04 AM

As predicted. Please see this link:

[http://www.unesco.org/new/en/media-services/single-view/news/unesco\\_director\\_general\\_shocked\\_and\\_concerned\\_over\\_deadly\\_israeli\\_military\\_interception/](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/media-services/single-view/news/unesco_director_general_shocked_and_concerned_over_deadly_israeli_military_interception/)

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**Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)**

**From:** Hayes, Molly E  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 6:37 AM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** Morocco Underlines Emergency to Break Inhumane Blockade on Gaza

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**Morocco Underlines Emergency to Break Inhumane Blockade on Gaza**

Geneva, June 1 (MAP) - Morocco's ambassador and permanent representative to the United Nations Office in Geneva Omar Hilale underlined, on Tuesday, the pressing need to break the Israeli inhumane and appalling blockade imposed on Gaza.

Hilale, who was speaking at a meeting held by the UNHRC to discuss the Israeli raid on an aid fleet bound for Gaza, said that Morocco was deeply shocked and dismayed by this Israeli military assault. Having expressed Morocco's solidarity with the injured and its heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims, the diplomat reiterated the Kingdom's condemnation of this vile attack, as well as its concern over Israel's disproportionate use of force.

The Kingdom of Morocco utterly rejects this act which runs counter to the international law, he said, adding that the Israeli military attack is unacceptable at the political, diplomatic and humanitarian levels, all the more so because it targeted an aid convoy in international waters, which is a blatant breach of the international human rights law and humanitarian law.

The Moroccan ambassador said that the gravity of this Israeli attack should call upon the international community's conscience since it occurred at a time when US-brokered indirect talks are being held between Palestinians and Israelis. He added that Morocco, which commends the swift reaction by the UNSC, urges Israel to abide by the Council's declaration calling for the immediate release of civilians.

Morocco calls for all parties to resolutely engage in the peace process with the aim of establishing an independent and viable Palestinian State with Al Quds Asharif as its capital, living side by side with Israel in peace and security. (Maghreb Arab Press - MAP)

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**From:** Pattarini, Daniel M  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** FW: OMAN SPECIAL MEDIA REACTION: ISRAELI ACTION AGAINST GAZA AID FLOTILLA  
**Sent:** 6/2/2010 6:34:49 AM

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**Subject:** OMAN SPECIAL MEDIA REACTION: ISRAELI ACTION AGAINST GAZA AID FLOTILLA

I. SUMMARY: The Omani print media reacted swiftly to Israeli military action against the aid flotilla bound for the Gaza Strip. Nearly all of Oman's English and Arabic papers

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issued strong condemnations and called on the international community to take actions to punish Israel for violations of international law and to force it to end the blockade of Gaza. END SUMMARY.

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ISRAEL KNOWS HOW TO "KILL PEACE;" WILL THE U.S. ACT NOW?

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2. On Tuesday June 1, the private English language daily the "Tribune" (circulation 15,000) wrote that the only explanation for the attack on the convoy of aid ships was that Israel wanted to scuttle the peace process. The paper condemned the action and the "apathy" of the international community to the plight of Gaza under the blockade.

"The raid has brought into sharp focus the crippling Israeli blockade of Gaza and the international community's apathy to Gaza's plight. So far Israel has been getting away with every atrocity it has been perpetrating against the Palestinians and this time the world should not allow it to happen. It should be isolated and punished for yesterday's crime, which is not only against the Palestinians but others also. What is appalling in the sordid drama is Israel indulged in the heinous act just on the eve of its Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's visit to Washington to confer with the Obama administration officials on the progress of the current proximity talks to restart the Middle East peace dialogue. Israel's peace postures are a charade and the Jewish state is taking the world, particularly the US, for a ride. It's time President Obama sees through Israel's game. Will he act now?"

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ATTACK DESERVES "CONDEMNATION OF THE HIGHEST ORDER"

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3. On Tuesday, the English-language government daily "Observer" (circulation 20,000) blasted the action against the aid flotilla, declaring it both a common occurrence of Israeli abuse and unique in that it occurred in international waters and was directed at international actors of many nationalities.

"In the past, the Jewish state had restricted its excesses to areas and countries that it either controls or with whom it has unpleasant relations. Yesterday morning, it chose to target organizations and people who oppose its aggressive initiatives in international waters...Yesterday's strike by heavy force certainly deserves condemnation of the highest order for reasons that it occurred in international waters and caused death, injury and anguish to peaceful citizens of dozens of peace-loving countries who wanted to help distraught residents of a poverty-ridden area."

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ACTION "A KIND OF ISRAELI BARBARISM"

4. Also on Tuesday, the Arabic-language government daily "Oman" (circulation 38,000) wrote that although Israel has clearly announced that it would prevent the fleet from arriving to Gaza's shores, it's cruel actions against international activists is a clear violation of all international laws and norms. The editorial also called for international action which would force Israel to end the Gaza blockade.

"It is no exaggeration to say that what happened is, by all standards, a kind of Israeli barbarism, which has long been practiced by Israel and is still practiced when dealing with Palestinians and everything related to the occupied Palestinian territories... And that it is vital and necessary for those organizations particularly the UN General Assembly, the Security Council and the Red Cross, to work on issuing practical resolutions to force Israel to live up to its responsibility as occupying force. But the fact is that the Israeli government aims to throttle the Gaza Strip, destroy its economy and prevent its people from very basic living requirements."

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#### ISRAEL "BLEW UP ALL PEACE"

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4. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the private Oman Arabic daily "Azzaman" (circulation 25,000) stated that Oman is standing by the Palestinians and condemning the Israeli aggression on the aid fleet which killed many people; "New Assault":

"The Israeli aggression on the freedom ships to Gaza blew up all peace attempts that the Arabs stood firm by with the blessing of the United States and European Union. They have showed the whole world that they do not intend to move towards peace but only favor escalation of the situation by ignoring all international laws. In the midst of the Israeli intransigence and the silence of the international community, the Arabs and Muslims should take a strong stand and provide a unified vision to deter Israel and condemn it internationally and legally."

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Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)

**From:** Levin, Jan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 5:35 AM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** FW: DEPORTATIONS UPDATE -- IL RADIO

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FYI. Embassy Tel Aviv will try to confirm this afternoon.

Israel will act to immediately expel all the detainees according to the procedures set by law

Israel will act to immediately expel all the detainees according to the procedures set by law 01/06/2010. Following the discussion of the security and diplomatic cabinet today, the Prime Minister consulted with the Defense Minister, Justice Minister, and Interior Minister on the question of expelling the detainees from the flotilla to Gaza.

It was agreed that the detainees would be expelled immediately -- according to the procedures set by law. The Interior Minister announced that the expulsion will begin this evening, and the assessment is that it can be completed in approximately 48 hours.

**Subject:** DEPORTATIONS UPDATE -- IL RADIO

IL RADIO REPORTS THAT TO DATE 325 PERSONS DETAINED FROM THE GAZA FLOTILLA HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO BEN GURION AIRPORT FOR DEPORTATION TO TURKEY. APPROXIMATELY 180 REMAIN IN JAIL AND WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE AIRPORT IN THE COMING HOURS. IL RADIO'S REPORTER ADI ME'IRI SAYS IL INTENDS TO DEPORT ALL THE FOREIGN NATIONALS DETAINED IN CONNECTION WITH THE GAZA FLOTILLA BY THE END OF THE DAY.

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**Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)**

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

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Turkey mulls legal action against Israel: report

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

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

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

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

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

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

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From: Sullivan, John L  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:40 AM  
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Subject: FW: Malaysia thanks Jordan for aiding in saving detained Malaysians

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Malaysia thanks Jordan for aiding in saving detained Malaysians

KUALA LUMPUR, June 2 (Xinhua) -- The Malaysian government expressed its deepest gratitude to Jordan here on Wednesday for the latter's assistance in successfully bringing Malaysians detained earlier out of Israel.

Malaysian Foreign Affairs Ministry said in a statement on Wednesday that the 12 Malaysians on board the humanitarian aid ship attacked by Israel on Monday were safe.

According to the statement, the Malaysian volunteers had arrived in Jordan at 11:20 a.m. Malaysian time.

Upon arrival at the King Hussein Bridge, the group was received by the Malaysian Ambassador Abdul Malek Aziz.

The statement also said that the Malaysians were on their way to Amman and arrangements were being made to bring them back to Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia.

Meanwhile, Malaysian Foreign Affairs Minister Anifah Aman, who is on his way to Jordan, will thank the Jordanian government for its assistance in securing the release of the Malaysians.

He would also meet with the released Malaysians, added the statement.

Israel defense forces attacked the humanitarian ship Mavi Marmara that had 12 Malaysians on board in the international waters early Monday.

The violent act has resulted in strong condemnation from the Malaysian government.

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From: Sullivan, John L  
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To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Subject: Algerian and U.A.E reaction

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#### Algeria

The Presidential Alliance parties, the National Liberation Front (FLN), the National Democratic Rally (RND) and the Movement for the Society of Peace (MSP) held yesterday a Gaza solidarity gathering of the Palestinian Ambassador. The Secretary General of the FLN/Minister of State/Personal Representative of President Bouteflika Abdelaziz Belkhadem called upon Egypt to permanently open the Rafah Terminal. Abdelaziz Belkhadem, the spokesman of the RND Miloud Chorfi and the president of the MSP Aboudjerra Soltani called for putting an end to the blockade.

On the other hand, the Secretary General of the Workers' Party (PT), Louisa Hanoune, and the president of the Algerian National Front (FNA), Moussa Touati, held separate Gaza solidarity meetings.

Abdelaziz Belkhadem was also the guest of the Algerian TV's show "In the Spotlight," Belkhadem called upon Arab countries to isolate Israel.

The Algerian Minister Delegate Minister will take part in today's Arab League emergency meeting in Cairo.

The Secretary General of the General Union of Algerian Workers (UGTA), Abdelmadjid Sidi Saïd, condemned the "Israeli barbarian aggression" at the 99<sup>th</sup> International Labor Conference (ILO) in Geneva.

Three Algerian TV channels—EPTV, Canal Algérie and A3—aired last night Palestine-related movies.

- o Gaza: All members of the Algerian delegation have been released. [Tout sur l'Algérie](#)
- o Israel releases all members of the Algerian delegation. [Algerian Radio website](#)
- o The Algerian delegation survives the Israeli raid. [Algerian Radio website](#)
- o 121 detainees, including all members of the Algerian delegation released; they arrived in Jordan last night. [Echourouk El Youmi](#)
- o Israel releases the Algerians—President Bouteflika has ordered to send a plane to repatriate them. [El Khabar](#)
- o A great thing...an Arab emergency summit—the Europeans were more courageous in their reaction to Israel. [Ennahar](#)
- o Israel releases 28 Algerians due to Jordan's mediation. [Djazair News](#)
- o Gaza: The Algerians released. [La Nouvelle République](#)

#### U.A.E.

- o General: Washington blocks the condemnation of the Zionist Entity (*Al Khaleej*); U.S. moves cautiously on Gaza flotilla crisis (*Gulf News*); More than 100 deported activists arrive in Jordan (*Gulf News*); Turkey Prime Minister

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Recep Tayyip Erdogan: Israel is rude and it must pay a price (*Al Khaleej*); Israel threatens to repeat "the massacre of freedom" and ignores world anger (*Al Bayan*); Egypt opens border as new aid ship sails for Gaza (*The National*)

- UAE: President Khalifa Bin Zayed calls for united response to the Israeli attack (*Al Ittihad*); The Federal National Council condemns Israeli raid on Freedom flotilla (*Khaleej Times*); *Al Khaleej* conducts a full-page investigative report entitled "The Zionist Terrorism Kills Freedom." The report reviews reaction of Emirati intellectuals, politicians and business leaders to the "Zionist attack on Freedom Flotilla"; Local events condemn Zionist attack on Freedom Flotilla; The Palestinian community staged a solidarity protest in Dubai (*Al Khaleej*)

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Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)

**From:** Sullivan, John L  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 2:05 AM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** FW: Malaysia to table motion at parliament to condemn Israel

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Malaysia to table motion at parliament to condemn Israel

KUALA LUMPUR, June 2 (Xinhua) -- The Malaysian Cabinet decided on Wednesday to table a motion at the Malaysian Parliament to strongly condemn Israel for attacking the humanitarian aid ship to Gaza.

