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**Subject:** Turkey: SitRep 1 on Humanitarian Aid Foundation Flotilla, 12:00 pm Turkey Time

**Sent:** 5/31/2010 5:54:35 AM

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 flag 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 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 detain some civilians in prisons.

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 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 Cevlkoz 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. Cevlkoz 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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**Sent:** 5/31/2010 8:16:46 AM  
**Attachments:** Turkey: SitRep 1 on Humanitarian Aid Foundation Flotilla, 12:00 pm Turkey  
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1. (SBU) In response to the intervention by the Israeli Military on the Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla, the MFA announced it will recall its ambassador to Israel, Oguz Celikkol, and will cancel three military exercises it had planned with Israel. It will also recall the Turkish Youth National Soccer Team before it plays its scheduled match. The press reported that PM Erdogan cut his trip to Latin America short and will return to Turkey today, while FM Ahmet Davutoglu is on his way to New York to request that the UN Security Council meet in an emergency session to discuss the intervention today. Ambassador Jeffrey has been summoned to the MFA today, with other Security Council Ambassadors, to hear the GOT position on the emergency session. Acting Prime

Minister Bulent Arinc said that the intervention will be a "black stain in human history," and urged Israel to lift the blockade against Gaza so that humanitarian aid may reach Gaza. Arinc equated the intervention in international waters with an act of piracy, although he ruled out sending Turkish naval forces to the region for the time being. President Gul condemned the attack, saying that Israel "deeply wounded" the international public's conscience. He urged Israeli officials to bring an end to the developments, and urged Turks to act with restraint. Turkish Grand National Assembly Speaker Mehmet Ali Sahin said that the parliament may issue a condemnation declaration.

2. (SBU) Protests against the intervention continued. In Istanbul, a crowd of protesters that had been dispersed from the Israeli Consulate moved towards Taksim Square, in the city center. The media reported that the crowd was steadily building in size, to between 5,000-10,000 people. According to press reports, many of the protesters are carrying Turkish and Palestinian flags, are chanting slogans denouncing Israel, and are reciting prayers in Arabic. The media reports that 9 of the apparent 16 dead were Turkish, and that all of them were killed on one Turkish ship, has inflamed passions here. Press pictures of the intervention have shown Israeli soldiers pointing rifles next to Turkish flags.

3. (SBU) In Adana, a number of people gathered in front of the U.S. Consulate for a peaceful protest. The Consulate local guard force estimated there were 500-700 people while the Turkish National Police (TNP) estimated there were close to 4,000. The group laid a black wreath in front of the consulate, said the U.S. is an invading country, and dispersed. The TNP cooperated very well with security staff, and sent nearly all of their branch chiefs as well as the Security Director.

4. (SBU) Turkish press reported that because of the intervention Greece canceled an air force exercise with Israel and canceled the visit of the Greek Air Force Commander, planned for June 1. According to the press, the Greek MFA said they have not received any information about the welfare of the 34 Greeks that had joined the flotilla, and protests outside the Israeli Embassy in Athens were planned for May 31 and June 1.

5. (SBU) Note: SitRep 1 incorrectly indicated that the RSO in Istanbul and Ankara sent out a warden message. RSO Adana sent a warden message regarding the protest at the U.S. Consulate, but the SMS messages in Istanbul and Ankara were sent only to the embassy intra-community regarding traffic alerts due to protests.

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**Subject:** Turkey: SitRep 3 on IHH Flotilla, 4:30 pm Turkey Time  
**Sent:** 5/31/2010 9:37:53 AM

1. (SBU) At 1500 Ambassador Jeffrey and other ambassadors from UN Security Council member states were briefed by the MFA regarding the intervention by the Israeli Military on the Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla. Following this, the MFA briefed other groups of ambassadors from (1) the Organization of the Islamic Council member states, (2) EU member states, and (3) all other states. All member states received the same briefing.

2. (SBU) The MFA confirmed that FM Davutoglu is going to New York with the purpose of addressing the UN Security Council today. The Ministry put particular emphasis on calling the intervention a "gross violation of international law," handing out maps to emphasize the location of the intervention. They placed the intervention at 64 nautical miles from the northeast corner of Israel's blockade area of Gaza, which covers 20 square nautical miles from the coastline. The Ministry stressed that it reserves its rights under international law, that this "grave" action should not go without a response, and

that a response to the intervention is the responsibility of the entire international community.

3. (SBU) The Ministry also stressed that Israel bears the responsibility for the intervention, which involved an attack on innocent civilians -- including women, children and the elderly -- who were on a humanitarian mission. While Turkey has withdrawn its Ambassador to Israel for consultations. Its first priority is to determine the whereabouts and identity of the passengers who were killed or wounded in action, and it would like all of the passengers returned to Turkey as soon as possible. (Note: Withdrawing the ambassador for consultations is less dramatic than recalling him, and does not necessarily require a response from the GOI. End note.)

4. (SBU) The Ministry estimated that the Turkish registered ship that was boarded, the Mavi Marmaris, carried 560 passengers not counting the crew. The majority of those passengers (353) were Turks, though there were also citizens from 43 other nations including Algeria (33 passengers), Jordan (31), the U.K. (28), between 10-20 passengers from Malaysia, Indonesia, and Kuwait, respectively, and 3 U.S. citizens.

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**Subject:** Turkey: SitRep 4 on IHH Flotilla, 6:00 pm Turkey Time  
**Sent:** 5/31/2010 11:12:24 AM

1. (SBU) A source at the Turkish newspaper Hurriyet told Post that its website carrying the U.S. statement regarding the intervention by the Israeli Military on the Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla has received over 250,000 hits so far today. The statement, "The United States deeply regrets the loss of life and injuries sustained, and is currently working to understand the circumstances surrounding this tragedy" was run with other international condemnations of the intervention.
2. (SBU) Press reports of the protest in Istanbul's Taksim Square estimated the group numbered over 10,000. The group was prepared with printed banners telling Israel to leave the ships alone, and appeared well organized. Protestors burned Israeli flags and chanted anti-Israeli slogans.
3. (SBU) Post's RSO office received confirmation from the MFA that it sent a cable to all security posts in Turkey authorizing any needed additional security for both Israeli and

U.S. installations. Post requested and received additional coverage in Ankara. The shouts of protestors could be heard from the Embassy compound.

4. (U) Anti-Israeli attacks may increase. According to Anatolia News Agency, a Turkish lawyer who is allegedly a member of IHH was charged with assaulting an Israeli athlete competing in the inaugural Cycling Tour of Trakya in Tekirdag on May 31. The assailant entered the race track to try to punch the cyclist but was stopped by the police after the cyclist managed to escape the first swing. There are seven Israeli cyclists competing in the tour. Turkish press reported the Government of Israel "has advised its citizens to avoid travel to Turkey and instructed those already there to keep a low profile and avoid crowded downtown areas."

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From: Reisser, Wesley J  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:43 AM  
To: Parker, Andrew C; Zeroubavely, Sandra S  
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Subject: FW: US Passenger List for Freedom Flotilla

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To: Richter, Kim B  
Cc: Reisser, Wesley J  
Subject: RE: US Passenger List for Freedom Flotilla

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Oh it is not that (a trust issue), it is that things are not solidified. I "get" your intentions and I will pass along info as I am able.

[redacted] says that she is out and okay. If you need to reach her, he is probably the best way to reach her. His email is [redacted]

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Subject: RE: US Passenger List for Freedom Flotilla  
Date: Wed, 2 Jun 2010 09:40:16 -0400  
From: RichterKB@state.gov  
To: [redacted]  
CC: ReisserWJ@state.gov

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We are not sharing this information with the Israelis. We are asking for it so that the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv can be in the best position to assist any U.S. citizen aboard these ships. If you are reluctant to give us a name but know that one is aboard a ship, please at least pass that information along.

Do you know anything about the Challenger II coming from Cyprus, I believe. Are there any U.S. citizen passengers?

We can confirm that the U.S. Embassy has visited all the detainees and then informed their families about their status. Also, anyone who needed medical care was given the opportunity to get it.

Also, have you been in touch with [redacted] Is she okay? Do you have contact information that you can provide for her in Israel?

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Regards,

Kim



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From: [redacted]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 9:27 AM  
To: Richter, Kim B  
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Subject: RE: US Passenger List for Freedom Flotilla

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Hi Kim and Wesley and welcome back. I know that you are referring to the Rachel Corrie. That information is being embargoed at the moment but I promise to share as soon as I am able.

We have reports that one of the American passengers was severely beaten [redacted]. I know that there are privacy concerns, but without naming names can you tell us if any American passengers are among the injured. Many thanks. [redacted]

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Do you have any information on any other boats going to Gaza within the next few days?

Thanks.

Kim

From: [redacted]  
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2010 12:31 PM  
To: Richter, Kim B; Reisser, Wesley J  
Cc: [redacted]  
Subject: US Passenger List for Freedom Flotilla

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Kim and Wesley,

I apologize for not having this information to you yet. I do have all the details (including emergency contact information) but it is still being embargoed until all the boats are departing. Some of the passengers have agreed to do the waiver and will be forwarding that. There is also a little bit of jockeying in terms of passengers because some reporters have requested to board at the last minute and they are trying to figure out how to get the seats.

I know this is the holiday weekend and people are leaving early today. If I relay it later this afternoon, should I just send them to you, or is there an after hours contact that you all want me to also cc on here.

Just let me know. Thanks for all your help and concern with the passengers and again I'm sorry there is a delay in getting this information to you. [redacted]

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PS-- There is a website up that will allow everyone to track the boats. It is [www.witnessgaza.com](http://www.witnessgaza.com). [redacted]

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FROM: CA – Janice L. Jacobs  
NEA – Jeff Feltman

SUBJECT: Free Gaza Flotilla: Status of U.S. Citizen Detainees

On June 1, 2010, consular officers visited 12 U.S. citizen detainees. Eleven were at Ella Prison in Beersheva. All were in good health and signed privacy act waivers and their families were contacted. They said they would agree to be deported and have been transferred to the airport in preparation for departure. One detainee, moderately injured in altercations with sailors at sea and with immigration police at the Port of Ashdod, refused medical treatment and was held at Givon Prison, Ramle, pending deportation; he, too, is now at the airport. Embassy Tel Aviv continues to try to locate seven possible U.S. citizens who may have been on the flotilla vessels but who are not among those detained at Ella Prison and may have been released already. Consular officers also confirmed the presence of three Pakistani nationals, per Department's request.

Consular officers report that the conditions at Ella prison are crowded, with consuls from many countries meeting with their nationals in a common space. Immigration judges have seen some of the detainees and provided deportation orders for the detainees to sign. If they sign, they agree to deportation within 72 hours. If they refuse, they are being told they could wait up to 30 days for an immigration hearing. Human rights lawyer Leah Tsemel is present and working with the Free Gaza Movement. The detainees believe they were kidnapped on the high seas, are illegally in Israel, and are being held hostage.

Many Arab-state detainees, including a Palestinian woman and a number of Kuwaitis, have asked our consular officers for assistance because they do not have consular representation. Indonesians were on the Mavi Marmara but have not been seen at Ella. The International Red Cross is present. Post will continue to provide appropriate consular assistance to any U.S. citizen involved with the flotilla.

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There are two additional vessels scheduled to approach Gaza later this week. We have no information regarding possible U.S. citizens on-board.

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DS/IP/ITA:KPerron ok  
NEA/IPA:JGiauque ok  
M:TBurl ok  
P:PAguilera ok  
D(S):GRana ok  
D(L)NShepherd ok  
S/P:MPatel ok

Approved: CA/OCS:MTBond

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Richter, Kim B

**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 7:18 PM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Richter, Kim B; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul)  
**Cc:** Mendel, Teresa S; Reisser, Wesley J; Sievers, Marc J; Manning, Nicholas J  
**Subject:** Re: More on [Paul Larudee]

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Istanbul flight is two hours, not three. Three planes should land in another 90 minutes approx. Turks are planning reception desks to assist pax with onward travel resv. Probably will be a PR show as well. Pax will be admitted to Turkey without visas etc while in transit. Onward travel is not covered by Israel. That was only for people who accepted immediate repat from the Port. No consular access was accorded by GOI at Ben Gurion Airport. Two or three smaller medical flights took injured to Ankara. No Amcits in that category that we have known about. I will email [Larudee's] wife (b)(6) that he is on flight to Athens.

**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C; Richter, Kim B; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul)  
**Cc:** Mendel, Teresa S; Reisser, Wesley J  
**Sent:** Thu Jun 03 01:59:58 2010  
**Subject:** RE: More on [redacted]

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Looping in Susan in Istanbul...

**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 6:58 PM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Davison, Kees C; Richter, Kim B  
**Cc:** Mendel, Teresa S; Reisser, Wesley J; Sindle, James M; Manning, Nicholas J; Plott, Susan M; Zuckerman, Eve; Romero, Vincent  
**Subject:** Re: More on [redacted]

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Landing details of flights are nit known to MFA except for advice that Greek and Turkish MFAs should have details. Onward travel plans also unknown.

[redacted] is only known Amcitt on Athens flight.

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Istanbul flights include:

[redacted]

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Location unknown [redacted] (dual Irish/Amcitt)  
Others believed to have left thru Allenby:

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[redacted]

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**To:** Davison, Kees C; Parker, Andrew C; Richter, Kim B  
**Cc:** Mendel, Teresa S  
**Sent:** Thu Jun 03 01:45:35 2010  
**Subject:** FW: More on [Paul Larudee]

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Kees: Head's up that folks from the Free Gaza flotilla may be coming your way for assistance...  
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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 6:39 PM  
**To:** Manning, Nicholas J  
**Cc:** Greene, David J; Reisser, Wesley J; Richter, Kim B; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Sindle, James M  
**Subject:** Re: More on [redacted]

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[redacted] is confirmed on the flight to Athens which should arrive in approx two hours. More to follow on others. (b)(6)

**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**To:** Manning, Nicholas J  
**Cc:** Greene, David J; Reisser, Wesley J; Richter, Kim B; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Sindle, James M  
**Sent:** Thu Jun 03 01:07:28 2010  
**Subject:** Re: More on [redacted]

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Just spoke with MFA Situation Room. One Greek plane departed to Athens in the last hour. Three Turkish planes are about to depart to Istanbul. Total is approx 520 on those planes. Approx five or six TCNs were unable to travel and will remain in detention at the airport right now. Another five or six may still be hospitalized.

MFA will continue to check status of [redacted] and other Amcits and hopefully call me back in an hour or so. (b)(6)

All pax are going on these planes (other than people who went overland to Jordan/Egypt or who flew out earlier (eg Peck and [redacted]) They will need to connect from Greece/Turkey to onward destinations. Person property issues will become clearer in the days ahead. (b)(6)

More when available.

Andy

**From:** Manning, Nicholas J  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Cc:** Greene, David J  
**Sent:** Wed Jun 02 23:43:21 2010  
**Subject:** FW: More on [redacted]

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Andrew - Anything you can pass along will be appreciated. --Nick

**From:** Mauer, Daniel [mailto:Daniel.Mauer@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:40 PM  
**To:** Manning, Nicholas J  
**Subject:** RE: More on [redacted]

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Thanks Nick. The congressman is very interested in an update on his condition, the nature of his hospitalization, when he is expected to return to the U.S., etc., as soon as any of that information becomes available. Thanks.

Daniel Mauer  
Legislative Assistant, Office of Congressman George Miller (D-CA)  
2205 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515  
202-225-2095  
[daniel.mauer@mail.house.gov](mailto:daniel.mauer@mail.house.gov)

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**From:** Manning, Nicholas J [mailto:ManningNJ@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:30 PM  
**To:** Mauer, Daniel  
**Cc:** Greene, David J  
**Subject:** RE: More on [redacted]

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Dan,

I was just given this update from the Israeli Embassy here in Washington. --Nick

**From:** Daniel Meron [mailto:Cong@washington.mfa.gov.il]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:14 PM  
**To:** Manning, Nicholas J  
**Cc:** Dan Arbell  
**Subject:** RE: DEPORTATIONS UPDATE @ CoB -- YNET

Nick,

Following our conversation I spoke to the situation room in the Israeli Foreign Office and was told that one American - [redacted] - is hospitalized and will not be leaving the country with the other Americans. I understand that your Consul in Tel-Aviv has been in touch with him.

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Best,  
Daniel Meron

**From:** Manning, Nicholas J  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 1:08 PM  
**To:** 'Mauer, Daniel'  
**Cc:** Greene, David J  
**Subject:** RE: More on [redacted]

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Daniel -- I confirmed with Post that [redacted] is on the list the Israeli's provided them of those who are being taken to the airport for departure tonight/tomorrow morning. --Nick

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**From:** Mauer, Daniel [mailto:Daniel.Mauer@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 12:53 PM  
**To:** Manning, Nicholas J  
**Cc:** Greene, David J  
**Subject:** More on [redacted]

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Hi Nick,

I was told by [redacted] family that they've been told by the group's attorney in Israel that he, unlike the rest of the Americans still in Israel, will not be deported later tonight after all. Can you confirm whether or not your earlier e-mail that all of the Americans, including [redacted] will be released, is correct?

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Thanks,  
Dan

Daniel Mauer  
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Richter, Kim B

**From:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:32 AM  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa  
**Cc:** Richter, Kim B  
**Subject:** FW: protest re Amcit death

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Let us know of any additional material Kim or I may need on this.

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**From:** Richter, Kim B  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:29 AM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Reisser, Wesley J  
**Cc:** Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Walker, Carolee B  
**Subject:** RE: protest re Amcit death

I'm drafting the demarche cable now and you'll see it soon.

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:28 AM  
**To:** Reisser, Wesley J; Richter, Kim B  
**Cc:** Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria  
**Subject:** RE: protest re Amcit death

Good. I love working with NEA.

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**From:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:27 AM  
**To:** Richter, Kim B  
**Cc:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria  
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NEA concurs.

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**From:** Connelly, Maura  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:23 AM  
**To:** Goldberger, Thomas H; Reisser, Wesley J; Holmstrom, Todd C  
**Cc:** Sievers, Marc J  
**Subject:** RE: protest re Amcit death

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**From:** Goldberger, Thomas H  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:21 AM  
**To:** Reisser, Wesley J; Holmstrom, Todd C  
**Cc:** Connelly, Maura; Sievers, Marc J  
**Subject:** protest re Amcit death

Wes -- start work immediately on a draft instruction to Tel Aviv. Work with CA and TA Consular Section for now and then -- after we review -- with NSC.

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Maura -- you agree?

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**From:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 8:34 AM  
**To:** Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmström, Todd C  
**Subject:** FW: Press report: Possible Amcit among bodies sent to Turkey

Will need to discuss this with CA.

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Thanks. Ops passed to us and we have alerted the White House. CA/P should get some press guidance out ASAP!

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**From:** Richter, Kim B  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:28 AM  
**To:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Subject:** FW: Press report: Possible Amcit among bodies sent to Turkey  
**Importance:** High

Not sure if you are on the email.

Amcit killed in the Gaza Flotilla

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**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Lawrence, Suzanne I; SES-O\_SWO; SES-O\_OPS-WatchTeam; Miller, Andrew T; Marsh, Denise M; Mendel, Teresa S  
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**Subject:** RE: Press report: Possible Amcit among bodies sent to Turkey  
**Importance:** High

All:

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Rich Appleton  
CG Ankara

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More shortly... but the dual [US - Turkish] citizen Furkan DOGAN [DOB: 1991] is on the media published list of the dead. His family had been calling at least twice a day for several days ... but not yet today.

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Believe the body is in Istanbul.

We have the family's cell number.

Before we contact we are going to get confirmation thru MFA ... there have been various lists ... and this is a new addition to the list of the dead.

More as this story develops.

Rich

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:55 PM  
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**Sent:** Thu Jun 03 05:49:30 2010  
**Subject:** Press report: Possible AmcIt among bodies sent to Turkey

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/n.php?n=eight-turkish-one-us-citizens-died-in-israeli-attack-to-aid-ship-examination-says-2010-06-03>

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**From:** Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:55 AM  
**To:** Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Duguid, Gordon K; Beekman, Philip M; PA FO Group; Crowley, Philip J; CA-OCS-Duty-Principals; CAPRESSREQUESTS; Miller, Andrew T; Mendel, Teresa S  
**Cc:** SES\_DutyDeputies; SES-O\_SWO-Only; Appleton, Richard H  
**Subject:** RE: WH inquiry: Press report: Possible Amcirt among bodies sent to Turkey

Hi Susan: Per Rich Appleton's email to us, the father confirmed to Rich via telcon at 1630 Ankara time that it was his son. Father IDd the body as that of his son.

**From:** Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:51 AM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Duguid, Gordon K; Beekman, Philip M; PA FO Group; Crowley, Philip J; CA-OCS-Duty-Principals; CAPRESSREQUESTS; Miller, Andrew T; Mendel, Teresa S  
**Cc:** SES\_DutyDeputies; SES-O\_SWO-Only; Appleton, Richard H  
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Hi, Michelle: Not quite. I said that Rich Appleton was going to talk with the father.  
Susan

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**Subject:** RE: WH inquiry: Press report: Possible Amcirt among bodies sent to Turkey

All: Istanbul (Susan Abeyta) just alerted Ops that the father of our Amcirt has confirmed his death. We can therefore say:

We can confirm that a U.S. citizen was among those killed in the raid on the Free Gaza flotilla. Our Mission in Turkey has been in contact with the U.S. citizen's family and will provide all appropriate consular assistance.

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**From:** Duguid, Gordon K [mailto:duguidgk2@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:08 AM  
**To:** Beekman, Philip M; PA FO Group; Crowley, Philip J; CA-OCS-Duty-Principals  
**Cc:** SES\_DutyDeputies; SES-O\_SWO-Only; Appleton, Richard H  
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PA is also getting a number of queries. A/S Crowley will brief at noon, so we will also need whatever we can say about the case before then. Thanks.

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**From:** Beekman, Philip M. [mailto:BeekmanPM@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 8:05 AM  
**To:** PA-FO Group; Crowley, Philip J; CA-OCS-Duty-Principals  
**Cc:** SES\_DutyDeputies; SES-O\_SWO-Only; Appleton, Richard H  
**Subject:** WH inquiry: Press report: Possible Amcit among bodies sent to Turkey

Colleagues –

The White House Situation Room just called with a request from Robert Gibbs for information on the case below (Gibbs apparently stated he was receiving media inquiries and needed more information). We briefed out the information below but did not forward the below email. We reinforced several times that no NOK notification had yet been made and this personal information is sensitive.

The Watch also called out to post to inform Mr. Appleton of the request for information. He will inform the Watch once NOK notification has been made.

*Regards,*

*Philip Beekman  
Senior Watch Officer  
Operations Center  
Department of State  
202-647-1512*

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Addendum:

A large crowd is at the historic Fatih Mosque in Istanbul where all 9 bodies are presented in flag draped coffins. Extensive coverage on tv. Bodies will then be transported to their hometowns.

Correction: Father got his MBA at Rensselaer in Troy, NY ... and his PhD in Turkey thereafter.

We will call father at COB Ankara today even if there is no confirmation from MFA.

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Sent: Thu Jun 03 05:49:30 2010  
Subject: Press report: Possible Amcit among bodies sent to Turkey

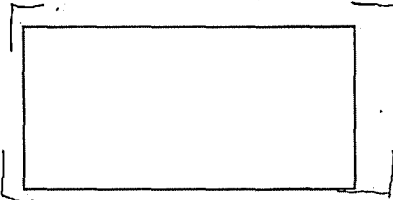
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From: Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul)  
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:36 AM  
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
Cc: Richter, Kim B; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Silliman, Douglas A; Appleton, Richard H;; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul)  
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Flotilla Folks

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Hi, Michelle: I saw your e-mail with the list around 6:30 this morning: it came in at 2:15. We sent a conoff and les to the airport and now to the hotel where most have been sent. I spoke with [redacted] at some length around 8:30. Also with [redacted] who is fine and promised to call his children. I also spoke with Katherine Sheetz to contact her family - [redacted] will give her the numbers she needs. The following group are at the Akgun Hotel:

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[redacted] (Brazilian American), decided not to go to the hotel with the group but is in Istanbul, had been on the Mavi Marmara: [redacted]

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[redacted] the American we knew was on the Mavi Marmara: [redacted] told me [redacted] went off with a another group but was expected to contact her and the group at the hotel later today.

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All appear to be well.

[redacted] sraeli/American, went to Cyprus, according to [redacted]

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[redacted] dual Irish/Amcit is using her Irish passport, is here in Istanbul, according to [redacted]

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[redacted] reported that she went out through Jordan, which fits the info you provided.

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[redacted] did not know passenger [redacted]

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Israeli authorities confiscated everything except for their passports : baggage, cameras, laptops, wallets, credit cards, money.

Turkish airlines has been great: They are paying for their hotel rooms and meals.

We will be assisting if they need money transfers etc. We'll need to coordinate with colleagues in Israel to track down their belongings.

That's it for now.

Susan

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:12 AM  
**To:** Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul)  
**Cc:** Richter, Kim B; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria  
**Subject:** Free Gaza Flotilla Folks

Susan: These Amcits may seek assistance from y'all...don't know what they have with them in terms of passports, etc.  
Landing about 5 a.m. I've just woken up your Duty Officer to see if we can pass an emergency message to [redacted] (b)(6)

**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 6:58 PM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Davison, Kees C; Richter, Kim B  
**Cc:** Mendel, Teresa S; Reisser, Wesley J; Sindle, James M; Manring, Nicholas J; Plott, Susan M; Zuckerman, Eve; Romero, Vincent  
**Subject:** Re: More on [redacted] (b)(6)

Landing details of flights are not known to MFA except for advice that Greek and Turkish MFAs should have details.  
Onward travel plans also unknown.

[redacted] is only known Amcic on Athens flight. (b)(6)

Istanbul flights include:

[redacted]

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Location unknown [redacted] (dual Irish/Amcic)  
Others believed to have left thru Allenby:

[redacted]

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**Mendel, Teresa S**

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**From:** Gallegos, Adriana M  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:27 AM  
**To:** Mendel, Teresa S  
**Subject:** RE: Amcit death on Turkish flotilla

This is the latest language on this.

We can confirm that a U.S.-Turkish dual national was among those killed in the raid on the Free Gaza flotilla. Our Mission in Turkey has been in contact with the family and will provide all appropriate consular assistance. Out of respect for the family we cannot further comment on this incident.

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**From:** Mendel, Teresa S  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:25 AM  
**To:** Gallegos, Adriana M  
**Subject:** FW: Amcit death on Turkish flotilla

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**From:** Brink, Bridget A. [<mailto:Bridget.A.Brink@nss.eop.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:17 AM  
**To:** Mendel, Teresa S  
**Subject:** FW: Amcit death on Turkish flotilla

Trying this one, thanks.

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**From:** Brink, Bridget A.  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:17 AM  
**To:** 'mendellts@state.gov'  
**Cc:** 'Baily, Jess L'; Kaidanow, Tina S; 'Katsoulos, Athena'  
**Subject:** Amcit death on Turkish flotilla

Theresa,

The WH Spokesman wanted the latest guidance we can use on the Amcit death on the Turkish flotilla.

Grateful if you could forward CA's recommended guidance. Is the fact that this is now in the press mean that we can talk about it, i.e. express our condolences, etc?

Thanks.

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**From:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:37 AM  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Cc:** Appleton, Richard H; Richter, Kim B; Mendel, Teresa S; Marsh, Denise M; Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Subject:** RE: Deceased confirmed as Amcit

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Andy - It can be much shorter, but we need something to the full Monitoring Group collective that confirms the death. Wes

**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:13 AM  
**To:** Appleton, Richard H  
**Cc:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Miller, Andrew T; Reisser, Wesley J; Sievers, Marc J  
**Subject:** RE: Deceased confirmed as Amcit

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Rich,

Of course, we all feel badly for the family and for the young man who died. It won't make the father feel any better, but if it helps now or heads off future arguments, you can let him know that many of the Amcits that Embassy Tel Aviv sought and located were Muslim Americans. [redacted] We were aware from Ankara that (b)(6) Furkan Dogon was a possible Amcit participant and raised his name every time we asked the MFA for news of Amcits. When we did not locate him at Ella Prison with the other detainees, we continued to question MFA. On one occasion, at least, the duty officer took a call from the family directly and passed the request to CONS. We did get the Mavi Marmara manifest on Tuesday after 5:00 p.m. when the two vice consuls were at Ella Prison and I was at Govin Prison to see [redacted] On Wednesday I reviewed the list for anyone identified as an Amcit but failed to review the 400 or so (b)(6) names of Turks, where I would have seen Dogon listed as a Turk. The father should know that we have Muslims on staff and that two of the consular assistants who went to Ella Prison are Israeli Arabs, one Muslim and the other Christian. The family has our condolences.

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**From:** Appleton, Richard H  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 4:56 PM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Miller, Andrew T  
**Cc:** 'Brink, Bridget A.'; Silliman, Douglas A; Baily, Jess L; Kaidanow, Tina S; Jeffrey, James F; Duguid, Gordon K; PA FO Group; Crowley, Philip J; CA-OCS-Duty-Principals; SES\_DutyDeputies; SES-O\_SWO-Only; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Walker, Carolee B; CA-OCS-Special Assistant; Macray, Rosemary R; Echard, John E Jr; Glauque, Ivna; Gallegos, Adriana M; Richter, Kim B; Kazi, Pamela R; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Grubb, Jason B; Richter, Kim B; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Wiener, Sharon A (Istanbul); Dayton, Win (Istanbul); Silliman, Douglas A; Hunter, Rodney M; Leary, Thomas M; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Ogle, Karen L; Sisli, Fatih; Keen, Daniel G; Parker, Andrew C; Jeffrey, James F; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Hunter, Rodney M; Keen, Daniel G; Givold, Lisa C (Istanbul); de Otalvaro, Laura H; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Combs, James D; Dicker, Craig L; Lawrence, Suzanne I; SES-O\_SWO; SES-O\_OPS-WatchTeam; Marsh, Denise M; Mendel, Teresa S; Darnell, Daria L; Combs, James D; Givold, Lisa C (Istanbul); Morrissey, Karen M (Istanbul)  
**Subject:** Deceased confirmed as Amcit  
**Importance:** High

At 1630hrs Ankara time I talked to Ahmet DOGAN, the father of Furkan DOGAN, by phone. He had just loaded the body of his son on the plane in Istanbul bound for Kaiserli. He confirmed to me that he had identified the body was his son's.

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He was very emotional. Stressing the lad was just 19 years old. He said his son was fired at five times from very close range...and that he was unarmed.

He asked that I pass the following back to Washington:

The US government didn't do anything to locate my child and was it because this child was a Muslim? "My child was first wounded and then he was killed by a firing squad. He died of gunshots fired very closely to him and he didn't have any weapons in his hands. He received 5 gunshots from close range".

He said that he is really saddened and he wanted to know what the US government will do perceptibly regarding this issue.

The father agreed to pass this information back to Washington, but did not give specific release under the Privacy Act beyond simply that.

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1. NAME: [REDACTED]

2. SEX: [REDACTED]

3. DPOB: [REDACTED]

4. PASSPORT:

5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: [REDACTED] via her mother

USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: [REDACTED]

6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: May 31, 2010, Ashdod Port

8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: Good, said she was tired.

9. CHARGES: Unspecified

10. PLACE OF DETENTION: Ella Detention Center, Beer Sheva

11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deported

12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE:

13. POSSIBLE SENTENCE: Deportation

14. ATTORNEY: No.

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15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: On 06/01/10, subject signed PAW to include

16. NOK:

17. NOTIFICATION: On 05/31/10, Post received notification of subject's arrest by the MFA.

18. ACCESS: On 06/01/10, Conreps visited subject at the Ella Detention Center, Beer Sheva. First visit to date.

19. OTHER AMERICANS ARRESTED: Yes. Fifteen Amcits in total that Post is currently aware of were arrested/detained on 05/31/2010 at the Ashdod Port. Subject and the other Amcits were passengers on a flotilla of 6 ships attempting to enter Gaza (see septels).

21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: Four mobile phones, Sony laptop, D90 Canon camera, wallet, clothes.

22. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS: N/A

23. EMDA: N/A

24. REMARKS:  She was healthy but complained of being tired and hungry. she was worried that her mother might be worried about her.

25. ADVISING NOK OR OTHERS: NOK Notified by CONOFF on 06/01/2010

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SUBJECT: ARREST, CASE OF [REDACTED]

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REF: A) JERUSALEM 000503; B) 2009 TEL AVIV 001426

- 1. NAME: [REDACTED]
- 2. SEX: [REDACTED]
- 3. DPOB: [REDACTED]
- 4. PASSPORT: 016998380, issued November 18, 2008
- 5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: [REDACTED]  
USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: U.S.  
NATIONALITY OF PASSPORT USED TO ENTER COUNTRY OF ARREST:
- 6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
- 7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: May 31, 2010, Ashdod, Port
- 8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: unknown
- 9. CHARGES: unknown
- 10. PLACE OF DETENTION: PLACE OF DETENTION UNKNOWN
- 11. JUDICIAL STATUS: released
- 12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: none
- 14. ATTORNEY: No.

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15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: none

16. NOK: [REDACTED]

17. NOTIFICATION: Post was aware of subject's participation on the flotilla.

18. ACCESS: none

19. OTHER AMERICANS ARRESTED: Yes. Fifteen Amcits in total that Post is currently aware of were arrested/detained on 05/31/2010 at the Ashdod Port. Subject and the other Amcits were passengers on a flotilla of 6 ships attempting to enter Gaza (see septels).

24. REMARKS: [REDACTED] Post checked on numerous occasions with the MFA as to subject's whereabouts, but was unable to obtain information on subject directly from the MFA.

[REDACTED] contacted Post on June 3, 2010, and advised that subject was released from GOI custody and is currently in Ramallah, West Bank, though he has not provided contact details for subject in Ramallah.

According to the Detroit Free Press reports, subject was released on June 1, 2010 and, according to her husband, was allegedly punched by an Israeli commando and elbowed in the face by Israeli authorities while in the detention center. Post has been unable to reach subject for comment but has requested her husband pass on a message to contact Post directly. [REDACTED] has advised Post that he will pass on the message.

25. ADVISING NOK OR OTHERS: Post has had email communication with NOK.

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Richter, Kim B

**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 8:39 AM  
**To:** Appleton, Richard H  
**Cc:** Ogle, Karen L; Reisser, Wesley J; Honigstein, Michael D; Richter, Kim B  
**Subject:** FW: Flotilla figures now

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Latest from Israeli MFA.

Additionally, we've been trying to check if any of the six still-hospitalized IDF commandos are Amcits.

**From:** Zuckerman, Eve  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 3:36 PM  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Cc:** Greene, Elisa; Tanus, George; Zeroubavely, Sandra S  
**Subject:** RE: Flotilla figures now

Spoke with Rachel Shani. She confirmed that there are only three flotilla passengers in hospital - one Indonesian and two Turks. No one is in custody.

**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 1:22 PM  
**To:** Greene, Elisa; Tanus, George; Zuckerman, Eve  
**Subject:** FW: Flotilla figures now

Can we inquire of MFA whether any flotillites are still in hospital or custody, and what nationalities they have?

**From:** Appleton, Richard H  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 11:08 AM  
**To:** Silliman, Douglas A; Parker, Andrew C  
**Cc:** Ogle, Karen L  
**Subject:** FW: Flotilla figures now

Thanks... that would be helpful  
Rich

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 11:06 AM  
**To:** Appleton, Richard H  
**Cc:** Ogle, Karen L; Greene, Elisa; Zuckerman, Eve; Tanus, George  
**Subject:** RE: Flotilla figures now

Rich,  
 At this point we are not aware of any flotilla Amcits in custody. One, [redacted] was released locally as she is a dual citizen. She is probably still in Israel or the West Bank. We were told by MFA yesterday that some flotilla participants

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were still in hospital. There may be some in custody that we do not know about. We can check further for more information and get back to you.

Andy

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**From:** Appleton, Richard H  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 10:50 AM  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Cc:** Ogle, Karen L; Greene, Elisa  
**Subject:** Flotilla figures now

Andrew:

How many flotilla folk are left in Israel? Breakdown by Turks, Americans, others?

This would be helpful to us here.

Thx

Rich

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**From:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**To:** Richter, Kim B  
**Subject:** FW: Report from Embassy Nicosia on Challenger II and III  
**Sent:** 6/4/2010 8:43:37 AM

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**From:** Riley, Robert J  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 3:53 PM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Cc:** Cohen, Jonathan R; EUR-SE-DAR-DL; Kaidanow, Tina S  
**Subject:** Report from Embassy Nicosia on Challenger II and III

I just got off the phone with Embassy Nicosia, which we asked to check into the reports a ship may have departed Limassol, Cyprus possibly ert Gaza. Embassy spoke directly with Cypriot Marine Police, which reported the following:

- Challenger III remains in Limassol, is seriously damaged and will take an estimated month to repair. There are currently no captain, crew or passengers aboard the ship. As they have stated previously, Cypriots have no intention of allowing ship depart for Gaza.
- Challenger II, a different ship, is damaged and anchored in the Med outside of Cypriot territorial waters. Cypriot marine police do not believe it is seaworthy.
- Previously, upon learning of the Challenger III's potential for involvement with the Gaza Flotilla, Embassy Consular Officers asked Cypriot authorities for a briefing on the ship's status, crew and passengers to protect any Amcits potentially aboard. It was then that the Cypriots informed Embassy that there were no Amcits on board and the GoC had no intention of allowing the ship to depart for Gaza. Embassy officers of course agreed with the GoC's course of action and thanked them for the briefing.

Robert J. Riley  
Deputy Director  
Office of Southern European Affairs  
U.S. Department of State  
Tel: 202-647-5120  
[rileyri@state.gov](mailto:rileyri@state.gov)

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Richter, Kim B

From: Parker, Andrew C  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 9:22 AM  
To: Miller, Andrew T; Mendel, Teresa S; Appleton, Richard H; Richter, Kim B; Walker, Carolee B  
Cc: Greene, Carrie P; Ogle, Karen L  
Subject: RE: THIS MORNING'S TASKING

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From: Parker, Andrew C  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 10:58 AM  
To: Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan  
Cc: Burnett, David R; Grubb, Jason B; Palm, Robert H; Hoyer, Kurt J; [redacted]  
Zuckerman, Eve.  
Subject: RE: Today's Guidance

[redacted] Greene, Elisa; (b)(7)(C) B7(C)

Our consular assistant, [redacted], visited the morgue at 10:50 a.m. on June 1, and met with [redacted]. He showed her frontal photos of nine men taken from the shoulders up. They compared the photos with photos [redacted] had from PIERS of fifteen Americans we had not yet located. None of them appeared to match. None of the men in the photos showed evidence of bullet wounds, damage or distortion, except for some bruises and hematomas. While returning to the Embassy, [redacted] received a call from ACS chief Elisa Greene who had just received information about another possible Amcit, Furkan Dogan. Elisa described the man from the PIERS record and [redacted] reviewed the photo in person on return to the Embassy. There did not appear to be any similarity with the photos she had seen.

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We had no further contact with the morgue until today, when [redacted] again spoke with [redacted]. He reported that all bodies had gunshot wounds, but he could not confirm that any of the bodies showed evidence of four entry wounds. He suspected that some wounds were exit wounds. He noted that the Turkish government had requested that the morgue not conduct autopsies or take fluids from the remains, so only superficial evaluations were made. He noted that he had limited contact with the Turkish embassy, all initiated by the morgue, and that he found them uncooperative and at no time did they provide assistance with identification by forwarding documents or photographs of their citizens. None of the bodies were ID'd prior to sending them to Turkey and no official causes of death were determined. However, he did say that one of the bodies did fit the description of a 19-year old.

The conversation with [redacted] today as limited as he was in the midst of an autopsy. He said he would be willing to talk later if we require additional information.

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From: Miller, Andrew T  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 3:58 PM  
To: Mendel, Teresa S; Appleton, Richard H; Parker, Andrew C; Richter, Kim B; Walker, Carolee B  
Cc: Greene, Carrie P; Ogle, Karen L  
Subject: RE: THIS MORNING'S TASKING

Folks,

[redacted]  
[redacted] Call into the Ops center and we'll get hooked up. Copying other ACS players in case the chiefs are tied up. Posts, feel free to add in any LES that have relevant info. Thanks, Andy.

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From: Mendel, Teresa S  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 8:27 AM  
To: Appleton, Richard H; Parker, Andrew C; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Richter, Kim B; Walker, Carolee B  
Cc: Miller, Andrew T

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**Subject:** FW: THIS MORNING'S TASKING  
**Importance:** High

All,

Andy has suggested we convene a conference call to outline our response to this tasking. Are you available now?

Teresa

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**From:** Gallegos, Adriana M  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 8:01 AM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Richter, Kim B; Kazi, Pamela R; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Walker, Carolee B; Mendel, Teresa S  
**Cc:** CA-OCS-Special Assistant; Echard, John E Jr; Macray, Rosemary R; Giauque, Ivna  
**Subject:** THIS MORNING'S TASKING  
**Importance:** High

I know we answered many of these questions yesterday but what new updates can we add about the deceased Amcit?

CA / EUR / NEA / TURKEY / IS/PAL: What updates do have on the deceased AmCit? Do we have a better idea on the nature of his death? Can we confirm the reports of four gunshots to the head? How many times have we seen the body? Who has seen the body? Where is the body now? Who or what organization on the American side is investigating the death? When and at what level was out last communication with the Turkish government on this?

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 3:35 PM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Macray, Rosemary R; Jeffrey, James F; Marsh, Denise M; Silliman, Douglas A; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T; Greene, Elisa  
**Cc:** Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S; CAPRESSREQUESTS; Sievers, Marc J  
**Subject:** Re: FOLLOW-UP Qs from Spokesman's Daily Briefing

Some points of interest:

[redacted] at Abu Kabir (the TLV morgue) told our Cons Asst that were under strict orders from the Turkish govt not to do autopsies that involved intrusive procedures or the drawing of blood. He also said they had zero contact from the Turkish embassy with respect to identification of remains. Our asst saw photos of nine victims. None looked like he was damaged greatly as if he had taken four bullets to the head.

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Macray, Rosemary R; Jeffrey, James F; Marsh, Denise M; Silliman, Douglas A; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T; Greene, Elisa  
**Cc:** Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S; CAPRESSREQUESTS  
**Sent:** Thu Jun 03 21:38:02 2010  
**Subject:** Re: FOLLOW-UP Qs from Spokesman's Daily Briefing

Our consular assitant, who has training in identification of remains, went to the morgue with color photos from PIERS files of all Amcits we were aware of but had not yet located. She was not given access to the morgue but was shown color photos of the deceased. None matched our records. On her return to the Embassy we had learned of Mr Dogan. She looked at his PIERS photo and did not believe it matched any of the photos she saw. At this time we do not know absolutely that the photos she saw included one of Mr Dogan. No other USG official was present.

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**To:** Macray, Rosemary R; Jeffrey, James F; Marsh, Denise M; Silliman, Douglas A; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa

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**Cc:** Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S; CAPRESSREQUESTS  
**Sent:** Thu Jun 03 21:14:15 2010  
**Subject:** RE: FOLLOW-UP Qs from Spokesman's Daily Briefing

The family identified the remains of Furkan Dogan and reported his death to the U.S. Embassy in Ankara. A consular official visited the morgue in Tel Aviv. This was before we learned that Mr. Dogan was on the flotilla, however. The consular official reviewed Mr. Dogan's PIERS record and did not think his remains were among those at the morgue (right, Andy P and Elisa?)  
Dogan's PIERS record shows POB as Troy, NY.

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**From:** Macray, Rosemary R  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:11 PM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Jeffrey, James F; Marsh, Denise M; Silliman, Douglas A; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T  
**Cc:** Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S; CAPRESSREQUESTS  
**Subject:** FOLLOW-UP Qs from Spokesman's Daily Briefing

Follow-up question from the Spokesman's daily briefing.

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

Can we confirm that it was a consular official who went to the morgue in Israel in an attempt to identify deceased AmCits and that at the time the body of Mr. Dogan could not be identified? (Were there representatives of any other USG agency present?)

Did anyone else from the USG view the body again after that morgue visit – either in Israel or Turkey?

Ultimately it was his father who ID'd his son, right?

Also, the Spokesman said that Mr. Dogan was born in Troy, NY (which I think was his extrapolation from the father's studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic). Can we confirm the city of birth please?

*Rosemary Macray  
Media Unit Chief  
Office of Policy Coordination and Public Affairs (CA/P)  
U.S. Department of State  
(202) 647-1488*

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:12 PM  
**To:** Jeffrey, James F; Marsh, Denise M; Silliman, Douglas A; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T; Macray, Rosemary R  
**Cc:** Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S  
**Subject:** RE: Contact with Father of Deceased Amcit

Amb. Jeffrey:

We just got off a call with the NSC in which we hashed out the USG's public statement – we'll get you the guidance that PJ Crowley will use vis a vis whether the USG is going to investigate, in case you need it.  
Michelle

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**From:** Jeffrey, James F  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:32 AM  
**To:** Marsh, Denise M; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Silliman, Douglas A; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T  
**Cc:** Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S  
**Subject:** RE: Contact with Father of Deceased Amcit

As predicted. I'll call. JJ

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**From:** Marsh, Denise M  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 6:25 PM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Silliman, Douglas A; Jeffrey, James F; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T  
**Cc:** Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S  
**Subject:** Re: Contact with Father of Deceased Amcit

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**From:** Marsh, Denise M  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Silliman, Douglas A; Jeffrey, James F; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T  
**Sent:** Thu Jun 03 11:24:31 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Contact with Father of Deceased Amcit

Thanks Michelle - looping in others.

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**To:** Marsh, Denise M; Silliman, Douglas A; Jeffrey, James F; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T  
**Sent:** Thu Jun 03 11:16:10 2010  
**Subject:** Contact with Father of Deceased Amcit

Dear All:

[REDACTED] (b)(5)  
I recommend that Amb. Jeffrey contact Mr. Dogan to reiterate the Department's condolences and explain the efforts that Embassy Tel Aviv went to (as outlined in an email from Andy Parker to Rich and myself) to locate his son among the activists.

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It would be entirely appropriate, and I'm sure welcome, for such a message to come from the Ambassador.  
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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 9:50 AM  
**To:** Miller, Andrew T; Richter, Kim B  
**Cc:** Greene, Elisa  
**Subject:** RE: background on Furkan Dogan notification of death

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Eve just spoke with [redacted] the chief medical examiner of Israel. Before clamming up and referring her to the Min. of Defense, he said that Dogan had two bullet wounds, one to the right cheek and one to the head (not specified where). He did say there were NO shots to the back of the head.

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 4:10 PM  
**To:** 'bbrink@nsc.eop.gov'; Marsh, Denise M  
**Cc:** Sievers, Marc J  
**Subject:** FW: background on Furkan Dogan notification of death

Per tel/con: Background information. Recommend not for distribution outside the USG as is.

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**From:** Zuckerman, Eve  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 2:48 PM  
**To:** Greene, Elisa; Parker, Andrew C  
**Subject:** RE: background on Furkan Dogan notification of death

In response to para 4, I would like to affirm that immediately upon my return to the Embassy, I reviewed the PIERS photo (one photo) and told Elisa Green that he did not appear to resemble any of the nine headshots that I had seen at the morgue.

*Eve Zuckerman  
Consular Assistant  
US Embassy, Tel Aviv*

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**From:** Greene, Elisa  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 2:44 PM  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Cc:** Zuckerman, Eve  
**Subject:** background on Furkan Dogan notification of death

Andy, further to your email:

- At 11:13AM on 01 June 2010, Daniel Keen, Ankara Vice Consul, sent me an email asking if we knew anything about Amcit Furkan DOGAN, as his parents believed he was on the flotilla.
- As I was at the interviewing window and in the middle of passport and CRBA interviews, I didn't see the email until approximately 11:30am. I then called Johnny Sakran, Susan Plott, and Jason Green (whom I had spoken to a few minutes earlier who said they were about to enter the Ella Prison in Beer Sheva and would be turning off their phones momentarily) but none answered. (If you need the exact time of the call, we can wait until the phone bill comes out.)

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- o I then responded to Daniel Keen at 11:33am, stating that I was unable, at that moment, to ask my staff at the Ella Prison in Beer Sheva to ask about Mr. Dogan because they had already entered the compound and had surrendered their telephones to the prison guards.
- o I then called [redacted] from ext. 7649 (window 5) at approximately 11:35AM to tell her that we had another Amcit, a Turkish-American named Furkan Dogan, and that I was concerned that he was amongst the dead, particularly since the dead were reported to have been Turkish citizens. (If you need the exact time of the call, we can wait until the phone bill comes out.) [redacted] said she was in an Embassy vehicle en route to the Embassy, returning from the Institute of Forensic Medicine in Abu Kabir (the morgue) and had already seen nine headshots of the deceased. I described Mr. Dogan to [redacted] over the phone, stating that he was young looking, eighteen years old, with a clean complexion, brown hair, protruding ears, olive-skinned. [redacted] said that while there was an unidentified man in his 20's to 30's, the man I described did not meet the description of the man that Eve had seen, who had reddish hair. I asked [redacted] to return to work and review the PIERS photos that I had emailed her to see if this was the same man. [redacted] said she would.
- o After I hung up with [redacted] I then emailed Daniel Keen again, cc-ing Fatih Sisli, Eve, Sandra, George, and you, at 11:37AM. In my email, I stated: "Doesn't appear to be amongst the dead—one of my staff just returned from the morgue."
- o I then added Mr. Dogan to the Amcit flotilla spreadsheet. Before leaving for the day, I sent the updated spreadsheet via email to Consular Staff, at 12:08 PM. Shortly thereafter, I left for the day on sick leave, and then returned to work Friday morning, 04 June 2010.

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Please see attached documents. Thanks, elisa

Elisa Greene Chief, American Citizen Services U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv, Israel  
Address from Israel: 71 Ha-Yarkon Street, Tel Aviv 63900, Israel  
Address from the U.S.: Box 13, APO AE 09830, U.S.A.  
Switchboard Tel: +972-3-519-7575; Fax: +972-3-517-2348; Email: [greene@state.gov](mailto:greene@state.gov)

From: Parker, Andrew C  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 10:58 AM  
To: Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan  
Cc: Burnett, David R; Grubb, Jason B; Palm, Robert H; Hoyer, Kurt J; [redacted]  
Zuckerman, Eve  
Subject: RE: Today's Guidance

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Greene, Elisa; (b)(7)(C)

Our consular assistant, [redacted] visited the morgue at 10:50 a.m. on June 1, and met with [redacted] He showed her frontal photos of nine men taken from the shoulders up. They compared the photos with photos Eve had from PIERS of fifteen Americans we had not yet located. None of them appeared to match. None of the men in the photos showed evidence of bullet wounds, damage or distortion, except for some bruises and hematomas. While returning to the Embassy, [redacted] received a call from ACS chief Elisa Greene who had just received information about another possible Amcit, Furkan Dogan. Elisa described the man from the PIERS record and [redacted] reviewed the photo in person on return to the Embassy. There did not appear to be any similarity with the photos she had seen.

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We had no further contact with the morgue until today, when [redacted] again spoke with [redacted]. He reported that all bodies had gunshot wounds, but he could not confirm that any of the bodies showed evidence of four entry wounds. He suspected that some wounds were exit wounds. He noted that the Turkish government had requested that the morgue

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not conduct autopsies or take fluids from the remains, so only superficial evaluations were made. He noted that he had limited contact with the Turkish embassy, all initiated by the morgue, and that he found them uncooperative and at no time did they provide assistance with identification by forwarding documents or photographs of their citizens. None of the bodies were ID'd prior to sending them to Turkey and no official causes of death were determined. However, he did say that one of the bodies did fit the description of a 19-year old.

The conversation with [redacted] today as limited as he was in the midst of an autopsy. He said he would be willing to talk later if we require additional information.

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**U.S. Citizen Death on the Free Gaza Flotilla**

**Key Message**

- As Secretary Clinton reiterated yesterday, "Protecting the welfare of American citizens is a fundamental responsibility of our government and one that we take very seriously."
- Our Mission in Turkey has been in contact with the family of deceased U.S.-Turkish dual national Furkan Dogan (Dough-un). Our Ambassador to Turkey, Jim Jeffrey, as well as the Consul General have spoken with Mr. Dogan's father and expressed our condolences and conveyed offers of consular assistance to the family.
- We also continue to assist a third American hospitalized in Jerusalem, Emily Henochowicz, who was seriously injured during a subsequent protest at one of the entry points into Gaza.
- We are in contact with the Israeli government to obtain more information.
- We expect the Israeli government to conduct a prompt, impartial credible and transparent investigation that meets international standards. We are open to all possible methods to ensure a credible investigation, including international participation. We will continue to discuss these ideas with the Israelis and our international partners in the days ahead.

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- As the Secretary said, while Israel has legitimate security needs, the situation in Gaza is unacceptable and unsustainable. This difficult situation requires careful, thoughtful responses from all concerned. This is something that we are looking into with all our international partners.

### Details of U.S. Citizen Death

- Mr. Dogan's father identified his son's remains when they were repatriated to Turkey.
- The Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed his death and dual citizenship to our Embassy in Ankara.
- A funeral took place today in Turkey. We will provide no further details out of respect for the family.

### If asked:

- We have made no decisions at this point on any U.S. Government actions.

### The arrest of an Amcit at a Demonstration

- We received information from the Free Gaza Movement regarding the arrest of a U.S. citizen. Our consular officials in Jerusalem are seeking additional information and will provide consular assistance as necessary.

### Background for the Briefer Only:

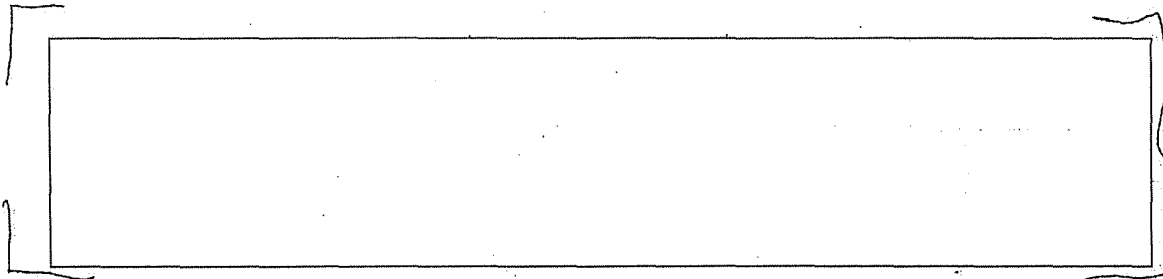
On June 1, Mr. Dogan's family notified the Embassy in Ankara that Furkan was aboard the Mavi Marmara. This information was passed to Embassy Tel Aviv. Consular officials in Tel Aviv sought to locate Mr. Dogan at the morgue and among detainees at the Ella prison, all the while seeking assistance from the Israeli Foreign Ministry. Before Mr. Dogan could be located, the media reported his death on June 2.

Born in Troy, NY, Mr. Dogan was 19 years old at the time of his death.

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Richter, Kim B

From: Parker, Andrew C  
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 7:12 AM  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Cc: Greene, Elisa; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria  
Subject: FW: Demarche on Free Gaza Flotilla (2).docx

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Hi Kim,  
Just wanted you to know the demarche will be delivered in an hour in Jerusalem. Susan Platt will be notetaker and will prepare a reporting cable. Post is not planning further streps but we will send an e-mail today to clear up some open items/arrests.

Andy

From: Sievers, Marc J  
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 11:54 AM  
To: Holmstrom, Todd C  
Cc: Cunningham, James B; Connelly, Maura; Parker, Andrew C  
Subject: RE: Demarche on Free Gaza Flotilla (2).docx

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Over the weekend I discussed this on the phone with MFA [redacted] and Consul General Andy Parker had several conversations with [redacted] MFA's consular affairs (CA A/S equivalent). [redacted] asked Andy to submit the requests for investigations into the death of Dogan and the wounding of [redacted] in writing so Andy sent him a letter, which was leaked by someone (not us, it almost certainly had to be someone at MFA) to Ha'aretz this morning. [redacted] told me our formal demarche should be delivered to DDG for North America [redacted] I have an appointment with [redacted] at 3:30 this afternoon. A consular officer will accompany me. We'll report the demarche front channel, but probably not until tomorrow.

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From: Holmstrom, Todd C  
Sent: Saturday, June 05, 2010 2:36 AM  
To: Sievers, Marc J  
Cc: Cunningham, James B; Connelly, Maura  
Subject: FW: Demarche on Free Gaza Flotilla (2).docx

Marc, P delivered this today to Amb Oren. Please also deliver at a comparable level there.

From: Catalano, Elisa  
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 5:54 PM  
To: Reisser, Wesley J; Richter, Kim B; Walker, Carolee B; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; CA-Staffers Mailbox; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL  
Cc: Holmstrom, Todd C  
Subject: Demarche on Free Gaza Flotilla (2).docx

P and Dennis Ross talked; there is an edit in the attached. With that, it can crosshatch.



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- 1. NAME: [REDACTED]
- 2. SEX: [REDACTED]
- 3. DPOB: [REDACTED]
- 4. PASSPORT: [REDACTED]
- 5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: None.  
USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: U.S.A.  
NATIONALITY OF PASSPORT USED TO ENTER COUNTRY OF ARREST: U.S.
- 6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
- 7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: May 31, 2010, Givon Detention Center, Ramleh
- 8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: [REDACTED]
- 9. CHARGES: Unknown.
- 10. PLACE OF DETENTION: Givon Immigration Detention Center, Ramleh
- 11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deported
- 12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: N/A

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13. POSSIBLE SENTENCE: Deportation

14. ATTORNEY: Subject requested that the Embassy contact Attorney Gaby Lasky to notify her of subject's arrest and to relay that he is interested in engaging her services. On 06/02/10, Conasat spoke with Attorney Lasky, who subsequently had contact with subject prior to his departure on June 4 to Istanbul.

15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: On 06/01/10, subject signed a full PAW.

16. NOK: [REDACTED]

17. NOTIFICATION: On 05/31/10, Post was notified about subject's arrest by the MFA.

18. ACCESS: On 06/01/10, Consul General visited subject at the Givon Immigration Detention Center, Ramleh. First visit and only visit.

19. OTHER AMERICANS ARRESTED: Yes. Eleven other Amcits from the Gaza Freedom Flotilla were arrested as the ships docked in Ashdod, Israel, on 05/31/10 (see septels).

20. MISTREATMENT: [REDACTED]

21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: Suitcase was left on the vessel. A credit card that had remained in his possession until confiscated by GOI authorities was subsequently obtained by Post and returned to [REDACTED] by mail.

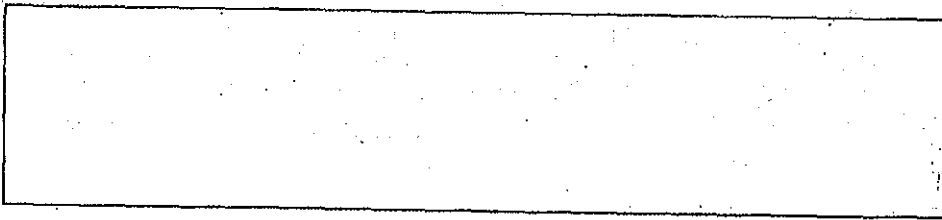
22. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS: Released without judicial proceedings.

23. EMDA: N/A

24. REMARKS: [REDACTED]

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From: Parker, Andrew C  
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 10:29 AM  
To: Richter, Kim B; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Reisser, Wesley J; Appleton, Richard H; Belancourt, Edward A; Hooke, Kathleen H; Goldberger, Thomas H; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Holmstrom, Todd C; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul)  
Cc: Greene, Elisa; Zuckerman, Eve; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Tanus, George; Plott, Susan M  
Subject: Personal effects of flotilla Amclts

We were told by multiple contacts at the Israeli MFA this week that all personal property was removed from the vessels by the IDF. Almost all of the property of the approximately 700 travelers was returned to Turkey by the GOI on the early morning of June 4. We were told that the effects of possibly twenty people were not sent to Turkey, but according to the MFA officer dealing with this issue, he did not "believe" it belonged to any American citizens. We could possibly find out if they determined that this belonged to Israeli and Palestinians on board, or to Arabs-nation citizens who departed through Allenby, or was not forwarded for some other reason. We simply do not know about that limited amount. The bigger question relates to electronics. All items such as laptops that the Israelis became aware of, they confiscated. To the best of our knowledge, these effects are still in their possession. Our MFA contact said the GOI has not yet decided what they will do with such items. We will continue to follow up on the disposition of these items and request that a procedure be spelled out for American citizens to request the return of such items.

Andy

Andrew C. Parker  
Consul General  
U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv  
Tel: 972-3-519-7671  
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From: Richter, Kim B  
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 5:13 PM  
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Reisser, Wesley J; Parker, Andrew C; Appleton, Richard H; Belancourt, Edward A; Hooke, Kathleen H; Goldberger, Thomas H; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria  
Cc: Greene, Elisa  
Subject: RE:

From Tel Aviv:  
From: Greene, Elisa  
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2010 10:06 AM  
To: Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Richter, Kim B  
Cc: Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Plott, Susan M; Parker, Andrew C; Zuckerman, Eve; Tanus, George; Towry, Debra J  
Subject: missing personal belongings of Amclts on the flotilla ships

Dear Susan:  
This is in regards to your phone call to Eve Zuckerman this morning, requesting that we verify with the MFA further information regarding the personal belongings that were sent to Turkey, and if there was more than one shipment.

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We've checked with the MFA. They advised that the IDF removed all personal belongings from all six of the flotilla ships. The MFA has no knowledge of the GOI losing any items; if there are missing items, they surmised that the items may have been thrown overboard prior to/during the IDF boarding of the ships. As far as the MFA is aware, the GOI sent 2 containers to Istanbul, on either 03 or 04 June 2010—they would check the exact date and would advise (it was on the same date that the two GOI airplanes returned to Turkey). Only personal items were sent in the containers. All electrical devices (magnetic medium) were confiscated and the GOI has not yet decided if they will return the items to the owners.

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MFA has possession of [redacted] credit card, which was left at Givon Detention Center. We will have our driver pick up the credit card from the MFA today. We will then be in touch with [redacted] to advise him that we have possession of his credit card. (b)(6)

Regarding the credit cards that [redacted] claims were used in Israel without her authorization, [redacted] has since cancelled her credit cards. We have requested [redacted] forward us a copy of her credit card statements and a written complaint; we will then forward these to both Israel Prison Authorities and Israel National Police, as per MFA instructions. (b)(6)

We will continue to be in touch directly with [redacted] (who is currently in our/JRSM's consular districts), with [redacted] (concerning his found credit card), and with [redacted] regarding her stolen credit cards. (b)(6)

Kim, if you could please be in touch with the other Amcits who have contacted you directly regarding their property, we would appreciate it.

Thanks, ellsa

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2010 10:11 AM  
**To:** Richter, Kim B; Reisser, Wesley J; Parker, Andrew C; Appleton, Richard H; Betancourt, Edward A; Hooke, Kathleen H; Goldberger, Thomas H; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria  
**Subject:** RE:

[redacted] thinks there's more still in Ashdod. Andy, is that true? (b)(6)

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**From:** Richter, Kim B.  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2010 10:10 AM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Reisser, Wesley J; Parker, Andrew C; Appleton, Richard H; Betancourt, Edward A; Hooke, Kathleen H; Goldberger, Thomas H; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria  
**Subject:** RE:

The personal possessions are in Turkey and ConGen Istanbul is working to help participants get their property back.

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2010 10:07 AM  
**To:** Reisser, Wesley J; Parker, Andrew C; Appleton, Richard H; Betancourt, Edward A; Hooke, Kathleen H; Richter, Kim B; Goldberger, Thomas H; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria  
**Subject:**

[redacted] is available to meet Monday. She will deliver a letter to Secretary Clinton that will include the following requests to the USG: (b)(6)

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- Work with the EU to develop a regime to inspect ships headed for Gaza.
- Work to return the personal possessions of the Free Gaza folks from the boats — she thinks most of the luggage is still on the ships at Ashdod
  - o (note: conoffs aren't authorized to take custody of the effects of a living Amcit...but that doesn't mean we can't be on hand to make sure the GOI retrieves everything possible)
- Release of a statement condemning the "murder" of a USC, and a USG investigation

We can meet in Michele Bond's office, here at SA-29. I'm free at 10, 12 and 1. We'd like NEA/IR representation and if any attorneys want to attend, that would be swell.

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From: Zeroubavely, Sandra S  
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 5:04 AM  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Cc: Greene, Elisa  
Subject: RE: last question for today on the free gaza

Kim,

According to Rachel Shani, MFA, they are considered as déportées - will be banned from entering Israel for ten years, and will have to file an entry request at an Israeli Embassy/Consulate should they wish to visit Israel in the future. At that time each application will be reviewed individually.

Sandra

From: Richter, Kim B  
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2010 7:10 PM  
To: Zeroubavely, Sandra S  
Subject: FW: last question for today on the free gaza

Is there anyway to check on this? We may get questions at some point so it would be good to know.

Thanks.

From: Zuckerman, Eve  
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 5:21 AM  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Cc: Greene, Elisa  
Subject: RE: last question for today on the free gaza

MFA advised that although there was no court order or issuance of a deportation order by the court, MFA believes the passengers are considered as déportees. However, we were advised to check with either Rachel Shani or Daniel Agranov upon their return from vacation. MFA believes that Rachel Shani will be back tomorrow - not certain. We'll try to reach her tomorrow to get verification.

From: Greene, Elisa  
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 12:02 PM  
To: Zuckerman, Eve  
Cc: Richter, Kim B  
Subject: FW: last question for today on the free gaza

Eve, could you please advise? Txs, elisa

Elisa Greene Chief, American Citizen Services U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv, Israel

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From: Richter, Kim B  
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 9:02 PM  
To: Greene, Elisa  
Subject: last question for today on the free gaza

Were they deported (and do they have a ten year ban?) We met with [redacted]  
[redacted] former FSO - and she didn't get anything stamped in her ppt and she was wondering.

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Thanks.

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 2:10 PM

To: Richter, Kim B

Subject: Re: Update on lost luggage and electronic equipment

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Kim,

As you know all the electronics taken from crew/passengers on Challenger were listed by IDF in detail, placed in plastic bags - a separate bag for each person - and numbered on an attached strip of duct tape. My number was 17 which was also placed on my rucksack and carryon bags. If the Israeli authorities checked with the IDF aboard the ship perhaps they could learn who received luggage from them.

Thanks.

[Redacted]

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

From: Richter, Kim B <RichterKB@state.gov>

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Cc: Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul) <AbeytaSK@state.gov>; Greene, Elisa <GreeneE@state.gov>; Zeroubavely, Sandra S <zeroubavelyss@state.gov>; Cross, Lisa T (Istanbul) <CrossLT@state.gov>; Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul) <GisvoldLC@state.gov>

Sent: Wed, Jun 30, 2010 5:21 am

Subject: Update on lost luggage and electronic equipment

The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv has contacted the Government of Israel regarding your belongings and we have been told that they are working on releasing the electronic equipment to the various embassies. As soon as we have more information, we will let you know.

The Israeli authorities claim that they have no additional personal property.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me and I will try to assist you.

Regards,

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Richter, Kim B

From: Reisser, Wesley J  
Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2010 9:25 AM  
To: Marsh, Denise M; Richter, Kim B  
Subject: FW: (AP) Israel keeping flotilla ships until inquiry ends

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Just in case this gets raised again...

From: Schwedt, Mirjam  
Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2010 9:20 AM  
To: NEA-IPA-DL  
Cc: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL  
Subject: FW: (AP) Israel keeping flotilla ships until inquiry ends

From: Pearce, Jennifer  
Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2010 9:09 AM  
To: NEWS-NEA  
Cc: SES-O\_Shift-II  
Subject: (AP) Israel keeping flotilla ships until inquiry ends

JERUSALEM - Israel says it will hold on to the six ships that sought to break an Israeli blockade of Gaza at least until it completes its investigation into a deadly raid on one of the vessels. Israel towed the six boats to port days after naval commandos stormed the ships in May, killing nine Turkish activists on board the lead vessel. The bloodshed provoked an international outcry against Israel and forced it to ease its blockade.

Defense Ministry spokesman Shlomo Dror said "nothing will be done with these ships" until after the inquiry because commission members might want to inspect them.

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Richter, Kim B

From: Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2010 9:37 AM  
To: Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria M; Richter, Kim B; Mendel, Teresa S; Miller, Andrew T  
Subject: FW: Afternoon Key Cables, June 28, 2010.docx  
Attachments: Afternoon Key Cables, June 28, 2010.docx

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From: ca-staffers@mailbox  
Sent: Tuesday, July 06, 2010 3:08 PM  
To: CA-F0  
Subject: Afternoon Key Cables, June 28, 2010.docx

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CLASSIFIED BY: Douglas Silliman, Deputy Chief of Mission, State.  
EXEC. REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

1. (SBU) SUMMARY: International Humanitarian Help -- the organization better known by its acronym, IHH -- has published a report recording its version of what occurred on the "Gaza Peace Flotilla" intercepted by Israeli soldiers, leaving nine people dead. The English-language report is presumably based on the testimony of participants without input from the government of Israel. Predictably, the IHH finds Israel in violation of international law and accuses Israel of "terrorist" acts. The IHH also published an autopsy report which alleges the Israeli soldiers fired upon the ship from the air, and that the Israelis attempted to cover up their "crimes." The reports also state that lawyers in a number of countries intend to bring legal cases against the state of Israel to the International Criminal Court on behalf of the participants in the flotilla. END SUMMARY.

2. (SBU) The IHH drew the Embassy's attention via fax to the publication of its report on the 31 May confrontation between the Israeli army and the "Gaza Peace Flotilla" and to a report detailing the results of a secondary autopsy performed in Turkey on the bodies of the nine activists killed in the operation. Most of the contents of the primary report is unsourced, presumably derived from testimony by the survivors without input from the Israeli government. The doctors who conducted the autopsy claimed that because the bodies of the deceased had been washed and subjected to chemical treatment against decay, certain details of the victims' deaths -- such as the distance from which weapons were fired -- are indeterminate. However, it claims that the "high angle" from which the bullets entered "most" of the bodies indicates the soldiers were in the air when they fired. The report also claims that the

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bodies' having been washed is "clear" proof that the Israeli government intended to destroy evidence.

Furkan Dogan

3. The main report continues to claim Furkan Dogan -- the American citizen who was killed in the incident -- as a Turkish citizen from Kayseri. The autopsy also notes that he was hit by five bullets, and that the damage done to Mr. Dogan's face indicates that those two bullets were fired at close range. The report assesses the range from which the two bullets in his torso struck him was indeterminate because his body had been washed and his clothes were bloodsoaked. A fifth bullet damaged one of his feet. The entry and exit points for the bullets in Mr. Dogan's body do not appear to be consistent with the "high angle" allegation of the report.

### General Allegations of the Report

4. (SBU) The primary report declares in its introduction and conclusions that the Israeli government conducted a "terrorist attack" against the flotilla, subjected the survivors -- especially the wounded -- to "physical and psychological torture," attempted to provoke the survivors to violence once in custody on Israeli soil, and had "stolen" personal property of the activists. The authors of the report claim that after Israeli ships attempted to engage the Mavi Marmara -- the flagship of the flotilla -- with grappling irons, Israeli soldiers descended upon the ship from

helicopters, simultaneously firing percussion or gas bombs, automatic weapons, and an indeterminate "high frequency, intermittent" weapon. The report claims that "participants saw the Israeli soldiers firing real bullets as they came down from the upper floors of the ship," at which point the passengers began to resist with random objects at hand. According to the report, three soldiers were subdued and their weapons taken from them and dropped into the sea. IHH head Bulent Yildirim claims he announced over the ship's loudspeakers that the passengers should stop fighting, and that he himself waved a white shirt to indicate the ship's surrender. However, according to the report, Israeli soldiers resumed firing upon the occupants of the ship during the transfer of wounded to Israeli ships for medical treatment.

