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(U) EU presses Armenia and Turkey to continue normalization process

Speaking at separate briefings following their meetings with visiting President Sargsyan of Armenia May 26-27, European Council President Van Rompuy and Commission President Barroso pressed both Armenia and Turkey to continue the "historic" process of normalization of their relations "without preconditions" and "within a reasonable timeframe." Van Rompuy said he was "pleased that Armenia decided to stay committed to the process, adding: "I recognize the President's political courage on this issue." He confirmed the EU's "continued commitment to peace and security in the Caucasus, including through contributing to the resolution of the protracted conflicts." Barroso said the Commission was prepared to launch negotiations for an Association Agreement between the EU and Armenia "as soon as next July," noting that "an important part of this Agreement will be the negotiation on a bilateral Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA)." Barroso nevertheless made it clear that "this could kick off only once Armenia will have fully addressed key trade-related recommendations made by the Commission." (POL:RDeglain).

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(EU) EU/CSDP: General Ton van Osch new chief of EU military staff - Brussels, May 27 (Agence Europe) - General Ton van Osch from the Netherlands took over on Thursday 27 May from General David Leakey (United Kingdom) as Chief of the European Union Military Staff (EUMS). During a joint press conference with his predecessor, General Osch emphasised that during his three-year mandate he would focus on two main subjects: implementation of a comprehensive approach, which would help to combine and jointly coordinate all crisis management instruments; and strengthening cooperation between the EU and its partners such as NATO, the UN, the African Union and the other "major actors and nations". The general provided

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assurances that "every body will find me willing to cooperate" and said that making the European External Action Service operational, where EU High Representative Catherine Ashton will be responsible for all instruments, will be a big step forward. The general explained: "I know there's a lot of talking that should be much better and I agree with that, but at the same time I would like to make a point that we made a lot of big steps". General Leakey was asked about the necessity of providing the EU with a permanent military operations staff in the future but explained that there is no "one size fits all" solution from a political point of view or in the context of military practicalities. He added: "If you have a member state who takes an operations commander rather than operational headquarters responsibility, then it means that the operation is guaranteed to be a success". According to Leakey, the current situation has the merit of giving each member state greater responsibility when it ensures command of an operation. Born in 1955, General Osch has been the Dutch permanent military representative to NATO and the European Union Military Committee (EUMC) since June 2007. He is the third chief of staff as head of this structure, following French General Jean-Paul Peruche and General Leakey, and will be particularly responsible for strategic planning and EU military expertise.

(EU) EP/PALESTINE: Isabelle Durant and Louis Michel urge Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza - Brussels, May 27 (Agence Europe) - The vice president of the European Parliament, Isabelle Durant (Greens/EFA, Belgium) and the MEP and former commissioner for development, Louis Michel (ALDE, Belgium) launched an appeal to Israel on Thursday 27 May, to allow humanitarian aid to Gaza to reach its destination. MEPs are concerned about threats of a blockade by the Israeli authorities and the deployment of military forces to prevent the berthing and unloading of the "Gaza freedom flotilla". The mission consists of nine new boats. They contain 10,000 tons of humanitarian equipment (educational and medical materials) and construction materials (cement etc) for Gaza, as well as 700 volunteers from the whole world. The first boats left Turkey for Gaza on Tuesday 25 May. "This mission must arrive at the right port of call", insisted Isabelle Durant. She added that "this is not a political mission; it aims to provide aid and solidarity, and it is necessary to guarantee the security of the people accompanying it". The appeal by MEPs aims to mobilise public opinion to put pressure on the Israeli government. Louis Michel was keen to point out that "international humanitarian law requires that access to victims or people in danger is ensured or at least facilitated. (...) The Israeli authorities do not want Hamas to benefit from this operation because it is claimed that the Palestinian organisation and the humanitarian workers are working together. Isabelle Durant and Louis Michel refute this.

EU's Almunia says fewer banks taking up state aid - BRUSSELS, May 27 (Reuters) - European Union banks are gradually weaning themselves off state aid as the sector recovers from the credit crisis which led to trillions of euros in bailouts and state guarantees, the EU's competition chief said on Thursday. Since the crisis deepened in September 2008, the European Commission has approved 4.13 trillion euros (\$5.072 billion) in recapitalisation schemes and other measures by EU governments to help lenders. Of this figure, just a third or 1.24 billion euros were taken up by banks via state guaranteed funding or recapitalisation measures. The EU executive said the use of government guarantees by banks has declined since the middle of 2009, both in terms of the number of bonds issued and volume of issuance. The total amount of state-guaranteed bonds issued by banks in December last year amounted to a monthly average of 4 percent of lenders' total funding, down from 30 percent in the

first quarter of 2009, data from the Commission showed. "The declining use of state guarantees is an encouraging indicator that the financial sector has begun to return to normal market conditions," EU Competition Commissioner Joaquin Almunia told a news conference. "While the situation remains fragile it is crucial for the overall economy that banks do not stay dependent on the state for longer than is strictly needed and finance themselves increasingly on the market," he said. He said France, Italy and the United Kingdom have already said they would not extend their guarantee schemes. There are currently 15 EU countries with such schemes which will expire either at the end of this month or next. EU finance ministers agreed last week to raise the fees that banks pay if guarantee schemes are extended by up to 40 basis points.