The Prime Minister's Office said in a statement posted on its official website that the motion will be tabled next Monday, when the parliamentary meeting resumes.

On Tuesday, Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak said that Malaysia would make a motion so that Israel's brutal act would be brought up at the United Nations (UN) Security Council meeting.

Meanwhile, Malaysian Foreign Affairs Minister Anifah Aman departed for Jordan Wednesday morning to seek the release of the 12 Malaysians on board the ship attacked by Israeli commandos.

The minister said earlier that Malaysia was disappointed with the UN as it had not strongly deplored Israel for breaking international laws.

Instead, the UN only expressed its regret over the incident, added Anifah.

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Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)

From: Sullivan, John L.  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 1:24 AM  
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Subject: Flotilla Reaction: Cairo External News Summary 02-06-2010

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**Some more reactions from Egypt.**

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

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Coleman, Charmaine (DRL)

From: Sullivan, John L  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 12:48 AM  
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Subject: FW: India condemns Israeli raid of flotilla bound for Gaza

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India condemns Israeli raid of flotilla bound for Gaza

NEW DELHI, June 2 (Xinhua) -- India has condemned Israel for " indiscriminate use of force" in its raid on flotilla with humanitarian aid bound for the Gaza Strip, while calling for peaceful dialogue to restore peace between Israel and Palestine.

Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Vishnu Prakash said Tuesday night in a statement that India deplores the tragic loss of life and the reports of killings and injuries to people on the boats carrying humanitarian aid for Gaza.

"It is our firm conviction that lasting peace and security in the region can be achieved only through peaceful dialogue and not through use of force," said the statement.

Meanwhile, India's ruling Congress party has also condemned the attack on the flotilla.

"Such use of force is blatant negation of all human values. The party expresses its sympathy with the families who have lost their members and with those who have suffered injuries," party general secretary Janardan Dwevedi said.

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**From:** Shelstad, Jeffrey  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 12:32 AM  
**To:** 'Higdon, George S.'; SES-O  
**Cc:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** RE: Requested article

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Mr. Higdon -

I have just spoken with the U.S. Consulate in Karachi.

The event happened yesterday afternoon (06/01) and the protest outside the Consulate was not large.

The Consulate reports all is quiet now (06/02 at 0915 Karachi / 0015 EDT).

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 12:06 AM  
**To:** SES-O  
**Subject:** Requested article

Requested article concerning rioting near the American Consulate in Karachi in response to Israeli raid.

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JERUSALEM, June 2, 2010 (AFP) - Israel is repatriating the families of its embassy staff in Ankara amid tensions over its raid on a Gaza-bound aid convoy, in which at least four Turkish nationals died, Israeli public radio reported Wednesday.

Around 50 people related to Israeli consulate and embassy staff in Ankara were heading home, a senior official told the station, speaking on condition of anonymity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kuwaiti ambassador Sheik Faisal Al Sabah said there were 16 Kuwaitis aboard the buses. "They will be flown home aboard a Kuwaiti government-chartered plane later Wednesday," Al Sabah said.

He said the other activists came from Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Yemen, Oman and Bahrain.

Dozens of other activists remain in Israeli detention, but most are expected to be deported in the coming days.

Worldwide condemnation has poured on Israel since its naval commandos halted the aid flotilla in international waters overnight Monday, setting off a melee that left nine activists dead and dozens wounded. Turkey, an unofficial backer of the flotilla, has led the criticism, accusing Israel of committing a "massacre," and the U.N. Security Council demanded an impartial investigation.

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The Gaza/flotilla-related discussion from today's Daily Press Briefing is excerpted below.

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 Tuesday, June 1, 2010  
 3:41 p.m. (EDT)

Briefer: Philip J. Crowley, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Public Affairs

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**MR. CROWLEY:** But I can report the Secretary had a very detailed, in-depth discussion with Foreign Minister Davutoglu. The first portion of the meeting was on the immediate situation with respect to the flotilla. The second half of the meeting regarded the situation with respect to Iran. I'll go into detail on that, I'm sure, through your questions.

**QUESTION:** P.J., I'm wondering if you can give us a bit of – a little bit of flavor of what the conversation between the Secretary and the Turkish foreign minister was. He had some pretty strong things to say this morning. His boss has had some pretty strong things to say as well. Is it safe to assume that – I mean, he came out and said that he wanted the United States to condemn this act. Neither the Secretary nor the spokesman at the White House would do that. Is it fair to say that there's still not a meeting of the minds on this between the U.S. and Turks?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Actually, not at all. It was a – obviously, very in-depth discussion lasting far longer than had been originally scheduled. And throughout the meeting, both the Secretary and Foreign Minister Davutoglu more than once said, look, we are here as allies and we have a shared interest in working through what are very tragic circumstances that have created significant emotions in the region. The foreign minister talked about Turkey's immediate concern, which is the return of their citizens and Turkish citizens who were tragically killed in this episode. And the Secretary fully

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understood that. In fact, we have our own concerns and are providing consular assistance today to roughly 11 American citizens who were part of the flotilla.

And so in our conversations that we've had subsequently with Israeli officials, we have again stressed the importance of moving ahead and releasing citizens from a wide range of countries, not just Turkey, even as Israel goes through and begins its own investigation of what happened.

**QUESTION:** Well, yeah, but you still haven't condemned this. Was the conversation at all heated? Why was there the need for the foreign minister to make a phone call to his -- to the prime minister?

**MR. CROWLEY:** I mean, that was simply about the sequence of events. You've got the foreign minister has met -- since he met with Secretary Clinton, he has also met with the National Security Council Advisor General Jones and working through and teeing up having those meetings prior to a call. So it was just a matter of rescheduling the President's call and making sure that the -- we had preliminary meetings with the Secretary and the National Security Advisor first.

**QUESTION:** Did their conversation enter into the Gaza situation, deeper into that situation? And I assume that there are disagreements there on the role of Hamas. Did they broach these subjects?

**MR. CROWLEY:** No, they weren't discussed. Clearly, there -- the foreign minister went through some background from a Turkish standpoint and the preparations that they had made and discussions they had had with Israeli Government officials prior to the launching of the flotilla. But this was primarily focused on understanding where we are now and what should be done in the short and intermediate term.

**QUESTION:** Did the Turks agree with the idea of an Israeli probe of what happened or did they push more for foreign participation, international participation?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, I mean, the Secretary conveyed to Foreign Minister Davutoglu primarily what she conveyed in her press availability that you heard a short time ago, that we support the Security Council's call for a prompt, impartial, credible, and transparent investigation. We support an Israeli investigation and -- but we're open to different ways of ensuring a credible investigation, including international participation.

Now, Turkey will have its own judgment as to any investigation it might undertake, since this was a Turkish ship among other international --

**QUESTION:** (Inaudible.)

**MR. CROWLEY:** I mean, and Foreign Minister Davutoglu did say, and we fully understand, that this is not just an incident that involves Turkey and Israel. A number of countries, including the United States, obviously had citizens and flagged vessels as part of this flotilla.

**QUESTION:** On the investigation --

**QUESTION:** Can I --

**MR. CROWLEY:** One at a time.

**QUESTION:** Can I follow on something Matt said and some -- and one of the ways you've answered the -- where we go from here, or the meeting upstairs with the foreign minister? First of all with the foreign minister, did he ask her assistance, Secretary Clinton's assistance, in talking to the Israelis about freeing the ship or freeing Turkish citizens or getting them released?

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And secondly, you mentioned 11 Americans. I'm led to believe there were at least 14 that are still there. Perhaps there are different categories.

**MR. CROWLEY:** There have been some American citizens who have already departed Israel. I would just simply say I think we provided consular services for 11 today.

**QUESTION:** Still in detention? They are -- those -- the 11 are still in detention?

**MR. CROWLEY:** I think those 11 are still being held, yes.

**QUESTION:** On the investigation --

**QUESTION:** (Inaudible.)

**QUESTION:** (Inaudible.)

**MR. CROWLEY:** All right, hold on. Again, one at a time.

**QUESTION:** The other part of the question about did the foreign minister ask Secretary Clinton's assistance in talking to the Israelis on Turkey's behalf?

**MR. CROWLEY:** The -- well, the Turkish Government has been in touch with the Israeli Government. I think they have a couple of aircraft that have already arrived at Ben Gurion and they are understandably anxious to bring those who are killed, injured, but other Turkish citizens, back to Turkey. He stressed that a couple -- a number of times. The Secretary indicated that we would convey Turkey's desires to Israel and we have done that.

**QUESTION:** What would participation look like in an investigation -- can I (inaudible)?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Sure.

**QUESTION:** Because you said impartial and transparent and so on investigation, then an Israel investigation. Are those two separate things or are we supporting -- or are you supporting just an Israeli investigation?

**MR. CROWLEY:** We believe that Israel is in the best position to conduct an investigation of what transpired. And as we've said, we want to make sure it is prompt, impartial, credible, and transparent.

**QUESTION:** Why?

**QUESTION:** How would you determine that?

**QUESTION:** (Inaudible) the fox watching the henhouse here. I mean, you've said there's 11 Americans involved in this. What other --

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, I said there -- no, let me clarify. I said that we've provided consular services to 11 Americans today.

**QUESTION:** Okay. A foreign military boarded a ship in international waters, assaulted its passengers, handcuffed and beat some of those passengers, many of them humanitarian activists, and you're saying you're not prepared to send U.S. investigators. I mean, this is clearly a case of the fox watching the henhouse.

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, you're making some presumptions in those -- in your question.

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**QUESTION:** What's the presumption? You said there's 11 --

**MR. CROWLEY:** No, no, no, you characterized what happened on the ship. We are still trying to ascertain precisely what happened on that ship.

**QUESTION:** Then will you send investigators from the United States to do an impartial --

**MR. CROWLEY:** As the Secretary indicated, we completely support what was described in the presidential statement last night in the UN and we are open to determine if there are opportunities for international participation in that investigation.

**QUESTION:** Would that include sending the FBI?

**MR. CROWLEY:** I'm not prepared to say what role the United States would have at this point.

**QUESTION:** P.J. --

**QUESTION:** P.J., this building has made it a point to criticize and to condemn human rights practices worldwide. These ships had aid, medical equipment including wheelchairs, building equipment. How essential is it right now that this equipment get to the Palestinians? How important is it that there -- that these materials are now sort of confiscated and not within the hands of those who desperately need it? Is this useful right now?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, first of all, I can't say right now what the status of the material that was on the ship -- certainly, again in the presidential statement, there was an encouragement, which we absolutely support, that that material be provided to the people of Gaza. As the Secretary said again today, we have pressed the Israelis to expand the amount of humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza, and we will continue to work with the Israelis every day to try to make that happen.

Lachlan.

**QUESTION:** It's my understanding that before this flotilla was launched, there was some communication by the Israeli Government with the U.S. ambassador there about the possibility that U.S. citizens would be aboard some of these ships. And the Israelis have made no secret about what they were planning to do. They even put together a press pool to observe this. So I'm wondering, did the United States offer any words of caution to Israel before it undertook this attempt to stop these ships? Was there any kind of communication at any level, ambassador or from this building, to the Israeli Government saying you need to be careful and watch how you handle this situation?

