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FYSA. (b)(6) will include this Read Out in the Trip Book for the Director's forthcoming visit to Israel.

V/R,

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Subject: 27Apr11

News report

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* Gaza-bound flotilla

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3. (Yediot, Eichner, 27 Apr 11, excerpts) Avoiding the next confrontation: the organizers of the protest flotilla to Gaza, the Mavi Marmara 2, are finding it difficult to recruit militants, vessels and crews, the reason for which is fear of clashing

with the Israeli commando. Reports to this effect have reached senior state officials in Jerusalem.

Against the backdrop of those difficulties, IHH representatives announced that they were postponing the departure of the flotilla until after the elections in Turkey, slated for June 12. The flotilla was scheduled to leave at the end of May, on the first anniversary of the Marmara incident. To date, Turkish sources had been speaking about some 1,000 militants who would participate in the flotilla, but reports that have reached Jerusalem suggest that many of those who signed up had a change of heart upon learning that the flotilla was illegal and that Israel would use force to stop it.

Additionally, it appears that the Turks are having a hard time raising funds. Ship owners refuse to assign them to the flotilla lest Israel impound them. As a result, [the organizers] are forced to buy the ships. Efforts are currently under way to dispatch flotillas from several locations in Europe, including Spain, France, Ireland, Britain, and Greece.

[Other passages omitted]

[Ha'aretz on-line service reported this morning that the seven-member cabinet has already started grappling with the next flotilla, as opposed to

last year when it started dealing with it just five days before its arrival - translator]

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Subject: FW: Rachel Corrie Boarding

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

From: (b)(3):10 USC §424,(b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, June 05, 2010 7:14 PM

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Subject: Rachel Corrie Boarding

All,

Rachel Corrie is now at Ashdod port. See article below on today's non-violent boarding as reported by YNET.

(b)(3):10 USC §424,(b)(6)

Takeover ended in 5 minutes

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

Ron Ben-Yishai

Published:

06.05.10, 16:35 / Israel News

<<http://www.ynetnews.com/home/0,7340,L-3082,00.html>>

Just five minutes - this is the estimated time it took Israel's Navy to commandeer the Rachel Corrie <<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3899252,00.html>> Ship en route to the Gaza Strip.

The raid got underway with the vessel roughly 23 miles west of the Gaza shore, right on the boundary of the naval blockade imposed on the strip.

Navy Chief Major General Eliezer Marom received the chief of staff's approval before proceeding. The top military officials were also in touch with Defense Minister Ehud Barak during the operation.

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

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

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

4 female fighters

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

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

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

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

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(b)(3);10 USC §424,(b)(6)

Subject: Eiland on flotilla

Maj-Gen Giora Eiland said last night at INSS that there was no way of stopping the flotilla without the use of force, yet if sufficient preparations had taken place in advance, the end results would have been better. "When you make a decision within a short period of time, your leeway is small." This was his first public statement since being appointed chairman of the IDF commission of inquiry

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From: (b)(3):10 USC §424.(b)(6) (ODC ISRAEL) (b)(3):10 USC §424.(b)(6) [odc@dcma.mil]
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From: (b)(3):10 USC §424.(b)(6)

Sent: Friday, May 28, 2010 8:36 AM

(b)(3):10 USC §424.(b)(6)

Subject: FW: GUIDANCE MAY 27-2010.docx

All,

Would like all to take a look at this. Covers US response guidance on Iran (also has interesting info about spat between Iran and Russia), the Free Gaza Flotilla and LTG Dayton's retirement.

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Today's Guidance includes:

RAPID RESPONSE:

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GUIDANCE:

1. Israel/Palestinians: Israel Blockade of Gaza/"Free Gaza" Flotilla
2. Israel/Palestinians: Reports of Lieutenant General Keith Dayton Retiring



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May 27, 2010

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Israel/Palestinians: Israel Blockade of Gaza/“Free Gaza” Flotilla

Key Message:

- **We refer individuals to our Travel Warning for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza in which we urge U.S. citizens to avoid all travel to the Gaza Strip.**
- **The United States remains deeply concerned by the suffering of civilians in Gaza.**
- **We continue to engage the Israelis on a daily basis to expand the scope and type of goods allowed into Gaza to address the full range of the population’s humanitarian and recovery needs.**
- **However, reconstruction and recovery efforts in Gaza are obstructed by Hamas’ continued repression of the people of Gaza, use and endorsement of violence, and rejection of the path the international community has offered to be part of a political process.**

Q: What is the U.S. reaction to Israel's decision to block "Free Gaza" flotilla from reaching Gaza?