(EU) EU/ECONOMY: Herman Van Rompuy wants more governance and greater EESC involvement in taking important Council decisions and measures - Brussels, May 27 (Agence Europe) - Addressing the plenary session of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) chaired by Mario Sepi, on Thursday 27 May in Brussels, the president of the European Council, Herman Van Rompuy, unveiled how he felt about the need to immediately overcome the agitation caused by the economic crisis, and to have a crisis prevention and management system. He announced the results of the first meeting of the task force under his leadership. Van Rompuy wanted the EESC to be more actively involved in taking measures and important decisions at the European Council in June 2010, and to be more actively concerned by follow up to such measures and decisions. He highlighted how important it was to have a structural growth policy, i.e. the EU2020 strategy, which, he said, is an operation of high political intensity without which the EU's social model would be in danger. (...) In addition to overcoming the crisis, there is a structural policy for increasing the EU's economic potential, the EU2020 strategy. Van Rompuy said he wished to speak to the EESC about this later, adding that he was willing for the committee to be more involved when important decisions or measures are taken at the European Council in June. However, he asserted, this process is not yet over. There will be follow-up, and adjustment throughout the process. He took the view that, without this structural policy for growth, the EU's social model would be in danger. Van Rompuy underlined how difficult it was for a politician to explain to the public that it is necessary to put taxes up while safeguarding investment in human capital. This prompted him to say that "the EU2020 strategy is not a technical operation but an operation with high political import".

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SITUATION UPDATE

(C) EFFORTS TO DISCOURAGE/IMPEDE LAUNCH: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Separately, a senior Surete Generale (SG) official told us late this morning that the SG has issued an order to all Lebanese ports saying that no ship may leave port without providing a manifest of who is on board. No manifests have been provided as yet for Gaza-bound ships. A Port of Beirut official verified to us that no vessel there has applied for a permit to depart for Gaza.

(C) POSSIBLE LAUNCH TOMORROW? Media contacts say that the *Mariam* is hoping to launch for Gaza the morning of June 18 carrying 50 women of different nationalities. *An-Nahar* reports that the *Mariam* effort is being led by Inam Saad, the wife of a Saida-based opposition politician who is a foe of PM Hariri. Conflicting press reports have said the boat plans to launch from Beirut, Jounieh (just north of Beirut), Tripoli and Saida. We have verified that the *Mariam* is not in Beirut or Jounieh, and are seeking now to verify the Saida report (Saida is roughly halfway between Beirut and the Israeli border; the Maronite bishop of Saida is presiding over a mass there today to bless the *Mariam's* undertaking). [REDACTED]

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The press is also reporting that Yasser Kashlak, a wealthy Palestinian businessman based in the Gulf, is the main funder of the *Mariam* effort. Kashlak heads the Palestinian Businessmen's Association as well as the Lebanese Institute of International Research.

(C) AMCIT INVOLVEMENT: One newspaper is reporting that "four U.S. nuns"

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plan to be among the 50 women aboard the Mariam. Separately, Amcit Paul Larudee (who was on the first Gaza flotilla) gave an interview to a Beirut paper, but it is not clear from the article that Larudee was present in the country at the time of the interview. We have asked consular contacts [redacted] [redacted] if they can verify that Larudee has entered Lebanon.

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CONTACTS WITH GOL AND OTHERS

(C) The Ambassador made a series of phone calls this morning to GOL officials and others about the potential new flotilla. Drawing from the points prepared for U/S Burns, she stressed our strong concern at reports about the advanced state of preparations for launching one or more ships from Lebanon. She underscored our belief that such an effort would be extremely destabilizing for Lebanon and the region, and urged the GOL officials to take quick action to dissuade the organizers from proceeding with their plans. She also noted our concern that American citizens might be involved in the effort and asked for any information about Amcit participants. Following are the responses she received:

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-- [redacted] said the issue was on the front burner for the PM's office, and that he would be following it closely through the day.

-- [redacted] reported that [redacted] contacts were saying no launch would occur for several days, but [redacted] was checking again based on today's press reports.

-- [redacted] agreed that the new Gaza flotilla effort is fraught with potential problems, but noted that the issue is "very delicate" and virtually all Lebanese are "lining up on one side" of it.

CONCLUSION

It is not clear that the Israeli announcement today of a plan to ease restrictions on Gaza will change the thinking of the Lebanese organizing the launches.

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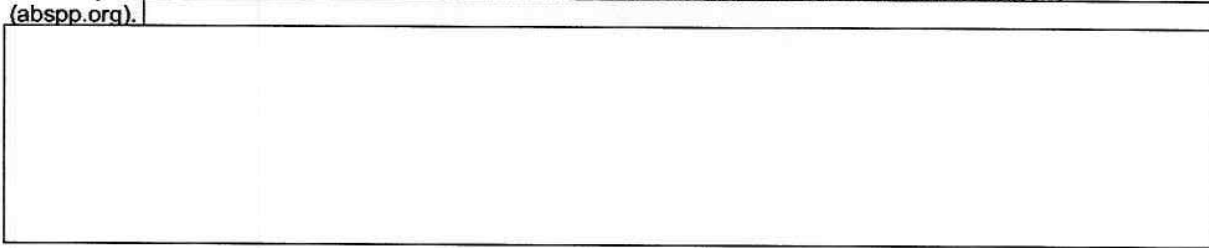
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(C) Turkish Embassy [redacted] **a New Gaza Aid Flotilla Being Organized in Italy.**
Center-right daily Il Giornale reported on July 8 on a new Gaza aid flotilla being prepared by a group of Palestinian and Islamic organizations in Italy. Basing its information on a website, Infopal, Il Giornale writes that Mohammad Hannoun, from the Association of Palestinians in Italy, announced that the Freedom Flotilla 2 will be composed of about 20 ships and 5000 passengers, with six boats already ready to leave in September. Hannoun is also the founder of the Genoa-based and allegedly Hamas-affiliated "Benevolent Association of