**MR. CROWLEY:** I'll take that question. I believe the answer is yes, but I'm not in a position to characterize what our communication was prior to the launching of the flotilla.

**QUESTION:** Okay. And then further on that, what is the U.S. Government saying to Israel now about this? Because there is going to be another attempt, I think as early as tomorrow, to bring a ship into Gaza. Is the United States offering any words of caution to Israel that if you're going to try to stop it this time, do it differently?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, the Secretary had the opportunity to learn from the Israeli Government yesterday; Minister of Defense Barak called in to provide the Israeli perspective on this. And the Secretary, during that conversation, did express concern about the -- obviously, the loss of life, the injury, the impact that that's had on emotions in the region. And she did, at that point, express that for the United States, for Israel, for other countries, we should be extremely cautious in both what we say and what we do in coming days in light of what's transpired.

**QUESTION:** So what you're saying is that the message from the United States Government is that Israel should not use these same tactics the next time they encounter ships like this heading towards Gaza.

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**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, as to what Israel does, we are obviously very aware that there is one or more ships that are still heading towards Gaza. This is a very serious incident that's occurred. The loss of life is tragic. The Secretary expressed our condolences to the Turks for their loss of life on board these ships. I think -- don't think anyone wants to see a repeat of what happened yesterday.

**QUESTION:** And could you just clarify a point of international law for me? Because the Israeli Government says that it's well within their rights to do what they did yesterday. They cite the Paragraph 62-A of the San Remo Manual, whereas the Turkish foreign minister this morning was quite emphatic that this took place in international waters and Israel had no right to board these ships. What is the opinion of the United States Government on this --

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, not being an international lawyer, I'm not going to that from the podium. Clearly, that will be something that will be investigated, and I'm sure debated, as we go forward.

**QUESTION:** (Inaudible) -- understanding that Israel was acting in self-defense?

**MR. CROWLEY:** We certainly --

**QUESTION:** Although --

**MR. CROWLEY:** -- understand that Israel has a right to self-defense. Given the situation in Gaza, it has been subject to rocket attacks in the past. There is a state of hostility between Israel and Hamas. But as to particular questions of international law, I'll defer. That will be -- clearly be something that will be thoroughly debated and investigated.

**QUESTION:** You sound like you're saying that Israel had the right to defend itself here because of Palestinian rockets.

**MR. CROWLEY:** Israel has a right to self-defense, to be sure. That said, there is also a clear humanitarian need to provide material to the people of Gaza to help them subsist and rebuild, and we recognize that as well.

**QUESTION:** In this incident, you see its right to self-defense being applied?

**MR. CROWLEY:** I'm -- as we've said, we regret the tragic loss of life here. We've called for a prompt, credible, transparent investigation. We are still trying to determine what happened on that ship. I'm not going to prejudge the investigation from here.

**QUESTION:** Doesn't this provide the Obama Administration an opening? It said early on its first months in office that it wanted to repair its relations with the Arab and Muslim world. This crisis has proven, many believe, that Israel is acting as a strategic liability. The U.S. has ways of ending the crisis in Gaza, the starving of the 1.6 million of the civilian population. They have assets, humanitarian assets, ships. Would the U.S. consider breaking with coordinating with Israel some sort of siege to let humanitarian goods and medical services into the strip?

**MR. CROWLEY:** We -- as I just said -- I can repeat what I just said. We clearly have supported the expansion of humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza. As the Secretary and others have said, the situation in Gaza is unsustainable. We want to see how we can provide greater assistance to the people of Gaza --

**QUESTION:** What is the assistance you give now?

**MR. CROWLEY:** -- but -- let me finish -- but clearly, while protecting Israel's legitimate right of self-defense.

**QUESTION:** What is the assistance you're giving now? There was 900 million pledged last year. What's happened to it?

**MR. CROWLEY:** I'll be happy to take that question.

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QUESTION: Can I change topics for a second?

MR. CROWLEY: I'm sure not yet.

QUESTION: Can I just clarify a few things? You mentioned the 11 that you have provided consular access to. Can you give us the total number of Americans you believe were involved in the incident? There's been ranges up to 20 and down to lower than that.

MR. CROWLEY: Let me see what our latest information is.

QUESTION: Okay.

MR. CROWLEY: Because I don't -- I wasn't -- I've heard like 14.

QUESTION: Right. I've heard that one, yeah.

MR. CROWLEY: I don't think we had contact to all of them. There were some people who have manifested on these vessels, we haven't found them yet, so I'm not sure we've arrived at a --

QUESTION: Okay. And I have --

MR. CROWLEY: -- firm number of those involved.

QUESTION: I have a few more questions --

MR. CROWLEY: Go ahead.

QUESTION: -- if I can ask my colleagues' indulgence on. How many Americans injured? Do you have a list of those yet?

MR. CROWLEY: I'm only aware of one that received minor injuries and was treated yesterday at an Israeli hospital.

QUESTION: One you said, okay.

MR. CROWLEY: One.

QUESTION: Has -- have you heard anything from the Palestinians about their unwillingness to take part in further indirect peace talks -- in the proximity talks?

MR. CROWLEY: As far as I know, and I talked to George Mitchell a few minutes ago, he's planning to leave for the region later this afternoon and he has meetings planned as early as tomorrow with Palestinian officials.

QUESTION: (Off-mike.)

QUESTION: Hold on, hold on a second. I've got a couple more.

MR. CROWLEY: All right.

QUESTION: Just on the blockade, can you clarify the U.S. position? Do you think it should be lifted or do you think there's a legitimate Israeli reason for it?

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MR. CROWLEY: We believe there are -- certainly, Israel has a right to be concerned about the nature of materials that is moving into Gaza. At the same time, we've long called for an expansion of humanitarian goods to the people of Gaza to help improve their situation on the ground.

QUESTION: Does that include the blockade?

MR. CROWLEY: I'm not going to get into issues of the blockade.

QUESTION: All right. And then my last question was -- I don't think you've sufficiently answered why the -- why an Israeli investigation could be at all independent and transparent. Why exactly -- why would you call, of all things, for an Israeli investigation of --

MR. CROWLEY: I think the term used in the presidential statement was "impartial" and we support that investigation and believe that Israel is in the best position to lead that investigation.

QUESTION: How can a party to the investigation be impartial if it's an investigation of itself? Why are they in the best position? Can you explain that?

MR. CROWLEY: I'm --

QUESTION: Well, I mean, just in --

QUESTION: I was going to ask the same question. It does not make sense.

MR. CROWLEY: We support the --

QUESTION: Especially judging from the --

MR. CROWLEY: We -- look, we support the statement from the UN release last night and that characterizes our position.

QUESTION: But why do you think Israel would be impartial in this investigation? If you judge by their media comments, they've already prejudged, which is something you say you don't want to do.

MR. CROWLEY: I -- again, I -- I don't agree with your -- you're leaping ahead here before --

QUESTION: Well, the --

MR. CROWLEY: -- the investigation has barely begun.

QUESTION: You say Israel is best positioned. You have just said a few minutes ago --

MR. CROWLEY: Right.

QUESTION: -- that Israel is best positioned. And you haven't answered his question about why that's so when they're part of this. And how can that be?

MR. CROWLEY: Well --

QUESTION: (Off-mike.)

QUESTION: Just -- well, hold on. Just to clarify a point. I mean, just a moment ago you said the question of whether or not this was an -- under international law or not, was something to be addressed as part of an investigation. But the

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Israeli Government has already said its actions are permissible under their interpretation of international law. So how can they conduct an investigation that would examine the question of whether or not this took place --

**MR. CROWLEY:** Again, I'll just repeat what I just said. We believe that Israel is in the best position to carry out this investigation. As the Secretary said a short time ago, we are open to ideas on how there might be broader participation.

**QUESTION:** We're just asking you to explain your logic. We're not -- we just want to know why you think they're best positioned. Can't you explain that?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, these were Israeli forces that carried out this action and we think that that means that they're in the best position to investigate whether -- what the instructions were given to those forces, how they viewed the situation as they approached the flotilla, and what transpired on board that ship.

**QUESTION:** Will Abbas still come as scheduled?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Yes, President Abbas is -- will be here next week and will visit with the President on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**QUESTION:** So the fact that Mr. Netanyahu is no longer meeting with the President today, that is not putting off the calendar?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, as the -- the President and the prime minister talked multiple times yesterday and they agreed that they would reschedule their meeting as soon as possible.

**QUESTION:** Do you or the Turks or anyone else that you've talked to have any ideas about potential international participation in the investigation?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Look, we're going to have these kinds of conversations in the coming days --

**QUESTION:** Well, I'm just asking if -- but have they -- have they happened already?

**MR. CROWLEY:** What -- has what happened?

**QUESTION:** Have ideas been thrown out about how there could be international participation --

**MR. CROWLEY:** Not to my knowledge.

**QUESTION:** -- in the investigation?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Not yet.

**QUESTION:** So this is just -- so the Security Council statement is based on air? If there haven't been ideas tossed around or people haven't suggested different ways that there could be an international component to the investigation, how are you supporting it?

**MR. CROWLEY:** All right, let me clarify. We are -- we will look at how -- I mean, obviously, Turkey has a vital interest in this. Other countries have a vital interest in this. There are -- a number of citizens and ships from multiple countries that were involved in this. And we will work within the Council and more broadly to see how an international element can be introduced into this investigation.

**QUESTION:** Right. Well, just let me -- let's just look at a different example. Look at the South Korean ship incident, where you had numerous countries involved in that, with the South Koreans obviously taking the lead, but you were involved as well. I mean, is that something that -- is that something that --

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MR. CROWLEY: We were invited to participate because we have a particular expertise that --

QUESTION: So it's up to Israel to invite people, whoever they want, to join their investigation?

MR. CROWLEY: Look, I've just said we will help think through how to make this as credible and transparent, impartial, and prompt as possible.

QUESTION: But you believe though, right now, that Israel is capable of doing all -- meeting all those criteria on its own?

MR. CROWLEY: As a --

QUESTION: On its own.

MR. CROWLEY: As a vibrant democracy accountable to its people, we have every confidence that Israel is fully capable of investigating this.

QUESTION: Okay. Well, I think that was the answer to the question --

MR. CROWLEY: Okay.

QUESTION: -- that people were asking before. If that's what you believe, then that's -- that's fine.

QUESTION: But does a vibrant democracy arrest journalists, handcuff and beat them? Just that allegation in itself should absolve Israel from doing its own investigation.

QUESTION: I was wondering -- the Israelis have said that they believe the aid group was connected to terrorist groups -- al-Qaida. Do you agree? Does the State Department -- can you confirm that? Is there any truth to it?

MR. CROWLEY: I've got -- I don't know. I don't know on what basis -- I've heard that said. I'm not sure on what basis --

QUESTION: Can you take that question? I mean, it's -- because they cite -- one of the groups that they say they're connected to -- is a group that in 2008 the United States put on the state -- on the terrorism list.

MR. CROWLEY: I understand that.

QUESTION: So you should have some knowledge or understanding about it.

MR. CROWLEY: Well, I mean, part of this goes into the aspect of -- again, this should be part of the investigation in terms of who was on that ship, how was it organized. These vessels assembled somewhere between the coast of Turkey and Israeli waters, and so it might have been organized under one group's auspices, but we're very conscious of the fact that there were a number of people representing a variety of different NGOs on that ship.

QUESTION: Could you take the question?

MR. CROWLEY: What's -- so I just want to understand the question. Is -- what is our assessment of the IHH?

QUESTION: Yes.