5. (SBU) Under the category of torture, the report cites exposure to elements and "inhumane" conditions, invasive searches, verbal and physical assaults while under detention, and sleep deprivation. The Mavi Marmara passengers were forced to kneel on the ship's deck while it was transported to Israel, all the while subjected to the wind and seaspray churned up by the blades of hovering helicopters.

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After being transferred to the ship's lounge, the activists complained that the room was overcrowded and inhumane hot and humid. The group then complained that the automobiles in which they were transferred to Beerheva Prison were air conditioned to "cold-storage" degrees. All the while, the detainees were, according to the report, kicked, struck with weapons, and verbally assaulted, with intent to "provoke" them. The activists complain of continual searches; repeated interrogation (with the results being handed directly over to Israel's internal intelligence service, Shabak); and hourly questioning in prison, amounting to sleep deprivation. The report claims the detained activists were also pressured to sign documents saying that they had arrived in Israel without permission, and that they repeatedly refused to do so until a record of their having been brought to Israel against their will was included in the documentation. While allegedly the Israeli authorities claimed they would return personal belongings to the detainees, the report claims that all that was returned were empty suitcases and broken electronics equipment. Some claimed the loss of "large sums of money," while others that their credit cards and cell phones have been used since their confiscation.

### Some Contradictions

6. (SBU) The report claims that, upon first contact, the captain of the Mavi Marmara repeatedly told Israeli ships via radio that the ship was "taking humanitarian aid on the ship to Gaza," establishing clear intent to try and break the embargo. The report also notes that the "authorities" on the ship told the activists to put on life jackets in anticipation of "a possible Israeli attack," suggesting awareness beforehand of Israeli warnings that the flotilla would be boarded. The allegation that "many participants reported that large sums of money had been seized by the Israelis" may strengthen the Israeli argument that the ship was intending to deliver financial aid in addition to material aid to Gaza. The autopsy report alleges that "most" of the dead had been fired upon from above, whereas in fact only two or three of the bodies appeared to have wounds that would support such a theory. The report also argues that the Israelis fired upon the ship "with intent to kill" not to disable, contradicted later by the statement that many of the wounded had wounds to their arms and legs, not to their torsos.

### Comment

7. (C) The report, though incendiary in style, does not tread any new ground. There is little in the report to cause public uproar, as previous press reports and interviews with the survivors were far more lurid and sensational. Indeed, the GOC's own Press and Information Bureau already has issued a DVD that is far more heavy-handed. The IHH report also stays politically neutral, not calling upon the government of Turkey to take action and explicitly identifying the flotilla as "completely civilian in nature." It also restates that the Mavi Marmara was actually a Comoros-flagged

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ship -- although recent reports dispute whether this registration was completed in time before the vessel set sail.  
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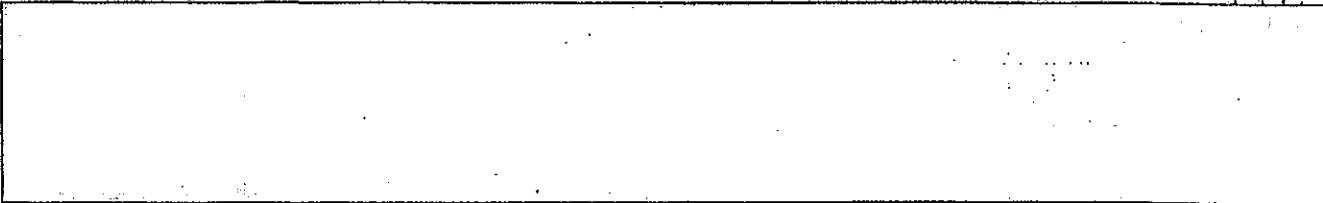
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From: Parker, Andrew C  
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2010 9:40 AM  
To: Reisser, Wesley J  
Cc: Goldberger, Thomas H; Greene, Elisa; Richter, Kim B  
Subject: consular items

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Corrie investigation report



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Flotilla personal property

MFA met with MOD, IDF and INP to discuss return of electronic items seized from flotilla participants. They are working on a plan to return items (which -ugh- may be through the respective embassies). A number of items are not matched with a particular person, despite the receipts ostensibly given to each person whose items were taken. They have lists from us and other embassies identifying many of the missing items.

Also, Turkey returned to the Israelis a number of personal effects which were not claimed in Turkey and did not appear to belong to Turks. The GOI is still figuring out how they can best match these items up with the rightful owners.

We learned earlier this week that the INP advice to [redacted] whose credit card and cell phone were used after they had been seized by the GOI, was that they should report loss/unauthorized use to their credit card and phone service providers and seek reimbursement through them. The INP does not intend to investigate further.

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From: Richter, Kim B  
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2010 9:33 AM  
Subject: RE: Update on lost luggage and electronic equipment

The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv was again in contact with Israeli authorities regarding your electronic equipment and they continue to work on a plan to return the items to the respective owners. As soon as I have more, I will let you know.

Regards,

Kim Richter

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**From:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**To:** Richter, Kim B  
**Subject:** FW: Rachel Corrie -- FYI from Dublin  
**Sent:** 7/20/2010 10:07:30 AM  
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**From:** Hackworth, Jason K  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2010 9:42 AM  
**To:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Subject:** Rachel Corrie -- FYI from Dublin

**Flotilla Boat to Be Released**

(U) An Irish-owned ship that took part in the flotilla attempt to break the blockade of Gaza should be released within the next two weeks. The Rachel Corrie is the only remaining ship held by Israel. The ship's first mate, Derek Graham, was informed by authorities at the Port of Ashdod of the procedures necessary to return the ship. Irish activists aboard the ship during its first attempt to break the blockade are now planning for another try in the next few months.

(SBU) Comment: Irish public opinion is strongly in favor of ending the Gaza blockade of Gaza. Many Irish tend to view the Israel/Palestine situation through their own troubled history with the British, siding philosophically with the Palestinians. End comment.

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From: Zuckerman, Eve  
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 9:31 AM  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: Richter, Kim B  
Subject: FW: Update on lost luggage and electronic equipment

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Dear [redacted],

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Sorry for the delay in responding. Please be advised that we have repeatedly raised the specific cases of missing items belonging to Americans from the Flotilla with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Ministry has acknowledged that it is aware of the property issues and has told us that it has raised this matter with other involved parties. To the best of our knowledge, no decisions have been made on the release of the electronic equipment and we have been told by the Ministry they have no knowledge on other personal effects being held in Israel.

We continue to follow up with the Ministry for updates regarding the electronics, and will, of course, contact you should any decisions be reached.

Sincerely,

Eve Zuckerman  
Consular Assistant  
US Embassy, Tel Aviv

From: [redacted]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2010 4:41 PM  
To: Richter, Kim B; Zuckerman, Eve  
Subject: Re: Update on lost luggage and electronic equipment

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Dear Kim, Eve,

I hope this note finds you both well.

I did not hear back from either of you so I am resending the note that I sent on August 9. An update / information on the points mentioned below would be much appreciated.

Thank you.

[redacted]  
On Mon, Aug 9, 2010 at 9:43 PM,  
wrote:  
Dear Kim, Eve

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I appreciate this update, but I would like to ask more specifically what the US Embassy in Tel Aviv and the US State Department has been doing to press the Israelis for more than this?

It is NOT true that the Israelis sent everything but electronic equipment to Turkey. I have been to the IHH warehouse in Istanbul. I found one of three bags of mine and it was practically empty. It only had two shirts and some undergarments in it.

It's been two and a half months already. From the first week that I was released I have been hearing that the Israelis promise to release our belongings soon. As you have probably heard, there is evidence that Israeli authorities stole documents from my computer and handed them over to some disreputable NGO for propaganda purposes. This combined with the fact that I have been without my laptop from which I do all my work for almost 10 weeks already is indefensible. For this, and for all the property (some of which is irreplaceable) that is still missing, the US should be demanding compensation from Israel for US victims (not to mention the measures we expect the US government to take to ensure justice for the family of Furkan Dugan.)

I apologize if you are putting this pressure on the Israelis and we are just not hearing about it. However, the lack of results makes my colleagues and I believe that this is not the case. We saw how as a result of pressure from the Turkish government, the Turkish vessels have been released. The Greek government reports that they have also secured agreement for the release of the Greek vessels. What about the Challenger I, an American-owned and flagged vessel?

Also, in mid-June the Center for Constitutional Rights send to the State Department a letter requesting that the US government demand that Israel turn over to a neutral body our electronic equipment, which contain important information regarding the events of 31 May 2010. We have not seen any kind of response or noticed any action by the US government. What has the US government done to ensure that this evidence, which has been in Israel's sole possession for the past nine weeks is safeguarded?

An update from you as to all of the above would be highly appreciated.

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Thank you.

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On Wed, Jun 30, 2010 at 3:21 PM, Richter, Kim B <RichterKB@state.gov> wrote:

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The Israeli authorities claim that they have no additional personal property.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me and I will try to assist you.

Regards,

Kim Richter  
Department of State

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**From:** Gislvold, Lisa C (Istanbul)  
**To:** Greene, Elisa  
**CC:** Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Richter, Kim B; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Appleton, Richard H; Dayton, Win (Istanbul); Ertan, Leyla (Istanbul)  
**Subject:** Gaza flotilla and stolen computer issue  
**Sent:** 8/20/2010 3:41:08 AM

Elisa -- Greetings from Istanbul. I'm writing to share the recent Turkish media report that two Israeli soldiers are suspected of stealing computers from the Gaza aid flotilla. We are seeking your assistance in obtaining more information about these stolen computers. Perhaps they are the property of the American citizens, who participated in the flotilla? Many thanks for your help. Best regards, Lisa

Lisa Gislvold  
ACS Istanbul

Two Israeli soldiers are suspected of having stolen computers from the Gaza-bound aid flotilla that the navy intercepted in a deadly May 31 raid, Israeli media reported on Thursday. One soldier suspected of selling the computers was arrested on Monday, together with three other soldiers who bought the stolen goods. (Hurriyet Daily News)  
<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/n.php?n=two-israeli-soldiers-suspected-of-flotilla-theft-media-2010-08-19>

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 09, 2010 11:37 AM  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Richter, Kim B; Reisser, Wesley J; Nelson, Timothy (Tel Aviv); Appleton, Richard H  
**Subject:** RE: Status of Murder Investigation of US citizen Farrakhan Dogan on the Mavi Marmara?

Yep. How's this for a response to [redacted] Rich, sorry to bring you in at the end...

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Dear [redacted]

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 09, 2010 11:22 AM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Greene, Elisa; Richter, Kim B; Reisser, Wesley J; Nelson, Timothy (Tel Aviv)  
**Subject:** Re: Status of Murder Investigation of US citizen Farrakhan Dogan on the Mavi Marmara?

Investigation still ongoing. When I asked our MFA consular liaison by phone last week if anything had come to light that would cast any insight into Dogan's death she said she was not authorized to say anything because it is an ongoing investigation. I planned to press further next week when we plan to meet - if S visit does not interfere. We can also ask North American affairs. There is no US investigation - just our request to the Israelis to carry out a proper investigation of his death.

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**To:** Greene, Elisa; Parker, Andrew C; Richter, Kim B; Reisser, Wesley J  
**Sent:** Thu Sep 09 16:32:20 2010  
**Subject:** FW: Status of Murder Investigation of US citizen Farrakhan Dogan on the Mavi Marmara?

Elisa, Andy: Comments on the Israel investigation?  
Wes, Kim: On the UN investigation [redacted]

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 08, 2010 11:43 PM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Richter, Kim B  
**Subject:** Status of Murder Investigation of US citizen Farrakhan Dogan on the Mavi Marmara?

Hi Michelle and Kim,

I was wondering what you can tell us about the US investigation into the murder of US Citizen Farrakhan Dogan?

Have the Israelis been cooperative in any way?

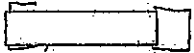
We hope that the film, digital images from the cameras of the passengers of the Mavi Marmara will help shed

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light on the circumstances of Farrakhan's death and the deaths of the other eight and the wounding of 50 others.



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List of Topics of consular interest for discussion with the MFA

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No MFA action requested at this time.

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What is the current status of the investigation of this incident?

Nothing new since June. MFA officials will send another request for an update.

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What is the status of this investigation?

[Redacted]

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Furkan Dogan:

Furkan Dogan (19 yrs old) was killed on the May 31, 2010 on the Gaza Flotilla (Mavi Marmara).

Status of case: On June 7, 2010, the USG delivered a demarche requesting a thorough, credible and transparent investigation of his death. On June 29, 2010, Andrew Parker forwarded a request to MFA

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CONS Yigal Tzarfati requesting assistance in obtaining photos taken of the remains, in particular photos showing entry and exit wounds caused by multiple shots to the head and body, and any written reports that describe the injuries.

We continue to await any report on this death. What is the status of the investigation?

MFA officials explained that it was too early to expect a report of the investigation. The investigation is under way and will take time. Regarding photos and autopsy, MFA advised that we contact Turkish officials and/or our colleagues in Turkey to request assistance in this regard.

MFA officials asked that we warn U.S. citizens not to participate in Pro-Hamas flotillas.

Flotilla Belongings:

- A. The Embassy was advised by [redacted] MFA, on August 23, 2010, that the GOI intends to send the electronic equipment, belonging to the flotilla passengers, to the foreign Embassies. To date, the Embassy has not received the equipment belonging to the Amcits;

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Can the MFA advise when these items will be returned and, for American citizens whose items are not among those to be returned, please advise any recourse available to those individuals who wish to make claims against the GOI.

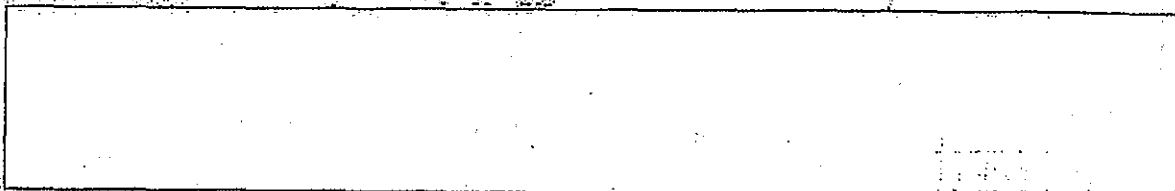
- B. The Embassy was advised by the MFA that on June 4, 2010 the personal belongings of the flotilla passengers were sent to Turkey. However, a number of American citizens who participated in the flotilla claim that they never received their items. They maintain that Turkish authorities returned some items to Israel.

Can you provide any information on remaining personal effects in GOI possession?

MFA Officials confirmed that the IDF has items to be returned to participants of the Flotilla. These items are mostly personal items and should be returned soon. Electronic items such as computers or intelligence devices are still under investigation and not part of the effects to be returned yet. MFA consular affairs section has in its possession a small package including a press ID card belonging to [redacted] ready to be returned. MFA officials confirmed that other personal effects were put back on the boat Mavi Marmara and sent back to Turkey.

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On September 15, 2010, the MFA sent a Dipl Note confirming that some documentation and personal effects equipment will be available for transfer next week.



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From: Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2010 1:13 PM  
To: [redacted]  
Cc: Reisser, Wesley J; Richter, Kim B  
Subject: FW: Status of Murder investigation of US citizen Farrakhan Dogan on the Mavi Marmara?

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Dear [redacted]

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My apologies in not answering sooner -- I wanted to make sure I had the latest information from Tel Aviv and Ankara. The Israeli and Turkish investigations into the death of Farkan Dogan are still underway, and our contacts in those governments have declined to comment on progress at this time. We regularly raise the issue with both the Israeli and Turkish governments, and have called on the Israelis to conduct a full and open investigation.

Best,  
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From: [redacted]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 08, 2010 11:43 PM  
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Richter, Kim B  
Subject: Status of Murder Investigation of US citizen Farrakhan Dogan on the Mavi Marmara?

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Hi Michelle and Kim,

I was wondering what you can tell us about the US investigation into the murder of US Citizen Farrakhan Dogan?

Have the Israelis been cooperative in any way?

We hope that the film, digital images from the cameras of the passengers of the Mavi Marmara will help shed light on the circumstances of Farrakhan's death and the deaths of the other eight and the wounding of 50 others.

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**From:** Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul)  
**To:** Richter, Kim B  
**CC:** Mendel, Teresa S; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Kantar, Ilyas (Istanbul)  
**Subject:** RE: Lost luggage and equipment  
**Sent:** 9/20/2010 2:31:05 AM

Kim - Thanks for the update from Tel Aviv. According to IHH contacts in Istanbul, the Mavi Marmara is currently docked in Iskenderun, which is located on the Mediterranean (near Adana). It was damaged and company that owns it is currently repairing it. IHH representatives have yet to board the boat but hope to travel there in the near future and confirm whether there are any containers on board. According to IHH contacts, Turkey has not returned any belongings to Israel. We will keep you posted and let you know if there is any property on the Mavi Marmara. Best, Lisa

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**From:** Richter, Kim B  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2010 3:35 PM  
**To:** Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul)  
**Cc:** Mendel, Teresa S  
**Subject:** RE: Lost luggage and equipment

Lisa,

Is there a way to check on this and to figure out what is going on? Did the Turks send back containers to Israel? And if so, have any containers come from Israel and can you check them?

Maybe it's Israel's way of saving face and they have put more of the luggage and personal belongings in the containers.

Thanks,

Kim

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**From:** Richter, Kim B  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2010 8:24 AM  
**To:** Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul)  
**Subject:** Lost luggage and equipment

FYI,

The MFA has sent Embassy Tel Aviv a Dip Note stating that the equipment will be available for transfer next week. The only other property they are aware of is a press ID card belonging to [redacted] which

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was locked in a safe and which they will also return next week. Any other personal effects that may have been returned by Turkey to Israel was put back on the Mavi Marmara and sent back to Turkey, according to MFA.

I know that you checked the personal effects and only found a few items that actually belonged to our Amelts. Just keeping you updated. I don't imagine whatever was sent back the second time is any different than the first group.

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**From:** Zuckerman, Eve  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 07, 2010 8:33 AM  
**To:** Richter, Kim B  
**Subject:** FW: flotilla

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Hi Kim,

See below. Andy will speak with someone higher up.

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 07, 2010 11:24 AM  
**To:** Zuckerman, Eve  
**Cc:** Greene, Elisa  
**Subject:** RE: flotilla

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**From:** Zuckerman, Eve  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 07, 2010 9:56 AM  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Cc:** Greene, Elisa  
**Subject:** FW: flotilla

Andy,

I have been trying to reach [redacted] for weeks. I have sent her e-mails and left messages on her phone. Yesterday, I actually managed to reach her, but she told me she would call me back because she was busy. She never called back. I must have tried calling her about 20 times yesterday. Kim has been e-mailing me every couple of days asking if we have an answer re the flotilla possessions. We also need to know if MFA has an answer from INP as to whether they can release the Atinsky report.

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Since Kim is asking if we speaker to a higher person, do you think you could call [redacted] and raise these issues?

Thanks. Eve

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**From:** Richter, Kim B  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 06, 2010 9:48 PM  
**To:** Zuckerman, Eve  
**Subject:** flotilla

Eve,

Any news?

I know they aren't open on Friday but can we ratchet it up on Tuesday -- to maybe a higher person?

Thanks.

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From: [redacted]  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Subject: RE: Filing a Report  
Sent: 10/20/2010 10:33:30 AM  
Kim,

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I spoke with Andy Parker about this and here are some points he raised, which you may wish to relay to [redacted] and any other Amcits who are asking about their belongings:

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- 1) Some of the belongings will be made available soon. These are the items currently being held by the Press Organization;
- 2) The GOI has already advised that the flotilla passengers should file personal insurance claims for any items not returned;
- 3) The GOI representative in the U.S. is the Israeli Embassy or Consulate closest to the individual's places of residence. They should probably be directing any reports of missing items to the Israeli legations in the U.S.

Let me know if you need anything additional.

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From: Richter, Kim B  
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2010 3:14 PM  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: FW: Filing a Report

[redacted]

Can you get me information to pass on to him?

From: [redacted]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2010 8:46 AM  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Subject: Re: Filing a Report

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Hi Kim,

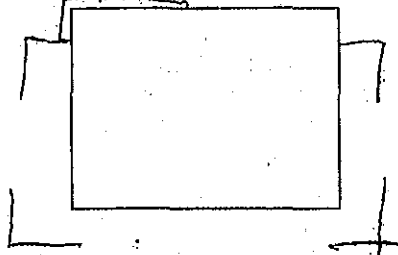
I would like to file a report for my missing equipment before the end of the week.

Please send me any forms I need to fill out, or connect me with whoever I should talk to so I can submit a report. If you aren't sure who I should file the report with, please assist me in finding out today.

It's been over 4 months since my equipment was taken, and clearly the equipment will not be returned. I feel as though it's reasonable to expect to be able to file a report for my stolen equipment at this point.

What steps do I need to take to file a report.

Thanks,



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From: Parker, Andrew C  
To: Richter, Kim B; Reisser, Wesley J  
CC: Greene, Elisa  
Subject: Congressional on flotilla  
Sent: 10/27/2010 8:26:30 AM

Kim/Wes,  
Some limited input for your response to [redacted] letter of Oct. 20:

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2. The Embassy (CONS) was in touch with the MFA situation room and with consular officials on May 31 as the flotilla vessels and passengers were being brought to Ashdod port. We urgently requested to have access as soon as possible. Due to experience with previous flotillas, we knew that access to our citizens at the Port of Ashdod would not be possible, so we did not deploy to the port as did several other embassies (who were also unsuccessful at getting entry). We were in ongoing communication with the MFA on May 31 and were told that all passengers (approximately 900 detainees) had to be processed and transported to a detention center before it would be possible to visit them. On May 31 at 16:40 we received a fax from the MFA informing us that visits with our citizens would be possible on the following day in coordination with the Israeli Prison Service. We immediately coordinated with the IPS and arranged for our consuls to visit our detainees at Ella Prison in Beersheva on the following morning. Mid-morning on June 1 we visited our detainees at Ella Prison and later that afternoon the CG visited [redacted] the lone hospitalized American, at the Givon prison hospital in Ramle.

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From our consular perspective, Israel fulfilled its responsibilities under the Vienna convention to allow consular access and communication with our detained citizens. At Ella Prison and at Givon, we were allowed to meet with our detainees outside the presence of the authorities, so they were free to speak with us as they wished.

3. As reported in Tel Aviv 001283, A/DCM conveyed our concern about the death of Furkan Dogan and the injuries sustained by [redacted] in a demarche to the MFA on June 7. At that time, we also expressed our concern at the serious injury to [redacted] also sustained on May 31. Although Tel Aviv 001251, the arrest reporting cable on [redacted] did note "visible bruise and scrape on forehead" we evaluated at the time that it did not rise to the level of a protest for mistreatment. He did not require medical treatment as of the time that he was visited by our consul on June 1 and he was able to depart the following day without further medical assistance. On the Embassy mistreatment form which he completed, he also protested mistreatment during interrogation, consisting of inadequate food and deprivation of sleep due to excessive noise.

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The Embassy periodically asks the MFA for further information on GOI investigations of the death of Furkan Dogan and the injury to [redacted]

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4. The Embassy has reported that the GOI says it has no property belonging to American citizens. All was returned to Turkey on the Mavi Marmara. Some was subsequently returned to Israel from Turkey and, according to the MFA, was again returned to Turkey. Concerning compensation, Israeli officials have suggested detainees could initiate insurance claims if they have insurance. The Embassy has

passed various itemized accounts of missing property to the MFA. Some electronic property is said to be available but has not yet been provided to us. We are actively pursuing the return of this property.

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**From:** Zuckerman, Eve  
**To:** Richter, Kim B  
**Subject:** RE: more flotilla property issues  
**Sent:** 12/1/2010 9:47:37 AM  
Hi Kim,

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Here's what the MFA advised at yesterday's meeting with the MFA -- attended by Andrew Parker and Elisa Greené:

MFA reps advised that any passengers aboard the Mavi Marmara with missing property should complain directly to the IHH. MFA has possession of a number of "small items" such as watches. The MFA legal department will shortly send a letter to all foreign Missions requesting they reach out to their nationals and identify these items. MFA further stated that all complaints regarding missing personal property should be directed towards the MOJ via a private attorney. MFA returned an id card for [redacted] We will reach out to her directly to return this to her.

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Thanks..Eve

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**From:** Zuckerman, Eve  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2010 8:09 AM  
**To:** Richter, Kim B  
**Subject:** RE: more flotilla property issues

Hi Kim,

I understand that we need to get some kind of closure on this matter -- otherwise it could drag on forever. I have asked Andy Parker to raise the issue with the MFA when he meets with them this week.

Normally, if a detainee/arrestee does not receive return of their property, they would file a complaint with the Israel Prison Service. However, this case is a little different, in as much as the property was confiscated by the IDF. According to the MFA, the IDF returned all the confiscated belongings to either the Press Organization or the Turkish Embassy. Anyway, let's see what Andy is able to find out from the MFA this week.

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**From:** Richter, Kim B  
**Sent:** Monday, November 29, 2010 7:03 PM  
**To:** Zuckerman, Eve  
**Subject:** more flotilla property issues

When someone is detained in Israel and/or arrested – what happens to their property? As in what they were wearing, their wallets, etc...

If that stuff goes missing after they are released – where would they complain or what would they do to get compensated? We need to try and get out of this flotilla property stuff but until our people have some satisfaction – it's not going to happen. Even if the GOI threw the stuff away – at least tell us that.

I just spoke to [redacted] and he said the Turkish people on the flotilla got their stuff back. I'm going (b)(6) to email Istanbul to see if that is the case.

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From: Zuckerman, Eve  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Subject: Flotilla belongings  
Sent: 12/3/2010 2:28:55 AM  
Kim,

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When Elisa and Andy were at the MFA on 11/30/10, they picked up [redacted] I.D. card. We have her I.D. card and some business cards belonging to her. Could you please ask her if she would like us to send them to her and if so, what is her mailing address?

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Thanks, Eve

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NEA Press Guidance  
December 16, 2010

**Israel: Furkan Dogan and Rachel Corrie**

Q: When was the last time that an official from the U.S. spoke to the Israelis about the death of an American citizen involved in the Free Gaza Flotilla?

- Our Embassy in Tel Aviv has been in frequent contact with the Government of Israel regarding their investigation, being conducted by the "Turler Commission" into the May 31 Mavi Marmara flotilla incident, including requesting additional information on the death of American citizen Furkan Dogan.
- In a discussion with Israeli authorities November 30, we were informed that further information regarding the circumstances of Mr. Dogan's would not be forthcoming until the Turler Commission has finished its overall inquiry into the incident. We will continue to follow this case closely.

IF ASKED about Rachel Corrie:

- The wrongful death lawsuit concerning American citizen Rachel Corrie is still ongoing in Israeli courts. The last two sessions -- scheduled for December 22, 2010 and January 3, 2011 -- have been cancelled due to a strike by Israeli prosecutors. We expect the court's work to resume after the strike is over.

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From: Bilts, Colin C. NR  
To: Greene, Elisa  
CC: Richter, Kim B.  
Subject: RE: Inquiry on Furkan Dogan / Possibly Rachel Corrie  
Sent: 12/20/2010 3:59:19 PM  
Elisa,

Here are the points that we used. Also, thank you for the introduction to Kim. I look forward to our work together!

NEA/ISRAEL: When was the last time that an official from the US spoke to the Israelis about the death of an AmCit involved in the Free Gaza Flotilla?

Dogan

- Our Embassy in Tel Aviv has been in constant contact with the Government of Israel regarding their investigation (n.b. "the Turkel Commission") into the May 31 Mavi Marmara flotilla incident, including requesting additional information on the death of American citizen Furkan Dogan.
- In a discussion with Israeli authorities November 30, we were informed that further information regarding the circumstances of Mr. Dogan's would not be forthcoming until the Turkel Commission has finished its overall inquiry into the incident. We will continue to follow this case closely.

Note: We anticipate the Turkel Commission will finish its report some time in January or early February (b)(5) of 2011, but this should not be cited to the press.

Also, any update on Rachel Corrie's case is also appreciated. PJ did not officially ask for an update on this, but did mention it in our discussion and I think we need to be prepared for both issues.



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From: Greene, Elisa  
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To: Ellts, Colin C  
Subject: RE: Inquiry on Furqan Dogan / Possibly Rachel Corrie

Can you please send us a copy so we can keep it for our records in the ACS systems for each of these cases? By the way, our CA/OCS/ACS desk officer, Kim Richter, is the in-house expert on these types of ACS cases. She is a good go-to person on cases that overlap ACS/IPA. At post, ACS is the go-to office when it comes to Amicit issues. Thanks, elisa

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From: Ellts, Colin C  
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 6:26 PM  
To: Levin, Jan  
Cc: Silverman, Robert J; Nelson, Timothy (Tel Aviv); Greene, Elisa  
Subject: RE: Inquiry on Furqan Dogan / Possibly Rachel Corrie

All,

Thank you very much for this information. I will put together some points and get it cleared by our office.

Best,

Colin Ellts

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From: Levin, Jan  
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 10:22 AM  
To: Ellts, Colin C  
Cc: Silverman, Robert J; Nelson, Timothy (Tel Aviv); Greene, Elisa  
Subject: FW: Inquiry on Furqan Dogan / Possibly Rachel Corrie



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Thanks,  
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**From:** Greene, Elisa  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 16, 2010 5:19 PM  
**To:** Levin, Jan; Silverman, Robert J  
**Cc:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Subject:** FW: Inquiry on Furkan Dogan / Possibly Rachel Corrie

Regarding Furkan Dogan:

Postreps met with MFA reps on 30 Nov 2010. Post requested a status report on the investigation into circumstances of the death of Furkan Dogan, an Amcit killed on the May 2010 flotilla aboard the Mavi Marmara. MFA reps stated that since the Turkel committee has not yet finished, they cannot provide any information about the investigation. MFA requested Post provide the GOI with a copy of Dogan's autopsy report conducted by the Government of Turkey. Post, however, stated that Post was not in a position to give the autopsy report to the MFA.

Please let me know via separate email if you need further information on either case. Thanks, elisa

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**From:** Greene, Elisa  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 16, 2010 11:47 AM  
**To:** Levin, Jan; Silverman, Robert J  
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry on Furkan Dogan / Possibly Rachel Corrie

Corrie: wrongful death lawsuit is still ongoing. The last two sessions, scheduled for 12/22/2010 and 1/3/2011, have been cancelled due to the prosecutor strike. Pending rescheduling after the strike is over.

Dogan: via separate email.

Txs, elisa

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**From:** Levin, Jan  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 16, 2010 6:38 AM  
**To:** Silverman, Robert J  
**Cc:** Greene, Elisa  
**Subject:** Fw: Inquiry on Furqan Dogan / Possibly Rachel Corrie

Hi, Elisa: Can you give us a quick update from the ACS perspective on these two cases? Thanks,  
Jan

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**From:** Elits, Colin C  
**To:** Levin, Jan; Nelson, Timothy (Tel Aviv); Lurie, Mike D  
**Sent:** Thu Dec 16 00:30:10 2010  
**Subject:** FW: Inquiry on Furqan Dogan / Possibly Rachel Corrie

Dear TA colleagues,

Do we have any new information on the Furqan Dogan or Rachel Corrie cases? See below. Do you have any recommendations on updated points for NEA Press?

Thank you,

Colin Elits

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**From:** Sutphin, Paul R  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 15, 2010 3:17 PM  
**To:** Buzbee, John R; Jacoby, Julia I; Elits, Colin C  
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry on Furqan Dogan / Possibly Rachel Corrie

One step forward....

The last update I saw on this case was in a memo for Bill Burns with Oren, if I recall. But we should run the traps with TA and CA on Dogan.

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**From:** Sayles, Ambrose G  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 15, 2010 1:41 PM  
**To:** Sutphin, Paul R; Buzbee, John R; Jacoby, Julia T; Eilts, Collin C  
**Cc:** Vasquez, Edgar J  
**Subject:** Inquiry on Furqan Dogan / Possibly Rachel Corrie

Hi IPA Team -

PJ has agreed to stand down on requiring additional guidance/points on Abdallah Abu Rahmah. However, he asks that we provide him with up to date points on what we are doing regarding Furqan Dogan. My last understanding of the situation is that we were following developments and that the case was proceeding through the Israeli system. Is this still the case? Can IPA provide a few points that NEA Press can work with moving forward? Also, any update on Rachel Corrie's case is also appreciated. PJ did not officially ask for an update on this, but did mention it in our discussion and I think we need to be prepared for both issues.

Thank you,  
Ambrose

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From: Zuckerman, Eve  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Subject: RE: Flotilla belongings  
Sent: 1/4/2011 8:06:54 AM  
Sounds like a good idea.

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From: Richter, Kim B  
Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 3:00 PM  
To: Zuckerman, Eve  
Subject: RE: Flotilla belongings

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From: Zuckerman, Eve  
Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 1:43 AM  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Subject: RE: Flotilla belongings

I will discuss with Elisa tomorrow. I'm still at a loss.

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From: Richter, Kim B  
Sent: Monday, January 03, 2011 6:29 PM  
To: Zuckerman, Eve  
Subject: Flotilla belongings

Any thoughts? Can we check with the Turkish Embassy in Tel Aviv or the GOI again? Is there any place they can go for redress?

From: Glaser, Stephen T. (Istanbul)  
Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2010 6:47 AM

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To: Richter, Kim B.  
Cc: Givold, Lisa C (Istanbul); Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul)  
Subject: FW: Letter

Kim:

Greetings from Istanbul. Regarding [redacted] email below, we want to respond in a meaningful and respectful way, but ACS Istanbul has done its due diligence on this case. We followed this issue up with the Istanbul Press Union, we had an ACS LES go there, and we made many phone calls following up on the camera issue. As ACS Chief Lisa Givold (who is currently on leave) wrote last to [redacted] his camera was not among those items received here in Istanbul.

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I'm not sure if we should direct him to the GOI or some other source, but we were hoping for some guidance from you on this, as we have exhausted our resources and followed up on this as much as possible. Thanks.  
Stephen.

ACS Istanbul

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From: [redacted]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2010 7:00 PM  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Cc: Givold, Lisa C (Istanbul); Mendel, Teresa S; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Appleton, Richard H; Glaser, Stephen T (Istanbul); Peksu, Pinar A (Istanbul); Ertan, Leyla (Istanbul); Sisi, Fatih; Brosius, Theodore A; Zuckerman, Eve; [redacted]  
Subject: Re: Letter

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Kim & Lisa,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas!  
Who do I contact to get this issue resolved?

[redacted]

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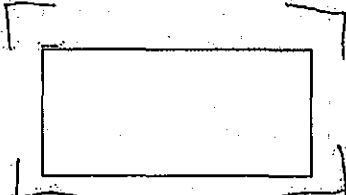
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On Dec 22, 2010, at 9:36 AM, [redacted] wrote:

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But they clearly haven't passed along all of the electronic equipment. They sent a picture of my camera, then sent everything *except* my camera. My laptop has not been located or returned either.

Who can I contact to get this resolved?



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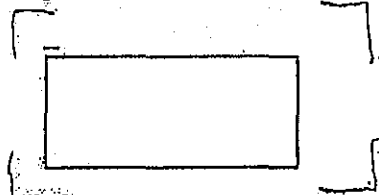
On Dec 22, 2010, at 9:28 AM, Richter, Kim B wrote:

The Government of Israel has said they have passed everything (the electronic equipment) to the Turkish Embassy in Tel Aviv. The Turkish Embassy has told our Embassy in Tel Aviv that it has sent everything to Turkey.

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 22, 2010 9:20 AM  
**To:** Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul)  
**Cc:** Richter, Kim B; Mendel, Teresa S; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Appleton, Richard H; Glaser, Stephen T (Istanbul); Peksu, Pinar A (Istanbul); Ertan, Leyla (Istanbul); Silli, Fatih; Brosius, Theodore A  
**Subject:** Re: Letter

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When has GOI indicated it will be delivered? Can they confirm that they still have it in their possession?



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On Dec 22, 2010, at 8:57 AM, Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul) wrote:

H[Redacted] Thanks for your message. Your camera was not part of the equipment received by the Istanbul Press Members Union recently. Best, Lisa

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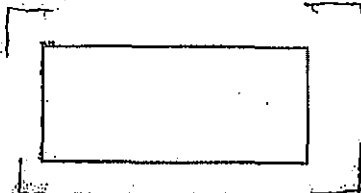
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**From:** [REDACTED] (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 22, 2010 1:31 PM  
**To:** Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul)  
**Cc:** Richter, Kim B; Mendel, Teresa S; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Glaser, Stephen T (Istanbul); Appleton, Richard H; Ertan, Leyla (Istanbul); Sisli, Fatih; Brosius, Theodore A; Peksu, Pinar A (Istanbul)  
**Subject:** Re: Letter

The photos I saw were taken by Israel? And not all of those items have been released to Turkey yet?

Surely an itemized list accompanied the equipment that has been released so far. Are you certain my camera wasn't part of that?



On Dec 22, 2010, at 3:44 AM, Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul) wrote:

Hi [REDACTED] Thanks for your message. We spoke again to the Istanbul Press Members Union this morning. They have not received all the equipment. For example in the inventory, there is a laptop listed but they never received it. They might receive additional equipment but they don't know if this is certain nor when it would arrive. There was not another Nikon camera in the shipment received. The other cameras are Sony cameras not Nikon. I'm sorry I don't have better news. Best, Lisa (b)(6)

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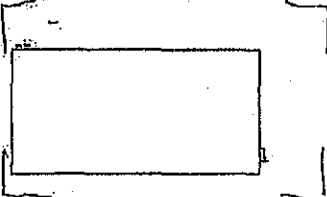
**From:** [REDACTED] (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 21, 2010 5:44 PM  
**To:** Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul)  
**Cc:** Richter, Kim B; Mendel, Teresa S; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Glaser, Stephen T (Istanbul); Appleton, Richard H; Ertan, Leyla (Istanbul); Sisli, Fatih; Brosius, Theodore A; Peksu, Pinar A (Istanbul)  
**Subject:** Re: Letter

Hi Lisa -

My Nikon d5000 camera was there at one point. I was sent a photograph of my camera along with its appropriate serial number - my telephoto lens as well - by Kim Richter

So it WAS there at one point. Where might it have gone? Was it sent to the wrong person... perhaps the person whose camera I have? How can it be retrieved?

Thank you for your timely response:



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On Dec 21, 2010, at 3:48 AM, Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul) wrote:

Hi [redacted] Thanks for your message. We called the Turkish Press Members Union in Istanbul and there aren't other Nikon cameras there. You can send that camera directly to the Turkish Press Members Union at the following address:

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Türkiye Gazeteciler Cemiyeti (Turkish Press Members Union)  
Türk Ocağı Cad. Başın Sarayı  
Kat:2. Cagaloglu, Istanbul

Also, the number listed on the FedEx envelope is the Istanbul Consulate's phone number - 90-212-335-9000.

Sorry that your camera was not the camera returned by the Israelis to the Turkish Press Members Union. Best regards, Lisa Gisvold

Lisa Gisvold  
American Citizen Services Chief  
US Consulate General  
Istanbul, Turkey  
90-212-335-9000

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**From:** Richter, Kim B  
**Sent:** Monday, December 20, 2010 3:51 PM  
**To:** Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter

Lisa,

Can you reach out to [redacted]?

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thanks.

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Sat, 12/18/2010 7:57 PM  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Subject: Re: Letter

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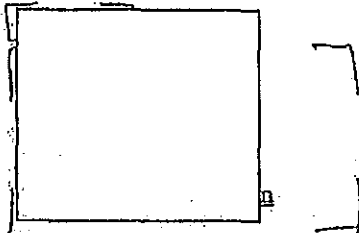
Kim,

The camera arrived, but it's the wrong camera.

Mine is a digital Nikon D5000, and this is a 1970s Nikon film camera. There must have been a mixup somewhere.

Who can I contact at the Istanbul Embassy? The phone number on the package was for the New York District Attorney...is that who I should work with?

Thanks for your effort thus far, hoping to resolve this soon and be off your back.



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On Dec 16, 2010, at 8:38 AM, Richter, Kim B wrote:

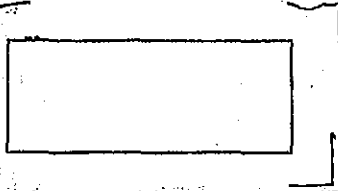
From Istanbul:

We are putting the items in the mail tomorrow morning via FedEx and it should take two working days. Scott should expect the items to arrive on Monday, December 20, 2011.

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 9:02 AM  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Subject: Re: Letter

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Thank you..



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On Dec 14, 2010, at 8:27 AM, Richter, Kim B wrote:

It's being mailed from Istanbul, Turkey. Let me forward your email and perhaps they can give you further info.

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 8:20 AM  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Subject: Re: Letter

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Where is it being mailed from? When can I anticipate seeing it?

Let me know if you need any other information from me.

[Redacted]

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On Dec 10, 2010, at 2:30 PM, Richter, Kim B wrote:

It appears to be the camera. Right now I have no information on the laptop.

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Fri 12/10/2010 11:25 AM  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Subject: Re: Letter

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[Redacted]

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For what? The camera, the laptop, or both?

Thanks.  
[Redacted]

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On Dec 10, 2010, at 11:17 AM, Richter, Kim B wrote:

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What is your address?

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Mon 11/29/2010 9:24 AM  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Subject: Re: Letter

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Any update on my camera and lens?

Any update on my laptop whereabouts?

Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving.

Thanks,  
[Redacted]

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On Nov 24, 2010, at 1:25 PM, [Redacted] wrote:

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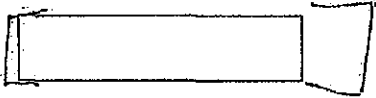
Any update on my camera and lens?

Any update on my laptop whereabouts?

Thanks,  
[Redacted]

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On Nov 18, 2010, at 3:20 PM, Richter, Kim B wrote:

No word right now on anything else. Still working on it. Right now they are in the possession of the Turkish Embassy in Tel Aviv. I will let our Embassy in Tel Aviv know and they will get them back. I'll be back in contact once we have your items.

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 8:10 AM  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Subject: Re: Letter

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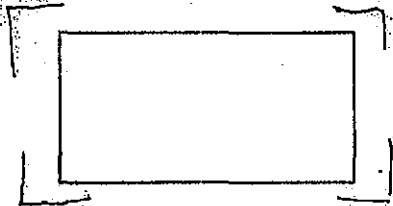
Yes, thank you.

Belonging to me:  
#47 Nikon Camera & Lens (SN 3413395)  
#52 Nikon Lens (SN 1812902)

Are they in your possession at this point, or Israel's?

They were both in a Lowe Pro "SlingShot" camera bag, and I had three 8GB SD cards in there as well.

Any word on laptops?



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On Nov 18, 2010, at 7:28 AM, Richter, Kim B wrote:



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I'm sorry to do this but can you take a look at any of this and let me know if any of it is yours?



From: [redacted]  
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 8:59 PM  
To: Richter, Kim B  
Subject: Re: Letter

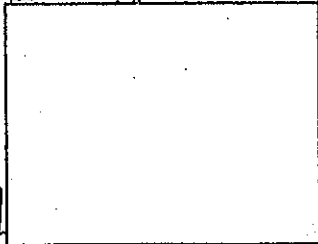
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Kim,

Thank you for that letter. Unfortunately it wasn't sufficient for my insurance company and they denied my claim.

What is being done about the equipment at this point?

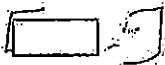
Thanks,



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On Oct 21, 2010, at 11:38 AM, Richter, Kim B wrote:



What about something like this?

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<equipment list - army.doc>



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United States Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

January 12, 2011

Dear Mr. Hamana:

Since June 2010, the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv has been requesting the return of Free Gaza Flotilla participant belongings from the Government of Israel. The Government of Israel claims that all the belongings, including electronic equipment, confiscated from those detained and deported individuals associated with the Free Gaza Flotilla were sent to Turkey.

We regret that some of your personal belongings have not been located, despite considerable effort. The U.S. Consulate General in Istanbul has worked diligently to find any of your confiscated personal items among the belongings returned by the Government of Israel. Please be assured as well that the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv has spent a considerable amount of effort and time engaging the Government of Israel on the question of your belongings.

If you wish to pursue this further, you may want to consult your insurance company or a lawyer in Israel regarding the loss of your belongings. The link to a list of lawyers on the U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv's website is <http://israel.usembassy.gov/lawyers.html>.

Please feel free to contact Kim Richter at (202) 647-8308 or [richterkb@state.gov](mailto:richterkb@state.gov) if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Michelle Bernier-Toth, Acting  
Managing Director  
Office of Overseas Citizens Services

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DAS Pettit's Meeting with Mr. Dogan  
Wednesday, February 23, 9:15 a.m., 45 minutes

CONTEXT

You are meeting with Mr. Ahmet Dogan, a Turkish citizen and father of U.S. citizen Furkan Dogan who was killed May 31, 2010, by Israeli security forces while participating in the Gaza Flotilla. At the time of his death, Furkan Dogan was also reported to be a Turkish citizen, but was, in fact, a Turkish permanent resident. (He renounced his Turkish citizenship on February 4, 2010). His highly publicized death drew immediate and intense media interest. Mr. Dogan requested a meeting with U.S. government officials to inquire about "his son's killing and to learn of the actions that the United States has taken or can take to assist in seeking justice and accountability for his son's death." Mr. Dogan is also interested in the State Department's efforts to gain the return of personal property seized by Israel, including a video camera that Furkan was alleged to have on the Flotilla. Embassy Ankara and ACS have responded to numerous requests from Mr. Dogan to address his questions and provide consular support, as appropriate. This meeting will provide the opportunity to listen to Mr. Dogan's concerns, clarify the role of the U.S. government, and underscore the consular services the Department routinely offers and has provided in this case.

Talking points for the meeting are attached.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER  
DATE/CASE ID: 18 NOV 2011 201004163

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### TALKING POINTS

- Please accept my condolences for your loss.
- The Department of State has no higher priority than the welfare of U.S. citizens overseas. When a death occurs, our role is to provide consular services to the immediate next-of-kin to ensure that the remains, belongings and estate are handled expeditiously, in accordance with local law.
- The Department of State does not, however, investigate deaths of U.S. citizens overseas—regardless of the circumstances leading to the death. We rely on local authorities to investigate deaths within their jurisdiction.
- The Embassy in Tel Aviv as well as the Department of State has requested that the Government of Israel undertake a thorough, credible, and transparent investigation and provide us with their findings. We have been in touch with all levels of the Government of Israel, most recently on February 15, and have been told that further information regarding Mr. Dogan's death would not be forthcoming until the Turkel Commission has finished its overall inquiry and released the information. They have not yet released all the information from their findings.
- We cannot speak to the finding of foreign governments, or the United Nations, regarding the circumstances of your son's tragic death.
  - *If pushed:* We would suggest you consider options for reviewing locally.
- Additionally, the Department of Justice is charged with investigations related to criminal or civil charges under U.S. law. Questions or concerns regarding a U.S. investigation may be directed to the Department of Justice.
- In your son's case, the Department has responded to your requests for information in a timely manner but we fully understand your frustration at the delay in issuance of the death certificate and subsequent Consular Report of Death Abroad (Note: The autopsy report was received on July 29, 2010, and a CRODA was issued to Mr. Dogan on September 23, 2010).
- We cannot comment about any specific findings or conclusions made in the Turkish autopsy. Under U.S. regulations, the CRODA is an administrative

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report to certify the local death certificate; it is not an independent assessment of cause of death.

- We have acted to assist you throughout the course of events following your son's death. We at the Department and at the Embassy will continue to provide all appropriate consular services.
- We will continue to inquire as to when any private property of U.S. citizens seized on the Flotilla will be returned, but we also encourage you to work through the local court systems or reach out to your own government to pursue this further.

#### PARTICIPANTS

##### Department of State

DAS Pettit (CA/OCS)  
Colleen Flood (CA/OCS/PRI)  
Kim Richter (CA/OCS/ACS/NESCA)

##### Dogan Family

Mr. Dogan  
Katherine Gallagher (attorney)  
Others TBD

##### Attachments:

Furkan Dogan Timeline

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## Furkan Dogan Timeline

- 5/31/10 POD = Int'l waters
- 6/3/10 Bodies arrive Istanbul from Israel. Funeral at Fatih Mosque. Dogan body loaded on plane for Kayseri  
CG Appleton calls dad at Ist Airport just after that. Express condolences and his availability any time  
Dad calls back to say US is doing nothing and what will USG do?
- 6/4/10 Funeral and burial in Kayseri
- 6/7/10 Embassy dip note to MFA asks for burial and death certificates; and the autopsy report. Ask to confirm Furkan Dogan's Turkish citizenship.
- 6/9/10 3:30pm Amb Jeffrey calls dad with information about developments. Amb reiterated "It is the responsibility of foreign authorities to determine cause of death and, when appropriate, conduct an investigation."
- 6/10/10 MFA dip note informs Embassy that Furkan Dogan renounced his Turkish citizenship on February 4, 2010.
- 6/14/10 MFA dip note provides Embassy with Furkan Dogan's residency permit, exit information [from seaport of Antalya on May 27, 2010 on his US ppt.] MFA also informs he is not listed as a dependent on his parents' passports.
- 7/22/10 CG Appleton texted a reponse to an Amcrt friend of Professor Dogan saying it is difficult legally to talk with the friend, that we still await all the documents requested of Turkish authorities, and that Mr. Dogan can always e-mail CG at provided e-mail address.
- 7/29/10 Amb Jeffrey to the press said we had not rec'd autopsy, burial or death records from Turkish authorities. MFA apologized for the delay.  
Dad called the POL Section Ankara to follow up on what he had seen in the press about the lack of an official report on his son  
Cons called dad to say autopsy report rec'd and we were reviewing it. Dad wants to know about the "start of a US investigation."
- 9/23/10 2:35pm Cons phone call to dad about the CRODA arriving by courier and noted his request for a US investigation with the standard language about same (see 6/9/10 entry).
- 9/30/10 Furkan Dogan's official autopsy report, our unofficial translation of the autopsy report, Furkan Dogan's official local death report, official CRODA sent to Andrew Parker (Tel Aviv) via email.
- 10/6/10 A law firm asks to discuss with CG Kilner in Istanbul the "unanswered petition" to DCM Silliman dated 9/7/10
- 10/7/10 Cons response to that letter said we rec'd the lawyer's letter and the firm's interest noted. [The lawyer represents IHH not the Dogan family then].
- 10/12/10 "Amcrt friend of the Dogan family" called Legatt once and Cons twice saying the family is not getting information on any US investigation of death.
- 2/9/11 Dad came for his tourist visa interview. Was very pleasant. Visiting Chicago friends and DC lawyers

*There is no Privacy Act Waiver. They have not returned the US ppt for proper cancellation and return to the family.*

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Approved: DAS Pettit -

Drafted: CA/OCS/ACS/EUR - J. Rush Marburg, ext. 7-4843

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From: Pettit, James D  
To: Schnier, David M; Riley, Robert J; Miller, Andrew T; Gregonis, Meghan E  
CC: Baily, Jess L; Mokhtarzada, Homeyra N; Baez, Alejandro X; Kaidanow, Tina S; Elits, Colin C; Richter, Kim B; Sutphin, Paul R; Flood, Colleen B  
Subject: READOUT of meeting with Prof. Dogan (Feb 23)  
Sent: 2/23/2011 11:41:25 AM  
(Please feel free to forward as necessary)

Participants:

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Jim Pettit (DAS for CA/OCS)  
Kim Richter (OCS/ACS/NESCA)  
Colleen Flood (OCS/PRI)  
Collin Elits (NEA/IPA)

Dogan Party

Prof. Ahmet Dogan  
Katherine Gallagher (attorney, Center for Constitutional Rights)  
Ugur Sevgili (attorney/interpreter)

Meeting was held at 10:00 am. In CA front office on Feb. 23, 2011.

I just want to share my general impressions -- others were taking notes. If addressees need more detail:

I expressed condolences to Prof. Dogan on the loss of his son. I told him that CA places a high priority on assisting the next-of-kin when a U.S. citizen dies abroad. He initially stated that he had no contact with the embassy after his son's body arrived in Turkey. I recounted dates and names of individuals from our embassy in Ankara (including the Ambassador) who were in touch with him in the first few days. He eventually qualified his initial assertion by stating that the embassy has not provided any information.

There were repeated calls for a USG investigation. I told them that the USG does not as a rule conduct investigations overseas, but must rely on local jurisdictions. In this instance, we were awaiting the findings of the UN SVG inquiry panel (Palmer Commission), which would be based on independent investigations of the Gaza Flotilla incident by the governments of both Turkey and Israel. It was queried as to why we did not accept the findings of the earlier UNHRC report and why the USG was critical of that report. I replied that we were seeking a more balanced and better informed

study, noting that the UNHRC's mandate had been somewhat unclear and the investigation a bit "rushed." (Alas, I had promised myself not to characterize any reports - but that reflects earlier statements by the USG. It would have been difficult not to answer at all.)

The meeting was generally friendly, although Ms. Gallagher got a bit aggressive with her questioning toward the end, asking who/when/how we engaged with the Israelis on this issue, whether we had asked for an apology, etc. My response was always "we're waiting for the UN report."

Ms. Gallagher also pressed on the autopsy report, saying that it clearly showed summary execution of protesters and of Furkan. I told her I had seen the autopsy report and agreed that it seemed to evidence gunshots at close range, but that the characterization of the cause of death being "summary execution" was a call that would have to be made by experts who could determine the context.

I apologized for the delay in issuance of a Consular Report of Death, explaining that such documents are issued on the basis of a death report issued by local authorities and not just on the autopsy report.

The group is meeting with DOJ later today. I did say that there were circumstances under which the USG (including the FBI) could and would assist in investigation of crimes against U.S. citizens overseas, but that whether this incident fell within those narrow parameters would have to be determined by DOJ.

Ms. Gallagher pointed out that the Israelis have yet to return the video camera taken from Furkan and insisted that this needed to be returned both because 1) it was the property of a deceased U.S. citizen and 2) it could have crucial evidentiary/forensic value to the ongoing investigation. I agreed and we committed to ask for an update from our embassy in Tel Aviv on efforts to locate and return this item.

I did make the point that we have been in frequent contact with the Israelis on this matter, most recently on February 15.

At the end of the meeting, I told Prof. Dogan that he was always entitled to a response when he asked for information from the Department or our posts and that he should let me know personally if he was not receiving requested information. At the same time, I pointed out that many previous inquiries on his behalf to our embassy in Ankara were made by third parties who had no clear relationship to him (citing the Privacy Act). I added that our consular staff in Ankara would be happy to meet with him upon request.

Let me know if you have questions. I'll be back in the office on March 1.

Jim

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**From:** Zeroubavely, Sandra S  
**To:** Richter, Kim B  
**Subject:** RE: Flotilla Property  
**Sent:** 3/8/2011 8:53:40 AM

Sorry I forgot to mention that I also asked how/whether we could receive a list/catalogue of the items taken from the other boats.

Sandra

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**From:** Richter, Kim B  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2011 3:06 PM  
**To:** Zeroubavely, Sandra S  
**Subject:** RE: Flotilla Property

Okay. Sorry to do this to you - but what happened to the other property. Only Dogan was on the Mavi Marmara - there were several other boats with Amelts, what happened to their stuff?

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**From:** Zeroubavely, Sandra S  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 08, 2011 5:02 AM  
**To:** Richter, Kim B  
**Subject:** RE: Flotilla Property

Kim,

According to our MFA contact, the catalogue contains only the property taken from the Mavi Marmara. Some of that property was handed over to the IDF and the rest to the Turkish Embassy.

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I sent an e-mail to our MFA contact asking whether we could receive the list/catalogue of items taken from the other boats. I will let you know when I receive a response.

Sandra  
**From:** Richter, Kim B  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 03, 2011 7:22 PM

To: Zeroubavely, Sandra S  
Subject: Flotilla Property

Sandra,

As you know I've been bugging Eve about this property stuff for months. It was both our understanding that all the items had been returned to the Turks - the property was sent back via containers and the electronics were given to the Turkish Embassy in Tel Aviv.

From your email though it sounds like the IDF still has some. Is there anyway to check if they have the following? This was taken from the file of pictures with Hebrew descriptions.

- 1) [redacted] Item #101: Sony camera. B6 (b)(6)
- 2) [redacted] Item # 37: Sony camcorder, listed as a hdv 1080, is a 25U. (b)(6)
- 3) [redacted] Item #101 - A DSC N1 SONY (SN 578260). (b)(6)
- 4) [redacted] Item #47 Nikon Camera & Lens (SN 3413395) and #52 Nikon Lens (SN 1812902). They were both in a Lowe Pro "SlingShot" camera bag along with three 8GB SD cards. (b)(6)

Can we confirm that not only the Mavi Mara property was returned to the Turks but all the property? There were several flotilla boats and to my understanding only one Amcit (Dogan) was on the Turkish boat. What happened to the items on the Challenger (a U.S. flagged ship) or the other boats. I can get their names of the other boats - that didn't come from Turkey.

Thanks and I'm sorry to continue to raise this. I thought it was over but once I saw your email saying that the IDF still had some equipment, it just opened the can of worms again.

Kim

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**From:** Zeroubavely, Sandra S  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 02, 2011 11:43 AM  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Subject:** Furkan Dogan's camera

Andy,

I contacted [redacted] He told me that he is in possession of a catalogue of more than a hundred cameras that were received from the Flotilla. According to Mr. Zaken, approximately half of the cameras in the catalogue have been identified and returned to their owners/families of their owners. The remainder have been handed over to the Turkish Embassy or are in the possession of the IDF.

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[redacted] will forward the catalogue to me for forwarding to Mr. Dogan's family, to assist in identifying the camera.

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel and has the honor to refer to the missing personal effects of American citizen Furkan Dogan, who was killed on the Mavi Marmara vessel during the Gaza flotilla on May 31, 2010.

According to the Mr. Dogan's father, Prof. Ahmet Dogan, there are several items belonging to his son that were not retrieved. The items include the following:

- 1) SONY-SX34E Camera (with external memory card);
- 2) NOKIA 58000 Xpress-Music Cellular Phone (IMEI: 351531040269911 (picture attached));
- 3) Silver Ring (picture attached);
- 4) Adidas Sports Shoes (Dark brown with hidden shoelaces)
- 5) White raincoat with hood;
- 6) Adidas black tracksuit bottom;
- 7) Black V-neck t-shirt.

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The embassy would appreciate the Ministry's aid in arranging for these items to be located and in facilitating their return as soon as is practicable.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,

Tel Aviv, April 15, 2011



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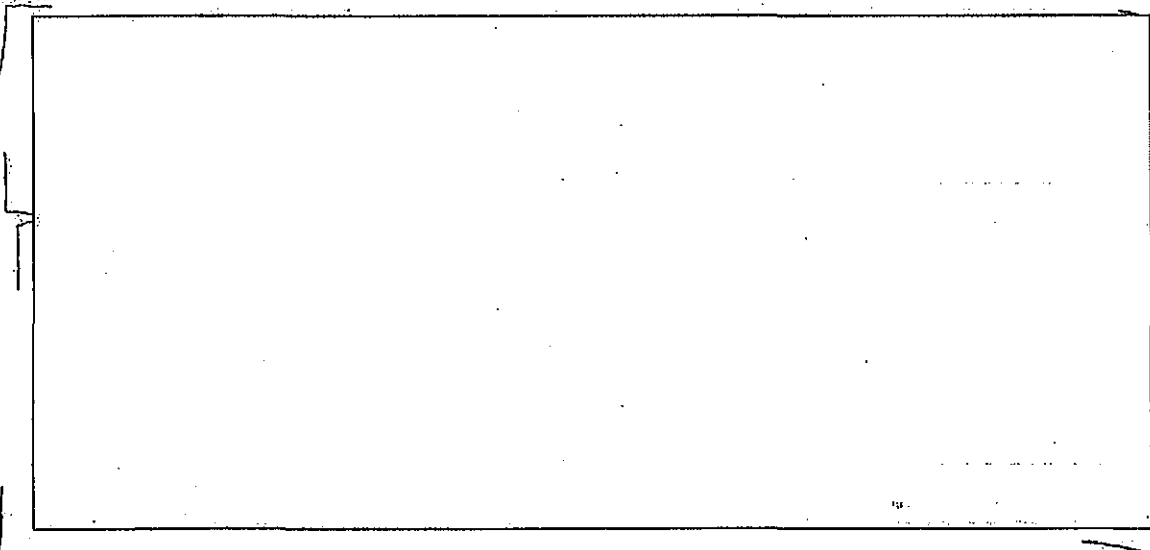


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 Subject: Update on Amolt Cases: CONS TLV Meets with MFA

**SUMMARY**

1 (SBU) The Consul General and ACS Chief met with Yigal Tzarfat, head of the Israel MFA Consular Affairs Bureau, his assistant Rachel Shani, and Political Officer Martin Reled for a follow-up meeting on May 3, 2011 regarding a range of ongoing ACS cases. END SUMMARY.



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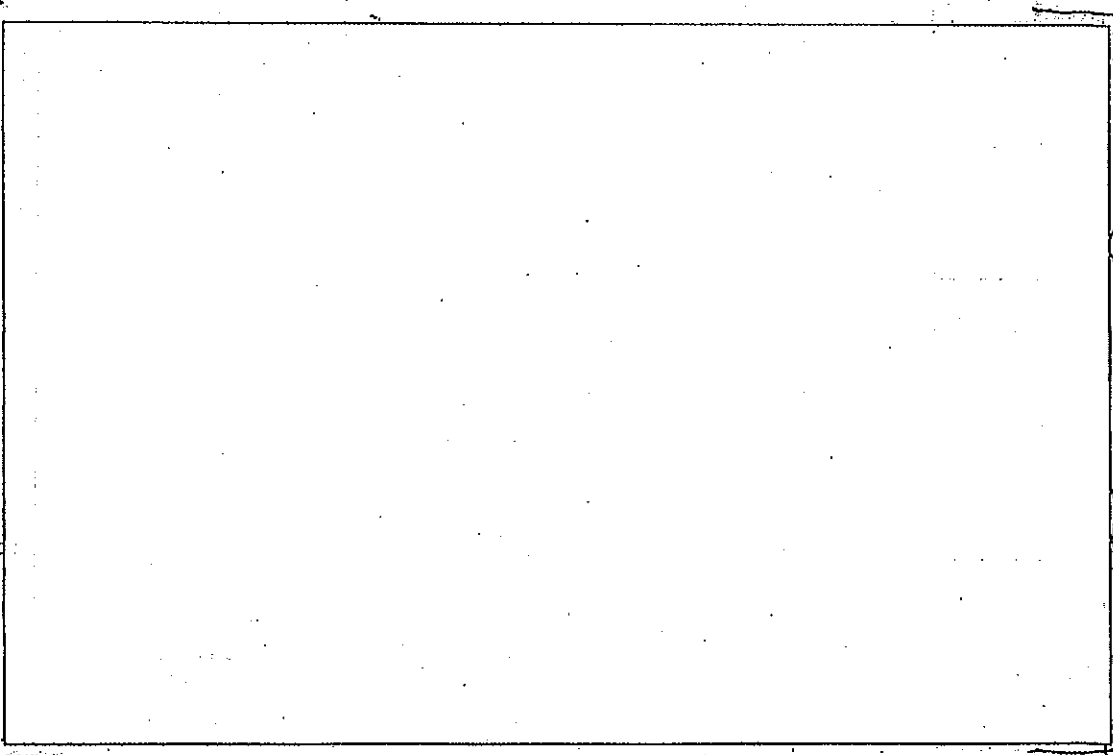
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**FLOTILLA UPDATES**

6. (SBU) Furkan Dogan: Post delivered a dipnote on April 27, 2011 regarding the missing personal effects of American citizen Furkan Dogan, who was killed on the Mavi Marmara vessel during the May 2010 Gaza flotilla. The dipnote included a list of 7 items belonging to the deceased that were not received by the next of kin, Prof. Ahmet Dogan. MFA confirmed the Note has been forwarded to the Ministry of Defense for further information.

7. (SBU) Property: According to the MFA, the catalogue received by Post contains only the property taken from the Mavi Marmara. Some of that property was handed over to the IDF and the rest to the Turkish Embassy. Post requested that the MFA determine if there are any items still in the possession of the IDF, and if so, when they will be released and to whom. MFA reps stated that the GOI sent three air shipping containers filled with personal property (but not electronics) to Turkey after the May 2010 flotilla. Two months ago, the GOT returned one shipping container filled with approximately 200 suitcases to Israel. MFA reps described the GOT's actions as "very bizarre" and requested that Post send a message to the GOT via Embassy Ankara asking why these items were returned. Additionally, the GOI removed non-personal items from the flotilla ships and is storing these items, which fill at least part of seven shipping containers which are stored at the Kishon building at the Ashdod Port, under IDF purview. MFA reps stated that the GOI is stumped on what to do with the confiscated ships and property in the shipping containers. COMMENT: [REDACTED]

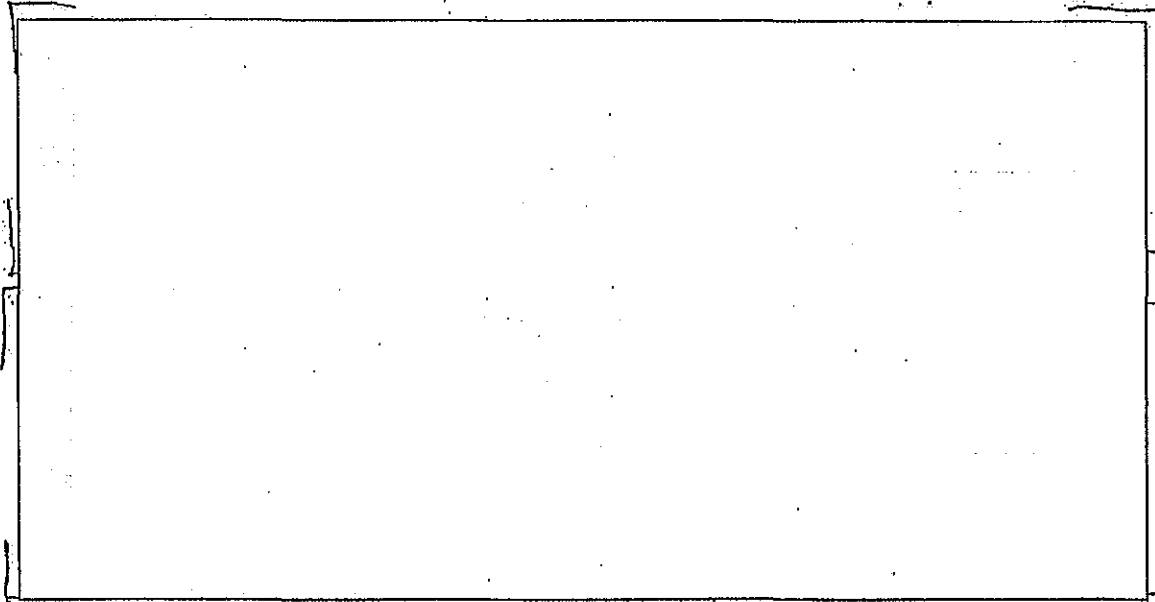
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8. (U) Future Flotillas: MFA had no updates on upcoming possible flotillas. MFA reps suggested the USG put out a travel alert requesting Amcifs not participate in future flotillas.



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11. (U) Post's meeting with MFA reps was insightful and productive. Post will continue to follow up on these cases.

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INFORMATION MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: CA – Janice L. Jacobs  
NEA – Jeffrey Feltman

SUBJECT: Update on Free Gaza Flotilla 2011

The Free Gaza Movement are again sending multiple ships to the Gaza Strip, and the Humanitarian Relief Foundation have partnered to send multiple ships to the Gaza Strip, some of which are already en route towards Gaza. Their aim is to draw attention to the Israeli "blockade" of the Gaza Strip and create a sea route for people and goods into Gaza in order to gain unrestricted international access. Approximately 10 passenger boats and cargo ships with 600 passengers and humanitarian relief supplies have left Turkey, Ireland, Greece and other European ports and are coordinating to meet off the coast of Cyprus and enter Gazan waters around May 30. Passengers on the boats include members of Parliament from several countries, human rights activists, journalists and other prominent members of society, including former U.S. Ambassador Edward Peck. [redacted] (b)(6) [redacted] was deported from Israel during the last Free Gaza mission, which consisted of a single ship trying to access Gaza in early July 2009. She is not expected to participate in the present mission.

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The Israeli Navy, in response to this planned sailing, has built temporary detention facilities at the Port of Ashdod to process passengers if the boats are interdicted and brought to Israel. According to press reports, the GOI plans to deport all foreign passengers and arrest any Israeli citizens, which would repeat the procedures employed during the last Free Gaza mission. At that time, all humanitarian supplies were transferred by the GOI to Gaza overland.

The U.S. Embassies in Tel Aviv and Cairo, as well as the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem are monitoring the situation and standing by to provide assistance to any U.S. citizens detained or turned away from Gaza.

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From: Walter, Anne S  
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To: Tel Aviv Americans; Tel Aviv FSNs  
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The BBC Panorama film "Death in the Mediterranean" about the Israeli capture of the Mavi Marmara, was broadcast Saturday night on Israel's First Channel "Seeing the World" program.

The entire film (24 mins.) can be watched on Youtube in 2 parts at the links below.

Panorama: Death in the Med - part 1  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0rL8sCicjI>

Panorama: Death in the Med - Part 2  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nfo91FQVr7M&feature=related>

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 Subject: FLOTILLA FACES POSSIBLE DELAY -- YNET  
 Categories: Working

YNET 10:11, 04:27:11

Report: New Gaza flotilla postponed

IHH claims delay due to Turkish elections in June, but reports cite trouble recruiting activists

Itamar Eichner

Pro-Palestinian activists organizing the next Gaza flotilla said Tuesday they are having a hard time recruiting activists, vessels and crew members.

Apparently many fear a confrontation with the Israeli naval commandoes after eight Turks and one Turkish-American died during an IDF raid last May onboard the Mavi Marmara, according to reports making their way to the political echelon in Jerusalem.

The sea convoy was set to sail to the Gaza Strip in late May, the first anniversary of the raid, but it could be delayed, partly because it clashes with Turkish election campaigning.

IHH officials, an Islamic aid group that operates the Mavi Marmara, announced they plan to postpone the flotilla until after the June 12 parliamentary elections.

IHH, which says it plans to send 100 to 150 people on the flotilla, is inclined to launch its ship after the vote for fear controversy could disrupt the election debate. The group communicates closely with the Turkish government, but says it does not need "permission" to send its boat to Gaza.

However recent reports claimed there is another reason for the delay: Many of the activists who signed up for the mission canceled after learning the flotilla is illegal and might lead to their arrest by Israel.

It also turns out the Turkish organizers have been largely unsuccessful in raising donations to fund the operation. Many ship owners refused to loan their vessels for the cause, fearing they might be confiscated by Israel. Now the activists are forced to buy the ships themselves.

Organizers said they expect at least 1,000 people to participate this year, adding that the new effort includes activists from Europe, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Latin America, Canada and the United States.

AP contributed to the report

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Subject: FLOTILLA FILE: TURKEY DECLINES DIPLOMATICALLY -- YNET & IL TODAY  
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### Turkey: Future Gaza flotilla not up to us

Jerusalem files official request with Ankara to stop nearing activists' sail to Strip. Turkey says matter a civilian one, 'not Ankara's concern'

Reuters

Turkey said on Thursday it had received a request from Israel to help stop activists sailing to Gaza on the first anniversary of an Israeli raid on a Turkish ship, but it said the flotilla plan was not Ankara's concern.

Turkey, a secular Muslim nation, has been an important regional ally of Israel for more than a decade. Following the deadly raid on the Marmara, it has scaled back ties, demanding Israel apologize and pay damages for last year's raid.

The Free Gaza Movement, a pro-Palestinian activist umbrella group, has said that a flotilla expected in late May would comprise 15 ships with international passengers including Europeans and Americans.