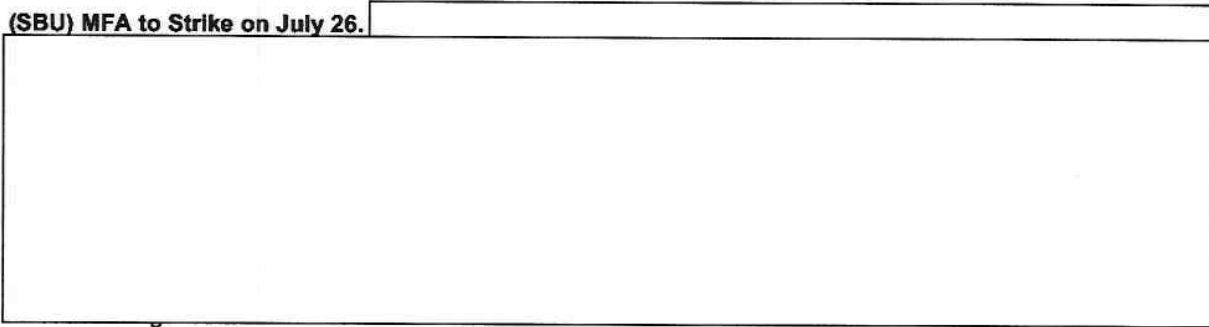
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Solidarity with the Palestinian People" (ABSPP) which is collecting funds for the flotilla on its website (abspp.org).



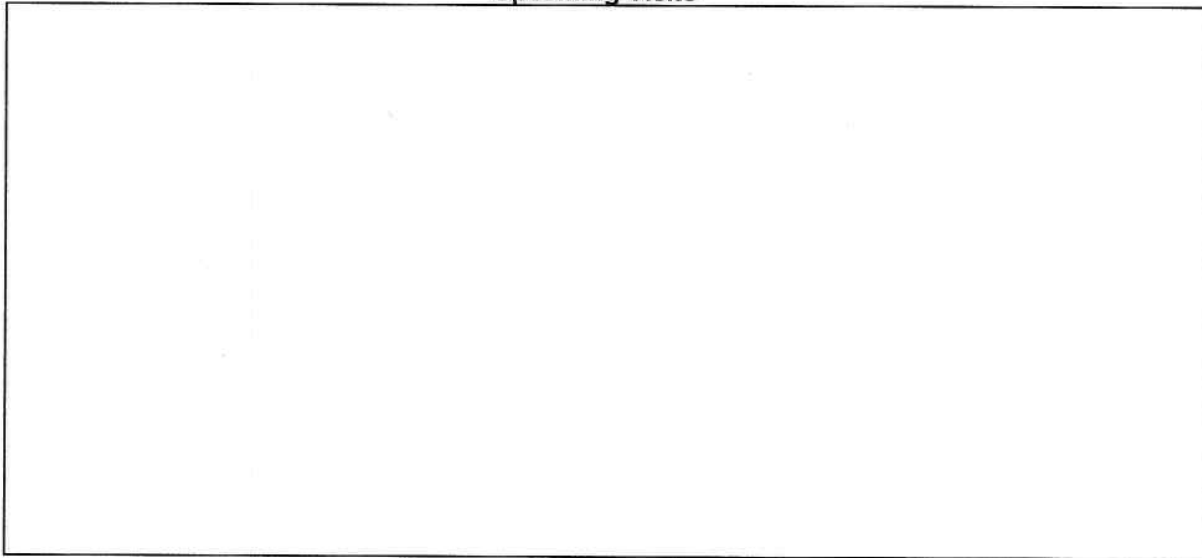
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1. (SBU) According to Turkish press sources, at approximately 4:30 a.m. on May 31, the Israeli military allegedly landed soldiers on the deck of the Turkish flagged ship "Blue Marmara", while it was in international waters, between 69 and 70 miles from Israel's shore. The ship was part of the Turkish NGO Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla attempting to reach Gaza and allegedly deliver humanitarian supplies. The latest press reports indicate that shots were fired on the ship and somewhere between 10 and 16 people were killed. Israel Prime Ministry Spokesman Gendelman said that there were firearms, knives and batons on the ship, and that fire was opened against the Israeli soldiers. Gendelman reported that between eight and ten soldiers were wounded, some in serious condition.

2. (SBU) So far the press has not identified any Americans among the victims. According to Al Jazeera TV, 9 of the dead are Turkish citizens. According to the Associated Press, IHH Official

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Omer Faruk Korkmaz reported that Israeli soldiers are taking the ship to Haifa. IHH Headquarters in Istanbul also reported that they have lost radio contact with the flotilla. The Turkish press reported that the Israeli military jammed the flotilla's radio communication starting at 3:30 a.m. Israeli television stations have reported that the wounded -- civilians and soldiers -- were transferred to hospitals in Ashkelon. Turkish television stations reported that preparations are underway to detain some civilians in prisons. UNCLASSIFIED

3. (SBU) Following the intervention, the Prime Ministry established a crisis task force to follow events after 7:00 a.m. Deputy PM Bulent Arinc, Interior Minister Besir Atalay, Prime Ministry Undersecretary Efgan Ala, and Turkish General Staff Operations Commander General Mehmet Eroz are following the issue. The Turkish MFA released a strong statement that condemned the attack and protested the use of force by the Israeli Defense Forces against the civilians on the flotilla, who were from many countries and wanted to transport humanitarian assistance to the people in Gaza. It pointed out that there were women and children among the passengers, and that they had received reports so far that the intervention had caused 2 deaths and more than 30 people to be injured. It said Israel has "once again clearly demonstrated that it does not value human lives and peaceful initiatives through targeting innocent civilians." Calling the intervention an "inhuman act," it said the incident, which took place on the high seas in a gross violation of international law, "might cause irreversible consequences in our relations." It said that the Embassy in Tel Aviv would conduct initiatives to protest the event, and that the incident is being "strongly protested" in Ankara, while an explanation from the Israeli Ambassador in Ankara has been demanded at the Ministry. It said the actions against civilians conducting peaceful activities -- whatever their motives -- were unacceptable and that Israel will have to bear the consequences of the actions, which constitute a violation of international law. In closing the statement said "May God bestow His mercy upon those who lost their lives. We wish to express our condolences to the bereaved families of the deceased, and swift recovery to the wounded."