- **We refer individuals to our Travel Warning for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza in which we urge U.S. citizens to avoid all travel to the Gaza Strip.**
- **The United States remains deeply concerned by the suffering of civilians in Gaza.**
- **We continue to engage the Israelis on a daily basis to expand the scope and type of goods allowed into Gaza to address the full range of the population's humanitarian and recovery needs.**
- **We work closely with the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, along with international NGOs and the UN, to provide adequate access for humanitarian goods, including reconstruction materials, through the border crossings, while bearing in mind the Government of Israel's legitimate security concerns.**
- **However, reconstruction and recovery efforts in Gaza are obstructed by Hamas' continued repression of the people of Gaza, use and endorsement of violence, and rejection of the path the international community has offered to be part of a political process.**
- **As we have long stated, Hamas can play a part in building an independent Palestinian state that fulfills the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people by accepting the essential building blocks of that state: renunciation of violence, recognition of Israel, and acceptance of previous agreements between the parties.**

IF ASKED about Ambassador Edward Peck's presence in the "Free Gaza" flotilla:

- **Ambassador Edward Peck is a private citizen, not a representative of the U.S. government.**

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BACKGROUND: The Israeli Navy is preparing to quietly intercept an international

flotilla of approximately 10 ships attempting a highly visible run on the naval blockade of the Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, Israelis have staged their own counter-flotilla in response to the ships headed toward Gaza, bearing over 10,000 tons of supplies and hundreds of pro-Palestinian activists, including hundreds of Turks and European legislators. It is also believed that U.S. Ambassador (retired) Edward Peck is on one of the ships.

The government of Israel says the fleet was welcomed to deliver its supplies to an Israeli port where it would be relayed to Gaza. But organizers scoffed at this, saying Israel prevents construction supplies to help the Palestinians build, following a three-week offensive last year. The port of Gaza has been closed since the outbreak of the Second Intifada in 2000, and Israel has placed restrictions on the movement of goods and people into and out of Gaza via land crossings since the violent Hamas takeover in 2007.

Israel/Palestinians: Reports of Lieutenant General Keith Dayton Retiring

Q: Is Lieutenant General Keith Dayton going to be replaced in his position as U.S. Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority? Will he be replaced by another military officer?

- **We expect that Lieutenant General Dayton will be replaced at the end of his tenure.**
- **With 40 years of service, four and a half as U.S. Security Coordinator (USSC) on an unaccompanied tour in the Middle East, Lieutenant General Dayton submitted his retirement papers.**
- **Members of the military can serve a maximum of 40 years, and then they must retire.**
- **I refer you to the Department of Defense for next steps in that process.**

Q: Given reports that the Palestinians are concerned about Lieutenant General Dayton's departure, what details does the U.S. have about the future of the peace process going forward?

- **Any potential USSC change would not change our commitment to this important mission or our larger efforts to achieve a comprehensive Middle East peace.**

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BACKGROUND: Lieutenant General Dayton hits his 40 year point on Tuesday. This is a simple retirement. He will not leave his post until well into the Fall (about 145 days left until he leaves.)

General Dayton will be replaced by another 3 -star (in other words someone of equal rank). The announcement of who it is and when the announcement will take place is up to the Department of Defense.

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Kimberly, CIV, OSD-POLICY
Subject: TK news clips from CHINFO/Reuters this morning

It just may be time to go home for the day. Vr, Dean

12. Turkish Warships Will Escort Aid Vessels To Gaza: Erdoğan
(REUTERS 08 SEPT 11)

CAIRO - Turkey said on Thursday it would escort aid ships to Gaza and would not allow a repetition of last year's Israeli raid that killed nine Turks, setting the stage for a potential naval confrontation with its former ally. Raising the stakes in Turkey's row with Israel over its refusal to apologize for the killings, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan told Al Jazeera television that Turkey had taken steps to stop Israel from unilaterally exploiting natural resources in the Mediterranean.

"Turkish warships, in the first place, are authorized to protect our ships that carry humanitarian aid to Gaza," Erdoğan said in the interview, broadcast by Al Jazeera with an Arabic translation.

"From now on, we will not let these ships to be attacked by Israel, as what happened with the Freedom Flotilla," Erdoğan said.

Referring to Erdoğan's comments, Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor said: "This is a statement well-worth not commenting on."

Relations between Turkey and Israel, two close U.S. allies in the region, have soured since Israeli forces boarded the Gaza-bound Mavi Marmara aid ship in May 2010.

Ankara downgraded ties and vowed to boost naval patrols in the eastern

Mediterranean in the escalating row. Israel says it acted legally against ships that tried to breach its blockade on the Palestinian enclave which is ruled by the Islamist Hamas group.

Israel has said it will enforce the blockade, which it says is needed to prevent arms smuggling to Hamas.

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak said earlier on Thursday that Israel and Turkey will eventually mend fences rather than become foes, describing their unprecedented dispute over Gaza as "spilled milk."

Noting that an inquiry commissioned by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon had vindicated the blockade, Barak predicted that wider Middle East upheaval would help bring Israel back together with its Muslim ex-ally.

"Ultimately this wave will pass. We recognize reality. They recognize reality," Barak told Israel Radio. "We are the two countries that are most important to the West in the region ... I am certain that we can overcome these (disagreements)."

But Erdogan appeared to raise the heat, saying NATO member Turkey has taken steps to patrol the Mediterranean, and vowed to stop the Jewish state from exploiting natural resources in the area.

"You know that Israel has begun to declare that it has the right to act in exclusive economic areas in the Mediterranean," Erdogan said, apparently in reference to Israeli plans to exploit offshore gas reserves found in areas that are also claimed by Lebanon.

"You will see that it will not be the owner of this right, because Turkey, as a guarantor of the Turkish republic of north Cyprus, has taken steps in the area, and it will be decisive and holding fast to the right to monitor international waters in the east Mediterranean," he said.

Turkey says oil deals granted by the Greek Cypriot government, which represents the island in the European Union, are illegal as the borders of Cyprus remain undetermined while Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots pursue reunification talks.