MR. CROWLEY: All right. We'll take that question.

QUESTION: Will Turkey do its own investigation if the Israelis are doing their -- if, I mean --

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**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, that's a matter to address to the Government of Turkey.

**QUESTION:** The prime minister said this morning that Turkey was not going to move forward with plans to try mediating a restart in the Israel-Syria indirect talks. I'm wondering if that came up in the meeting with the Secretary. And more broadly, is there concern in the State Department that this is really going to torpedo any effort to get the kind of regional support for peace moves that you've been working for for the past year and a half?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, we certainly hope not. As the Secretary reiterated today and at various statements that we put out yesterday, we think that this incident underscores why we are trying to push ahead with a comprehensive peace in the Middle East, because ultimately, that is the only way that you avoid these kinds of situations in the future. So we are – that's why George Mitchell is going back to the region tonight and we want to see the proximity talks continue and lead to direct negotiations.

Now, during the course of the meeting, Foreign Minister Davutoglu reflected on the deep and rich history that Turkey has with Israel. Turkey has been one of Israel's closest friends in the region for 60 years. But as to what happens in light of this incident, I think that remains to be seen. But to the extent that Israel can address Turkey's very legitimate concerns about getting its citizens returned – and I suppose Turkey will be judging the nature of the Israeli investigation into this incident. And on that basis, different countries will determine what the implications are.

**QUESTION:** As you wait for the Israeli investigation, how much weight will you give to the statements of American citizens who were there, who were on those boats? Some of them have even released statements to the press denying Israeli allegations that they used white weapons and that everything they had was basically made out of plastic.

**MR. CROWLEY:** Again, that's why we have been very cautious in our statements until we have a better perspective on what actually happened on that ship and why we have called for a prompt, thorough, impartial, transparent investigation.

Jill.

**QUESTION:** P.J., the foreign minister this morning told some journalists that the one thing that they really want from the United States is condemnation of this action by the United States. Did that come up? Did he ask Secretary Clinton to do that? Was there any – if so, was there any answer by the Secretary?

**MR. CROWLEY:** It did not come up. He did not make that demand specifically in the meeting. And the Secretary reiterated during the meeting what she said afterwards, which is we have to have a careful, thoughtful approach to this going forward.

**QUESTION:** Did he make any demands or ask for anything for the United States directly to do?

**MR. CROWLEY:** We've already covered that. He indicated that Turkey's immediate focus was on the – on their citizens and the return of those who have been killed, injured, and others on board the ship. And we have conveyed Turkey's concern to the Israeli Government.

**QUESTION:** What coordination has the State Department had with the Egyptian Government? I saw that the Rafah crossing was supposed to be opened rather soon, at least temporarily.

**MR. CROWLEY:** I can't – at a high – I don't know how high a level. I think we've been in touch with a variety of capitals since yesterday to compare notes and to express our concern about moving forward in a cautious way. I don't know whether Egypt indicated to us in advance what they are prepared to do.

**QUESTION:** Has Prime Minister Netanyahu's visit been rescheduled?

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MR. CROWLEY: Yes.

QUESTION: When will he come?

QUESTION: P.J. --

MR. CROWLEY: Right. The meeting that was supposed to be held today will be rescheduled. I don't know that there's a new date yet.

QUESTION: (Inaudible) in a conference call today said he thanked the United States profusely for the actions it took behind the scenes at the Security Council to -- quote, unquote -- "water down the resolution." What happened behind the scenes in the Security Council on -- what did the United States do to help out the Israelis?

MR. CROWLEY: Well, I think it was a thorough debate over many hours. As with the case with statements that come out of the Security Council (inaudible) -- statement, words have meaning and we worked closely with a number of countries to make sure that going forward that there was significant action calling for an investigation, but making sure that any actions do not further inflame emotions in the region.

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## **SITUATION REPORT No. 4**

**Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group MGGZ01**

Tuesday, June 1, 2010  
2030 EDT

### **STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS**

(SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv consular officers gained access to 11 detained American citizens, two of whom had been briefly hospitalized. Two Amcits, including former Ambassador Peck, were deported. A consular assistant visited the morgue June 1; none of the deceased match photos of any known Americans. At least 100 detainees have not yet been registered. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)*

### **STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS**

- (SBU) The Israeli cabinet decided to repatriate all Turkish detainees not suspected of attacking Israeli military personnel. The cabinet also supported a National Police request to detain those suspected of attacking the IDF for further investigation. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)*
- (SBU) Israelis believe all of the deceased are Turkish citizens. Turkish embassy officials are working to identify the remaining dead. There are 42 Turkish nationals in Israeli hospitals; 24 Turks have been repatriated. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)*
- (SBU) The Prisons Service is holding about 610 flotilla participants. All detainees refusing to sign deportation waivers will be brought before a judge prior to facing deportation. Forty eight of them chose to comply with the expulsion order and have already left. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)*

### **CARGO**

(U) The unloading of the flotilla's cargo continues at the port of Ashdod where Israeli officials are examining the cargo for illicit materials. The IDF hopes to deliver legitimate cargo to the Gaza Strip at the end of the week. *(Yedioth Ahronoth)*

### **INCOMING SHIPS**

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### **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

(SBU) The UN Human Rights Council delayed a vote on a Palestinian-drafted resolution condemning Israel and establishing an investigatory mechanism until June 2. *(MGGZ01/USUNHCR e-mail)*

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**INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS**

- (U) Media reports indicate Egypt opened its border with the Gaza Strip, letting Palestinians cross until further notice. *(Reuters)*
- (SBU) Jordan offered to facilitate the repatriation of citizens of Muslim states that do not have relations with Israel. At least one Indonesian and one Lebanese are among the wounded, and the Jordanians will handle their repatriation.  
*(MGGZ01/Embassy Amman e-mail)*

**TURKISH RESPONSE**

(SBU) PM Erdogan struck a more moderate tone following his May 31 remarks. Erdogan denounced anti-Semitism but appealed to Israelis to pressure the Netanyahu government to stop resorting to violence. He also called for the immediate release of passengers and seized ships. *(Ankara 781)*

For more information on the Gaza Flotilla, please see the Ops portal at the following link:  
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## Statement by the Secretary General of NATO on Israeli operation against ships bound for Gaza

Today the North Atlantic Council (NAC) met for an extraordinary meeting to discuss the recent Israeli operation against ships bound for Gaza. There was an extensive exchange of views among Allies on all aspects of this tragic event.

I would like to express my deep regret over the loss of lives and the other casualties resulting from the use of force during the incident involving the convoy sailing to Gaza. I offer sincere condolences to the families of all victims and condemn the acts which have led to this tragedy. I add my voice to the calls by the United Nations and the European Union for a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation into the incident.

As a matter of urgency, I also request the immediate release of the detained civilians and ships held by Israel.

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








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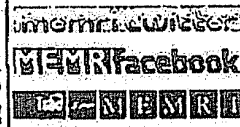
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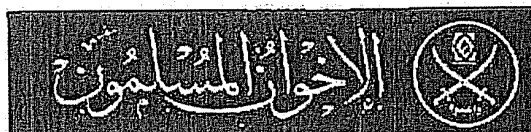
Following is information from the Arab media about some of the flotilla participants. It should be noted that many of these were from the Muslim Brotherhood across the Muslim world:

**Egypt**

In Friday sermons, Muslim Brotherhood General Guide Muhammad Badi' expressed support for Hamas, frequently reiterating harsh statements in favor of jihad and of the armed struggle in Palestine, Iraq, and Afghanistan (For more on this subject, see also MEMRI Special Dispatch No. 2986, "MEMRI TV Clips on the Gaza Flotilla: Activists On Board Chant Songs of Martyrdom at Departure," <http://www.memri.org/report/en/0/0/0/0/0/4249.htm>).

The Egyptian flotilla delegation included two members of the Muslim Brotherhood bloc in the Egyptian parliament: Muhammad Al-Baltaji and Hazem Farouq.

Al-Baltaji, who is deputy secretary-general of the Muslim Brotherhood parliamentary bloc in Egypt, said at a March 2010 conference, "A nation that excels at dying will be blessed by Allah with a life of dignity and with eternal paradise." He also said that his movement "will never recognize Israel and will never abandon the resistance," and that "resistance is the only road map that can save Jerusalem, restore the Arab honor, and prevent Palestine from becoming a second Andalusia."<sup>[1]</sup>



Muslim Brotherhood logo

**Lebanon**

The Lebanese flotilla delegation, with six members, was headed by attorney Dr. Hani Suleiman, who also participated in a February 2009 Gaza flotilla. He was pro-bono attorney to Japanese terrorist Kozo Okamoto.<sup>[2]</sup> In 2006, he signed a communiqué supporting armed resistance in Palestine, Lebanon, and Iraq.<sup>[3]</sup>

Three other members of the Lebanese delegation are Al-Jazeera TV correspondents.<sup>[4]</sup> One, 'Abbas Nasser, worked for Hizbullah's Al-Manar TV from 1997 through 2003; he has said that he enjoyed working there because he felt like part of a family, and because the channel "embraced his religious and political orientation." In 2003, he also worked for Iran's Al-'Alam TV.<sup>[5]</sup>

Another delegation member, Hussein Shaker, is known as "Abu Al-Shuhada" ("Father of the Martyrs"). He has reportedly expressed a desire to meet "his martyrs" (i.e. relatives killed during the 2006 Lebanon war), and has called his participation in the flotilla revenge for their deaths.<sup>[6]</sup>

**Jordan**

The Jordanian flotilla delegation included Muslim Brotherhood in Jordan activists such as delegation head Wael Al-Saka, a veteran Muslim Brotherhood member,<sup>[7]</sup> and Salam Al-Falahat, who was general guide of the Muslim Brotherhood in Jordan from 2006 to 2008.<sup>[8]</sup> In an interview last year, Al-Falahat said: "We in the Muslim Brotherhood in Jordan see Palestine as part of the Islamic and Arab land that must not be relinquished – on the contrary, defending it is a national and jurisprudential obligation... We see Hamas movement in Palestine as standing at the head of the project of the Arab and Islamic liberation for which the Muslim Brotherhood calls... The Muslim

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Brotherhood supports Hamas and every Arab resistance movement in the region that works for liberation."<sup>[9]</sup>

Also in the delegation was Jordanian publicist and journalist Muhammad Abu Ghanima, a former head of the Muslim Brotherhood in Jordan's information bureau and a member of the movement's political bureau. Abu Ghanima writes frequent articles praising Hamas and condemning the Palestinian Authority. In one, he vehemently attacked Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, calling on the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt to topple his regime even at the cost of thousands of martyrs.<sup>[10]</sup>

Journalist Saud Salam Abu Mahfouz, member of the Muslim Brotherhood in Jordan's political party, the Islamic Action Front, is also director-general of the Jordanian *Al-Sabil* newspaper, which is identified with the Muslim Brotherhood. His son, Jordanian correspondent for Hamas' Al-Aqsa TV, was arrested in Egypt in 2008.<sup>[11]</sup>

### Syria

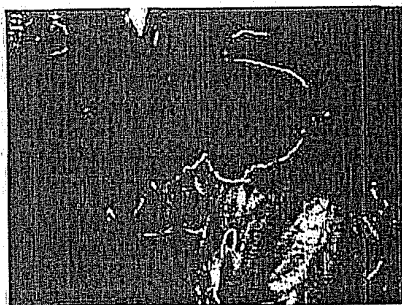
The only Syrian citizen of the flotilla's 700 participants was Shadha Barakat. She was sent as a representative of the Civil Association for Resisting Zionism and Aid for Palestine, which supports armed resistance in Palestine and in Iraq. Her husband Ayman said that she had written a play on assassinated Hamas founder and leader Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, and had told him that when she reaches Gaza she "plans to visit [Yassin's] home and inhale the scent of the place where he lived."<sup>[12]</sup>