4. (SBU) [redacted] told the Ambassador that he personally could not understand how the intervention could have happened. He and others were working with the Israelis, he admitted, and they thought that they had a solution to keep everything under control. He stressed as well that there will be consequences to the intervention. He emphasized that Turks are outraged that the Israelis acted when the ships were 69 miles from Gaza, in international waters. He intimated that 'a solution' might have been possible, or at least more understanding, were the ships intercepted -- as he had thought they would be --

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closer to Gaza. The Ambassador stressed the need to protect both U.S. and Israeli diplomatic establishments from crowds of protesters in Turkey, and urged caution on any action until all of the facts were in. [redacted] in turn urged for us to ask Washington to say something critical about this operation, indicating that this would help, although the Ambassador did not respond to the request.

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5. (SBU) Israel's Ambassador to Turkey, Gaby Levi, told the Ambassador that while he had been summoned to the MFA, his residence had been blockaded by protestors and so he was unable to move. He was "under siege" at his embassy. He anticipated "the worst" from the Turks, and that there will be diplomatic consequences to the intervention. The Turkish press reported that MFA Deputy U/S Unal Cevikoz spoke to Ambassador Levi for 20 minutes, and in addition to condemning the attack, he urged Israel to send the passengers and wounded to Turkey immediately. Cevikoz also reminded Levi that Turkey preserves all its rights stemming from international law. The Turkish press also reported that the visit of an Israeli tourist ship to Alanya port today was cancelled.

6. (SBU) There were protests in several cities Turkey against Israeli and U.S. installations. Media outlets reported that a large crowd of protestors gathered outside the Israeli Consulate in Istanbul starting at 5:00 a.m. The group had been very agitated but at the moment was calm, and had been contained by Turkish police, using water cannons and pepper gas. Mission RSOs sent SMS messages through its warden network to avoiding protests in the areas around Israeli or U.S. diplomatic buildings. In Adana at approximately 1:45 a.m. a group of 30-40 protestors held a sit-in in front of the U.S. Consulate for half an hour, and another protest is expected.

7. (SBU) Turkish media outlets report that Hamas called the operation "brutal", and urgently urged the UN to interfere, while Palestinian President Abbas termed the attack as "massacre" and declared three days of mourning.

8. (SBU) Post will continue to monitor events and report as needed.
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1. (C) [REDACTED]

3. (SBU) The Israel Defense Force's boarding and seizure of the six-ship Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla May 31 remains the almost exclusive focus of media reporting and GoT public statements. According to Turkish contacts the Turkish casualties -- as many as nine deaths according to the Turkish and international press -- were confined to Turkish-registered Mavi Marmaris. The Turkish MFA estimated a total of 560 passengers on board that ship, 353 of those Turkish. MFA claims 33 Algerians, 31 Jordanians, 28 British nationals, between 10-20 passengers from Malaysia, Indonesia and Kuwait, respectively, and three AMCITs were also on board. The Mavi Marmaris and five other ships in the flotilla have been diverted to Ashdod. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told visiting CODEL Delahunt that the GoT is determined to have its citizens and the Turkish ships returned quickly to Turkey. One complicating factor, according to [REDACTED] is the refusal of many of the Turkish activists to return voluntarily to Turkey; Israel has offered voluntary return to 100 of them who

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have refused; 200 more were to be offered voluntary return but Turkey feared they would also refuse. Meanwhile, [redacted] continued, the Israelis were interrogating those refusing, 'treating them like terrorists or criminals.' We infer the activists' hope to continue their protest of the Gaza embargo and their pursuit of media publicity by remaining in detention in Israel (see septel on the IHH charity that organized this flotilla). [redacted] said that Turkey would ask if Turkish

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officials could come to Israel to convince the activists to return to Turkey. The Israeli Embassy told us the GoT also wants to dispatch two "hospital planes" to pick up the wounded Turks in Israel. The embassy told us the GoI will likely accede to this latter GoT request.

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5. (SBU) The Israeli Embassy tells us it is operating under "emergency procedures," with officers and dependents staying away from the Embassy. The Turkish National Police (TNP) has ramped up its protection of the Israeli Embassy and all US diplomatic facilities. Deputy Prime Minister Arinc publicly reassured Turkey's Jewish population that it faces no hostility from fellow Turkish citizens. PM Erdogan, departing Chile on May 31, helpfully, echoed Arinc's reassurances to Turkey's Jewish citizens, but also labeled the Israeli operation "state terrorism" and said Turkey would not remain passive or silent in the face of such a provocation. He recounted in detail a version of the boarding that emphasized the peaceful intent of the Mavi Marmaris' passengers: "They were waving white flags." "This is a national cause," he said, "we will take it up. Israel never pays for the sins it commits. That is unacceptable. There are hundreds of Security Council resolutions. Israel ignores them all. No longer!" FonMin Davutoglu strongly condemned Israeli actions in a statement to the UN Security Council May 31.

6. (SBU) GOT and public reactions to the UN Security Council President's statement have been positive. National newspaper Hurriyet called it "the strongest statement so far." Many Turks are looking for a stronger condemnation of Israel, especially from the US. In reaction to the Department's May 31 statement on the issue, ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) spokesman Huseyin

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Celik said "the U.S. has only expressed their grief. This is not something that is expected from the United States. This is the end result of vetoes by the permanent members of the UN Security Council. Israel has been spoiled by them. We hope that it will be a lesson for the entire world. And, it will raise long awaited voices by humanity against Israel, which should have been louder earlier."