Turkey's plan to flex its naval muscles may fuel Western unease about Turkey's reliability as a NATO partner and its penchant for actions designed to court popularity in the Muslim world.

Asked whether Israel might yet say sorry for the seizure of the Turkish vessel, Barak said: "Look, it's spilled milk. It's not important right now."

In addition to an apology, NATO-member Turkey has demanded that Israel end the Gaza blockade. Israel says the closure is needed to keep arms from reaching Palestinian guerrillas by sea.

"A normalisation or improvement in Turkey-Israel relationships shouldn't be expected unless they apologize, pay a compensation and lift an embargo on Gaza," Erdogan said on Thursday.

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13. Analysis: Turkey's Gunboat Diplomacy Makes Waves In Region
(REUTERS 08 SEP 11) ... Ibon Villelabeitia

ANKARA - Turkey's plan to flex its naval muscles in the eastern Mediterranean risks being perceived as an over-reaction in Ankara's dispute with former ally Israel and as an assertion of regional power that could alienate even its new Arab admirers.

Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan's ploy may fuel Western unease over Turkey's reliability as a NATO partner and its penchant for actions designed to court popularity in the Muslim world.

Turkey's mix of economic growth and secular democracy under an Islamist

government has fascinated Arab countries eager for a new model, but even those in the throes of popular uprisings may feel qualms if Ankara starts throwing its military weight about.

Stung by Israel's refusal to apologize over last year's killing of nine Turks during an Israeli commando raid on an aid ship bound for Gaza, Erdogan said Turkish warships would be seen in waters where Israel's navy operates, raising the risk of a clash between the once close allies.

Bolstered by a booming economy and unprecedented political stability at home, Turkey has seen its "soft power" rise in the region under Erdogan's AK Party, rooted in political Islam.

Conservative on social and religious issues and liberal on economic ones, the AK government has cemented business ties in the Middle East, Central Asia and Africa and pursued a foreign policy of "zero problems with neighbors" -- a policy buffeted by the dispute with Israel and tensions with Syria.

But threats to deploy warships show that Turkey, a prickly NATO member and European Union candidate, is now tempted to use its military power to push its interests in a changing region.

"Erdogan is taking a very aggressive stance to assert Turkey's status as a regional power instead of using the soft power we have seen until recently," said Gareth Jenkins, an Istanbul-based security analyst.

"There is a sense in the AK Party that Turkey is a major regional power and that the Mediterranean is its sphere of influence. But NATO and the West increasingly see Turkey as a loose cannon," he said.

"Turkey played its cards well in the past when it had good relations with everyone, but now it is playing them very badly."

Jenkins said non-Arab Turkey behaving like a neighborhood bully would be regarded with grave concern by Arabs, who were subjects of the Ottoman empire for centuries.

"The Arabs distinguish between a Turkey that stands up to Israel and engages with them and a Turkey that wants to dominate the entire region," Jenkins said.

Omer Taspinar, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, said Turkey might be using Israel as a convenient punching bag following a series of diplomatic setbacks and domestic failures, including the Kurdish problem.

Turkey's ties with Syria, a former friend, are near breaking point -- President Bashar al-Assad has defied Turkish calls for him to end a bloody crackdown on protesters. Shi'ite Iran, another close ally of Turkey, has reacted frostily to Ankara's decision to host a NATO early-warning radar system.

"Turkey is going through a difficult period and Israel has given Erdogan the chance to demonstrate he is a strong leader in a strong country," Taspinar said.

"Turkey has experienced a period of economic growth and political stability and it feels very powerful. But they don't realize there is a price to pay for this saber-rattling."

A larger presence of Turkish vessels in the eastern Mediterranean would be unsettling Greece and for the divided island of Cyprus as it eyes oil drilling exploration.

Turkey says oil deals granted by the Greek Cypriot government, which represents the island in the European Union, are illegal as the borders of Cyprus remain undetermined while Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots pursue reunification talks.

Turkey and Greece, also a NATO member, have a history of territorial disputes, and their navies were involved in a standoff in 1996 over an uninhabited islet in the Aegean Sea.

Balance Of Forces

Turkey is NATO's second biggest military and its navy is considered to be far superior to that of Israel, although the Jewish state is widely assumed to have submarines that carry nuclear-tipped cruise missiles.

Israel has expanded patrols in the eastern Mediterranean to enforce the Gaza blockade it says is needed to prevent arms smuggling to the Palestinian group Hamas and to deter any Lebanese Hezbollah militant attack on offshore gas platforms.

Few Turkish analysts believe Turkey is planning to send frigates in open defiance of Israel's blockade of Gaza, which the United Nations has declared legal, but their mere presence in international waters not far from Gaza could risk a clash.

It seems implausible that Turkey, as a NATO member, could get involved in actual hostilities with Israel.

NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen said on Wednesday that the Turkish-Israeli relationship was a "bilateral matter" and urged the two to find ways to ease tensions.

However, Erdogan's words that Turkish naval bases have "the power and opportunity to provide escorts," suggesting that Ankara could put a future aid flotilla under its protection, set off alarm bells.

"They have created the conditions for another flotilla to challenge the blockade," said Henri Barkey, a Turkey expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington.