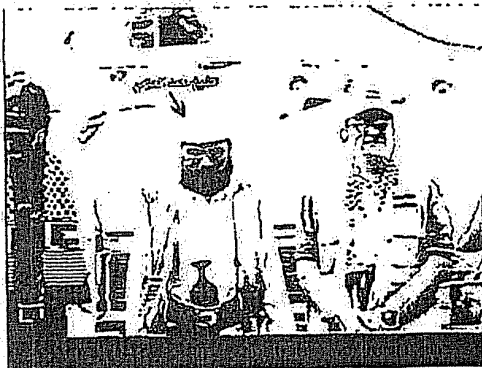


Logo of the Civil Association for Resisting Zionism and Aid for Palestine

### Yemen

Prominent activists in the Yemeni flotilla delegation were three MPs from the Al-Islah party, an Islamist party that is close to the Muslim Brotherhood. One, Sheikh Muhammad Al-Hazmi, was photographed on the deck of the Mavi Marmara brandishing his large curved dagger.<sup>[13]</sup>





*Yemenite Sheikh Muhammad Al-Hazmi*

Another Yemeni MP in the flotilla, Hazza' Al-Maswari, also from the Al-Islah party, previously expressed vehement anti-American sentiment. In 2004, he objected to a Yemeni program for dialogue with prisoners from Al-Qaeda aimed at tempering their views, declaring recently at Friday prayers: "We cannot tell militants 'don't terrorize Americans' or 'don't attack their interests.' Those who plant hatred will harvest hatred."<sup>[14]</sup>



*Depiction of flotilla on Yemeni website<sup>[15]</sup>*

#### **Kuwait**

Among the prominent flotilla activists from Kuwait were Salafist MP Walid Al-Tabtabai, who is known to support armed resistance in Palestine and in Iraq. He said: "We think that the armed resistance in Iraq is legitimate resistance. Every resistance directed against anyone who occupies it is legitimate..."<sup>[16]</sup> Al-Tabtabai also expressed explicit support for Hamas and objected to the regime of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud 'Abbas.<sup>[17]</sup>

Another prominent Kuwaiti activist in the flotilla was Dr. Osama Al-Kandari, a Hadith lecturer at the College of Basic Education. In February 2009, he signed a communiqué expressing support for Hamas and for jihad in Palestine against the "Jewish enemies."<sup>[18]</sup>

#### **Bahrain**

Sheikh Jalal Al-Sharqi, head of the Association of Islamic Scholars in the GCC Countries, was also on board. Previously, Al-Sharqi signed a clerics' petition calling to acknowledge Hamas's legitimacy, as recognized by shari'a, and not to prevent it from obtaining weapons. The petition justified the stance of the "fighters in Gaza" who cling to jihad "against the Jews" and to

martyrdom.[19]

#### Israeli Arabs

The Monitoring Committee of the Israeli Arabs sent four of its members to the flotilla, including Sheikh Raed Salah, head of the northern branch of the Islamic Movement in Israel. He made statements in support of Hamas and against the legitimacy of the Palestinian Authority. Previously, Salah said at the Conference of the Palestinians in Europe: "We are very joyful over the Freedom Flotilla... that in another few days will break the siege on free Gaza, noble Gaza, heroic Gaza. At the same time, we emphasize to all the world that the Freedom Flotilla heralds another flotilla to come - do you know what that is? It is the flotilla returning the Palestinian refugees to our country, to our plains, to our sea and our land, to our fields and our groves." [20]

#### Bishop Hilarion Capucci

Another passenger on the Mavi Marmara was Bishop Hilarion Capucci, who in the 1970s was convicted and imprisoned in Israel for smuggling weapons from Lebanon to the PLO, but afterwards was freed at the request of the Vatican. According to Algerian flotilla participants, Hilarion said that he was "waiting for the day when he could return to Palestine and hear the church bells and the *muezzins'* calls of 'Allah Akbar,' under the skies of a free Palestine." [21]



Bishop Hilarion Capucci, left, with Algerian delegation head Dr. Abd Al-Razzaq Maqri

#### Anticipating Conflict, Willing to Die

In their statements, flotilla participants raised the possibility that Israel would use force to prevent the ship from reaching the Gaza coast, and declared that this would not stop them. Many noted that they would break the siege even if it cost them their lives.

Muhammad Al-Baltaji, of the Muslim Brotherhood faction in the Egyptian parliament, said: "The flotilla participants have two aims: to reach Gaza and break the siege, and to denounce Israel if it prevents the flotilla from entering Gaza, even at the cost of martyrdom or imprisonment." [22]

Algerian delegation head Dr. Abd Al-Razzaq Maqri, who is the deputy head of the Algerian group Movement of Society for Peace, Algeria's major Islamist party, said, "The Algerians on board will hear only the orders of their leaders, who seek to break the siege. [The options are] martyrdom, imprisonment, or breaking [the siege]." [23]

The website of the group titled its collection of photos from the flotilla "Photos of Algerian Mujahideen." [24]



Photo of flotilla participants, under the title "Photos of Algerian Mujahideen"

Algerian delegation coordinator Ahmad Brahimi said about his delegation: "Algeria has been known for its support of the Palestinian cause since the days of Salah Al-Din Al-Ayyubi. Our fathers gave their blood and lives to defend Palestine... and we are the sons of those fathers." He added that the delegation's only purpose was to reach Gaza, and that Israel could not prevent it from doing so.[25]

Another participant, Attorney Fathi Nassar of Jordan, said: "The Freedom Flotilla members are filled with determination to reach Gaza or die." [26]

Rami Abdou, representative of the *European Campaign to End the Siege on Gaza*, said that most of the participants were willing to lay down their lives to reach Gaza. He stressed that they would not allow the occupation forces to tow the ship to Ashdod.[27]

Shadha Barakat's husband Ayman said that his wife was likely to be harmed during the venture, adding that "she will make no truce with Zionism" and that "since she was a child, she has dreamed of attacking an Israeli." [28]

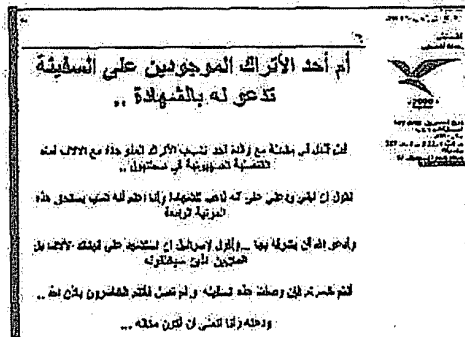
### Participants Write Their Wills

At a press conference in Antalya, Turkey, the flotilla organizers asked all the participants to "write their wills." [29] Following the press conference, Kuwaiti Salafist MP Walid Al-Tabtabai reportedly "did not hesitate to write his will, in defiance of the Israeli threats." [30]



Kuwaiti MP Walid Al-Tabtabai wrote his will before boarding the *Mavi Marmara*

The father of Kuwaiti activist Abd Al-Rahman Al-Filkawi told the Kuwaiti *Al-Watan* daily that his son had told him that the flotilla participants' morale was high, and that they "would sacrifice themselves for the sake of Allah. He added that his son had "told them before embarking that he would be a martyr for the sake of Allah." [31] Likewise, on the various Internet forums, it was reported that the mother of one of the Turkish participants had said that her son had bade her farewell and told her that he was going to lay down his life. [32]



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**From:** Valdez, Pablo M  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:42 PM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** (Reuters) Israel to deport all foreigners seized on Gaza ships

RELEASED IN FULL

JERUSALEM (Reuters) - Israel said it would immediately deport hundreds of foreign activists seized aboard a Turkish-backed aid flotilla to Gaza in a bloody raid.

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From: Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:29 PM  
To: Cassidy, Joseph P; Posner, Michael H; Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL)  
Subject: RE: This won't help

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

From: Cassidy, Joseph P  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:24 PM  
To: Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Posner, Michael H; Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL)  
Subject: RE: This won't help

He has a non-diplomatic style (and I say that in a complimentary way).

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

From: Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:23 PM  
To: Cassidy, Joseph P; Posner, Michael H; Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL)  
Subject: RE: This won't help

See Jim Jeffrey's (our Amb in Turkey) comments -- just received

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

From: Cassidy, Joseph P  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:13 PM  
To: Posner, Michael H; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL)  
Subject: FW: This won't help

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

From: Cassidy, Joseph P  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:12 PM  
To: Ostermeier, Amy A; Aswad, Evelyn M; Banos, Mariano H; McGeeney, Kristen R (DRL)  
Subject: FW: MFA on cabinet meeting

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

From: Sievers, Marc J  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:08 PM  
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Cc: Cunningham, James B; Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura  
Subject: MFA on cabinet meeting

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called me to update on deportation authority. Cabinet decided it has authority to expedite departure of all detainees not suspected of attacking Israeli military personnel. This apparently covers all those in detention in Beer Sheva. They will still be asked to sign release form, but oral request to leave Israel will be accepted.

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Cabinet decided, however, to support police request to detain for possible investigation and perhaps prosecution those who are suspected of attacking Israeli military. He said this means basically all the wounded currently in hospitals and a small number of those in Beer Sheva will be held at least for a few more days while Attorney General decides how to proceed, it's not clear yet whether they will put any of them on trial. I noted this would scuttle understanding reached with Turks about evacuating Turkish wounded. He said that was correct.

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**From:** Kazi, Pamela R  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:04 PM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** FW: Copy of Flotilla Coalition Passenger List v3.xlsx updated 4 PM 6.1.10

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**From:** Kazi, Pamela R  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 3:54 PM  
**To:** Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Cc:** Richter, Kim B  
**Subject:** Copy of Flotilla Coalition Passenger List v3.xlsx updated 4 PM 6.1.10



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From: Valdez, Pablo M  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 3:34 PM  
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Subject: (Reuters) Irish PM calls on Israel to free Irish detainees

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DUBLIN (Reuters) - Ireland called for the immediate and unconditional release of seven of its nationals detained by Israel after the seizure of ships taking aid to Gaza, and warned of "serious consequences" if they were harmed.

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**From:** Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:36 AM  
**To:** DRL-NESCA-DL  
**Cc:** DRL-MLGA-DL  
**Subject:** FW: Two Additional Ships Heading to Gaza

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Want to make sure all or some of NESCA is receiving these flotilla working group updates.

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**From:** Sindle, James M.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:32 AM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Cc:** Riley, Robert J; Marsh, Denise M; Goodman, Ilan A; Silliman, Douglas A; Wiener, Sharon A (Istanbul); Leary, Thomas M; Dayton, Win (Istanbul); Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Ankara-POL-DL; Ogle, Karen L; Keen, Daniel G; Tomlinson, Christina (Istanbul); Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul); Cetin, Metin (Istanbul); Appleton, Richard H; Ogle, Karen L; Combs, James D; Gilmore, Bradley T; Allison, Alicia P; de Otalvaro, Laura H; Grubb, Jason B; Howe, Geoffrey G; Chue, Jason; Greene, Elisa; Parker, Andrew C; Sievers, Marc J; Grubb, Jason B; Levin, Jan; Waters, John R  
**Subject:** Two Additional Ships Heading to Gaza

Colleagues:

There is press reporting that the Free Gaza Movement is sending two additional vessels to Gaza. The first ship is Ireland's "Rachel Corrie," with about 10 passengers on board including Denis Halliday, the Irish former UN Human Rights Coordinator in Iraq. The second ship is the US-flagged "Challenger II", which dropped out of the first flotilla to undergo repairs in Nicosia. According to Free Gaza Movement spokesperson Audrey Bomse in Larnaca, the Rachel Corrie left Malta on her way to Gaza the night before last and she should be coming near Crete today. Arrival is expected around Gaza between late Wednesday and sometime Thursday.