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PKK ATTACK A FURTHER COMPLICATION

7. (SBU) On May 31 shortly after midnight the PKK launched an attack against a military vehicle near a Turkish naval base in Iskenderun, killing six soldiers. This is the latest in a series of attacks that have killed several other soldiers and village guards. Although the Turkish General Staff announced it believed the attack was conducted by the PKK, AKP spokesman Celik said he thought the timing between the attack and the Israeli military intervention was "not a coincidence." Opposition CHP Chairman

Kemal Kilicdaroglu also said he thought the coincidental timing was "meaningful".

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8. (C) Most senior Turkish politicians have been quick to condemn Israel as wholly responsible for the flotilla incident, and all Turks are looking to the US to condemn Israeli actions. The UNSC President's Statement was received well, [REDACTED]

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We are somewhat heartened by quiet cooperation between Turkey and Israel to defuse the crisis, as well as by columns by some Turkish writers today who question whether Turkey did all it could to prevent this confrontation (see septel media reaction).

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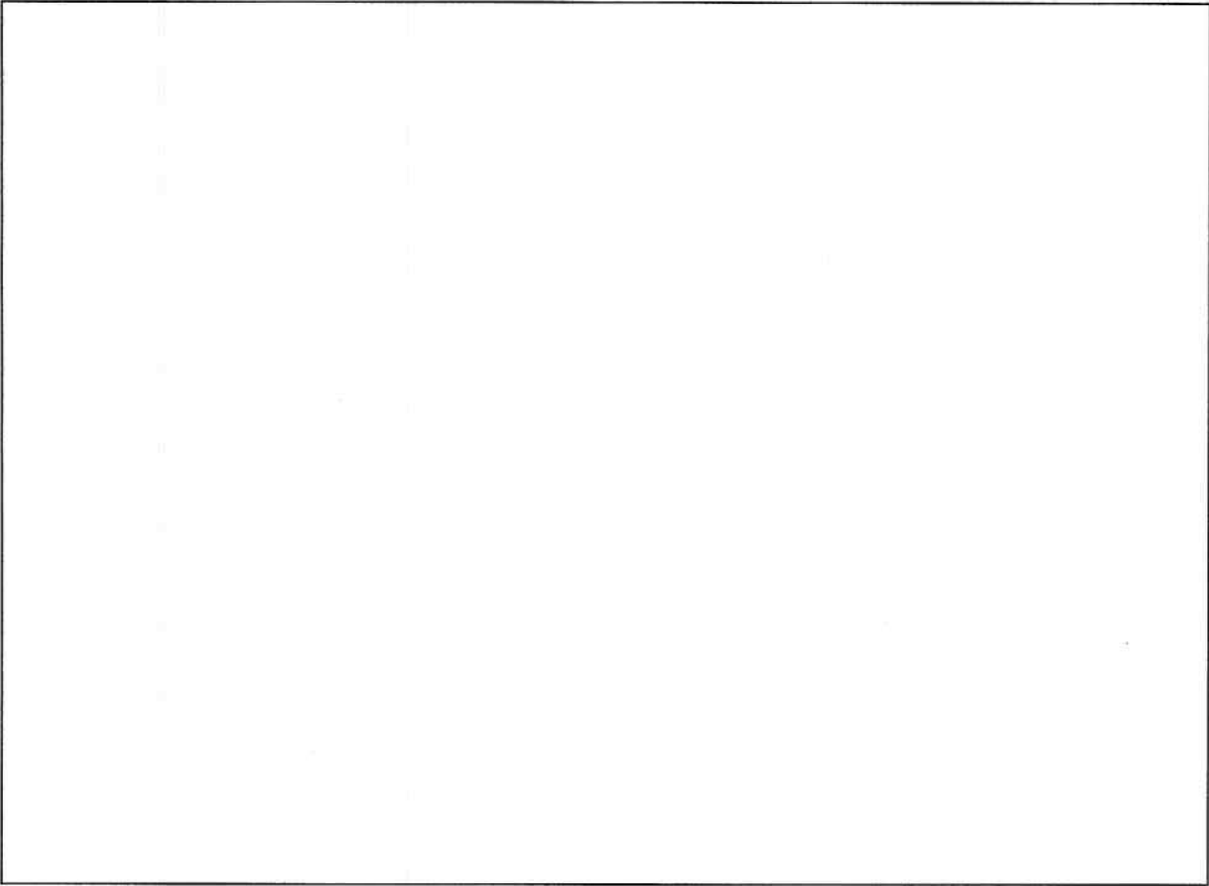
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1. (C) Summary. Non-violent protests continued in Ankara, Istanbul, and Adana June 4, with press attention focused on the victims of the Israeli raid on the Gaza flotilla and their funerals.

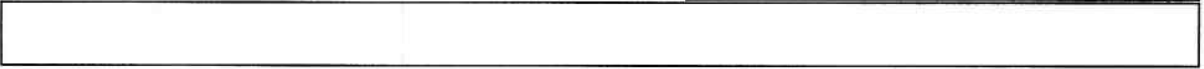
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MOST TURKS BACK IN TURKEY

3. (SBU) Acting U/S Cevikoz expressed gratitude for U.S. engagement in securing the release of detainees and reported that all of those detained were returned to Turkey, with the exception of five who had been too seriously injured to be moved on June 3. Two additional "air ambulances" had arrived in Israel in the early morning hours of June 4, but it was likely that one of the five was still not stable enough to transport. [REDACTED]