Israel's ambassador to Turkey, Gaby Levy, asked the Turkish government this week to help stop the activists, saying sending humanitarian aide to Gaza outside legal channels was a "provocation," an Israeli diplomatic official told Reuters.

Asked about the request, a Turkish foreign ministry official told Reuters: "We listened to the message given by the Israeli side and told them this is an initiative by civil society." The official did not elaborate.

The IHH, the Turkish Islamist charity that owned the Mavi Marmara ship, which was raided by the Israeli commandos, has said it will join the "Freedom Flotilla II". It also plans to send its own convoy led by the Mavi Marmara after Turkey's general election on June 12.

An IHH official told Reuters the group has not been approached by the Turkish government over its plans to send another flotilla and added: "In Turkey governments don't tell NGOs what to do and what not to do".

Israel has also asked the United Nations to help stop the activists. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon that the mission of ships "was being organized by Islamic extremist elements" intent on bringing about "a flare-up."

### Turkey Will Not Stop Flotilla to Gaza

Israel Hayom 031511 (p. 7)

by Shlomo Cezana and Lior Yaakobi

Despite Israel's request of the Turkish government to take steps to prevent the departure of another flotilla from Turkey to the Gaza Strip, a Turkish Foreign Ministry official announced that the government did not intend to intervene, "because this is the initiative of a civilian group." A member of the radical Muslim IHH organization said, "the government does not instruct non-governmental organizations how to behave." About 1,000 people are expected to

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take part in the flotilla that will mark one year to the first flotilla, and they will sail on 15 ships leaving from different ports in Europe, including the *Mavi Marmara*.

Three days ago, Israeli Ambassador to Turkey Gabby Levy asked the Turkish government to help stop the flotilla. Levy noted that Israel has "relayed its position on the matter, and transferring humanitarian aid to Gaza in illegal ways constitutes a provocation."

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is expected to be absent from Israel when the protest flotilla reaches Gaza, because he will be in Washington and speaking before both houses of Congress on May 24. Netanyahu was in Canada during the last flotilla and was updated on developments from there. At the time Netanyahu canceled the rest of his trip to the US and returned to Israel.

Israel's deputy ambassador to the UN, Meron Reuben, wrote a letter to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon asking that he speak out clearly against the flotilla planned for next month.

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**Categories:** Working

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IHH: Mavi Marmara ready for next flotilla

**Turkish movement says 10,000 people want to board ship for June's Gaza-bound flotilla: 'Israeli attack could benefit Palestinians,' IHH leader says: 'Even if we sacrifice martyrs, we will be on justice's side'**

Aviel Magnezi

The Turkish IHH organization announced Wednesday that the Mavi Marmara ship, which was subjected to a deadly IDF raid while attempting to breach Israel's maritime blockade on the Gaza Strip last May, is ready for set sail once more.

"Even if we sacrifice shahids (martyrs) for this cause, we will be on the side of justice," IHH President Bulent Yildirim said in a recent television interview.

According to the Islamic organization, which is recognized by Israel and other nations as a terrorist movement, the Mavi Marmara — upon which nine Turkish activists were killed in a clash with Navy commandos — has suffered severe damage during last May's events. The IHH said the vessel's engine was intentionally destroyed when the ship was towed by the Israeli authorities to the Ashdod Port, and its deck and command bridge were wrecked.

The ship was consequently repaired and renovated in Istanbul, Turkey; its deck and the passenger seating were completely redone. According to the IHH, the vessel is ready to cruise again.

A few weeks ago, the organizers of the upcoming flotilla postponed the departure of the Gaza-bound maritime convoy to the end of June, and Israeli elements speculated that the measure was taken because the event failed to attract participants. But the IHH said that the event was delayed because of the elections in Turkey, and that 10,000 people have already signed up to take part. The movement allows registration through its website, and has been distributing applications across Turkey and abroad.

In an interview with Turkey's Kanal 5 television station, Yildirim said that the turn out for the flotilla is unprecedented, and denied Israel's claim that people are afraid of participating.

"Our goal is to gather a million people who want to board the flotilla ship," he said. "From these applicants we will choose a limited number of people, but each of the applicants will be considered as though he is on the flotilla. We are not afraid, and want to convey the message to Israel that we are coming."

Yildirim added that an "Israeli attack" would actually serve the purpose of the flotilla. "This time, all of the world's nations will stand against (Israel)," he said. "It could benefit the Palestinians."

He said that Arab Israeli MKs and Israeli television channels expressed interest in boarding the flotilla. "There is great opposition to the government's policies," he said.

According to Yildirim, the IHH will hold protests in Turkey and around the world, and will send an aid ship to Gaza through the Egyptian El Arish port in the end of May.

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"With the help of donors, we will send \$100 million-worth of aid this time," he said. "Israel beware, don't you dare to harm Palestine, because when you harm it, the number of people on Palestine's side grows and becomes stronger, and you become smaller."

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**Subject:** IL SEEKS EU INTERVENTION TO PREVENT FLOTILLA FORMATION — YNET

YNET: 08:32, 06.15.10

## Israel to EU: Stop your citizens from joining flotillas

At least 10 vessels expected to try to break Gaza blockade by October. Security forces prepare for first vessel expected from Lebanon soon.

Roni Sofer

Israel asked EU countries to prevent flotilla vessels from leaving from their ports and to prevent their citizens from taking part, turning its attention to the diplomatic front as the wave of boats aiming for Gaza's shores continues to grow.

The Naji el'All is expected to arrive from Lebanon soon, and two vessels from Iran organized by the local Red Crescent with support from the regime in Tehran.

According to information obtained by the security establishment, Hamas is talking about no less than 10 flotillas by October 2010, the end of Ramadan. All the flotillas aim to take advantage of Israel's diplomatic straits following the lethal raid on the last flotilla on May 31 in which nine activists were killed on the lead vessel. The new initiatives are based in Lebanon, Sudan and Iran as well as Britain, Norway, Turkey and other European countries.

The organizations working to lift the Israeli blockade on the Gaza Strip cooperate amongst themselves. Some even receive government support, at least in Lebanon, Sudan and Iran, and possibly also in Turkey. The significant funds are obtained mostly via contributions from Muslim communities around Europe and throughout the world.

Among the hundreds — if not thousands — of people signing up to participate are public figures. Their aim is to create an even larger flotilla than the one headed by the Turkish vessel, the Mavi Marmara.

On Monday, Israel told the EU that it should act to prevent the organization of flotillas on its soil and stop its citizens from working against Israeli interests. The message was part of ongoing dialogue between Israel and the EU led by Tony Blair, the Quartet's envoy to the Middle East who is also representing the EU, in an effort to ease the blockade.

According to Foreign Ministry sources, the message was received well by EU leaders who want to avoid confrontations — as long as it is possible to ease the blockade by diplomatic means. However, at this stage no practical steps have been taken by European governments to stop the organization of flotillas.

Meanwhile, the security forces are preparing to receive the three vessels expected to reach Gaza's shores soon. Israel's policy, as declared by Defense Minister Ehud Barak and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, is not to allow the boats access to Gaza, so that Gaza does not become "a vanguard Iranian port."

After the controversial raid on the Marmara, forces are training in preparation for halting the flotilla boats. The Lebanese boat is expected to arrive first, followed by the vessel which left Iran Monday, plus a second vessel from Iran which will arrive in the weekend.

The Lebanese boat is expected to carry dozens of journalists and European pro-Palestinian activists including members of parliament. The vessel was organized by two groups: Free Palestine, and Reporters without Borders. The vessel is reportedly carrying humanitarian aid and equipment for schools in the Gaza Strip.

The Iranian vessels are carrying contributions from the Iranian people and aid workers. The contributions are being collected by the Iranian Red Crescent.

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These are the forerunners of what appears to be a wave of boats, expected to peak at the end of Ramadan when organizations such as Free Gaza and Viva Palestine hope to organize a flotilla of 10 to 15 craft. This flotilla will be called "Freedom Fleet II".

One of the central activists, Iyad el-Sarj, who lives in Norway and is known to Israel as the founder of the campaign to lift the Gaza blockade, believes that the large flotilla will lead to irreversible change in Israel's sea blockade policy.

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YNET 23:57, 06.28.10

### IDF investigator: Preparations for flotilla's arrival insufficient

Response to Turkish Gaza-bound flotilla was hampered by lack of sufficient preparation; head of military probe says; Israel should have prepared months in advance. Major-General Giora Eiland says.

Hanan Greenberg

The IDF did not prepare well enough for the arrival of the Turkish Gaza-bound flotilla, the head of the military committee charged with probing the lethal raid on the Mavi Marmara said Monday.

Speaking at a conference held to discuss the IDF withdrawal from Lebanon, Major-General (res.) Giora Eiland revealed for the first time his thoughts on the failures that led to the deaths of nine Turkish citizens on board the vessel.

Eiland, whose committee is working alongside the government-appointed Turkel committee, hinted that the army and government did not take enough time to prepare for the flotilla, leading to the negative outcome.

"When we wait for an incident to happen, the number of responses is limited. However, if we prepare several months in advance, the range of possibilities at our disposal becomes wider," he said.

Eiland also addressed the policies that led to the Second Lebanon War:

"Between 2000 and 2006 the policies on the Lebanese border were not set by the government but rather tactically, by the IDF," he said.

Turning his attention to the Lebanon pullout, he said: "As a major-general I opposed the withdrawal, along with the general staff, but considering there were only two options – unilateral withdrawal or preservation of the status quo – it was the right decision."

Defense Minister Ehud Barak also spoke at the conference. "I am proud of the (pullout) decision, despite the mistakes for which I was responsible. Hezbollah did not get stronger because of our withdrawal, but rather because of our stay in Lebanon," he said.

Barak added that "more unilateral moves will be required" in the future. "Any society that seeks to survive in the Middle East must understand that our moves will never be perfect. Sometimes, when I listen to the public debate, I feel the expectation is that life will simulate reality TV," he said.

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Yediot reported this morning that Eiland submitted the report to the IDF CoS yesterday. However both the JPost and Ynet are now reporting that Ashkenazi received it today...

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### IDF probe: Army didn't have 'Plan B' for flotilla op

By YAAKOV KATZ

Maj.-Gen Eiland presents Ashkenazi 100-page report detailing findings of internal probe into 'Mavi Marmara' interception, says he found "operational mistakes" rather than "failures"

A series of operational and intelligence mistakes led to the botched raid in late May aboard the Mavi Marmara, Turkish passenger ship that was trying to break the Israel-imposed sea blockade on the Gaza Strip, according to an internal military probe into the incident.

As expected, the report refrained from issuing personal recommendations against IDF officers although it did refer to a number of mistakes that were made by the most senior levels in the IDF.

In the raid by commandos from the Navy's Flotilla 13 – known as the Shayetet – nine Turkish nationals were killed and 10 commandos were injured.

On Monday, Maj.-Gen. (res.) Giora Eiland, who headed the probe, presented a 100-page report to the IDF General Staff in which he listed a number of "mistakes" that he said were made in the planning stage of the operation.

In a briefing to reporters, Eiland, the former head of the IDF's Planning Division and Israel's National Security Council, said that he did not find negligence in the planning and implementation of the operation. He also made a clear that there was a difference between "operational failures" and "operational mistakes" and that he only found mistakes, not failures.

Eiland slammed the Navy for not preparing a "Plan B" for the operation and should have reconsidered rappelling commandos onto the Mavi Marmara's upper deck after noticing from sea and air that there were several dozen activists on board prepared to violently resist.

Eiland said that once the Navy ships sailed alongside the Mavi Marmara and saw the preparations on board for conflict, the top Navy command should have reconsidered its options and possibly even delay the boarding of the ship.

"Once they saw that there were dozens of people on the deck, the rappelling of commandos down to the upper deck could still have been avoided," the report concluded, adding that the Navy should have, as a result, prepared a "Plan B" for how to take command of the ship, which it did not.

'Slug dislodged from soldier's knee didn't come from Navy gun'

Eiland's probe also found that shots were initially fired at the boarding commandos from weapons that the passengers likely had prepared before hand. The slug that was dislodged from the knee of one of the soldiers was of a different caliber than that which is used by the Navy.

He also detailed the events that led to the abduction of three commandos, who were thrown from the upper to the lower deck and were only recovered about 40 minutes later after they were spotted standing wounded on the ship's bow and surrounded by a number of passengers. The Navy commandos opened fire from above, scared off the passengers enabling two of the wounded to jump into the

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water. The third, who was severely wounded, was then rescued by other commandos who jumped down to the bow from the upper deck.

According to Eiland, the Navy did not have technology that would have enabled it to stop the ship ahead of the operation without putting soldiers on board its upper deck to take control of the bridge.

"Such an option did not exist," Eiland concluded in his report. During their work, members of Eiland's panel met with a number of officials who offered ideas how to stop the ship without boarding it. According to the committee, it is possible to develop such a capability but it will take approximately two years.

Since the flotilla, the Navy has met with a number of companies and is pursuing technology that could be used to stop a ship in the future.

'MI should have designated IHH as a target'

Another mistake that Eiland found was that Military Intelligence did not designate Turkey or the Islamic organization IHH, which organized the flotilla, as a target for intelligence gathering. He said that this was justified up until 2010 at the time since Turkey was a friendly country to Israel and IHH, was like a dozen other radical Islamic organizations that provided financial support to Hamas.

In the beginning of the year though, Eiland claimed that MI and Israel's other intelligence agencies should have designated Turkey and IHH as intelligence targets due to the deterioration in ties between the countries. He said that the Israeli intelligence community should have understood that it was dealing with an organization that was supported by the ruling political party in Turkey and prepared accordingly.

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### IDF report defends navy decision to drop commandos into Gaza flotilla

First Israeli probe of deadly May 31 raid, led by Maj. Gen. Eiland, cites intelligence failures but does not single out any officers for rebuke.

By Anshel Pfeffer

The Israel Defense Force committee investigating the navy's deadly raid on a Turkish-flagged aid flotilla bound for the Gaza Strip found the incident to be the consequence of failed intelligence and a lack of proper preparation for the operation, according to its report released on Monday.

Nine Turkish pro-Palestinian activists were killed in the May 31 raid after they used clubs and knives to attack Israel Navy commandos boarding the Turkish-flagged *Mavi Marmara*. Israel had previously warned that it would take over the ships to enforce its blockade of the Gaza Strip.

The committee led by Maj. Gen. (res.) Giora Eiland, however, characterized the failures made at the planning level as "mistakes," rather than as negligence or fault. The report also found that the navy would have had no means to stop the ship at sea without endangering the vessel, and thus backed the decision to carry out a commando operation.

The committee said in its report that the navy had failed to sufficiently consider the possibility that the commandos would encounter violent resistance when attempting to keep the ships out of Gaza.

It also criticized the navy for not cooperating sufficiently with the Mossad in gathering information ahead of the flotilla's arrival and to discuss the process by which the raid was approved.

The report did not, however, call for disciplinary action against particular officers.

"To my relief, the investigation found no negligence or failures on any significant matters, and that it was due to mistakes made at the relatively top levels that caused the results to be different from what was planned," Eiland said. He also said that some aspects of the operation could be "praised," particularly the way the Shayetet 13 commandos acted during the operation and the quick and efficient evacuation of casualties.

Eiland's is the first to complete its investigation. The Turkel Committee, appointed by the government to examine whether the raid adhered to international law, has just begun its investigation. A team from the State Comptroller's Office will be beginning its own probe of the flotilla raid shortly.

Meanwhile, the High Court of Justice on Monday opened the door to expanding the authority of the Turkel Commission. The five-member panel was appointed by the cabinet in June to investigate the naval raid - which resulted in the deaths of nine Turkish pro-Palestinian activists aboard the *Mavi Marmara* - and its adherence to international law.

The panel currently has a limited mandate. It is only supposed to determine whether Israel's efforts to stop the flotilla from reaching Gaza accorded with international law, and whether the soldiers' use of force was proportionate. It has no power to subpoena witnesses, and cannot draw personal conclusions against those involved in the raid.

Turkel, however, wants to turn it into a full-fledged governmental inquiry committee with real teeth. That would allow it to subpoena witnesses and documents, warn those who testify before it that the panel's findings could harm them, and hire outside experts in relevant fields.

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At the hearing Monday to address a petition against the committee's limited authority, the justices said the court would consider widening the panel's mandate if its members seek to probe persons or events outside of their jurisdiction, including Israel Defense Forces soldiers.

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### Report: Turkish-Israeli base for monitoring Iran may close

Sunday Times publishes extensive article on flotilla raid gone wrong, quotes Israeli source as saying if base closes, 'Israel will lose its eyes and ears in Iran's back garden.' Testimonies tell of kidnapped soldier tied to pipes

Ynet

Has the raid of Mavi Marmara damaged Israel's intelligence capabilities against the Iranian threat? According to British newspaper Sunday Times, Israel's defense establishment has expressed serious concern about the deteriorating relations with Turkey and that Turkish government might close down a Turkish-based Israeli intelligence station which is a linchpin in monitoring Iran.

An Israeli source told the newspaper, "If that happens Israel will lose its ears and nose, which watch and sniff the Iranians' back garden."

The said intelligence station is located on Turkish soil not far from the Iranian border.

The article, which lays out the complications encountered in the flotilla raid last week under the headline "Operation calamity," concludes with an estimation that the Israeli operation, intended to maintain the blockade on Gaza, could have weakened Israel's defenses against a much more serious threat of a nuclear Iran.

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### Criticism in Turkey: Erdogan knew Gaza sail would be violent

PM dismiss claims, says tried to convince IHH to call off flotilla; columnists warn Turkey aligning itself with Iran, Syria, Hamas and Hezbollah. 'We must be careful,' opposition leader says

Yitzhak Benhorin

Politicians from Turkey's opposition parties and a number of columnists have expressed concern over the fueling of public rage towards Israel by Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government in the aftermath of the deadly raid on the Gaza-bound flotilla.

According to the critics, this policy is jeopardizing the delicate balance Turkey has maintained in its ties with the East and West. The public agenda, they say, is being dictated by the formerly obscure Humanitarian Relief Foundation, or IHH, an Islamist charity group believed by many to have links to global terror organizations.

IHH organized the flotilla to Gaza, which was intercepted by Israel. Nine people were killed when Israeli commandos raided the convoy's lead vessel, the MV Mavi Marmara.

Kemal Kilicdaroglu, chairman of The Republican People's Party and one of the opposition's leaders, told Turkish television, "The European Union and the United States consider Hamas a terror organization. We must be careful." The politician also demanded that the government release communications with Israel prior to the incident, suggesting it allowed the flotilla to proceed despite knowing that violence was likely.

According to the Wall Street Journal, Erdogan dismissed Kilicdaroglu as an Israeli "advocate" and said his government sought to persuade the IHH against taking the flotilla to Gaza, but was unable to stop an independent organization.

The newspaper said skepticism concerning the IHH version of events on the Mavi Marmara "appears to have accelerated as a result of unexpected criticism of the IHH's actions from influential Turkish spiritual leader Fethullah Gulen."

According to the Wall Street Journal, analysts saw the intervention by a figure respected by many in the Turkish government as a warning that the storm of anti-Israeli feeling risked getting out of hand.

"People will understand very soon that the IHH is harming Turkey," wrote Cuneyt Ulsever, a columnist in the daily Hurriyet, on Sunday, saying the effect of the crisis would be to persuade the West that Turkey is aligning itself with the likes of Iran, Syria, Hamas and Hezbollah.

Two major dailies, Hurriyet and Haberturk have now published on their front pages photographs of the bloodied Israeli soldiers captured during the initial fighting, the Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday.

According to the newspaper, the religious conservative daily Vakit last week published on its front page the names and photographs of eight newspaper columnists who censured the government's handling of the flotilla affair. The headline read, "Spin doctors who shoot bullets at the aid ship."

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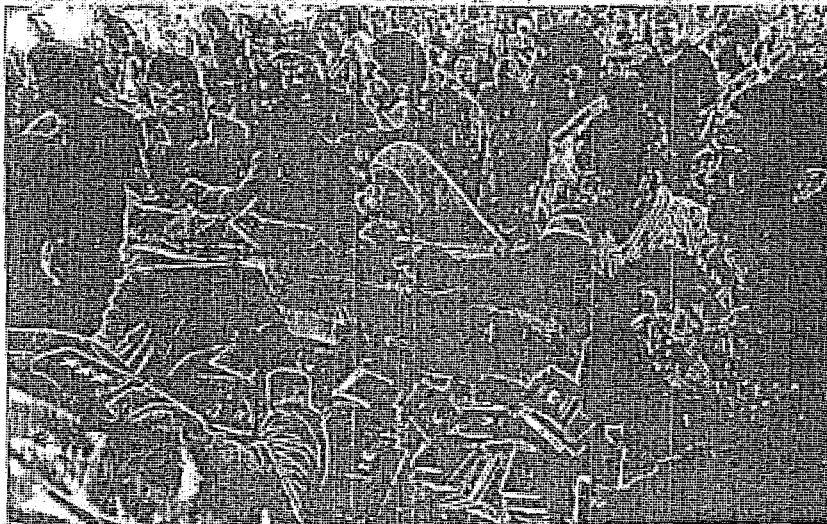
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### Israel 'to accept British plan to ease Gaza blockade'

Israel is poised to accept a British plan to ease its blockade of Gaza in exchange for international acceptance of a watered-down investigation into last week's deadly raid on a Turkish aid ship, sources said on Tuesday.

By Adrian Blomfield in Jerusalem and Alex Spillius in Washington

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Palestinians wait for Hamas police officers to check their passports as they wait to cross to Egypt, at Rafah border crossing, southern Gaza Strip, Tuesday June 8, 2010. Photo: AP

Britain is understood to have taken a leading role in the negotiations and last week circulated a confidential document proposing ways of easing the blockade, according to Western officials familiar with a draft version of the report.

Facing growing international criticism over the humanitarian situation in Gaza, Israeli officials said that would agree, in principle, to permit the passage of substantially more aid through Israel's land crossings with the Hamas-controlled territory.

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Since the Islamist group seized control in 2007, Israel has allowed only basic humanitarian supplies into Gaza, while forbidding the importation of most electronic and construction materials that it says could be used by Hamas for military purposes.

While aid agencies will welcome a relaxation of the rules, others, particularly Turkey, will be concerned about the price exacted by Israel. They fear the trade-off will mean that Israel is never held to account for the nine deaths on board the Mavi Marmara, the lead ship in an international flotilla that tried to break the naval blockade of Gaza last week.

Israeli officials denied there was any direct link between their willingness to cooperate over the blockade and the apparent ebbing of Western support for a UN-led international inquiry into the flotilla raid.

But a Western source close to international discussions with Israel said: "A quid pro quo deal is in the offing".

William Hague, the Foreign Secretary, also hinted that pressure for a UN investigation was easing by declaring that "an inquiry with an international presence" might be acceptable.

The Israeli government has proposed conducting its own judicial investigation, possibly in the presence of one or two American observers, but has ruled out questioning soldiers or officers involved in the raid.

According to Western sources, many of the British proposals have been adopted by the Quartet on the Middle East peace, the negotiating body that comprises the UN, the United States, the European Union and Russia.

They include calls for Israel to abandon its official list of 35 items whose entry into Gaza is allowed in favour of a list of specifically outlawed items.

Israel has also been asked to ease access into Gaza at its land crossings, where there are frequent bottlenecks, and to allow the UN to transport construction materials and equipment needed to rebuild 60,000 homes destroyed or damaged during the Gaza war of December, 2008.

The Israeli government is understood to have signalled its acceptance of most of these conditions.

"Israel could be flexible about items reaching the civilian population," an Israeli official said.

He added that some construction materials like cement, which could be used to construct military bunkers, could be allowed in under "third-party" guarantees, meaning that the UN would be responsible for ensuring that such materials did not fall into the hands of Hamas.

But one part of the British proposal - to ease Israel's naval blockade of Gaza - is understood to have failed after encountering Israeli resistance.

Britain had suggested forming an international maritime force that would have seen all ships searched by Israeli and foreign inspectors before being allowed to dock in Gaza.

Israel is insisting that it must be allowed full control of Gaza's waters.

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Whether a deal allowing Israel take charge of its own investigation in exchange for easing land restrictions on Gaza - but not its maritime blockade - will garner sufficient international support is unclear.

Vladimir Putin, the Russian prime minister, on Tuesday threatened to push for an international investigation into the flotilla incident at the UN.

There was also scepticism in the aid community that Israeli concessions on the blockade would substantially ease the suffering in Gaza.

"Let's judge the Israeli authorities by their actions rather than their words because there have been plenty of words in the past," said Christopher Guinness, spokesman for the UN Relief and Works Agency.

The British embassy in Tel Aviv declined to confirm or deny the existence of the British position paper.

"We do not comment on leaked documents," an embassy spokeswoman said.

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### Report: Acting PM didn't know of raid

Minister Moshe Ya'alon was unaware Navy raid of flotilla underway until after operation got out of hand. Earlier this week deputy minister criticizes incident, says 'someone failed to prepare standard operating procedure'

Attila Somfalvi

The acting prime minister during the Navy commando raid on the Gaza-bound flotilla did not know the operation was underway, according to a channel 2 report aired on Thursday.

The report claimed Minister for Strategic Affairs Moshe Ya'alon was only updated after the operation got out of hand, resulting in nine fatalities and dozens of injuries on board the Mavi Marmara ship.

Ya'alon substituted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who was on a state visit to North America on the day of the operation.

The new information revealed the "chain of command" during such a dramatic operation, and sheds light on Ya'alon's statement from the beginning of the week.

During a closed discussion in the Knesset, Ya'alon said that "in a place where citations should have been given, someone failed to prepare a standard operating procedure."

"The decision was right, but there is room for improvement—and I am not going to elaborate," he added.

The deputy prime minister's comments angered some in the military, and a senior IDF official said in response that "since Ya'alon was the acting prime minister at the time of the incident, he is responsible."

"If there wasn't a standard operating procedure, why didn't he make sure there was one? Why didn't he hold a consultation several hours after the flotilla incident and send the ministers to give interviews to the press? He was the acting prime minister and it was his responsibility," the source added.

The Prime Minister's Office denied reports that Moshe Ya'alon, acting prime minister at the time of the IDF raid on the Gaza flotilla, knew about the operation only after the fact.

"Contrary to reports in various media channels, acting Prime Minister Moshe Ya'alon was updated on an ongoing basis by the military secretariat in the Prime Minister's Office before the raid on the flotilla, during the raid, and afterwards," the Office said.

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### Bloodied walls, slingshots seen in new footage of Marmara

Free Gaza Movement releases documentation taken by US director's camera on deck of Marmara during IDF raid. Footage contains graphic images; viewer discretion advised. Foreign Ministry releases testimony of two of ship's crew members who say passengers were determined to confront IDF

Ynet

Nearly two weeks after the Israel Navy commandos commandeered the Turkish ship Mavi Marmara, new video documentation of the event was released on Friday that is exceptional in its quality and scope. The video shows the moments in which the clashes between the IDF and the ship's passengers started.

The video, which is 15 minutes long in its full-length version, was taken by American director Lara Lee, who participated in the flotilla.

Brazilian media outlets that published the footage reported that the director, a documentary filmmaker of Korean descent, succeeded in hiding the footage, thus enabling her to prevent its confiscation by the IDF.

Among the images documented in the clip are clearly visible blood stains on the walls of one of the ship's compartments as gunshots are heard in the background. In addition, Knesset Member Hanin Zoabi (Balad) can be seen sitting with her flotilla colleagues on the deck a moment before the first of the commandos reaches the scene.

Those attacking the soldiers can be seen holding slingshots as they await the helicopter's arrival.

While supporters of the Marmara passengers continue to claim that the IDF initiated the violence on the ship's deck, Israel issued additional proof on Friday regarding the true intentions of the "peace activists" on board.

Two testimonies provided by two members of the ship's crew show that preparations for the clash with the IDF were started two hours before the first Navy commandos landed on deck and just a short time after the Navy instructed the ship's captain to stop.

In the testimonies, published by the Foreign Ministry for the first time since the raid, the two crew members said that there was an especially tense atmosphere among the activists who convened on the main deck. They noticed that members of the Turkish group IHH had sawed off the ship's railings in order to make metal clubs. This activity, said the crew members, worried them, and they even tried to oppose the passengers, but to no avail.

"I asked the ship what is happening, and he said they are cutting sticks and chains and collecting them, putting them in the radio room on the bridge," said Mahmut Tuval, the captain of the Marmara, during his testimony of the events.

He then proceeded to describe how the passengers went into the room and took the metal clubs they had fashioned from the bridge as the IDF soldiers were landing on the deck. He said that of the clubs he saw, he threw some into the sea and stored others. He said he was unaware that there was a considerable amount of weaponry there.

When asked whether the activists had made preparations prior to the violent clash with the commandos, he responded in the affirmative. He said that he had warned them, saying that the people on the ship had come to protest, and asked the other captain on the ship to go and collect the sawed off clubs.

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Both the video clips were uploaded to the Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center in order to serve media outlets and the Israeli PR efforts of various State delegations abroad. This site is considered highly reliable because it uploads material in its raw form, without any editing.

Recently, the IDF released a video clip captured from the Marmara's video cameras documenting the ship's passengers making their final preparations for the ensuing violent confrontation with the IDF. They can be seen collecting slingshots and shards of broken bottles just moments before the initial contact with the commandos.

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In the testimonies, published by the Foreign Ministry for the first time since the raid, the two crew members said that there was an especially tense atmosphere among the activists who convened on the main deck. They noticed that members of the Turkish group IHH had sawed off the ship's railings in order to make metal clubs. This activity, said the crew members, worried them, and they even tried to oppose the passengers, but to no avail.

"I asked the ship what is happening, and he said they are cutting sticks and chains and collecting them, putting them in the radio room on the bridge," said Mahmut Tuval, the captain of the Marmara, during his testimony of the events.

He then proceeded to describe how the passengers went into the room and took the metal clubs they had fashioned from the bridge as the IDF soldiers were landing on the deck. He said that of the clubs he saw, he threw some into the sea and stored others. He said he was unaware that there was a considerable amount of weaponry there.

When asked whether the activists had made preparations prior to the violent clash with the commandos, he responded in the affirmative. He said that he had warned them, saying that the people on the ship had come to protest, and asked the other captain on the ship to go and collect the sawed off clubs.

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Recently, the IDF released a video clip captured from the Marmara's video cameras documenting the ship's passengers making their final preparations for the ensuing violent confrontation with the IDF. They can be seen collecting slingshots and shards of broken bottles just moments before the initial contact with the commandos.

*Roni Sofer contributed to this report*

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### Lieberman backs supervised probe of Gaza flotilla

Speaking to Ynet, FM says Israel should 'not fear' any investigation into raid that left nine pro-Palestinian activists dead. Adds: We won't let Irish aid ship reach Gaza

Roni Sofer

Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman on Thursday called for the establishment of an Israeli commission of inquiry to investigate the raid on the Gaza-bound aid flotilla, during which nine pro-Palestinian activists were killed.

Lieberman said the investigation must be supervised by impartial foreign officials. Industry, Trade and Labor Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer announced earlier that he supports the establishment of an international commission of inquiry to probe Monday's calamitous raid.

"I have no fear of an investigation committee into the operation against the Gaza-bound flotilla. We should not be afraid of any commission of inquiry. I spoke to the prime minister while he was in Canada. I told him there was nothing to be afraid of and that we should set up a transparent commission of inquiry headed by a senior judge, such as former Supreme Court presidents Aharon Barak or Meir Shamgar," the FM told Ynet. "If they'll ask to include foreign overseers in the probe - we'll include them."

As for the Irish-owned ship Rachel Corrie, which is attempting to reach Gaza, the foreign minister said that "we are in touch with Ireland. In any case, we won't let the boat reach the shores of Gaza. We've explained this to the Irish."

Asked whether he would suggest military action against the Rachel Corrie, Lieberman said once again, "We won't let the Irish ship reach Gaza's shores."

He said the army was drawing the necessary lessons from the raid on the Turkish ship Mavi Marmara, adding "there is no doubt that they (IDF) will be better prepared for the next ship."

The foreign minister criticized the UN Human Rights Council's decision to launch an international investigation into the raid. "We've already seen the term 'human rights' with Judge (Richard) Goldstone, who is responsible for 18 death sentences during the apartheid regime in South Africa," he said.

Lieberman said Washington's response to the flotilla affair was encouraging on the whole. "The latest statements from officials in the US administration were very clear and very objective. There are problems and we don't see eye-to-eye on everything, but I'm not concerned."

US Vice President Joe Biden said in an interview on PBS's "Charlie Rose" show Wednesday that "Israel has an absolute right to deal with its security interest."

"They (Israel) have said, 'Here you go. You're in the Mediterranean. This ship - if you divert slightly north you can unload it and we'll get the stuff into Gaza.' So what's the big deal here?" Biden said, "What's the big deal of insisting it go straight to Gaza?"

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IL RADIO aired a soundbite of the captain of the "Rachel Corrie" on its prime-time 7 a.m. newshour this morning saying he has instructed the passengers that if the IDF boards the vessel "they are to sit quietly with their hands visible" so that there can be no repetition of what happened on the "Mavi Marmara".

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### 'Rachel Corrie' may arrive by Saturday

Activists on board Gaza-bound Irish ship say they will not resist if IDF troops board vessel

Aviel Magnezi

A pro-Palestinian activist on board the Irish vessel 'Rachel Corrie' told Ynet Wednesday that the ship is currently located between Libya and Cyprus, and that it is making its way to Gaza but will not arrive before Saturday morning.

The activist said those on board were coming "in peace", and that they would not resist IDF soldiers if they insisted coming on board. The claim was reminiscent of one made by the activists on board the flotilla that arrived Monday.

He added that before the ship had embarked it had been searched for weapons, and stressed that there were none on board.

The Irish vessel, named after a peace activist killed by an Israeli bulldozer, is reportedly carrying more than 20 people: More than ten Malaysians, five Irish, and eight crew members.

"We are not afraid, despite what happened on the Marmara," said Derrick Graham, who is on board with wife Jeanie. "The violence there was a product of fear, I saw the fear in the eyes of the soldiers. You need to send your veteran soldiers, not the young ones."

He stressed that the violent turn of events on board the Turkish ship Monday would not affect the Rachel Corrie. "We don't plan on resisting. In the event that your men are stupid enough to come and arrest us, we will sit down and not resist," he said. "It would not be wise for the government of Israel to direct its brutal violence towards us."

Graham added that the passengers on board the ship were saddened by the violence on board the Marmara. He said he had participated in a number of voyages to Gaza in the past, and that this was not the general rule.

"There were never such problems on sails to Gaza. We object to violence, which is why, before we left we searched the ship to make sure there were no guns or weapons of any kind on board. The crew members were also checked by officials," he said.

The activist added that the IDF had called to ask him similar questions. When asked whether he knew that the passengers on board the Marmara had firearms, he expressed shock. "These are supposed to be violence-free, weapons-free ships," he said.

On board is also Mairead Maguire, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate well-known to Israeli authorities. She was injured at an anti-fence protest in Bil'in in 2008, and has taken part in previous Gaza sails. "I'm not afraid; I think it is important to give Gaza freedom and support it," she said.

The 66-year old, who has previously called for Israel's removal from the UN, said her family supported her. "We believe in a peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and believe it can be solved through negotiations," she said.

Maguire also stressed that there would be no violence on board the Rachel Corrie. "I have experience with this. If (the soldiers) come on board, I hope and believe it will be in a peaceful manner," she said.

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Ha'aretz in Hebrew quotes a senior IDF source [unnamed] as saying that during the boarding of the Mavi Marmara by Naval Commandos, IL was on the brink of a Shalit-style hostage taking incident involving 3 members of the military ...

With the exception of Ha'aretz which gives this aspect of events on the flotilla front page coverage in both its Hebrew and English editions, the IL media has not highlighted the way in which the passengers of the Mavi Marmara dealt with injured Naval Commandos... or with the possible hostage taking intent or its implications.

Yediot Acharonot deals obliquely with the issue in the form of testimony by an Al Jazeera cameraman which confirms the Naval Commando version of events... see email to follow:

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### Israel Navy: 3 commandos nearly taken hostage in Gaza flotilla raid

According to preliminary navy investigation, some passengers on the Mavi Marmara boat dragged three unconscious commandos into one of the passenger halls below deck.

By Amos Harel

During Israel's takeover of a Turkish ship in the Gaza-bound aid flotilla this week, some passengers tried to take captive three commandos who lost consciousness as a result of the activists' blows, according to early findings of a navy investigation. The three were dragged into one of the passenger halls below deck and were held there for several minutes.

After dozens of other commandos began searching the ship, the Mavi Marmara, the three soldiers regained consciousness and managed to join their comrades.

Conversations with senior navy officers in the chain of command during the operation present a different view of the events on Monday. In Israel, the raid has been perceived as a failure, while abroad it has been derided as piracy or worse.

The navy rejects the claims that it was poorly prepared. Officials have been commending the commandos' performance in a situation in which they were confronted by dozens of activists who attacked them as they rappelled from helicopters. "They were terrorists - hired killers who came to murder soldiers, not to assist the residents of the Gaza Strip," said a navy officer.

The operation on the Mavi Marmara began at about 4:30 A.M. on Monday. Because of the presence of hard-core activists including members of the IHH, the Turkish group organizing the aid convoy, most attention went to that ship. Navy chief

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Eliezer Merom and the head of the naval commandos, Lt. Col. A., were on vessels next to the ship. Lt. Col. A. climbed on the Mavi Marmara during the takeover.

As seen on a video documenting the takeover, the first four commandos to rappel onto the deck were attacked by activists with bars, axes and knives. The fourth commando, K., saw his team leader on the deck, with a Turkish activist holding the pistol he had grabbed from him and pointing it to his head. K. jumped from the rope and managed to shoot the activist holding the gun. This happened 20 seconds after the first soldier landed on the deck.

The commanders of the first unit were hit by the mob as they landed. One of the soldiers managed to fix another rope, after there were problems with the original one, for 10 more soldiers to land. The commandos cared for the wounded and took over part of the upper deck of the ship.

At this stage, six minutes into the operation, another force landed from a second helicopter, led by a major. At that point they realized that three commandos were missing and they began looking for them. A short while later the naval commando chief landed along with dozens more soldiers, some of whom climbed from boats. Others landed from a third helicopter.

The search involved limited shooting, in the bridge and on the lower deck, until the three men were recovered. The head of the naval commandos gave orders by radio to use live fire, two minutes after the incident had begun.

Shots had been fired earlier, but Lt. Col. A. later explained that in his orders he wanted to make sure that the troops realized that "the mood of the incident had changed."

The soldiers reported that the activists had fired on them during the confrontation and that at least two commandos suffered gunshot wounds. After the incident, 9mm bullet casings were found - a kind not used by the naval commandos.

The Israel Defense Forces says that during the operation a number of pistols and an M-4 rifle were taken from soldiers, but they believe that the Turkish activists had other weapons. The captain of the ship told the naval commando chief that the guns were thrown overboard before the ship was completely taken over. The wounded activists were airlifted to Israel for treatment, some seriously hurt whose lives were saved by the evacuation.

The IDF did not question the activists extensively because of the decision to release them. In conversations after the takeover, activists said they were surprised by the use of helicopters, even though the navy had used this method before. However, nothing else appears to have surprised them because international law requires sufficient warnings before ships are boarded.

Post-operation assessments have the number of hard-core activists involved in the fighting at between 60 and 100. It appears that they were well trained and experienced, especially in view of the arsenal found and code books used to pass on orders from group leaders. Among the rioters, in addition to Turks, were Yemenis, Afghans and one person from Eritrea. All were apparently experienced in hand-to-hand fighting. Some of them did not retreat when shots were fired.

The operation involved a month of training, with dummy takeovers of a ship at sea with 50 soldiers performing the role of activists. The navy admits that it trained mostly for "a Bil'in type of opposition, but there was no feeling that this was going to be a walk in the park." He was referring to a village at the separation fence where demonstrations take place.

The navy says it needs to look into whether the psychological preparations of the force were sufficient, and whether it had emphasized an easier scenario that did not take place.

The navy says it went over "incidents and responses" in preparation; these included opening fire at charging activists with melee weapons. In case of a threat to their lives, the commandos were ordered to shoot to kill even as they were on their way onto the deck.

"The main gap between preparations and intelligence was that we did not know we would face dozens of rioters," a senior officer involved in the operation said. "This was not a disturbance that went awry. It was a planned ambush."

Another officer added that "I still wake up at 3 A.M. and wonder how the hell we did not know more."

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Another officer said that "we became a little spoiled, as a society, expecting perfect performances." According to a senior officer, "Under the circumstances, and I do not like the result, I think we did the best we could. We took care of five ships without injuries. On the sixth ship, we faced a harsh attack and killed nine saboteurs.

"No real peace activist was injured. No soldier was killed, even though it came pretty close. In the end the ships are docked at Ashdod. It was very complicated and the result is near perfect."

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Yediot Acharonot gives considerable space - albeit on page 2 of its Hebrew print edition to the account given by André Abu Khalil, a Lebanese TV cameraman on board the Mavi Marmara, specifically in regard to the 4 IL Naval Commandos injured and taken below deck by activists. Attached is a somewhat abbreviated version from YNET.

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## Cameraman: 4 commandos were captured during flotilla raid

Lebanese cameraman for Al Jazeera says pro-Palestinian activists initially wounded, captured four Israeli soldiers from first wave that boarded Gaza-bound ship. Flotilla participant: We thought commandos would stop after seeing the white flag, but they continued killing people

Reuters

Freed after days held incommunicado in Israeli jails, survivors of Monday's storming of an aid ship described a "bloodbath", with people shot before their eyes and desperate efforts to treat the wounded.

Those aboard the flotilla returned home on Thursday after being held in Israeli jail since the raid, at last able to give their own accounts of the incident in which Israeli troops killed nine activists aboard the cruise liner Mavi Marmara.

There were sharp differences in accounts: activists accused Israeli troops of war crimes, while Israel held to its line that they fired in self-defense. In one of the key differences, activists denied Israeli accusations that they fired first, with guns they had seized from Israeli troops in the melee.

All sides described a scene of confusion and mayhem in the botched assault.

"People had been shot in the arms, legs, in the head - everywhere. We had so many injured. It was a bloodbath," said Laura Stuart, a British housewife and first aider.

She described frantic attempts to treat the injured in a makeshift sick room on the ship, and failed attempts to resuscitate some of the dead.

Andre Abu Khalil, a Lebanese cameraman for Al Jazeera TV, gave an account that backed some of what both sides have said.

In his telling, activists initially wounded and captured four Israelis from a first wave that boarded the ship. A second wave of troops tried to storm the ship after the four were taken below decks.

"Twenty Turkish men formed a human shield to prevent the Israeli soldiers from scaling the ship. They had slingshots, water pipes and sticks," he said. "They were banging the pipes on the side of the ship to warn the Israelis not to get closer."

After a 10-minute standoff the Israelis opened fire.

"One man got a direct hit to the head and another one was shot in the neck," he said. In all he saw some 40 people wounded, some to the legs, eye, stomach and chest.

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One activist used a loudhailer to tell the Israelis the four captive soldiers were well and would be released if they provided medical help for the wounded activists. With an Israeli Arab lawmaker acting as mediator, the Israelis agreed. Wounded were brought to the deck and were airlifted off the ship.

Israel says its troops fired only after some of their weapons had been seized by activists, who fired first. Once the soldiers saw knives, metal rods, chains, broken bottles, and they were shot at, they shot back and killed nine of them," Israeli military spokesman Captain Ayre Shalicar said.

One of the organizers on board who returned on Thursday from an Israeli jail, Bulent Yildirim, chairman of the Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief (IHH), said activists had indeed seized weapons, but never fired them.

"They were trying to land on the boat. So obviously there was this hand-to-hand combat and during that process the people on the boat were basically able to disarm some of the soldiers because they did have guns with them," Burney told Reuters.

Asked if anyone had used the guns against the Israeli commandos, he said: "No, not at all."

Canadian Farooq Burney, director of a Qatari educational initiative, said the commandos waited more than an hour before treating the wounded, even though activists had made a makeshift sign reading: "S.O.S. Please provide medical assistance."

The 37-year-old Canadian said he witnessed one elderly man bleed to death before his eyes after being shot.

"He just passed out in front of us and we couldn't see where he was hit so we opened up his lifejacket and we could clearly see that he was hit in the chest," Burney said. "He was losing a lot of blood. It was on... the right, just close to his chest and there was blood coming out from there. He passed away."

The nine dead activists, who were brought home on Thursday in wooden coffins, were all Turks, including one dual US-Turkish citizen. Yildirim said some activists were still missing, adding that an Indonesian doctor was shot in the stomach as he helped a wounded Israeli soldier.

"I took off my shirt and waved it, as a white flag. We thought they would stop after seeing the white flag, but they continued killing people," Yildirim said. "A friend of ours saw two dead bodies in a toilet."

British activist Sarah Colborne, of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, said she was on deck when commandos approached in boats, "bristling with arms". Others roped down from hovering helicopters and sound and gas bombs were let off.

"It looked like they were capable of killing anyone. They had obviously been fired up," the 43-year-old told reporters.

"I saw one person who had been shot in the head between the eyes," she said. "That made me realize how dangerous it was. That for me made me think they are using live ammunition, people are getting killed."

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## Middle East Studies Profs Usurp New Roles to Censure Israel over Gaza Flotilla

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"The martyrs of the [Gaza flotilla] ships are heroes," writes Mark LeVine, professor of history at the University of California, Irvine. "They are warriors every bit as deserving of our tears and support as the soldiers of American wars past and present."

In the aftermath of the death of nine mercenaries on the deck of the Gaza-bound Turkish vessel, the *Mavi Marmara*, professors of Middle East studies lined up to denounce the Jewish State. Ignoring overwhelming video and documentary evidence of the activists' radical agenda and affinity for violence, these professors asserted that the "Freedom Flotilla" of the six Gaza-bound vessels were on a purely "humanitarian" mission.

"Those ships were just bringing aid to the impoverished Palestinians," said New York University professor of modern Middle Eastern History Zachary Lockman. "It's not [the Palestinians'] fault they are under Hamas rule." Has Lockman already forgotten that Hamas was democratically elected by the Palestinians in January 2006?

Even professors who managed to recall the Palestinian elections were determined to demonstrate that the terrorist group has been falsely maligned. Georgetown University's John Esposito, director of the Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim Christian Understanding, tried to whitewash the terrorist group's reputation by declaring, "Hamas simply does not steal ... thus any aid delivered to the UN will be respected." Yet even traditionally anti-Israel institutions like the U.N. and the left-wing British Guardian have noted that Hamas has illegally seized aid intended for Gaza's poor.

Uninterested in the terrorist connections of the blockade-runners, many professors expressed concern that the U.S. would lose "popular support" in the Islamic world as a result of siding with Israel in the flotilla crisis. Recalling President Barack Obama's controversial Cairo address to the Muslim world last spring, George Washington University's Mark Lynch writes, "If [Obama] tries to ignore the

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issue [of the Gaza flotilla] or simply defend Israel's actions, then the first anniversary of the Cairo speech will also be its epitaph."

Esposito warned that according to a Gallup poll and his "own experience," "[the] window of opportunity in the Muslim world" will close unless the U.S. stops being "in lock-step stride with Israel."

Apparently shilling for terrorists doesn't close the "window of opportunity" to lecture American administrations on foreign policy:

Rashid Khalidi of Columbia University suggested one way the U.S. could follow Esposito's advice: Confront Israel militarily. He told WBEZ Chicago Radio that ideally, he sees "European or American ships physically breaking the blockade or [the U.N. putting] sanctions on Israel."

Some academics who do not fancy themselves pollsters like Esposito or NATO admirals like Khalidi claimed the mantle of the law, arguing that the flotilla ships were "illegally" boarded. Jennifer Loewenstein, associate director of the Middle East studies program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, told the Islamic Republic of Iran's semi-official Press TV that "[t]he fact is that legally [the Israelis] have no defense. They violated international laws by attacking a non-violent humanitarian aid convoy to the Gaza Strip in International waters."

Fawaz Gerges, professor of Middle Eastern politics and international relations at the London School of Economics and Sarah Lawrence College, also asserted his newly discovered legal expertise: "The killing of those activists, sad though it is, could easily serve as a framework to ...force Israel to abide by international law."

In addition to condemning the Israelis, Stephen Zunes, professor of international relations and the Middle East at the University of San Francisco, attempted to exonerate the militant passengers who attacked them. "Certainly it would have been better if the largely Turkish crew of the ship ... had not fought back. But it was well within their legal right to do so."

Actual scholars of international law tend to reject these pronouncements. Ruth Wedgwood, who teaches international law and diplomacy at Johns Hopkins University, convincingly debunks Zunes's, Gerges's, and Loewenstein's arguments. "We had a blockade around Cuba in the Cuban Missile Crisis," Wedgwood explained, noting that during that period, ships were boarded in international waters. "Under traditional law of the sea, you can visit and search before a boat gets to port."

Reuters released an informative Q&A legal analysis of the incident that supports Wedgwood's position by noting that "[l]egal experts say proportional force does not mean that guns cannot be used by forces when being attacked with knives."

As for examining the region's history in order to better understand its present, Middle East studies scholars were as eager to avoid discussing that subject as they were to heap blame on Israel. For instance, the passengers of the Mavi Marmara were recorded on Al-Jazeera chanting in Arabic, "Khaybar, Khaybar, oh Jews! The army of Mohammed will return!" They were referring to the Battle of Khaybar of 629 CE, in which Muslim forces under Mohammed summarily executed, enslaved, and forced into economic servitude the Jews of the Khaybar Oasis. But you needn't bother looking for commentary on such matters from Middle Eastern scholars -- with very few exceptions, they don't exist.

Israeli-Turkish relations were another subject for which many Middle Eastern experts failed to provide context, ascribing the breakdown in the nations' alliance to Israel and the singular event of the Gaza

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flotilla: Middle East scholar Daniel Pipes has warned of Turkey's Islamization for many years, and professor Henri J. Barkey of Lehigh University recently outlined how Israeli-Turkish relations have deteriorated since Turkey's main Islamist party took power. Turkey's current Prime Minister, Recep Erdogan, has consistently expressed sympathy for Hamas and Iran's nuclear program.

Yet such basic background information was missing from many academics' analyses. "Historians may look back on the [Mavi] Marmara raid as the moment a new order began emerging in the Middle East, grouping Turkey with Iran, Syria, Iraq and Palestine rather than with Washington and Tel Aviv," University of Michigan Professor Juan Cole writes:

Among Khalidi's saber-rattling, Zunes's, Loewenstein's and Gerges's claims to judicial authority, and Esposito's and Lynch's popularity contest, it is easy to forget that these individuals are scholars who have spent decades studying the history and politics of the Middle East. The media organizations that invited them to speak did not challenge their unsubstantiated claims. Issues actually relevant to Middle Eastern expertise were either distorted or neglected completely. These scholars' response to the Gaza flotilla incident demonstrates that America cannot expect an objective analysis of major news events from the leaders of this troubled discipline.

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IHH and its leader, Bulent Yildirim, conduct a propaganda campaign to prepare the ground for the flotilla planned for the end of June. The campaign's sometimes contradictory themes are aimed at glorifying IHH and its determination, and deterring Israel from acting against it, while presenting a moderate image to the West.

#### Overview

1. In recent weeks the Turkish IHH has been conducting a propaganda campaign to prepare the ground for the flotilla expected to sail at the end of June 2011. The campaign themes are the glorification of the flotilla and IHH, which plays a central role in its organization. Other "occasionally contradictory" themes are aimed at deterring Israel from stopping the flotilla while allaying the fears of the international community regarding the possible repetition of the violence evinced aboard the Mavi Marmara.

2. Senior IHH figures Bulent Yildirim and Huseyin OruÅ provided statistical data for the upcoming flotilla. They claim that there will be 1500 passengers from more than 100 countries and 22 international organizations.

The flotilla will consist of 15 vessels, two of them Turkish (the Mavi Marmara, the flotilla's flagship, and a cargo ship). The Mavi Marmara will carry 500 passengers, 100 of them Turkish, half of those media personnel. In our assessment the data do not accurately reflect the flotilla's present state of preparations but rather the goals IHH and the other organizations seek to reach:

3. IHH is also using the campaign to foster and glamorize the memory of the nine shaheeds, the operatives killed aboard the Mavi Marmara, and instill hatred for Israel. IHH also participated in the Nakba Day events (with its Islamist confederates, a Turkish delegation was sent to Jordan. The delegation carried a banner bearing pictures of the dead operatives and its members were involved in violent confrontations with the Jordanian security forces.<sup>1</sup>). In addition, IHH and its confederates (the Turkish Islamist organizations participating in the flotilla) carried out a series of demonstrations and media events in Turkey between May 22 and 31 to mark the anniversary of the Mavi Marmara flotilla.

4. The IHH propaganda campaign has the following themes:

1) Detering Israel: In incendiary speeches, IHH stressed its readiness to sacrifice "shaheeds" to achieve its goals and warned Israel to be prepared for a "surprise" [possibly a hint the organization was planning to send a plane to the Gaza Strip]. By "deterrence," his remark was made in the context of an Israeli attempt to stop the flotilla, in which case it will stay on the high seas for an extended period of time (participants were told to take a trip of at least three weeks into consideration). During that time, according to Bulent Yildirim, the flotilla organizers will be able to put into motion protest demonstrations which will isolate Israel throughout the world. The Turkish foreign minister supported the

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IHH deterrence, saying that Turkey would "give the necessary response to any repeated act of provocation by Israel on the high seas."

2) Allaying the international community's fears of a repetition of the Mavi Marmara violence: The campaign stresses that the passengers will not have weapons ("Not even one penknife," an expression used by Bulent Yildirim when interviewed during preparations for the confrontation aboard the Mavi Marmara). One senior IHH figure said the organization was willing to have the flotilla's cargo inspected by UN or European observers (during the Mavi Marmara flotilla Turkish authorities stressed that the passengers' luggage had been inspected as they boarded the ship in Istanbul, while in reality large quantities of weapons and military equipment were brought aboard).

3) IHH "independence" and the non-involvement of the Turkish government in the flotilla: On May 20 Bulent Yildirim held a press conference where he again claimed IHH was an "independent" organization, and that the Turkish government was not involved in its affairs. Ahmet Davutoglu, the Turkish foreign minister, repeated the claim. In reality, IHH and the flotilla project receive political, propaganda and logistical support from the Turkish government, although it is not publicly acknowledged. That support was made clear in an NTV interview Davutoglu, where he warned Israel that "a Turkey will give the necessary response to any repeated act of provocation by Israel on the high seas."

5. Despite the propaganda efforts of the flotilla's organizers in general and IHH in particular, central institutions in the international community, among them the UN, the European Union, and the United States, have called for the flotilla not to be sent, describing it as an unnecessary provocation, and stressing the need to transfer humanitarian assistance through the appropriate channels. In addition, Lloyds of London announced it would not insure the flotilla's ships.

Bulent Yildirim's May 20 press conference

6. On May 20, IHH leader Bulent Yildirim held a press conference at IHH headquarters in the Istanbul suburb of Fatih. He gave a speech about the flotilla expected to set sail during the last week of June, in which IHH would again play an important role. He made the following points (according to the IHH website in Turkish):

1) Regarding the flotilla participants: About 1,500 people are expected to participate in the flotilla from more than 100 countries and 22 international organizations. They will sail aboard 15 vessels. According to Bulent Yildirim, "We are not increasing the number of ships participating because there will be more flotillas in the future."

2) The passengers will not have weapons in their possession: Bulent Yildirim emphasized that the passengers would be unarmed and that "we will not even have a penknife [a statement repeated twice], so that the entire world will support the flotilla."

[Bulent Yildirim during the Mavi Marmara flotilla: "We won't even have little penknives in our pockets." New knives, still in their wrappings, were found aboard the Mavi Marmara, some of the weapons prepared for the violent confrontation:]

3) Response to an Israeli attempt to halt the flotilla: Bulent Yildirim called on the Israeli authorities not to interfere with the flotilla and to allow it to reach the Gaza Strip. He said if Israel halted the flotilla and did not allow it to reach the Gaza Strip the ships would continue sailing on the high seas ("We will remain on the high seas for many days.") with much publicizing and raising of international awareness: "The streets will be filled with demonstrators rising up against Israel if the ships are harmed, lovers of freedom around the world will again fill the squares and hatred for Israel will increase."

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4) A "surprise" is being planned: Bulent Yildirim said that the flotilla is only part of a larger action, and that a surprise is being planned for Israel: "This flotilla is part of a much larger action. We are still at work preparing the surprise."

5) Praise for the Turkish government: Bulent Yildirim said that a representative of the American administration had asked the Turkish government to prevent the flotilla from sailing. However, he claimed, IHH was a civilian organization, which made its decisions independently. He said Israel was exerting pressure on many countries and that Israel's supporters were using force against IHH activists, but that "Turkey has already passed the test on that issue." He thanked the Turkish government for not having acted like certain leaders around the world and had not agreed to interfere with the affairs of a civilian body. He said it showed Turkey was a more advanced country than the United States when it came to the struggle for freedom.

Remarks made by senior IHH figure Huseyin OruÅS

7. Huseyin OruÅS, responsible for IHH's public relations (who was also aboard the Mavi Marmara), was interviewed by the Turkish paper Hurriyet on May 19 about the planned flotilla. He said the Mavi Marmara would carry 500 passengers, 400 of whom would not be Turkish, and 100 Turks, 50 of whom would be media correspondents. He also said IHH was willing to have the ships inspected by UN or European Parliament observers.<sup>4</sup>

About 500 participants are expected.

The significance of the remarks made by Bulent Yildirim and Huseyin OruÅS

Detering Israel and allaying the fears of the international community

8. To deter Israel from interfering with the flotilla, Bulent Yildirim has made various incendiary speeches in which he stressed IHH's determination to proceed with the flotilla, even at the price of additional shaheeds<sup>5</sup> (a hint at his readiness to confront Israel, even it means sacrificing lives). In addition, he has warned that should Israel try to stop the flotilla, the organizers intended to keep the ships on the high seas for a long period of time, which they would use to initiate protest actions to isolate Israel throughout the world. He used similar themes in a speech made to supporters in Istanbul two months before the previous flotilla.<sup>6</sup> An indication of the practical preparations for such a scenario is that volunteers from NGOs around the world who plan to join IHH's upcoming flotilla were asked to allocate at least three weeks to it.

9. On the other hand, Bulent Yildirim and Huseyin OruÅS are trying to allay the international community's fears of a potentially violent confrontation, claiming that the passengers will not be carrying weapons and that IHH is willing to have the cargo inspected by European or UN observers. They also claimed there would be fewer Turks than participated in the previous flotilla, and that half of them would represent the media. In our assessment, based on past experience, skepticism is in order for the following reasons:

1) Before the Mavi Marmara flotilla IHH leader Bulent Yildirim and other spokesmen also made contradictory remarks: On the one hand, they represented themselves as peace and human rights activists throughout, including during the flotilla. For example, Turkish correspondent AÅefik DinÅS, in his book The Bloodstained Mavi Marmara, wrote that Bulent Yildirim had declared at a press conference that "we will not even have a penknife, we are a civilian, humane movement" (p. 39) [when in fact aboard the Mavi Marmara there was a wide variety of weapons prepared for fighting the IDF]. On the other hand, speaking before an audience of Islamist supporters two months before the flotilla set sail, Bulent Yildirim emphasized IHH's

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determination to reach the Gaza Strip, no matter how, even if Israel employed force against one of the ships.

2) Regarding IHH's agreement regarding an inspection of the passengers' luggage, for the previous flotilla IHH also claimed that the luggage of the passengers aboard the Mavi Marmara had been inspected by the Turkish authorities as they boarded the ship in Istanbul. In reality, the "inspection," if it was indeed carried out, was meaningless, because many weapons were loaded aboard the ship, as was military equipment and tools for making improvised weapons. In addition, based on familiarity with the violent modus operandi of IHH operatives, as evidenced by their past confrontations with Egyptian and Jordanian security forces, it can be assumed that operatives belonging to IHH and their Islamist confederates, some of whom have experience from previous confrontations, will be able to confront IDF soldiers with improvised weapons or even without previously preparing weapons, if they are instructed to do so.

The "surprise" IHH is preparing for Israel

10. Bulent Yildirim did not specifically mention what the "surprise" would be. In our assessment it may possibly mean sending a plane to the Gaza Strip. In a speech he gave on April 7, 2011, at a memorial service for the operatives killed aboard the Mavi Marmara, he said that the Gaza Strip would also be reached by air. He said the organization was in the process of acquiring a plane, which would also depart for the Gaza Strip. The status of activating the plan is so far unknown.

The Turkish regime's involvement in the flotilla

11. In his May 20 speech, Bulent Yildirim again claimed that IHH was an "independent" organization, and the Turkey did not interfere in its affairs.

A similar claim was made by the organizers of the Mavi Marmara flotilla, who represented it as the fruit of a network of NGOs around the world with no governmental support. However, in reality, the flotilla project has received support from the government of Turkey (as stated in a document found aboard the Mavi Marmara), although the Turks prefer a low media profile. The support is expressed in the logistical and financial support given to IHH, and by the political and propaganda defense it receives.

12. A clear indication of the political-propaganda support given the flotilla by the Turkish government can be found in the NTV interview of Ahmet Davutoglu, the Turkish foreign minister (according to Halkin Sesi, May 21), which hinted at a threat to Israel. He said "It should be known that Turkey will give the necessary response to any repeated act of provocation by Israel on the high seas. Those who believe Turkey should take certain steps to stop [the new flotilla] must first warn Israel not to repeat the human tragedy it caused last year."

13. He also claimed that the Turkish government did not encourage convoys, but that Turkey could not give orders to civilian organizations. He said the international community should support the internal Palestinian reconciliation, because it would remove the conditions used by Israel to justify the "siege," and there would no longer be a need for assistance convoys to the Gaza Strip. On another occasion he said that "the flotilla is not the root of the problem," but rather "the root of the problem is the embargo [sic] [of the Gaza Strip]." Sending a message to Israel, he said that it had to obey international law in international waters. He also called on Israel to support Palestinian unity and thus make it possible to remove the "embargo" of the Gaza Strip immediately (Today's Zaman website, May 20, 2011).

14. As part of the propaganda campaign intended to pave the way for the new flotilla, IHH and its confederates are planning a series of propaganda events leading up to May 31, the anniversary of the Mavi Marmara.<sup>8</sup> Special emphasis will be put on fostering and glorifying the memory of the nine IHH operatives killed aboard the Mavi Marmara, and inculcating hatred for Israel within the Turkish public. The events culminated in a mass rally in Istanbul's

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Taksim Square on May 30, and a press conference held by IHH and its confederates on May 31. IHH asked the NGOs connected to it to hold similar events around the globe.

As the Freedom Flotilla Family we did not forget our nine brothers who were killed last year by Zionist soldiers. We are going to organize the following programs in Turkey:

22 May 2011 -Raising Banners in Football Matches

23 May 2011 -Starting the photo exhibitions in schools and public places.

23 May 2011 -Starting the memorial programs in schools and public places.

25 May 2011 -Starting the memorial programs in the cities of martyrs of Mavi Marmara.

26 May 2011 -Memorial program in Blue Mosque, in Istanbul.

28 May 2011 -Kite flying program in the point where Mavi Marmara left to Gaza last year.

30 May 2011 -Mass rally in Taksim square. We expect tens of thousands.

31 May 2011 -Memorial programs in the early morning in the graveyards of the martyrs.

31 May 2011 -Press conference by IHH and other NGOs in Turkey.

Events marking the sailing of the Mavi Marmara and the operatives killed

15. The planned events have been attended by radical Islamic networks, which have threatened to settle accounts with Israel because of the nine operatives who were killed. Nur al-Din Shirin, leader of a Turkish Islamist group (which participated in Nakba Day events in Jordan and confronted the Jordanian security forces), told the Islamist newspaper Velfecr on May 20 that "œOn the anniversary of the killing of the shaheeds aboard the Mavi Marmara and the barbaric conduct of the Israelis, we will show them that we have not forgotten the blood spilled there, and we will settle accountsœ."

The Turkish delegation to the Nakba Day events in Jordan leads a Palestinian-Jordanian march to the Allenby Bridge. The banner bears the pictures of the nine operatives killed aboard the Mavi Marmara. When the march met Jordanian security forces at a roadblock a violent confrontation broke out (Velfecr.com website, May 19, 2011). The banner reads "The flag of our shaheeds flies all over the world."

1 A bulletin about the Turkish delegation to Jordan is currently being translated. Readers of Hebrew can find it now at [http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam\\_multimedia/Hebrew/heb\\_n/pdf/1pc\\_195.pdf](http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/Hebrew/heb_n/pdf/1pc_195.pdf).

2 IHH website. The main points were also reported by Agence France-Presse from Istanbul, May 20, 2011.

3 The Jordanian flotilla committee announced there would be 13 ships.

According to the announcement, deliberations were being held regarding the purchase of another ship with Arab funds. It also stated that that the Jordanian committee would contribute 20% of the cost of the vessel, estimated at a, -1,600,000 (Al-Sabil, May 23, 2011). An IHH spokesman told Reuters that the ships would depart from European ports during the third week of June and would be joined by IHH during the voyage (Reuters, May 17, quoted from the Jerusalem Post, May 18, 2011).

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4 Huseyin OruAS's call and the entire flotilla idea were rejected by a senior UN figure. On May 19 Robert Serry, UN special envoy to the Middle East, said that all assistance and legitimate merchandise meant for the Gaza Strip had to enter through official crossings and proper, established channels, in accordance with the International Quartet and the committee for contributors to the Palestinian Authority (the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee, AHLC). Serry emphasized the importance of the struggle against the smuggling of weapons into the Gaza Strip, saying that the UN Secretary General was following with concern reports about additional potential flotillas to the Gaza Strip, and that as far as Ban-ki Moon was concerned, another flotilla would be "provocative and unnecessary." He also said that the Secretary General called on all the relevant governments to exert their influence to prevent more flotillas, which had the potential for escalation.

5 For further information, see the May 18, 2011 ITIC bulletin, "IHH, which plays a central role in organizing the upcoming flotilla to the Gaza Strip, joined Turkish Islamist organizations in denouncing Osama bin Laden's killing by America." at [http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam\\_multimedia/English/eng\\_n/pdf/ipc\\_e190.pdf](http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/pdf/ipc_e190.pdf).

6 On March 31, 2010, Bulent Yildirim presented three possible scenarios: that the ship would be attacked, that it would be allowed to enter the Gaza Strip and that it would be prevented from proceeding. If it were prevented from proceeding, the passengers would remain aboard for a long period of time (a number of weeks). In such a case, "all the civilian organizations of the countries [involved] will demonstrate and protest. The issue will be raised in the various parliaments. The longer we stay at sea the more time we will gain. All the officials of the countries [involved] will go into action. After that the countries friendly to Israel will separate themselves from it." At the launching of the Mavi Marmara in Istanbul on May 23, 2010, Bulent Yildirim gave another incendiary speech in which he called on Israel to manage the crisis carefully, otherwise, he warned, "you will be isolated in the world and harm yourselves."

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8 The events in Turkey are planned to take place on or about events in other areas, such as the 11th anniversary of the Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and Nakba Day events, to commemorate the Arab defeat of the Six Day War (June 5-7).

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JERUSALEM - A number of radical non-governmental organizations (NGOs) will hold a May 10 lobbying initiative and press conference at the European Parliament to promote next month's planned flotilla to Gaza, organized in conjunction with the terror organization Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH).

Representatives from the International Solidarity Movement (ISM), Free Gaza Movement, and European Jews for Just Peace are scheduled to meet with European lawmakers in a series of private meetings, as well as speak at a press event afterwards, notes Jerusalem-based NGO Monitor, a research institution that tracks NGOs in the region.

"Many of the same NGOs that funded and organized the violent May 31, 2010 flotilla are organizing this new flotilla," says Prof. Gerald Steinberg, president of NGO Monitor. "They clearly have no interest in delivering humanitarian aid to Gaza - for which there are many options - their main goal is to provoke another violent confrontation."

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NGO Monitor notes that the European Union, individual European governments, and the New Israel Fund (NIF), fund many of the other NGOs that are participating or have endorsed the latest flotilla efforts, including the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme, Alternative Information Center (AIC), Sabeel, Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP), Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR), Israeli Committee Against Housing Demolitions, and Zochrot. Full report on NGOs and funding related to the flotilla.

"The flotilla is a continuation of NGO strategy seeking to incite violence and demonize Israel, under the façade of human rights," adds Prof. Steinberg. "These NGOs compare Israeli soldiers to Nazis, call for a 'one state solution,' invoke the rhetoric of 'apartheid,' and promote boycotts, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) against Israel. Such campaigns, along with the flotilla, do not foster an environment conducive to peace and mutual understanding. Rather, they make those goals more difficult to achieve."

The ISM supports "armed struggle" and its co-founders Huwaida Arraf and Adam Shapiro said deaths from Palestinian "resistance" are "no less noble than carrying out a suicide operation. And we are certain that if these men were killed during such an action, they would be considered shaheed Allah."

As mentioned, the IHH, a Turkish group linked to Al Qaeda and Hamas (and recently designated as a terrorist organization by the Dutch government), is a key organizer of the flotilla. Under international law, UN member states, as emphasized in UN Security Council Resolution 1373, must "prohibit their nationals or any persons and entities within their territories from making any funds, financial assets or economic resources or financial or other related services available" for terrorist activities.

"The flotilla highlights the problematic nature of European funding for political advocacy NGOs," Steinberg notes. "Beyond UNSC Resolution 1373, donor states to the Palestinian Authority, many of which are European, condemn such provocative flotillas to Gaza. Yet, their taxpayer euros are funding activities organized by a terrorist organization."

As reconfirmed by Mathilde Redmant, deputy director of the Red Cross in Gaza, on April 21, 2011, "There is no humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Humanitarian aid reaches Gaza through multiple routes, including the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt, which has been open since June 2010 and the hundreds of tons of goods that Israel trucks in each week. Additionally, Israel has agreed to deliver any humanitarian aid to Gaza after an inspection at the border."

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Full report on NGO involvement in the planned flotilla linked here and below:

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### Briefing Note

#### International NGOs and the Second Gaza Flotilla

#### Links to Terror, No Humanitarian Purpose

#### Summary:

On May 31, 2010, in violation of international law, six ships attempted to reach Gaza by sea and were intercepted by Israeli security forces. Flotilla passengers met Israeli forces with violence and several caches of weapons were found on board.

Politicized NGOs with connections to terrorist groups are planning a second flotilla to commemorate the 2010 incident.

Major organizers include Turkey-based IHH, a group linked to Al Qaeda and Hamas; IHH is listed by several Western governments as a terrorist entity. The international community - including the EU and the US - is legally bound by UN Security Council Resolution 1373, [1] which imposes barriers on the movement, organization, and fund-raising activities of terrorist groups. Flotilla coordinators International Solidarity Movement (ISM) and the Free Gaza Movement (FGM) are known for encouraging their activists to confront Israeli security forces and inflammatory anti-Israel rhetoric.

Several EU and NIF-funded NGOs - including the Israeli Committee Against Housing Demolitions (ICAHN), the Alternative Information Center (AIC), and the Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR) - are organizing and endorsing flotilla efforts.

Organizers are using the pretext of a humanitarian mission to provoke a military confrontation in an already inflamed region.

#### International Law Background:

The international community - including the EU and the US - is legally bound by UN Security Council Resolution 1373, passed unanimously following the September 11, 2001 attacks. The resolution imposes barriers on the movement, organization, and fund-raising activities of terrorist groups. Member states must "prohibit their nationals or any persons and entities within their territories from making any funds, financial assets or economic resources or financial or other related services available" for terrorist activities, and must also "prevent those who finance, plan, facilitate or commit terrorist acts from using their respective territories for those purposes against other States or their citizens."

In April 2011, the Dutch government added Flotilla organizer IHH to its list of terror groups, and the organization is banned in Germany and Israel. IHH is part of the Union for Good umbrella group, which the US Treasury Department designates as a terrorist organization.