If anyone has additional information on the status of the vessels and the number, nationalities, and the names of the passengers aboard please forward it to the collective. It should help us in terms of tracking any Amcits in advance of detainment. CG Istanbul and Embassy Ankara reaching out to the IHH organizers was valuable in this regard during the first iteration. GOI has told Embassy Tel Aviv that the IDF still intends to intercept these vessels, but is reviewing how to do it.

Many Thanks,

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From: Martone, Stephanie L  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 7:48 AM  
To: DRL-Users-DL  
Subject: FW: DRAFT Tasking List for Monday, June 1, 2010

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Stephanie Martone  
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From: Duckworth, Karl E [mailto:DuckworthKE@state.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 7:40 AM  
To: PAO Group  
Subject: DRAFT Tasking List for Monday, June 1, 2010

DRAFT Tasking List for Monday, June 1, 2010

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Daily Schedule

Daily Press Briefing: 2:30 p.m.

Briefer: PJ

Tasking list prepared by Karl Duckworth, x7-4733 (or in the PA/FO at 7-8232 after 10 a.m.)

Final Guidances Due at 12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m.

PENDING RELEASES

AFRICA

CA / AF / RWANDA: Do we have any updates on American lawyer Peter Erlinder? Is he still incarcerated?

S/WCI / IO / L / UGANDA: Please provide guidance on the Rome Statute Review Conference in Kampala and the intervention.

EAST ASIA

EAP / IO / NORTH KOREA: Do we have any information on the Russian team that is investigating the ship explosion? Do we expect China to send its own team to confirm the report? Is this in preparation for UNSC action? What's next?

EUROPE

FOR THE TOP: EUR / TURKEY: What is on the agenda for Secretary Clinton's meeting with Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu? Will the Gaza flotilla be discussed?

FOR THE TOP: EUR / ROMANIA: What is on the agenda for Secretary Clinton's meeting with Romanian Foreign Minister Teodor Baconschi?

NEAR EAST

NEA / CA / IS/PAL: What updates do we have on the taking of the Gaza flotilla ship? Were any Amcits on the boat? If so, where are they now? Were any Americans injured in protests in Israel or the Palestinian territories? What does the United States plan to do? (Also - see below tasking - I'll leave it up to you if you want to combine.)

IO / NEA / IS/PAL: What happened at the emergency meeting at the UN yesterday in regards to the above incident? What specific proposal did Turkey put forward? Will we support any action against Israel?

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**ISN / NEA / IO / IRAN:** Do we have a reaction to the IAEA report on Iran that says, among other things, that Iran's stockpile of LEU has risen to 2.43 tons? Does this finding add to our skepticism about this month's revived nuclear fuel deal brokered by Brazil and Turkey? Are we concerned that the report also indicates possible activity in Iran to develop a nuclear payload for a missile?

**NEA / LIBYA:** Is the Secretary still planning on meeting with Libyan Foreign Minister Musa Kousa? If so, what is on the agenda? Do we have an update on the health and our thoughts on the Lockerbie bomber? Will it be discussed?

### SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA

**S/RAP / SCA / AFGHANISTAN:** Can we have details on the Secretary's 10 a.m. call with Afghani President Hamid Karzai? What was discussed? (It's on the public schedule.)

**FOR THE TOP: S/RAP / SCA / AFGHANISTAN:** Can we have a few sentences for the top on the beginning of the Consultative Peace Jirga?

**SCA / S/RAP / DRL:** Do we have any reaction to the Afghan government's suspension of the operations of two church-based relief groups over suspicions they were involved in converting Afghans to Christianity?

**SCA / INDIA:** What are our expectations for the U.S.-India Strategic Dialogue? Can we have an overview of our relations with India? (One of the Indian reporters has been asking for this for awhile.) What are the issues/goals/successes SCA wants to highlight?

**DRL / SCA / PAKISTAN:** Do we have any comment on the Pakistani court's decision on Monday, ordering the government to restore access to Facebook?

### WESTERN HEMISPHERE

**UPDATE: WHA / JAMAICA:** Do we have an update on the situation in Jamaica? What's the status of the embassy?

### MISCELLANEOUS

**UPDATE : OES:** Can we have updates on the oil spill cleanup and international offers of assistance?

**ISN / IO:** Can we have an assessment on the meetings of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference?

## UPCOMING

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**NEA:** Who are the visiting Middle East democracy activists? What organizations do they represent and what are their goals? With whom are they meeting?

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## **Russians To Study Warship Sinking Probe (Kim, AP)**

Monday, May 31, 2010

Associated Press

By Hyung-jin Kim

SEOUL, South Korea - Russian experts arrived in Seoul on Monday to review findings of an investigation that blamed North Korea for the deadly sinking of a South Korean warship, as the South sought to build support for U.N. punishment of the North.

If Russia endorses the multinational probe's conclusions, the move could convince China and other major powers to support possible U.N. sanctions against Pyongyang for the sinking two months ago of the Cheonan, which killed 46 sailors.

The South Koreans shared the investigation's findings with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao last weekend before a summit, but Beijing has yet to blame North Korea or support any potential U.N. action against its longtime ally.

Wen is now in Japan, where he was expected to face more pressure to censure North Korea. On Monday, he met with Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama, who said Tokyo strongly supports Seoul's plans to bring North Korea before the U.N. Security Council for sanctions or condemnation.

North Korea has denied sinking the ship and has said the multinational investigation - involving America, Britain, Sweden and Australia - was a biased probe conducted by South Korea's allies.

A Russian endorsement of the investigation could greatly contribute to the legitimacy of the conclusions. Like China, Moscow is a traditional North Korean ally and a veto-holding permanent council member.

The Russian team - including torpedo and submarine experts - arrived Monday and were to stay in South Korea for several days as they review the investigation results and examine the ship's wreckage, said a Defense Ministry official who spoke on condition of anonymity citing department policy.

The official declined to provide further details, citing Russia's request not to publicize many of the team's activities.

Russia's ambassador in Seoul, Konstantin V. Vnukov, told a forum Friday that Moscow will determine its position on the U.N. action on North Korea after the experts study the probe results, according to YTN television network.

## **Australia Begins Legal Action To Stop Japan Whaling (AFP)**

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

AFP

TOKYO (AFP) - Australia has launched legal action at the International Court of Justice to stop Japan's whaling programme, Japanese officials said Tuesday, calling the move "extremely regrettable".

"We were informed that Australia has filed a lawsuit with the International Court of Justice regarding research whaling. We will discuss how to deal with it," said a fisheries agency official.

Hirofumi Hirano, Japan's top government spokesman, said: "I think it is extremely regrettable. The Japanese government will deal with it properly, based on our position."

Japan defends whaling as part of its cultural tradition and hunts the ocean giants under a loophole in a 1986 international moratorium on commercial whaling that allows lethal "scientific research".

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Australia has long protested the hunts, including annual whaling expeditions in Antarctic waters, and has in recent months hardened its stance, announcing last week that it would launch legal action in The Hague.

"We want to see an end to whales being killed in the name of science in the Southern Ocean," said Environment Protection Minister Peter Garrett last week, vowing "to bring a permanent end to whaling in the Southern Ocean".

A Japanese foreign ministry official told AFP on Tuesday: "We are studying our strategy regarding the lawsuit. Details are yet to be decided, but we won't disclose our strategy even after we make a decision."

### **China Bans Court Evidence Gained Through Torture (Jacobs, NYT)**

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

New York Times

By Andrew Jacobs

BEIJING - The top judicial and law enforcement bodies in China have issued new guidelines that seek to halt the use of torture in obtaining confessions or witness testimony, especially in death penalty cases.

The rules, announced Sunday, would nullify evidence gathered through violence or intimidation and give defendants the ability to challenge confessions presented during their trials.

The new regulations were issued weeks after the authorities conceded that the confession used to erroneously convict a farmer for a murder was based on torture. The case came to light only after the supposed victim turned up alive and the defendant had spent 10 years in prison. It has provoked national outrage.

"Judicial practice in recent years shows that slack and improper methods have been used to gather, examine and exclude evidence in various cases, especially those involving the death penalty," said a statement released by the central government.

Although such provisions are a basic feature of modern criminal codes, legal experts said it was the first time Chinese law has explicitly spelled out rules for the admissibility of prosecutorial evidence.

Confessions gained through torture are thought to be common in China, though rights advocates and defense lawyers say such mistreatment gains public notice only when a defendant dies in custody. In some recent cases, jailhouse deaths have spurred protests and alarmed the authorities, who are eager to maintain social stability.

In a rare admission of the problem, the Supreme People's Procuratorate, which carries out investigations and prosecutions, issued a report in 2003 acknowledging that what it characterized as forced confessions had led to the deaths of 460 people and serious injuries for 117 others.

The stakes are high in China, which puts to death more people than all other countries combined. The government does not release figures on executions, but Amnesty International estimates more than 1,700 last year.

Lawyers and legal scholars praised the new regulations, which are part of a larger package of legal reforms that have been in the works for years, but have been stalled by powerful interests within the country's public security apparatus.

"They have come just in time because the necessity is so great," said Zhang Xingshui, a defense lawyer. "It is a good cure for loopholes, because legal workers are often under so much pressure to get cases closed no matter what it takes."

Several lawyers said that they were curious to see the extent to which the regulations would be carried out, pointing out that China often fails to abide by its own rules and regulations.

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The larger problem, legal experts say, is the disconnect between China's stated desire for the rule of law and the Communist Party's insistence that the judicial system serve the party.

When it comes to criminal justice, the Ministry of Public Security and Supreme People's Procuratorate are often averse to measures that might limit their powers. After a previous round of legal revisions in 2007, for example, prosecutors refused to allow lawyers to meet with clients accused of violating state-secrets laws, a hazy designation that is often used against dissidents.

Nicholas Bequelin, a researcher with Human Rights Watch in Hong Kong, called the new guidelines a welcome step, but said that they were weak medicine for an ailing criminal justice system.

"I think the government has abandoned any ambition of carrying out systemic reform and instead has adopted an approach where it aims at marginal procedural improvements," he said.

Cui Min, a professor at Chinese People's Public Security University, was somewhat more optimistic. One important element of the regulations, he noted, requires the police to testify in court if they are accused of using torture to extract a confession.

"This may be common practice for police in the West or in Hong Kong, but it is a new thing for Chinese policemen to testify in court," he said. "We have to cultivate a new mindset, one that accepts the idea of possibly setting free a criminal over wrongfully convicting an innocent man."

### **Israel: At Least 9 Pro-Palestinian Activists Killed On Gaza Flotilla Carrying Aid (Zacharia, WP)**

**Tuesday, June 1, 2010**

**Washington Post**

**By Janine Zacharia**

JERUSALEM -- At least nine pro-Palestinian activists were killed and dozens were wounded aboard an aid flotilla bound for the Gaza Strip when Israeli naval commandos seized control of the boats about 70 miles offshore in international waters early Monday.

An Israeli army spokesman would not disclose their identities or nationalities. Some Turkish, Israeli and Arab media outlets had earlier put the death toll at 19 activists and said they included as many as 10 Turkish nationals. The wounded were evacuated to Israeli hospitals and the ships were led into Israel's Ashdod port, where the passengers and aid supplies were being unloaded and screened. Seven Israeli naval personnel were also injured.

Sharp condemnations of Israel rang out from across the world, with several European countries summoning Israeli ambassadors to protest. The European Union called for an inquiry into the deaths. And the United Nations Security Council planned to meet Monday afternoon for an emergency session. The United States expressed regret at the loss of the life and said it was "working to understand the circumstances of the tragedy."