"What is the Turkish navy going to do if another flotilla decides to go in? They would have to keep their promise and escort the flotilla. This puts the U.S. administration in a terrible position."

President Barack Obama's administration is keen to smooth ties between its two most important allies in the Middle East and U.S. diplomats are working in private to heal the rift.

Cyprus

Some Turkish and Israeli analysts say that Turkey's motive is not to seek a showdown with Israel over Gaza, but to build up a naval presence between Cyprus and Israel to create a sense of menace and scare investors away from the gas fields there.

Turkey has been chafing at Cypriot-Israeli energy deals, and the tensions with Israel could enable Ankara to send a message without making explicit threats.

"Turkey's emphasis on freedom of navigation is also connected to the assessment that in the eastern Mediterranean there are natural gas deposits beyond what have already been discovered," said Gallia Lindenstrauss of the Institute for National Security Studies at Tel Aviv University.

Sinan Ulgen, from the Istanbul-based Center for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies, said Erdogan, known as a temperamental leader, is driven by public opinion.

Erdogan, who won a third consecutive term in office last June, has become a hero among Muslims for his stance against Israel and in favor of the Palestinians.

"It is very dangerous for a country when it starts to believe its own propaganda," Jenkins said.

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Subject: RE: HQ Aviation aircraft distribution plan

Any luck on the legal review being complete? Things are fast collapsing with Turkey-Israel and today is really our deadline to get these items to Congress.

Best,
Sam

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All,

Legal is doing their final review of it today. Once we get the ok from them I will forward.

Stephen

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Subject: RE: HQ Aviation aircraft distribution plan

Has the ASN/FMC Policy/Legal due out in Info Paper format been completed, blessed by DUSN and forwarded to OSD/DOS? If it has and I didn't see it, great! Please forward me a copy when you have the opportunity.

If not, when do you expect it to be completed? The goal is to have this last remaining deliverable to the Hill this week. Vr, Dean

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Subject: RE: HQ Aviation aircraft distribution plan

Steve,

OK thank you - they really want this to be in a "paper" format so if they could take what they have in Powerpoint, and reformat it into Word, I think we will be all set.

Ahh, to call the shots from the Hill...

Best regards,
Anne

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Subject: RE: HQ Aviation aircraft distribution plan

Anne

I am just a pass through at this point since the issue are really of a legal and policy nature. I have passed it back to our policy and legal folks to put into a point paper format. Given it is already 1:30 I doubt that they will have it done tonight but hopefully mid morning tomorrow.

Stephen

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

From: Gebhards, Anne B CIV UNSECNAV

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Steve,

I recently returned from leave so my apologies for being MIA.

I was just contacted by OSD-P and asked if you would mind reformatting the attached into a "white paper" format, vs powerpoint?

They believe that the Hill Staffers prefer to see the information in narrative, vs slide form.

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Proposed new export rules for aircraft and associated equipment, which fall under Category VIII of the U.S. Munitions List (USML), should come late this week or early next week, an administration official confirmed.

In July, the White House introduced a rule that outlined how the administration plans to move items off the USML, which is administered by the State Department, and onto the Commerce Control List (CCL), overseen by the Commerce Department.

"Moving militarily less significant parts and components from the USML to the CCL is a major step in implementing the Administration's common sense approach to export controls," William Daley, the White House chief of staff, said in a July 19 statement.

Items on the USML - from aircraft to generic parts and components - are all subject to the same controls. However, the CCL's controls are tailored to what the item is and where it is being exported.

For military aircraft and associated parts, the State Department will publish a more detailed category for what the administration proposes stays in Category VIII on the USML, while the Commerce Department will publish what the administration proposes should move to the Commerce list.

There are 21 categories of items controlled by the USML. In July, the Obama administration released details for the first category - Category VII: tanks and military vehicles - as a test case of sorts to demonstrate how such transfers could take place.

Since July, the government has been accepting feedback from industry and Capitol Hill about how to improve these transfers.

"We received a lot of good, worthwhile feedback from industry and Capitol Hill," Andrew Shapiro, assistant secretary for political-military affairs at the State Department, said in a September interview.

"As a result, we're really focusing on what are the things we can do most quickly," he said. "We are engaged in what we call a bright line exercise - of going through the various categories and figuring out which items should go on the CCL and which items belong on the USML as a way to offer guidance to industry about what the requirements are, and eliminate some of the ambiguity and confusion that exists under the current lists."

The new aircraft rules also will have a public comment period, in which the government will accept public feedback.

The State and Commerce departments also have been hard at work on Category XV - spacecraft systems and associated equipment - which includes the thorny issue of commercial satellites.

The 1999 National Defense Authorization Act transferred export-licensing jurisdiction over commercial satellites and related components to the State Department, making them the only items on the USML for which licensing jurisdiction is explicitly mandated by law.

The move was instigated by concerns on Capitol Hill that China had obtained secret U.S. technology through a commercial deal to launch U.S. commercial satellites into space using Chinese rockets.

There has been a growing push to ease restrictions on commercial satellites and to provide some relief to the U.S. space industry, whose ability to compete in the global market has been hampered by U.S. export laws.

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Pentagon Officials Agree To Sell Turkey 3 Attack Helicopters

Congressional support sought for Ankara's bid to acquire drones

By Craig Whitlock

The Pentagon has agreed to sell three attack helicopters to Turkey and is trying to persuade Congress to sell highly coveted Predator or Reaper drones to its increasingly influential ally in the Middle East, defense officials said Tuesday.