IHH has strong connections to Al Qaeda and Hamas, listed as terrorist organizations by the EU, the US, the UK, Canada, and many other countries.

In March 2010, Israeli security forces intercepted approximately 50 tons of weapons on a ship bound for Gaza, underscoring Hamas' efforts to receive weapons via sea routes.

Humanitarian aid can reach Gaza through multiple routes. The Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt has been open since June 2010. In late April 2011, the Egyptian foreign minister declared Egypt would permanently open the



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border crossing. Additionally, Israel has agreed to deliver any humanitarian aid to Gaza after an inspection at the border. Therefore, the humanitarian justification for these flotillas is invalid.

### Major Organizers of the 2011 Flotilla:

#### Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH):

Turkey-based Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) is planning a Second Gaza Flotilla as a follow-up to the violence of May 31, 2010.

In an April 2011 interview, IHH president Bülent Yildirim said: "We are not afraid to die as shaheeds." [2] He also stated: "...we do have a problem with one place, and we declare it boldly, without fear, and without hesitation: Our problem is Zionism, which has infected all of humanity like a virus."

IHH is a member of the Union of the Good, an umbrella group of 50+ Islamic organizations established as a funding conduit by the Hamas leadership. [3] During heightened terrorist activity in 2002, the Union of the Good transferred money, via Hamas charities, to families of suicide bombers. Turkish authorities investigated IHH in 1997, after receiving information that senior members had purchased weapons from Islamic radicals. A raid on the organization's bureau turned up weapons, explosives, and instructions for making IEDs. [4]

French counter-terrorism magistrate Jean-Louis Bruguiere testified that IHH maintained contact with Al Qaeda in Milan and Algerian terrorists in Europe; recruited militants for fighting in Bosnia, Chechnya, and Afghanistan; and played a "central role" in the Al Qaeda bomb plot targeting LAX airport. In an interview conducted after the first flotilla (2010), Demet Tezcan of IHH stated: "The [Israelis] are paranoid cowards, who definitely have a sick mentality. That's why we have to put an end to this."

#### International Solidarity Movement (ISM):

The International Solidarity Movement (ISM) was a leading organizer of the May 2010 Flotilla and is continuing its leadership role for the Second Gaza Flotilla.

Describes itself as "a Palestinian-led movement committed to resisting the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land using non-violent, direct-action methods and principles."

Encourages activists to take "direct action" that often places them in danger by provoking violent confrontations with Israeli Defense Forces.

In a 2002 article, ISM co-founders Adam Shapiro and Huwaida Arraf wrote: "The Palestinian resistance must take on a variety of characteristics, both non-violent and violent. Yes, people will get killed and injured," but these deaths are "no less noble than carrying out a suicide operation. And we are certain that if these men were killed during such an action, they would be considered shaheed Allah." [5]

ISM has been responsible for endangering the safety of many foreign nationals, including American citizen Rachel Corrie, UK citizen Tom Hurndall, and Italian citizen Vittorio Arrigoni. All were killed while participating in ISM activities.

ISM is recruiting activists for the Second Gaza Flotilla, favoring those activists who already participated in flotillas and were "detained and deported by Israel."

ISM is encouraging "non-violent" activities onboard the ship, however the

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group is known for tactics to provoke the Israeli security forces. [6] They have adopted the following tactics for the Second Gaza Flotilla: "Refusing deportation until a set of conditions is met" and "extreme non-violent, non-cooperation during captivity."

In 2006 and 2007, \$55,856.20 was transferred to ISM through the A.J. Muste Institute, ISM's "fiscal sponsor." Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA) is another conduit for the organization to receive 501(c)(3) tax deductible donations in the US.

### Free Gaza Movement:

The Free Gaza Movement (founded by ISM activists, including Huwaida Arraf and Adam Shapiro) leads a coalition of groups that has sent nine sea delegations to Gaza since 2008. [7]

Refers to Israel as "Palestine."

Admitted that the first flotilla was not humanitarian, but rather political. Board of Advisors includes M. Cherif Bassiouni, as well as anti-Israel ideologues James Abourezk, Noam Chomsky, Naomi Klein, and Baroness Jenny Tonge.

Co-coordinator Caoimhe Butterly spent 16 days in April 2002 as a "human shield" in Yasser Arafat's compound and encourages "resistance" activities. Board of Directors member Greta Berlin is a Hamas supporter and made false statements alleging Israeli violence to the media in the wake of the May 2010 flotilla.

Mary Hughes Thompson, co-founder of the Free Gaza Movement, wrote: "God bless you Vittorio. Your star will shine long after Zionist Israel is no more."

Free Gaza Movement relies on fundraising efforts from its many affiliate groups. The website and the websites of their affiliates encourage individual supporters to donate via PayPal.

The American Educational Trust (AET), publishers of the Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, agreed to serve as Free Gaza's fiscal sponsor in the United States, enabling tax-deductible donations.

EU- and NIF-funded NGO Endorsers of the Second Gaza Flotilla:

Jeff Halper of the Israeli Committee Against Housing Demolitions (ICAHN), is on the Free Gaza Movement's Board of Advisors and is an organizer of a Canadian boat set to take part in the second flotilla. ICAHN is funded by the EU, Spain, and the governments of the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, and Switzerland via the NGO Development Center.

Eyad Sarraj, Director of the Gaza Community Mental Health Programme is also on the Free Gaza Movement Board of Advisors. During the June 2009 Goldstone mission hearings in Gaza, Sarraj made antisemitic remarks: "Israeli soldier has the image of absolute superiority . . . and he uses it without thinking of humanity at all . . . inside Israel there is an identification with the aggressor, the Nazis."

The Alternative Information Center (AIC), funders include Diakonia (Sweden), ICCO (the Netherlands).

Sabeel, funded by Diakonia (Sweden)

Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP), funded by New Israel Fund (NIF), Switzerland, the Netherlands, and Germany.

Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR), funded by the European Union and the governments of Ireland, Denmark, the Netherlands, and Norway; NGO Development Center (NDC - governments of Switzerland, Sweden, Netherlands, Denmark). Private organizations providing funding include: Ford Foundation (USA), International Commission of Jurists (Sweden), Open Society

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Foundations (OSI - US), Christian Aid (UK), Grassroots International (US), Kvinna Till Kvinna (Sweden), Al-Quds Association Malaga (Spain), Oxfam Novib (the Netherlands), Trocaire (Ireland), DanChurchAid (Denmark), and the Welfare Association.

Jewish Voice for Peace is a tax-exempt registered 501(c)(3) organization, though its funding is not transparent.

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Zochrot, funders in 2009 include ICCO (the Netherlands), Oxfam Great Britain, Oxfam Belgium, and Trocaire (Ireland):

### Expressions of Violence and Antisemitism Surrounding May 2010 Flotilla:[8]

An Algerian delegate stated: "I took an oath that if they [Israel] stamped my passport, I would rip it up and leave without a passport. Our hatred for these people is so intense that we wished, at those moments, that we could have been bombs, and blow up among those brothers of apes and pigs."

After refusing calls to divert to the port of Ashdod, passengers onboard the Mavi Marmara violently attacked Israeli soldiers with metal rods, slingshots, knives, live bullets, and stun grenades.

The May 2010 flotilla contained little humanitarian aid. Instead, expired medications, broken medical equipment, camouflage material (intended for Hamas uniforms), and several caches of weapons were found.

Before setting sail in 2010, flotilla organizers declined several requests to unload cargo at the port of Ashdod to be delivered to Gaza; organizers have refused the same request in 2011.

Of the nine operatives who died during the violence, eight belonged to Islamist organizations and seven announced before the event that they desired to be shaheeds.

Hamas refused delivery of 21 truckloads of goods unloaded from the May 2010 flotilla.

### International Reactions to 2011 Flotilla:

Donor states to the Palestinian Authority condemned flotillas to Gaza and called on parties to use land terminals to avoid provocation.

US Ambassador Susan Rice stated: "There are distinct mechanisms to deliver goods to Gaza and there are no justifications to sail directly to Gaza."

German Ambassador Peter Witting called on the organizations involved "to find other ways to deliver aid to the people of Gaza."

In a letter to parliament, the Dutch foreign minister called on Dutch NGOs not to join the flotilla.

Mathilde Redmant, the deputy director of the Red Cross in Gaza: "There is no humanitarian crisis in Gaza."

[1] In addition, the EU amended several existing directives to facilitate implementation of the UN Resolution. For more information, see Report by the European Union to the Committee Established Under Paragraph 6 of Resolution 1373 (2001) Adopted by the Security Council at its 4385th Meeting on 28 September 2001.

[2] Martyrs for the sake of Allah.

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[3] The Union of Good has been designated by the United States. As such, any assets the Union of Good holds under US jurisdiction are frozen, and US persons are prohibited from engaging in any transactions with the group.

[4] The Role of Islamic Charities in International Terrorist Recruitment and Financing, Evan F. Kohlmann (Danish Institute for International Studies, 2006/2007).

[5] "Whitewashing ISM," CAMERA (Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America), Sept. 1, 2004.

[6] ISM activists have been documented throwing Molotov cocktails at IDF soldiers and hurtling burning tires at the security barrier. Photographs available at Activestills.org flickr feed.

[7] It partners with the Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH), the European Campaign to End the Siege on Gaza, the International Committee to End the Siege on Gaza, Ship to Gaza Sweden, and Ship to Gaza Greece.

[8] For images of the first flotilla, see, e.g. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/idfonline/4702461153/in/set-72157624155153089/>

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May 17, 2011, The Times: An Israeli human rights group has warned Lloyd's of London that it may be liable for massive damages if it insures ships that are used by suspected terrorist organisations to sail to the Gaza Strip.

The legal warning, sent to Lloyd's and all the other main maritime insurance companies in the world, asserted that under international law Lloyd's would be open to charges of aiding and abetting terrorism if it contributed in any way to the passage of ships to Gaza, which is controlled by Hamas, an Islamist movement designated by the United States, Israel and the European Union as a terrorist group. Lloyd's is the biggest insurance market in the world.

The announcement, issued by Shurat Din, a legal centre in Tel Aviv, came on the day that the Israeli navy fired warning shots at a Malaysian-chartered ship carrying sewerage pipes to Gaza from the Egyptian port of al-Arish, forcing it to turn back. The Malaysian aid group that organised the delivery said that the ship was a few hundred yards off the Gaza coast when the Israeli naval vessel forced it back.

Nitsana Darshan Leitner, the founder of the Israeli law centre, said that the point of the legal threat was to prevent a flotilla of aid ships from approaching Gaza this month to mark the first anniversary of a raid by Israeli naval commandos on a Turkish ferry heading for the blockaded enclave.

Nine Turkish activists, one of them a dual US citizen, were shot dead when Israel commandos abseiled on to the Mavi Marmara as it sailed through international waters for Gaza on May 31 last year. The troops were armed with paintball guns and pistols, but were beaten with sticks and metal pipes by Turkish activists when they landed one by one on the deck of the ship. The Israeli troops opened fire, causing a huge diplomatic storm with Turkey from which Israel has yet to recover.

Lloyd's said that it would refuse to underwrite a vessel backed by terrorist or related organisations on any trip that would be in breach of sanctions. The insurance market said: "Hamas is subject to UK and EU terrorist financing sanctions. As such, any vessel identified as being owned or controlled by that organisation would not be permitted to be insured by Lloyd's, or any other EU insurer."

It declined to address the veiled legal threat in the letter directly.

Any shipowner planning to send vessels into Gaza would have to notify the Lloyd's of London market in advance, providing details of the cargo, because Israel is designated a war risk for the purposes of providing cover.

Lloyd's indicated that if its members had been deceived about the true purpose of a trip the insurance cover would instantly be invalid.

Darshan Leitner, an Israeli lawyer who specialises in cases involving victims of terrorist attacks, said: "Before Israel gets into another mess with the navy and the flotilla, we don't want bloodshed on the sea again."

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This is a way that the private sector can help the Government prevent terrorism."

She said that under international law no link had to be established between a specific terrorism attack and a particular ship heading into Gaza: "That's the beauty of this. It doesn't have to link directly. The law in the US and Israel and maybe in other countries is that when it comes to terrorism, it is very strict, that anyone aiding and abetting a designated terrorist organisation, the liability is on you for any terrorist attack that that organisation carries out," she told The Times.

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Tuesday, June 1, 2010

TOP STORIES:

- Nine protestors killed during IDF raid on Gaza-bound flotilla
- International condemnation of the flotilla affair

Nine protestors killed during IDF raid on Gaza-bound flotilla: All Hebrew-language dailies this morning are devoted almost exclusively to yesterday's lethal IDF raid on the international flotilla bound for Gaza, during which nine international protestors were killed and more were wounded, including several Israeli navy soldiers. All of the newspapers are analyzing the tactical actions taken by the naval force, which apparently came ill-prepared to deal with such fierce opposition and violence from the self-proclaimed "peace activists." All of the newspapers show photographic evidence of the violence inflicted on the soldiers as they boarded the "Mavi Marmara," including images of the types of knives and clubs used against the soldiers. The newspapers are also laden with play-by-play graphics of the operation, alluding that the soldiers were walking into "a trap" (which was Yediot's headline). The general consensus in the papers, however, appears to be that the Naval Commandos who carried out the raid were to be commended and not condemned for their conduct under harsh conditions.

Aside from the military aspect of the raid, today's newspapers also attempt to criticize the strategic decision-making process and to ask whether the political echelon had not failed in insisting to stop the flotilla from reaching the Gaza shores. The press is also criticizing Prime Minister Netanyahu for responding publicly only 12 hours after the incident, citing his indecision whether to cut his trip short or continue as planned. Much of the anger in the press from the failure of the mission is directed towards Defense Minister Ehud Barak. Maariv is reporting about unrest within the Labor Party in the aftermath of the dramatic turn of events at sea yesterday. Maariv addresses the potential ramifications of the flotilla raid on the Israeli political scene, citing the potential for a national unity government. In Yediot, a senior columnist enumerates the various reasons he believes it is imperative for Barak to resign as defense minister in the wake of yesterday's events.

International condemnation of the flotilla affair: The newspapers this morning also focused on the international political fallout from the flotilla incident, bringing coverage of international condemnation of Israel and protests around the world. A large part of the coverage in this aspect is focusing on the deterioration of relations with Turkey, with Yediot reporting that the Turks are "promising revenge." Yediot's correspondent, who was dispatched to Istanbul, is quoting an IHH activist who said the flotilla was indeed a pre-planned trap for Israel in order to isolate it internationally. Both Yediot and Maariv focus some of their criticism on Israel's public diplomacy efforts, which were – yet again – completely absent and drowned out by the various anti-Israel speakers who dominated the international media coverage of the incident.

FRONT PAGE HEADLINES

- Yediot:
- \* The Trap
  - \* The Test of the Result

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\* Barak Resign

Maariv:

\* The Flasco and the Heroism

\* Turkey Enraged

\* Arab Sector Rampages

Ha'aretz:

\* Failure of IDF Operation Creates International Predicament

\* Fierce Crisis in Relations with Turkey; Tens of Thousands Demonstrate Opposite Israeli Consulate

\* Needed: Commission of Inquiry

Makor Rishon-Hatzofer:

\* Islamist-Turkish Provocation

\* No Hysteria

\* Blood on the Hands of the "Peace Activists"

Israel Hayom

\* Soldiers Faced a Lynching

\* Naval Commando Sent to Stop "Peace Activists" and Found Himself in a Trap

\* Severe Crisis with Turkey

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OVERVIEW

The main headlines of both dailies concern tonight's World Cup finals. Alongside them are current events, including the IDF's preparations for the approaching Libyan flotilla and the Eiland Committee report of the takeover of the Mavi Marmara.

Smadar Peri reports in *Yedioth Ahronoth* that despite Israel's efforts in the diplomatic arena, the Libyan ship *Amal* remains on course for Gaza. The ship, which was dispatched by the Human Rights Society of which Saef al-Islam Gaddafi, the eldest son of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, is president, set sail yesterday from the Greek port of Lavrio. It is reportedly carrying two thousand tons of food and medicines. "We have no weapons. We have no rifles and not even knives. We are bringing only food, and we come in peace," said Abd el-Raouf Jazeeri, one of the activists aboard the *Amal*. Although Israeli officials have proposed that the ship dock either at the port of Ashdod in Israel or at the Egyptian port of El-Arish, the ship's captain maintained last night that his course remains set for Gaza. MK Ahmed Tibi, the Libyan flotilla's coordinator in Israel, agreed, saying yesterday, "The vessel will sail for Gaza and nowhere else. We are willing to have the ship inspected at sea."

Ofer Shelah reports in *Ma'ariv* that tensions are running high in the IDF, as army officials await the publication of the report that was written by a committee headed by Maj. Gen. (res.) Giora Eiland. Although the report is not expected to lay blame or recommend the dismissal of any officer, it is expected to contain severe criticism of the operation's planning and execution.

*Yedioth Ahronoth* follows up this morning on its weekend exposé about the failure of Haredi schools to teach core curriculum subjects such as arithmetic, English and science, and their over-reporting of the hours in which these subjects were taught in order to receive government funding. A bill that would oblige the study of Education Ministry-mandated core

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curriculum is now on the table and is expected to advance in the legislative process after the Knesset breaks for the summer.

FRONT PAGE HEADLINES

**Yedioth Ahronoth:**

- \* High Alert: Gaddafi's Flotilla on its Way
- \* Who'll It Be? Holland or Spain
- \* New Bill to Close Schools that Fail to Teach Core Curriculum Gets Wide Support in Knesset

**Ma'ariv:**

- \* IDF Braces for Eiland Report
- \* Finance Ministry Accuses: "IDF Making Use of Hizbullah in Budgetary Struggle"
- \* A Kick Away: World Cup Final Tonight

**Ha'aretz:**

- \* Netanyahu Examines Ending IDF Activity in Palestinian Cities on West Bank
- \* Officials: Flotilla is not Humanitarian; Just a Provocation to Strengthen Hamas
- \* Non-Jewish Russians Banned from Buying House in Nokdim

**Makor Rishon-Hatzofe:**

- \* Libyan Ship Leaves for Gaza
- \* Thousands Attend Funeral of Rabbi Yehuda Amital
- \* Eti Ankri [Israeli Singer] in Special Performance of Religious Songs

**Israel Hayom**

- \* Israel Warns: Lebanese flotilla Will Not Be Allowed to Reach Gaza
- \* World Awaits World Cup
- \* Hot Week Ahead

**ISRAEL RADIO NEWS 7:00 AM Hebrew Report**

\* **Flotilla:** The Libyan flotilla has left Greece, though it remains unclear whether it is headed to the Gaza Strip or El-Arish. The ship's journey is expected to last four days. The ship's agent as well as the Greek Foreign Ministry have reported that the ship is destined to El-Arish, however, an Al-Jazeera reporter on board said that the ship was making its way to the Gaza Strip. The captain has reportedly denied that a different course had been agreed with him.

The flotilla's initiator, the Libyan organization linked to Gaddafi's son, has announced that ship is en route to Gaza. The ship is carrying fifteen volunteers and twelve crewmen. The Israeli navy has said that missile boats will escort the Libyan vessel making its way to El-Arish and that they are preparing for the event that it may deviate off course. Security sources have told Israel Radio that this flotilla, like its predecessors, is not of humanitarian nature but, rather, is a provocation that is aimed at strengthening Hamas. They said that the humanitarian problem in Gaza remains the imprisonment of soldier Gilad Shalit. Defense Minister Barak has called the flotilla an unnecessary provocation and proposed that the flotilla's organizers either join the navy ships and head to Ashdod or set a course to El-Arish.

\* **Abbas comments:** PA Chairman Abu Mazen is deliberating as to the wisdom in beginning direct talks, so long as the Palestinians have scored no

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achievements, particularly in the matters of security and borders. Abu Mazen reiterated his demand that Israel cease construction in the settlements. He refrained, however, from citing this as a precondition for direct talks.

\* **Bishara:** The Ministerial Committee for Legislation will discuss today a bill disqualifying Azmi Bishara from receiving a pension. Bishara is suspected of espionage for Hizbullah. The bill was sponsored by MKs Yisrael Hasson of Kadima and Yariv Levin of Likud.

\* **Proximity talks:** Western diplomats told Al-Hayat that special US envoy to the Middle East George Mitchell has stopped proximity talks between Israel and the Palestinian, and has begun discussing with the parties conditions for the beginning of direct negotiations. The paper further reports that Egyptian President Mubarak will meet with Prime Minister Netanyahu in two days and hear from him about his meeting with President Obama. On Thursday Mubarak will meet with PA Chairman Abu Mazen.

\* **The previous flotilla:** A senior political official has told Israel Radio that he believes Israel must oppose UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's proposal to appoint an international commission of inquiry over the Turkish flotilla incident, and has said that the Turkel committee already includes two foreign observers. Israel's position on this matter was discussed in several of the meetings Prime Minister Netanyahu held in Washington and New York.

\* **Olmert:** Former prime minister Ehud Olmert is expected to face questioning for a third time this morning over the Holyland affair.

### FLOTILLA

#### TENSION ON THE HIGH SEAS

Yedioth Ahronoth (p. 4) by Smadar Peri et al. -- Despite the diplomatic pressure that Israeli officials applied over the weekend, the captain of the Libyan vessel *Amal* (hope) announced last night: "I haven't received any instructions to change the ship's original course. I am sailing to Gaza."

The question as to whether the *Amal* will be sailing to Gaza or whether it will anchor at the Egyptian port of El-Arish kept high-ranking officials of the Foreign Ministry and the Defense Ministry busy over the weekend. Yesterday, Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, Defense Minister Ehud Barak and Israeli Ambassador to the UN Gabriella Shalev tried to apply pressure in order to prevent the *Amal* from sailing to Gaza, and in the end it looked as though their efforts had borne fruit. But the ship's captain announced that despite all the pressure, he intended to sail to Gaza.

The voyage of the *Amal*, which set sail yesterday from the Greek port of Lavrio, was organized by the Human Rights Society, which is led by Saef al-Islam, the eldest son of Libyan president Muammar Gaddafi. According to the reports, together with "peace activists" and crew members, one of Gaddafi's six sons is on board the vessel. The activists say that approximately two thousand tons of food and medicines were loaded onto the ship. "We have no weapons. We have no rifles and not even knives. We are bringing only food, and we come in peace," Abd el-Raouf Jazeeri, one of the activists aboard the vessel, said yesterday.

Yesterday, the defense minister reiterated his position that Israel opposes the entry of ships into the Gaza Strip without an inspection to ensure that they are carrying no arms or combat support items. "The goods

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can be taken through the Ashdod port after inspection," Barak said, "but we will not allow arms to be brought in. We recommend that the flotilla's organizers accompany the navy boats to the Ashdod port or sail directly to the port of El-Arish."

The defense minister contacted his counterparts in Greece and Moldova in order to ask that the vessel not set sail for Gaza. The foreign minister of Moldova was contacted because the vessel is sailing under the Moldovan flag, and the Greek foreign minister was contacted because the vessel is setting sail from a Greek port. At the same time, the defense minister spoke with the Egyptian intelligence minister, General Omar Suleiman, and asked him to act so that the vessel would dock in the port of El-Arish.

The Israeli embassy at the UN wrote an urgent letter to the UN Secretary General, the presidents of the Security Council and to the UN General Assembly, asking them to use the international community's influence on the Libyan government and ask it to show responsibility and prevent the vessel from sailing to the Gaza Strip. Israel reserves the right to prevent the vessel from breaking the maritime blockade of the Gaza Strip, Shalev wrote.

In the end, it seemed that an agreement had been reached: the voyage documents were changed, and the voyage's new destination was the port of El-Arish. But despite the agreements that were reached between Israel, Greece, Moldova and Egypt, the vessel sailed toward Gaza. "This is a private vessel that was chartered in Moldova," Samir el-Hadr, Saef al-Islam Gaddafi's representative, said last night. "We are not involved and are not part of any agreements about changing course or the plan." MK Ahmed Tibi, the Libyan flotilla's coordinator in Israel, said yesterday, "The vessel will sail for Gaza and nowhere else. We are willing to have the ship inspected at sea."

Navy officials are preparing for the possibility of the Libyan flotilla's arrival on the Gaza coast. According to high-ranking security officials, if any such attempt should be made, Israel will prevent it. Navy vessels will track the vessels' course from close up, and Naval Commando troops are on high alert as they await the possibility that they will receive the order to act.

### EILAND REPORT

#### ALL EYES ON EILAND

Ma'ariv (p. 6) by Ofer Shelah -- This evening Maj. Gen. (res.) Giora Eiland will present Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi with the report his committee wrote about the IDF takeover of the Turkish vessel, *Mavi Marmara*, while it was en route to the Gaza Strip just over a month ago. Tomorrow morning the report will be officially submitted to the IDF General Staff, whereupon its non-classified parts will be released to the public.

The Eiland committee, which was comprised of Operations Branch Director Brig. Gen. Aviv Kochavi, Brig. Gen. (res.) Yuval Halamish and Col. (res.) Ben Zion Daaboul, based its findings on the inquiries that were conducted by the IDF. When clarifications were required, the committee members also questioned officers directly. The findings are not expected to lay

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individual blame explicitly and are not to include recommendations that specific officers be either punished or relieved of duty.

That said, the committee's report is expected to contain severe criticism of various spheres of military activity that were under the command of high-ranking officers. For example, the intelligence-gathering, planning and execution, command and control of the operation that was overseen by Navy Commander Maj. Gen. Eliezer Marom, as well as the instructions that were issued to soldiers. In this respect it is important to stress that the purview of the Eiland committee was restricted to an investigation of the military only. However, the committee's findings on the orders that the chief-of-staff gave to his subordinates as well as the military plans that were approved, will certainly be indicative of the instructions that were handed down by the political echelon, particularly so by Defense Minister Ehud Barak.

Two weeks ago, speaking at Tel Aviv University's Institute for National Security Studies, Eiland recapitulated arguments that he had presented in an article that was published prior to the takeover. Eiland suggested that Israel's failure to prepare adequately for the flotilla, which it knew about for weeks in advance, ultimately left it facing two bad alternatives—either take over the Mavi Marmara by force or allow it to dock at Gaza. Eiland, a former director of the National Security Council, is quite familiar with the discussions that take place between the political and military echelons in such incidents. Despite the absence of personal recommendations, his terminology is expected to be harsh. The Eiland report is also expected to address with the manner in which the salient failures of this affair served to uncover long-term problems that have plagued the military, mainly with respect to planning.

Amir Bubbut Adds: The IDF is bracing for the report, though a senior officer predicted this week that Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi's pedantic nature could result in a delay in the report's final publication. The officer speculated that Ashkenazi might ask for clarifications and additional information with respect to some of the findings. "This is an operational military inquiry, the main goal of which is to ascertain and learn the necessary lessons," explained the officer to Ma'ariv.

Nevertheless, military sources who were involved in the takeover are concerned that the authors of the report might imply by means of the style criticism about their conduct both prior to the flotilla's arrival and during the takeover itself. One officer who is very familiar with the details of the flotilla incident explained: "we're talking about an incident in which the details are known to almost everybody, and most of which are not disputed. The majority of the committee's findings are thus going to focus on intelligence and planning."

Senior officers have been claiming since the incident that the intelligence available prior to the flotilla's arrival was limited and that responsibility for this rests not only on the IDF's shoulders but also on those of the GSS and Mossad. That said, one officer said: "Israelis citizens would not want the IDF to gather intelligence on every terror organization around the world, because it would eventually lack the time to gather precise and important intelligence on significant threats to the country."

As for the planning of the operation that began with the Naval Commando and received the approval of several generals, including the chief-of-

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staff, the senior officer said that every report suggests that in retrospect things could have been done differently. "After all, that's what reports are for," he added. Naval Commando Officers said last week behind closed doors that the planning for the operation was based on the contingencies that were provided by the intelligence they had.

### A BATTLE OF TITANS

**THE FINANCE MINISTRY: BARAK MOST EXPENSIVE DEFENSE MINISTER EVER.**  
*Ma'ariv* (p. 7) by Ben Caspit -- "Ehud Barak is the most expensive defense minister in Israel's history"; "The IDF is impertinently disregarding all of the Brodet Commission's findings, while deceiving the public"; "it's interesting how every time the military budget is on the table, they release from the stocks Hizbullah's missile array and expose sensitive classified material," -- these are just some of the harsh statements that were heard over the weekend among senior Finance Ministry officials and directed against the IDF and the security establishment.

A brutal struggle over the Defense Ministry's budget is expected next week. Finance Ministry officials, headed by the finance minister versus the security establishment headed by the defense minister. A personal dual in which Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is to give the final ruling. The cabinet is expected to vote on the Finance Ministry's demand that the Defense Ministry's budget be slashed next year, a cut, the Finance Ministry argues, that will only annul budgetary expansions and not harm the existing budget itself.

In order to promote the cut the Finance Ministry officials are stressing that the Defense Ministry's budget has increased by dozens of percentage points in recent years. The finance minister himself, Yuval Steinitz, said in recent days that the Defense Ministry's budget was soaring sky high like an F-16, whereas the other budgets were barely getting off the ground like a Piper plane.

At the core of the dispute are the different interpretations of the Brodet Report. According to Finance Ministry officials, the Defense Ministry has not been abiding by the cuts as required by the report, and has simply disregarded it. [...]

### SCHOOL SCAM FALLOUT

**NEW BILL: "TEACH MATH AND ENGLISH OR BE SHUT DOWN"**  
*Yedioth Ahronoth* (p. 2) by Amir Shoran and Zvika Brot -- Following an exposé by *Yedioth Ahronoth* that was published over the weekend, the political battle in the Knesset over the core curriculum--basic subjects taught in the public schools--is expected to resume.

The core curriculum allocates several school hours per week to teaching each of the basic subjects. Although the main subjects are arithmetic, English and science, the curriculum also includes many hours of subjects that are taught as part of religious studies in any case, such as Bible, the Mishnah and Talmud, and Hebrew. By order of the attorney general in 2003, the Haredi schools receive budgets commensurate with the number of hours that they teach the core curriculum. For example, a school that teaches only 90 percent of the core curriculum hours should receive only 90 percent of the money. In practice, this is not what happens.

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According to the exposé, state funds were transferred to Haredi schools for the purpose of teaching the core curriculum even though those schools taught far less of it than they reported. A new bill in which both the coalition and the opposition are partners, and which will be brought up in the Knesset this week, seeks to stipulate once more that all schools shall be obligated to teach the subjects of the core curriculum—which will also be redefined in the bill—with no connection to the question of state funding.

This means that the Haredi high-school yeshivas in which the core curriculum subjects are not taught today, and the primary schools in the Haredi sector, which teach only 55 percent of them, will not be allowed to operate if they do not devote at least 75 percent of their time to them. However, the yeshiva principals will be able to choose up to five percent of the general population of pupils who will be defined as "gifted" and will be permitted to study a reduced version of the curriculum, devoting most of their school hours to religious subjects. The new proposal was introduced by MK Tzippi Hotovely (Likud), the chairwoman of the Committee for the Advancement of the Status of Women, and MK Einat Wilf (Labor), who have been joined by many other MKs.

The bill is to be introduced following an exposé that was published in Yedioth Ahronoth's weekend supplement. The exposé, which reveals the problem of supervision of Haredi education, shows that for many years, the Education Ministry has been ignoring violations by schools in the sector, estimated at NIS 20 million per year. The exposé also revealed that the inspectors, who belong to the parties whose schools they supervise, reported a higher number of teaching hours of the core curriculum than the number of hours actually taught.

According to the new bill, all schools—public schools and schools that are recognized as unofficial (which include most of the Haredi schools)—will be obligated to devote at least 75 percent of their teaching hours to subjects of the core curriculum to be determined by law. The list of these subjects, which will be expanded, will include arithmetic, science, English, history, civics, Hebrew, Bible and Jewish heritage (or Arabic language and Arab heritage in the Arab sector). In addition, the bill stipulates that the Education Ministry is to establish an inspection agency that will supervise the various schools in order to ensure that the core curriculum subjects are taught for the number of hours required by the ministry's plan. The goal is to increase the number of pupils in the Haredi and Arab sectors who study general subjects and strengthen Jewish studies in secular schools.

Another paragraph in the bill stipulates that national standardized tests are to be administered in both the primary schools and the high schools. Today, the Haredi sector has its own internal tests, which differ from those that are prepared by the Education Ministry.

In addition, the bill mandates that the Education Ministry is to establish a supervisory agency to keep close track of the various schools in order to make sure that the core curriculum subjects are taught for the number of hours that the ministry requires. However, the education minister will be able to empower the yeshiva principals to choose an "elite group" of outstanding pupils in religious subjects who will be able to devote most of their time to these subjects while studying core curriculum subjects for fewer hours. The number of these pupils is to be

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no more than five percent of the number of students in each graduating class.

"This bill expresses a consensus among the Zionist majority in the State of Israel," MK Hotovely said. "The core curriculum is the basis for unity in Israeli society. It is inconceivable that a pupil in a secular high school should not be familiar with the Eighteen Blessings [the central prayer in Jewish liturgy-INT], just as it is inconceivable that a Haredi pupil should not know the words to the national anthem. The bill is not anti-Haredi but, rather, is a bill whose purpose is to deal with the comprehensive ignorance in all sectors of the educational system."

MK Wilf added, "Schools that do not allow their graduates to be part of Israeli society have no right to government funding. The bill sends a message that the time has come to wage a political battle over this basic principle." The new bill is expected to have its first hearing in the Knesset plenum after the summer recess.

SHALIT

HALF A MEETING AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S BUREAU  
Ma'ariv (p. 4) by Eli Lévy -- "Nothing new,"--that is how Noam Shalit summed up the meeting he and his wife had held with Prime Minister Netanyahu and his wife Sara, only seconds after the couple had returned from the United States.

The Shalits emerged from the meeting disappointed. "We did not receive any new information from the prime minister," said Noam after leaving the meeting, "We are certainly no calmer than before. There was nothing new told to us."

The only update given to Noam and Aviya was that the prime minister had turned also to President Obama in requesting that he assist Israel in its efforts to release Gilad. But this too was nothing new for the Shalits: hours before this they had heard of this from the media.

Several hours before the meeting, which took place in the afternoon, the Shalit family had still not received any official invitation from the prime minister. They had only learned of it from the Ma'ariv report Friday morning. Before leaving for the meeting, several friends of the family expressed their opinion that it was better that the Shalits not accept the invitation.

"Noam and Aviva ought to go the prime minister only when he has something new to tell him about Gilad," said Yoel Marshak, "so long as he has nothing to report, there's no reason to come to him. These are meetings characterized merely by photo-ops and smiles, but with nothing substantial."

Associate's of the Shalits were also angered by the fact that the Prime Minister's Bureau had defined the meeting as an "follow-up meeting," and sought to term it a "courtesy meeting only." It is possible that another meeting will take place between the parents and the prime minister during the week. Sara Netanyahu told the Shalits that her home was open to them any time they desired and were in Jerusalem.

Zvi Shalit, Gilad's grandfather, also spoke about the meeting of his son and daughter-in-law held with the Netanyahus, and said: "the key is not in the United States, not with Obama or Clinton, they key for Gilad's

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release is in the hands of Netanyahu. We have not yet heard anything new from him. My family is determined to continue to sit in Jerusalem, in front of his house."

The Shalit family is expecting public officials and celebrities to continue their flow to the protest tent in Jerusalem over the next few days. This, however, has failed to impress Noam Shalit: "my family is not in need of symbols but of results," he said.

It is possible that a meeting over the next few days will take place between Noam Shalit and Shas spiritual leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, who supports the family.

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OVERVIEW

Topping the headlines in the main Hebrew mass-circulation dailies today is the anticipated extradition of Meir and Yitzhak Abergil, the leaders of one of the most powerful organized crime families in Israel, to the United States. The two men are facing trial in a federal court in Los Angeles for a series of crimes, including extortion, drug trafficking, money laundering and, for Yitzhak Abergil, one count of murder. According to Ma'ariv, a US Marshals Service Boeing 767 will be sequestered in the secure section of Ben-Gurion Airport that is generally reserved for visiting foreign heads of state. The two Israeli criminals are expected to be chaperoned onto the plane at noon today, along with another three members of their crime organization. See Part 2 for this story.

Yedioth Ahronoth reports about an interesting twist in the scandal surrounding the Israeli companies that wish to be party to the construction of the new Palestinian city, Rawabi. According to the report, Teldor Cables, one of the two Israeli companies that allegedly signed an agreement not to use any materials that are manufactured by Israeli companies in the West Bank, East Jerusalem or the Golan Heights, has a factory of its own on the Golan. Oshrat Nagar Levit reports that not only has Teldor had a production line for the past 25 years on Kibbutz Geshur, which is on the southern end of the Golan Heights, but the kibbutz is part owner of the factory. Residents of the kibbutz who were interviewed said they were deeply offended by the company's decision and demanded clarifications. In a related article, Makor Rishon reports about Israeli contractors who have begun to cancel orders that were placed with Ytong, the second Israeli company that allegedly signed the boycott agreement with Bayit, the Palestinian company responsible for the development of Rawabi. The implication is that the decision to cancel orders was a way of punishing Ytong for having signed the agreement with Bayti.

Ma'ariv has a number of articles this morning about signs of left wing revitalization. Representatives from at least six Israeli left wing

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movements met yesterday in Tel Aviv and reached an agreement to join forces to fight against the perceived threat from the right, mainly as embodied by Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman and other members of his Yisrael Beiteinu party. The first course of action is going to be a demonstration that they are organizing jointly this coming Saturday night in Tel Aviv. Separately, Ma'ariv reports about a new left wing movement, called the Democratic Camp, which was recently officially formed after months of preparatory work. The founding members of this movement are former Knesset Speaker Avraham Burg, former Meretz MK Mossi Raz and incumbent Hadash MK Dov Hanin. It is not clear whether the members of this new movement will ultimately form a political party that will run in the next general elections, though both Burg and Hanin indicated that that was a distinct possibility.

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### ISRAEL RADIO NEWS 7:00 AM Hebrew Report

\* **Gaza strikes:** The IAF bombed three targets in the central Gaza Strip, in response to the rocket fire at Israel. Palestinian sources reported that no one was injured. Yesterday, the IDF killed an Islamic Jihad operative in the Gaza Strip, and security officials said that he had been planning a large-scale terror attack in Israel.

\* **Home front defense:** The security cabinet will discuss today the issue of protecting the home front in wartime. Prime Minister Netanyahu said last night that Hamas and the other organizations were making a terrible mistake by firing rockets at Israel. In a talk with foreign correspondents, Netanyahu said that in the coming year it would be revealed that the Palestinians were not interested in peace, and were evading negotiations. On the matter of Iran, the prime minister clarified that the only chance of blocking its nuclear program lay in conveying the

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message that along with intensifying the economic sanctions, there was also a real chance that it would be attacked.

\* *Israel-Greece*: The prime minister spoke last night with his Greek counterpart Papandreu, and the two agreed to set up a joint ministerial forum for the two countries. They instructed Foreign Ministers Lieberman and Droustas to advance the cooperation between the countries in their meeting this week in Athens.

\* *Suspected inciter*: The police will request today to extend the remand of a resident of the Sharon area, who is suspected of being involved in distributing the video clip calling to murder Deputy State Attorney Shai Nitzan. The man was arrested last night, and computers and documents were seized in a raid on his home.

\* *Abergil brothers*: Israel is expected to extradite today to the US the brothers Meir and Yitzhak Abergil, along with three members of their crime organization. Yitzhak Abergil is wanted by the US for murder, money laundering and drug trafficking. Meir Abergil, Moshe Malul, Yisrael Ozipa and Sasson Barashi are being accused of drug offenses, money laundering and membership in a crime organization.

RAWABI CONSTRUCTION

CONTRACTORS CANCEL DEALS WITH YTONG

*Makor Rishon-Hatzofe* (p. 3) by Assaf Gabor-- Apparently, the public campaign against Ytong has been effective. Despite letters of clarification, contractors who work in Judea and Samaria have canceled orders for construction materials they placed with Ytong. The protest against Ytong began after it was revealed that Ytong had reached an agreement with Bayti, the company that is building the Palestinian city Rawabi. Construction contractors, many of whom also work with the settlement construction company Amana, canceled orders that had been placed with Ytong.

One contractor told *Makor Rishon-Hatzofe* that he had cancelled a NIS 50,000 order with Ytong in the wake of reports that Ytong had signed an agreement with the developers of the Palestinian city Rawabi in which, according to the Palestinians, the Israeli company had agreed to their demand to boycott products of the settlements in Judea and Samaria, the Golan Heights and East Jerusalem.

Ytong responded to those reports and claimed that it "fell victim to cheap manipulation by various groups; and under no circumstances will it cooperate with any boycott of Israel or parts of it, even at the cost of passing up on the construction of Rawabi."

Contractors who are building the city said in an interview with *Makor Rishon-Hatzofe* that they believed that the agreement between Ytong and the Palestinian developers, Bayti, would be canceled because of the intense pressure that has now been applied on it. Sources within Ytong confirmed that this issue was being debated at present.

Contractors explained that the work on Rawabi at this point was still restricted to preparing the ground, and that soon infrastructure would begin to be laid. "At this stage, a lot of Israeli companies are becoming involved by means of, among other things, supplying communications infrastructure, sewage and water systems, and so forth," explained one contractor.

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Spokesmen for a number of companies that Makor Rishon-Hatzofe called said that they were prepared to sell their products to Palestinian companies. The spokesman for Adigal, which supplies metal water pipes, said that there were international companies and aid organizations that bought their products on behalf of the Palestinians, and that it was possible that their products had been purchased for use in the construction of the new Palestinian city. The spokesman underscored that Adigal had not signed any agreement with Bayti, nor had it signed any document in which the company undertook to boycott products of the settlements.

According to information that was obtained by Makor Rishon-Hatzofe, the construction contractors who are working on the new Palestinian city are Bedouins from southern Israel with Israeli ID cards. There are also private Jewish truck-owners who help transport sand and other construction materials into the Palestinian city, and who buy Israeli products that are needed for the construction of Rawabi.

### SIGNED A BOYCOTT AGAINST THEMSELVES.

Yedioth Ahronoth (p. 4) by Oshrat Nagar Levit -- Yesterday the fact of a secret agreement that was signed by Israeli companies that are taking part in the construction of Rawabi was made public. That agreement includes a clause in which the signatories undertake not to use any materials that are manufactured either on the Golan Heights or in the settlements. However, it turns out that one of the companies in question, Teldor Cables, has a branch on the Golan Heights.

Residents of Kibbutz Geshur on the Golan Heights, which is home to a branch of Teldor Cables, said yesterday that they were angry. "People forget their ideology for another few shekels," said one resident of the kibbutz. A brief investigation that was conducted yesterday by Yedioth Ahronoth found that Teldor Cables has been manufacturing electrical and electronic cables in its factory on the kibbutz for the past 25 years and, moreover, that the kibbutz owns 6% of the company.

This issue immediately became the talk of the day in the area, and Hanan Boravsky, a resident and a member of the kibbutz's board of directors, said: "Signing that agreement contradicts my principles. I was very surprised, stunned. We didn't even think about that. Taking a step of this sort is hurtful and insulting, and I assume that all the kibbutz members feel the same way. This is a very harsh emotional blow. I expect of the CEO to come here and to explain to us the meaning of this and why the decision was made."

The kibbutz members are scheduled to convene within the next number of days to hold a public discussion, at the end of which a decision will be made as to how to proceed. "It is imply absurd that a company that works on the Golan will sign a document of that sort," said yesterday one of the residents of Kibbutz Geshur. "There is a strong sense of discomfort and we're worried about the continued employment of families who earn their living from the company."

Teldor Cables refused to respond to this report.

LEFT WING ACTION

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Ma'ariv (p. 12) by Amihai Attali and Maya Bengal - It is not certain that this is what Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman intended in his attack on the left wing, but this is the outcome in practice. The left wing has decided to fight back.

Last night, representatives of a long line of left wing organizations convened in Tel Aviv, and decided to form what they called the "coalition of the democratic camp."

Among the organizations that decided to band together last night are the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, Meretz, Hadash, Peace Now, Hashomer Hatzair, the Kibbutz Movement and more. Other organizations, including organizations that were blacklisted by Lieberman and his party, are now weighing their steps. Some are deliberating whether to join the protest or to enjoy the backing and support that will be given to them from the outside.

The first step decided upon by the coalition is a mass demonstration that will be held this coming Saturday night in Tel Aviv. Activists from all the organizations are expected to take part in the demonstration, under the heading "Fighting for democracy."

Peace Now Secretary General Yariv Oppenheimer, one of the leading figures behind setting up the coalition of left wing organizations, said last night to Ma'ariv: "This is a time of emergency not only for left wingers, but for everyone who is concerned about Israeli democracy and the freedom to think and voice opinions. In the face of the inciting wave being led by Lieberman, people cannot sit at home, they must take part in a struggle, in which centrists and right wingers will also take part."

Lieberman was not only criticized yesterday by the left wing, but also by the prime minister. "The Likud is a democratic and pluralistic party, not a dictatorship of one opinion," Binyamin Netanyahu said last night in a conversation with the foreign minister. Netanyahu completely rejected Lieberman's statements with regard to senior Likud figures, after the latter condemned members of the right wing for not supporting the proposal to form a parliamentary commission of inquiry that would examine the funding sources of the left wing organizations, calling them "morally obtuse" and "dainty."

While Netanyahu reprimanded Lieberman, the opposition leader leveled sharp criticism at the prime minister following Lieberman's attack on the left wing organizations. In a speech at a gathering of the Bar Ilan University student union, Tzippi Livni said that Israeli society was filled with animosity and hatred. "Israel is in a corner, the Israeli government is damaging the state's values, the government is turning Israel into a country of suppression and xenophobia," she said. Livni said accusingly that the foreign minister was harming the country, but the main person to blame was the prime minister, because he was the one who decided matters. "He chose this coalition," she said.

### BURG'S NEW LEFT WING MOVEMENT: THE DEMOCRATIC CAMP

Ma'ariv (p. 13) by Maya Bengal -- A group of people has been assiduously working for many months towards the establishment of a new left wing movement that is to be called the Democratic Camp. This movement is likely to create a new party that will run in the next elections.

The founders of the new movement--former MK Avraham Burg (formerly of the Labor Party), MK Dov Hanin (Hadash) and former MK Mossi Raz (Meretz)--

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have met a number of times with the goal of "restoring democracy to Israel."

"Our democracy is in danger," said Burg. "There is an attack under way against MKs, left-wing and human rights organizations, Arabs and anything that does not speak in a nationalistic voice. At this stage, we are in an outreach program to Jews and Arabs and are creating a political network that will address all of the fronts on which there has been damage to democracy. Any place where there is a political attack, any place where there is injustice or persecution that is damaging to the substance of democracy—we'll be there." Burg said that it would be premature to talk about a party that would run in the next elections, but he admits that that is certainly the goal. "This is the beginning of something that could be a significant force in the next elections," said Burg.

MK Dov Hanin said that they had not discussed the establishment of a new party yet, rather, he said, the focus is "to join forces to work and act together." He said that "cooperation in the future might, perhaps, deepen and turn into something stable and permanent." Hanin said, "it is important that we join hands. We are in a difficult fight against threats that jeopardize the democratic expanse: racism and silencing of Arabs and Jews who think differently; on the one hand, [and] an economic oligarchy that is fed up with democracy and the welfare state, [on the other]. This is a struggle in which more and more stop signs appear on the slope we are slipping down."

### IDF OPERATIONS

#### IDF ARRESTS FORMER PA FINANCE MINISTER

*Israel Hayom* (p. 5) by Daniel Serioti -- Palestinian media outlets reported yesterday that IDF troops arrested late Monday night a top Hamas figure in Samaria, Dr. Omar Abdel Razeq. Abdel Razeq is a Hamas Member of Parliament and served in the past as the Palestinian finance minister.

#### ISLAMIC JIHAD OPERATIVE ASSASSINATED FROM THE AIR

*Yedioth Ahronoth* (p. 4) by Yossi Yehoshua and Roni Shaked - In a combined operation of the IAF and the GSS, Islamic Jihad operative Mohammed Najjar, 24, was assassinated yesterday afternoon from the air. Najjar was riding on his motorcycle and was attacked by an Israeli aircraft. This is the third time in the past months in which Israel has carried out a targeted killing in Gaza in broad daylight.

Najjar was involved in the past in planning a terror attack in Israeli territory, and in rocket fire in the past weeks, and was a key operative in the Al-Quds Brigades, Islamic Jihad's military wing. He was killed on the spot, and four additional passersby were injured. "All the alternatives are open to us, and this crime will not pass without a response," Islamic Jihad stated yesterday in an official response, and hurried to threaten revenge.

Reports say that the wanted man had already been hit by IDF fire in the course of Operation Cast Lead, when a missile was fired at him in the Rafah area, but he sustained serious injuries and ultimately survived. A few months later, he returned to terrorist activity.

Shortly after yesterday's assassination, Defense Minister Ehud Barak said: "Today there was apparently another success. There will be further

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successes in the future. I want to tell the other side, Hamas and the Popular Resistance Committees and all those gangs: I recommend that they not put us to the test. In the end, if the fire at us continues, there will be more people hit on the other side. We intend to continue the battle for the border."

### NEW FLOTILLA

#### THE RETURN OF THE MAVI MARMARA

Ma'ariv (p. 2) by Eli Bardenstein. -- The Mavi Marmara is about to return to Israel. The ship that led the Turkish flotilla eight months ago, and which came to have iconic significance after the IDF takeover in which nine terrorist activists were killed, is expected to set sail once again for Gaza in May, one year after the previous flotilla.

The Mavi Marmara will head a 12-ship flotilla that is to set sail from the southern coast of Turkey, charting a course to Gaza. This was confirmed by top officials in Jerusalem. The Turkish IHH organization, which sponsored the previous flotilla, will be organizing the May 2011 flotilla as well. Moreover, many of the activists who took part in the previous flotilla are expected to take part in the upcoming flotilla as well.

Israel's efforts to prevent the planned flotilla from setting sail have met with failure thus far. Israel has suggested to the organizers, among other things, to transport the goods on board the ships into Gaza Strip via the Ashdod port. Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman recently asked EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton to take action to define the IHH as an illegal organization. However, due to the sanctions by the Foreign Ministry workers, a decision has been made to stop the various efforts in the international arena to prevent the flotilla from setting sail.

The Israeli government allowed the Mavi Marmara to return to Turkey a number of weeks ago. Upon its arrival in Turkey, the ship was welcomed by a large crowd that waved Palestinian, Hizbullah and Hamas flags. Some people attending that rally called out "death to Israel." "It is our intention to organize another flotilla to Gaza on May 31, the same date as last year, with a larger crew, so as to draw attention to the siege on Gaza yet again," said a top IHH official, after the ship docked in Istanbul.

IHH activists said at a number of opportunities that the Mavi Marmara had become a symbol for them. "The Mavi Marmara isn't just another ship, it is our life path, Mavi Marmara is our soul," said one of the people who addressed the crowd at the rally. "In order to break the siege on Gaza, this time we will be stronger, larger, with more people and more initiatives," said another activist in the IHH to uproarious applause.

### SUSPECT ARRESTED

#### SUSPECTED OF DISSEMINATING INCITEMENT

Israel Hayom (p. 2) by Itzik Saban and Efrat Porsher -- Police officers from the International Crimes Unit arrested a resident of Raanana yesterday on suspicion of having disseminated a video clip on the Internet calling to murder Deputy State Attorney Shai Nitzan.

The police confiscated the computer belonging to the suspect, who was arrested at home, and also confiscated additional material that appeared

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to strengthen the investigators' suspicions against him. The detainee's opinions can be classified as extreme right wing, but a few years ago he was known as a left wing activist whose opinions had changed. In the past year, the man, who is a resident of Raanana, married and the father of a child, has been associated with right wing circles and identified himself as a member of an organization called "We won and will win." In recent years the man also belonged to the "Our Land of Israel" movement, which is headed by extreme right wing activist Baruch Marzel. In the past he also registered for the Likud and spoke at a rally of the movement against freezing construction in the settlements.

One of his profile pictures on Facebook shows the caption "Kahane was right" and he was active in extreme right wing forums, sites and demonstrations. In the past he defined himself as "a secular Jew, a devout believer in the Holy One Blessed Be He and His Torah."

Sources close to the suspect said last night that in recent weeks he had felt growing frustration with the fact that the authorities, as he put it, did not enforce the law against left wing activists who incited against right wing activists. For example, he was angry at the fact that no investigation on suspicion of incitement was launched against a known left wing activist who lashed out at MK Yaakov Katz (National Union) on his Facebook page, writing: "Who would like to stick a bullet in Ketzale's head just for fun?"

A police source said that it was not yet clear whether the distribution of the clip was a personal initiative of the suspect or whether there were others involved in disseminating the video clip. "We are still at the beginning of the investigation," the senior source said, "and it will become clear in the coming days." Today the suspect will be brought before a judge for an extension of his remand, and he has denied all the allegations against him.

A few hours earlier, anonymous statements reached the media from a "group of people aged 45-50" who said that "someone in the group, a minor, did this of her own volition, and we all disapprove of it. We denounce and oppose violence, even if this statement was made in order to protest against violence." The group members also referred to a similar clip that was distributed yesterday online against Ehud Barak, and said that they wished to apologize for it. The police refused to comment on the matter.

Since the incitement clip was posted on the Internet, security guards were assigned to Attorney Nitzan, and guards were stationed at his house and his surroundings. "The potential is real and dangerous," Police Commissioner Inspector-General Dudi Cohen said on Monday. "we mustn't hesitate where incitement is directed at public servants. We have to take firm action and condemn this sharply and clearly. A quick and intensive investigation will be conducted, in which we will employ all the means at our disposal to try to reach those who are responsible."

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OVERVIEW

A report prepared by UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Robert Serry asserts that the Palestinians are ready for statehood, and demonstrates Palestinian achievements in various areas such as health, education, law and infrastructure. Today's news stories describe this report as support for the foreseeable Palestinian effort to obtain widespread recognition from the UN General Assembly for the unilateral declaration of an independent state. Ma'ariv reports today that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is examining several options for bringing the Palestinians back to the negotiating table, including a significant withdrawal from areas in the West Bank, and plans to present the main points of a new foreign policy plan in Washington in May. However, political officials said that Netanyahu "has no foreign policy plan that will be acceptable to the international community as an alternative. Therefore, in any case the Palestinians will continue their race towards unilateral recognition in the UN." Shimon Shiffer, writing in Yedioth Ahronoth, opines that even if 150 states should recognize a Palestinian state within the 1967 borders, this will not have a tangible effect on the ground. He adds, however, that the US administration and European states can be expected to apply pressure to the prime minister to publicly declare Israel's willingness to withdraw to the 1967 borders with minor border revisions.

Other front page stories pertain to the status of the Gilad Shalit affair. Yedioth Ahronoth reports this morning, based on a Hamas newspaper, that Hamas is considering giving Israel another sign of life from the kidnapped soldier, in the form of a videotape. Israel would, however, have to pay for such a tape, Hamas sources said. Other stories address Shalit's plight in the context of the upcoming Passover holiday. The Shalit family announced that it would not celebrate the holiday, and had not yet decided how to mark the occasion. Hen Kotts-Bar, writing in Ma'ariv, addresses Gilad Shalit in the following words: "Once again, you

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are not at home. You will not drink the four cups and will not be delivered from slavery into freedom and will not read the Passover Haggadah. No one will ask you; this year too, 'so where are you for the holiday?' We will continue to say, on this holiday too, that you are everyone's child, but heave a sigh of relief for the fact that you are someone else's child. Happy festival of freedom."

### FRONT PAGE HEADLINES

#### Yedioth Ahronoth:

- \* Yaakov Kedmi: "We Lied to Russian Immigrants"
- \* Mubarak Questioned, Suffers Heart Attack
- \* Hamas Prepared to Release Shalit Tape

#### Ma'ariv:

- \* Festival Without Freedom
- \* Mubarak in Intensive Care
- \* Bieber Furious

#### Ha'aretz:

- \* Herzog to Senior US Official: Amir Peretz Perceived by Public to be Inexperienced, Aggressive and Moroccan
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- \* Because of Kashrut, Wedding Halls Refuse to Hold Weddings for Single Sex Couples

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- \* Netanyahu Sues Channel 10 for NIS 3.5 Million
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- \* Israel to Turkey: Stop the Flotilla
- \* Netanyahu: I'll Carry the Lawsuit Through to the End
- \* Lawyer Maintains Two Families for Decades

### ISRAEL RADIO NEWS 7:00 AM Hebrew Report

- \* **Flotilla:** Israel has ramped up efforts to prevent the second Gaza flotilla, scheduled for next month. Israeli Ambassador to Turkey Gabby Levy met with a senior Foreign Ministry official in Ankara and asked Turkey to prevent the flotilla from setting sail. The Foreign Ministry has instructed all ambassadors in countries whose citizens are expected to participate in the flotilla to meet with officials in those countries and to try to persuade them not to participate in the flotilla. Levy told Turkey's Hurriyet newspaper that border crossings to Gaza are open and that there is no shortage of goods in the Gaza Strip. He did not say what Israel's reaction would be if the flotilla set sail, but he stressed that international law permits sovereign countries to act against ships that jeopardize their security. A Turkish diplomat said Israel's request is being considered.
- \* **Demjanjuk:** An FBI report that was hidden for 25 years said the KGB falsified John Ivan Demjanjuk's work record in Nazi concentration camps. The document formed the main evidence in all the trials against Demjanjuk. Defense lawyers have claimed for years that the document is a forgery, but this is the first time that claim has been backed by US investigators.

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The FBI report said the legal proceedings against Demjanjuk, at the time, a US citizen, were based not only on evidence that is not usually admissible in a court of law, but also was forged by the Soviet Union in order to blacken the name of anti-Communist émigrés. The document is expected to aid the defense in the final stage of Demjanjuk's trial in Munich. Demjanjuk, 90, has been accused of aiding the murder of 28,000 prisoners when he served as a guard at the Sobibor concentration camp in Poland during World War II. The court is expected to rule on the case within the next month.

### THE STATE OF PALESTINE

#### UN: PALESTINIANS ARE READY FOR A STATE

Má'ariv (p. 4) by Eli Bardenstein -- A new report issued yesterday by UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Robert Serry proves that the Palestinians are ready to establish a state. The report, which will be presented today to the conference of PA donor countries in Brussels, reviews the progress of the implementation of the Fayyad plan in the two years since August 2009, when the plan for establishing a Palestinian state was presented.

The two years since the submission of the plan are due to end in August 2011, and in September the Palestinians intend to receive unilateral recognition for an independent Palestinian state from as many states as possible in the UN General Assembly. Therefore, the current UN report serves as another stimulating factor for the Palestinians. Serry wrote: in six areas in which the UN is involved, the government's functioning is efficient enough to operate a state. However, Serry made it clear that only cooperation with Israel would lead to a real improvement in the abilities of the Palestinian authorities. He added: the continuation of the occupation and the failure to resolve issues related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict are the main dangers to the Palestinian government institutions.

Serry's report joins Salam Fayyad's foreseeable statements; Fayyad is expected to declare this week to the Palestinian Authority's donor countries that there is readiness to establish a state in the immediate future. Fayyad will emphasize to the countries that the only element preventing the PA's economic development is the Israeli occupation.

Fayyad is also expected to present figures and graphs showing how the Palestinian Authority has used hundreds of millions of dollars in foreign aid over the past two years in order to develop health and education services, and energy, water, security and law systems. This week, the US blocked a European attempt to present a new framework for talks between Israel and the Palestinians--an attempt to which Israel was completely opposed.

This refers to an initiative of Britain, France and Germany, based on the determination that the Palestinian state will be established within the 1967 borders with a land swap as a basis for resuming negotiations with the Palestinians. However, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was opposed to this initiative, as were the Americans, who postponed the meeting of the Quartet that was slated for the weekend to discuss the issue.

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The Quartet is made up of the United States, the European Union, the UN and Russia. Officials in Jerusalem and in Washington believed that had the initiative been passed, it would have provided a further tailwind for the Palestinians, who prefer to receive unilateral recognition through the UN rather than through negotiations with Israel.

In the meantime, Netanyahu is examining a number of options for returning the Palestinians to the negotiating table. One of the options is a large withdrawal in the West Bank that includes converting areas under complete Israeli control (Area C) to partial Israeli control (Area B) or turning over areas to full Palestinian control (Area A). Along with this, Netanyahu plans to appear before the two houses of Congress in Washington in May and give a foreign policy speech. He may do this beforehand in another forum.

For now, it is not clear which foreign policy principles Netanyahu will reveal. Political sources said yesterday that "Netanyahu faces a difficult problem. He has succeeded in securing another postponement of the Quartet [meeting] and he is perhaps considering another withdrawal in the territories, but he has no foreign policy plan that will be acceptable to the international community as an alternative. Therefore, in any case the Palestinians will continue their race towards unilateral recognition in the UN."

The sources said that if Netanyahu did not consent at least to the 1967 borders as a basis for negotiations and apparently also to a further construction freeze in the settlements, "the Palestinians will not return to the talks and the diplomatic tsunami against Israel in September is assured."

### UN? NEGOTIATIONS!

Yedioth Ahronoth (p. 10) by Shimon Shiffer (news analysis) -- The report authored by UN envoy to the Middle East Robert Serry provides the Palestinians with an "Iron Dome" that ensures them UN assistance for establishing an independent state. But if I were Abu Mazen, I would not cover myself with this blanket given to the Palestinians by the UN coordinator.

No sovereign state will arise from the UN "Iron Dome." Moreover, contrary to conventional wisdom, nothing tangible will take place on the ground even if 150 states recognize Palestine within the 1967 borders. But even if the process does not end in a Palestinian state, one thing is clear: in the course of the process, the world will make Netanyahu's life miserable and bleed him.

Yesterday, the Quartet yielded to American pressure and backed down from the desire to announce its support for establishing a Palestinian state, but Netanyahu will not be able to bank on the American veto. On the contrary: the Obama administration has declared open season on him. The Americans are encouraging Europe and other states to push him to the wall. The prime minister is portrayed as a rejectionist who is unwilling to act to promote the arrangement with the Palestinians. Presumably, all the proposals he will raise in the coming months in order to fend off international pressure, will receive a cold shoulder on the part of the Europeans. The explicit expectation that the Europeans will express, with the encouragement of Obama and Clinton, will pertain to the demand that he publicly declare Israeli willingness to withdraw to the 1967 borders with

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minor border revisions. After two years of futile talks, Obama-informed sources say it's no longer willing to buy a used car from Netanyahu.

### ANOTHER HOLIDAY WITHOUT GILAD

#### HAMAS CONSIDERING RELEASING SHALIT TAPE

Yedioth Ahronoth (p. 2) by Roni Shaked -- Hamas is considering releasing a videotape showing that hostage IDF soldier Gilad Shalit is still alive. According to a report published in the organization's official newspaper, Al-Risala, quoted sources inside Hamas that said the request for a new sign of life from Shalit had reached the organization's leadership via the Red Cross. The request was made by Shalit's parents, Noam and Aviva, ahead of the Passover holiday.

Yesterday, the top headline in Al-Risala said "Will there be another video of Shalit?" The article quoted Hamas sources who said they would "favorably consider releasing a new video of Shalit, like we have done in the past, but Israel will have to pay for it." In October 2009, Israel released 19 Palestinian prisoners in exchange for the last video of Shalit.

"A video showing Gilad Shalit will create pressure on Netanyahu from Israeli society," said a senior Hamas official. The article also said the request is currently under consideration by Hamas Political Bureau Director Khaled Mashal. In contrast to previous requests, Mashal did not reject the request out-of-hand.

The article also quoted senior Hamas officials, who stressed "We reject any compromise in the demands we have made for the soldier Shalit's release. The Israeli government is wholly responsible for the failure of negotiations."

Hamas follows Israeli reports about the Shalit case diligently. The last item to receive prominent coverage about the case was the open call by former General Security Service and Mossad leaders Yaakov Perry, Ami Ayalon and Danny Yatom and other members of Israel's security establishment to push a prisoner exchange with Hamas in order to win Shalit's release. "The greatest danger here is that we have started to become accustomed [to the current situation]," said Ayalon at a press conference Monday. [...]

### NO SEDER WITHOUT HIM

Yedioth Ahronoth (p. 3) by Goel Beno -- Noam and Aviva Shalit refused to celebrate the first Passover that Gilad was in captivity, in 2007. They hoped he would be home to celebrate the following one with the family.

The last sign of life from Gilad the family received was a year and a half ago. Since then, silence. Yesterday, Noam Shalit responded to reports pointing to Hamas's supposed readiness to release a second video of the soldier ahead of Passover, in response to a request by the family delivered by the Red Cross.

"We have not received any official information [about the request]. Until I receive or see official statements, I cannot respond to rumors," said Shalit. "If Hamas wants to give a sign of life from Gilad, let them give one. No one is stopping them."

Tzvi Shalit, Gilad's grandfather, added that the family does not have great hopes. "I would be very happy for Hamas to keep its promise and to

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get a real sign that Gilad is still alive," said the grandfather. "But my sources seem to indicate that the other side is not willing to give any sign of life. I cannot understand how, when we are conducting serious negotiations, no one has any idea what sort of a shape Gilad is in. My demand of the prime minister is simple and clear: You must save my grandson. You have no right to kill him."

The Shalit family will not celebrate the Seder this year. "We certainly will not celebrate the holiday like other Jews, but we haven't yet decided just how to mark the occasion," said Noam Shalit.

### FESTIVAL WITHOUT FREEDOM

Ma'ariv (p. 1) by Hen Kotts-Bar (commentary) -- Next week we will celebrate the Seder night. This year, the people of Israel are concentrating on the competition between the supermarkets. Where is the cheapest shopping basket. Zvika Hadar competes with Smadi Bomba, who takes on Viki Knafo of Mitzpe Ramon. Not a word about you.

Your parents are still sitting in the protest tent in Jerusalem. It has been ten months already. Passover is a good opportunity to make another pilgrimage to them. Bibi (you weren't here when he was elected prime minister) doesn't say no, but he also doesn't say yes. That is the reason you are still not home.

As time passes, the debate about you becomes less substantive and more philosophical. Ron Arad, does that sound familiar to you? Former senior security officials say that you can be freed. "We have no cause to worry, they say, on the issue of the price.

Others say that the terrorists who will be released do not only have blood on their hands, but also blood on their minds. They will continue to carry out terror attacks. The official State of Israel has still not decided whether it is willing to pay the price. You are the one who will continue to pay for the time being, Gilad. After all, you're a soldier. And that is an order.

Your parents are pressing to receive a sign of life from you. Something. The thought that you are located a short drive away from them, somewhere, and they, who gave birth to you, raised you and sent you to school and then to the army, cannot do anything, neither hear your voice, see or touch—is painful.

Don't be offended. It looks like we have gotten used to it. "We have gotten used to the debate. We have gotten used to the fact that "there is no solution." We have gotten used to the fact that "Gilad Shalit cannot be freed," but also to the fact that "we must free you." We have gotten used to the fact that "Gilad is still alive." We don't understand that, perhaps, soon, one day, it will no longer be relevant. We have gotten used to the fact that "a deal on the Shalit matter is imminent," and to the fact that "there is no deal."

Monday is the Seder night. Perhaps there will be people who will set, like last year on the holiday eve, another plate, or a cup, for you. Because it sounds nice and photographs well and one can tell the children about it at the Seder. One soldier, distant, a captive, for whom no one is willing to split the sea. Sometimes it seems that it is the same with you as with Elijah the Prophet. We are in love with this thing, leaving a cup and waiting for him to arrive.

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Another year and another year, and you have not arrived. Countless journalistic pieces. Opinions in favor and against. In favor of the against and against, being in favor. Politicians, security officials, bereaved families. Your families. Your brother. Your grandfather. Your sister. How is this year different from the previous year, and the year before, and the year before that? In no way, Gilad.

Once again, you are not at home. You will not drink the four cups and will not be delivered from slavery into freedom and will not read the Passover Haggadah. No one will ask you, this year too, "so where are you for the holiday?" We will continue to say, on this holiday too, that you are everyone's child, but heave a sigh of relief for the fact that you are someone else's child. Happy festival of freedom.

FLOTILLA: AHOY!

### TALKS WITH TURKEY TO STOP A NEW FLOTILLA

Ma'ariv (p. 4) by Ahikam Moshe David and Eli Bardenstein -- Israel wants to be prepared for the next flotilla that leaves Turkey for the Gaza Strip in a month's time; the IDF is already training and preparing for it, and the operation has even been given a name: Operation Green Pastures. The goal is to deal with stopping the ships as far as possible from the Gaza shore. Army officials were surprised yesterday to hear about a diplomatic plan to permit the flotilla ships to pass to Gaza after examination. IDF sources said last night that they would adamantly oppose this.

On the diplomatic level as well, Israel is already working to cancel the flotilla: Israeli Ambassador in Ankara Gabby Levy met yesterday with the director general of the Turkish Foreign Ministry and notified him that Israel views the flotilla as a provocation and that international law enables Israel to intervene if, to the best of its understanding, the ships pose a security threat. Ambassador Levy asked Turkey to prevent the flotilla from departing.

The army's working assumption is that the flotilla ships must not be permitted to pass and dock at the shore, and this could cause the naval blockade to be breached. IDF officials estimate that the flotilla will consist of 20 commercial and cargo ships. New methods have recently been developed to deal with the personnel of the ships that will attempt to breach the blockade, but IDF sources said that there is a high probability that despite the preparations, there could be casualties in this flotilla as well.

### FOREIGN MINISTRY ASKS PM TO LET FLOTILLA REACH GAZA

Yedioth Ahronoth (p. 2) by Itamar Eichner -- Israel is considering allowing the Freedom Flotilla 2 to reach Gaza, in order to prevent an additional clash between flotilla participants and IDF soldiers, according to a document prepared by the Foreign Ministry and presented to the prime minister.

According to reports, Turkey's IHH organization is planning a large flotilla to mark the one-year anniversary of the previous flotilla. The lead ship on the mission is expected to be the Mavi Marmara, which will be accompanied by 15 ships and nearly 1000 activists, including members of the Irish Republican Army.

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Last night, reports in Turkey indicated that the flotilla would be postponed until after Turkey's elections in mid-June, but at the moment it appears that organizers will set sail as planned in mid-May.

Several senior sources in the Foreign Ministry support allowing the flotilla to pass unfettered into Gaza. They said that from a legal standpoint this would not violate the naval blockade. As proof, they say that during the Olmert administration several ships were permitted to reach Gaza.

Another alternative presented to Netanyahu is to have Cypriot forces carry out security checks on the flotilla. If the boats are not carrying arms or weapons, they would be allowed to proceed to Gaza.

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NETANYAHU SUES CHANNEL 10

Yedioth Ahronoth (p. 10) by Danny Adino Ababa -- Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu filed NIS 3.5 million libel suit against Channel 10 and journalist Raviv Drucker for his role in the BibiTours investigation.

The investigation claimed that Netanyahu received double funding for travel to the United States, during which he raised funds for a medical center in Ashdod. Netanyahu's attorney, David Shimron, said yesterday that the receipts that formed the basis of the investigative report were cancelled and that the two groups that supposedly funded the trip -- are the same body under two different names. Shimron showed evidence yesterday that apparently refutes Raviv Drucker's claims.

The current lawsuit joins another libel suit filed last month against Ma'ariv and Channel 10 following the publication about donors to Netanyahu's primaries campaign in 2005. At the same time, no libel suit was filed regarding the main subject of the BibiTours scandal which touches on the prime minister's travel abroad with his wife, Sara, paid for by private donors.

It should be noted that in the past the Prime Minister's Bureau has sued Drucker and Channel 10 for libel, in relation to a 2008 investigation into the same issue. Two years after filing the suit, the prime minister withdrew it.