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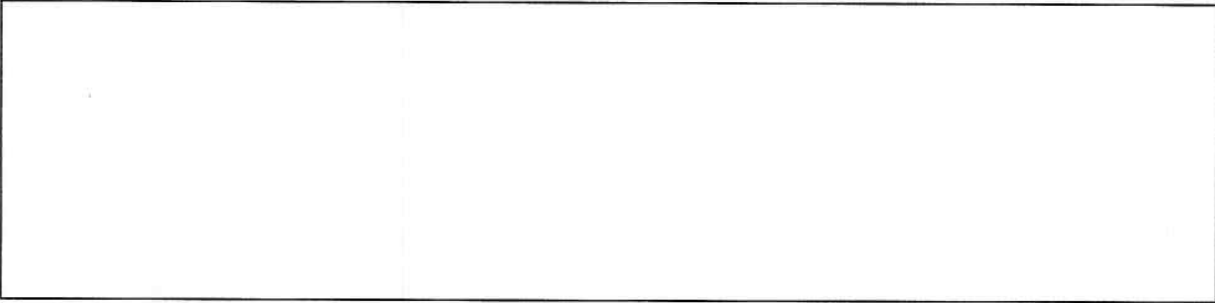
Cevikoz said. The Ambassador contacted the family of the Turkish-American dual national who was killed in the attack and conveyed its condolences. His body was returned to his hometown of Kayseri and a funeral was planned for June 4.

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4. (SBU) There was press speculation that a Turkish warship might accompany the M/V Rachel Corrie, one of the next boats scheduled to arrive in the IHH convoy. Both MFA Acting U/S Cevikoz and the Turkish Navy denied this rumor. When PM Erdogan was questioned about the rumor, he told the press that the idea was "out of the question."


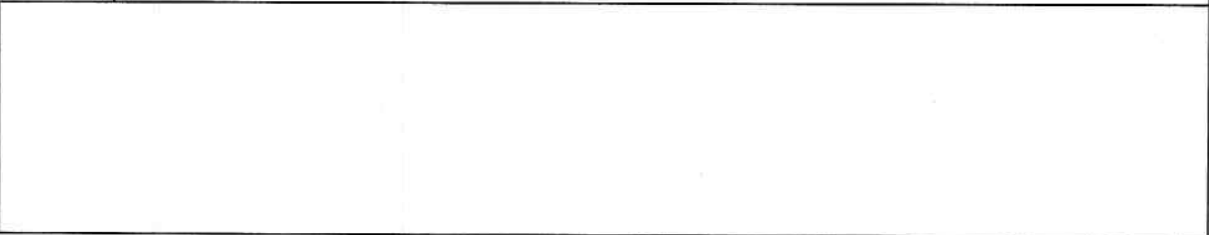
MORE PROTESTS EXPECTED

5. (SBU) In Ankara, between 100-200 protestors continue to gather outside of the Israeli Embassy and the Israeli Ambassador's residence. On Sunday a group of NGOs plan a protest in downtown Ankara that organizers estimate will attract up to 80,000 people, while the police believe the number will be closer to 20,000.

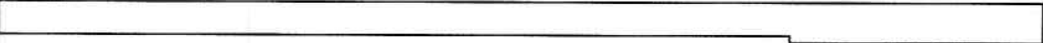



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7. (SBU) In Istanbul, the ceremony for the bodies of the deceased victims of the attack on the flotilla -- their coffins draped in Turkish and Palestinian flags and ribbons in Arabic saying "there is no God but God and Muhammad is the Prophet of God" -- was widely televised and Turkish press reported tens of thousands of people attended.

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9. (SBU) 
 the AKP has not issued a call for supporters to turn out for protests. AKP members instead, they claimed, have attended protests to reinforce their position as leaders, to draw attention from opposition political parties, and to deliver a message that people should act with calm and common sense and refrain from violent acts.

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1. Semdinli Attacks/Escalating PKK Terror

Turkish media was focused on the PKK attacks over the weekend, with Monday's papers beginning to sort out the why behind the news of the attacks, which left 11 soldiers dead, and widely reporting the US response to charges of a drop in intelligence sharing on the PKK. A search for scapegoats began with NTV's primetime program on Saturday featuring retired general Necati Ozgen. He suggested that the recent tension with Israel and the US could have played a part in the latest terrorist attacks. "Did the US provide intelligence on this incident? No. It did not give the intelligence about this big a group of terrorists." Sunday's mainstream Milliyet suggested that the US might have cut the exchange of hot intelligence with Turkey following the flotilla crisis with Israel and Turkish unwillingness to give support to UN sanctions against Iran. TV and commentary focused on the question of why such a large group could be missed.

2. US-Turkey Intelligence Sharing: Nothing Has Changed

CNNTurk, NTV and other online services picked up and used the 3-pronged US statement on Sunday, and papers widely reported it again Monday morning, that there was "no change in our cooperation, we stand ready to urgently review any new requests from the Turkish government and military, and that America shares in Turkey's grief." Mainstream Sabah in "US Says They Were Heroes" emphasizes "that in the sharing of information, nothing has changed." Islamist-oriented Zaman says "USA: 'No Question on Intelligence Sharing'," while CNN Turk headlines "Terror Intelligence Announcement from the US." Hurriyet Daily News on 6/20-21 headlined " US Ready to Offer More Aid Against the PKK," and prominently reported the US statements on 6/20. All major papers reported that TGS Chief Basbug had corrected the numbers of PKK terrorists involved in the raid from 250 down to 57, with only 23 returning back across the border. Ministry of Foreign Affairs sources were quoted as well, noting they had "not seen any signal of a breakdown with the US either in political or military terms." Leftist Taraf in a front-page headline highlights "America Provided Intelligence" and reports that "there were no faults in the exchange of intelligence."