Turkey has sought for years to purchase the helicopters and drones for use against Kurdish militants in northern Iraq but has had difficulty winning approval from Congress. Some U.S. lawmakers have been reluctant to part with sensitive drone technology and are concerned by Turkey's worsening relations with Israel.

In recent weeks, however, the Obama administration has achieved some breakthroughs in its attempt to solidify security ties with Turkey, a NATO ally and a reemerging economic and military power in the Middle East.

On Friday, the Defense Department notified Congress that it would sell three AH-1W Super Cobra helicopters and parts to Turkey for \$111 million. While Congress could still block the sale, it would have to do so within 15 days. Key lawmakers have given tacit approval.

Pentagon officials also said this week that they support Turkey's more controversial desire to buy Predator or Reaper drones, which can be equipped with Hellfire missiles and satellite-guided bombs. The unmanned aircraft have become a primary weapon in the Obama administration's counterterrorism operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia.

They also are perpetually in demand among the U.S. armed services; the Pentagon's willingness to sell the drones to Turkey underscores the importance that Washington places on its relations with Ankara.

On Tuesday, Turkish Defense Minister Ismet Yilmaz reiterated his country's desire to acquire the drones in a meeting at the Pentagon with Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta, according to Navy Capt. John Kirby, a defense spokesman.

Congress, however, has expressed reservations, citing Turkey's increasingly rocky relations with Israel, a key U.S. ally in the Middle East. The two countries, once regional allies, have been at odds since May 2010, when Israeli commandos killed nine Turks aboard an aid flotilla attempting to break the Israeli naval blockade of the Gaza Strip.

Alexander Vershbow, assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, told the American-Turkish Council in Washington on Monday that the drone sale was being held up by concerns on Capitol Hill.

"This topic is influenced by the problems in Turkish-Israeli relations," said Vershbow, who also led a delegation to Ankara last week to discuss counterterrorism cooperation. "This is not a secret. But just to repeat it, we do support the sale."

Similar concerns affected negotiations between the United States and Turkey over a NATO missile-defense project under which Ankara agreed to host a key radar station.

Turkey originally said it would refuse if the radar could benefit Israel, a stance that raised concerns in Congress. The Obama administration finessed the issue by omitting any mention of Israel from the accord, which was approved in September.

Turkey wants to buy U.S. drones so it can deploy them against the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK. The Kurdish group, which is fighting to create an autonomous enclave in Turkey, has for years launched cross-border attacks from its hideouts in northern Iraq.

The potential drone purchase is separate from Turkey's request for the U.S. military to base a fleet of its Predator drones on Turkish soil.

The United States has flown the unarmed Predators from Iraqi bases since 2007 and shared the planes' surveillance video with Turkey as part of a joint crackdown against the PKK. But the U.S. drones will have to leave Iraq by Dec. 31, the deadline for American forces to exit that country.

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Pentagon awaits India's interest in fighter jets

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WASHINGTON: The Pentagon is still interested in selling its fighter jets to India, which recently decided against it, and is seriously exploring the potential of co-development of military weapons systems with India.

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The issue became actual as Turkey had rejected last year joint with Israel exercises protesting against blockade of Gaza. It's worth mentioning that after Israel's raid on the international aid flotilla to Gaza last week Israel got a refusal of joint exercises with Greece.

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IHH, which plays a central role in organizing the flotilla to the Gaza Strip, is a Turkish humanitarian relief fund with a radical Islamic anti-Western orientation. Besides its legitimate philanthropic activities, it supports radical Islamic networks, including Hamas, and at least in the past, even global jihad elements.

Portrait of IHH

1. Prominent among the coalition organizations participating in the aid flotilla scheduled to arrive in the Gaza Strip in the coming days is the Turkish IHH (Insani Yardim Vakfi, IHH, "humanitarian relief fund"). It is a radical Islamic organization which was established in 1992 and formally registered in Istanbul in 1995. It is headed by Bülent Yildirim.

IHH head Bülent Yildirim
IHH head Bülent Yildirim
(www.ihh.org.tr, April 7, 2010)

2. IHH has a broad program of important activities in distressed areas. They include sending food and support to orphans, establishing educational institutions, hospitals and clinics, programs for vocational education, supplying medicines, building mosques and preventing the violation of human rights in various Islamic locations throughout the world. In recent years it has begun widening its activities to European countries, in part by establishing branches which bear its name.

3. In practice, besides its legitimate humanitarian activities, IHH supports radical Islamic terrorist networks. In recent years it has prominently supported Hamas (through the Union of Good). In addition, the ITIC has reliable information that in the past IHH provided logistical support and funding to global jihad networks.

IHH logo
IHH logo: The dove of peace appears at the lower right of the globe.

IHH Links To Hamas

4. IHH's orientation is radical-Islamic and anti-American, and it is close to the Muslim Brotherhood (Hamas' parent movement). IHH supports Hamas and does not hide the connection between them. Hamas also considers its links to IHH and Turkey to be extremely important, and regards Turkey as a target audience for its propaganda network (Palestine-Information, Hamas'

main website, has a Turkish version, and as of the end of 2009, the website of its military wing, the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, has also appeared in Turkish).