Channel 10 officials said "We stand by the investigation as it was reported"

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IHH leader Bulent Yildirim said the upcoming flotilla to the Gaza Strip might be delayed. He added that in addition to the flotilla the purchase of an aircraft was in progress. He said only one problem remained: "The virus called Zionism." At this point the status of the plan/plans is unknown.

1. Preparations continue for "Freedom Fleet 2," the updated flotilla to the Gaza Strip organized by the anti-Israeli coalition. The flotilla is expected to be launched on or about May 31, the anniversary of the events of the Mavi Marmara. One of the most prominent organizations behind it is the Turkish IHH, the motivating force behind in the previous flotilla.

2. On April 7, at the monthly ceremony held in Alanya in southern Turkey in honor of the operatives who died aboard the Mavi Marmara, IHH leader Bulent Yildirim gave a strongly anti-Israeli anti-Semitic speech (for example, he said "We have only one problem, the virus called Zionism").<sup>1</sup> Of the upcoming flotilla he said that although it was meant to commemorate the confrontation aboard the Mavi Marmara, it would set sail only in the middle of June. He said a ship would sail from every country "so that Israel understands it does not control the Mediterranean Sea." He said the Mavi Marmara would also participate, sailing from "a European country" [Note: He did not say which one]. "We are not afraid to die as shaheeds," he stated, "...[and] will not retreat until the siege on the Gaza Strip is broken and we complete our journey to Al-Aqsa mosque."

3. Bulent Yildirim said that the road to the Gaza Strip would be taken by air as well as by sea and land, and that the IHH was currently in the process of purchasing a plane (haberler.com website, April 7, 2011).

4. The initiative to send a plane to the Gaza Strip was authored by the Free Palestine Movement (FPM), which operates from the West Coast of the United States and participates in flotillas to the Gaza Strip. This past summer (2010) Paul Larudee, the FPM leader, said they were zealously implementing a concrete plan in coordination with the "authorities in Gaza" [i.e., the de facto Hamas administration]. The remarks made by Bulent Yildirim indicate that the Turkish IHH, which plays a key role in the upgraded flotilla, is also dealing with a plane to the Gaza Strip, either independently or in conjunction with other organizations. However, at this point the status of the preparations for sending a plane or planes to the Gaza Strip is unknown to us.

1 For further information about Bulent Yildirim's anti-Semitic remarks, see the December 6, 2010 ITIC bulletin, IHH leader Bulent Yildirim gave an interview focusing on the U.S. intention to designate the IHH as a terrorist organization and on the Mavi Marmara incident

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PM Netanyahu hints that he will alleviate Israel's blockade of Gaza – allegedly responding to President Obama's demand; the President emphasizes Israel's "legitimate security concerns" and economic predicament caused by the blockade of Gaza. The media reported that yesterday, apparently acceding to President Obama's entreaty, PM Benjamin Netanyahu hinted that Israel will alleviate its blockade of Gaza. Israel Radio quoted Obama as saying in an interview with CNN's Larry King that Israel "has legitimate security concerns" about Hamas-ruled Gaza, such as rockets being regularly fired from there into the Jewish state. But the President also said that Israel's blockade of Gaza "is preventing people" from pursuing economic opportunities... I think what's important right now is that we break out of the current impasse, use this tragedy as an opportunity," to advance the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, Obama was quoted as saying.

The "bravery" of the Israeli commandoes and malicious intent by activists on board the Free Gaza Flotilla are cited. The media reported on the "bravery" of the Israeli Special Forces on the commandeered Free Gaza Flotilla. Ha'aretz reported that three unconscious Navy Seals were dragged into the hull of the ship Mavi Marmara during the raid. Israel Radio quoted an Israeli military source as saying that there is evidence that militants had thrown firearms overboard, leaving "foreign ammunition" behind. The activists reportedly wrote coded instructions to abduct a soldier. Media reported that activists aboard the Mavi Marmara had signaled their intention to become martyrs ("shahids"). Israel Hayom reported that Israel intends to bring the ship Rachel Corrie to Ashdod Port. The radio later quoted senior Israeli sources as saying that, due to technical problems, the ship will not reach the Israeli or Gaza coast. Israel Radio later cited denial by the Irish state radio (RTE) of this report, saying that the ship is on the way to Gaza.

OTHER STORIES:

The media reported that yesterday a mass anti-Israel demonstration took place in Istanbul, where senior Turkish officials delivered strident speeches and P.A. and Hamas flags were bannered.

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Turkey and South Africa recalled their ambassadors from Israel. Last night, also, around 2,000 Israelis participated in an anti-Turkish Government protest in front of the Turkish Embassy in Tel Aviv. Beitar Jerusalem, a group of sports fans associated with hard-line Likud militants, organized the rally.

The Jerusalem Post reported that Turkey's Deputy Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy Selim Yeni told that newspaper yesterday that the U.S. leaned on Israel "quite a lot" and helped facilitate the speedy release of over 400 Turkish citizens whom the IDF had taken into custody on the Gaza-bound protest ships.

Leading media reported that yesterday four Qassam rockets were launched from Gaza into southern Israel.

Ha'aretz and other media reported that yesterday an Israeli court released to house arrest Raed Salah, the leader of the northern branch of Israel's Islamic Movement, and three other Israeli Arab figures who participated in the flotilla. Salah accused Israeli commandos of trying to kill him and blasted Israel's leaders for committing a "war crime." He was quoted as saying that Zionism began in Turkey and that it will end there. Israel Radio and other media reported that yesterday Interior Minister Eli Yishai told Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein that he demands the revocation of the citizenship of Israeli Arab Knesset Member Hanin Zoabi (National Democratic Assembly - Balad). She was on board the Gaza-bound flotilla when it was raided by Israeli forces and allegedly "spearheaded" an attempt to harm IDF soldiers.

Israel Hayom quoted former Republican presidential candidate Arizona Senator John McCain as saying in an interview with Fox News that the IDF troops who commandeered the ships acted in self-defense.

Yediot cited a secret document drafted by Muhammad Araman, a senior Hamas activist detained in Israel, which purportedly describes the Islamist group's plans to initiate a "third Intifada" through abductions, the launching of rockets deep into Israel, and the disruption of Israeli cellular and GPS networks.

The Jerusalem Post reported that on Monday and Tuesday Hamas's security forces raided the offices of several NGOs in Gaza, drawing sharp condemnations from local and international human rights groups.

All media reported that yesterday Noble Energy, Inc. of Houston, and Israeli tycoon Yitzhak Teshuva, who is associated with the "Leviathan" drilling, announced that there is a 50 percent chance that huge quantities of natural gas -- to the tune of 16 trillion cubic feet -- may be found off the Haifa coast.

### EDITORIAL PAGES:

In a joint article, Nahum Barnea and Shimon Shiffer of Yediot argue that Israel, which wished to isolate Hamas, instead finds itself almost a pariah.

The Jerusalem Post claims that the only way to end the blockade of Gaza is by convincing its residents that Hamas' way is a dead end.

Ha'aretz maintains that "Turkey is not an enemy."

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Amir Oren of Ha'aretz believes that the way PM Benjamin Netanyahu and DM Ehud Barak performed during the botched naval operation calls into question their ability to function in much more dangerous scenarios – such as the fight against the Iranian nuclear project.

Dan Margalit of Israel Hayom says that a commission of inquiry into the naval incident is not needed but that Israel must assuage global public opinion.

Ben-Dror Yemini of Maariv warns about the formation of a new pro-Islamist, anti-Israel "empire."  
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## Israeli Intel Center: Marmara Casualties Members of Turkish Islamist Organizations

GMP20100623739007 Ramat Hasharon *Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center* in English 20 Jun 10

The *ITIC* website carries a paper on 20 June saying: "Almost All of the Casualties on board the Mavi Marmara Were Fully Identified as Members of Turkish Islamist Organizations, Most of Them of a Radical and Anti-Western Nature. About Half of Those Killed Had Declared Their Wish To Die as Martyrs (shaheeds)."

The article's introduction says:

"1. Since the violent confrontation aboard the ship Mavi Marmara, a great deal of information accumulated making it possible to identify the nine Turkish nationals killed in the confrontation, as well as to analyze their affiliation and political and ideological views. The analysis leads to the conclusion that almost all of those killed (8 out of 9) belonged to the IHH or those affiliated with it (mainly the Felicity Party, Saadet Partisi). About half of those killed had told their relatives of their wish to die as martyrs (shaheeds).

"2. On the other hand, human rights activists from Western countries or the Arab/Muslim world were not among those killed. That is to say, those who joined the Flotilla to deliver humanitarian aid to the Palestinians found themselves in a violent confrontation initiated by the IHH. One of those killed, a youngster who was a citizen of both Turkey and the US, is not known to us as affiliated with any Islamist organization, and his involvement in the events is still unclear.

"3. Those conclusions are supported by a great deal of information collected since the IDF's takeover of the Mavi Marmara. It turned out that hard core radical Islamist operatives prepared themselves well in advance for hard violence against IDF soldiers. That violence was preceded by speeches of incitement and indoctrination during the ship's voyage. The information includes statements taken from passengers questioned in Israel, security camera footage and footage shot by journalists on the Mavi Marmara, documents seized aboard the ship, voyage and statements made on the media (including Turkish media) before and after the flotilla incident."

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June 20, 2010

**Almost all of the casualties on board the Mavi Marmara were fully identified as members of Turkish Islamist organizations, most of them of a radical and anti-Western nature. About half of those killed had declared their wish to die as martyrs (shaheeds).**

### Overview

1. Since the violent confrontation aboard the ship Mavi Marmara, a great deal of information accumulated making it possible to identify the nine Turkish nationals killed in the confrontation, as well as to analyze their affiliation and political and ideological views. The analysis leads to the conclusion that almost all of those killed (8 out of 9) belonged to the IHH or those affiliated with it (mainly the Felicity Party, Saadet Partisi). About half of those killed had told their relatives of their wish to die as martyrs (shaheeds).
2. On the other hand, human rights activists from Western countries or the Arab/Muslim world were not among those killed. That is to say, those who joined the Flotilla to deliver humanitarian aid to the Palestinians found themselves in a violent confrontation initiated by the IHH. One of those killed, a youngster who was a citizen of both Turkey and the US, is not known to us as affiliated with any Islamist organization, and his involvement in the events is still unclear.
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The information includes statements taken from passengers questioned in Israel, security camera footage and footage shot by journalists on the Mavi Marmara, documents seized aboard the ship, and statements made on the media (including Turkish media) before and after the flotilla incident.

## **Conclusions drawn from analysis of identity and affiliation of the Turkish nationals killed aboard the Mavi Marmara**

4. The following conclusions arise from analyzing the identity and affiliation of the nine Turkish nationals killed aboard the Mavi Marmara:

a. **The major role played by the Islamic organization IHH:** out of the nine people killed, **four were identified as IHH operatives or activists.** Four others were members of Turkish Islamic organizations or parties affiliated with the IHH. The remaining victim is an ordinary Turkish volunteer who was caught in the event for unclear reasons.

b. **Operatives from the Turkish Felicity Party (Saadet Partisi):** at least two of the people killed belong to the Felicity Party, an Islamic party established in 2001 with the support of ex-politician Necmettin Erbakan (after his Welfare Party, Refah Partisi, was banned from politics). The party espouses cooperation between Muslim countries, war on Zionism, and confrontation with the West. In April 2010, the party announced it would take part in the flotilla together with the IHH and the Free Gaza movement.

c. **Thugs among those killed:** one of the people killed is a former Taekwondo champion; another worked at an Istanbul sports association; still another worked as a security guard at IHH conferences in the city where he lived. It should be noted that one of the Mavi Marmara passengers related during questioning in Israel that he had seen several IHH thugs carrying clubs. Statements taken from Israeli navy commandos show that there were thugs among the operatives who fought them. The presence of those thugs among the hard core of IHH operatives was part of the preparations for the confrontation.

d. **Statements made by relatives of those killed about their desire to become shaheeds and preparation of wills:** relatives of four killed operatives testified that they wanted to die as shaheeds. It was reported that two of the killed operatives had left a letter or a last will before setting sail. "I pray that Allah will give us a happy

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**endings, just like those shaheeds", says one of the killed operatives on a video tape found aboard the Mavi Marmara.**

**e. No human rights activists among the victims:** conspicuously absent are human rights activists from Western countries and from the Arab/Muslim world, some of whom came on board the Mavi Marmara out of a genuine desire to deliver humanitarian assistance to Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. **Those activists avoided joining the organized fighting against the IDF, stayed inside the ship, and did not go to the upper deck where the fighting took place.** One of the Turkish nationals killed was a high school student. We have no information that he was connected with any Islamic organization.

**5. Place of boarding the Mavi Marmara:** according to the passenger list, **two of the people killed, identified as IHH operatives, boarded the Mavi Marmara at the port of Istanbul** (where they were not screened). They were **part of a group of 38 operatives who played a key role in preparing for battle with the IDF and in the fighting itself.** Seven other operatives who were later killed **boarded the ship at the port of Antalya,** where additional IHH operatives came on board (including the organization's leader and other senior figures). At the port of Antalya, **operatives and activists from other Turkish Islamic parties and organizations boarded the ship as well, some of them took part in the fighting.**

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## Appendix

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### Interim summary of information on Turkish nationals killed in the incident

1. Following are the names and details of the Turkish nationals killed based on the information accumulated so far:

a. **Ibrahim Bilgen**, 61, electronics engineer from Siirt, member of the association of electronics engineers in Turkey, originally from Mosul, Iraq. He ran in the 2007 elections on behalf of the Felicity Party, and also ran for mayor of Siirt in 2009. He was married and father of six. A relative of his noted that he wanted to die as a shaheed. He joined the flotilla as an IHH volunteer.

b. **Ali Haydar Bengi**, 39, owner of a telephone repair store in Diyarbakir, southeastern Turkey (a city known as a stronghold of radical Islamic parties). He graduated from Al-Azhar University in Cairo (Arabic literature). He was married and father of four. Member of the Felicity Party. Was active in Islamic organizations and was chairman of an Islamic charitable society in Diyarbakir named Özgürlükler Eğitim Kültür ve Dayanışma Derneği (Ayder, the brotherhood association for a bright future, rights, and liberty). His wife said in an interview that he had wanted to reach Palestine for many years, and constantly prayed to Allah to grant him martyrdom. His friends said that he wanted to be a shaheed and that he "had an intense desire to die as a shaheed". The association he headed was affiliated with the IHH and its operatives collected equipment and food for the organization prior to setting sail.

c. **Cevdet Kiliçlar**, 38, from Kayseri. Graduate of the media faculty in the University of Marmara, formerly employed as a journalist for the National Gazette and the Anatolia Times. In the past year, he worked as a reporter and website manager for the IHH. He is married and father of two. A recorded statement by Kiliçlar was found aboard the Mavi Marmara: "While our friends were praying at the [Istanbul] Fatih Mosque in memory of the brothers killed in battle in Afghanistan, we boarded this ship [Mavi Marmara] and were therefore unable to take part in the prayer. May the souls [of those killed in Afghanistan] be in paradise. We, too, prayed on our

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way to our brothers in Gaza, and I pray that Allah will grant us a happy ending, just like those shaheeds".<sup>1</sup>

d. **Çetin Topçuoğlu, 54**, from Adana. Amateur soccer player and former Taekwondo champion. Trained the Turkish Taekwondo team. Married and father of one. His wife, Çigdem Topçuoğlu, was also on the Mavi Marmara with friends and family. Member of AYDER, a humanitarian aid organization affiliated with IHH. Took part in the previous aid convoy to the Gaza Strip which arrived in El-Arish (and confronted Egyptian security forces). Before departing, he left a letter hinting that he expected to die as a shaheed and called on others to aspire to a similar death.

e. **Necdet Yıldırım, 32**, from Malatya. IHH operative in Istanbul. Worked at a sports association in Istanbul (malatyaguncel.com). Married and father of one. There is a possibility (although we don't have any information on that) that he may be related to IHH leader Bulent Yıldırım.

f. **Fahri Yıldız, 43**, fireman in the town of Adiyaman (eastern Antalya). Married and father of four. Worked as a security guard at IHH conferences. IHH operative in the town where he lived. During the municipal elections he worked as a bodyguard for the mayor on behalf of Refah, Erbakan's Islamist party. In 2007, he made extensive preparations for taking part in the flotilla and had a passport issued (haberdemeti.com). Prior to his departure, he announced that he was going to be a shaheed and said goodbye to his wife and children.

g. **Cengiz Songür, 47**, from Konya. Came on board the ship in Antalya. Married and father of seven. Worked as a textile salesman for living. Activist in the Islamic association Izmir Özgür-Der, which espouses a radical Islamic ideology similar to that of IHH. The association provides aid to Muslims worldwide, including in Afghanistan, Egypt, and Lebanon (similarly to IHH).

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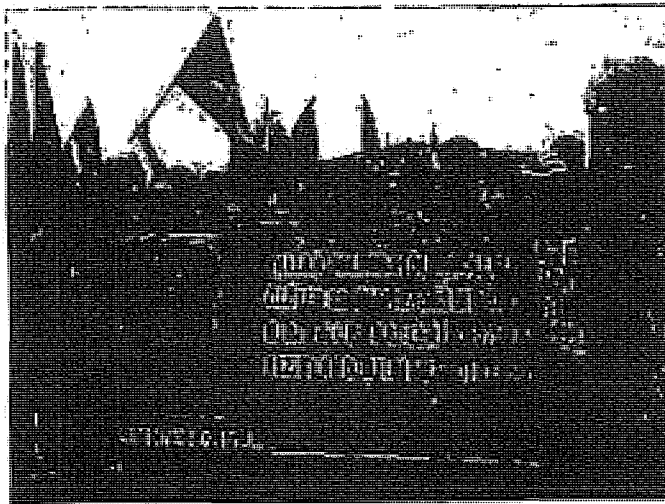
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Poster with an image of Cengiz Songür. The poster reads: "Those killed for the sake of Allah are not considered dead, but rather living alongside their Lord [in paradise]" (haksozhaber.net). During the second Intifada, that verse was used to grant religious-Islamic legitimacy to shaheeds who perpetrated suicide bombing attacks, and it appeared numerous times on posters commemorating the suicide bombers. The verse was also used in eulogies for those sent to dangerous missions and killed in conflict with the enemies of Islam.



A poster that reads: "Warriors of Gaza, glorified men of resistance, welcome" (on the left, one of the people carries a photograph of Songür) (bighaber.com)

h. **Cengiz Akyüz, 41**, from Iskenderun. Married and father of three. **IHH operative**. Joined the flotilla with Zakariya Kanat, the director of the Hatay branch (Alexandretta) of IHH. Left a will prior to his departure (islamigundem.com).

i. **Furkan Dogan, 19**, senior high school student in Kayseri. The son of Dr. Ahmet Dogan from the University of Erzyes. **Citizen of both Turkey and the US**. We have no information about his links to any Islamic organizations.

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### Israeli Intel Center: Marmara Captain's Testimony Proves IHH Prepared in Advance

GMP20100613739003 Ramat Hasharon Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center in English 09 Jun 10

A 9 June *ITIC* report carries "Video Recordings of Statements from Mavi Marmara Crew Members about Preparations Made by IHH Operatives for the Violent Confrontation with IDF Soldiers." The report's overview states:

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"2. According to the statements, the atmosphere aboard the Mavi Marmara was tense and the crew noticed a gathering on the main deck. When they checked the upper deck they discovered that IHH operatives were cutting the ship's railings with metal disks they had brought with them into lengths suitable to be used as clubs. The crew members said the activities worried them and that they tried to stop the operatives but were unsuccessful."

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## Video Recordings of Statements from Mavi Marmara Crew Members about Preparations Made by IHH Operatives for the Violent Confrontation with IDF Soldiers<sup>1</sup>

### Overview

1. The videotaped statements of two Mavi Marmara crew members show that preparations for a violent confrontation with IDF forces were put in motion about two hours before the boarding began, when the Israeli Navy hailed the ship and told it to halt.
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3. The following are the statements of the one of the ship's captains and an officer. This bulletin contains the text of the statements and the videotaped interviews:

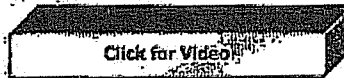
<sup>1</sup> Follow-up of the June 7, 2010 bulletin IHH Preparations for a Violent Confrontation with IDF Soldiers Aboard the Turkish Ship Mavi Marmara Initial conclusions from questioning passengers and examining equipment on board the ship at [http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam/multimedia/English/eng\\_n/pdf/hamas\\_e110.pdf](http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam/multimedia/English/eng_n/pdf/hamas_e110.pdf).

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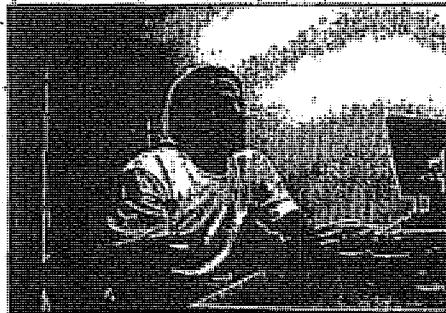
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### The Statements

**Mehmut Tuval, Captain, Mavi Marmara**



**Chief Officer Gokkiran Gokhan**



**Statement:** I was on the bridge after dark, before anything happened, the third captain and I were sent in the direction of the life boats, where there were a lot of people and a lot of noise. The captain told me something was happening down there, there are noises, go see what's going on. There were a lot of people. I told the third captain, you are more senior than I, come with me."

**Q:** When did that happen?

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A: Around eight o'clock, I don't know exactly when, but around eight. I went down the stairs with the third captain. We saw a senior person [from IHH].

Q: Who?

A: That guy.

Q: What guy?

A: That guy. Maybe the third captain knows his name.

Q: The guy from IHH?

A: Yes, from IHH.

Q: Whose name does he know? The name of the guy from IHH who cut the railings?

A: No, the third captain knows him from IHH. We [the third captain and I] went together, we saw a lot of people milling around and we asked what was going on.

Q: Did you see them cutting [the railings]?

A: They [the iron rods] were already cut. It was all over.

Q: Who did the cutting?

A: I didn't see.

Q: Who was holding the disk?

A: The disks were lying in a corner of the stairs and the senior guy [apparently a reference to Bülent Yildirim] was next to them.

Q: The senior guy from IHH?

A: Yes.

Q: Who did the disks belong to?

A: I don't know, they didn't belong to the ship. We don't have equipment like that on board. On deck there were metal poles with clips for cables, when I got there they had been cut.

Q: When did this happen?

A: When it was getting dark. I asked one of them who cut the poles, and he said he didn't know.

Q: Was the man you asked a crew member?

A: No.

Q: Did he belong to IHH?

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A: Of course.

Q: You seem to be saying that the people from IHH were in control of the ship. Did the crew need their permission to move around the ship?

A: Definitely, they [i.e. IHH operatives] didn't let people they didn't know move around.

Q: Did they prevent anyone they didn't know from moving freely around the ship?

A: Yes, definitely.

Q: And was that from the first moment they went up on deck?

A: Yes, definitely.

Q: How did the IHH operatives communicate with one another?

A: When they [the IHH operatives] got on board in Istanbul they brought walkie-talkies with them. They were handed out to the IHH operatives and the crew.

Q: Did you [the crew] get them as well?

A: Yes, each one worked on a different frequency.

Q: I don't understand, they didn't let the passengers and crew go from one deck to another?

A: They could go anywhere except to the control center they set up on the bridge.

Q: How many IHH operatives were there on the upper deck?

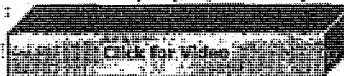
A: Forty.

Q: The same forty all the time or did they change?

A: More or less the same forty.

Q: You're referring to the group that joined the ship in Istanbul?

A: yes.



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**Israeli Intel Center: Flotilla Part of Implementation of 'Istanbul Declaration'**

GMP20100708739001 Ramat Hasharon *Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center* in English 07 Jul 10

A 7 July ITIC paper elaborates on the "radical Islamic flotilla participants" aboard the Mavi Marmara, where nine activists were killed by the Israeli Army on 31 May.

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## The Jihadist "Istanbul Declaration" and the Gaza Flotilla

Jonathan Fighe<sup>1</sup>

1. The violent nature of the flotilla and the events on board the Turkish ship Mavi Marmara would not have been a surprise if someone had connected the dots before the takeover of the ship by the Israeli Navy.
2. The Gaza flotilla initiative was a step in implementing the jihadist "Istanbul Declaration," issued at a conference called "Gaza Victory" and held in Istanbul on February 14-15, 2009. The conference was attended by 200 Arab and European Sunni sheikhs and clerics as well as members of Hamas, and bore the signatures of 90 participants (See Appendix). According to a BBC reporter who attended the event, "speaker after speaker called for jihad against Israel in support of Hamas."<sup>2</sup> The Istanbul Declaration provided the ideological background for the future violent implementation of its decisions, as demonstrated by the flotilla to Gaza. The events have to be understood within a radical pan-Islamic context and the mindset of their proponents, and in light of the Istanbul Declaration and the 90 radical Muslim scholars and clerics who publicly sanctioned the legitimacy of Hamas and their support for its military actions.

<sup>1</sup> Col. (Ret) Jonathan Fighe is a senior researcher at the International Counter Terrorism Institute (ICT), specialized in radical Islam movements and global jihad terror organizations. The study was originally published on ICT website.

<sup>2</sup> [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle\\_east/7895485.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/7895485.stm). See also posting of the declaration in Arabic on a Hamas forum, dated February 15 2009 <http://paldf.net/forum/showthread.php?p=5470014>.

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3. The Istanbul Declaration affirmed "the obligation of the Islamic Nation to find a just reconciliation formula for the Palestinian people, who will be responsible for forming a legitimate authority that will fix norms and attend to legitimate and national rights, and will continue with jihad and resistance against the occupation until the liberation of all Palestine." It also affirmed "the obligation of the Islamic Nation to open permanently the crossings—all crossings—in and out of Palestine to allow all the Palestinians to satisfy their needs for money, clothing, food, medicine, weapons and other essentials, so that they can live and carry out jihad in the path of Almighty Allah." The Declaration also noted that "We affirm that the victory Allah accomplished by means of our brothers the Mujahidin, our defiant and steadfast kinsfolk in Gaza, was indeed achieved through His favor and help -- exalted be He! It was also achieved through fulfilling the religious obligation of jihad in His path."

4. According to the Istanbul Declaration, there is an obligation for "the Islamic Nation to regard sending foreign warships into Muslim waters, claiming to control the borders and preventing the smuggling of arms to Gaza as a declaration of war, a new occupation, sinful aggression and a clear violation of the sovereignty of the Nation." It continues, "This must be rejected and fought by all means and ways."<sup>3</sup>

### The Istanbul Declaration Signers and Their Involvement in the Flotilla

5. The list of passengers on board the Mavi Marmara revealed the names of two conference participants who had signed the Istanbul Declaration. Their personal involvement in the flotilla demonstrated their commitment to the jihadist cause and their desire to represent themselves as models.

6. **Muhammad Kazem Sawalha** -- a fugitive, high-ranking former Hamas Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades commander in Judea and Samaria, currently residing and active in the UK (signature number 72).<sup>4</sup> He was involved in launching the previous aid flotilla (Lifeline 3). At the time he noted that the next aid convoy would avoid an "unwanted confrontation" with the Egyptian authorities and that "the confrontation will be directly with the Zionist enemy itself on the high seas" (Al-Intiqad, Hezbollah's website, January 17, 2010). Sawalha, one of the prominent organizers of the flotilla, did not board the ship. Known to Israeli security services and wanted for his notorious Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/mar/08/daud-abdullah-gaza-middle-east>

<sup>4</sup> One of the signatories of the Jihad! Istanbul Declaration.

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activities in Judea and Samaria in the past, it can be assumed he feared being arrested and tried in Israel.

**A. Walid Al-Tabtabai** -- a prominent Kuwaiti activist who is known to support armed resistance in Palestine and Iraq (signature number 88). At a press conference in Antalya, the flotilla organizers asked all the participants to "write their wills." Following the press conference, Walid Al-Tabtabai reportedly "did not hesitate to write his will, in defiance of Israeli threats."<sup>5</sup>

**B. Sheikh Muhammad al-Hazimi** -- a member of the Yemeni Parliament and Al-Islah (the Yemeni reform bloc) was photographed on the deck of the Mavi Marmara brandishing his large curved dagger (signature number 66).

### Other prominent radical Islamic flotilla participants

7. The Arab-Israeli Sheikh Ra'ed Salah, head of the northern branch of the Islamic Movement in Israel, is a radical Islamist whose presence on board the Mavi Marmara was not coincidental, as he is one of the founders and a board member of the Union of Good. He also maintains close ties with the Hamas leadership and provides material support for its activities and funding for Hamas' "charitable societies" in Judea and Samaria.<sup>6</sup>

8. The Yemeni Al-Islah party sent three members as passengers aboard the Mavi Marmara. The party runs the radical Islamic Al-Islah charitable society which belongs to the Union of Good and is known to be committed to the Hamas jihad struggle, and has been designated as a terrorist organization by Israel and the United States. Al-Islah is led by Sheikh Abd Al-Majid Zindani, a radical Islamist with ties to Al-Qaeda and Bin Laden, designated in 1995 by the United States as a terrorist. In 2004 he was accused of supplying arms to Al-Qaeda, and was known to be involved in the preparations made by Omar Farouk Abdulmutallab for the unsuccessful bombing attempt of a Detroit-bound plane, Christmas 2009.

### Possible Involvement of the Union of Good

9. An analysis of open source materials, some of which were published before the flotilla events, shows that the Union of Good, a global coalition of radical Islamic charities, was assigned to implement the Istanbul Declaration's decision to break the so-called Israeli blockade of the Gaza Strip. The Union of Good is run by the Muslim Brotherhood's spiritual leader, Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi, who in 2002 sanctioned the legitimacy of suicide bombing attacks against Israeli civilians and

<sup>5</sup> Al-Rai (Kuwait), May 30, 2010.

<sup>6</sup> Sentenced by Israeli court to 3.5 years in prison.

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issued numerous anti-Semitic, anti-Israeli *fatwas*. The Union of Good was outlawed by Israel and was designated as a terrorism-supporting entity by the U.S. Treasury Department, a result of its fund-raising activities on behalf of Hamas and its "charitable societies" in the Gaza Strip, Judea and Samaria.

10. The Union of Good has a network of international connections in the Arab-Muslim world and in Muslim communities in the West, enabling it to set up a logistic infrastructure and procure funds and recruits in a relatively short time. The Turkish IHH, which is part of the Union of Good, was the leading organization in the coalition participating in the Gaza aid flotilla. IHH (Insani Yardım Vakfı, "humanitarian relief fund") is a radical Islamic organization established in 1992 and formally registered in Istanbul in 1995. Outlawed by Israel in 2008, it is part of the Union of Good, and seems to have been chosen to lead the jihadist flotilla to Gaza.

11. Organizing the flotilla to Gaza required lengthy preparations and a vast mobilization network which maintained contact with hundreds of organizations and operatives around the globe, most of them affiliated with radical Islam and the Muslim Brotherhood, and some of them from pro-Palestinian Western relief organizations. It is possible that as a pan-Islamic organization, some of the Union of Good members who participated in the Istanbul conference were commissioned to make logistic preparations and mobilize recruits.

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## Appendix

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### Text of the Istanbul Declaration and Names of Signers<sup>7</sup>

In the name of Allah the Most-merciful, the All-merciful

A statement by the religious scholars and proselytizers (*du'a*) of the Islamic Nation (*ummah*) to all rulers and peoples concerning events in Gaza

Praise to Allah who strengthened His troops, aided His servants and alone routed the Zionist Jews, who says,

"It was incumbent on Us to aid the believers." [Qur'an 30:47]

And blessing and peace be on the Imam of the mujahidin who says,

"There will remain a group of my Ummah adhering to the truth, and those who oppose them will not harm them until Allah's command comes." [Hadith]

(And now to our topic)

This statement is addressed to the Islamic Nation, its religious scholars, its rulers and its peoples. In it we congratulate the whole family of Islam on the manifest victory which Allah has granted us in the land of Gaza, a land of pride and dignity, over the Zionist Jewish occupiers. Allah has appointed it as the first step in the complete victory for all of Palestine and the holy places of the Muslims. Furthermore, we herein emphatically affirm various resolutions and judgments.

#### I. Affirmation of the following unequivocal resolutions:

1. We affirm that the victory that Allah accomplished by means of our brothers the *mujahidin*, our defiant and steadfast kinsfolk in Gaza, was indeed achieved through His favor and help -- exalted be He! It was also achieved through **fulfilling the religious obligation of jihad** in His way. This is a confirmation of His statement -- sublime is He! -- "How often a small party overcame a large party, by Allah's leave." [Qur'an, 2:249]

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<sup>7</sup> [http://www.standcampaign.org/wiki/index.php?title=Istanbul\\_Declaration](http://www.standcampaign.org/wiki/index.php?title=Istanbul_Declaration)

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2. We affirm that this manifest victory has clearly disclosed the volume of international and local military and political conspiracy against the jihad and the *mujahidin* in Gaza, as represented by the following:

- Military co-operation in tightening the blockade and closing the crossings to the people of Gaza, especially the Rafah crossing.
- Public or quasi-public support for the enemy.
- The prevention of demonstrations and popular events held in support of the *mujahidin*; the arrest, trial and severe punishments of those who instigate them.
- The aggressive pressure put on the *mujahidin* to break their will and force them to agree to their [the conspirators] terms and the stipulations of the Zionist enemy.
- The attempt to present the Hamas government as the cause of this malicious Jewish-Zionist war over Gaza.
- The absence of any official and effective Arab and Islamic stance and its weakness in reflecting the will of the Arab and Islamic peoples to help our brothers in Gaza win. This indicates the width of the gap between the Nation and those rulers who lead it.
- The use of funds for reconstruction and aid to those hurt as a negative pressure card on the *mujahidin* to abandon their legitimate demands, or some of them.
- The prevention of delivery of aid and reconstruction funds to the Hamas government and the reliable authorities in Gaza; deeming the Palestinian Authority, represented by the presidency of Abbas and the Fayyad government, the sole representative of the Palestinian people, without the Hamas government; and the delivery of such funds and aid to increase their grip on the legitimate elected government of Hamas. This redoubles the suffering of the people of Gaza at the time they mostly need those funds and aid.

3. We affirm in full conviction that the Palestinian Authority, whose mandate is coming to an end, is not eligible to represent the Palestinian people. It stands outside the will of its people, and has given up the choice of jihad in the way of Allah Almighty as an effective means in defeating the occupation and the liberation of the Islamic holy places. It adopts the wishes of the Nation's enemies in exchange for the illusions of false peace.

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4. We affirm in full conviction that the so-called Arab peace initiative is a proven betrayal of the Islamic Nation and the Palestinian cause, and a blatant betrayal of the Palestinian people. It aims to criminalize the Resistance [*muqawama*] against the Zionist occupying entity in perpetuity through its de facto recognition of it, as well as the confiscation of the right of refugees to return to their homes and their property.

### II. Affirmation of the following legal judgments:

1. The obligation of the Islamic Nation to rush to the aid of the people in Gaza; to rebuild what the Zionist aggression destroyed; to compensate the injured and support the widows, orphans, those suffering permanent disabilities, and the old and infirm.

2. The obligation of the Islamic Nation to restrict itself to dealing only with the legitimate elected Palestinian government (Hamas) in the delivery of aid and reconstruction of dwellings. It is the sole government authorized to do that by reason of its official legitimacy as well as its maintaining the Resistance against the Jewish Zionist occupation, its integrity, and its solidarity with the people in all circumstances.

3. The obligation of the Islamic Nation not to recognize the Palestinian Authority, whose mandate is ending, as representative of the Palestinian people. It must not elect it again, in view of its proven financial and administrative corruption as well as its squandering of time and assets behind the false peace process. It is also necessary to work seriously to choose a new authority that will guard the Palestinian ranks, respect their will and their right to resist the occupation, and work for the complete liberation of its land and holy places.

4. The obligation of the Islamic Nation to circulate a declaration to withhold aid funds from the undeserving or placing them in the hands of those who are not trustworthy. It must regard this as a legal betrayal that should be prosecuted, and punish those who cause mayhem, negligence and waste of these moneys.

5. The obligation of the Islamic Nation to find a fair formula of reconciliation between the sons of the Palestinian people, under whose responsibility a legitimate authority will be formed that will attend to the fixed norms and the legitimate and national rights; and will carry on with the Jihad and Resistance against the occupier until the liberation of all Palestine.

6. The obligation of the Islamic Nation to open the crossings -- all crossings -- in and out of Palestine permanently, in order to allow access to all the needs of the Palestinians -- money, clothing, food, medicine, weapons and other essentials,

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so that they are able to live and perform the jihad in the way of Allah Almighty. The closure of the crossings or the prevention of the entry of weapons through them should be regarded as high treason in the Islamic Nation, and clear support for the Zionist enemy.

7. The obligation of the Islamic Nation to regard everyone standing with the Zionist entity, whether countries, institutions or individuals, as providing a substantial contribution to the crimes and brutality of this entity; the position towards him is the same as towards this usurping entity.

8. The obligation of the Islamic Nation to regard the sending of foreign warships into Muslim waters, claiming to control the borders and prevent the smuggling of arms to Gaza, as a declaration of war, a new occupation, sinful aggression, and a clear violation of the sovereignty of the Nation. This must be rejected and fought by all means and ways. To conclude: the Nation's scholars and proselytizers remind the Islamic Nation, rulers and ruled alike, of the necessity of returning to its religion, adhering to the book of its Lord and the sunna of his Prophet, working for its unity, and seizing control of the instruments of power that will make possible its supremacy and the preservation of its holy places and provisions.

'Allah prevails in his purpose, but most people know not.' [Quran, 12: 21]]

### The Signatories

As presented in the Declaration:

- 1) Sheikh Ahmad Sulaiman Ahif, Yemen
- 2) Dr. Ahmad al-Ghamidi, Saudi Arabia
- 3) Dr. Ahmad al-Misbahi, Yemen
- 4) Sheikh Ahmad Abdul Razzaq al-Raqihi, Yemen
- 5) Proselytizer [da'iyah] Ahmad Muhammad Abdullah, Egypt
- 6) Sheikh Isma'il Abdul Bari, Yemen
- 7) Sheikh Isma'il Uthman Muhammad, Sudan
- 8) Dr. Amin Ali Muqbil, Yemen
- 9) Proselytizer Al-Amin Karkush, Algeria
- 10) Sheikh Bilal Baroudi, Lebanon
- 11) Proselytizer Tawarim Kishlakci, Turkey

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- 12) Dr. Harith Sulaiman al-Dhari [Iraq]
- 13) Dr. Hakim al-Matiri, Kuwait
- 14) Proselytizer Hasan Salem, Hasan, Qatar
- 15) Proselytizer Khalid al-Dhahir, Lebanon
- 16) Proselytizer Khalil Asi, Denmark
- 17) Proselytizer Daud Abdullah, Britain
- 18) Sheikh Raed al-Jabouri, Iraq
- 19) Sheikh Rachid al-Ghannouchi, Tunisia [resides in Britain]
- 20) Proselytizer Ribhi Subhi al-Atiwi, Jordan
- 21) Proselytizer Rabi Haddad, Lebanon
- 22) Dr. Sami Muhammad Saleh
- 23) Proselytizer Sami Najid Sa'Id, Jordan
- 24) Dr. Shafi al-Hajiri, Qatar
- 25) Dr. Shaker Tawfiq al-Adouri, Jordan
- 26) Proselytizer Shah Jahan Abdul Qayyum, Britain
- 27) Dr. Shawkat Karashji, Kosovo
- 28) Sheikh Safwan Murshid, Yemen
- 29) Sheikh Salah Nasr al-Bahr, Yemen
- 30) Dr. Adel Hasan Yusuf al-Hamad, Bahrain
- 31) Sheikh Arif bin Ahmad al-Sabri, Yemen
- 32) Sheikh Abbas Ahmad al-Nahari
- 33) Sheikh Abdul Hai Yusuf, Sudan
- 34) Sheikh Abdul Rahman al-Khamisi, Yemen
- 35) Proselytizer Abdul Rahman Abdullah Jami'an, Kuwait
- 36) Dr. Abdul Salam Daud al-Kubaisi, Iraq
- 37) Dr. Abdul Samid al-Radhi, Morocco
- 38) Dr. Abdul Aziz Kamel, Egypt
- 39) Dr. Abdul Ali Masul, Morocco
- 40) Proselytizer Abdul Fattah Hamdash, Algeria

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- 41) Dr. Abdul Karim al-Sheikh, Sudan
- 42) Sheikh Abdullah Ahmad al-Adini, Yemen
- 43) Sheikh Abdullah Hasan Khayrat, Yemen
- 44) Sheikh Abdullah Faysal al-Ahdal, Yemen
- 45) Sheikh Abdul Majid bin Muhammad al-Rimi, Yemen
- 46) Sheikh Abdul Malik al-Wazir, Yemen
- 47) Sheikh Abdil Wahid al-Khamisi, Yemen
- 48) Sheikh Abdul Wahhab al-Hamiqani, Yemen
- 49) Dr. Abdul Wahhab bin Lutf al-Dulaimi, Yemen
- 50) Proselytizer Izz al-Din Jarafa bin Muhammad, Algeria
- 51) Proselytizer Azzam al-Ayyubi, Lebanon
- 52) Dr. Ali Muhammad Maqboul al-Ahdal
- 53) Proselytizer Imad al-Din Bakri, Sudan
- 54) Proselytizer Imad Sa'ad, Iraq
- 55) Sheikh Omar Sulaiman al-Ashqar, Palestine
- 56) Proselytizer Faris Muhammad, Denmark
- 57) Sheikh Latif al-Sa'idi, Britain
- 58) Dr. Muhsin al-Awaji, Saudi Arabia
- 59) Proselytizer Muhammad al-Khalid, Denmark
- 60) Sheikh Muhammad al-Sadiq Mughlas, Yemen
- 61) Prof. Muhammad al-Ani, Britain
- 62) Proselytizer Muhammad al-Ghanim, Saudi Arabia
- 63) Proselytizer Muhammad al-Mufrih, Saudi Arabia
- 64) Sheikh Muhammad Ahmad al-Wazir, Yemen
- 65) Sheikh Muhammad bin Musa al-Amiri, Yemen
- 66) Sheikh Muhammad bin Nasr al-Hazmi, Yemen
- 67) Dr. Muhammad Juhaid Bu Aynain
- 68) Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Abdullah, Bahrain
- 69) Proselytizer Muhammad Khalid Muwasi, Palestine

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- 70) Proselytizer Muhammad Salem al-Ali
- 71) Sheikh Muhammad Sa'ad al-Hatami, Yemen
- 72) Proselytizer Muhammad Sawalha, Palestine [resides in Britain]
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- 74) Sheikh Muhammad Abdul Karim Abu-Faris
- 75) Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah al-Ghubaisi, Yemen
- 76) Sheikh Muhammad Ali al-Anasi, Yemen
- 77) Sheikh Muhammad Ali Mir'i, Yemen
- 78) Dr. Muhammad Magdi Krekar, Egypt
- 79) Sheikh Mudashir Ahmad Isma'il, Sudan
- 80) Sheikh Murad Ahmad al-Qudsi, Yemen
- 81) Dr. Mustafa al-Rif, Morocco
- 82) Proselytizer Nasser al-Fadhala, Bahrain
- 83) Dr. Nasser Jasim al-Sani, Kuwait
- 84) Proselytizer Nasif Nasser, Palestine
- 85) Proselytizer Nakhir Alan, Turkey
- 86) Sheikh Huzá bin Sa'ad al-Asouri, Yemen
- 87) Dr. Hamam Sa'id, Jordan
- 88) Dr. Walid Musa'id al-Tabatibai, Kuwait
- 89) Proselytizer Yusuf al-Jababli, Tunisia
- 90) Proselytizer Yusuf Muhammad al-Barahimi

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### Israeli Intel Center: Most of Marmara Casualties 'Positively IDd' as IHH Members

GMP20100712739001 Ramat Hasharon Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center in English 06 Jul 10

The ITIC paper's introduction states: "Most of the injured in the confrontation on board the Mavi Marmara have been positively identified as activists of IHH and Turkish organizations collaborating with it, most probably Islamist by nature. The findings are consistent with our inquiry into the identity of the nine people killed on board the Mavi Marmara."

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### Israeli Intel Center Provides More Information on IHH Goals, Weapons on Marmara

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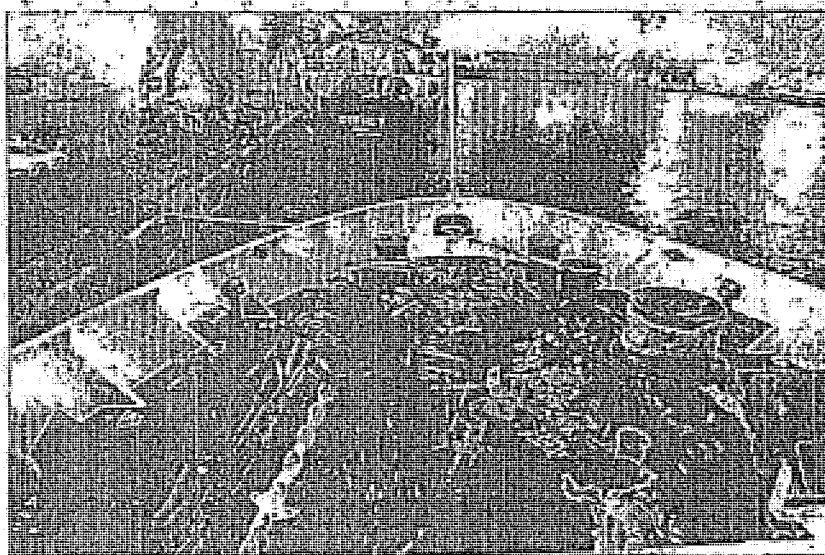
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**Additional information about the violent intentions of the IHH operatives during the voyage of the Mavi Marmara and the weapons found in their possession<sup>1</sup>**



The prow of the Mavi Marmara, the flagship of the IHH flotilla, with some of the weapons found on board the ship.

<sup>1</sup> Follow-up of June 7, 2010 ITIC bulletin "IHH Preparations for a Violent Confrontation with IDF Soldiers Aboard the Turkish Ship Mavi Marmara" at [http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam\\_multimedia/English/eng\\_n/pdf/hamas\\_e110.pdf](http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/pdf/hamas_e110.pdf).



## Overview

1. Statements made by IDF soldiers, pictures taken aboard the Mavi Marmara, statements from passengers, information found in files on laptops seized from the ship and statements made by passengers to the media after their release, all prove that the violence employed against the IDF on board the ship was not spontaneous but rather a premeditated operation. The operation was organized beforehand by IHH and implemented by a hard core of 40 violent operatives who were taken on board specifically for the purpose. This bulletin provides an updated picture based on recently acquired information.

2. The hard core of 40 IHH operatives boarded the ship in Istanbul. They remained on the upper deck while the other passengers (of whom there were about 500 on board) received orders to remain below decks (The IHH leader ordered "Turks, upper deck, Arabs, below decks.").

3. The 40 IHH operatives joined the ship in Istanbul without a security check. Most of them wore stickers reading "Security Protection" (*khares amni*). They also prepared in advance designated equipment and cold weapons for a possible IDF takeover of the boat (for example, they brought metal cutting disks to cut the ship's railings). The IHH operatives were commanded by organization's leader, **Bülent Yildirim**, who organized the fighters, briefed them before the confrontation with the IDF forces and instructed them to use violence. The media reported that some operatives specifically stated that they wanted or were willing to die as martyrs (*shaheeds*).

4. According to the minutes of a meeting of the flotilla leadership which took place on May 16, in which IHH played a major role, the possible scenarios in which the flotilla passengers participated did not include a violent confrontation with the IDF (an analysis of the minutes will be published separately). Moreover, other organizations participating in the flotilla, such as Free Gaza, had their activists sign pledges that they would not engage in physical or verbal violence against IDF soldiers. All of the above create the impression that IHH fooled some of the other organizations, hiding its true intentions to employ severe violence.

## Advance Preparations

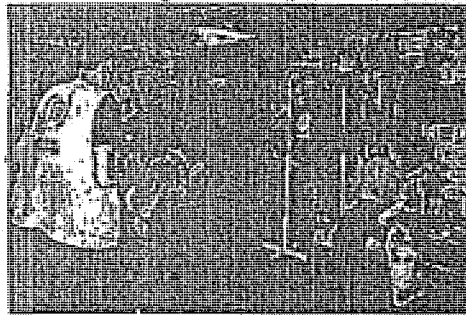
5. On May 16, before the flotilla set sail, the IHH leaders and crew members held a meeting to discuss coordination. They spoke about setting up two command groups, one on land and the other apparently on board the Mavi Marmara. IHH was dominant in both groups.

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6. IHH's hard core operatives boarded the Mavi Marmara in Istanbul without a security check, while the other passengers, 20 of whom were also IHH operatives, boarded in Antalya. During the voyage from Istanbul to Antalya IHH members received a detailed briefing. Boarding separately gave them time to get organized and make preparations for a violent confrontation with the IDF. According to photographs taken during the voyage, the passengers boarding in Antalya used two separate gangways. The main gangway, close to which the official ceremony was held, was used, in our assessment, by most of the passengers, those who had undergone the Turkish Customs' security check. The side gangway was used by other passengers; possibly other IHH operatives (according to our information, there were about 60 IHH operatives on board; 40 of them belonged to the hard core which boarded in Istanbul.)

7. The passengers who boarded in Istanbul brought equipment in preparation for the confrontation with the IDF. Some of the equipment was for defensive purposes (gas masks, ceramic vests), some was cold weaponry which was easily camouflaged (wooden clubs, slingshots, ball bearings, stones, etc.), and some of the equipment consisted of tools for improvising weapons during the voyage (metal cutting disks for cutting iron bars and chains). A field hospital was also loaded on board for the wounded of the "battlefield."



Field hospital set up on board the ship

8. Before the ship set sail IHH leader Bülent Yildirim held a well-attended press conference. Pro-Palestinian activists from many countries were also present. The representatives each spoke to the media in turn. Bülent Yildirim said that the IHH flotilla would set sail with nine ships [only six arrived] and that they were determined to reach the Gaza Strip, "regardless of what happened" [quote from a passenger's diary].

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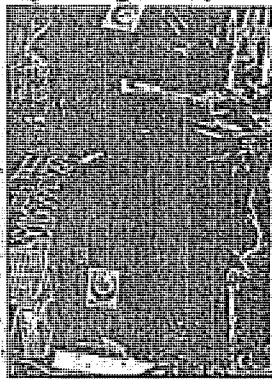
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## The Equipment and Cold Weapons Loaded on Board the Ship

9. The equipment and cold weapons loaded on board:

A. **150 ceramic bullet-proof vests** marked with a red crescent: Some of them were apparently for use by the correspondents covering the confrontation in real time, and some were for activists of other organizations.



Ceramic bullet-proof vests worn by the hard core of IHH operatives (IDF Spokesman, June 3, 2010). (The Turkish red crescent is visible.)

B. **200 gas masks:** They were apparently prepared in case the IDF used gas or smoke grenades.



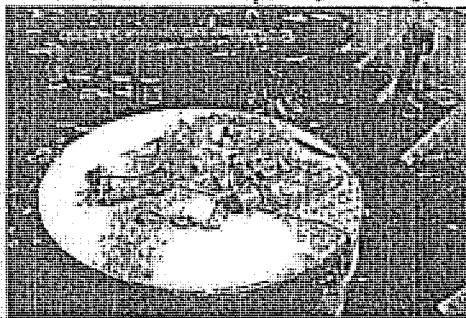
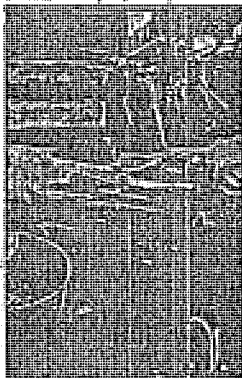
Gas masks found on board the ship.

C. **Diving equipment and spear guns:** They were brought on board in case the IDF attempted to damage the boat below the water line.

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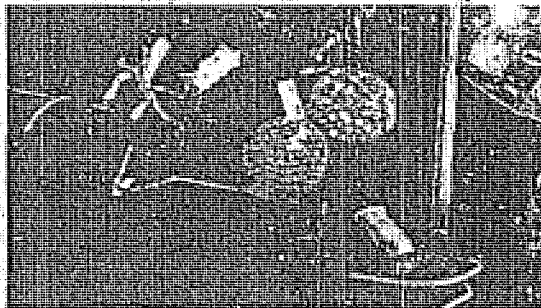
D. **Communications devices:** Many such devices were brought on board in Istanbul. Photographs indicate that every member of IHH's hard core was equipped with a communications device used throughout the voyage. According to a statement from one of the ship's officers, devices were also distributed to the ship's crew but they operated on a frequency different from the one used by the IHH operatives.

E. **Optical equipment:** A number of night-vision goggles and binoculars were found on board.



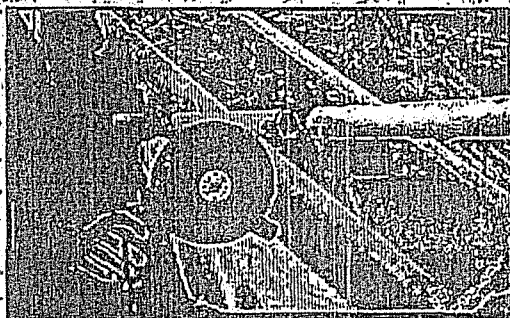
Optical equipment found on board the ship

F. **50 slingshots:** Various types of slingshots were found, some of them inscribed "Hizbullah." Thousands of ball bearings and stones of various sizes were also found.



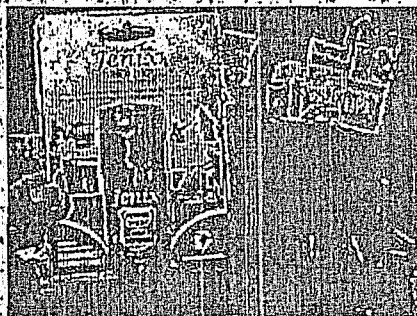
Left: Some of the slingshots found on board the ship. The one in the middle is inscribed "Hizbullah." Right: Ball bearings for use as slingshot ammunition, paint rollers with sponge rollers removed for use as weapons (IDF Spokesman, June 3, 2010).

G. **Metal-cutting disks**: The IHH operatives brought metal-cutting disks with them to cut chains and metal bars from the railings to be used as weapons during fighting. According to the statement given by Chief Officer Gokkiran Gokhan, such disks are not part of the ship's equipment.



Disks used to cut chains and iron railings

#### H. Pepper spray and smoke flares



Smoke flares and pepper spray found on board the ship. Despite the "U.S." to the upper right of the word "Jenix" and the English-language packaging, the company is Turkish, with head offices in Istanbul.

10. **Firearms**: A telescopic sight and rifle bullets were found on board but no firearms, which may possibly have been thrown overboard. It is unclear as to whether the IHH operatives had firearms beyond what they grabbed from IDF soldiers and used against them.

### Conduct of the IHH operatives during the voyage

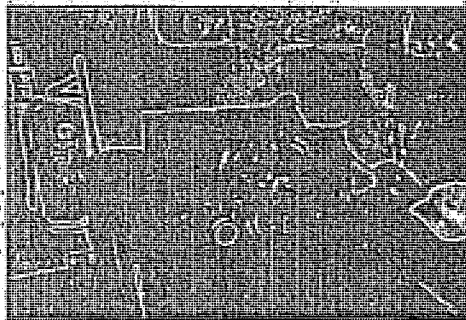
11. **Photographs**: which documented the voyage show that the hard core of IHH operatives, commanded by their leader Bülent Yildirim, were dominant and controlled events aboard the ship. The operatives were easily recognizable because they



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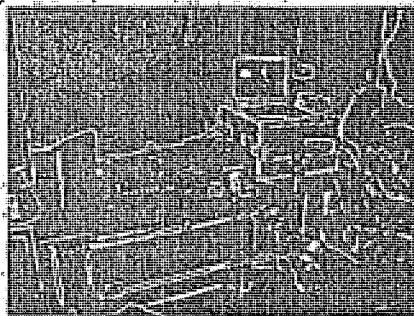
all wore vests with stickers in various colors marking them as "crew." Some of the stickers were red and read "Security Guard." They were apparently means of identification which enabled the IHH operatives to move freely throughout the ship (the movements of the "ordinary" passengers were limited). Most of the time the operatives were on the upper deck.



IHH operative wearing an identification vest sits next to gas masks

12. The daily lives of the IHH operatives were different from those of the other passengers. Most of the time they were together, eating and praying separately from the others and holding meetings where they received lessons in religion and were indoctrinated with ideology, sometimes from Israeli sheikh Ra'ed Salah, head of the northern faction of the Israeli Islamic Movement.

13. A designated area was set up inside the press room secured by IHH guards, where Bülent Yildirim and operatives were located. Within the area were an editing room and the computers connected to the ship's security cameras. When the IDF soldiers reached the area they found large sums of money scattered around.



Secured editing and control room

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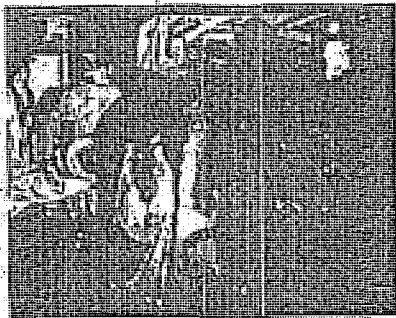
## Conduct of IHH operatives before and during the confrontation with the IDF



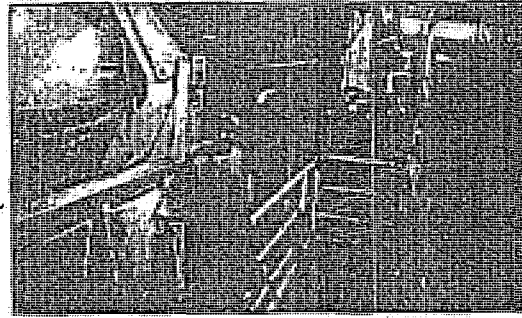
Preparing for the confrontation  
(Picture taken by a security camera before IHH operatives disabled them).

14. The Israeli Navy hailed the ships and asked them to return to their home ports or to sail to the port of Ashdod, where the cargoes for the Gaza Strip would be unloaded (May 30, 2200 hours). The request was met with curses and shouts of foul language, and denied. All the passengers who were not Turkish were ordered to the hall on the lower deck, while the hard core of IHH operatives was ordered to the upper deck. The ship's horn was blown and the operatives were instructed to put on gas masks and rescue suits. At that point IHH operatives began cutting the ship's iron railings into metal bars, and cut lengths of chain as well. At the same time, knives and axes were collected from the ship. In addition, code words were determined for use during the confrontation, for example, to report a soldier on deck or captured.

15. The Turkish passengers who belonged to the IHH hard core (some of them masked) were divided into teams and given missions. Every team had a commander. They were all given ceramic vests and gas masks. They armed themselves with iron bars, chains and other cold weapons, and dispersed throughout the upper deck on the roof and close to the sides of the ship to prevent anyone from boarding. Some operatives secured the stairs. IHH lead Bülent Yıldırım briefed his operatives, saying "Make a human chain and throw the fighters back into the sea with chair and [iron] bars."



Sawing iron bars  
(From a video found on board the ship).



Preparations for the confrontation: wearing ceramic vests and equipping themselves with clubs



A selection of the weapons found on board the ship

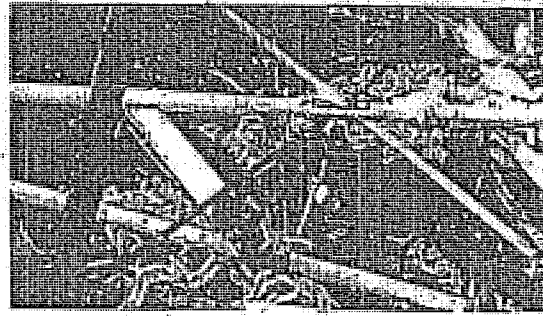
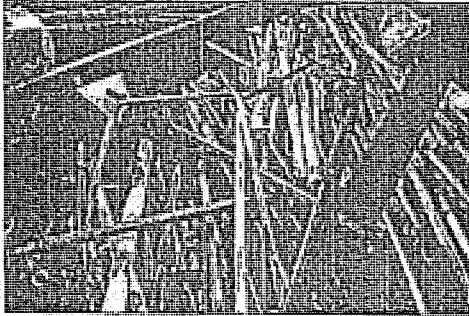
16. One of the passengers described the events as follows: "At 1930 hours there was a meeting to give [final] orders to the security teams for urgent intervention. Orders were given about how to put on life belts, how to put on gas masks and most important, how to act if there was Israeli intervention or an attack. After the meeting the heads of the teams along with their operatives went to secure the sectors. We were responsible for the upper aft sector of the second deck on the starboard side. We were supposed to deploy for defense. How? Only with sticks and bottles, apparently this is how glass bottles should be used. And life belts, [but] there weren't enough for everyone..." (See additional statements in the Appendix).

### Weapons Improvised during the Voyage, Especially before the IDF Took Control of the Boat

17. Much of the cold weaponry of the hard-core of IHH operatives was prepared during the voyage, especially during the last hours when the ships were halted and the boarding began. The weapons were prepared from objects available on board the ship, including:



A. **Iron bars:** Iron bars were sawn off the ship's railings with the disks brought on board. About 100 were prepared.



Iron bars sawn off the ship's railings

B. **Wooden clubs:** Clubs were prepared from available items. About 50 clubs were improvised, in addition to standard clubs which were brought on board, hidden in rolled-up blankets.



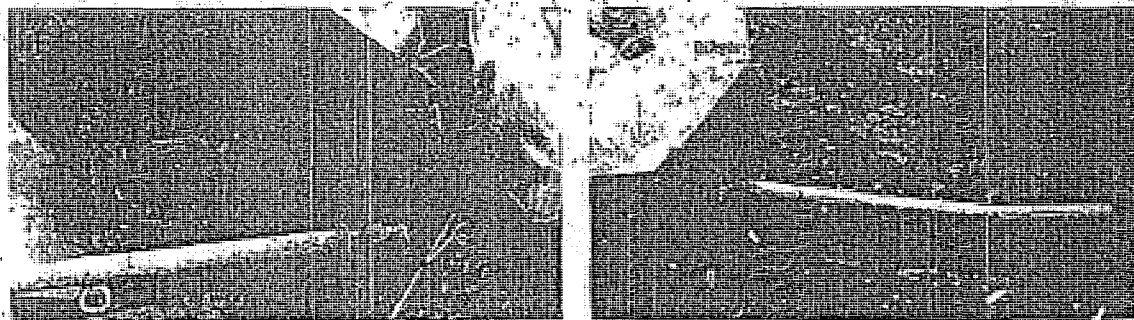
Standard and improvised wooden clubs

C. **Metal chains:** The cutting disks were also used to prepare lengths of chains from deck equipment.

D. **Axes:** Axes were taken from fire extinguishing stations around the ship. About 20 axes were found.

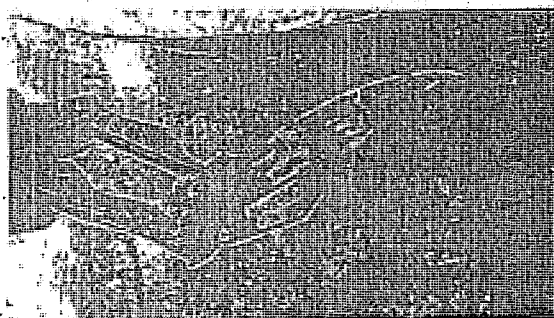
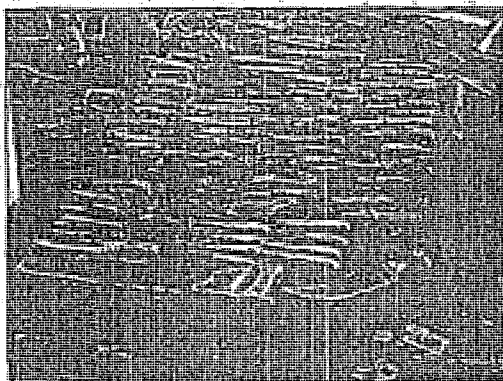
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**E. Knives:** 200 knives of various lengths were collected from around the ship. Most of them were taken from the kitchen and cafeterias; in addition to knives brought on board.



Some of the knives prepared for the confrontation with the IDF (IDF Spokesman, June 3, 2010).

**F. Hammers and other tools:** Tools belonging to the ship were also taken. Anything that could be a weapon was used. Sponges were removed from paint rollers, which were used as improvised clubs.

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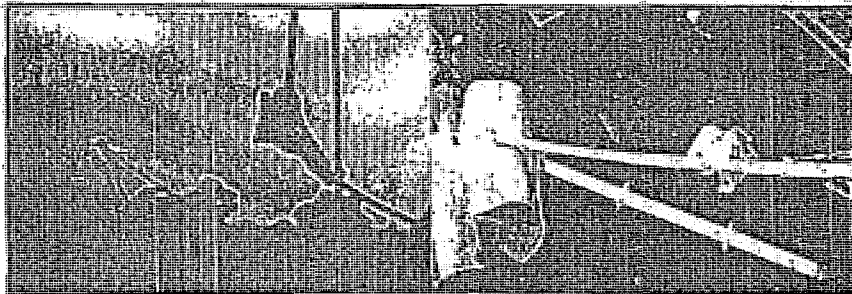
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**G. Screw nuts:** IHH operatives scattered hundreds of screw nuts on deck to impede IDF progress.

**H. Broken bottles:** According to the statements of passengers, bottles were broken to be used as weapons.

**I. Other improvised weapons**



**Improvised weapons and their use (IDF Spokesman, June 3, 2010).**

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## Statements regarding the violence employed against IDF forces on the Mavi Marmara

### Computer Files

1. An article in Turkish was found by Adham Özkaze from the Turkish newspaper The World Bulletin (*Dünya Fayfah*) entitled "Mavi Marmara is ready to resist (*Mavi Marmara direnise hazir*)." It stated that the operatives aboard the ship were planning "civil resistance" for the IDF and that their spirits were good, they were singing resistance songs, reading from the Qur'an and praying. It also stated that the operatives had taken it upon themselves "to defend the ship." They were not willing to divulge their defense strategy but only said that "We will teach the Israelis a lesson they won't forget and the Israeli army will be humiliated before the eyes of the entire world."

### Passengers' diaries

2. The following are excerpts from passengers' diaries:

A. **An anonymous journal:** "We will not allow [the Israeli forces] to board...I do not have weapons to confront them but we have surprises. The ship has been divided into teams and fronts. In the west there are two fronts. Provocation is forbidden and the resistance must be peaceful. We will resist within the ship. We have been making preparations since this evening...[Advance] notice and direction come from the Turks. The medical staff is prepared for first aid should anyone be wounded..."

B. **From an anonymous diary about Israel's possible responses to the flotilla:** The writer says that "the Turks have options which will surprise the Israelis."

C. **From a diary written in Arabic:** The writer reports a discussion held before the Israeli boarding. At the meeting people were divided into new squads, "including large-bodied men [i.e., thugs]." Those who participated in the discussion were briefed about how to behave if passengers were detained by the IDF. "There is no place among us for the Zionist entity...If we are detained they are to be treated as enemies, we will refuse to sign anything, to admit to anything in a court of law [or to recognize that] entity or a trial held by that entity..."

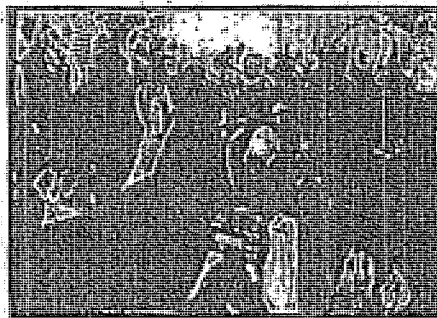
D. A personal diary in Turkish entitled "Gaza diary," handwritten and dated May 31, 2010 [the night of the boarding]: "At 1930 hours there was a meeting to give [final] orders to the security teams for urgent intervention. Orders were given about how to put on life belts, how to put on gas masks and most important, how to act if there was Israeli intervention or an attack. After the meeting the heads of the teams along with their operatives went to secure the sectors. We were responsible for the upper aft sector of the second deck on the starboard side. We were supposed to deploy for defense. How? Only with sticks and bottles, apparently this is how glass bottles should be used. And life belts, [but] there weren't enough for everyone. And with the help of Allah we are planning to reach the waters of the Gaza Strip at around 0700 hours. We were ready, and at around 2300 hours we began to see unidentified lights around the ship."

E. A diary entry from a passenger about preparations for a violent confrontation: "The Israeli gunboats are approaching...All passengers have been given rescue suits in case the ship is attacked. Everyone has gone to the locations determined beforehand. A press conference was held and broadcast live. IHH leader **Bülent Yıldırım** said that it will be a war of nerves until tomorrow morning. There are people here from more than 50 countries. If people are detained, it will sully the honor of more than 50 countries. We want the entry to the Israeli embassies in Istanbul and Ankara to be locked. We will defend ourselves from here. We know there will be a price and we are willing to pay it. We will not retreat one step. Israel is behaving like a pirate in international waters. [Will] the world watch from the side?"

### A video found on board

3. A short video in Arabic showed passengers singing songs praising the intifada and anti-Semitic songs. Shouts of "Khaybar, Khaybar ya Yahoud" [Note: A reference to Muhammad's slaughter of Jewish men residing in Khaybar in the Arabian Peninsula.]

<sup>2</sup> Khaybar was a settlement in the Arabian Peninsula conquered by Muhammad and his supporters in 628 AD. It was accompanied by the slaughter of hundreds of Jews and those who surrendered were forced to pay a high tax to the Muslims. The battle of Khaybar became a symbol of Muslim conquest and especially of the defeat of the Jews at the hands of Muslims, and is used as a militant slogan against the Jews by Islamic elements, among them Hamas.



Passengers aboard the ship sing militant songs and shouting anti-Israeli and anti-Jewish slogans (Al-Jazeera TV, June 2010).

### Statements from Passengers Aboard the Mavi Marmara

4. Adil Yuksal, one of the passengers, said he had received orders to throw IDF soldiers into the sea if they tried to board the ship. He said that IHH operatives were responsible for organizing the ship and events on board. The operatives and other passengers carried clubs and iron bars.

5. According to the videotaped statements of two Mavi Marmara crew members, preparations for a violent confrontation with the IDF began two hours before the soldiers took control of the ship, when it was hailed by the Israeli Navy and ordered to stop. According to the statements, the atmosphere aboard the Mavi Marmara was tense and the crew noticed a gathering on the main deck. When they checked the upper deck they discovered that IHH operatives were cutting the ship's railings with metal disks they had brought with them into lengths suitable to be used as clubs. The crew members said the activities worried them and that they tried to stop the operatives but were unsuccessful.

### Statements to the Turkish media

6. Interviewed by the Turkish media at Ataturk Airport in Istanbul upon arrival in Turkey, IHH leader Bulent Yildirim said that the Israeli investigators [who questioned him] asked him if the IHH operatives had attacked the IDF soldiers with iron bars and axes. He said he answered that "What I did was in self defense," adding that "at first our comrades neutralized ten soldiers. Then we took their rifles. You are considered legally innocent if you take the weapon of a person attacking you." He also said that they threw the weapons [they took from the soldiers] into the sea (Zaman, June 4, 2010).

<sup>3</sup> For further information and the videotaped statements of the crew members, see the June 9, 2010 bulletin, "Video Recordings of Statements from Mavi Marmara Crew Members about Preparations Made by IHH Operatives for the Violent Confrontation with IDF Soldiers" at [http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam/multimedia/English/eng\\_n/pdf/hamas\\_e112.pdf](http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam/multimedia/English/eng_n/pdf/hamas_e112.pdf).