3. President Gul Convenes Security Summit in Ankara

NTV, CNNTurk and print media report a security summit will be held at the Presidency by President Gul today with PM Erdogan, Deputy PM Cicek, Interior Minister Atalay, Defense Minister Gonul, Land Forces Commander Gen Kosaner, Jandarma Commander Gen Isik and MIT U/S Fidan to discuss the terrorist attack in Semdinli. Mainstream

Vatan notes TGS Chief Basbug is not going to participate in the meeting because he was scheduled to go to Canakkale. Mainstream Hurriyet reports that PM Erdogan will convene the cabinet to discuss. The agenda will include whether or not US-Turkey intelligence sharing is sufficient, next steps for the Democratic

Opening, whether intelligence on PKK actions in Northern Iraq is insufficient, what resources are needed, and what economic and social steps are needed to stabilize situation in the southeast. In "Ankara Works to Find Settlement," leftist-nationalist Cumhuriyet reports on President Gul's security summit and notes specialists, statements that "Turkey should formulate a policy that rises above the differences between the political parties." Leftist Taraf writes in "Gul Will Ask for an Explanation," that "President Gul will ask the military and the government to give an accounting for the PKK attack on such a well-protected security post."

Commentary: In the Wake of the PKK Attacks and new AGR Pressures in US

4. In "Mission Impossible" in Zaman, Ali Aslan reviews recent events and says "Turkey should be able solve the conflicts without need of others interfering with its active diplomacy. I think it's not a 'mission impossible.' The main issue is Turkey's style of solving conflicts -- for instance, regarding Iran, it puts the emphasis on diplomacy over sanctions. It's not a surprise that Secretary Clinton met a visiting TUSIAD group while the AK Party delegation was in Washington. Americans calculated that this would encourage the AK Party opponents in Turkey. It was also 'meaningful' that no official from the US Administration participated in Ambassador Namik Tan's address at the Middle East Institute. By doing so, the US government is giving 'subtle messages' that there could be a 'lightening of relations.' The AK Party should not be too sensitive about criticism of its foreign policy. Stephen Kinzer said Turkey should not act like the US in foreign policy, but rather stay the course for a non-confrontational approach. We should listen to him."

5. Mehmet Barlas opines in Sabah: "Turkey needs to ask tough questions about its involvement with Afghanistan and Iraq if information sharing with the US doesn't continue. Because things have changed. With regard to Afghanistan, we need to ask why Turkish soldiers are there. On terrorist infiltrations from northern Iraq, we have to ask, do we stay in the dark if the US doesn't give us information? Even if Turkey is not the center of the world, it has become one of the world's players with its share of the troubles."

6. Milliyet columnist Kadri Guzel writes: "The AK Party government has failed on the issues of Iraq, the Kurdish and Armenian

problems, on Iran and lately on Israel. PM Erdogan has failed in the 'model partnership' with the US. The Obama Administration looked for three answers from Turkey, and only received negative responses on Iran, Armenian Protocols, and relations with Israel. I think this is the Erdogan model of standing tall."

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7. Ali Bulac questions in Zaman whether it would be right for Turkey to attempt leadership in the Middle East when Ankara's military and defense systems are heavily dependent on the US, and indirectly, on Israel. "Turkey has its own ongoing problems with the PKK, which has cost 50,000 lives in 30 years. Turkey is also 'alien' to the Islamic as well as the Middle Eastern worlds. Carrying the social and cultural norms of the Western world into the Middle East via Turkish 'soap operas' and a kind of 'authoritarian secularism' to transform the region won't benefit Turkey."

8. Omer Taspinar of the Brookings Institute writes in Sabah: "The Obama Administration doesn't want to spoil relations with Turkey

completely. Limits would be overstepped if the US Congress adopts the AGR, or if arms sales to Turkey are suspended. The Administration, while trying to calm down the Congress, will pursue a give-and-take relationship with Turkey by establishing a 'transactional partnership' instead of 'strategic partnership.' Mutual interests will be put on the table, and both sides will seek compromises. Turkey must come to the table strong; Ankara must come to a point where it won't need Washington regarding the Armenian problem and the struggle against the PKK. Only then will Washington see Turkey as a true regional power. Is Turkey ready for such democratization in both issues?"

9. "No Vote Slap in the Face of US" (Cumhuriyet)

Leftist-nationalist Cumhuriyet features an interview with Pentagon-affiliated RAND think tanker and EU expert Steven Larrabee who says the "AK Party vote on Iran sanctions was a slap in the face to the United States." As a result, says Larrabee, there's a high possibility of the passage of AGR in the US Congress. "If AGR passes, this could be an issue of huge disagreement between the US and Turkey," emphasizing that the "escalating crisis between Turkey and Israel may cause serious consequences." Larrabee warned that "imagining an Israel supporting the PKK would only worsen the situation in the Middle East." He called the Israeli raid on Gaza aid flotilla, "a diplomatic fiasco."

In the Headlines

10. Erdogan On PKK: They Can't Win

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All papers prominently report on PM Erdogan's speech at the military ceremony held in Van in honor of the eleven soldiers killed in the weekend's PKK attacks and his visit to the nearby border outpost. Mainstream Haberturk in a large banner headline declares "They Can't Win" and highlights and quotes Erdogan: "The traitors will not be able to win. They will melt away in their own darkness. They will dry out in their own swamps. They will drown in their own blood." Articles highlighting Erdogan's visit to the outpost note that the soldiers ceased fire on infiltrators thinking that they might be shepherds or smugglers. In a widely quoted passage, Erdogan talks about how the PKK acts as a subcontractor and ominously threatens "we know who they are contracting for."

11. Commentary: "Is PKK a contractor of Israel" asks Asli Aydintasbas in Milliyet, and questions whether Israel has a hand in recent terror attacks in Turkey. "Some figures in the Turkish government either hold Israel responsible for the PKK attacks, or are not uneasy with such a perception prevailing in the public, since general elections are approaching. The support Israel is giving to the PKK's offshoot PJAK fighting against Iran is a concern for Turkey. Western diplomats do not deny such a tie, but they think the Israeli support does not extend as far as the PKK. A high level Turkish source says the latest PKK attacks were made to get 'Israel's attention.' Today, Ankara is friends with Barzani but is warring with the PKK, has animosity with Israel and a close friendship with Iran. While the cards are reshuffled, only the PKK benefits from this picture."