5. In recent years, especially since Hamas took over the Gaza Strip, IHH has supported Hamas' propaganda campaigns by organizing public support conferences in Turkey. At those conferences, which featured the participation of senior IHH figures, the heads of IHH expressed their support for Hamas and its strategy (including the armed struggle it favors), in defiance of the Palestinian Authority, Hamas' rival.

6. IHH is a member of the Union of Good, an umbrella organization of more than 50 Islamic funds and foundations around the globe, which channels money into Hamas institutions in the Palestinian Authority-administered territories. As a Union of Good member IHH has connections with other worldwide Islamic funds and foundations which support Hamas. Among other things, the support includes initiating and conducting joint projects whose objectives are to bolster the de facto Hamas administration in the Gaza Strip and Hamas' civilian infrastructure in Judea and Samaria, which also supports terrorism (the infrastructure is under pressure from the Palestinian Authority security services). IHH, which has become an important factor in global fund-raising for Hamas, transfers significant amounts of money to Hamas institutions in Judea and Samaria, including the Islamic Charitable Society in Hebron and the Al-Tadhamun Charitable Society in Nablus (Hamas' two central "charitable societies," both outlawed by Israel).

7. IHH operates widely throughout the Gaza Strip. To promote its activities it opened a branch there, headed by Muhammad Kaya, who recently stated that IHH intended to send other aid flotillas to the Gaza Strip (See below). In January 2008 an IHH delegation met with Ahmed Bahar, a senior Hamas activist who is acting chairman of Hamas' council in the Gaza Strip. At the meeting the delegation revealed the extent of the aid it had given Hamas in the Gaza Strip during the preceding year and said it intended to double the sum in the future. In January 2009 IHH head Bülent Yildirim met with Khaled Mashaal, chairman of Hamas' political bureau in Damascus, and Mashaal thanked him for the support of his organization.

http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/Hebrew/heb_n/html/img/hamas_105_2.jpg
Bülent Yildirim and Khaled Mashaal (January 2009).1

Bülent Yildirim meets Ismail Haniya and other important people in the Gaza Strip Bülent Yildirim meets Ismail Haniya and other important people in the Gaza Strip (January 7, 2010).3

Bülent Yildirim and de facto Hamas administration head Ismail Haniya Bülent Yildirim and de facto Hamas administration head Ismail Haniya (January 7, 2010).2

Israel Outlaws IHH and Expels an IHH Activist

9. Israel outlawed IHH because of its affiliation with the Union of Good and because it is an important factor in Hamas' global fund raising. It was included in a decision made by Defense Minister Ehud Barak in 2008 which outlawed 36 associations which belonged to the Union of Good (IHH appeared as number 36 on the list4).

10. In November 2009 IHH sent one of its activists, a man named Izzat Shahin, to Judea and Samaria to open an office (in addition to its Gaza Strip office). Shahin started work supporting Hamas "charitable societies." He transferred tens of thousands of American dollars from IHH to the Islamic Charitable Society in Hebron and Al-Tadhamun in Nablus, two of Hamas' most important "charitable societies." His activities were thwarted by the Israeli security forces. In April 2010 he was detained for questioning on suspicion of involvement in

financing terrorism and supporting Hamas, and was deported from Israel immediately after his interrogation in compliance with an official Turkish request.

Part of a document seized by the IDF during Operation Defensive Shield (2002) Part of a document seized by the IDF during Operation Defensive Shield (2002): A table prepared by the Union of Good containing the names of shaheeds who carried out mass-murder suicide bombing attacks in Israeli cities. It was used to arrange payments to the suicide bombers' families through the Hamas-affiliated Islamic "charitable society" Al-Tadhamun in Nablus. It is one of the charitable societies Izzat Shahin transferred money to after he was appointed IHH representative in Judea and Samaria in 2009.

IHH's Links with the Global Jihad

11. The ITIC has reliable information indicating that in the past IHH had links with global jihad and Islamic terrorist elements in the Middle East. As part of its connections with the global jihad it supported jihadist terrorist networks in Bosnia, Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Chechnya.

12. That was manifested by logistic support for the transfer of weapons and money. This information verifies findings of a study conducted by a Danish research institute into IHH's past links with Al-Qaeda (See below).

13. We do not have updated information about current IHH links with global jihad elements, however, its activities in the past may indicate its nature.

Danish Research Institute Exposes Past IHH Links with Al-Qaeda

14. In 2006 a Danish research institute called the Danish Institute for International Studies conducted a study which reported that in the past IHH had connections with Al-Qaeda and global jihad operatives.⁵ The well-documented study was conducted by Evan Kohlman,⁶ an American researcher who specializes in Al-Qaeda and related subjects. It deals with the involvement of Islamic charity funds and foundations in supporting terrorism. Pages 10-14 relate to IHH.

Title page of the Danish Institute's study.

Title page of the Danish Institute's study.

15. According to the study, the Turkish authorities began investigating IHH at least in December 1997, after having received information that senior IHH figures had purchased automatic weapons from radical Islamic organizations. The office of the organization in Istanbul was consequently raided and activists were arrested. During the raid the Turkish security forces found weapons, explosives, instructions for making IEDs and a flag with a jihad message. An examination of the documents found in IHH office indicated that IHH members were planning to take part in jihad activities in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Chechnya.