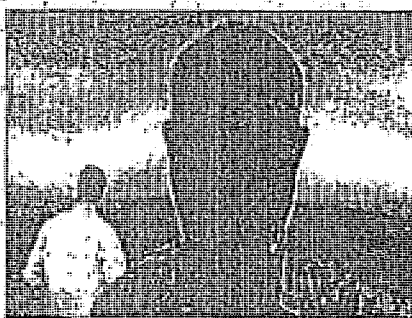




Bülent Yıldırım, IHH leader, describes the confrontation with IDF soldiers  
(Zaman website, June 4, 2010).

7. The wife of Ali Haydar Bengi, a 39-year old Turk killed aboard the ship, said in a interview that for years her husband had wanted to reach Palestine and had prayed consistently for Allah to grant him a martyr's death. A friend said that Ali Bengi wanted to die as a *shaheed*. Bengi studied at Al-Azhar University in Cairo and worked at a store in the eastern Turkish city of Diyarbakir fixing telephones (*Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda*, June 3, 2010).

8. Cevdet Kiliçlar was formerly a journalist. He was an IHH operative and edited the organization's website. On a videotape photographed on board the ship he said that "while our comrades were praying in the Fatih mosque<sup>4</sup> [in Istanbul] in memory of our brothers killed in battle in Afghanistan, we boarded the ship [the Mavi Marmara], and therefore could not participate in the prayers. May their souls be in paradise. We also prayed on our way to our brothers in Gaza, and I pray that Allah will grant us the same auspicious ending he granted those shaheeds."<sup>5</sup>



Cevdet Kiliçlar (<http://kanan48.wordpress.com>, June 4, 2010).

<sup>4</sup> The mosque is named for the conqueror of Istanbul, Mehmet the Second. It is identified with radical Islam.  
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Felicity Party secretary-general Numan Kurtulmus (second from the left) with IHH leader Bulent Yildirim (left) (Felicity Party website, April 20, 2010). On April 20, the Felicity Party announced its support of the planned flotilla to the Gaza Strip.

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### Overview

1. Among the Turkish Islamic activists who came on board the Mavi Marmara were members of the Turkish Felicity Party (Saadet Partisi), which announced its support of the flotilla on April 20.

2. The Felicity Party is an Islamic party with an anti-Western and anti-Israeli agenda, which supports Hamas. Two of the party activists were killed while taking part in fighting against the IDF alongside the hard-core operatives of IHH (an organization that played a central role in planning and organizing the violent confrontation with the IDF).

3. See Appendix for a profile of the Turkish Felicity Party.

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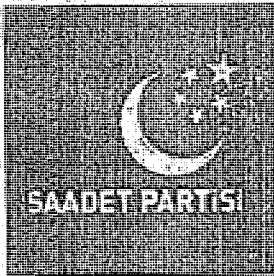
### The Turkish Felicity Party—profile

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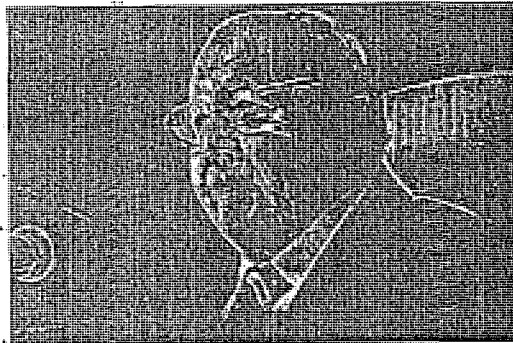
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**Background**

1. There are now several Islamic parties operating in Turkey, even though they avoid defining themselves as such out of fear of legal action. The major Islamic parties are the ruling party—the Justice and Development Party (AKP) and the Felicity Party (FP).



Professor Necmettin Erbakan, the founder of the Welfare Party, from which the Felicity Party originated (Wikipedia)

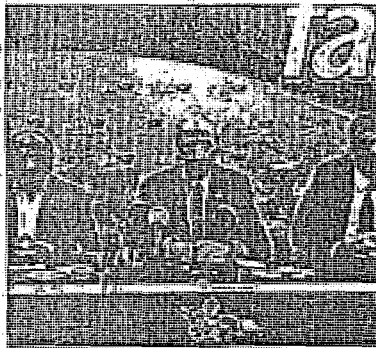
2. Both parties originated in the Welfare Party (Refah Partisi), the traditional Islamic party of Islamist ex-politician Necmettin Erbakan, the father of the National View movement (Millî Görüş). When the party was banned for the fourth time (June 2001) for having allegedly violated secular clauses of the constitution, the conservative and reformist factions inside the party split and established the SP and AKP parties, respectively.

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3. The conservative **Felicity Party**, headed by Kutan, who accompanied Erbakan from the very start, sought to focus most of its activities on **state-religion relations and use education, propaganda, and political involvement to strengthen political Islam** and shape Turkey's domestic and foreign policy in its spirit. All the while, the party adhered (albeit not publicly) to traditional Islamic values.

### Leadership change

4. Since October 2008, the party has been headed by **Prof. Numan Kurtulmus**, born in 1959 and considered to be Erbakan's successor. He has a Ph.D. from the prestigious University of Cornell and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Istanbul. He emphasizes in his public statements the significance of "spiritual values in society", engaging with the so-called problematic nature of secularism in Turkey.



Felicity Party leader Kurtulmus (center)  
with IHH president Bulent Yildirim (left) (IHH website)

### FP's election failures and strengthening thereafter

5. In the general elections held on November 3, 2002, the party gained only 2.5 percent of votes and did not pass the election threshold (10 percent) for the parliament. In the local elections held on March 29, 2004, the party won only 4.1 percent of votes, which was still enough for it to be able to appoint several mayors on its behalf (none of them particularly important). In the 2007 elections, the party won less than 3 percent of votes. **Its lack of success in elections apparently resulted from the success of Erdogan's AKP, the ruling party, which competes with it for the same voters.**

6. Despite the Felicity Party's failures in elections, it is considered an important party due to its **strong organizational apparatus**, which operates outside of political power structures. It appears that the party grows steadily stronger, and if a recent poll held in February

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2010 is to be believed, it will win no less than 5.5 percent of votes in the next elections.

### Ideology

7. The platform of the party is clearly based on the views of Erbakan, espousing close cooperation and unity among Muslim countries and struggle against Zionism. He detailed that ideology in 1969 in a manifest called "The National View" (Millî Görüş). The manifest goes into great detail about religious education and Islamic morals, but also discusses industrialization, development, and economic independence. In the sphere of foreign relations, Erbakan warned against further rapprochement with Europe, claiming that the European market is "Zionist and Catholic" and intends to bring about Turkey's de-Islamization and its assimilation into the West. Instead, he called for closer economic cooperation with Muslim countries and even established the G-8 organization (which includes the eight developed Muslim countries).

8. Even though the current leader of the Felicity Party admits that it's been many years since the publication of The National View and some of the views portrayed therein (mainly when it comes to economy) are in need of revision, the party still considers the manifest a defining document based on which it formulates its current views: the party condemns what it sees as the government's self-effacing attitude towards the European Union and its desire to join it at any cost; it calls to make Turkey a permanent member of the Security Council; condemns the military relations with Israel and the US; and claims that Turkey must adopt a confrontational foreign and military policy towards what it considers to be growing threats posed by the West to all Muslim countries. The call for such a policy is the main difference from Erbakan's views.

9. At a conference held days after the flotilla, the Felicity Party presented its economic, social, and national-religious vision for the third decade of the 21st century. Kurtulmuş gives Turkey the role of the leader of the Third World. In his vision, the West will stop being attractive, and Turkey will be the one to defend "Muslim brothers" all over the world suffering from poverty, discrimination, occupation, and exploitation.

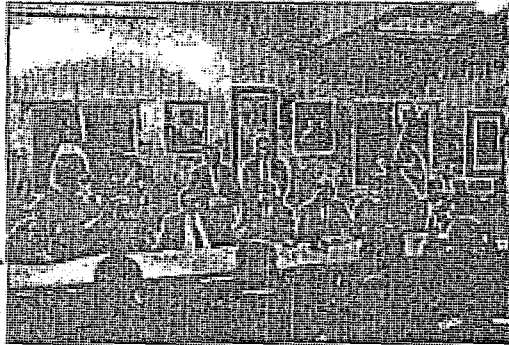
### Attitude towards Israel and support of Hamas and Hezbollah

10. It appears that the party also supports an active "resistance" (*mukavemet - muqawama*) against Israel. For example, on September 18, 2006, Felicity Party senior official Recai Kutan said at a conference held in Konya about the second Lebanon war that

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Hezbollah and Hamas were heroes defending their homelands. He added that the UN was running a deceitful agenda, with its real intent being to disarm Hezbollah. At that time, the Felicity Party organized conferences to support Hamas and Hezbollah under the title "Israel be cursed" or "Israel be damned" (Kahrolsun Israil, a slogan heard since 2006 at anti-Israeli demonstrations in Turkey) (Almoltaka.ps).



Convention in Turkey of IHH members and the Viva Palestina movement of the British George Galloway. On the third seat from the right is Felicity Party leader Kurtulmuş; the first from the right is IHH president Bulent Yildirim. Photographs of Arafat and Abu Mazen appear in the background (Hurryupharry.org, January 5, 2010)

11. Members of the Felicity Party sympathize with the IHH, with many IHH operatives being members and supporters of the Felicity Party. On April 20, 2010, Felicity Party leader Numan Kurtulmuş called a press conference in which he expressed support of the IHH and the flotilla, calling it a "bold, historic move". He also condemned the arrest of IHH operative Izzet Shahin in the West Bank and threatened a diplomatic crisis if Israel did not release him. He also stated that Israel was the "only entity" that had no formal borders with any of its neighbors, since it was still expanding and gradually invading Palestinian territories. He further added that Israel sought to conduct an oppressive siege on the Gaza Strip without taking international condemnations into consideration. He warned Israel against any attempt to attack the flotilla ships, and called on the Turkish administration to confront Israel's "policy of expansion" at international conferences.

12. The Felicity Party supports Hamas and has contacts with it. In January 2010, Isma'il Haniyah, the Hamas de-facto administration chief in the Gaza Strip, met with Felicity Party representative Temel Karamollaoglu. During the meeting, Isma'il Haniyah thanked Felicity Party leader Prof. Numan Kurtulmuş "for his support and the Turkish people's support of Palestine" (Felicity Party website, January 11, 2010).

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**Modus operandi**

13. As a classic Islamic party, the Felicity Party operates both as a political party and a social organization. Since its establishment, the party has deployed an extensive network of Islamic charitable societies and organizational-political branches. The party has branches almost in every province, city, or village, and it demonstrates considerable presence. The party's well-developed social apparatus allows it to recruit many supporters, particularly from the popular sectors of society. It is therefore able to organize demonstrations and protest rallies attended by thousands of supporters. Its branches in southeastern Turkey, far away from the eyes of the central government, are thriving.

14. Notable examples of the party's activity and anti-Western or anti-Israeli statements made by its leaders:

a. 2004: Demonstration against the US attack on Fallujah

b. 2005: Demonstration against offending Islam due to the Prophet Muhammad cartoons affair

c. 2006: Mass demonstration in Istanbul in protest of the Pope's expected visit to Turkey. The party claimed that the Pope had not sufficiently apologized to Muslims for offending the Prophet and Islam.

d. 2007: Statement expressing "disgust" with Israeli Prime Minister Olmert's visit to Turkey, held on the backdrop of tension on Temple Mount, noting that he was a persona non grata. The party claimed that Israel was an aggressive country engaged in "state-sponsored terrorism" and destabilizing the region. It expressed concern that the purpose of the visit was to resume military cooperation and resurrect the idea of selling water to Israel.

e. 2008-2009: Demonstrations against Operation Cast Lead.

f. 2010: Exposure of a report written by the American consulate in Istanbul, allegedly confirming that religious minorities receive defense courses inside the consulate. The exposure stirred a controversy and party leader Kurtulmus claimed that the US was obviously meddling in Turkey's internal affairs.



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Netanya, Israel. I never expected to meet several of the Israeli naval commandos who stormed the Gaza flotilla, the "Mavi Marmara", an event that has consumed the world's attention since the day it occurred on May 31, 2010. It just so happened that my neighbor here, Orli Avior, the only Israeli to have served in the U.S. army in Afghanistan, happened to invite me to the inauguration ceremony of a new neighborhood synagogue in Ramat Poleg, a nearby suburb of Netanya. The...



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#### Today's Example of Ridiculous Media Bias Against Israel

By: Barry Rubin

August 4, 2010. Along some bushes were pushing in on the border fence. The fence is set in slightly from the border precisely so that Israeli soldiers can work on it. The IDF called UNIFIL and informed the UN that this work was going to be done today so that they could tell the Lebanese army that there was no aggression going on but just routine maintenance. Soldiers from UNIFIL came to observe and can be seen standing next to Israeli soldiers in the photos. Photographers were also...



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#### UN admits Israel was attacked without provocation

By: Tom Gross, journalist

This dispatch can also be read online at: There has been a significant increase in attacks on Israel in recent days. Yesterday, a senior Israeli officer was killed and another seriously wounded by a sniper unit of the Lebanese army after an IDF engineering team was trimming trees along Israel's side of the border. The evidence suggests that the attack on Israel was pre-planned and pre-meditated on the basis of information provided by Israel to UNIFIL and then passed on to the Lebanese...



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#### Reports which distort Israeli reality...About Israel's "Peace Partners"

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1 Fatah's Intentions. The standard reports in the media portray Machmud Abbas and the Fatah as peace partners for Israel in the current middle east negotiations. Rarely do we find any news reports which quote a senior Israeli government minister, Benjamin Begin, who tries to remind the public that the Fatah reiterated its commitment to the armed struggle against Israel at the seminal Fatah conference that took place last August in Bethlehem and that the Fatah never changed its covenant.



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June 29, 2010 JERUSALEM, ISRAEL-- Although few would say so publicly, every one of the handful of East Jerusalem Arabs I spoke with in the last two weeks said that he would rather live under Israeli sovereignty than under Mahmoud Abbas's Palestinian Authority. In the Arab market in the Old City of Jerusalem, I met Asem, who sells soccer jerseys and sports wear. In his shop, there is a soccer jersey with the name PALESTINE in big letters on a blue background. Asem tells me...



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### A Professional Perspective on Terrorism

By: Baruch Margoliotz, Trapler M.D.

In my book "Modern Political Terrorism", I attempt to explain that there are usually three parties involved in domestic or political abuse. (Published by Richard Altschuler & Associates 2007). A model posing the triad of predator, victim, and caretaker, applies both at the individual or community level. Since Israel was established as a sovereign State in 1948, despite continuous boycotts and sanctions from the U.N., Europe and many of the African and Muslim States, it was...



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### What the Lubavitcher Rebbe Thought of the Holocaust

By: <http://www.chabadmineola.com/>

The Lubavitcher Rebbe is widely recognized as one who played a singular role in defining post-Holocaust Jewry. But what did the Rebbe say and teach about that event itself? Like millions of his generation, the Lubavitcher Rebbe was personally touched by the Holocaust. His younger brother, DovBer, was shot to death and thrown into a mass grave. A beloved grandmother and other family members were also killed. The Rebbe's wife lost her younger sister Sheina, who perished in Treblinka...



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### THE MAVI MARMARA INCIDENT, RAFAH, AND EGYPT'S STEEL WALL

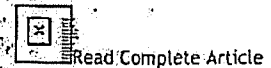
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July 1, 2010 Tally Helfont is an FPRI research fellow. Her research focuses on Middle East-related issues and radical Islamic movements. She also instructs training courses on behalf of K3 Enterprises in Civil Information Management to U.S. Military Civil Affairs Units and Human Terrain Teams assigned to Iraq and Afghanistan. THE MAVI MARMARA INCIDENT, RAFAH, AND EGYPT'S STEEL WALL by Tally Helfont. The Gaza Strip has represented a potentially strategic threat on...

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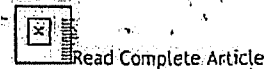
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## Washington Institute for Near East Policy : Gap Between U.S., Saudis Widens Over Iran

517 WASHINGTON [MENC] -- The gap between Saudi Arabia and the United States has been widening over policy toward a nuclear Iran, a report said. 517 The Washington Institute for Near East Policy asserted that the Saudis appear far more alarmed over an Iran with nuclear weapons than the United States. The report, by Simon Henderson, a leading analyst on the Gulf, said Riyadh was signaling its readiness to even form an alliance with Israel against Teheran. "On Iran, there is



## CIA Chief Says Al-Qaida is Weaker. True. But So Is U.S., While Revolutionary Islamist Groups Are Stronger!

By: *Barry Rubin*

July 1, 2010 CIA chief Leon Panetta al-Qaida is at its weakest point since before the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States. He's probably right, though the amount of decline in the last three years or so has probably not been large. Most of the damage to al-Qaida was done during the preceding administration and that's a statement of fact, not of political viewpoint. After all, depriving al-Qaida of its base in Afghanistan and Taliban ally-the most important actions...



## King Abdallah Compliments President Obama, Sort Of?

By: *Barry Rubin*

July 2, 2010 According to the press pool reporter for the meeting between King Abdallah of Saudi Arabia and President Barack H. Obama of the United States, who wrote it just after stepping out of the meeting room, the king: "Began his remarks saying he wanted to tell Obama what was spoken of him around the world: That you are an honorable and good man." Is it just me or is there a gigantic unspoken, "But..." at the end of that sentence? It is true that Obama...



## HOLD THE PRESS ACCOUNTABLE

By: *Nadav Haetzhi, Jerusalem Attorney*

The march to capitulate at any price to Hamas is making its way to Jerusalem, and on the way it has changed the face of the Israeli media. A majority of the media outlets abandoned their commonly-accepted role in the course of their past week and enlisted with all their might on behalf of the campaign being staged by the Shalit family, which is demanding that the government and people surrender unconditionally. By so doing, the Israeli media overwhelmingly turned itself into the fourth branch...



## ISRAELI ARAB SOUL SEARCHING: BEARDED AND DANGEROUS

By: *Dr. Mohammed Wattad*

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## Tom Friedman's Blood Libel of IDF Tactics against Palestinian Terrorists

By: *Leo Rennert*

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Columnist, in the June 27 edition of the New York Times, updates a medieval blood libel against Jews by comparing the tactics of Israel's defense forces in counter-terrorism operations to Syrian dictator Hafez Assad's massacre of tens of thousands of civilians in putting down a fundamentalist uprising in the town of Hama in 1982. The father of today's Syrian leader indiscriminately and deliberately used the full brutal force of his army -- tanks, warplanes, mass executions -- to obliterate...



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### How quiet has it really been? A 6 month terror summary

By: David Wilder, Spokesman, Hebron Jewish Community

Arab 'policeman' in Hebron One of the questions I frequently hear, is: What's the security situation? As Obama continues to pressure Israel into further concessions, in order to prepare 'direct talks' with our enemy, a.k.a. continued Israeli abandonment of Eretz Yisrael, a decrease in security and more dead Jews, it is important to know exactly: How quiet has it really been? This is a summary of terror activity in Israel for the first six months of 2010, as prepared by You judge for...



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### A Perspective on UNRWA: Ending the West's Proxy War Against Israel ;Stop funding a Palestinian youth bulge, and the fighting will stop too.

By: GUNNAR HEINSOHN

As the world decries Israel's attempt to defend itself from the rocket attacks coming from Gaza, consider this: When Hamas routed Fatah in Gaza in 2007, it cost nearly 350 lives and 1,000 wounded. Fatah's surrender brought only a temporary stop to the type of violence and bloodshed that are commonly seen in lands where least 30% of the male population is in the 15-to-29 age bracket. In such 'youth bulge' countries, young men tend to eliminate each other or get killed in aggressive...



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### Gates: U.S. Sees Massive Iranian Attack On Europe

Published: TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2010 JERUSALEM - The U.S. intelligence community has determined that Iran could launch a major missile strike on Europe. Iran is building an arsenal designed to conduct long-range missile strikes on Western Europe. They said the arsenal contained both liquid- and solid-fuel intermediate-range ballistic missiles. "It would more likely be a salvo kind of attack, where you would be dealing potentially with scores or even hundreds of missiles,"...



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### Persecution Of Christianity In Egypt: Egypt Confronts Coptic Church

Published: TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2010 JERUSALEM - The Middle East Newline has revealed that the regime of President Hosni Mubarak has decided to confront the Coptic Church, the largest in Egypt. An Egyptian court, in a move supported by the Mubarak regime, has sought to force the church to enable congregants to divorce in violation of the Coptic faith. The court said the Coptic Church must ensure that congregants can divorce and remarry at will. "The recent ruling is not...



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On January 13, 2010, I wrote an article published in the Jerusalem Post in which Vic Toews, then president of Canada's Treasury Board, (now Canada's Minister of Public Security) announced that Canada was not going to give untagged core funding to the general operating account of the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNWRA) in 2009 for such items as education, but was going to fund food aid only. Toews clarified that Canada did not reduce its overall amount of aid to UNWRA but allocated...



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### HELD TO A DIFFERENT STANDARD

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### Plenty of blame to go around in Gaza

By: Prof. Joel Brinkley

When Israel boarded another ship bound for Gaza last weekend and escorted it to an Israeli port without incident, it demonstrated to me that both sides, Israel and the activists, hold blame for the aid-ship melee the week before. But you can't tell that from the continuing accusations and debate - exposing rank hypocrisy of a scale seldom seen in modern world affairs. Consider a co-incident on May 31, the day activists assaulted Israeli troops as they boarded the Mavi Marmara, prompting the...



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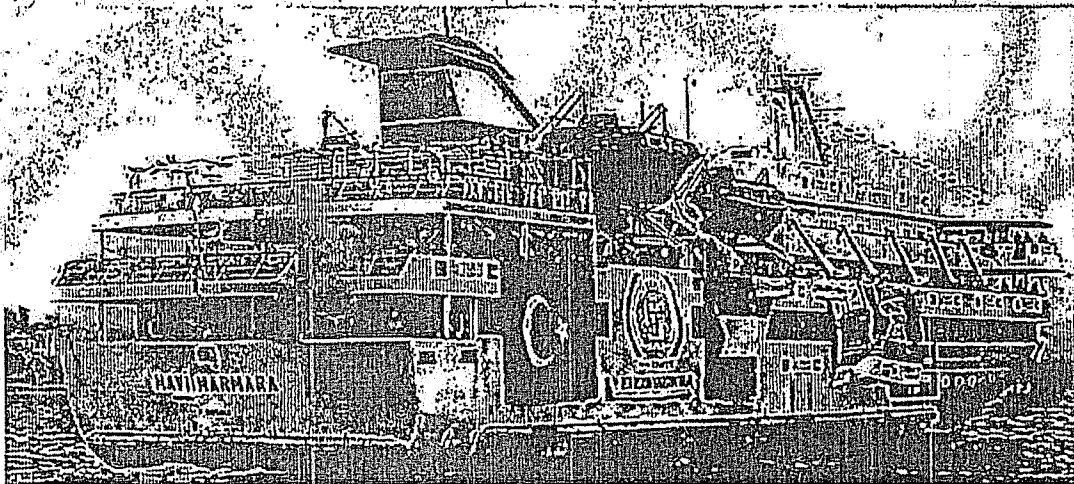
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Conspicuous among the passengers and organizations aboard the Mavi Marmara were Turkish and Arab Islamic extremists led by IHH. They were joined by extremist European left activists and volunteers who answered the call to help the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and were not partners in IHH's violent plans.<sup>1</sup>



The Turkish passenger ship Mavi Marmara, the flagship of the flotilla. It is decorated with the Turkish flag and the logo of the Turkish Islamist organization IHH, the moving spirit behind the flotilla (next to the Turkish flag) (Photo from mycatbirdseat.com, May 22, 2010).

<sup>1</sup> This is an executive summary of a detailed report analyzing the human, ideological and organizational components of the passengers aboard the Mavi Marmara. The document itself shortly will be issued separately.

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5. Of the 561 Mavi Marmara passengers, 380 were from non-Arab Islamic countries (mostly Turkey) 107 from Arab-Islamic countries and 74 from the West. Examination provided the following insights:

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A. The flotilla was basically a Turkish project. More than 60% of the passengers, 353, were Turkish. There were Turkish passengers, including IHH activists, aboard two other ships, the *Gazze* and the *Defney*, as well.

B. The largest Arab delegations were from Algeria (32 participants) and Jordan (31 participants).

C. Only 13% of the passengers were from Western countries. The largest delegation was British (28 participants). Conspicuous among the Western passengers were activists of Arab-Muslim origin. Some had previously participated in the land and sea convoys to the Gaza Strip and some were involved in anti-Israel activity in their home countries.

6. Ideologically, many Mavi Marmara passengers belonged to extremist Islamist organizations, especially the Turkish IHH and other Islamist organizations operating in Turkey. There were also Arab and Western activists affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood. There were Western radical left activists, who were in the minority. There were also volunteers, motivated by an authentic desire to help the Gazans. This melting-pot coalition was led by IHH and united by their common hostility to Israel (and sometimes to the Jewish people), support for Hamas (not for the Palestinian Authority), and hostility to the West and its values.

7. The flotilla had the following goals:

A. It was the showpiece of a broad international coalition whose main political objectives were to isolate Israel, wage a smear campaign against it, increase international pressure and finally to turn it into a pariah state and delegitimize its existence.

B. An examination of the documents and statements issued by IHH and the Free Gaza Movement (FGM), the two most prominent organizations participating in the flotilla, shows unequivocally that the objective of the flotilla was not to bring humanitarian assistance to the residents of the Gaza Strip, but rather entirely political.<sup>2</sup> An internal FGM document, the IHH website and a statement made by Bülent Yildirim two months before the flotilla to an audience of Islamist supporters give witness to a series of political-propaganda goals: to show support for Hamas, to force Israel to change unilaterally its policy of closure of the Gaza Strip (while completely

<sup>2</sup> Hamas also admitted that the objectives of the flotilla were not only humanitarian. Ismail Haniya, when asked about the fact that after the flotilla incident Israel had eased the closure of the Gaza Strip, said that "The basic problem is not the aid itself, despite its great importance and the Palestinians' need for it; but the subject is the siege, which we demand be fully lifted. We refuse to separate the two and turn the problem into only a humanitarian one" (Interview with the Al-Islam Al-Youm website, June 26, 2010) (ITIC emphasis).

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ignoring the security considerations which led to it), to create a media circus regarding the so-called "siege" and to isolate Israel.

C: The FGM and IHH had their own particular motives. There are indications that IHH also intended to further complicate the troubled relations between Israel and Turkey, which have been problematical in any case since Prime Minister Erdogan rose to power, by violently opposing the IDF while emphasizing the Turkish aspect of the flotilla. The FGM also had its own motive for wanting the flotilla to succeed (according to an internal document), to improve its ability to raise funds for its activities in view of its financial difficulties.

### 8. The organized violence aboard the Mavi Marmara:

A. From the beginning, IHH prepared to employ extreme violence against the IDF and implement a plan which included preparing battle positions, equipping the operatives with and offensive and defensive weapons, and briefing them before the battle. To that end weapons and equipment were loaded aboard the Mavi Marmara and improvised weapons were made during the voyage. The latter included lengths of iron pipe, wooden clubs, axes, knives, Molotov cocktails and slingshots. Information in our possession indicates that there were one or two guns aboard the Mavi Marmara and that at least one was fired at the IDF soldiers as soon as they descended from the helicopter. In addition, IHH operatives took three guns from IDF soldiers and turned them against the forces. Eight IDF soldiers were wounded; two of them were shot (one with ammunition not in IDF use - i.e., which belonged to IHH - and the other with a weapon taken from a soldier).

B. An examination of the names of the Turks killed indicates that almost all of them (eight of the nine) belonged to IHH or were from political parties or other organizations affiliated with it. Most of them (seven of the nine) had announced in one way or another before the violent confrontation that they intended to die as shaheeds. It is difficult to assess the degree of enthusiasm and authentic commitment of each of those who sought to fulfill his aspiration to become a shaheed, but their stated intention provides a clear indication of the nature of the hard core of the operatives who confronted the IDF forces aboard the Mavi Marmara.

C. An examination of the names of the 53 wounded in the confrontation whose names appear on the list issued by IHH, show that all except one were Turks. Most belonged to IHH or Turkish Islamic organizations collaborating with it. None of them belonged to pro-Palestinian or Western or Arab

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Muslim human rights organizations with the exception of one man (who was not seriously wounded) from Indonesia.

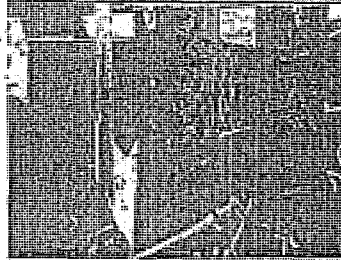
9. Employing extreme violence while paying lip-service to non-violence:

A. The flotilla's organizers often made a point of representing themselves as pro-peace and human rights activists (the flotilla was called the "Freedom Flotilla") whose activities were non-violent. In reality, there is a great deal of information illustrating the fact that IHH planned and prepared for a violent confrontation with the IDF soldiers. IHH has a history of violent behavior, which was made evident during its confrontation during the previous overland convoy, in which the organization's leader Bülent Yildirim participated, with the Egyptian security forces in January 2010.

B. Apparently most of the human rights activists aboard the Mavi Marmara, including those who had joined the IHH coalition, were not aware of the high level of violence IHH intended to employ during the voyage.<sup>3</sup> However, we have proof from an internal FGM document attesting to the fact that the organization considered that "the only way for Israel to stop [the flotilla] is to use force."<sup>4</sup> The organization proposed various scenarios for possible tactical responses, such as surrounding the ship with iron bars, strewing the decks with sharp obstacles and having activists barricade themselves in the wheel house and engine room. The level of FGM violence was far below that of the organized violence prepared and implemented by IHH (which included the use of guns). However, it was contrary to the instructions the FGM gave its activists, which unequivocally forbid the use of any form of violence, physical or verbal. The expression *non-violent resistance*, as used by human rights organizations, is apparently open to wide interpretation.

<sup>3</sup> From public statements made, there were some activists who did have an idea of what would happen. Kenneth O'Keefe, a former Marine who sailed aboard the Mavi Marmara and participated in the confrontation, told an Israeli correspondent that from the beginning it was clear that the Turkish operatives intended to fight the IDF and that there was no question of passive resistance: "I knew before we set out that the Turks are not like the other Westerners, that there would be no passive resistance in this case. The Turks are a tough people. They are people you don't mess with too much. In the United States or Britain people are asleep, there is no danger of rebellion. The Turks are different. I knew that if the Israelis boarded that ship, it would be a disaster. Not only from the aspect of the people who would be killed; but that it would also be a disaster for the Israelis." When asked if he saw them sawing beams, he said, "I knew we would defend the ship. That was stated publicly a great many times. You have to be an idiot to board that ship and think it will be a ship of passive resistance." (ITIC emphasis) Noam Sheizaf, *Haaretz* weekend magazine, September 24, 2010, <http://www.haaretz.com/weekend/magazine/rough-passage-1>.

<sup>4</sup> For further information and the full text of the document, see the June 27, 2010 bulletin, "Inside documents of the Free Gaza movement seized in the recent flotilla expose considerable discrepancies between its strategy and tactics and its public stance. The documents prove, among other things, the attempts to conceal the aid to the Hamas administration since Hamas is designated as a terrorist organization in the US" at [http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam\\_multimedia/English/eng\\_n/html/lpc\\_e0101.htm](http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/html/lpc_e0101.htm).



The placard reads, "To Gaza never mind the price" (Picture seized by IDF soldiers aboard one of the ships). Bülent Yildirim, speaking to supporters two months before the flotilla set sail, said that in every scenario, including an Israeli attempt to take over the ship, the IHH was determined to protect the flotilla and to continue to the Gaza Strip to "break the siege."

10. In effect, during its preparations for the flotilla, IHH's approach was pragmatic while the organization indulged in doublespeak.

A. When speaking to its supporters in Turkey, the IHH leader did not conceal its extremist Islamist ideology and presented the flotilla as part the struggle waged by Islam against the so-called combined "attack" carried out by the countries and powers around the world (the United States, NATO, Russia and China). In the same breath IHH praised Hamas and used belligerent, extremist Islamist terminology.

B. However, on its website and in several statements to the press and interviews given by its senior members (primarily in English), IHH stressed it was providing "humanitarian assistance," using the terminology publicly employed by NGOs and pro-Palestinian Western organizations.

11. Involvement in global terrorism of the organizations and activists participating in the flotilla:

A. The Turkish IHH, which organized the flotilla in close cooperation with the Turkish government and played a major role in attacking the IDF aboard the ship, supported the global jihad in the past. Reliable information indicates that alongside its extensive humanitarian activity, in the past IHH had ongoing relations with Al-Qaeda and global jihad networks in the Middle East and beyond, and for that reason was in the crosshairs of previous Turkish regimes. Its ties to terrorism were manifested chiefly through the provision of logistic support for transferring weapons and funds to terrorist operatives, including terrorists planning a terrorist attack in the United States, which was prevented (the "millennium attack" in Los Angeles, January, 2000).



B. One of the IHH operatives aboard the Mavi Marmara participated in the terrorist attack of a Russian ferry in 1996, intended to secure hostages as bargaining chips for the release of Chechens from Russian prisons (although IHH as an organization was not involved in the attack).

C. We have no evidence that the other organizations participating in the flotilla have been involved in the global jihad, although it is possible that a number of radical Islamic operatives aboard the Mavi Marmara (and other ships) had ties, in one way or another, to global jihad organizations.

#### 12. Support for Hamas:

A. IHH and the FGM, the two most prominent organizations behind the flotilla, have a common past of support for Hamas. They have transferred money and material aid to the de facto Hamas administration in the Gaza Strip and given it political-propaganda support. Other organizations from Turkey and the Arab-Muslim world which participated in the flotilla gave aid to Hamas in the past, mostly financial (directly or through the Union of Good) and material, and by joining the campaign to smear Israel in Arab-Muslim world and in the West.

B. In addition, many of the extremist-Islamist organizations which were represented aboard the Mavi Marmara share Hamas' ideology, inspired by its parent movement, the Muslim Brotherhood. They are hostile to Israel, reject the peace process, oppose the Palestinian Authority, hate the West and its values and support the path of "jihad" (i.e., violence and terrorism) as the way to "liberate Palestine." Some of the leftist activists in the West who belong to the coalition hold similar anti-West anti-Israel positions, but their perspective is completely different.

C. Organizations operating in the United States and other countries where Hamas has been designated as a terrorist organization are careful not to publicly support the movement and instead use the acceptable pretexts of supporting the Palestinians in Gaza or of providing humanitarian assistance for the needy. The FGM instructed its activists in that spirit, as was illustrated by internal documents seized aboard the Mavi Marmara.

13. The battle for hearts and minds and the importance of media backing: The organizers of the flotilla were well aware of the great importance of media coverage in furthering their aforementioned political goals. They made sure that correspondents, cameramen and Internet personnel were aboard the flotilla. The Turkish delegation alone had 33 correspondents and there were dozens of others who participated in the Arab-Muslim and Western delegations. An examination of the media personnel revealed that most of them worked for Arab-Muslim media (including

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extremely popular media, such as Al-Jazeera TV); but the leading Western newspapers and television channels were not represented:

14. **The Turkish government's support of the flotilla:** The flotilla's organizers have tried to represent it as the fruit of a joint effort of various NGOs without government support. In reality, the flotilla received outright Turkish government support, without which it is doubtful whether such a large operation could have been realized. In addition the Turkish government did not make an effective effort to prevent the flotilla from sailing, despite the fact that its organizers took into consideration that they were exposing themselves to significant risks should they enter into a confrontation with Israel. For example:

A. Information in our possession, based, among other things, on documents seized aboard the ships, the results of questioning the passengers, and the Turkish media, indicates extensive involvement of the Turkish government in the flotilla. That involvement increased, and metamorphosed from behind the scenes involvement during the first stages of the flotilla's planning to open, blatant involvement during and after the last stages.

B. According to the minutes of a meeting of the coalition's representatives on May 16 (Appendix B), IHH's vice president, who chaired the meeting, said that "Government did not announce openly support for the mission at first; but [in the] last few days, [we have been] getting direct support from PM and other ministers. During F2F discussions, [they] openly said that if we have any difficulties, gov[ernment] will extend what support they can" (ITIC emphasis). In addition, he recently said publicly that the Turkish government and its intelligence service did not undertake any action or ask the organization to cancel the flotilla or return to port at any stage.

C. From the beginning, Istanbul was the nerve center of the intensive, IHH-led preparations for the flotilla, which began half a year before it was launched. The Mavi Marmara sailed from Istanbul after a well-attended ceremony which was fully covered by the media. A similar ceremony was held in Antalya. IHH and other Islamic Turkish organizations which participated in the flotilla were well-connected to the Islamic regime in Turkey. Turkish governmental support was manifested in organizing the flotilla, providing its organizers with governmental capabilities such as logistics and funds, and by swathing it in governmental political-propaganda protection (manifested in the Turkish government's media attack regarding Israel's takeover of the ship and Turkish pressure exerted on Israel). It can be assumed that the purchase of the Mavi Marmara from a company owned by

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the İstanbul municipality (Prime Minister Erdogan was at one time İstanbul's mayor) and the purchase of the two cargo ships was accomplished, directly or indirectly, with government financial support.

D. According to our information, IHH leader **Bülent Yıldırım** and other senior figures in IHH have close relations with Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan and his AKP party. IHH works in close collaboration with a Turkish government institute called TİKA, the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency. TİKA, which was established in 1992, answers to the prime minister's office and is an influential branch of the Turkish government, the Muslim world in general and among the Turkish-speaking communities in particular.

15. **The degree of involvement or support of Arab-Muslim regimes:** The degree of that involvement differed from one country to another. There were countries which gave their blessings to the activists and those whose nationals aboard the **Mavi Marmara** indicated a kind of defiance of the regime. For example, the large Algerian delegation was composed mainly of members of a moderate Islamic party which generally cooperates with the regime. The Yemeni delegation included members of the parliament belonging to the extremist Islamic Al-Salah party, which is part of the regime. The Syrian delegation did not include members of the regime but received the regime's blessing in the form of a meeting with Bashar Assad when they returned. The large delegations from Indonesia and Malaysia were composed of members of pro-Palestinian NGOs and received the blessings of their various regimes. The Jordanian delegation, on the other hand, included Muslim Brotherhood activists and members of the labor unions which oppose the regime, and the Egyptian delegation had members of the Egyptian parliament who also belonged to the Muslim Brotherhood, which opposes the regime.

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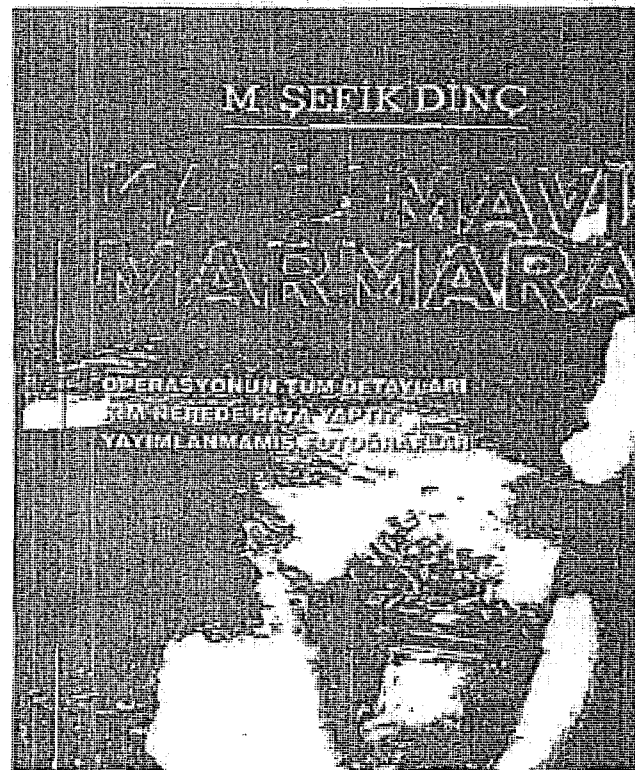
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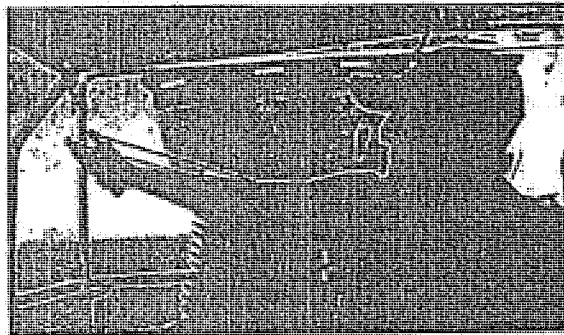
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### Preparations for the confrontation

6. In his book, Şefik Dinç mentions that the volunteers on board the Mavi Marmara held lively discussions about the possibility of Israel attacking the ship. **The operatives were ready for any scenario and even expressed their readiness to die, as long as the "siege" was broken (pp. 23-24).** That description matches the information we have collected, according to which **seven out of the nine people killed had declared themselves one way or another willing to die as shaheeds prior to the violent confrontation** (see our July 12, 2010 Information Bulletin: "According to well-documented information, seven of the nine Turks killed in the violent confrontation aboard the Mavi Marmara had previously declared their desire to become shaheeds (martyrs). Eight of them belonged to Islamist Turkish organizations and not one of them was a peace activist or human rights worker").

7. While waiting for the confrontation, some operatives **began training for a potential Israeli attack.** They practiced using fire hoses to thwart possible attempts by IDF soldiers to board the ship; they were instructed on the use of gas masks and told how to resist Israeli soldiers. They were also told that, as soon as the ship entered Israel's territorial waters, additional guards would be deployed and passengers would be given a warning signal. **Each person in charge of passenger security was given a specific location to report to when the alarm sounded (pp. 36-37).**



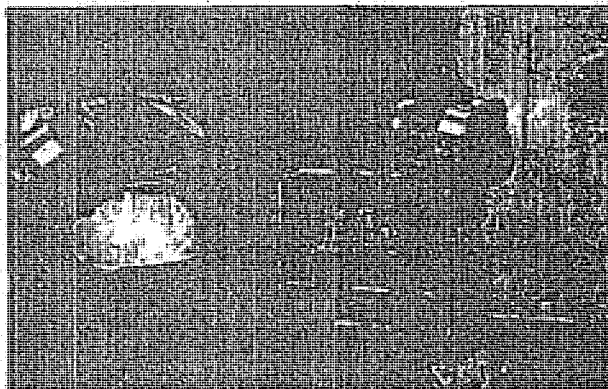
İsrail'in olası bir müdahalesine karşı gemide birçok kez tatbikat yapıldı. Gaz maskesinin ve can yeleklerinin giyilmesinin gösterildiği tatbikatta askerlere nasıl direnileceği anlatılırken, yolculardan biri de yuğunda getirdiği sapanta abşırma yapıyordu.

The text reads: Several exercises were held on board the ship to prepare in advance for a possible attack. In one exercise, the passengers were instructed on how to put on gas masks and lifebelts, and how to resist the Israeli attack. The photograph shows one of the passengers practicing with a slingshot he had brought along.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Numerous slingshots of different kinds had been brought on the ship. Also found were marbles, stones, and nuts and bolts prepared in advance for the confrontation.

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İsrailli askerleri gemiye çıkarırken, gemide bulunan yolcular da hazırlıklarını tamamlamıştı. Can yeleklerini giyip, gaz maskelerini tükün bu kişiler ellerinde sopa ve demir çubuklarla askerleri dövdü.

The text reads: By the time the soldiers started boarding the ship, the passengers had already completed their preparations. They had put on lifebelts and gas masks and began resisting the Israeli soldiers using the iron bars and wooden clubs they held in their hands.

8. Once contact was made between the Mavi Marmara and Israeli navy boats, the ship's passengers were woken up by IHH operatives and their supporters, who gave the passengers lifebelts and gas masks and prepared them for a confrontation with the IDF soldiers. When everyone who had been assigned a task reported to their (pre-determined) stations, clubs were taken out of a hiding place. "In addition to the wooden clubs I'd seen earlier, there were now iron bars as well". "They were made from the railing around the ship" (p. 43).<sup>2</sup> Şefik Dinç's description matches a great deal of reliable information we have in our possession, and strongly contradicts Bulent Yildirim's remark (made at a press conference called during the flotilla's voyage) that "we don't even have one pocket knife" (p. 39).<sup>3</sup>

9. "According to what I saw," says Şefik Dinç, "resistance to a possible boarding attempt by Israeli soldiers is not going to be that passive" (p. 43).<sup>4</sup> From time to time, the leader of IHH was seen giving terse instructions. As it turned out, "there was some discrepancy between the passive resistance [mentioned by Yildirim] and the preparations for [active] resistance that were taking place at the time."<sup>5</sup> It was in

<sup>2</sup> The description of advance preparations for a violent confrontation with Israel matches the information in our possession. The preparations for fighting included the assignment of posts, preparation of weapons, setting up communications between the operatives, and establishing medical services for the operatives.

<sup>3</sup> One hundred iron bars of different lengths were found on board the Mavi Marmara. They were made from the ship's iron railing. Also found were 50 improvised clubs, as well as standard-issue clubs brought on the ship and hidden inside rolled-up blankets. Yildirim's remark that the operatives do not even have "one pocket knife" is a blatant lie.

<sup>4</sup> Şefik Dinç writes that, speaking at a press conference called on board the ship prior to that, Bulent Yildirim had said that "we will resist passively".

<sup>5</sup> Yildirim's public statements, aimed at Western target audiences and human rights organizations that joined forces with IHH, are characterized by toned-down terminology, with such phrases as "humanitarian purposes" and

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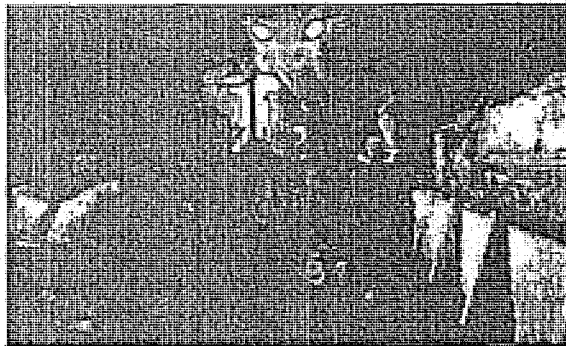
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that setting, writes Dinç, that journalists took their cameras and started documenting those moments and sending them back to their newspapers (p. 43).

10. Speaking to TV reporters on board the Mavi Marmara several hours before the IDF assault, IHH leader Bulent Yildirim stated that "soon we will see the true face of Israel". He further added, "we will defend ourselves here. We are aware of the price we'll have to pay. **But we did take into consideration that we may have to sacrifice ourselves for the sake of humanity. We shall not retreat, and everybody will see the Israelis pull back**" (p. 44).

### Description of the fighting

11. At approximately 04:02, when Şefik Dinç was on the upper deck, the IDF's Zodiac boats came into view and surrounded the Mavi Marmara. Satellite communications were cut off, forcing reporters to switch to alternative satellite frequencies. Gas, stun, and smoke grenades were fired from the boats. Women and older people started making their way to the interior of the ship: "At that point, the people chosen to take part in the resistance effort put on their gas masks." The Israeli offensive, utilizing the Zodiac boats, was met by defensive action from the operatives. **Another group began spraying the Zodiac boats with water from a fire hose and blinding the soldiers with spotlights.** Some operatives started throwing glass bottles, which missed their mark because the Mavi Marmara and the boats were on the move (pp. 45-46).



Geminin üzerine alınan helikopterin gelişini gören IHH İnanç Yardım Yaktı Başkan Bulent Yildirim elinde telsizi ve yüzündeki gülümsemeye bu fotoğraf karesine yansdı.

The text reads: IHH leader Bulent Yildirim as the helicopters started their descent. He was photographed smiling to the camera and holding a communications device.

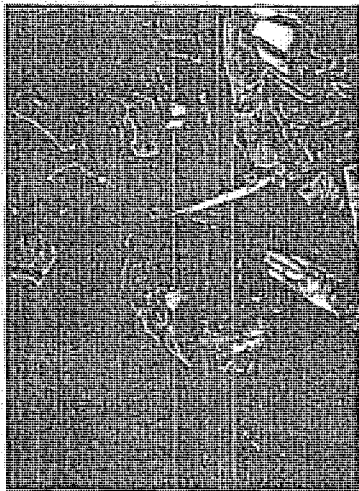
"passive resistance". Şefik Dinç is correct in pointing out that there is a considerable discrepancy between those statements and IHH's actual behavior, as it was witnessed by Dinç.

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12. Shortly after the Zodiac boats appeared, a Sikorsky helicopter began approaching the Mavi Marmara and descending over the captain's command bridge. Once it was close, commandos started sliding down on ropes from the helicopter. Three soldiers who dropped near the command bridge were taken hostage by a group of operatives as soon as they came on board. The three hostage soldiers were taken to the lower deck.<sup>6</sup> At that stage, shots were heard. Judging by the sound, Dinc assumed that plastic bullets were being used. However, he said that it wasn't long before the soldiers began using live ammunition (pp. 46-47).<sup>7</sup>



Helikopterde inşaatçı helikopterle grupla bir arada kalak askerler, jandarmaya direnişle karşıladı. Siviller ilk anda bir asker jandarmaya koştu. Askerler önce ve sonra güncüklerle karşıladı, kapitan bir kovanu aliminki güncükte estirdi.

The text reads: The soldiers who rappelled from the helicopters were met with resistance from the passengers. The first three soldiers were caught, beaten with iron bars and wooden clubs, and taken to the space below the captain's command bridge.



Temelce birin aliminki helikopterde bir kovanu aliminki güncükte estirdi. Askerler önce ve sonra güncüklerle karşıladı, kapitan bir kovanu aliminki güncükte estirdi.

The text reads: After the three well-armed soldiers landed on the ship, they were beaten and taken to the ship's interior.

<sup>6</sup> Taking soldiers hostage in violent confrontations is not a new tactic of IHH. In January 2010, IHH operatives engaged in a violent confrontation with Egyptian security forces who refused to let them enter the Gaza Strip, during which hostages were taken by IHH operatives. Bulent Yildirim described the incident as follows: "...They [Egyptian security forces] detained seven of our members. We reacted to their attack. We took seven Egyptian soldiers captive. We released three soldiers who were injured. We kept four soldiers. We were willing to release them in exchange for the release of our people. After the first attack, the Egyptian soldiers surrounded us on sea and on land. We were under siege, [in a situation] where they could attack us again" (on5yirmi5.com, January 5, 2010; <http://ihh.org.tr/12630>, January 6, 2010).

<sup>7</sup> According to our information, IHH operatives and their supporters fired live ammunition as soon as the first soldiers descended from the helicopter. One IDF soldier suffered a knee injury from a non-IDF weapon as soon as he came on board the ship. IDF forces were forced to return fire using live ammunition since they were attacked and their lives were clearly at risk.

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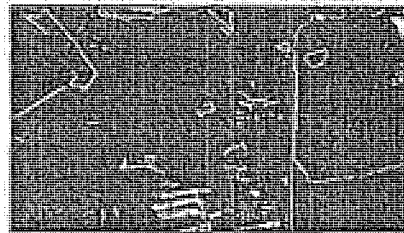
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13. The operatives waiting on the upper deck put the captive soldiers on the floor. Those soldiers were beaten with iron bars and clubs; they were kicked and slapped. Some operatives attempted to throw the soldiers taken to the lower deck into the sea. A soldier hanging in the air during an attempt to throw him into the sea was rescued thanks to the intervention of other people, who prevented that from happening. The soldiers who had sustained injuries to their faces and heads were taken down to the hall on the second floor. The soldiers had blood on their faces and were very scared. One of them, held by two people who had taken him inside, kept screaming for a doctor (p. 47).



İsmail Çelebi, 22 Eylül 1974'te Gaziantep'te yirmi beş yaşında iken, askerlikte bulunduğu bir askerlik birliğinde görev yaparken...

The text reads: The soldier who was beaten with iron bars and wooden clubs. His face was stained with blood, and fear showed in his eyes as he was taken to the interior of the ship.

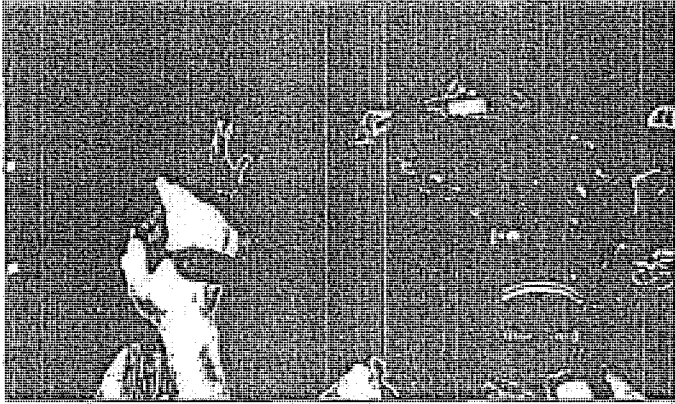


Bekir Arslan askerler için götürüldükten sonra, askerler tarafından vurulmuş ve yaralı olarak gemiye taşınmıştır. Askerler, gemiye taşınırken...

The text reads: The captive soldiers were surprised when they were taken inside the ship, just as they had been surprised to be caught when they came on board. Perhaps deep inside, they thought they were going to be executed. It is thanks to the intervention of several volunteers that the IDF soldiers did not take a heavier beating.

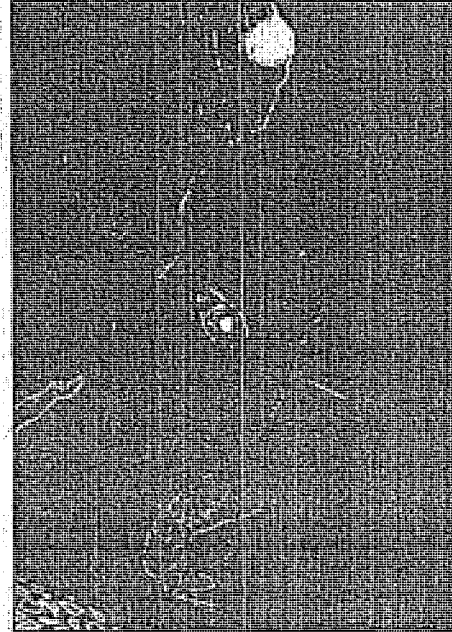
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Askerin denize atılmasına yine bazı gönüllüler engel oldu. Öfkeli gönüllülere engel olan birkaç kişi bu askerin denize atılmasına son anda engel oldu.

The text reads: The weapons of the soldiers who were taken to the lower deck were thrown into the sea.<sup>8</sup> There was also an attempt to throw one of the soldiers into the sea.



Yasadışı Luft Komando'nun iki doktoru diğer mahkûmların parafizine müdahale ederken, bir yandan da hastanelerine götürülen mahkûmların diğerleri diğerleri denize atılmaya çalışıldı.

The text reads: As doctors attempted to treat the kidnapped soldiers in the corridors, they also attempted to keep the passengers from further beating them.



Güverteye indirilen askerlerin üzerindeki silahlar ulup denize atılırken, askerlerden biri de aşağı sarkıtılarak denize atılmak istendi.

The text reads: Several volunteers intervened and prevented other angry volunteers from throwing the soldier into the sea.

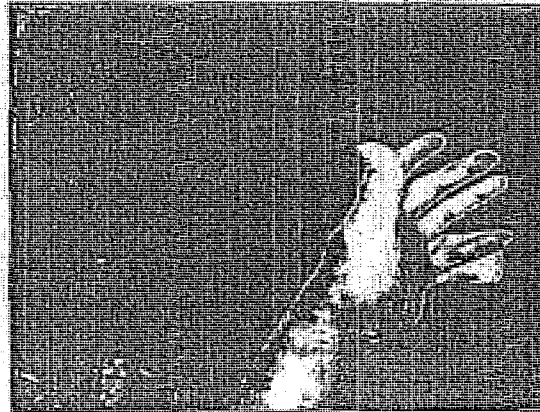
<sup>8</sup> According to our information, IHH operatives used three weapons taken from the Israelis against other IDF soldiers. It appears that two of them were thrown into the sea, as were one or two non-IDF weapons, at least one of which was used to fire on the commandos descending from the helicopter.

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Röbin ulman askerlerden birinin başına elinde sopayla bekleyen bu kişinin elinden İsrail askerini almak zor oldu. Askerlerin dövizine emel olmak isteyen gönüllülere kulak asmayan bu kişi, askeri elineye devam ediyordu.



The text reads: It was difficult to get the kidnapped soldiers out of the hands of the man with the club. He ignored the requests of the volunteers who wanted to protect the soldier, and kept beating him.

14. As the soldiers were taken hostage, shots were heard from the helicopter.<sup>9</sup> According to Şefik Dinç, the commandos, who had until that point used plastic bullets, switched to live ammunition. Most of the people killed were on the upper deck; however, some were killed or injured on the lower decks as well. Doctors and several operatives who saw the dead claimed that two people had been shot dead in the head (p. 48).

15. When Şefik Dinç saw the three IDF soldiers being caught and beaten by the operatives, he realized that the situation had gotten out of control and assumed that many people would be killed. In a short period of about 20 minutes, nine people were killed and over 30 were injured. He added that the number of casualties could have been greater if it wasn't for the IHH leaders' call to cease the resistance (p. 48).

Did the Turkish authorities attempt to talk the IHH operatives out of launching the flotilla?

16. Turkey demanded that Israel apologize for its actions, Israel rejected that demand and accused Turkey of supporting the flotilla. During a visit to the US, the Turkish PM's Chief Advisor İbrahim Kalin said that the authorities had advised the IHH operatives against sailing: "We tried to convince them, we explained to them the difficulties and the risks, and that they should weigh once again whether or not to set sail (p. 78).

<sup>9</sup>The IHH's version that shots were fired from the helicopters at the Turkish operatives is not true. IDF soldiers on board the Mavi Marmara were forced to shoot specifically at the operatives who attacked them, when their lives were at risk. No shots were fired from the helicopter.

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17. Turkish opposition leaders criticized the government by asking why no members of the ruling AKP party had been on board the Mavi Marmara. According to Dinç, MIT (the Turkish National Intelligence Organization) issued a warning to the government, and it is based on that warning that parliament members chose not to take part in the flotilla (p. 78).

18. Aslı Aydıntaş, a reporter for the opposition newspaper Milliyet, published an interview with Hüseyin Oruç, Bulent Yildirim's deputy. Yildirim's deputy was asked to comment on the claim that, when the flotilla had come near the Israeli coast, IHH consulted with MIT and AKP, which advised IHH not to proceed. Hüseyin Oruç responded by saying that "we received no recommendation from MIT or AKP. It was a long operation... We had been announcing the flotilla on the media for two months. Other than that, there was no discussion. We can clearly state that there were no attempts to bring us back, and there was no such suggestion from MIT. The decision was made by IHH, and we did not hide it from anyone..." (pp. 73-74).

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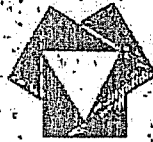
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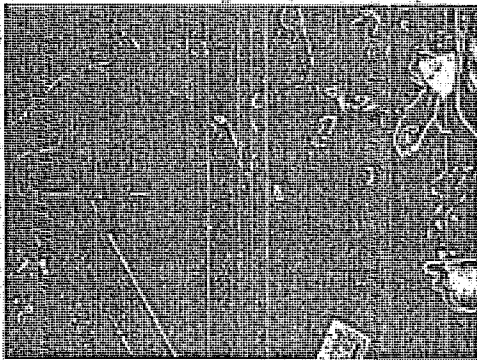


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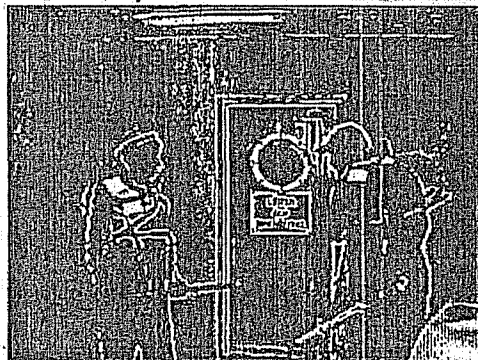
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Operatives surrounding an injured IDF soldier whom they had captured. One of them (right) can be seen holding a knife (hundreds of knives had been prepared in advance for the confrontation) (Reuters, Adem Ozkose, May 31, 2010)



Operatives armed with improvised clubs made from the railings of the ship waiting inside the Mavi Marmara (Reuters, Adem Ozkose, May 31, 2010)

<sup>1</sup> This document is based on reports from the Israeli navy, photographs and documents seized on the ship, and testimonies collected from the ship passengers. It is a follow-up and update to our June 10, 2010 Information Bulletin: "Additional information about the violent intentions of the IHH operatives during the voyage of the Mavi Marmara and the weapons found in their possession".

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## Overview

1. The extreme violence demonstrated by IHH operatives and their supporters in the confrontation with the IDF on board the Mavi Marmara had been, at the fundamental level, prepared in advance, and carried out by a hard core of dozens of violent operatives. It required to prepare in advance standard weapons and to make improvised ones. The standard weapons and the designated equipment were loaded on the Mavi Marmara in the port of Istanbul without any security check. Analysis of the weapons and equipment clearly shows that the plan was active fighting rather than passive resistance, as recently claimed by IHH operatives and other activists interviewed by the media.

2. The large quantity of both standard and improvised weapons and equipment found on the Mavi Marmara was designed for the following two uses:

a. Actual weapons meant to harm IDF soldiers attempting to board the ship:

Those weapons include firearms (probably one or two) and a variety of cold weapons; (Molotov cocktails, iron bars, wooden clubs, axes, knives, work tools, slingshots, stones, as well as assorted and packed nuts and bolts). Also loaded on the ship were circular saws for cutting railings and chains to make improvised "offensive" weapons, and probably also to cut climbing gear used by IDF soldiers.

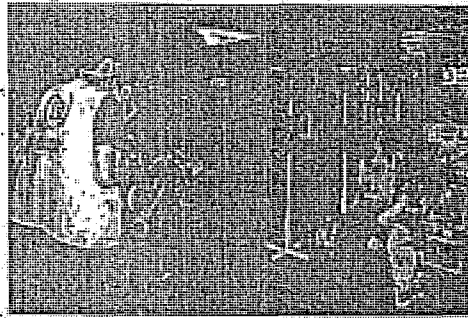
b. "Defensive" equipment meant to counter IDF activity and reduce injuries to

the violent operatives fighting IDF soldiers. That equipment included bullet-proof vests (including military-issue ceramic bullet-proof vests), binoculars, communications devices, night vision goggles, gas masks, headlamps, and smoke flares. Also loaded on the ship were diving gear and fishing harpoons, possibly based on the assumption that the Israeli navy would attempt to hit the ship from underwater. A "field hospital" was also built on the ship to treat those injured in the confrontation.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> The operatives injured in the confrontation with the IDF included a relatively large number of first aid medics (three of them sustained severe injuries and two sustained mild injuries).

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Preparations for the violent confrontation with the IDF: a field hospital built on the ship

### **The violent confrontation on the Mavi Marmara: active fighting planned in advance rather than passive resistance**

3. In interviews granted to various media, IHH leader Bulent Yildirim and other activists who were on board the Mavi Marmara portrayed the fighting against the IDF as "passive resistance", bringing up the claim that "non-lethal force" was used for "self defense" against IDF forces.

4. A BBC reporter (Panorama, August 16) showed Bulent Yildirim videos shot on the Mavi Marmara, in which IHH operatives are seen in a fierce combat with IDF soldiers using cold weapons (Yildirim did not deny the authenticity of the videos, claiming, however, that "Israel stole these images from us, but we are not denying it"). When asked: "That is not passive resistance; that is fighting, do you see the bars?" he replied: "At this point it had become beyond passive resistance, because the Israelis had been firing from the start [a claim that is not true]. These people defended themselves when being fired at." He further noted, "If we organize another ship and Israel attempts to board it, we will use our right for passive resistance—we will throw them into the sea".

5. Other operatives who were on board the Mavi Marmara also admitted that they had confronted IDF soldiers, claiming they acted out of "self defense" and used non-lethal force:

a. Eyup Gokhan Ozekin, the advisor to the BBP party<sup>3</sup> chairman who took part in the flotilla on behalf of the party, said that the people had decided to defend themselves within reasonable limits. "Even Greenpeace activists do not surrender that easily," he said. He admitted that, prior to the actual flotilla incident, the

<sup>3</sup> A small party established in 2007, apparently an offshoot of the ruling AKP party.

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Muslim leadership had made a decision to resist any attempt (by the IDF) to take over the ship, claiming, however, that there were no weapons on board the Mavi Marmara (Zaman, Turkey, June 3, 2010).

b. Former marine soldier Kenneth O'Keefe, a British and US national who is listed as an Irish citizen on the passenger list, said the following: "I was given the opportunity to either be a part of filming or witnessing, or actively defending the ship, and I made a decision to defend it..." [Q: Although that could lead to confrontation?] "Yeah... the real problem here is the occupation, the blockade, that is the problem, it must end. Now, if it requires confrontation in which we use non-lethal force to defend ourselves and our mission, so be it."

6. When Lubna Masrawa, the Free Gaza coordinator of the flotilla, was asked whether the (political) goal of drawing attention to the Gaza Strip was worth the price in human lives (nine operatives who were on board the Marmara were killed), she said that there is no "resistance" without paying a price. (Panorama, BBC, August 16).<sup>4</sup>

7. It should be noted that 7 out of the 9 people killed had declared (either directly or through their relatives and associates) their wish to die as martyrs.<sup>5</sup>

### Evidence showing IHH operatives had firearms in their possession

8. The information we have indicates that the operatives who fought against the IDF on board the Mavi Marmara had one or two firearms, at least one of which was used against the Israeli naval commandos as soon as the first soldiers rappelled from the helicopter. The operatives threw those weapons into the sea during the fighting to avoid incriminating themselves. In addition, IHH operatives used three weapons grabbed from the Israeli naval commandos against the IDF; two of them appear to have been thrown into the sea.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>4</sup> "I was scared, and I was really scared when I saw all the blood. I didn't want anyone to die, but there is no resistance, there is no freedom, without paying a price."

<sup>5</sup> See our July 13, 2010 Information Bulletin: "According to well-documented information, seven of the nine Turks killed in the violent confrontation aboard the Mavi Marmara had previously declared their desire to become martyr (shaheds). Eight of them belonged to Islamist Turkish organizations and not one of them was a peace activist or human rights worker."

<sup>6</sup> A senior Israeli naval commando officer related that the Turkish operatives were highly skilled in the use of the weapons. In one incident, a gun was snatched from an IDF soldier and was rapidly used against other IDF soldiers. The gun was found with an empty cartridge and with the bolt locked back, meaning that all rounds had been fired. Two other weapons snatched from the first soldiers who rappelled from the helicopter were never found; it appears they were thrown into the sea.

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9. According to a testimony from a senior Israeli naval commando officer (**supported by a forensic report**), **four shells not in use by the IDF** were found on the Mavi Marmara. Furthermore, **one Israeli naval commando soldier was hit by a 9-mm bullet not in use by the IDF as soon as he descended from the helicopter to the ship** (it is unclear what weapon was used; it may have been a gun). Among the equipment found on the Mavi Marmara was also a **telescopic rifle sight** (the rifle itself was not found). Commando soldiers who took part in the battle also testified that live rounds had been fired on them.

10. More evidence on the firearms used by the operatives who confronted the IDF:

a. **The captain of the Mavi Marmara**, who was questioned by the Israeli naval commandos (during the fighting) about weapons in the possession of the operatives, **said that the weapons had been thrown into the sea** (from a testimony by a senior commando officer). In an interview granted to a Turkish newspaper, IHH leader **Bulent Yildirim** admitted that **the weapons taken from soldiers neutralized by IHH operatives had been thrown into the sea; it was his claim, however, that they had not been used**: "We took their weapons, and using them would have been considered self defense. We threw the weapons into the sea, however" (Yakit, June 3, 2010).

b. Communications between the Israeli naval commando soldiers on board the Mavi Marmara and the boarding operation headquarters show that they were shot with firearms while on the ship. For example, a soldier is heard asking: "They had real weapons?" Another soldier shouts (under pressure) in response: "Yes, yes, real weapons! They're firing on us!... [unclear sentence, possibly "It's real weapons down here!]]...and then [probably addressing his fellow soldiers]... **Live weapons below, be careful! Live weapons here, be careful!**" (Panorama, BBC, August 16, playing back a recording of the exchange).

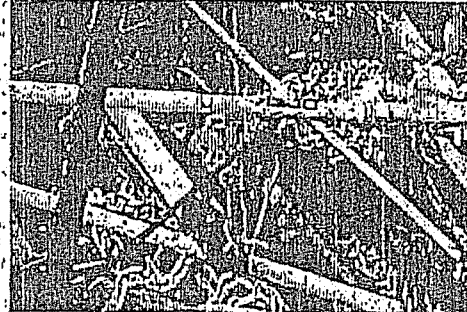
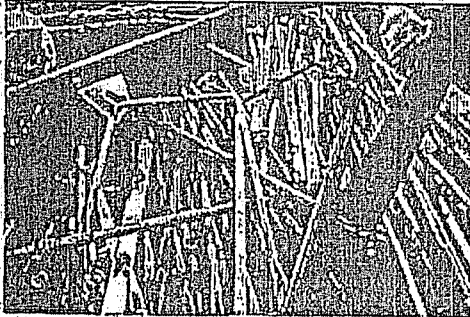
### Actual weapons

11. Following are the "offensive" weapons found on board the Mavi Marmara:

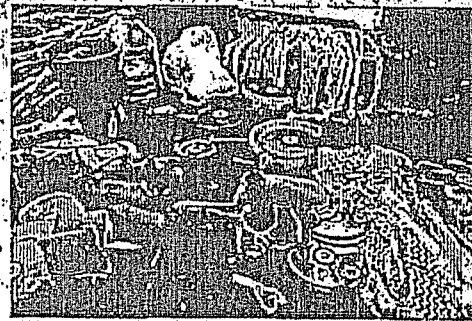
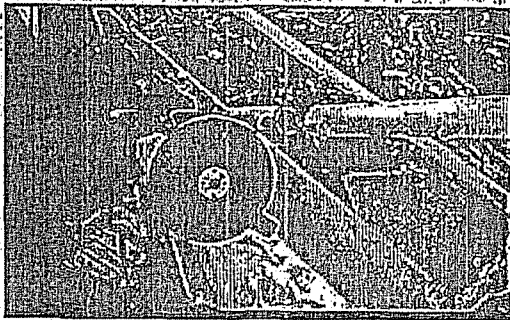
a. **One hundred metal bars of various lengths**; the bars had been made from the railings of the ship. **Seven electric circular saws** had been loaded on the ship to cut railings and chains into improvised weapons. (**iron bars and iron chains**). **Bulent Yildirim** admitted that his men had used iron bars, claiming, however, that they did so to defend themselves from the Israeli commando soldiers (Yakit, June 3). An IHH operative injured in the fighting (probably on the upper deck of the Mavi Marmara) told a BBC reporter: "At that point we cut metal bars from the ship. We didn't have many of

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them. If the Israelis would reach the ship, we were going to use them. That was our intention.



Iron bars cut from the railings of the ship

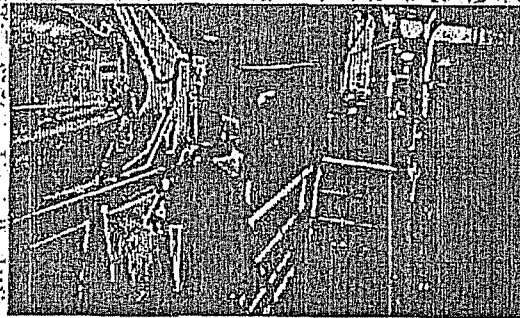


Circular saws loaded on the ship to cut the railings and iron chains. According to a testimony given by Mavi Marmara Chief Officer Gokdran Gokhan, such saws are not normally found on ships.

b. Fifty wooden clubs improvised from readily available items found on the ship. Also found were standard clubs that had been loaded on the ship and hidden inside rolled-up blankets.