12. Iraqi FM Criticizes Turkish Incursion into Northern Iraq (Radikal)

Radikal reports the Iraqi FM Hoshyar Zebari has criticized the "unilateral cross border Turkish military operation" into northern Iraq, saying the three-party security committee between Turkey,

Iraq and the US have been "put aside." Zebari also recalled that Turkey was continuing air bombardments for months, which had been a "violation of Iraq's independence, sovereignty and good neighborhood relations." "We are capable of filling the vacuum when US forces withdraw in August, and we won't accept any country do it for us. We cannot turn a blind eye to the cross-border attacks staged by the PKK, but Turkey's bombings will not solve this problem," said Zebari.

13. TUSIAD To Iraq In July

Mainstream Sabah Sunday in "Reciprocal Visit with Investments" highlights an upcoming July visit to northern Iraq by representatives of the Turkish Industrialists' and Businessmen's

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Association (TUSIAD) following Barzani's Turkey visit. Sabah notes plans to open bank branches in Northern Iraq, start regular flights and explore investment opportunities for leading Turkish companies Borusan, Eczacibasi and Acibadem.

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E.O. 13526: DECL: 2020/07/02
 TAGS: PGOV, PREL, TU, IS
 SUBJECT: ISRAELI EMBASSY RESUMING OUTREACH AS PKK ATTACKS PUSH ISRAEL
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CLASSIFIED BY: Daniel O'Grady, Political Counselor, State, POL;
 REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

1. (C) SUMMARY. The Israeli Embassy told us June 28 it



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2. (C) In a June 28 discussion, Israeli Embassy

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9. (U) [] said IHH's President, Bulent Yildirm, intrigued Israelis during an otherwise contentious interview on Israeli television yesterday by saying his NGO's new goal is to achieve the release both of Palestinians imprisoned by Israel and Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, who was kidnapped in 2006 and is now believed held by HAMAS. Speaking personally, [] speculated the GoI might be receptive to a discreet GoT offer to use its flotilla-burnished credentials with HAMAS to gain access to Shalit and confirm he is in reasonably good health.

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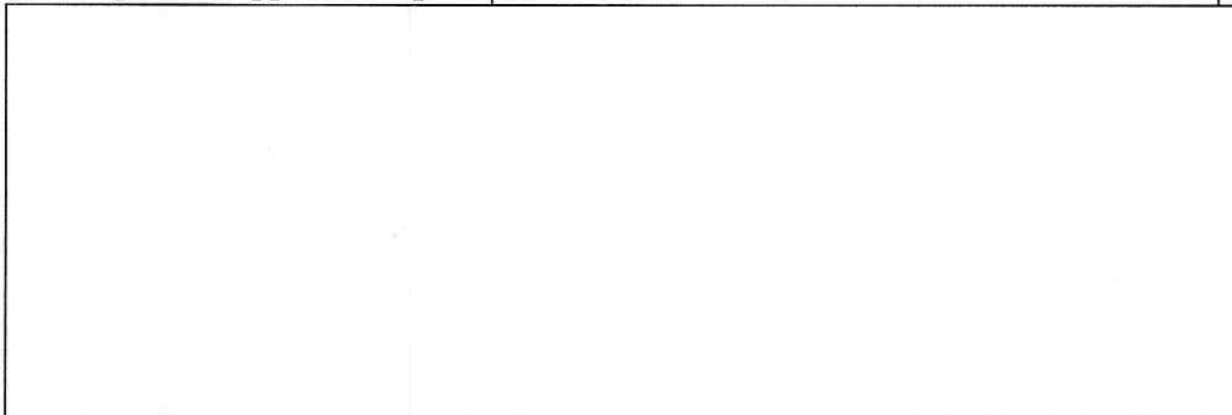
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 FOR ADM STAVRIDIS FROM CHARGE SILLIMAN

E.O. 13526: DECL: 2020/08/24
 TAGS: PREL, PTER, TU
 SUBJECT: Scen setter for ADM Stavridis' Visit to Turkey

CLASSIFIED BY: Douglas Silliman, Charge d'Affaires; REASON: 1.4(A), (B), (D)

1. (S) Your visit to Turkey to witness the handover of command from current CHOD GEN Ilker Basbug to the incoming GEN Isik Kosaner gives you an opportunity to

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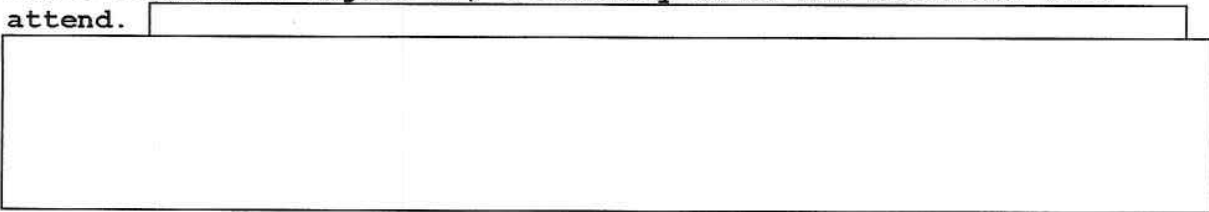
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FOR ADM MULLEN FROM CHARGE SILLIMAN

E.O. 13526: DECL: 2020/08/26
 TAGS: PREL, MOPS, PGOV, IR, IS, AF, IZ, TU
 SUBJECT: Scen setter for ADM Mullen's Visit to Turkey

CLASSIFIED BY: Daniel J. O'Grady, A/DCM, STATE, EXEC; REASON: 1.4(A), (B), (D)

1. (S) Your visit to Turkey occurs one week after CHOD Isik Kosaner takes command on August 27, a ceremony which ADM Stavridis will attend.



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