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who is in Canada and had been scheduled to meet President Obama in Washington on Tuesday, decided to cut short his trip and will return home Monday night instead, his office said.

Turkey, which dispatched the main Mavi Marmara ship carrying 600 activists and thousands of tons of aid, strongly condemned Israel, warning of deep consequences to relations, as protesters demonstrated outside the Israeli consulate in Istanbul and Israel released a travel advisory warning Israelis to avoid travel to Turkey.

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"We strongly condemn these inhumane acts of Israel. This grave incident which took place in high seas in gross violation of international law might cause irreversible consequences in our relations," the Turkish Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Israel had warned the organizers of the flotilla -- transporting items such as concrete to help Gaza rebuild after last year's war with Israel -- that they would not be allowed to sail directly through the blockaded region.

The activists refused to dock in Israel and have relief supplies unloaded and inspected there, saying they did not trust that Israel would allow the contents to be trucked to the Gaza Strip.

Overnight, Israeli naval personnel dropped from helicopters onto the largest passenger ship from Turkey, which had mostly Turkish nationals aboard. Short video clips broadcast on television stations showed demonstrators clubbing the navy personnel with metal bars and showed at least one Israeli commando firing.

Israeli military officials said demonstrators attacked the navy personnel with knives and live fire and seized at least one of the soldiers' weapons.

"This IDF naval operation was carried out under orders from the political leadership to halt the flotilla from reaching the Gaza Strip and breaching the naval blockade," the Israeli army said in its statement.

Past flotillas either reached Gaza or were diverted to Israel peacefully. But the activists, frustrated with a continuing blockade of Gaza, mounted a much larger effort this time to challenge the siege. Israel, amid growing tensions with Turkey and anxieties about the Turkish organizers' contacts with what Israeli officials described as terrorist groups, said it needed to keep the siege in tact.

Some in Israel, before the raid and after, questioned the wisdom of Israel trying to take the ships by force.

Israel has managed a blockade on Gaza in an effort to isolate the Islamist leadership of Hamas, which took control of the strip of territory in 2007. Israel allows goods to pass into the Gaza Strip but limits, or prevents, certain categories needed especially for construction. Many goods are smuggled into Gaza through underground tunnels from Egypt, creating an overall dysfunctional economy reliant on the decisions of outside powers.

On Monday, after the clash at sea, Israel closed one of the main border crossings into Gaza and turned back roughly 60 trucks of goods destined for the strip.

Flotilla organizers, from the Turkish non-governmental organization IHH, or Humanitarian Relief Fund, said they were transporting 6,000 tons of cement, more than 2,000 tons of iron, 100 prefabricated houses, 500 wheelchairs, medical equipment, wood and glass for building, as well as electric generators and food.

Reports of the activists' deaths prompted demonstrations in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip, and Israel increased the presence of police and military across the country in anticipation of possible riots. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas declared three days of mourning.

A committee representing the Arab Israeli community declared a general strike for Tuesday. Already on Monday, Arab merchants in the Old City of Jerusalem shuttered their shops and restaurants in protest.

Turkish flags flew high above Gaza's port on Monday alongside posters with photos of Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

"We are shocked by reports of killings and injuries of people on board boats carrying supplies for Gaza,

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apparently in international waters," United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Robert Serry and Filippo Grandi, commissioner-general of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, said in a statement. "We condemn the violence and call for it to stop," they said, adding that they were seeking a "full explanation" from Israel.

"We wish to make clear that such tragedies are entirely avoidable if Israel heeds the repeated calls of the international community to end its counterproductive and unacceptable blockade of Gaza," the statement by the U.N. officials said.

### **Analysis: Condemnation of Israeli assault complicates relations with U.S.**

By Glenn Kessler  
Tuesday, June 1, 2010; A01

The worldwide condemnation of the deadly Israeli assault on the Gaza aid flotilla will complicate the Obama administration's efforts to improve its tense relations with Jerusalem and will probably distract from the push to sanction Iran over its nuclear program.

The timing of the incident is remarkably bad for Israel and the United States. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and President Obama were scheduled to meet Tuesday in Washington as part of a "kiss and make up" session. The United Nations, meanwhile, was set to begin final deliberations on Iran in the weeks ahead.

Now the White House talks have been scrubbed, Israel's actions were the subject of an emergency U.N. Security Council meeting Monday and the administration increasingly faces a difficult balancing act as Israel's diplomatic isolation deepens.

In contrast with forceful statements from European, Arab and U.N. officials -- and impromptu demonstrations from Athens to Baghdad -- the White House responded to the assault Monday by saying only that Obama had held a phone conversation with Netanyahu in which the prime minister expressed "deep regret at the loss of life" and "the importance of learning all the facts and circumstances around this morning's tragic events."

Hours later, the State Department issued a statement saying that the United States remains "deeply concerned by the suffering of civilians in Gaza" and "will continue to engage the Israelis on a daily basis to expand the scope and type of goods allowed into Gaza."

Even before Monday's incident, Israel was on shaky diplomatic ground. After the government was accused of using forged foreign passports in the assassination of a Palestinian militant in Dubai, Britain expelled an Israeli diplomat in March. Australia did the same last week.

The latest furor may have caused irreparable harm to Israel's relations with Turkey -- a Muslim state with which Israel has long had close ties -- because so many of those onboard were Turkish. At the United Nations, Turkey's foreign minister urged the Security Council to condemn Israel's raid and set up a formal inquiry to hold those responsible for it accountable.

"This is terrible for Israel-Turkey relations," Namik Tan, the Turkish ambassador to the United States, said in an interview. "I am really saddened by it."

Tan, who served as ambassador to Israel from 2007 through 2009, said Israel's actions demand condemnation from every country because the flotilla incident took place in international waters and involved civilians on a

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humanitarian mission. But he said the Obama administration's initial statement was wanting. "We would have expected a much stronger reaction than this," he said.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu will be in Washington on Tuesday to discuss Iran with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, but Turkey's fury over the Gaza incident will inevitably top the agenda.

Daniel Levy, a former Israeli peace negotiator now at the New America Foundation in Washington, said it's not the first time Israel has done itself a disservice.

"Israel constantly claims it wants the world to focus on Iran, but then it ends up doing something that gets everyone to focus on itself," he said.

Apart from the raid, attention is likely to fall on the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip, which has faced an Israeli blockade since the Hamas militant group seized power three years ago. Although the Obama administration has pressed quietly for less onerous restrictions on trade, it has not questioned Israeli policies. Special envoy George J. Mitchell has never visited Gaza in about a dozen trips to Israel and the Palestinian territories.

Without high-level attention, the situation in Gaza -- a narrow coastal area with 1.5 million people -- has faded from view. Now that might change.

Robert Malley, Middle East director for the International Crisis Group, said Monday's deaths were a consequence of ignoring the "unhealed wound that is Gaza."

In condemning Israel's actions Monday, European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton signaled that the European Union would press anew for a shift in policy. "The E.U. does not accept the continued policy of closure," she said in a statement. "It is unacceptable and politically counterproductive. We need to urgently achieve a durable solution to the situation in Gaza."

Malley said U.S. officials have told him that the situation in Gaza "is very high on Obama's agenda." Obama highlighted Gaza in his Cairo speech a year ago, saying, "Just as it devastates Palestinian families, the continuing humanitarian crisis in Gaza does not serve Israel's security."

In that speech, Obama appeared to appeal to Palestinians to undertake acts of civil disobedience rather than violence, saying that it was "not violence that won full and equal rights" for African Americans but "a peaceful and determined insistence."

Whether the flotilla was an act of civil disobedience remains up for debate. Its organizers said it was, but Israeli officials said members of the Israel Defense Forces were met with violence when they boarded the ships.

Not only has the incident strengthened the Islamist Hamas, it has probably weakened the secular Palestinian leadership on the West Bank. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas quickly condemned the attack as a "massacre," but he will probably face new pressure to abandon indirect talks with Israel.

Iran, whose nuclear ambitions deeply concern Israeli leaders, also is a beneficiary. Turkey holds one of the rotating seats on the U.N. Security Council and was already deeply skeptical of the U.S.-led push to impose new sanctions on the Islamic republic. But now the council's attention will be diverted by the Israeli assault.

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### Deadly Israeli Raid Draws Condemnation

By ISABEL KERSHNER

JERUSALEM — Israel faced intense international condemnation and growing domestic questions on Monday after a raid by naval commandos that killed nine people, many of them Turks, on an aid flotilla bound for Gaza.

Turkey, Israel's most important friend in the Muslim world, recalled its ambassador and canceled planned military exercises with Israel as the countries' already tense relations soured even further. The United Nations Security Council met in emergency session over the attack, which occurred in international waters north of Gaza, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel was flying home after canceling a Tuesday meeting with President Obama.

With street protests erupting around the world, Mr. Netanyahu defended the Israeli military's actions, saying the commandos, enforcing what Israel says is a legal blockade, were set upon by passengers on the Turkish ship they boarded and fired only in self-defense. The military released a video of the early moments of the raid to support that claim.

Israel said the violence was instigated by pro-Palestinian activists who presented themselves as humanitarians but had come ready for a fight. Organizers of the flotilla accused the Israeli forces of opening fire as soon as they landed on the deck, and released videos to support their case. Israel released video taken from one of its vessels to support its own account of events.

The Israeli public seemed largely to support the navy, but policy experts questioned preparations for the military operation, whether there had been an intelligence failure and whether the Israeli insistence on stopping the flotilla had been counterproductive. Some commentators were calling for the resignation of Ehud Barak, the defense minister.

"The government failed the test of results; blaming the organizers of the flotilla for causing the deaths by ignoring Israel's orders to turn back is inadequate," wrote Aluf Benn, a columnist for Haaretz, on the newspaper's Web site on Monday, calling for a national committee of inquiry. "Decisions taken by the responsible authorities must be probed."

The flotilla of cargo ships and passenger boats was carrying 10,000 tons of aid for Gaza, where the Islamic militant group Hamas holds sway, in an attempt to challenge Israel's military blockade of Gaza.

The raid and its deadly consequences have thrown Israel's policy of blockading Gaza into the international limelight; at the Security Council on Monday voices were raised against the blockade, and the pressure to abandon it is bound to intensify.

Israel had vowed not to let the flotilla reach the shores of Gaza, where Hamas, an organization sworn to Israel's destruction, took over by force in 2007.

Named the Freedom Flotilla, and led by the pro-Palestinian Free Gaza Movement and a Turkish organization, Insani Yardim Vakfi, the convoy had converged at sea near Cyprus and set out on the final leg of its journey on Sunday afternoon. Israel warned the vessels to abort their mission, describing it as a provocation.

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The confrontation began shortly before midnight on Sunday when Israeli warships intercepted the aid flotilla, according to a person on one boat. The Israeli military warned the vessels that they were entering a hostile area and that the Gaza shore was under blockade.

The vessels refused the military's request to dock at the Israeli port of Ashdod, north of Gaza, and continued toward their destination.

Around 4 a.m. on Monday, naval commandos came aboard the Turkish ship, the Mavi Marmara, having been lowered by ropes from helicopters onto the decks.

At that point, the operation seems to have gone badly wrong.

Israeli officials say that the soldiers were dropped into an ambush and were attacked with clubs, metal rods and knives.

An Israeli official said that the navy was planning to stop five of the six vessels of the flotilla with large nets that interfere with propellers, but that the sixth was too large for that. The official said there was clearly an intelligence failure in that the commandos were expecting to face passive resistance, and not an angry, violent reaction.