Improvised clubs are made by cutting iron railings from the ship

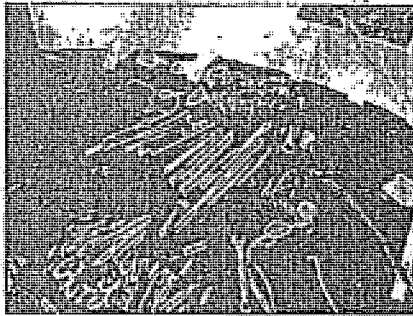


Preparations for a possible confrontation; operatives are seen putting on bullet-proof vests and equipping themselves with iron bars

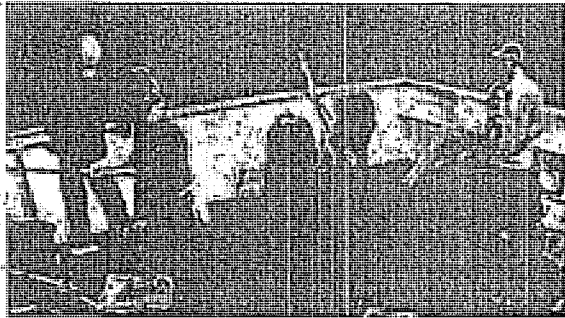
BBC's Panorama, August 16



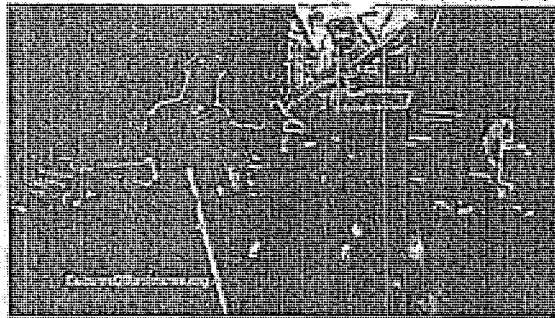
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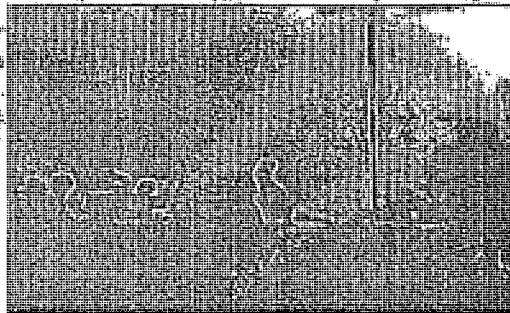
Standard and Improvised wooden clubs found on board the Mavi Marmara



Club-wielding operatives preparing for the confrontation. Visible in the middle of the photograph is a pack of rolled-up clubs about to be unwrapped and handed out to the operatives.



Operative holding an improvised club made from the railing of the ship (YouTube)



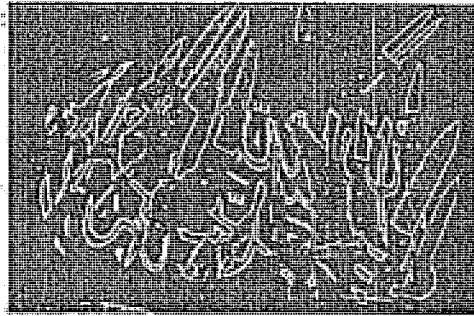
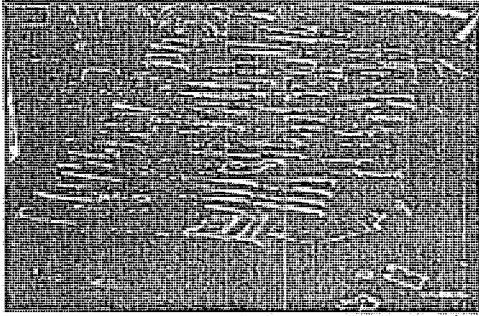
Operatives confronting IDF soldiers and beating them with clubs

c. Two hundred knives of various sizes. Most of the knives were taken from the Mavi Marmara's kitchen and its six cafeterias. In addition, dozens of packages of knives had been brought on board (each about 7" long) to be used for combat.

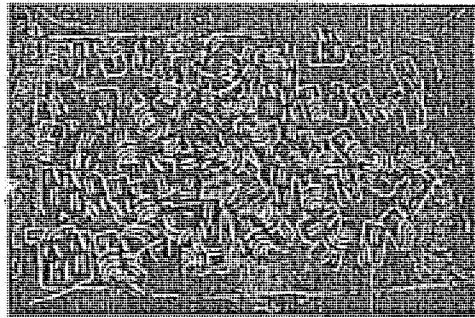
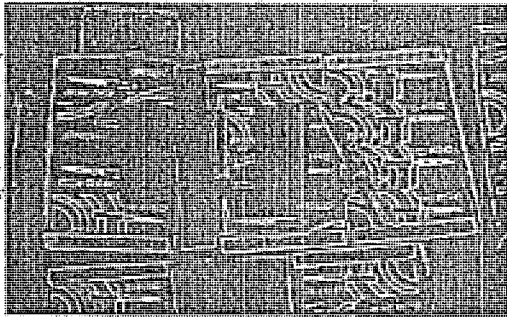
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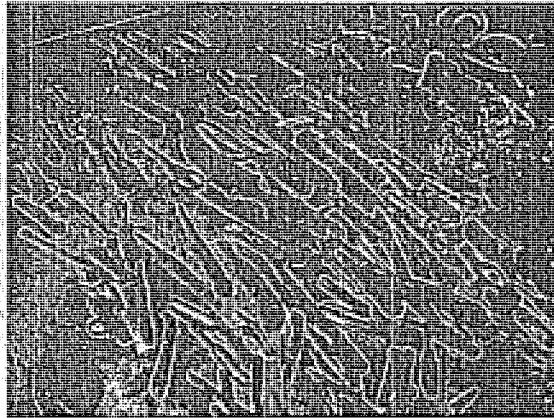
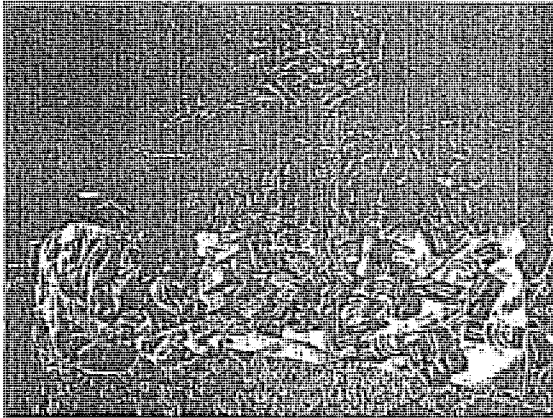
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Various kinds of knives used as weapons. On the bottom right is a dagger.

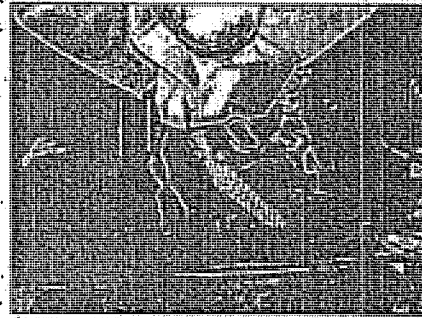


Boxes of knives loaded on the ship



Knives and boxes of knives

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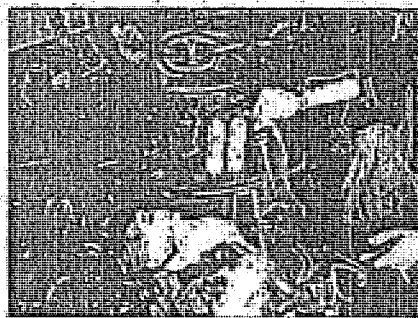
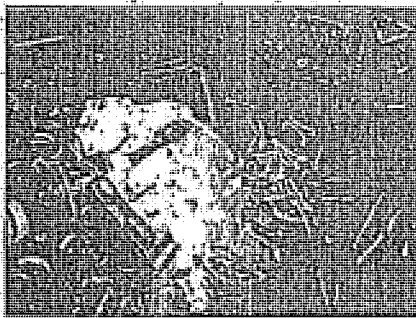
An injured IDF soldier taken by IHH operatives to the bottom of the ship. Both photographs show an operative (right) holding a knife (Reuters, Adam Ozkose, May 31, 2010)

d. Twenty fire axes taken from the ship's fire cabinets:



A fire axe used as a weapon

e. Several Molotov cocktails. A senior Israeli naval commando officer related that he had seen a stack of Molotov cocktails on board the Mavi Marmara.

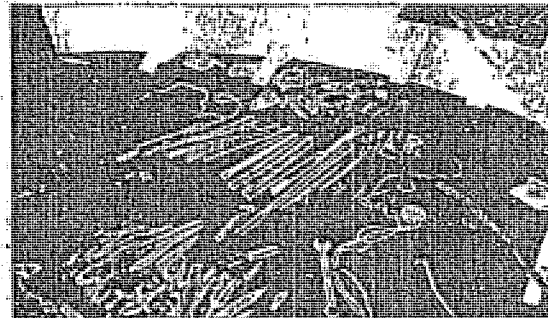
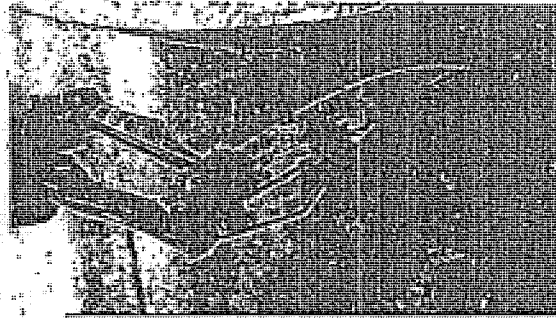
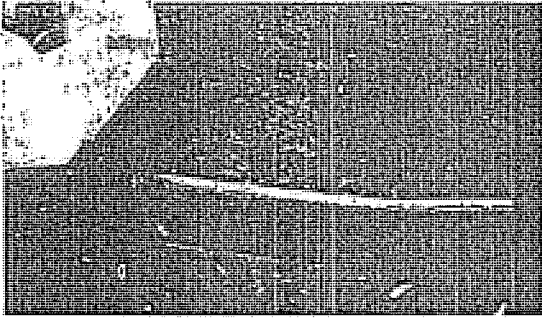


f. One hundred work tools of various kinds.



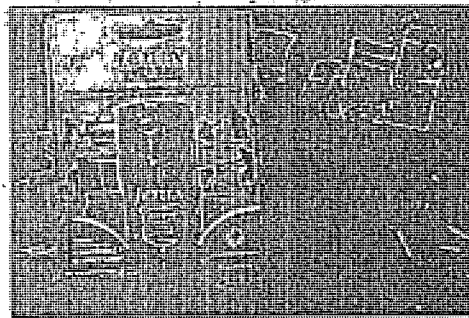
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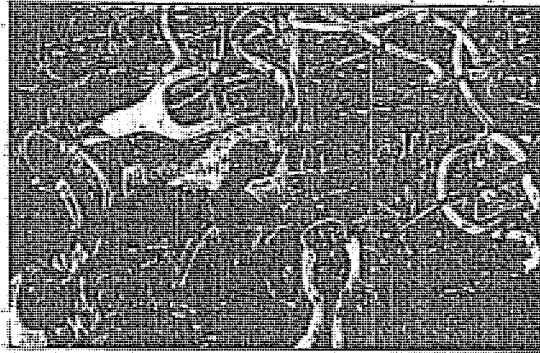
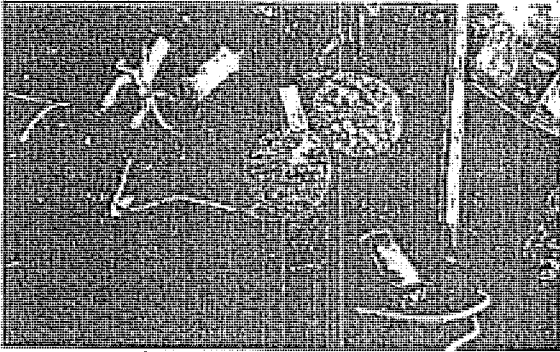
Hammers (some of them weighing up to 10 lbs.), screwdrivers, picks, and other work tools turned into improvised weapons.

g. One hundred units of pepper spray.

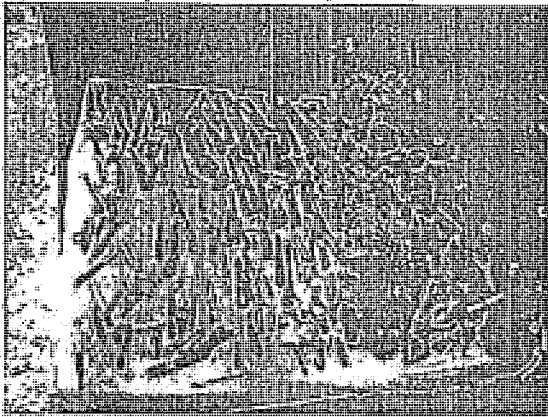


h. Various kinds of slingshots. Some of the slingshots had inscriptions saying "Hezbollah". Also found were about 1500 marbles and stones of various sizes, as well as nuts and bolts intended to be thrown at Israeli naval commando soldiers.

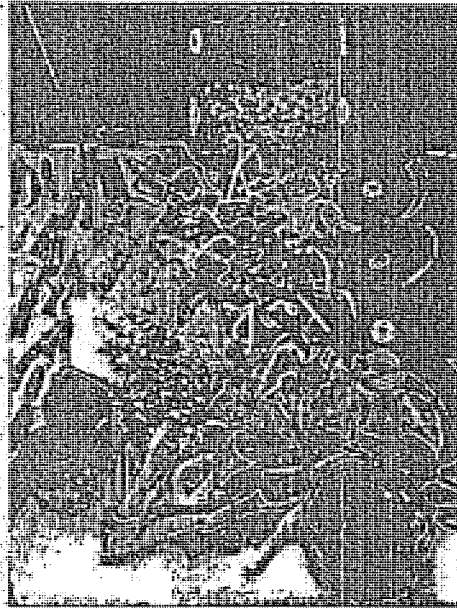
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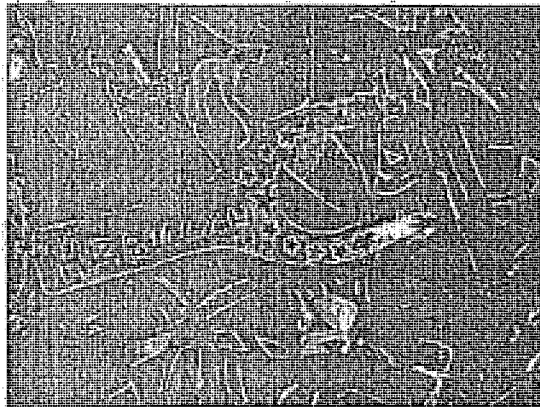
Marbles (left) and slingshots (right) prepared in advance for fighting



Packed and assorted marbles (right)



Packed and assorted nuts and bolts

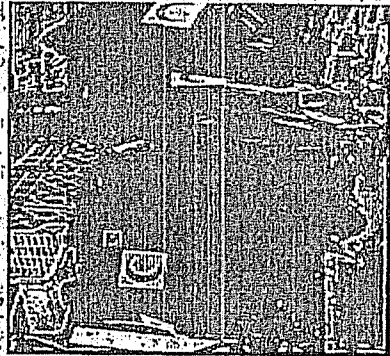


Slingshot with an inscription saying "Hezbollah"

**Defensive equipment**

12. The following defensive equipment was found on board the Mavi Marmara:

- a. About 150 bullet-proof vests. Some of them were military-issue vests with a ceramic plate. Imprinted on the vests was the Turkish symbol, the crescent. The vests were also supposed to be used by the journalists who covered the fighting.



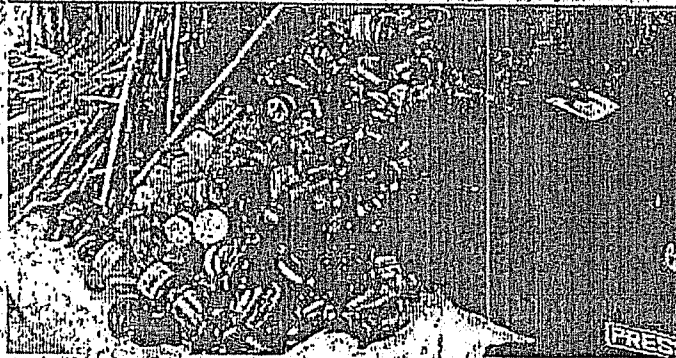
Vests with Turkey's symbol, the crescent



Pile of bullet-proof vests found on board the Mavi Marmara



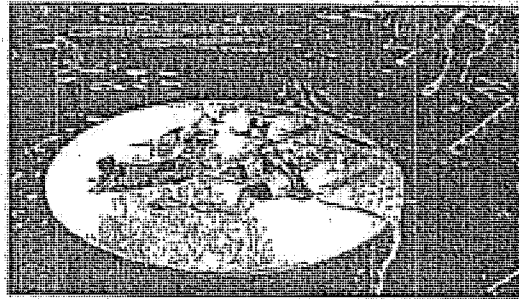
Operative wearing a vest and equipped with binoculars



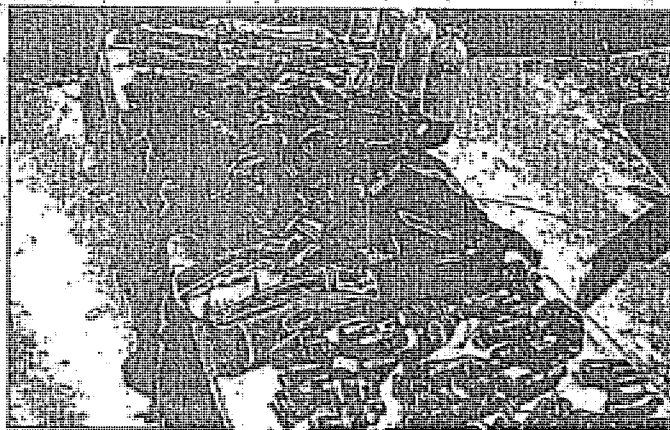
Pile of vests

- b. Optical gear: 4 telescopic sights, 20 personal binoculars, 4 night vision goggles.





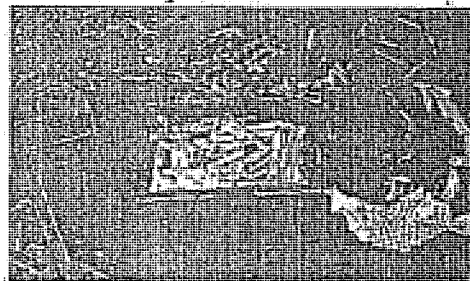
Optical gear (binoculars and night vision goggles) seized on the Mavi Marmara



Optical gear seized on the Mavi Marmara (bottom right)

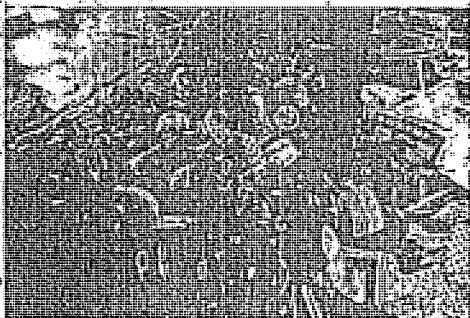
c. **Communications devices:** a significant number of Motorolas for communication between operatives who took up positions on the ship. The information we have indicates that each and every hardcore IHH operative was equipped with a communications device to use during the ship's voyage. One of the ship's officers testified that communications devices had also been handed out to the ship's crew; however, they operated on different frequencies than those given to the IHH operatives.

d. **Fifty smoke flares.**



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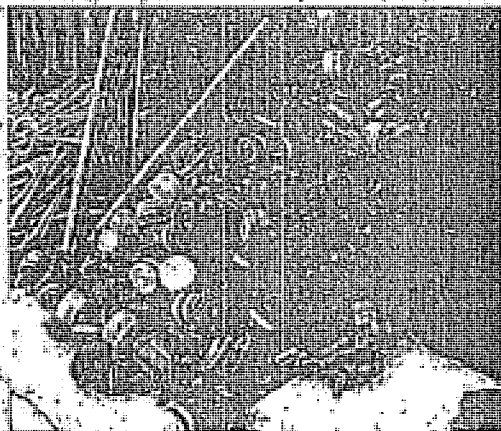
e. **Three hundred gas masks and another 200 protective filters.** A senior Israeli naval commando officer testified that the operatives on board the Mavi Marmara had fought with gas masks on for a considerable period of time.



Gas masks found on board the ship



Preparations for the confrontations an operative in a bullet-proof vest putting on a gas mask



Pile of gas masks



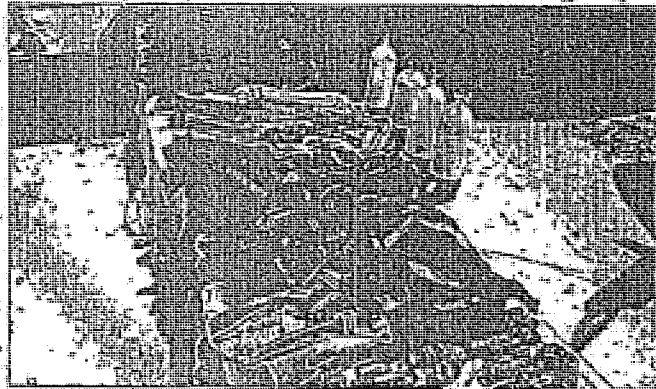
Pile of gas masks

f. **One hundred and fifty headlamps.**

g. **Diving gear:** found on board the ship were four complete sets of diving gear (flippers, goggles, suits, and oxygen tanks) as well as two fishing harpoons. Diving gear is part of the standard equipment usually found on a ship. In our assessment, however, it is possible that at least some of that gear, including the fishing harpoons, was brought on board the ship in anticipation of an underwater attack on the ship by the Israeli navy.

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Diving gear

### **Weapons which caused injuries to IDF soldiers**

13. According to an Israeli navy report, **8 IDF soldiers were injured in the fighting**; three of them sustained serious to moderate injuries. All the injured soldiers were part of the group which descended from the first helicopter and was met with **strong resistance from the Turkish operatives.**

14. **The injuries sustained by the IDF soldiers include the following:**

- a. **Two soldiers sustained gunshot injuries.** One of them suffered an injury to his knee from non-IDF ammunition as soon as he descended from the helicopter; the other suffered an injury to his stomach from an IDF weapon snatched from one of the soldiers.
- b. **One soldier was stabbed with a knife.**
- c. **Five soldiers sustained head injuries from axes, clubs, and other tools.**
- d. **Four soldiers sustained arm and leg injuries from club blows.**

**Note:** a number of soldiers were injured by several kinds of weapons, so that the categories overlap. For example, the soldier who was shot in his knee was also beaten on his head with an iron bar and stabbed close to his ear with a knife.

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Most of the injured in the confrontation on board the Mavi Marmara have been positively identified as activists of IHH and Turkish organizations collaborating with it, most probably Islamist by nature. The findings are consistent with our inquiry into the identity of the nine people killed on board the Mavi Marmara.

### Overview

1. Information accumulated since the violent confrontation on board the Mavi Marmara has made it possible to identify most of the people injured in the confrontation and analyze their organizational affiliation. The names of the 53 injured people (23 of them severely injured) appeared on lists published by the IHH (see Appendix A). Their organizational affiliation was examined based on a document seized in the latest flotilla, specifying the organizations to which the Turkish passengers belonged (see Appendix B).
2. Judging by the names of those injured in the confrontation, all of them but one are Turkish nationals. Most of them belonged to IHH or Turkish local networks affiliated with IHH, most probably Islamist by nature. That conclusion supports a similar conclusion reached by examining the names of the Turkish nationals killed in the confrontation, according to which eight out of the nine people killed belonged to Islamist organizations, most of them radical and anti-Western, with about half of them having expressed an intention to die as shaheeds.
3. On the other hand, the list of injured people released by IHH did not include activists belonging to pro-Palestinian organizations or human rights organizations.

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from Western countries or the Arab/Muslim world, except for one activist (who was not seriously injured) from Indonesia. That conclusion is similar to the one reached by examining the names of the people killed in the confrontation. This is yet another testimony that human rights activists who joined the flotilla out of humanitarian considerations took no part in the violent confrontation initiated by IHH.

4. The findings are supported by a great deal of information accumulated since the IDF takeover of the Mavi Marmara pertaining to advance preparations for severe violence against IDF soldiers, which was carried out by a hard core of operatives belonging to IHH and Turkish organizations collaborating with it (some of them known to us as clearly Islamist).

### Details of the examination results

#### The data base

5. The examination of the identity and organizational affiliation of those injured on board the Mavi Marmara is based on lists released by IHH following the incident. Those tables contain the names of 23 people who were seriously injured and 30 people who sustained less severe injuries.<sup>1</sup> The lists were compared to the list of Turkish passengers seized in the last flotilla, which specified the organizational affiliation and function of each Turkish passenger.

#### Findings from the list of seriously injured people

6. All 23 people who were seriously injured are Turkish—none of them is a foreign national. All those injured are men. Comparison of their names to another document seized in the flotilla shows that each one of them (with the exception of one) boarded the Mavi Marmara in Antalya.

7. Out of the people who were seriously injured, three are IHH activists (including a first aid medic). Thirteen others are activists from local Turkish networks, probably Islamist, which cooperate with IHH. The rest of the seriously injured men are: two first aid medics (whose organizational affiliation is unclear); two donors who were probably permitted to join the flotilla because of their donations; one clerk and two Turkish

<sup>1</sup> The tables appeared in an IHH summary about the flotilla, on the websites of IHH and ECESSG, the European Campaign to End the Siege on Gaza. The numbers appearing in the tables are similar to the number given in an interview by Bulent Yildirim, who said that "We have sacrificed nine martyrs and fifty men were injured... However, we shall not rest until our goal is achieved" (felixnews, June 29, 2010).



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passengers who do not appear on the list of Turkish passengers which served as the data base for the examination (therefore, their identity is unknown to us).

**Findings from the list of other people who sustained injuries (that were not defined as serious)**

8. Thirty injured people appeared in that category (the IHH table goes up to 31; however, one number was skipped, meaning that the correct total is 30). All the injured people, with the exception of one (an Indonesian) are Turkish nationals. All except for one boarded the ship in Antalya.

9. Out of those injured, seven belong to IHH (activists and volunteers), two of them being first aid medics. Thirteen others are activists and volunteers belonging to local Turkish networks (believed by the ITIC to be Islamist organizations) which collaborate with IHH. Another is a member of the Felicity Party (SP), an Islamic party which collaborates with IHH. The rest of the injured people in that category include a journalist, five activists whose identity is unclear, one Turkish passenger who does not appear on the list of Turkish passengers that we have, one donor and one person from Indonesia.<sup>2</sup>

**Conclusions**

10. Examination of the identity and affiliation of the wounded supports the conclusion that the fighting against the IDF was waged by hard core IHH operatives and people from Turkish Islamist organizations and networks which collaborate with IHH. The number of injured among operatives belonging to IHH and its allies was at least 16 out of those 23 who sustained serious injuries, and 21 out of the 30 other injured people (that number of IHH activists and those affiliated with it may be larger since the affiliation of some of the injured is unclear to us).

**11. Other categories of flotilla participants who sustained injuries:**

a. **First aid medics:** a relatively large number of first aid medics were injured in the incident (three of them sustained serious injuries, and two sustained other injuries). Three of the first aid medics belong to IHH. It may be assumed (even though we do not possess concrete information to that effect) that putting a large number of

<sup>2</sup> The injured Indonesian national is Okvianto Emil Baharuddin, who sustained an injury to his hand. He is an activist for a pro-Palestinian organization called KISPA. There were also reports about two other Indonesians injured in the confrontation, who do not appear on the IHH list for unclear reasons. It is unclear why the Indonesian activist (or activists) were injured. To the best of our knowledge, the Indonesian delegation consisted of humanitarian aid activists who did not take part in the violence initiated by IHH.

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first aid medics among the Mavi Marmara passengers was part of the plan prepared by IHH for the confrontation with the IDF (which was conceived in the first place as a violent confrontation that would involve casualties).

b. **Journalist:** many journalists were put on board the Mavi Marmara as part of the preparations for the media coverage of the confrontation; **their presence on the battle field is therefore not incidental** (about 10 percent of all Turkish passengers were media people; in addition, there were dozens of reporters from the Arab/Muslim world and Western countries).

12. **Conspicuously absent from the list of people injured in the confrontation were activists and volunteers from the Arab/Muslim world (with the exception of the person from Indonesia) and Western countries.** This reinforces the assumption that activists and volunteers who did not belong to the hard core-IHH operatives and their Islamist supporters avoided taking part in the fighting.

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## Appendix A

### List of names of the people injured in the violent confrontation, as published by IHH<sup>3</sup>

S.E.R.I.O.U.S.L.Y W.O.U.N.D.E.D			
	NAME	REGION	DATE OF BIRTH
1	Ahmet Aydoğan Beker	Kayseri	23.06.1979
2	Canip Tunç	Erzurum	13.03.1958
3	Çelebi Bozan	Diyarbakır	01.01.1960
4	Erkan Baycıdan	Samsun	05.03.1980
5	Fatih Kavakdan	Düzce	03.08.1977
6	İmdat Avli	İstanbul	01.11.1970
7	İsmail Yeşildal	Kocaeli	20.03.1978
8	Kenan Akçil	Erzurum	14.02.1972
9	Nehmet Ali Zeybek	Diyarbakır	01.04.1982
10	Mehmet Yıldırım	Mus	20.11.1978
11	Muharrem Güneş	Elazığ	25.07.1906
12	Muhyettin Yıldırım	Adana	01.02.1969
13	Mustafa Balırcan	Mardin	06.06.1980
14	Osman Çalık	Erzincan	01.03.1967
15	Osman Rurç	İstanbul	10.03.1978
16	Revana Gümrukçü	İstanbul	20.10.1986
17	Sadettin Furkan	İstanbul	
18	Suat Koşmaz	Adana	14.01.1974
19	Uğur Süleyman Söylemez	Ankara	29.07.1963
20	Ekrem Küçükköse	Sakarya	20.04.1970
21	Abdulhamit Ateş	Ankara	10.07.1977
22	Adem Bakırçil	Almanya	15.02.1968
23	Mural Taşgin	Konya	10.01.1977

<sup>3</sup> From pages 32-33 in the flotilla summary document released by IHH, titled "Palestine Our Route, Humanitarian Aid Our Load, Flotilla Campaign, Summary Report" (found on the IHH and ECESG websites).

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W O U N D E D			
	NAME	REGION	DATE OF BIRTH
1	Abdullah Taha Can	Çorum	08.02.1991
2	Abdülhalim Almali	Van	01.01.1959
3	Ali Ekber Yafadılmış	Hatay	11.08.1952
4	Ali Tokluman	Kayseri	14.11.1964
5	Alper Mutlu	İstanbul	20.03.1976
6	Ayetullah Tekin	Diyarbakır	21.04.1981
7	Cevdet Ökenek	Şanlıurfa	01.10.1962
8	Erdinç Tekir	Tekirdağ	17.11.1966
9	Eyüp Yaşar	Şurfa	01.01.1970
10	Fikri Karavil	Diyarbakır	11.08.1969
11	Hajim Yazıcı	Kocaeli	05.01.1965
12	Hatıs Akıncı	Denizli	23.11.1987
13	Hüseyin Mutlu	Samsun	03.01.1962
14	İlyas Yılmaz	İstanbul	20.10.1973
15	İsmail Hakkı Vehaboğlu	Bursa	01.05.1968
16	Kemal Çelen	Van	04.07.1972
17	Mehmet Ali Akdeniz	Batman	16.08.1975
18	Mehmet Emin Kaya	Denizli	09.05.1987
19	Mehmet Tunç	Malatya	14.02.1967
21	Muhammed Latif Kaya	İstanbul	05.04.1977
22	Muhittin Gili	Bingöl	09.10.1964
23	Musa Coğas	İzmir	29.08.1962
24	Mustafa Şimşek	İstanbul	05.06.1989
25	Mücahit Şahin	Konya	13.03.1983
26	Necati Akar	İstanbul	02.01.1973
27	Okvianto Emil Bahatuddin	Endonezya	10.10.1968
28	Selim Üzkabaççı	Çorum	01.11.1969
29	Şahin İbrahim Gülerüz	İstanbul	11.03.1966
30	Şükrü Peker	İstanbul	26.07.1974
31	Zekeriya Kaya	İstanbul	07.07.1983

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## Appendix B

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### List of Turkish passengers on board the Mavi Marmara and other ships, as well as their organizational affiliation

#### Overview

1. Following is a table with a list of the Turkish passengers on the various ships, also listing their organizational affiliation. The list was seized on one of the ships taking part in the flotilla. We cross-examined the list against the names of the people injured in the incident as published by IHH.
2. The list shows that there were **91 IHH members** on the Mavi Marmara, 57 of them listed in a separate category of IHH activists and 34 listed in categories of various NGOs and volunteers.
3. The list features several dozen Turkish organizations and networks, some of them known to be clearly Islamist by nature, some with a large presence across Turkey and some with a minor, local deployment. The major Turkish organizations are the **Felicity Party** (four activists), the **Ismailaga** association (three activists), **Mazlumder** (five activists), **Ozgurder** (five activists), and **Erdemiller** (one activist). The passenger list also includes **33 Turkish media people** listed under "Media" category.

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Sıra No	Gövl.	Adı	Soyadı	Kategori	Kurum / Grup	Telefon	Doğum Tarihi	Şehir
1.	DEFNE	ABDULLAH	CAMLOĞLU	İHH	İHH	0555 709 03 58	10.11.1985	İSTANBUL
2.	DEFNE	ALPASLAN	NAZLI	STK	STK	0533 743 43 46	15.04.1975	İSTANBUL
3.	DEFNE	İCENGİZ	KANDILCI	BACISLI	MİKAIL KÜRT	0530 402 59 80	20.03.1972	İSTANBUL
4.	DEFNE	DILAVER	KUTLUAY	İHH	İHH	0533 593 24 11	15.10.1970	İSTANBUL
5.	DEFNE	DURMUS	SAHMYÖRÜK	İHH	GÖNÜLLÜ	0533 593 24 11	01.06.1976	İSTANBUL
6.	DEFNE	İSA	AYDOĞDU	İHH	İHH	0536 857 80 68	20.11.1982	İSTANBUL
7.	DEFNE	RECEP	GÜZEL	İHH	İHH	0530 879 65 47	19.09.1970	İSTANBUL
8.	GAZZEL	ABDULLAH	ÖZKAYA	İHH	İHH	0533 599 03 01	31.05.1984	İSTANBUL
9.	GAZZEL	İSHAIL	YILMAZ	İHH	İHH	0530 321 73 08	26.07.1971	İSTANBUL
10.	GAZZEL	HEHRET SALIH	BULGA	İHH	İHH	0542 761 06 98	29.05.1976	İSTANBUL
11.	GAZZEL	MUSTAFA	SANCAKTUTAN	İHH	İHH	0533 810 36 80	10.02.1969	İSTANBUL
12.	GAZZEL	YÜCEL	KÖSE	TEŞKİLAT	TEŞKİLAT	0507 690 03 02	09.03.1980	KONYA
13.	M. Marmara	ABDULHADİ	ABDURRAHMAN	STK	D. TÜRKİSTAN MAARUF	0536 979 33 51	15.06.1973	İSTANBUL
14.	M. Marmara	ABDULHALİM	ALMALI	TEŞKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0539 881 33 73	01.01.1959	HAKKARİ
15.	M. Marmara	ABDULHAMİT	ATES	TEŞKİLAT	ÇUBUK E. DER.	0506 589 88 00	10.07.1977	ANKARA
16.	M. Marmara	ABDULKADİR	YAVUZ	GÖNÜLLÜ		0536 287 46 10	24.12.1981	İSTANBUL
17.	M. Marmara	ABDULCADİR	AGLAMAZ	TEŞKİLAT	Dir. Bir. Der.	0530 857 33 59	30.03.1971	ANTALYA
18.	M. Marmara	ABDULLAH	ARSLAN	STK	İSHALACA	0536 556 91 72	10.03.1960	BUKSA
19.	M. Marmara	ABDULLAH	KESKİN	TEŞKİLAT	İYADER	0533 784 61 91	25.03.1963	ADYAMAN
20.	M. Marmara	ABDULLAH YAHA	CAN	TEŞKİLAT	İLKE DER.	0505 755 20 42	08.02.1991	ÇORUM
21.	M. Marmara	ABDULHAMİT	HACIHASANOĞULLARI	İHH	PRODÜKSİYON	0537 760 98 84	01.05.1980	İSTANBUL
22.	M. Marmara	ABDULKADİR	LULUKÖK	STK	MEDENİYET DERNEĞİ		23.03.1960	
23.	M. Marmara	ADEM	ÖZKÖSE	MEDYA	İGERCEK HAYAT	0531 393 79 69	06.06.1978	İSTANBUL
24.	M. Marmara	ADIL	TUNA	İHH	ACIYAROLIN	0505 532 44 05	23.12.1980	TEŞKİŞEHİR
25.	M. Marmara	ADIL	YÜKSEL	TEŞKİLAT	ALDAP	0532 643 66 23	20.01.1970	ALANYA
26.	M. Marmara	AHMET	ARSLANOĞLU	GÖNÜLLÜ		0532 342 28 85	06.01.1957	İSTANBUL
27.	M. Marmara	AHMET	SARIKURT	İHH	YONETİM	0533 221 48 56	30.11.1961	İSTANBUL
28.	M. Marmara	AHMET	ALTUNEL	SAGLIK	İHH	0509 778 15 81	21.10.1971	İSTANBUL
29.	M. Marmara	AHMET	KAÇAR	TEŞKİLAT		0536 300 13 22	20.10.1960	KAYSERİ
30.	M. Marmara	AHMET	VAROL	MEDYA	ÖZEL FM	0507 436 66 34	13.12.1962	İSTANBUL
31.	M. Marmara	AHMET CAN	KARAHASANOĞLU	MEDYA	VAKET	0534 728 16 35	19.11.1978	
32.	M. Marmara	AHMET EMİN	DAĞ	İHH	YONETİM	0530 341 19 34	27.02.1970	İSTANBUL
33.	M. Marmara	AHMET FARUK	ONSAL	İSTK	HAZILIMDER	0513 414 35 71	03.01.1963	İSTANBUL
34.	M. Marmara	AHMET RAUF	OCAL	MEDYA	ALAZERRA BELGESEL	0532 644 53 88	25.02.1951	İSTANBUL
35.	M. Marmara	AHMET SAKI	UYŞAL	TEŞKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0532 697 24 34	27.12.1964	KONYA
36.	M. Marmara	AHMET TURAN	TİMURTAŞ	STK	MİKRIET YARDIMLASMA VAKFI	0536 475 14 33	10.10.1975	İSTANBUL
37.	M. Marmara	AKİF	ALP	STK	FERAHDER	0536 565 18 43	28.10.1976	İSTANBUL
38.	M. Marmara	ALAATTİN	ONEL	TEŞKİLAT	KEYDER	0509 434 01 02	08.03.1965	ERZİNCAN
39.	M. Marmara	ALİ	ORAL	GÖNÜLLÜ		0539 581 61 81	30.10.1988	İSTANBUL
40.	M. Marmara	ALİ	TORKULAN	TEŞKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0522 580 51 91	14.11.1984	KAYSERİ

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41	M. Marmara	ALI	YANUSOĞLU	TESKİLAT	HILMI YAYMAÇ	0530 315 20 06	01.01.1984	KAYSERİ
42	M. Marmara	ALI	UYGUR	TESKİLAT		0533 341 29 72	01.01.1971	HALIYVA
43	M. Marmara	ALİ ERUBEKİR	TOKCAN	MEDYA	TVS	0555 726 38 68	21.04.1982	İSTANBUL
44	M. Marmara	ALİ EKDER	YARADILHIS	TESKİLAT		0534 260 02 50	11.08.1952	HATAY
45	M. Marmara	ALİ MEYDER	BENGLİ	TESKİLAT	AYDER	0505 641 05 05	11.09.1971	DIYARBAKIR
46	M. Marmara	ALİ KEHAL	TURAL	İHH	ACIL YARDIM		20.04.1954	İSTANBUL
47	M. Marmara	ALİ OSMAN	CEylan	TESKİLAT		0436 244 19 65	15.05.1958	BURSA
48	M. Marmara	ALİ SAHİN	ÖZDENİZ	STK	MEHMETTİN İRMAK	0532 592 79 85	25.09.1970	İSTANBUL
49	M. Marmara	ALPARSLAN	ASLAN	SAGLIK			30.05.1969	TALANYA
50	M. Marmara	ALPER	HUTLU	MEDYA	Vizuel Dernek	0532 711 06 41	20.03.1976	İSTANBUL
51	M. Marmara	AMINAR	YAGCI	GÖMÜLÜ		0535 256 89 39	11.11.1986	İSTANBUL
52	M. Marmara	ARIF	POLAT	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖMÜLÜ	0538 430 30 36	04.04.1971	MALATYA
53	M. Marmara	AYDIN	ATAÇ	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖMÜLÜ	0531 955 44 61	23.09.1956	BALIKESİR
54	M. Marmara	AYETULLAH	TEKİN	TESKİLAT		0535 709 59 71	21.04.1981	SİOZER
55	M. Marmara	AYHAN	ALTINTAŞ	İHH	ACIL YARDIM	0535 896 71 02	09.02.1973	İSTANBUL
56	M. Marmara	BAHADIR CELAL	İSLAM	STK		0537 871 69 29	11.01.1957	İSTANBUL
57	M. Marmara	BARIS	ÖÇTAV	İHH	ACIL YARDIM	0538 926 61 20	02.07.1982	İSTANBUL
58	M. Marmara	BEHCET	AYILAR	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖMÜLÜ	0535 458 30 12	01.01.1978	SANLIURFA
59	M. Marmara	BESİR	ÖZTÜRK	TESKİLAT	HAZLUM DER.	0537 445 16 17	25.01.1978	SIVAS
60	M. Marmara	BİLAL	CALIKUSU	MEDYA	KORTV	0538 216 67 16	17.02.1975	KONYA
61	M. Marmara	BÜLENT	YILDIRIM	İHH	İYONETİM	0212 631 21 21	01.09.1967	İSTANBUL
62	M. Marmara	CANPI	TUNÇ	TESKİLAT		0536 399 76 06	13.01.1956	ERZURUM
63	M. Marmara	CEMAL	YILMAZ	GÖMÜLÜ		0532 294 57 42	05.09.1969	İSTANBUL
64	M. Marmara	CENGİZ	SONGÜR	TESKİLAT		0535 716 28 40	04.06.1963	İZMİR
65	M. Marmara	CENGİZ	AKYÜZ	TESKİLAT		0535 313 41 43	10.05.1949	HATAY
66	M. Marmara	CERK SUHA	TATLIŞES	STK	ÖLİBEY	0554 629 65 30	10.03.1974	İSTANBUL
67	M. Marmara	CEVDET	KILIÇLAR	İHH	İLETİŞİM	0533 694 33 61	05.05.1972	İSTANBUL
68	M. Marmara	CEVDET	ÖKEK	TESKİLAT	Siverek Der.	0533 720 92 25	01.10.1962	SİVEREK
69	M. Marmara	CHANGIR	PAKOLU	TESKİLAT	ADYAR	0532 251 54 43	01.05.1957	ADANA
70	M. Marmara	CHAT	İGÖKDENİZ	STK	HAZLUM DER.	0532 303 54 96	21.02.1972	İSTANBUL
71	M. Marmara	CUMA	AYTIL	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖMÜLÜ	0543 826 44 61	20.02.1976	SANLIURFA
72	M. Marmara	CELEBİ	BOZAN	TESKİLAT	ÖZGÜR DER.	0507 378 54 01	01.01.1960	DIYARBAKIR
73	M. Marmara	CETİN	TOPÇUOĞLU	TESKİLAT	ADYAR	0533 745 06 13	01.05.1956	ADANA
74	M. Marmara	ÇİĞDEM	TOPÇUOĞLU	KADIN GÖMÜLÜ		0506 756 54 20	07.12.1965	ADANA
75	M. Marmara	DEMET	TEZCAN	İHH	TESKİLAT	0533 221 83 15	15.03.1971	İSTANBUL
76	M. Marmara	DOĞAN	ÖZLÜK	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖMÜLÜ	0505 536 02 56	05.07.1972	TOKAT
77	M. Marmara	DURANUS	AYDIN	İHH	İYONETİM	0530 341 07 34	15.07.1977	İSTANBUL
78	M. Marmara	ERUBEKİR	KURBAN	MEDYA		0530 540 70 10	25.11.1963	İSTANBUL
79	M. Marmara	EKREM	ES	İHH	PRODUKSİYON	0536 433 84 98	30.06.1984	İSTANBUL
80	M. Marmara	EKREM	KÖÇÜKROSE	TESKİLAT	AKYAZI PLFN	0537 355 05 33	20.04.1970	ADAPAZARI
81	M. Marmara	ELVANE	ACAR	GÖMÜLÜ		0532 621 23 74	10.05.1974	İSTANBUL

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82	M.Marmara	EMİN	BOZKUS	TESKİLAT		0554 704 08 11	01.02.1965	İZMİR
83	M.Marmara	EMRİN	CEBİ	İHH	DIS'İLLİSKILER	0555 472 86 93	02.11.1978	İSTANBUL
84	M.Marmara	ENGÜN	CAM	SAGLIK	AVICENNA	0544 246 98 80	15.09.1983	İSTANBUL
85	M.Marmara	ENVER	ASLAN	TESKİLAT		0546 928 72 72	20.08.1974	ALANYA
86	M.Marmara	ERCAN	KAYRAK	SAGLIK		0537 329 93 03	24.06.1963	İSTANBUL
87	M.Marmara	ERDEM	SEZERİ	GÖNÜLLÜ		0541 920 37 64	20.01.1986	İSTANBUL
88	M.Marmara	ERDİNC	TEKİR	İHH	ACIL YARDIM	0532 608 77 43	17.11.1966	İSTANBUL
89	M.Marmara	ERGÜN	IRABZON	İHH	ACIL YARDIM	0532 670 73 01	09.04.1981	DÜZCE
90	M.Marmara	ERHAN	SEVENLER	MEDYA	AYADOLU AJANSI	0533 722 42 36	02.06.1973	İSTANBUL
91	M.Marmara	ERKAN	BAYCIÖZ	İHH	PRODÜKSİYON	0539 974 11 88	05.03.1980	İSTANBUL
92	M.Marmara	EROL	CITIR	İHH	PRODÜKSİYON	0535 290 91 32	15.05.1974	İSTANBUL
93	M.Marmara	EROL	DEMİR	STK	İNSAN MEDEMIYET HAREKETI	0532 251 50 89	10.07.1978	İSTANBUL
94	M.Marmara	EROL	TANSEL	TESKİLAT		0530 604 44 49	01.10.1969	KAHRAMANMARAŞ
95	M.Marmara	ERSİN	ESEN	MEDYA	TVNET	0543 799 82 67	06.05.1979	İSTANBUL
96	M.Marmara	ERSİN	KAPLAN	TESKİLAT		0535 769 23 27	03.11.1974	ALANYA
97	M.Marmara	ESRA	CELİK	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ		0539 676 61 51	23.07.1986	SAKARYA
98	M.Marmara	ESRA	SEKİZKARDES	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ		0506 683 45 21	04.04.1970	İSTANBUL
99	M.Marmara	EYÜP GÖKHAN	ÖZEKİN	STK	BBP	0505 330 21 79	29.08.1979	
100	M.Marmara	FAHRETTİN	SEYYAR	GÖNÜLLÜ		0533 640 61 61	27.10.1971	İSTANBUL
101	M.Marmara	FAHRI	YALDIZ	TESKİLAT	SAADET P.	0505 345 86 88	20.10.1967	ADIYAMAN
102	M.Marmara	FAHRIYE GAYE	SÖNÜÇÜ	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ		0532 216 04 45	11.04.1976	İSTANBUL
103	M.Marmara	FATİH	KAVAKDAN	İHH	ACIL YARDIM	0505 584 75 56	03.08.1977	DÜZCE
105	M.Marmara	FATMA	KANLIOĞLU	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ		0538 366 59 40	26.09.1967	KAYSERİ
106	M.Marmara	FATMA	PAKÖL	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ		0506 519 45 06	10.12.1965	ADANA
107	M.Marmara	FERDİNAZ	KÖYÜNCÜ	STK	TÜKETİCİLER BİRLİĞİ	0532 784 25 51	05.01.1960	İSTANBUL
108	M.Marmara	FETHİ	SARIMSAKÇI	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0532 202 53 39	03.01.1973	BOLU
109	M.Marmara	FEVZİ	AYHAN	STK	ÖZEL FM	0538 262 96 99	07.09.1948	İSTANBUL
110	M.Marmara	FEVZİ	CORLUK	TESKİLAT	Temeltaş İYO	0505 919 54 02	03.05.1966	TEKİRDAĞ
111	M.Marmara	FEVZİYE	ŞENOĞLU	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ		0506 497 92 80	01.20.1968	ADANA
112	M.Marmara	FIKRİT	BAYRAM	TESKİLAT	İNİİYAD	0532 682 30 46	20.10.1968	İNEGÖL
113	M.Marmara	FIKRİT	KARAVİC	TESKİLAT	DIYARBAKIR STK	0532 542 16 64	11.08.1969	
114	M.Marmara	FURKAN	DOĞAN	TESKİLAT		0554 436 25 96	20.10.1991	KAYSERİ
115	M.Marmara	FUZULİ	AKBULUT	STK	FATİH PLATFORMU	0532 558 79 54	01.05.1974	İSTANBUL
116	M.Marmara	GÖRALP SEZGİN	UÇAR	STK	İSMAILAĞA	0534 660 17 19	10.05.1970	BALIKESİR
117	M.Marmara	GÖKHAN	YAZICI	İHH	ACIL YARDIM	0534 609 98 38	15.10.1982	İSTANBUL
118	M.Marmara	GÖNÜL	ACAR	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ		0505 755 82 50	09.02.1967	GAZİANTEP
119	M.Marmara	GÖNÜL	MEMİŞ	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ		0555 443 72 23	21.10.1965	KAYSERİ
120	M.Marmara	GÜLEEN	SÖNMEZ	İHH	YÖNETİM	0533 581 78 54	04.01.1966	İSTANBUL
121	M.Marmara	HAKAN	ALBAYRAK	MEDYA	İYEM SAFAK	0537 350 64 14	04.06.1968	İSTANBUL
122	M.Marmara	HAKAN	AKSU	STK	KAYDER	0532 393 71 92	19.11.1973	İSTANBUL
123	M.Marmara	HARİTİ	AYGÜN	İHH	ACIL YARDIM	0533 239 37 05	16.11.1974	İSTANBUL

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124	M. Marmara	HALID	TERZİ	İHH	ACIL YARDIM	0535 898 07 31	10.01.1948	İSTANBUL
125	M. Marmara	HALİL İBRAHİM	KARDAS	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0542 615 02 88	10.01.1958	İSPARTA
126	M. Marmara	HALİL RIFAT	CANAKCI	SAGLIK		05051765 04 65	02.06.1976	BURSA
127	M. Marmara	HALİM	YAZICI	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0533 357 62 31	05.01.1965	GEBZE
128	M. Marmara	HALİS	AKINCI	TESKİLAT		0543 303 85 85	23.11.1987	DENİZLİ
129	M. Marmara	HALİT	TEKİN	GÖNÜLLÜ		0572 211 63 10	21.06.1961	İSTANBUL
130	M. Marmara	HALİT	ÇAY	İHH	ACIL YARDIM	0535 222 75 01	15.08.1963	İSTANBUL
131	M. Marmara	HANDİ	OSMANOĞLU	SAGLIK	İHH	0212 628 58 01	01.07.1960	İSTANBUL
132	M. Marmara	HANEFİ	SİNAN	TESKİLAT	ANKARA İHH	0505 355 3030	10.05.1960	ANKARA
133	M. Marmara	HARUN	AKTÜRK	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0530 696 30 13	01.03.1973	İZMİR
135	M. Marmara	HASAN	AYRACI	İHH	DYS İLİŞKİLER	0530 340 99 34	14.05.1982	İSTANBUL
136	M. Marmara	HASAN	KOROĞLU	TESKİLAT	AGD	0533 504 13 00	22.05.1949	BURSA
137	M. Marmara	HASAN HÜSEYİN	UYSAI	TESKİLAT	MAZLUM DER	0532 671 37 05	27.10.1960	KONYA
138	M. Marmara	HATİCE	KARASAKIZ	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ		0539 798 73 58	15.01.1976	KAHRAMANMARAS
139	M. Marmara	HAYRETTİN	AYOĞIN	TESKİLAT	İZMİR	0505 642 07 24	20.11.1971	İZMİR
140	M. Marmara	HAYRULLAH	KÜÇÜKAYTEKİN	İHH	HALK İLİŞKİLER	0532 421 07 56	18.12.1965	İSTANBUL
141	M. Marmara	HİSAM	GÖNEY	MEDYA	TRT ARAP	0507 308 37 40	14.09.1980	İSTANBUL
142	M. Marmara	HOGDUL ELİF	AKKUS	MEDYA	TRT HABER	0533 641 91 23	07.03.1977	İSTANBUL
143	M. Marmara	HÜSEYİN	ORUC	İHH	YÖNETİM	0533 220 30 17	13.04.1969	İSTANBUL
144	M. Marmara	HÜSEYİN	TAMGÖNEY	STK	SULTAN BABA	0530 881 94 82	10.03.1958	İSTANBUL
145	M. Marmara	HÜSEYİN	KAPTAN	TESKİLAT		0532 292 53 19	14.08.1971	BURSA
146	M. Marmara	HÜSEYİN	İADIKLI	TESKİLAT	Hızır DER	0505 265 65 45	01.01.1945	Amasya
147	M. Marmara	HÜSEYİN	HÜTLÜ	TESKİLAT	DOST DER	0532 287 44 50	03.01.1962	SAMSUN
148	M. Marmara	HÜSEYİN	SOLHUS	TESKİLAT	LAHLAK DER	0533 767 71 75	10.05.1977	Diş/Bakır
149	M. Marmara	HÜSEYİN İHSAN	YENİCE	TESKİLAT	KONTENJANT	0533 648 90 88	01.01.1954	S. ÖZER
150	M. Marmara	HÜSEYİN LEVENT	KÜLEKÇİOĞLU	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0542 637 66 53	20.07.1968	KILIS
151	M. Marmara	İSİL	OCAL	MEDYA	ALJAZİRA BELGESE	0532 644 53 88	04.11.1956	İSTANBUL
152	M. Marmara	İBRAHİM	ASLAN	GÖNÜLLÜ		0033613875830	14.10.1981	İSTANBUL
153	M. Marmara	İBRAHİM	ROÇYİĞİT	İHH	ACIL YARDIM	0538 819 24 14	24.11.1980	İSTANBUL
154	M. Marmara	İBRAHİM	BİLGİN	TESKİLAT	SAADET P.	0532 647 12 96	02.03.1949	SİİRT
155	M. Marmara	İBRAHİM	KORKHAZ	TESKİLAT	İzzet Baykal Ün.	0532 708 13 06	01.01.1960	GÜZCE
156	M. Marmara	İBRAHİM	YILDIRIM	BAGISCI		0532 236 95 68	01.01.1963	İSTANBUL
157	M. Marmara	İDRİS	ŞİMŞEK	TESKİLAT	BURSA İHH	0532 587 50 56	01.05.1964	BURSA
158	M. Marmara	İHSAN	ERDİN	TESKİLAT	AYDER	0538 544 37 52	19.11.1968	KONYA
159	M. Marmara	İLHAH	DIRGİN	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0535 812 21 89	03.08.1953	TAVSANLI
160	M. Marmara	İLYAS	YILDIZ	TESKİLAT		0530 696 73 12	11.09.1969	KAYSERİ
161	M. Marmara	İLYAS	YILMAZ	GÖNÜLLÜ	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0537 428 31 24	20.10.1973	
162	M. Marmara	İLYAZ	SAGLAN	TESKİLAT	İNİYAD	0536 322 45 88	14.03.1963	İNEGÖL
163	M. Marmara	İMDAT	AVLI	BAGISCI		0532 213 53 03	01.11.1970	İSTANBUL
164	M. Marmara	İSMAIL	SAMÜR	STK	ÖRNEKTEPE	0531 663 33 10	20.03.1964	İSTANBUL
165	M. Marmara	İSMAIL	DAYRAKLI	TESKİLAT		0532 670 20 68	15.02.1960	GÖLCÜK

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166	M.Marmara	ISHAIL	YVESILDAL	TEŞKİLAT		0532 291 23 95	20.03.1978	KOCAELI
167	M.Marmara	ISHAIL HAKKIS	VEHAPOĞLU	TEŞKİLAT		0544 571 05 06	01.05.1968	BURSA
168	M.Marmara	İZZETTİN	GEÇEN	TEŞKİLAT		0544 511 05 06	01.05.1968	ALANYA
169	M.Marmara	KADİR	GÜMÜŞTAŞ	GÖNÜLLÜ		0532 471 40 11	21.02.1963	İSTANBUL
170	M.Marmara	KAZIM HARUN	BAGCI	İHH	ACIL YARDIM	0535 376 24 91	10.09.1985	İSTANBUL
171	M.Marmara	KEMAL	GÜMÜŞ	MEDYA	VAKIT	0538 659 44 571	22.03.1977	İSTANBUL
172	M.Marmara	KEMAL	CELEN	TEŞKİLAT	ANADOLU PLATFORMU	0530 433 35 30	04.07.1972	İSTANBUL
173	M.Marmara	KENAN	KARAKUŞ	STR	GENÇLİK KÜLTÜR MERKEZİ	0534 979 27 62	21.03.1982	İSTANBUL
174	M.Marmara	KENAN	AKÇİL	TEŞKİLAT	ÇAĞRI DER	0536 693 57 95	14.02.1972	ERZURUM
175	M.Marmara	KEZBAN	AKTÜRK	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ		0555 526 37 39	04.10.1984	ANKARA
176	M.Marmara	KÜRSAT	BAYHAN	MEDYA	ZAMAN GAZETESİ	0537 975 33 03	01.08.1981	İSTANBUL
177	M.Marmara	LÜTFİ	GENÇAL	STR	SULTAN BABA	0542 342 16 16	05.08.1956	İSTANBUL
178	M.Marmara	MAHMUT	DOĞAN	BAGIŞCI	İSMAIL OSMANI	0535 746 11 06	03.02.1975	İSTANBUL
179	M.Marmara	MAHMUT	COŞKUN	SAGLIK		0532 566 54 86	30.08.1970	İSTANBUL
180	M.Marmara	MEDET	KAN	İHH	ACIL YARDIM	0530 871 51 00	01.01.1981	İSTANBUL
181	M.Marmara	MEDİHA	OLGUN	MEDYA	YSABAŞ	0554 976 11 18	15.07.1974	İSTANBUL
182	M.Marmara	MEHMET	İRİZ	GÖNÜLLÜ		0543 205 25 21	04.05.1985	İSTANBUL
183	M.Marmara	MEHMET	ALBAYRAK	STR	TIYEMER	0216 492 92 45	18.10.1971	İSTANBUL
184	M.Marmara	MEHMET	ÖZMESE	STR	SEYYİDAN	0533 633 43 10	26.03.1971	İSTANBUL
185	M.Marmara	MEHMET	ÇAKAN	TEŞKİLAT	AGD	0507 201 59 92	01.06.1972	VAN
186	M.Marmara	MEHMET	VURAL	TEŞKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0533 732 35 68	04.02.1972	MANİSA
187	M.Marmara	MEHMET	YILDIRIM	TEŞKİLAT		0505 701 17 65	20.11.1970	MUS
188	M.Marmara	MEHMET	BARAZI	STR	ÖZEL FM	0535 783 27 10	09.02.1962	İSTANBUL
189	M.Marmara	MEHMET	GİMSİR	TEŞKİLAT	İSARAYA İYİ	0532 478 68 61	01.06.1958	ADAPAZARI
190	M.Marmara	MEHMET	SEVİM	TEŞKİLAT	ÖZGÜR DER	0532 277 78 02	01.01.1960	BATHANI
191	M.Marmara	MEHMET	TUNC	TEŞKİLAT	MESALE	0535 652 81 66	14.02.1967	MALATYA
192	M.Marmara	MEHMET	YILDIRIM	TEŞKİLAT	YAYGIN V.	0505 804 97 99	16.07.1967	ANTALYA
193	M.Marmara	MEHMET ALI	AKDENİZ	BAGIŞCI		0532 335 64 01	16.08.1975	İSTANBUL
194	M.Marmara	MEHMET ALI	GÜNDÜZ	STR	AKDAV	0532 790 88 59	01.01.1973	İSTANBUL
195	M.Marmara	MEHMET ALI	ZEBEK	TEŞKİLAT	İLLÜM A.K.DER	0507 244 43 54	01.04.1982	DOYUNBAKIR
196	M.Marmara	MEHMET ARIF	KOÇER	STR	MAZLUMDER	0532 686 00 70	31.02.1965	VAN
197	M.Marmara	MEHMET CÖNEYT	SARIYASAR	STR	MAZLUMDER	0530 501 96 70	07.05.1961	İSTANBUL
198	M.Marmara	MEHMET DURAK	YUNUSAKI	STR	SEYYİDAN	0555 699 07 21	01.01.1939	İSTANBUL
199	M.Marmara	MEHMET EMİN	KAYA	TEŞKİLAT	ÇANLIYANDER	0555 489 24 24	09.05.1987	DENİZLİ
200	M.Marmara	MEHMET EYYÜP	ACAR	TEŞKİLAT		0532 515 77 14	09.12.1985	VAN
201	M.Marmara	MEHMET MURİS	TURAN	STR	DARULHIKME	0537 364 09 79	01.01.1970	
202	M.Marmara	MEHMET HURAT	YILDIRIM	TEŞKİLAT	ADİYAMAN	0555 843 05 52	01.06.1969	ADİYAMAN
203	M.Marmara	MEHMET ŞERİF	DIHC	MEDYA	HABER TÜRK	0532 328 11 13	10.03.1978	
204	M.Marmara	MEHMET SERİF	NİZİPLİOĞLU	TEŞKİLAT	ERDEMÜLER	0532 574 86 20	01.01.1959	GAZİANTEP
205	M.Marmara	MEHMET SÖKRÜ	ÖZBERBER	TEŞKİLAT	BOLBULZADE	0536 548 44 23	01.07.1947	GAZİANTEP
206	M.Marmara	MEHMET ZEKİ	SÖNMEZLER	TEŞKİLAT	SAADET P.	0532 346 48 47	01.05.1949	TATVAN

207	M. Marmara	MERAL	KAYA	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ		0532 213 60 58	03.03.1976	İSTANBUL
208	M. Marmara	METİN	CALISKAN	BAGISCI	PENDİK BAGISCI	0532 587 83 49	11.05.1973	İSTANBUL
209	M. Marmara	METİN	AKTAŞ	STK	TGTV	0533 760 63 53	10.06.1987	İSTANBUL
210	M. Marmara	METİN	YARDIM	TEŞKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0542 632 23 28	28.03.1965	SİİRT
211	M. Marmara	METİN	YILMAZ	GÖNÜLLÜ	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ		07.01.1974	
212	M. Marmara	MEVLİT	YURTSEVEN	SAGLIK		0532 264 06 10	25.06.1983	İSTANBUL
213	M. Marmara	MIKAIL	KURT	GÖNÜLLÜ		0532 262 57 53	03.03.1972	İSTANBUL
214	M. Marmara	MIKAIL	YILDIRIM	TEŞKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0555 283 92 31	20.06.1970	SİLİVRİ
215	M. Marmara	MINE	KARAKAS	İHH	DIS İLİŞKİLER	0532 496 22 11	24.05.1978	İSTANBUL
216	M. Marmara	MUAMMER	CAN	GÖNÜLLÜ		0535 736 39 20	01.01.1966	İSTANBUL
217	M. Marmara	MUAMMER	KAVAKCIOĞLU	TEŞKİLAT		0530 518 78 99	25.02.1971	İSKENDERUN
218	M. Marmara	MUHAMMED	DALYAN	STK	MEDENİYET DERNEĞİ	0542 330 79 17	28.10.1985	İSTANBUL
219	M. Marmara	MUHAMMED İKBAL	KOSEOĞLU	STK	PİMA	0555 652 03 91	02.01.1983	İSTANBUL
220	M. Marmara	MUHAMMET	ZENGİN	GÖNÜLLÜ		0531 233 26 97	25.11.1980	İSTANBUL
221	M. Marmara	MUHAMMET CİHAT	ÜLKÜ	STK	FILİZDER	0535 843 32 79	15.05.1988	İSTANBUL
222	M. Marmara	MUHAMMET LATİF	KAYA	STK	İNSAN MEDENİYET HAREKETİ	0555 565 07 71	05.04.1977	İSTANBUL
223	M. Marmara	MUHARREM	GÖNEŞ	TEŞKİLAT	KALEMDER	0532 650 25 03	25.07.1986	ELAZIĞ
224	M. Marmara	MUHİTTİN	ACI	STK	BBP	0533 565 94 04	01.01.1966	İSTANBUL
225	M. Marmara	MUHİTTİN	GİLİ	TEŞKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0536 619 78 62	09.10.1964	BİNGÖL
226	M. Marmara	MUHSİN	ENGİNİ	STK	İHYA DER	0535 841 57 61	08.03.1979	İSTANBUL
227	M. Marmara	MUHYETTİN	YILDIRIM	TEŞKİLAT	ADYAR	0537 419 19 38	01.02.1969	ADANA
228	M. Marmara	MUKADDERİ	TANOK KIRBAŞ			0532 240 38 61	01.06.1967	
229	M. Marmara	MURAT	PAÇAVAR	MEDYA	YENİ SAFAK		10.06.1976	İSTANBUL
230	M. Marmara	MURAT	ATHACA	STK	NIKMET YARDIMLAŞMA VAKFI	0535 312 84 89	28.06.1982	İSTANBUL
231	M. Marmara	MURAT	SARITÖRK	TEŞKİLAT	ANADOLU PLATFORMU	0535 572 71 85	11.20.1974	KAHRAMANHARAS
232	M. Marmara	MURAT	TAŞGIN	TEŞKİLAT	Seydişehir	0538 591 58 76	10.01.1977	KONYA
233	M. Marmara	MURAT	YILMAZ	İHH	YÖNETİM	0532 261 88 73	12.04.1974	İSTANBUL
234	M. Marmara	MURAT HOSEYİN	AKINAN	STK	FATİH AKINÇILARI	0536 544 35 44	19.01.1962	İSTANBUL
235	M. Marmara	MUSA	ÜZER	STK	ÖZGÜRDER		01.01.1976	İSTANBUL
236	M. Marmara	MUSA	CİFTÇİ	TEŞKİLAT		0544 768 14 27	01.01.1974	OSMANIYE
237	M. Marmara	MUSA	ÇOĞAŞ	TEŞKİLAT	ILYAD	0534 250 40 60	29.08.1962	İZMİR
238	M. Marmara	MUSTAFA	AĞBULUT	BAGISCI	BAGCILAR	0532 624 63 28	05.05.1970	İSTANBUL
239	M. Marmara	MUSTAFA	ÖZCAN	MEDYA	VAKFI	0555 437 74 12	11.02.1962	İSTANBUL
240	M. Marmara	MUSTAFA	TATLIŞU	MEDYA	KÖNTV	0533 556 50 54	16.04.1970	İSTANBUL
241	M. Marmara	MUSTAFA	SİMSEK	STK	PENDİK	0554 802 17 29	05.06.1989	İSTANBUL
242	M. Marmara	MUSTAFA	TUNA	STK	VAHDET VAKFI	0533 514 68 17	16.12.1955	İSTANBUL
243	M. Marmara	MUSTAFA	AFŞAR	TEŞKİLAT	ÖZGÜR DER	0506 632 78 50	05.01.1973	BATMAN
244	M. Marmara	MUSTAFA	BATTIRHAN	TEŞKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0541 369 47 63	06.06.1980	HARDIN
245	M. Marmara	MUSTAFA	ERIKCI	TEŞKİLAT	AYDER	0537 628 48 87	27.01.1981	KONYA
246	M. Marmara	MUSTAFA	İSEKMEN	TEŞKİLAT		0548 210 34 15	10.03.1964	KARAMAN
247	M. Marmara	MUSTAFA	ÖZTÜRK	İHH	PROPÜKSİYON	0537 274 79 68	14.09.1975	İSTANBUL

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248	M. Marmara	MUSTAFA A.	GÜÇYETMEZ	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0533 223 66 44	07.03.1951	KONYA
249	M. Marmara	MUSTAFA ASIM	SARIGÖZEL	SAGLIK		0505 355 66 66	01.02.1965	KONYA
250	M. Marmara	MUZAFFER	ASLAN	TESKİLAT	AGD	0555 570 06 07	07.12.1967	AYDIN
251	M. Marmara	MUZAFFER	BABÜR	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0533 472 34 69	21.06.1966	KONYA
252	M. Marmara	MÜBEYYEN	KIZIL	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ		0532 263 58 60	11.10.1965	HERSİN
253	M. Marmara	MÜCAHİD	MEKEC	TESKİLAT	AGD	0532 280 17 20		BARTIN
254	M. Marmara	MÜCAHİD SAHİN	ULUDAĞ	TESKİLAT	SAADET.P.	0539 411 21 33	13.03.1983	KONYA
255	M. Marmara	MÜKREREM	TETİK	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ		0537 233 89 01	30.01.1974	BURSA
256	M. Marmara	NADİM	ALTUN	TESKİLAT	ENDÜLS/ÖRK	0532 257 45 20	25.10.1978	GEBZE
257	M. Marmara	NALAN	DAL	İHH	DIŞ İLİŞKİLER	0530 926 67 59	11.02.1971	İSTANBUL
258	M. Marmara	NECATİ	AKAR	STK	ÖRNEKTEPE	0533 959 08 65	02.01.1973	İSTANBUL
259	M. Marmara	NECDET	YILDIRIM	İHH	AÇIL YARDIM	0533 598 41 17	15.08.1978	İSTANBUL
260	M. Marmara	NECDET	ARSLANER	STK	HANDER	0532 717 14 38	14.03.1949	İSTANBUL
261	M. Marmara	NECMETTİN	ŞEKERÖĞLÜ	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0533 619 20 47	18.02.1958	KİLİS
262	M. Marmara	NEDEM	KAN	İHH	AÇIL YARDIM	0535 211 06 54	05.03.1968	İSTANBUL
263	M. Marmara	NEVZAT	TAŞKIN	TESKİLAT	BİLGİ-HİKMET	0543 550 17 22	11.12.1970	ADİYAMAN
264	M. Marmara	NİHAT	ASLANOĞLU	İHH	AÇIL YARDIM		24.06.1960	İSTANBUL
265	M. Marmara	NİLÜFER	ÖREN	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ			20.09.1973	İSTANBUL
266	M. Marmara	NUH	YÜKSEL	GÖNÜLLÜ		0033632680713	21.07.1981	İSTANBUL
267	M. Marmara	NURİ	YILDIZ	TESKİLAT	MARAS İYD	0505 677 72 44	28.08.1965	K. MARAS
268	M. Marmara	NUSRETTİN	OĞURGÜL	TESKİLAT	BEYDER	0535 376 50 74	01.01.1971	BATMAN
269	M. Marmara	OKTAY	GÖKÇE	TESKİLAT		0262 452 39 10	30.09.1975	KOCAELİ
270	M. Marmara	ORAL	ÖCAL	BAGIŞCI		0532 467 64 49	08.02.1968	İSTANBUL
271	M. Marmara	ÖRHAN	ÖEMİR	STK	HASTA HAKLARI	0533 325 73 00	01.06.1976	İSTANBUL
272	M. Marmara	ÖRHAN	TOKÇAL	TESKİLAT		0538 673 64 08	25.08.1961	KAYSERİ
273	M. Marmara	ÖRİNGAZI	ELİTAS	MEDYA	TRT HABER	0532 402 15 98	20.01.1969	İSTANBUL
274	M. Marmara	OSMAN	ATALAY	İHH	YONETİM	0533 599 24 13	27.08.1963	İSTANBUL
275	M. Marmara	OSMAN	İCALIK	TESKİLAT		0537 890 57 86	01.03.1967	ERZİNCAN
276	M. Marmara	OSMAN	İKURÇ	İHH	AÇIL YARDIM	0532 365 24 24	10.03.1978	İSTANBUL
277	M. Marmara	ÖMER	KARAOĞLU	GÖNÜLLÜ	SANATÇI	0532 327 68 50	01.02.1968	İSTANBUL
278	M. Marmara	ÖMER	YÜCE	TESKİLAT		0532 664 15 13	25.06.1986	BURSA
279	M. Marmara	ÖZLEM	SAHİN ERMİŞ	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ		0505 258 64 68	10.03.1974	ANTALYA
280	M. Marmara	RAMAZAN	KAYAN	MEDYA		0535 505 63 80	01.01.1956	İSTANBUL
281	M. Marmara	RAMAZAN	BAYLAN	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0532 645 35 86	05.03.1970	SANLIURFA
282	M. Marmara	RECAİ	KAYA	BAGIŞCI		0535 623 26 85	20.09.1968	İSTANBUL
283	M. Marmara	RECEP	GÖKER	GÖNÜLLÜ		0532 296 00 59	08.10.1958	İSTANBUL
284	M. Marmara	RECEP	ÇAĞ	İHH	PRODÜKSİYON	0538 452 15 23	28.01.1989	İSTANBUL
285	M. Marmara	RECEP	KÖSE	İHH	PRODÜKSİYON	0537 677 22 65	03.02.1980	İSTANBUL
286	M. Marmara	RECEP	KARAGÖZ	STK		0533 568 38 44	20.01.1960	İSTANBUL
287	M. Marmara	RECEP	İDİKUT	TESKİLAT	D. BAKIR İYD	0505 642 39 57	01.01.1966	DIYARBAĞIR
288	M. Marmara	RECEP	VIDİN	TESKİLAT	AKY	0536 635 70 67	05.10.1950	ANKARA