16. The study quotes a French intelligence report stating that in the mid-1990s IHH leader, Bülent Yildirim, was directly involved in recruiting "veteran soldiers" to organize jihad activities. According to the French report, a number of operatives were sent by IHH into war zones in Islamic countries to gain combat experience. The report also stated that IHH transferred money, "caches of firearms, knives and pre-fabricated explosives" to Muslim fighters in those countries.

Passage from the study quoting a French intelligence report Passage from the study quoting a French intelligence report. It deals with the involvement of IHH and its leader in global jihad activities during the 1990s.

17. The study also states that an examination of IHH's telephone records in 1996 showed repeated calls in 1996 to an Al-Qaeda guest house in Milan and to Algerian terrorists operating in Europe (one of whom was notorious Al-Qaeda figure Abu Ma'ali [Abd al-Qadr Mukhtari], who operated in Bosnia). IHH's name was also mentioned during the trial of Ahmed Ressay held in the United States in 2000 (Ressay was a senior Al-Qaeda operative active in Canada, who at the end of 1999 entered the United States in a car carrying 600 kilograms (1320 pounds) of explosives. He planned to carry out a mass-casualty attack at the Los Angeles International Airport on the eve of the millennium.) The United States federal prosecutors called Jean-Louis Bruguière, a leading French investigating magistrate in charge of terrorism affairs, as an expert witness. He testified that IHH had played an important role in Al-Qaeda's planned attack. According to Bruguière, IHH served as a cover for Al-Qaeda and acquired forged documents, enlisted operatives and transferred weapons.

Passage from the study dealing with IHH cover for the global jihad.
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18. According to the study, following the American invasion of Iraq in 2003, Bülent Yildirim and IHH played a key role in anti-Western incitement among Turkish Muslims. At the end of 2000 IHH organized protests against the attempt to overthrow Saddam Hussein, during which Israeli and American flags were burned. In December 2004 IHH organized an anti-American march in Istanbul. During the march Bülent Yildirim told the Turkish Anatolia News Agency that the intelligence cooperation between the United States, Britain and Turkey had to stop, otherwise IHH would organize actions in front of every consulate, and if necessary organize 50,000 or 100,000 people in front of the American consulate. At a demonstration held in December 2004, anti-American slogans were shouted, including "Murderer sent by the murderous United States, get out of the Middle East," and "Long live the resistance."

Passage from the study dealing with IHH's anti-American activities in Iraq.
Passage from the study dealing with IHH's anti-American activities in Iraq.

The Central Role of IHH in the Aid Flotilla Sailing to the Gaza Strip

19. IHH is prominent among the many pro-Palestinian organizations in Turkey participating in the aid flotilla, which will reach the Gaza Strip in the coming days. Its participation is part of the massive aid it gives Hamas and its desire to make propaganda capital for Hamas and itself.

20. To that end IHH purchased three ships (of the nine in the flotilla): a passenger ship named the Mavi Marmaris and two cargo ships (one named "Gaza"). The Mavi Marmaris left Istanbul on May 22 en route to Antalya, where 500 passengers were expected to board it. The three ships will sail from Turkey to Cyprus to join the others, and from there they will sail together to the Gaza Strip (where they are apparently expected to arrive on the morning of May 29). In addition, in recent months IHH aided the de facto Hamas administration's ministries of transportation and of public works by carrying out various projects in the

The flotilla's route to the Gaza Strip.
The flotilla's route to the Gaza Strip. The red line refers to the Rachel Corrie, sailing from Ireland.⁷

21. On April 7, 2010, IHH head Bülent Yildirim told a press conference in Istanbul that the flotilla would be a "test" for Israel. He said that should Israel oppose the flotilla it would be considered "a declaration of war" on the countries whose activists arrived on board the ships (IHH website, April 7, 2010). In a fiery speech given at the launching of the Mavi Marmaris on May 23, he said to Israel, "Handle this crisis well. If you prevent [the flotilla from reaching the Gaza Strip] you will remain isolated in the world and harm yourselves" (IHH website in Turkish, May 23, 2010). On May 21 Muhammad Kaya, head of IHH's branch office in

the Gaza Strip, said there was a plan to send flotillas to the Gaza Strip every month (Al-Jazeera-Info website, arabianawareness.com, May 21, 2010).

The ceremony marking the departure of the Mavi Marmaris from Istanbul, organized by IHH

The ceremony marking the departure of the Mavi Marmaris from Istanbul, organized by IHH. In the first row, second from the right, is Ra'ed Salah, head of the northern faction of the Islamic Movement in Israel. Fourth from the left is Kazem Sawalha, a Hamas activist affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood, who found refuge in Britain. He was one of the chief organizers of the previous aid convoys (LifeLine) to the Gaza Strip (IHH website, May 23, 2010).

The rally in Turkey accompanied preparations for the ship's departure. The rally in Turkey accompanied preparations for the ship's departure. The participants are holding Turkish, Palestinian and Hamas flags, and flags of organizations affiliated with Hamas and radical Islam (the shahadah is inscribed on the green flag) (IHH website, May 23, 2010).

1 <http://www.spittoon.org/archives/4168> <<http://www.spittoon.org/archives/4168>> .