The Israelis had planned to commandeer the vessels and steer them to Ashdod, where their cargo would be unloaded and, the authorities said, transferred overland to Gaza after proper inspection.

The military said in a statement that two activists were later found with pistols taken from Israeli commandos. It accused the activists of opening fire, "as evident by the empty pistol magazines."

Another soldier said the orders were to neutralize the passengers, not to kill them.

But the forces "had to open fire in order to defend themselves," the navy commander, Vice Adm. Eliezer Marom, said at a news conference in Tel Aviv, adding, "Their lives were at risk."

At least seven soldiers were wounded, one of them seriously. The military said that some suffered gunshot wounds; at least one had been stabbed.

Some Israeli officials said they had worried about a debacle from the start, and questioned Israel's broader security policies.

Einat Wilf, a Labor Party member of Parliament who sits on the influential Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, said that she had warned Mr. Barak and others well in advance that the flotilla was a public relations issue and should not be dealt with by military means.

"This had nothing to do with security," she said in an interview. "The armaments for Hamas were not coming from this flotilla."

The fatalities all occurred aboard the Mavi Marmara, a Turkish passenger vessel that was carrying about 600 activists under the auspices of İnsani Yardım Vakfı, an organization also known as I.H.H. Israeli officials have characterized it as a dangerous Islamic organization with terrorist links.

Yet the organization, founded in 1992 to collect aid for the Bosnians, is now active in 120 countries and has been present at recent disaster areas like Haiti and New Orleans.

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"Our volunteers were not trained military personnel," said Yavuz Dede, deputy director of the organization. "They were civilians trying to get aid to Gaza. There were artists, intellectuals and journalists among them. Such an offensive cannot be explained by any terms."

There were no immediate accounts available from the passengers of the Turkish ship, which arrived at the naval base in Ashdod on Monday evening, where nearly three dozen were arrested, many for not giving their names. The base was off limits to the news media and declared a closed military zone.

The injured had been flown by helicopter to Israeli hospitals. At the Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer, near Tel Aviv, relatives of injured soldiers were gathered outside an intensive care unit when a man with a long beard, one of the wounded passengers, was wheeled by, escorted by military police.

Organizers of the flotilla, relying mainly on footage filmed by activists on board the Turkish passenger ship, because all other communications were down, blamed Israeli aggression for the deadly results.

The Israeli soldiers dropped onto the deck and "opened fire on sleeping civilians at four in the morning," said Greta Berlin, a leader of the pro-Palestinian Free Gaza Movement, speaking by phone from Cyprus on Monday.

Israeli officials said that international law allowed for the capture of naval vessels in international waters if they were about to violate a blockade. The blockade was imposed by Israel and Egypt after the Hamas takeover of Gaza in 2007. Israel's deputy foreign minister, Danny Ayalon, said Monday that the blockade was "aimed at preventing the infiltration of terror and terrorists into Gaza."

Despite sporadic rocket fire from the Palestinian territory against southern Israel, Israel says it allows enough basic supplies through border crossings to avoid any acute humanitarian crisis. But it insists that there will be no significant change so long as Hamas continues to hold Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier captured in a cross-border raid in 2006.

The Free Gaza Movement has organized several aid voyages since the summer of 2008, usually consisting of one or two vessels. The earliest ones were allowed to reach Gaza. Others have been intercepted and forced back, and one, last June, was commandeered by the Israeli Navy and towed to Ashdod. This six-boat fleet was the most ambitious attempt yet to break the blockade.

### **U.N. Report Says Iran Has Fuel For 2 Nuclear Weapons (Sanger, Broad, NYT)**

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**New York Times**

**By David E. Sanger And William J. Broad**

WASHINGTON - In their last report before the United Nations Security Council votes on sanctions against Iran, international nuclear inspectors declared on Monday that Iran has now produced a stockpile of nuclear fuel that experts say would be enough, with further enrichment, to make two nuclear weapons.

The report, by the International Atomic Energy Agency, a branch of the United Nations, appears likely to bolster the Obama administration's case for a fourth round of economic sanctions against Iran and further diminish its interest in a deal, recently revived by Turkey and Brazil, in which Iran would send a portion of its nuclear stockpile out of the country.

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When Iran tentatively agreed eight months ago to ship some of its nuclear material out of the country, the White House said the deal would temporarily deprive Iran of enough fuel to make even a single weapon.

But Iran delayed for months, and the figures contained in the inspectors' report on Monday indicated that even if Iran now shipped the agreed-upon amount of nuclear material out of the country, it would retain enough for a single weapon, undercutting the American rationale for the deal.

The toughly worded report says that Iran has expanded work at one of its nuclear sites. It also describes, step-by-step, how inspectors have been denied access to a series of facilities, and how Iran has refused to answer inspectors' questions on a variety of activities, including what the agency called the "possible existence" of "activities related to the development of a nuclear payload for a missile."

A spokesman for the White House, Michael Hammer, said in a statement on Monday that the report "clearly shows Iran's continued failure to comply with its international obligations and its sustained lack of cooperation with the IAEA." He said the report "underscores that Iran has refused to take any of the steps required of it" by the security council or the I.A.E.A.'s board of governors, "which are necessary to enable constructive negotiations on the future of its nuclear program."

Iran, which insists that its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes, has said it has conducted no work on weapons, and argues the evidence of work on warheads is forged.

Iran's nuclear progress had been expected to be a central subject at a meeting scheduled for Tuesday at the White House between Mr. Obama and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel. Mr. Netanyahu canceled the visit after a deadly raid by Israeli commandos on ships carrying supplies to Gaza.

But the report left hanging the question of whether Israel would ratchet up the pressure on Washington and its allies to show that they can deal with the threat of a nuclear-armed Iran diplomatically. Israeli officials have hinted, but never explicitly threatened, that they would take military action if diplomacy fails and Iran is close to weapons capability.

Administration officials have argued that the combination of the sanctions they expect to come out of the Security Council, along with other sanctions imposed by the United States and its European allies, may change Iran's calculus. But many inside and outside the administration are highly skeptical.

It has been four years since the Security Council first demanded that Iran cease all enrichment of uranium, citing its efforts to hide its activities and deceive inspectors. The country has openly defied those resolutions, telling inspectors those demands - along with calls to allow inspectors to visit a series of facilities that could be useful in energy or weapons production - had been "issued illegally and have no legal basis."

The inspectors reported Monday that Iran now has now produced over 5,300 pounds of low-enriched uranium, all of which would have to undergo further enrichment before it could be converted to bomb fuel.

The inspectors reported that Iran had expanded work at its sprawling Natanz site in the desert, where it is raising the level of uranium enrichment up to 20 percent - the level needed for the Tehran Research Reactor, which produces medical isotopes for cancer patients. But it is unclear why Iran is making that investment if it plans to obtain the fuel for the reactor from abroad, as it would under its new agreement with Turkey and Brazil.

Until recently, all of Iran's uranium had been enriched to only 4 percent, the level needed to run nuclear power reactors. While increasing that to 20 percent purity does not allow Iran to build a weapon, it gets the country closer to that goal. The inspectors reported that Iran had installed a second group of centrifuges - machines that spin incredibly fast to enrich, or purify, uranium for use in bombs or reactors - which could speed its production

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of the 20 percent fuel.

The inspectors also noted that the agency had finally succeeded in setting up a good monitoring system for the 20-percent work after a rocky start in February, when Iran began raising the enrichment levels. "A new, safeguards approach," the report said, "is now being implemented."

But the report called the equipment upgrades and the continuing enrichment "contrary to the relevant resolutions of the I.A.E.A.'s Board of Governors and the Security Council." Both have called on Iran to cease its uranium enrichment because of outstanding questions about Tehran's intentions. The sanctions, if passed, are intended to compel Iran to comply with that demand by the Security Council.

Last fall, President Obama, along with the leaders of Britain and France, denounced Iran for secretly building a second enrichment plant near the holy city of Qum, without alerting inspectors until just before those three countries announced they had discovered the facility. But curiously, the report suggested that now, with its existence revealed, Iran may be losing interest in it. The report said that Iran had installed no centrifuges in the half-built enrichment facility, which is located inside a mountain near a military base.

Iran has sought to locate many of its nuclear facilities in underground sites so as to lessen their vulnerability to aerial attack. In the new report, the inspectors said that the Iranians disclosed that a new analytical laboratory slated for construction amid a warren of tunnels at Isfahan "would have the same functions as the existing" unprotected laboratory there.

The report quoted an Iranian letter as saying the second, underground laboratory was needed "to meet security measures."

### **U.S. Says Afghan Peace Deal Must Ensure Women's Rights (Madhani, USAT)**

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**USA Today**

**By Aamer Madhani**

WASHINGTON - As Afghanistan prepares to open a peace conference aimed at persuading Taliban leaders to put down their weapons, U.S. lawmakers have made clear that they want women's rights preserved in any potential deal to integrate former insurgents into the government.

About 1,600 Afghans, that will including lawmakers, tribal and religious leaders, will convene in a tent at Kabul Polytechnic University for a peace jirga on ways to get insurgents to stop battling the government of President Hamid Karzai.

Rep. Donna Edwards, D-Md., who went to Afghanistan as part of a congressional delegation, says she wants to ensure that women's rights aren't set aside during the conference, which begins Wednesday.

"He faces a really tremendous challenge," Edwards says of Karzai. "At the same time, he has a constitution. . . Women's participation is a bottom line."

During the Taliban's rule of Afghanistan, women lived under severe restrictions. Women weren't allowed to

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work outside of the home and girls were prohibited from going to school. The Taliban also required women to wear a head-to-toe veil, and they risked a beating if they were caught in public with a man who wasn't a close relative.

Karzai will offer jobs to mid- and low-level Taliban plus aid for their villages if they lay down their arms, according to the draft of his jirga offer obtained by the Associated Press. The Afghanistan Peace and Reconciliation Program would be supported by \$160 million from the U.S., Japan, Britain and others.

Insurgents must renounce violence, vow to respect the Afghan constitution and sever ties with al-Qaeda or other terrorist networks, according to Karzai's offer.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. and NATO commander, said the jirga offer appeared "very, very responsible."

Abdullah Abdullah, the most prominent Afghan opposition leader, said the peace conference only offers "false hope" that members of the Taliban are willing to embrace democracy.

"The core of the problem is that they're not looking to have a part in a power-sharing system, but they are looking to reverse the system itself," Abdullah said.

"If anything, the Taliban have become more hard-line," he said. "On issues of women, on human rights, on education . . . not on one of these things that are part of the democratic process have they softened."

In Washington last month, Karzai said at least 20% of the participants in the jirga will be women. Edwards also said Afghan officials told her during her Kabul visit that women would play a meaningful role in the conference, with more than half of the breakout meetings being led by women.

"It would be most unfortunate for us, and for our values, if we allowed (the jirga) to happen without engaging women in a way that's consistent with the constitution," she said.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the U.S. wouldn't back any plan between the government and militants that diminished women's rights.

It is "essential that women's rights and women's opportunities are not sacrificed or trampled on in the reconciliation process," she said.

### **Afghanistan Suspends Two Aid Groups (Nordland, Wafa, NYT)**

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**New York Times**

**By Rod Nordland And Abdul Waheed Wafa**

KABUL, Afghanistan - The Afghan government suspended the operations of two church-based relief groups on Monday over suspicions that they were involved in converting Afghans to Christianity, even though the evidence against them apparently consisted of nothing more than a listing in a telephone directory.

An Afghan television station, Noorin TV, broadcast photographs that it claimed showed Westerners' baptizing Afghans, both men and women, and other Afghans' praying to Jesus at private prayer meetings. It mentioned the two groups in the same report, although it had no evidence tying them to such activities; officials at Noorin TV confirmed.

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