2 <http://hurryupharry.org/2010/04/14/oh-jesus> <<http://hurryupharry.org/2010/04/14/oh-jesus>> , <http://www.velfecr.com/gazze-de-goz-yasartan-buyuk-bulusma-video-foto-1408-haberi.html> <<http://www.velfecr.com/gazze-de-goz-yasartan-buyuk-bulusma-video-foto-1408-haberi.html>> .

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4 For further information see the date bulletin The war on financing terrorism: Defense Minister Ehud Barak signed an order outlawing 36 global "Union of Good" Islamic funds which raise money for Hamas institutions in the Palestinian Authority-administered territories. The money supports Hamas in building a political alternative to the PA and maintain a terrorism-supporting system at http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/pdf/financing_0708e.pdf <http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/pdf/financing_0708e.pdf>

5 <http://www.diis.dk/graphics/Publications/WP2006/DIIS%20WP%202006-7.web.pdf> <<http://www.diis.dk/graphics/Publications/WP2006/DIIS%20WP%202006-7.web.pdf>> . The Danish institute which published the study is an independent institution which deals with interdisciplinary research about international issues, especially international conflicts. Its staff includes dozens of researches, many of them with PhDs (<http://www.diis.dk/sw241.asp> <<http://www.diis.dk/sw241.asp>>).

6 Evan Kohlman is American researcher specializing in terrorism who worked for the FBI and other American government organizations. He has a law degree and a degree in international politics and Islamic studies. In the past he interned in Washington for The Investigative Project, an anti-terrorism think-tank, and is currently head of NEFA, the Nine/Eleven Finding Answers Foundation. He served as an expert witness in the trials of several jihadist operatives in the United States, the Hague and Denmark, and is a senior terrorism commentator for NBC. He wrote a book about the jihad movement in Europe which was published in 2002 by the Oxford University Press and has published numerous articles about radical Islamic movements (From : http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evan_Kohlmann <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evan_Kohlmann> and http://www.ie.edu/IE/site/php/en/school_communication_detail.php?id_new=111 <http://www.ie.edu/IE/site/php/en/school_communication_detail.php?id_new=111>)

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ISRAEL'S FLOTILLA MASSACRE: MADE IN THE USA

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ISTANBUL--When Israeli commandoes launched their pirate-style assault on the unarmed flotilla of ships carrying hundreds of humanitarian aid workers and 10,000 tons of supplies for the besieged Gaza Strip, killing at least nine activists and injuring scores more, part of the operation was labeled "Made in the USA."

Decades of uncritical U.S. support--including, most recently, the Bush-initiated and Obama-implemented commitment of \$30 billion of U.S. tax money in military aid to Israel over a decade--has ensured that Israel's military power (nuclear and conventional) remains unchallengeable. A U.S. pattern of using UN Security Council vetoes to protect Israel from accountability for its crimes has ensured that Israel can do whatever it likes with those U.S.-provided weapons, regardless of which U.S. domestic or international laws may be broken. So U.S. complicity in the recent massacre at sea is beyond question.

Israel has long relied on the numerous U.S.-made and U.S.-financed Apache and Blackhawk war helicopters in its arsenal. It's a good bet those were in use in the May 31 assault in international waters. Yet, use of U.S.-provided weapons--even to Israel--is severely limited by our own laws. The Arms Export Control Act (AECA) prohibits any recipient from using U.S. weapons except under very narrow circumstances--for security within its own borders, or for direct self-defense. And no amount of Israeli spin can make us believe that an attack by heavily armed commandos, jumping onto the decks of an unarmed civilian ship in international waters has anything to do with self-defense. (Especially for a flotilla whose leaders made sure to have every boat, passenger and package inspected by European port authorities before they set sail for Gaza to prove there were no weapons on board.)

So if this was not about self-defense, what was it about? Israel has apparently decided that it's better to be perceived as savage than as weak. Here in Turkey, home to most of the dead and injured among the international activists, 10,000 people marched from the Israeli consulate to Istanbul's main square, while thousands more took to the streets in Ankara, demanding international accountability and immediate action to end Israel's U.S.-backed blockade of Gaza.

Pressured by the U.S. refusal to allow its ally to face the global outrage, the UN Security Council failed to condemn the Israeli attack. Instead, the Council issued a presidential statement (which doesn't carry the force of law) condemning "those acts" resulting in deaths, without identifying Israeli responsibility. The Council decision was another indication that so far, the Obama administration remains more committed to protecting Israel from being held accountable for its war crimes than it is committed to international law, human rights and the principle of accountability.

In the first 24 hours after the raid on the Gaza-bound ship, the Obama administration limited itself to expressions of concern and regret for the loss of life, and a polite request to Israel for "clarifications." But maybe this will mark the beginning of a shift in U.S. policy.

Maybe the Obama administration will use this moment to show us a real "change we can believe in" for Middle East policy. Maybe, if the White House hears from enough of us, Washington just might tell Israel that we would rather keep that \$30 billion here at home, creating 600,000 new jobs, instead of supporting a foreign military force apparently proud of killing humanitarian workers trying to break an illegal blockade to bring wheelchairs, construction materials, and children's toys to a besieged population. Maybe, just maybe, our government will join the rest of the world in demanding that Israeli leaders be held accountable for their murderous assault.

Maybe something positive could emerge from so much blood.

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