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289E	M.Marmara	REVAHA	IGDMROKCO	IHH	ACIL YARDIM	0543 407 09 91	20.10.1986	ISTANBUL
290	M.Marmara	RIDVAN	KAYA	STK	OZGUADER	0533 762 65 40	25.05.1964	ISTANBUL
291	M.Marmara	SABRI	ITURIC	TESKILAT		0532 475 16 19	26.04.1974	BOLU
292	M.Marmara	SAID	IBICIOGLU	STK	ANADOLU GENCLIK	0554 635 67 42	23.05.1987	ISTANBUL
293	M.Marmara	SALAHATTIN	OZER	IHH	ACIL YARDIM	0536 603 97 60	06.09.1970	ISTANBUL
294	M.Marmara	SALIH	BILICI	IHH	ILETISIM	0533 220 82 07	01.01.1979	ISTANBUL
295	M.Marmara	SALIH	MERDIVAN	TESKILAT	IHH GONULLU	0533 740 97 68	10.01.1965	ZONGULDAK
296	M.Marmara	SALHA SULTAN	AKINAN		KADIN GONULLU	0531 634 86 65	12.03.1992	ISTANBUL
297	M.Marmara	SALIM	SEYYAR	STK		0532 266 55 97	29.10.1957	ISTANBUL
298	M.Marmara	SAMET	DOGAN	MEDYA	TARAF GAZETESI	0541 415 34 57	27.01.1988	ISTANBUL
299	M.Marmara	SAMI	DUR	GONULLU		0506 315 68 05	09.01.1970	ISTANBUL
300	M.Marmara	SEBAHATTIN	KATANALP	GONULLU		0530 402 73 89	01.05.1980	ISTANBUL
301	M.Marmara	SEBAHATTIN	SELIMEFENDIGIL	STK	AKDAY	0533 201 06 59	01.01.1974	ISTANBUL
302	M.Marmara	SEHMI	AYDINLAR	BAGISCI		0532 216 76 27	25.09.1982	ISTANBUL
303	M.Marmara	SELIM	OZKABAKCI	TESKILAT	ILKE-DER	0532 316 93 53	10.11.1969	CORUM
304	M.Marmara	SELIM SARPER	KUCUK	TESKILAT		0555 361 28 99	12.11.1971	SAMSUN
305	M.Marmara	SEMA	ISLEK	SAGLIK	IHH	0533 251 05 68	01.12.1989	ISTANBUL
306	M.Marmara	SENEM	OCAL	MEDYA	ALJAZEERA BELGESEL	0532 644 53 88	05.10.1977	ISTANBUL
307	M.Marmara	SEYFULLAH	OZGUVEN	TESKILAT		0533 572 00 74	25.06.1959	KAYSERLI
308	M.Marmara	SIRKI	PISKIN	TESKILAT		0505 954 85 75	01.01.1944	OSMANIYE
310	M.Marmara	SINAN	ALBAYRAK	MEDYA		0532 283 73 07	27.02.1973	ISTANBUL
311	M.Marmara	SUATI	KOSMAZ	TESKILAT	ADYAR	0555 096 46 42	14.01.1974	ADANA
312	M.Marmara	SULEYHAN	CAKMAK	MEDYA	ATV AVRUPA KOORDINATORU	0532 228 09 87	12.10.1962	
313	M.Marmara	SONEYE	ERTEKIN	MEDYA	TVNET	0545 247 47 37	19.10.1982	ISTANBUL
314	M.Marmara	SAHIN	UZUN	GONULLU		0507 722 00 04	13.05.1974	ISTANBUL
315	M.Marmara	SAHIN IBRAHIM	IGDLERYUZ	STK	INSAN MEDENIYET HAREKETI	0532 681 92 25	11.03.1966	ISTANBUL
316	M.Marmara	SEMSETTIN	ipek	IHH	ACIL YARDIM	0555 504 84 38	14.03.1963	ISTANBUL
317	M.Marmara	SEVAY	TAYDIN	SAGLIK	IHH	0532 680 65 16	30.03.1978	ISTANBUL
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324	M.Marmara	TURKER	SALYABAS	IHH		0532 570 55 42	07.03.1958	ISTANBUL
325	M.Marmara	TURKER	KACAN	KADIN GONULLU			04.05.2009	ISTANBUL
326	M.Marmara	UGUR	TOGRUL	IHH	ACIL YARDIM	0535 500 53 40	09.09.1978	ISTANBUL
327	M.Marmara	UGUR SULEYMANI	SOYLEMEZ	BAGISCI		0533 551 72 19	29.07.1963	ISTANBUL
328	M.Marmara	UMIT	SÖNMEZ	IHH	PRODÜKSİYON	0533 958 38 95	28.08.1970	ISTANBUL
329	M.Marmara	ÖSME	SEKIZKARDES	GONULLU		0553 483 00 00	31.01.1994	ISTANBUL
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331	M. Marmara	YAROL	VILMAZ	TESKİLAT	İNİYAD	0542 421 66 25	05.01.1970	(NEGOL)
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333	M. Marmara	YAHYA	COŞKUN	MEDYA	OLUCU TV	0533 635 56 37	15.08.1986	İSTANBUL
334	M. Marmara	YAKUP	ALUHA	TESKİLAT	Sabılay Der.	0538 953 73 73	24.01.1971	Alanya
335	M. Marmara	YASIN	İSBAR	İHH	ACIL YARDIM	0506 600 35 72	01.01.1984	İSTANBUL
336	M. Marmara	YASAR	KUTLUAY	İHH	YONETİM	0533 328 81 25	05.06.1972	İSTANBUL
337	M. Marmara	YAVUZ	BAYSAN	STK	SENABİL	0532 630 23 53	09.07.1979	İSTANBUL
338	M. Marmara	YETİŞ	CAN	TESKİLAT	İsmailiye Cem.	0555 269 75 21	20.09.1966	USAK
339	M. Marmara	YILDIZ	ÇİÇEKDAĞLI	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ		0530 274 57 68	28.02.1948	İZMİR
340	M. Marmara	YILMAZ	AKBULUT	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0542 654 79 00	12.04.1976	KİLLİS
341	M. Marmara	YUSUF	KINCOĞE	İHH	ACIL YARDIM	0534 738 75 10	06.01.1988	İSTANBUL
342	M. Marmara	YUSUF	ÖZCOBAN	TESKİLAT	İHH GÖNÜLLÜ	0532 730 91 99	07.11.1976	GAZİANTEP
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347	M. Marmara	ZAKARIA	MAHDİ	STK	FİDDEK	0533 371 56 99	24.03.1967	İSTANBUL
348	M. Marmara	ZEHRA	ÖZTÜRK	İHH	İLETİŞİM	0535 367 07 97	27.08.1980	İSTANBUL
349	M. Marmara	ZEKERİYA	KAYA	STK	GÖNÜLDER	0530 805 98 07	07.07.1983	İSTANBUL
350	M. Marmara	ZEKERİYE	KANAT	TESKİLAT	İzlanda'ya İYD	0532 635 49 35	28.04.1967	HATAY
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352	M. Marmara	ZELİHA	SACLAM	İHH	İLETİŞİM	0544 321 61 61	02.06.1976	İSTANBUL
353	M. Marmara	ZELİHA	SERTKAYA	İHH		0554 246 17 69	12.01.1961	GÖNEN
354	M. Marmara	ZEYNEL ABİDİN	ÖZCAN	KADIN GÖNÜLLÜ	ANKARA İHH	0533 626 25 75	01.09.1980	ANKARA
355	M. Marmara	BAYRAM	BAYRAM	TESKİLAT	KONYA İHH	0531 346 80 47	24.05.1949	
356	M. Marmara	MUHLİS	BARAN	STK	ANADOLU PLATFORMU	0532 491 18 98	01.01.1965	
357	M. Marmara	EYÜP	YASAR	GÖNÜLLÜ		0543 521 02 30	01.01.1970	URFA
358	M. Marmara	İRVİLÜT	KOÇ	İHH	ACIL YARDIM	0533 613 81 83	26.09.1973	
359	M. Marmara	ALLI	YACEL	GÖNÜLLÜ		0533 617 52 22	24.07.1983	
360	M. Marmara	ÖZKAN	TUNABOYLU	STK			27.04.1940	
361	M. Marmara	ZEYNEP	KARAOĞLU			0532 617 49 37	26.05.1905	İSTANBUL
362	M. Marmara	AHMET AYDAN	BEKER	TESKİLAT		0535 560 53 77	23.06.1979	KAYSERİ
363	M. Marmara	AYŞE RABİA	SARIOĞLU KAYRAL	MEDYA		0533 607 12 03	23.10.1982	İSTANBUL
364	M. Marmara	ALPASLAN	TÜRK	SAGLIK	İHH	0505 491 41 97	07.09.1964	
365	M. Marmara	MURAT FERİT	ELİFİ	GÖNÜLLÜ		0533 394 79 71	27.11.1970	
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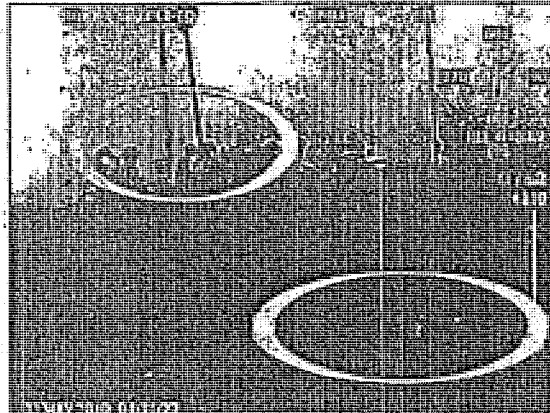
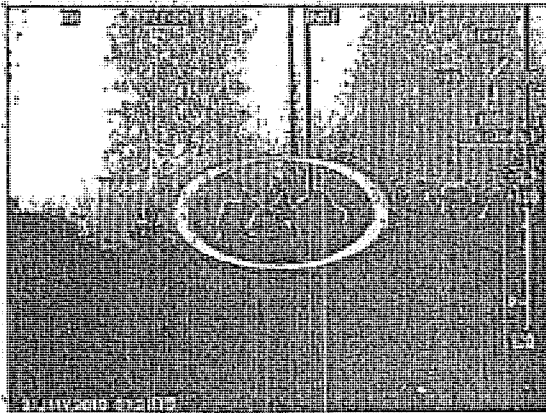


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1. This report describes the fighting waged by IHH operatives and their accomplices against IDF soldiers aboard the *Mavi Marmara*. The descriptions are based on testimonies given by IDF officers and soldiers who participated in the takeover of the ship (names withheld by the IDF).

2. The testimonies corroborate the vast amounts of information gathered by the ITIC since the takeover of the *Mavi Marmara* (some of which, including visual material, was used in this report to complete or illustrate the IDF soldiers' testimonies). The information includes photographs and videos taken aboard the *Mavi Marmara* by the IDF as well as journalists who accompanied the flotilla and foreign media; documents seized aboard the ship; statements made by passengers; descriptions in *The Bloodstained Mavi Marmara*, the book about the flotilla written by Turkish journalist Şefik Dinç published in Turkey; and information appearing in the Turkish and Western media (including the BBC's "Panorama").

3. The testimonies of the IDF soldiers, supported by ITIC information, unequivocally refute the false, biased claims made by the operatives aboard the *Mavi Marmara*, claims which were used in the report criticizing Israel lodged with the fact-finding mission sent by the Human Rights Council in Geneva. The main conclusions drawn from the testimonies are the following:

1) The IDF force which took over the *Mavi Marmara* was faced with organized resistance from scores of operatives (IHH operatives and their accomplices). They were highly motivated and armed with knives, clubs, axes, iron chains, etc. They had been equipped with bulletproof vests, gas masks, pepper spray, headlamps and walkie-talkies. Their mode of deployment and modus operandi indicate that at least some of them had military skills (early briefing, centralized direction, assignment to fighting stations, professional knowhow for operating military equipment and weapons, combat tactics, etc.).

2) The claims that guns were fired from the IDF helicopter at the deck of the *Mavi Marmara*, that the IDF forces fired their weapons indiscriminately, and that they shot at passengers point-blank are false. At no time did the soldiers shoot from the helicopters, and the helicopters were not equipped with weapons which could be used to attack the ship. According to testimonies from IDF soldiers and officers, a stun grenade was thrown from the first helicopter to deter the operatives (which might be the source of the claim that the helicopters fired on them).

3) Two IDF soldiers were shot a short time after they landed on the upper deck, one in the stomach, the other in the knee. According to the soldiers' testimonies, they were shot at during the fighting. In some instances, the shots were

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fired from weapons snatched from IDF soldiers. The bullet wounds and testimonies of the soldiers completely contradict the Human Rights Council's report, which denies the fact that IDF soldiers were shot.

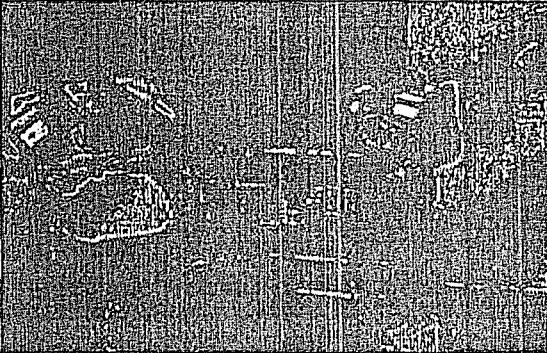
4) During the first stages of the fighting three IDF soldiers were taken hostage, wounded and moved below decks. During their capture and confinement, despite their serious wounds they were brutally beaten with wooden clubs, stabbed and choked, genuine threats to their lives. Despite their appeals they received no medical attention. They were apparently saved by the presence of passengers not involved in the fighting and correspondents with cameras who documented their beatings, deterring their captors from killing them. Eventually, the soldiers were released when the captain used the PA system to announce that the ship was under IDF control.

5) The IDF soldiers behaved humanely toward the passengers after the operatives' resistance had been neutralized. They tied the hands of operatives who were violent or posed a danger. Passengers whose hands were tied but not dangerous and requested to be liberated were untied. Once the situation was under IDF control, additional passengers who were not dangerous were untied whether or not they requested it. According to the testimonies, including the statement made by a doctor aboard the *Mavi Marmara*, the wounded were treated professionally and with care, even some who refused medical treatment and evacuation to Israel, claiming they wanted to die as shaheeds. Despite the difficult circumstances under which the Israeli medical team worked, not one single wounded operative died.

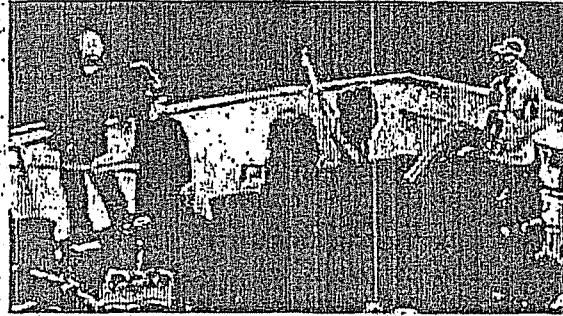
#### Deployment for Battle of IHH Operatives and Their Accomplices

4. Testimonies from the IDF forces indicate that scores of operatives armed with knives, axes, iron chains, clubs and possibly live weapons participated in the fighting (completely contradicting the claims made by IHH leader Bülent Yıldırım during the sea voyage that "we do not have so much as a penknife"). According to the testimonies of the IDF soldiers, they found themselves confronted by scores of well-trained operatives who behaved totally differently from the ordinary passengers, who did not take part in the fighting. Those operatives followed an organized, centrally directed plan, were equipped with weapons and other military equipment to harm IDF soldiers and prevent them from boarding the ship at any cost.

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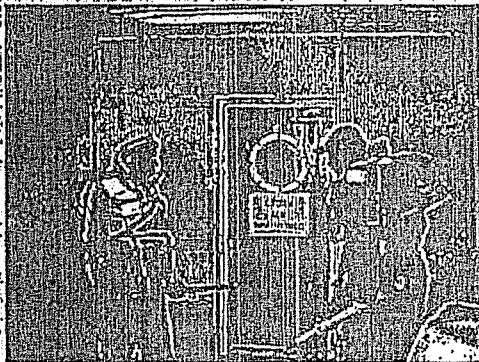


As soon as the soldiers boarded the ship the operatives completed their preparations. They put on bulletproof vests and gas masks and began confronting the soldiers with iron bars and wooden clubs (Picture and caption from Sefik Dinc's book).

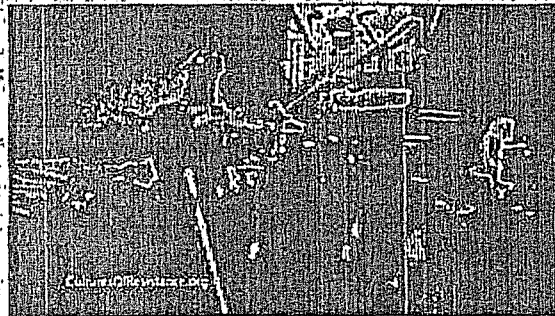


Operatives hold clubs in preparation for a confrontation. In the center rolled-up clubs can be seen, waiting to be unrolled and distributed.

5. According to the testimonies of the IDF soldiers, the operatives who were deployed for battle were wearing bulletproof vests and were equipped with gas masks, pepper spray, headlamps and walkie-talkies. They had printouts of instructions and code words to be used when IDF soldiers boarded the ship.



Operatives armed with improvised clubs made from the ship's railings wait below decks (Photo by Adem Ozkose for Reuters, May 31, 2010)



An operative holds a club made from the ship's railing (YouTube).

6. According to the testimonies of IDF soldiers who boarded the *Mavi Marmara*, the deployment and tactics used by operatives during the takeover of the ship indicated that they had military qualifications. Indications included pre-confrontation briefings, assignment to fighting positions, analysis of possible points where the IDF might board the *Mavi Marmara* and corresponding deployment. In addition, the fact that operatives approached the helicopters and were not deterred by the stun grenades, the way the operatives remained at the positions to which they had been assigned, the professional knowhow they demonstrated in operating hot and cold weapons and the way they fought during the IDF takeover of the ship also indicated military qualifications.

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### **Violent Resistance to the Soldiers' Attempt to Board the Mavi Marmara from the Sea**

7. Before the soldiers began descending from the helicopter, the operatives aboard the *Mavi Marmara* exhibited violent resistance to the attempts of IDF soldiers to board the ship from naval commando boats. They threw objects at the soldiers, including iron bars, crowbars, iron chains, objects of various sizes (metal chairs, trays, glass) and a stun grenade. They also used slings to hurl objects, including pieces of metal and steel balls. To cut through the IDF's climbing equipment they used hand-held disk saws, which had been distributed around the periphery of the upper deck.

8. The violent activity at the ship's railing continued throughout the IDF takeover. Molotov cocktails ready for throwing were found near positions of operatives. During the fighting, when it became clear that the IDF was being attacked with firearms, that there were seriously wounded soldiers and that three were missing, Israeli Navy boats again approached the ship to board additional soldiers. That time as well, violent operatives were organized along the ship's railing to throw objects at the boats, including iron bars, clubs and chains.

9. At that point the naval force identified a number of operatives who approached and used slings to hurl iron balls at them. Some soldiers reported a burst of gunfire targeting the boats.

### **Violence Directed at IDF Soldiers who Descended from the Helicopters**

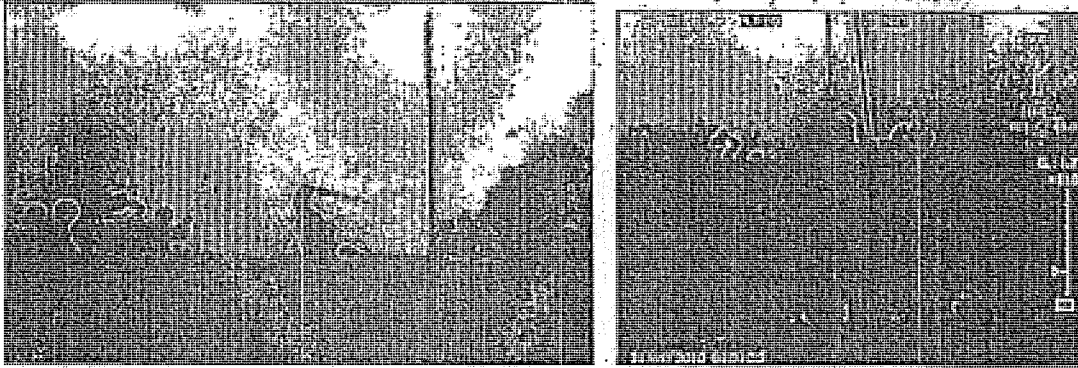
10. According to the testimonies of soldiers who were aboard the three helicopters, at first there were about 15 operatives on the upper deck. As soon as the soldiers descended from the helicopter, they were joined in a coordinated action by scores of other operatives who had been waiting nearby. According to a statement from one of the soldiers, their appearance on deck was directed by one individual.

11. Each IDF soldier was attacked by a team of three or four operatives. They were dragged away from the rope from which they had been lowered from the helicopter as soon as they reached the deck and attacked with both hot and cold weapons (one soldier was stabbed in the stomach and another was shot in the knee). According to the soldiers' testimonies, the first shots were fired a short time after they began descending from the helicopter to the ship.

12. The IDF soldiers who reached the deck were attacked by frenzied teams of operatives carrying deadly cold weapons, including axes, knives, clubs, crowbars, metal objects hurled with slings and other objects (for example, early on one soldier was stabbed in the ear and another was repeatedly beaten and required hospitalization).

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Above left and right: Operatives beat IDF soldiers as soon as they land on deck. Bottom right: The first soldier off the helicopter is beaten after having been thrown to the lower deck (Photographed by the Israeli Navy).



Operatives on deck wait for the opportunity to beat the IDF soldiers. They are equipped with iron bars and chairs (Photographed by the Israeli Navy)



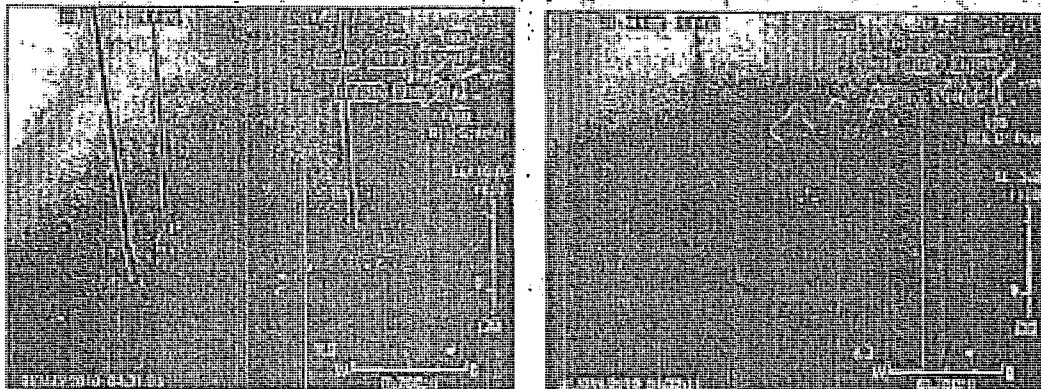
Operatives on deck wait for the second soldier, having already attacked the first (Photographed by the Israeli Navy).

13. According to one of the testimonies, "...The first minutes the battle were hard by any standard. The soldiers were fighting a life and death battle at very close quarters in an extremely limited zone. They were fighting against extremist terrorists who were ready to die, were well equipped with weapons and had had military training. [I say that because] no ordinary civilian knows how to conduct an extended fight at night, wearing a bulletproof vest and a gas mask, how to take a weapon, cock it and shoot it, and not be deterred when someone is fighting against him, unless he has been trained for it and briefed beforehand..."

### Capture of Three Soldiers Who Descended from the First Helicopter

14. The three IDF soldiers on board the first helicopter who were the first to reach the upper deck of the *Mavi Marmara* were brutally attacked by the operatives on deck. Their weapons were taken and they were thrown from the upper to the lower deck. They

were captured in a pre-meditated, well-coordinated action carried out by a large number of operatives and brought below decks where more operatives were waiting for them.



The soldiers are thrown from the upper to the lower deck by the operatives. Left: The first soldier, Right: Another soldier (Photographs taken by the Israeli Navy).

15. The three soldiers testified that while they were being held below decks a large number of operatives continued the attack, including choking and beating them with iron bars and wooden clubs. That was despite the fact that the hands of two were tied and the third was having convulsions and lost consciousness several times. The three were wounded and bleeding, and in need of medical treatment (one of them had been stabbed in the stomach and was critically wounded).

16. All three testified that during the incident their lives were in danger and they felt the operatives intended to kill them. They added that some of the passengers, those who were below decks, did not participate in the attacks and that there was a more moderate group of passengers who tried to protect them.<sup>1</sup> They also stated that while they were being beaten below decks they were photographed many times.<sup>2</sup>

17. After the IDF forces took over the bridge, the captain used the PA system to inform the passengers that the ship was under IDF control, and that use had been made of firearms [by the IDF]. At that point the three captive soldiers were dragged to the upper deck near the prow. As they were being dragged, the operatives continued beating and choking them. Despite their requests, the captive soldiers received no medical attention. Once above decks two of them escaped by jumping into the sea, and the third remained on deck unconscious and was later rescued by other soldiers.

<sup>1</sup> The testimonies of the soldiers corroborate the description of the events in *The Bloodstained Mavi Marmara* by Turkish journalist Sefik Ding's, who was aboard the *Mavi Marmara*. He wrote that the intervention of a number of activists prevented the IDF captives from being beaten even more. He said that the doctors among the passengers also tried to prevent the soldiers from being beaten.

<sup>2</sup> Sefik Ding documented their capture. For the pictures, see the Appendix.

18. According to one of the testimonies, "...The soldiers who were taken below decks were not murdered because of the 450 civilians aboard who were not accomplices to their beating, many of whom had cameras" [the murderous, violent behavior of the operatives took place outside, and the violence inside the ship was relatively slight].

### The Use of Firearms against IDF Soldiers

22. A number of testimonies from officers and soldiers indicate that in several instances the operatives who fought the IDF forces used firearms.

24. The following are testimonies from the two soldiers who were shot:

1) The second soldier to descend from the helicopter and was shot in the stomach said, "...About five terrorists jumped on me and I fought them off as best I could. I was attacked with clubs, [iron] bars, metal chairs and fists. They choked me and tried to throw me into the sea from the starboard side of the *Mavi Marmara*...I realized that my life was in danger and that they were trying to kill me and to throw me into the water to kill me...At that point I felt a sharp blow to the left side of my stomach, and I realized that I had apparently been shot...[Note: The soldier was hospitalized in Israel and operated on. During the operation half of his lower intestine was removed, a hole in his stomach was repaired and his pancreas was found to have been damaged. He remained in the hospital for three weeks.]

2) A soldier who was one of the first to reach the upper deck was shot in the leg. He said, "...The order of descent got messed up and we didn't go down in the original order. [I] was apparently number four or five...As soon as I hit the deck...they started hitting me with iron bars. I also saw a terrorist holding an axe. I moved four, five meters toward the stern...and a group of six, and I think more, chased me. I remember perfectly what they were holding: three had iron bars painted light blue [the color of the ship]...there were two holding knives who were running toward me and wanted to stab me, and one other had a crowbar, an iron tool about half a meter [long], one end sharp and the other end flat...

3) He continued, "...I was surrounded by five men, and one more who came a couple of seconds later...They beat me with iron bars...they hit me in the face with the bars, and on the head a lot. My head was protected by a helmet, and after the battle I was told that my helmet was completely shattered...I tried to use my hands to protect my face, so my hands got hit a lot, and one was broken. [Note: One of his hands was found to have three broken bones and one cracked bone...]. Then a terrorist ran toward me with a knife and stabbed me in the chest as hard as he could...and all the time they kept beating me with iron bars. They beat my



number of times and lost consciousness. The next thing I remember was regaining consciousness because of a severe pain in my knee...**That was when I realized I had been shot in the knee.** I also realized that my ear and head had been cut and that bones in my hand were broken..."

4) **Question:** "When the incident was over, what were your injuries?" **Answer:** "I was shot in the right knee, I had three fractures and a crack in my right hand, a deep cut in my left ear, internal bleeding, bruises from beating and cuts all over my body. My face was completely swollen..." **Question:** "In retrospect, do you know who shot you?" **Answer:** "As far as I know, when I was shot there were only five soldiers on board the ship. Three of them were thrown off the roof [another was shot in the stomach]...so none of the shots was fired by our forces..."

25. **Testimony of a soldier about an operative holding a gun:** "...I looked at the other side of the deck. I saw one of my comrades sitting on the deck; looking at it, his head was bleeding. There was a lot of yelling and noise everywhere. **And then I looked down and I saw a handgun with a [cocking] hammer.** I understood it was not one of our soldiers, because we all have handguns, and they don't have hammers. **It was close to me, just two meters away. That was when I knew they had firearms aboard ship and that they were using them to shoot at us.** That was when I realized everything was different from the original plan...One of our commanders shouted that there was gunfire below [on the lower deck] and I ran with him to the port side of the hull...**The commander and I kept looking for the source of the gunfire and he told me that he saw a man hiding and shooting at us.** I kept guard with another soldier, and all the time someone kept looking at us from near the chimney in the stern and shooting at us sporadically..."

**Question:** "Did you see firearms on board the ship or firearms directed against your force?" **Answer:** "There was the gun I saw on the deck next to my commanding officer, who was lying there wounded. I know for certain that the handgun did not belong to us because we don't have that kind of handgun, it had a cocked hammer and none of our guns has a hammer. I also felt gunfire coming toward us from the lower deck. **It wasn't automatic fire, just a single bullet every couple of seconds.**"

26. Other testimonies:

1) **From a soldier:** "While we were searching the hall we found one of our guns with an empty magazine and the slide pulled back hidden under a couch. [Note: i.e., someone had fired all the bullets...]"

2) **From another soldier:** "When we sailed the ship to Ashqelon we searched it. I went back to the bridge and rejoined my team. During the search we found large quantities of weapons, including iron rods, pieces of metal, wooden clubs, **when all of**

a sudden one of the soldiers found a gun under one of the couches. It was a gun taken from one of us. The magazine was still inside but empty and the slide was back, which meant it had been fired until it was out of ammunition and then hidden."

### Treatment of the Passengers and Wounded after the IDF Takeover of the Mavi Marmara

27. IDF officers and soldiers testified that after the takeover of the *Mavi Marmara* they behaved humanely toward the passengers despite the fact that many of them refused to follow orders or cooperate. Testimonies from soldiers indicate that requests for water or to use the facilities were complied with.

28. Soldiers testified that they tied only the hands of operatives who caused a disturbance, or those who they were afraid might pose a danger to the IDF forces. Their testimonies indicated that passengers who did not pose a danger and who requested that their hands be untied had their requests complied with.<sup>3</sup> According to a high-ranking Israeli Navy officer, "Below decks the passengers sat with their hands tied. We brought them food and water and took them to use the facilities when they requested. We loosened the bindings of those who found them painful...We did not tie the hands of the women and older men..."

29. Medical treatment: Testimonies from officers and soldiers, including the Israeli naval commando doctor who was on board the *Mavi Marmara* and the unit commander for aerial evacuation, indicate that the wounded received professional medical treatment and were evacuated by air in a complex operation. They were brought to a number of locations on board the ship and with considerable effort raised to the upper deck to ensure treatment and evacuation. Triage was performed in accordance with objective medical criteria, with the result that some of the wounded IDF soldiers received treatment after wounded operatives.

30. According to testimony, the wounded were evacuated very rapidly. Thirty-one were evacuated in six hours, an extremely rapid rate considering that there was only one evacuation point on board the ship and that at the same time other wounded individuals were being treated. The evacuation ended around noon. An IDF doctor aboard the *Mavi Marmara* said that as soon as the wounded began receiving treatment not one of them died. That was despite the fact that according to testimony, several of the wounded operatives refused

<sup>3</sup> The testimonies of the soldiers corroborate the description of the events in *The Bloodstained Mavi Marmara* and Sefik Dinc's interview on Israel's Channel 1 TV. He said the Israeli soldiers untied the hands of the several passengers, especially older passengers, women, and men who had not created a disturbance.

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medical treatment, claiming they preferred to die as shaheeds.<sup>4</sup> In addition, according to the fleet doctor, in a number of cases wounded operatives tried to hamper medical treatment by removing and tearing off medical equipment.

31. According to the testimony of a high-ranking Israeli Navy officer, some of the wounded operatives were unwilling to leave the lounge below deck where they lay (apparently preferring to die rather than receive medical care from Israelis). He said that he had spoken to the doctor on board the ship, who told him that there were many wounded individuals who refused to be evacuated, some of them seriously injured. The IDF soldiers were forced to evacuate wounded operatives against their will to save their lives, while other operatives physically tried to prevent the soldiers from reaching them. Even after all the wounded had been evacuated some of the operatives continued physical resistance, and in one case the resistance was so violent the soldiers had to use force to restrain the operative.

#### **IDF Forces Subjected to Physical and Verbal Abuse on the Flotilla's Other Five Ships**

32. The flotilla included five ships besides the *Mavi Marmara*. There were two Turkish IHH ships, the *Defney* and the *Gazze*, a European Campaign to End the Siege on Gaza (ECESG) ship, the *Sfendoni 8000*, the Free Gaza Movement's *Challenger*, and the *Sofia*, a ship sent by a Greek organization which joined the flotilla. Testimonies from IDF officers who commanded the takeover of the ships indicate that the IDF forces were subjected to various levels of physical and verbal abuse and the passengers expressed readiness to use violence against the soldiers, although not at the same level exhibited on board the *Mavi Marmara*.

33. According to the testimonies of IDF soldiers, during pre-boarding exchanges of communications the soldiers told the ships that the Gaza Strip was under closure and that they would not be able to enter. The ships' spokesmen replied that they were determined to reach Gaza and hurled invective (in English), such as "Go back to Auschwitz."

34. According to various testimonies:

1) Aboard the *Sfendoni 8000* the IDF forces encountered moderate violence, and even beyond: for example, an attempt at evasion was made which endangered other IDF vessels in the zone; objects were thrown when vessels were approached; an attempt was made to take a soldier's weapon; the soldiers were shoved down a ladder to the lower deck and dozens of passengers engaged in physical violence at close quarters. The passengers also attempted to

<sup>4</sup> The testimonies corroborate the description of the events in *The Bloodstained Mavi Marmara*. According to the book, the operatives on board were prepared for every scenario, and expressed their readiness to die (pp. 23-24). According to ITIC information, before the violent confrontation seven of the nine operatives killed had stated, in one way or another, that they intended to die as shaheeds.

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congregate on the roof. [Note: According to testimony from a soldier regarding the *Sfendoni 8000*, "...One of the boats [the *Sfendoni 8000*] maneuvered itself very close to us, it was on a collision course. That is, it simply tried to run us down, and chased us even after we tried to evade it. It got as close as 20 meters, a very short distance in naval maneuvering, and it presented a clear and immediate danger to our vessel...Finally we made a sharp turn and got in back of it..."]



The *Sfendoni 8000*, the ECESG ship which participated in the flotilla. Its name refers to the number of Palestinians detained in Israel for terrorist activities.

2) The *Challenger* carried out evasion tactics and in effect made the force pursue it for a considerable distance. Once on board the soldiers were faced with moderate violence, which included both physical and verbal abuse, there were attempts to shove soldiers and some passengers barricaded themselves in certain cabins. In addition, there were a number of activists who caused a disturbance and refused to cease, and the soldiers were forced to use Tasers to restrain them.

3) Aboard the *Defney* significant preparations had been made for violence. The ship's crane had been positioned in such a way as to make it hard or impossible for soldiers to descend from a helicopter to the deck, forcing them to descend to the roof and endanger their lives. In addition, cables were strung, barbed wire was unrolled, gravel was strewn and there were stones and iron bars ready for use near the hull. In the communications room set up on board the ship the soldiers found videos documenting the crew deploying for the soldiers' arrival, preparing to prevent the takeover of the ship. According to one statement, when the soldiers arrived on board the ship they were met with verbal abuse from the crew.

4) On board the *Sofia* resistance included verbal abuse.

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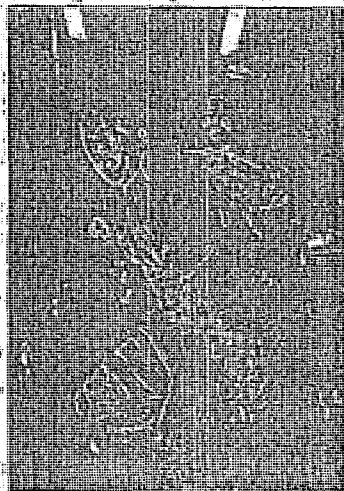
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## Appendix

### From the Testimonies of Three IDF Soldiers Who Were Attacked, Captured and Beaten by IHH Operatives and Their Accomplices after They Descended from the Helicopter

#### Testimony of Soldier A

Pictures of Soldier A from The Bloodstained Mavi Marmara, by Şefik Dinc



Caption from the book: The soldier who was beaten with iron rods and wooden clubs. His face was bloodied and fear can be seen in his eyes as he is taken below.



Caption from the book: After the three well-armed soldiers landed, they were beaten and taken below decks.

1. "...Sliding down the rope to the deck of the ship we were in the air for two or three minutes. My commander told me to get a stun grenade ready to disperse the people waiting for us on the roof. From the helicopter I could make out about 15 people, some of them wearing gas masks or smoke masks and most of them wearing life jackets [although in the end it turned out they were definitely bulletproof vests].
2. "...At that point and in accordance with the preparations we had made, as well as briefings and simulations of what we would do, I still thought we would be faced with proportional resistance from peace activists and that at worst we would have to get a little physical, or

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maybe even use less lethal arms, paint [balls] or Tasers, to restrain them. During briefings, including one-on-one conversations with the commander of my team, it was stressed that firearms were to be used as a last resort and only in case our lives were in immediate danger.

3. "The [helicopter] pilot gave the order to lower the first rope from the opposite side of the helicopter and it was let down. I didn't see what happened next, but in retrospect [I realized that] the operatives on deck caught it and tied it to the ship. Then the second rope was thrown down on my side, and someone tapped me on the back and signaled me to slide down. I thought that when I reached the deck I would have to struggle against a mob of people but that I would be immediately backed up by the other soldiers and that we would overcome them.

4. "However, from the time I reached the deck until the next soldier arrived eight seconds passed, and that is a very long time for this type of action. While I was still in the air I saw that the 15 people who were on the roof had been joined by dozens of others wearing gas masks and rescue suits, and armed with clubs and iron rods, monkey wrenches and axes. When I was about two or two and a half meter above the deck, they took hold of the rope and dragged it aside.

5. "Before my feet hit the deck about ten men jumped on me and started beating me with clubs, iron bars, their fists and anything else they could find. They beat my whole body, but they focused especially my head and face. I have to make it clear that at that point I wasn't armed, my gun was still attached to my back and all I had in my vest was a Taser, which, in view of the brutality of the attack, was not really relevant. That was when I knew my life was really in immediate danger...

6. "They shoved me toward the hull and because there were so many of them I couldn't defend myself. A number of them picked me up by my legs and body and threw me down to the lower deck, a distance of about three and a half meters. I couldn't see any other soldiers on board and so I thought I was the only soldier who had landed. When I hit the lower deck I broke my arm and a mob of dozens of men jumped on me and simply tried to lynch me, that is, they broke my helmet and choked me, drove their fingers into my eyes and tried to gouge them out, pulled my arms and legs one way and then another, and beat me with clubs and iron bars, especially my head.

7. "I thought I was going to die, it was much worse than what we call a danger to your life. At that point they acted like they were fighting an enemy and had come to kill him, that is, kill me. I kept waiting for the blow to my head that would kill me. At that point the mob tore off my vest, where my gun was, and it fell out.

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8. "I realized that I couldn't overcome all of them and to save my life I wanted to jump into the water, but in the first place, I was afraid [I wouldn't fall into the water and] I would just land on a lower deck, and in the second place, the mob didn't let me get near the hull...

9. "...Someone hit me in the head with an iron bar. That disoriented me for a second and that was when they took my gun. At that point I thought the mob wanted to take me hostage and use me as a bargaining chip to enter the Gaza Strip. My face was covered with blood from the wounds to my head. The mob kept beating me and shoved me below decks. I realized it was useless to resist physically and that I couldn't fight them all off and I simply looked for the chance to jump into the water to escape. At that point I was certain I was going to die...

10. "...Then they took me below decks and kept taking photographs, videos, stills, it was like a press conference. They continued beating me, mostly around the head with clubs. Every time they beat me I thought I was going to pass out, or worse than that, die. All the time I was being shoved along below decks one of them kept choking me from behind and twisted my arms behind my back, and everyone who passed me joined the beating. When I was halfway down the ladder I started saying, 'Doctor, doctor,' and they brought a doctor to me. My head had a very deep cut. The doctor treated me for the cameras, but all he really did was wipe the blood off my forehead. I had an open skull wound which he didn't even touch. [Note: When the soldier was hospitalized in Israel, he was diagnosed with a deep skull wound which required 14 stitches and a fractured skull.] After that they took me down to a passenger lounge, laid me out on a couch and one of them kept watch over me, holding a club over my head. I asked for water, and felt I had lost so much blood I was going to pass out. At first they wouldn't bring me water, and they only did after ten or fifteen minutes.

11. "That was when I saw there were two kinds of people in the room: there were terrorists, very large, strong men, about twenty to forty years old, armed with cold weapons running back and forth like they were in the middle of a operational activity. Some of them were talking on walkie-talkies, reporting about what was going on. Except for the fact that they weren't wearing uniforms, they looked exactly like a military force. There were also people who were relatively moderate, men and women, a little older who showed restraint and did not harm me.

12. "I saw that the two groups did not agree with each other. The terrorist group wanted to hurt and kill me, while the others tried to protect me. I was afraid that one of the terrorist group would get to me and either shoot me or stab me to death.

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13. "A short time after I was put below decks two other captured soldiers were brought in. I saw that soldier C had been very badly beaten and was exhausted and barely conscious. Soldier B was brought over to where I was, he was limping but I couldn't see anything external. However, later I found out that he had been stabbed in the stomach. Each one of us had a guard who held a club over our heads. I want people to know that all the time I was alone below decks, before soldiers B and C were brought in, **the mob kept pointing at me and yelling 'Gilad Shalit,' and they were very happy that an Israeli soldier had been captured.**

14. "A couple of minutes later soldier C began having convulsions, and I started moving around and yelling that they had to bring a doctor. The guards reacted by beating me and tied my hands. Because of my shouts a doctor came and poured water on C but that was all he did, he didn't take serious care of him...

15. "Later the PA system came on and we could hear the captain saying that the ship had been taken over by the soldiers and that they were using firearms and that all the passengers had to go below decks. The announcement caused a lot of agitation in the ship and people yelled 'Allahu akbar' ['Allah is mighty'] and began inflaming each other's emotions. **After that they moved us [to the upper deck] and sat us near the prow.** I saw that soldier C wasn't walking, that they were dragging him. Two men dragged me as well. At that point I **thought they were moving us to the prow to execute us...**

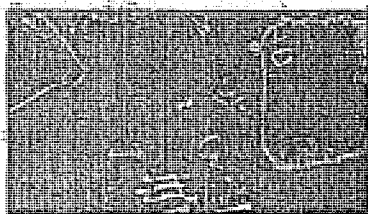
16. "After about ten minutes they opened the door and took us out towards the prow, the man guarding me held me a little less tight and waved his arm back and forth toward one of our boats, and I understood it was to show our forces that they were holding Israeli soldiers. Since he was only holding me with one hand and not very tightly, I **elbowed him in the ribs and jumped into the water.** The guard tried to hold me but I got away from him and fell into the water. **I did it because I knew it was the only way I could save my life...**

17. "In the hospital they found I had skull fractures, two cranial hemorrhages, a deep cut on my head and many superficial wounds on my face. I also had a hemorrhage in one eye and my left arm was broken."



## Testimony of Soldier B

### Pictures of Soldier B from The Bloodstained Mavi Marmara, by Şefik Dinç



Caption from the book: The soldiers taken captive were surprised when they were taken below decks just as they were surprised by their capture when they landed on the ship. They may have secretly thought they were going to be executed. The intervention of a number of volunteers prevented the IDF soldiers from being beaten more.

18. "...During the flight [to the site of the *Mavi Marmara*], I was in direct contact with the pilot and my commander, receiving ongoing updates. At first I was given to understand that there were between ten and fifteen men on the roof. (That was at first, after the helicopter arrived many more came up there...) I received a report that the naval force had met with serious, aggressive violence, and a decision had been made that soldiers would not climb [onto the ship from boats in the water...]. The fleet commander ordered me to prepare two stun grenades. On the port and starboard sides of the ship...we were planning to throw a rope. I saw a large group of men, thirty or forty on the roof, they were wearing rescue suits and gas masks, they were holding chairs...At that point I understood that the resistance to the soldiers being lowered from the helicopter had become physical; to keep us from reaching the ship. I skipped over the soldiers in the helicopter and went down third...As I slid down the rope I saw that there were four times as many people on the roof than there were before and I knew that confronting them was going to be different from what I first thought.

19. "As I was sliding down the rope I saw that they were throwing things at us. They hit me with iron bars and stones. When I reached the roof I felt a hard blow on my neck from behind, and I saw I was surrounded by about fifteen or twenty men, some of them holding clubs and some of them holding knives, axes. They were all wearing orange life jackets,

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some of them with kaffiyehs covering their faces, and some wearing gas masks and some whose faces weren't hidden. I immediately understood that my life was in danger and that the lives of the other soldiers who were sliding down from the helicopter were also in danger.

20. "I knew that as commander I was not in control of the situation...I went flying from a blow. Someone gave me a hard shove and I fell. I found myself sitting on the floor with my back to the hull of the ship and people all around me. They were holding axes, knives, iron bars and clubs and running toward me, it was only going to take a second or two until they reached me...

21. "As soon as they reached me they snatched my gun and hit me as hard as they could with the bars and clubs. I was sitting with my back to the hull with my knees bent and protecting my face with my hands. All the people surrounding me were hitting me as hard as they could, especially my head. They were in a frenzy, screaming 'Allahu akbar' ['Allah is great'] over and over. They were hitting me all over, but mostly, as I said, my head.

22. "After about two minutes when they were beating me and I was trying to defend myself a number of men grabbed my arms and legs and picked me up, and I realized they were going to throw me overboard into the water. I resisted and struggled as hard as I could but it didn't do any good. I have to say that even then they continued hitting me hard in the stomach. I fought back as hard as I could until they got me over the hull. I hung onto it with both hands and was hanging from it. The people above me kept hitting my hands and the other group on the lower deck dragged me down by my legs.

23. "Then I fell down onto the lower deck very fast. When I hit the deck some more people rushed over to me because they heard shouts of 'Allahu akbar.' I was lying on the deck and many people were standing over me. One of them jumped on me and I felt a sharp pain in my lower abdomen. I put my hand out and felt a knife and knew I had been stabbed. Instinctively I pulled the knife out. I have to make it clear that even then, they were still beating me, even with clubs. Then some of them dragged me [off the deck and] into the ship. All I could think was that they were bringing me into the ship to kill me.

24. "I tried to resist and to find something to hang onto. Every time I resisted they beat me hard. At first they dragged me inside to a ladder, and before they shoved me down they took all my equipment. I resisted as best I could but without success. I remember they kept screaming, their eyes were insane and full of hate, and I knew it was the end and they were going to kill me.

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25. They dragged me down a ladder, two men, one above and one below. While they were dragging me by my pants they started coming off and my shirt hiked up. I saw that there was massive bleeding and I could see my intestines spilling out of my stomach. (Today I know it was because I pulled the knife out.) I also saw I had a deep cut on my left arm and it was also bleeding a lot, and I could feel blood running from my nose into my mouth. My head was uncovered because they took my [head cover] after they took my equipment.



Operatives surrounding the wounded **III** soldier they captured, apparently soldier B. In the lower right-hand corner one of them can be seen holding a knife (hundreds of knives had been prepared as weapons for the confrontation) (Photo by Adem Ozkose for Reuters, May 31, 2010). The soldier was stabbed while he was wounded and helpless.

26. While they were dragging me down the ladder I saw soldier C lying on the bottom deck with men acting crazy all around him, they kept beating him without stopping. They kept dragging me down the ladder and my pants kept coming off and my shirt kept hiking up. Then they moved off a little and I found myself surrounded by people with cameras, video and still cameras, and they kept taking pictures, I could see the flashes going off.

27. That was when I asked for a doctor and pointed at the cut in my stomach. I received a gauze pad and pressed it on the wound on my stomach. Then I remember two men wearing bandannas made out of green Hamas flags who were really eager to kill us. They tried to strangle me and soldier C, and you could see the hate burning in their eyes. They told us in English that they were going to kill us. Apparently what kept them from doing it was that there were people who wouldn't let them and pushed them away.

28. After that they dragged me to the next lower deck and put me in a lounge. I found soldier A there, his whole face was bloody. They put me on a couch across from him. It was a big

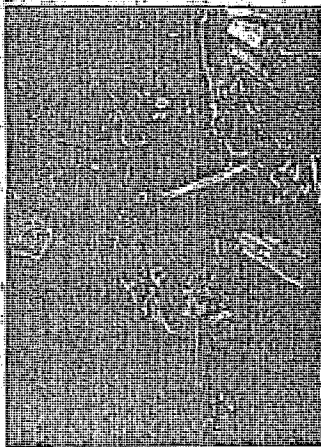
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lounge with a lot of couches. There were dozens of people there, women with veiled faces took care of wounded men, but not of us. Right after they brought me there they brought soldier C as well and put him on a couch next to me...They tied my hands and feet with rope. There was a man next to me who held a wooden stick in one hand and my hand in the other. He beat me with the stick and with his hand signaled that every time I moved he would hit me hard... Everything began to be blurry, I guess from loss of blood...

29. Question: "Did any of the passengers actively try to help you?" Answer: "There were two groups, one which tried to kill us and was only waiting for the chance. The other tried to defuse the situation and they were the ones who kept the extremist group from killing us."

## Testimony of Soldier C

### Pictures of Soldier A from The Bloodstained Mavi Marmara, by Şefik Ding



**Caption from the book: The soldiers who slid down ropes met with resistance from the passengers. The three first soldiers were captured and beaten with iron bars and wooden clubs and taken to the space below the captain's bridge.**

30. "...At a certain point we received instructions that the helicopter would lower the force onto the roof with ropes. One of the soldiers sat near the door and saw a number of men on the roof...When I reached the deck I saw a terrorist with an iron crowbar waiting to hit me over the head, but when he tried to I shoved him away and four more terrorists jumped me straightaway. One of them wrapped a chain around my neck to choke me while I was trying to fight them off...

31. "At that point I lost consciousness, I saw stars, I imagine from being strangled. When I regained consciousness I felt I was in the air. Three or four terrorists were throwing me from the upper deck to the bridge deck. I felt heavy and I could tell I was falling fast and hard. About twenty men with clubs, axes and other weapons were waiting for me on the lower deck. As soon as I fell, and it seemed to me they had it all planned, they caught me and dragged me into the ship. I saw knives and they cut all my equipment away and they kept beating me all the time...Then they dragged us, I was barely conscious, they dragged us down a ladder into the ship...

31. "...They put me in a room [i.e., lounge] and kept beating me. The room was full of blue couches and they put me on one of them. There were two men, one of them kept hitting me

all the time I was tied to the couch and they also held me down while he hit me. There was another guy there, he tried to calm him down, but it didn't do any good. Things began to get fuzzy and I didn't feel well, I could feel my head... That was when I lost consciousness. (My comrades told me I had convulsions as well.) The next thing I remember was waking up with the commander of the medical unit over me taking care of me, and then I lost consciousness again. The next time I woke up I was in the hospital..."

32. **Question:** "How did the organization of the operatives strike you?" **Answer:** "As I said before, it looked like it was premeditated, when they threw me from one deck to another there were people waiting there who knew what they were supposed to do with me, to take my equipment and undress me and from there to put me in an inner room, and all the other operatives took them [i.e., the other captured IDF soldiers] to the same room, it had to be organized."

33. **Question:** "How did the operatives look?" **Answer:** "They were all wearing the same thing, gas masks and orange vests. They seemed to be well prepared, they waited and it was as though everything had been planned. They were all big, heavy men and their objective seemed to be very clear, to harm us."

34. **Question:** "Were all the operatives the same?" **Answer:** "It seems to me that there was a group with a lot of equipment, and that was the group that came after us. All the time they were dragging me, inside they were taking pictures, and I heard women's voices in English saying 'Stop hitting him' and other things."

35. **Question:** "Describe your wound and recuperation." **Answer:** "I was taken to the hospital unconscious and breathing with a respirator. My skull was fractured and bleeding internally. They sent me straight to the operating room. They fixed my skull; they put the pieces back in place, I had an open skull wound and I was lucky my brain was not damaged."

36. **Question:** "While the helicopter was approaching the ship did you or anyone else fire a weapon before you descended to the ship?" **Answer:** "No. The only thing we did was throw stun grenades to disperse the terrorists at the point of descent. Beyond that, we didn't fire at all [from the helicopter]. No firearms were used."

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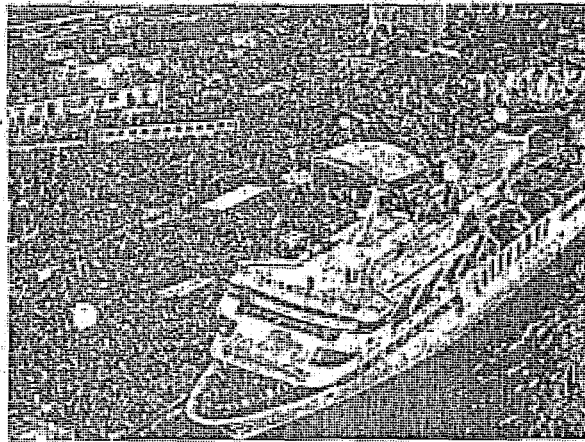
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The reception for the Mavi Marmara at the port of Istanbul. Participants shout "Death to Israel!"  
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## Overview

1. The Turkish IHH, which played a key role in the last flotilla, **continues at the forefront of an anti-Israeli hate and incitement campaign waged in Turkey and elsewhere.** IHH spokesmen make extensive use of myth of the *Mavi Marmara's* "heroism" and have adopted the maximalist Palestinian demands, including the return of the Palestinians "to Jaffa, Tel Aviv and Haifa."

2. IHH leader Bülent Yildirim continues using anti-Semitic themes to defame Israel. He recently claimed that "Zionists" controlled the United States and the global media and repeatedly accused Israel of deliberate "slaughter" aboard the *Mavi Marmara*. He also claimed that the takeover of the ship was meant to establish Israel's ownership of the oil and gas fields in the Mediterranean (and was carried out at a location where Israel wants to tap underwater natural gas reserves) and he defended the support IHH provides to Hamas.

3. The IHH approach was recently expressed at three additional events:

A. At the reception for the *Mavi Marmara* at the port of Istanbul on December 27: Thousands of people participated in the reception. The families of the operatives killed aboard the ship and representatives from various countries attended, as did Muhammad Sawalha, a Hamas activist who lives in Britain and participates in organizing flotillas. Senior members of the Turkish government did not attend. The crowd shouted "Death to Israel" (Al-Jazeera-TV, December 26; Yenisafak, December 27, 2010).

B. At the reception for the Asian convoy during its tour of a number of Turkish cities (the convoy did not reach Istanbul): Convoy participants were welcomed by senior IHH figures. The convoy's passage through Turkey was exploited for displays of hatred for Israel, although it was not widely covered by the Turkish media.

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For further information, see the date bulletin "IHH leader Bülent Yildirim gave an interview focusing on the U.S. intention to designate the IHH as a terrorist organization and on the *Mavi Marmara* incident. Yildirim claimed "Zionists" controlled the U.S. and world media. He accused Israel of massacring the *Mavi Marmara* passengers and defended IHH assistance to Hamas" at [http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam/multimedia/English/eng\\_n/pdf/tpc\\_e147.pdf](http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam/multimedia/English/eng_n/pdf/tpc_e147.pdf).

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C. At the inauguration of a building constructed with IHH support in the town of Jabaliya in the northern Gaza Strip, where the IHH representative said he had hopes the Palestinians would return to Jaffa, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

## The Reception for the Mavi Marmara in the Port of Istanbul

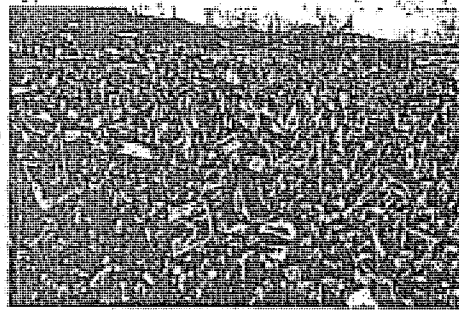
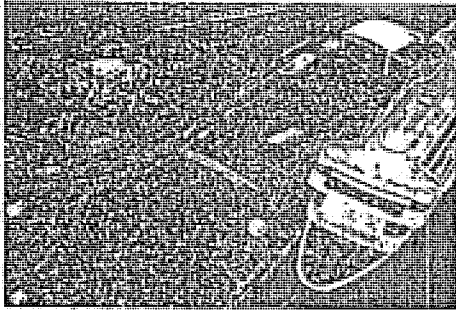
4. On December 26 IHH held a reception in the port of Istanbul for the *Mavi Marmara*, which had returned from being repaired. The boat, which was decorated with Palestinian flags and pictures of the nine IHH operatives killed in the confrontation with the IDF, was received by thousands of Turks shouting "Death to Israel." The ceremony was attended by families of those killed aboard the *Mavi Marmara* and representatives from various countries. Among the representatives was Muhammad Sawalha, a Hamas activist from Britain who participates in organizing flotillas. Senior members of the Turkish government did not attend (Al-Jazeera TV, December 26; Yenisafak, December 27, 2010).

5. IHH leader Bülent Yildirim gave a speech to inflate the myth of the "heroism" of the *Mavi Marmara*. He praised the struggle against the IDF soldiers and claimed that Israel attacked the ship with "dozens of boats, warships, helicopters and even submarines" and that "the Israeli soldiers used every possible weapon except an atomic bomb." He admitted that the passengers used force in their struggle against the IDF soldiers, asking if anyone expected them not to use force to resist such an attack.

6. Bülent Yildirim announced that [IHH] would struggle against "the filth that is Israel" and called for "release from the burden that Israel puts on the back of the Middle East." He also criticized the leaders of the Islamic countries who, "if they wanted to, could wipe Zionism off the face of the earth." He said that in a short time representatives from "at least 100 countries" would sail to the Gaza Strip, until the so-called "siege" was totally lifted (Yenisafak, December 26, 2010).

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The reception for the Mavi Marmara (yenikit.com website).

### IHH Display of Hatred for Israel during a Reception for the Asian Convoy

7. IHH has become a sponsor of the Asian convoy, which arrived in Turkey on December 17 on its way to the Gaza Strip (via the Syrian port of Latakia). During a tour of a number of Turkish cities (the convoy did not reach Istanbul) the participants were received by senior IHH figures. Their passage through Turkey was exploited for a display of hatred for Israel. However, the visit was not widely covered by the Turkish media (with the exception of the IHH website, and the local media in places visited by the participants and in the Turkish Islamist press).

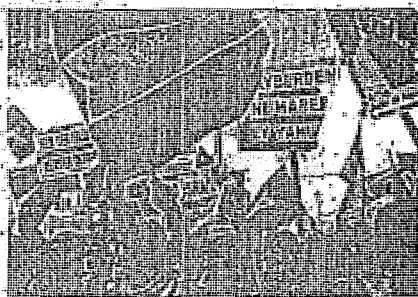
8. In the eastern Turkish city of Diyarbakir a reception was held for the convoy participants and attended by IHH leader Bülent Yıldırım. The crowd held Palestinian flags and signs in support of Hamas, as well as posters with the picture of one of the operatives killed aboard the *Mavi Marmara*, who claimed that he was "a descendant of Salah al-Din." In his speech Bülent Yıldırım said that Israel now had to deal with "all the Salah al-Dins," and that IHH stood shoulder to shoulder with the oppressed of the earth; "in Turkey, Kurdistan, the Caucasus and Bosnia (Diyarbakirsoz.com, December 19, 2010).

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IHH leader Bülent Yıldırım speaks at the reception for the convoy (IHH website, December 20, 2010).

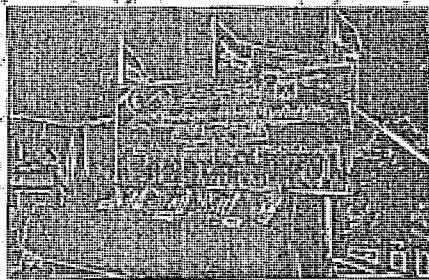
9. During the ceremony, Palestinian flags were waved along with signs with anti-Israeli slogans and calls for Muslim unity. One sign read "Palestine is everywhere, the revolution is everywhere" and another referred to the battle of Khaybar, where the armies of Islam killed the Jewish tribes which resisted Muhammad and forced them to convert to Islam. Pictures showed a large sign with Ahmed Yassin, Hamas founder, and one reading "Muslim, when will you awake?" and "Israel, go to hell" (IHH website, December 20, 2010).



The signs waved at the reception for the convoy. Top: "Palestine is everywhere, the revolution is everywhere," and a reference to the battle of Khaybar. Lower left: "Israel, go to hell." Lower right: A picture of Ahmed Yassin, Hamas founder, and under it a sign reading "Muslim, when will you awake?" (IHH website, December 20, 2010).

### Inaugurating a Building in Jabaliya Constructed with IHH Support

10. On December 15, 2010, a ceremony was held in the Gaza Strip to inaugurate a new apartment building renovated after it was damaged during Operation Cast Lead. The building, in the northeastern Gaza Strip town of Jabaliya (from which rockets have often been launched into Israeli territory), was constructed with IHH funds; the construction was supervised by the public works ministry of the de facto Hamas administration. The ceremony was conducted by Muhammad Kaya, IHH representative in the Gaza Strip,<sup>2</sup> and attended by senior figures in the de facto Hamas administration, including Yousef al-Mansi, public works minister; Issa al-Nashar, advisor to Ismail Haniya; and other public figures (IHH website, December 23, 2010).



The festive ceremony led by Muhammad Kaya, IHH representative in the Gaza Strip (Hamas website).

11. During the ceremony, at which the families received the keys to their apartments, Muhammad Kaya gave an anti-Israeli speech. He said, "We [IHH] represent Turkey, and our interest and goal is not to feed the Palestinian people and bring them food, but to help them stand on their feet in face of the occupation's oppression and support them in confronting their enemies. We are certain that if the force on this land [i.e., the de facto Hamas administration in the Gaza Strip] submitted to imperialist dictates money would flow in from every side, but this force refused [to surrender to all the dictates] and stood firm in the face of challenges." He added that "We the Turkish Muslim people will continue to stand at the side of the Palestinian people. Our spirit is with theirs, our money is [placed] with theirs, we will remain at their side and support them." He then thanked those who had helped rebuild

<sup>2</sup> IHH has had a branch office in the Gaza Strip since January 2008. In November 2009 another IHH activist, Izzat Shahin, was sent to Judea and Samaria to open another branch. He transferred several thousand dollars from IHH to Hamas "charitable societies." In April 2010 he was detained on suspicion of funding terrorism and supporting Hamas and deported to Turkey at the request of Turkish officials. Muhammad Kaya continues as IHH representative in the Gaza Strip, where he has been very active.

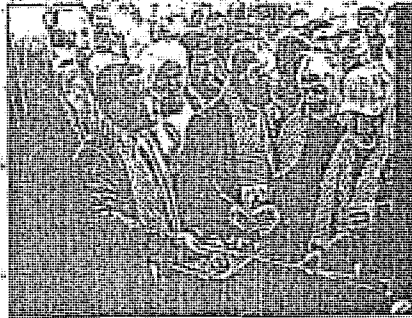
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the building and said that "the day will come when Palestinians will build their houses in Jaffa, Tel Aviv and Haifa."<sup>3</sup>



Muhammad Kaya, IHH representative the Gaza Strip (mohammed-74.maktoobblog.com/page/2 website).



Cutting the ribbon. Second from left: Muhammad Kaya, IHH representative next to Yousef al-Mansi, minister of public works (www.mashhad-as.net/?p=3832 website)

12. Yousef al-Mansi, public works minister in the de facto Hamas administration, said that the building was located near the [international] border. He said, "We are near a temporary border which was created by the occupation..." He expressed admiration for the Turkish people who were helping the Palestinians, especially IHH, which was funding construction projects in the Gaza Strip. He added, "Despite the differences between our peoples and languages, our [mutual] goal is the same, it is to liberate [all] Palestine" (Hamas *Felesteen*).

<sup>3</sup> <http://samanews.com/index.php?act=Show&id=83670>, December 15, 2010. Muhammad Kaya referred to Tel Aviv as "Tel al-Zahour," "the hill of flowers." The translation close to the Arabic "Tel al-Rabi'a," the literal Arabic translation of Tel Aviv "the hill of spring."

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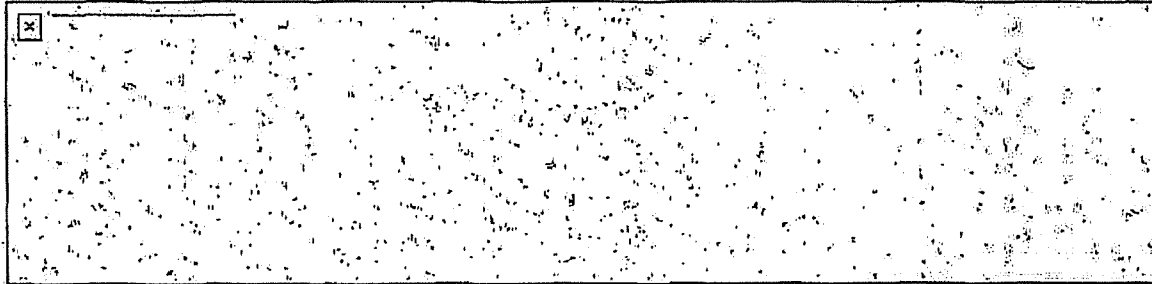


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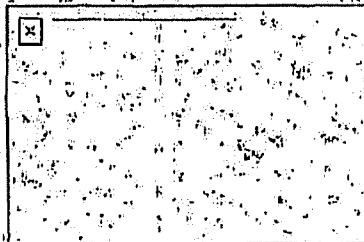
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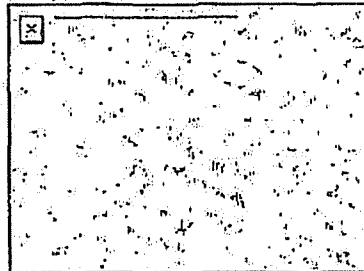
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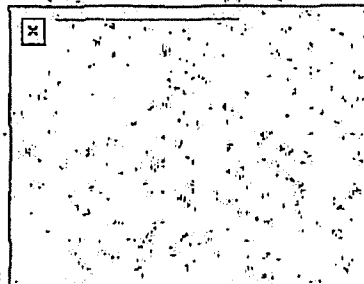
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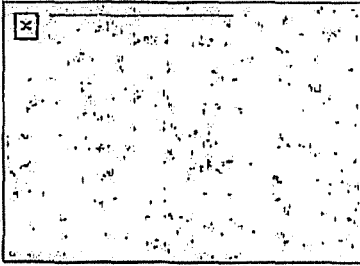
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**At Least 3 Among Dead Set out to Become "Martyrs"**  
TIP Press Release, June 3, 2010

Several European leaders were quick to condemn Israel's campaign Monday (May 31) to prevent an illegal flotilla from reaching Gaza - well before information and video footage showed that the self-described human rights activists aboard one of the ships were armed and violently attacked Israeli military personnel. [\[more\]](#)

**New Ship Headed for Gaza despite Israeli Prohibitions**  
**Vessel Exploiting Woman Killed While Working for Extremist**



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Anti-Israel activist Rachel Corrie, who died in 2003, burning an American flag

**Movement; Hamas Refusing to Allow Flotilla Aid into Gaza**  
TIP Press Release, June 2, 2010.

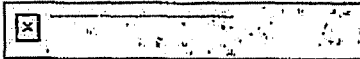
In the aftermath of a pre-meditated attack on Israeli soldiers attempting to intercept an illegal flotilla bound for Gaza from Turkey, another aid ship, the Irish-owned MV Rachel Corrie is headed for Gaza. [\[more\]](#)



**PMW Bulletins - Three of the four Turks killed on ship sought Martyr's death**

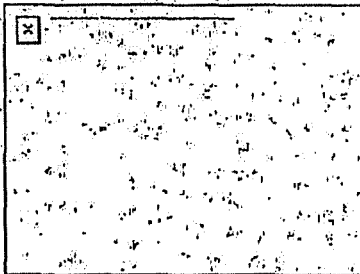
Article By Itamar Marcus and Nan Jacques Zilberdik, June 3, 2010

"Three of the four Turks killed in the Israeli attack on the "Freedom Flotilla" bound for the Gaza Strip wanted to die as Martyrs, said their relatives and friends. The wife of one of them, Ali Haydar Bengi, told the Vatan daily... [\[more\]](#)



**Facts Beyond the Spin: Israel Delivers Massive Aid to Gaza**  
June 2, 2010

Despite the fact that Israel publicly offered to inspect and then transfer the flotilla's aid to Gaza several days prior to the incident, many opponents of Israel are now making wild accusations that humanitarian supplies are being blocked from entering Gaza. [\[more\]](#)



**New U.S. Bipartisan Poll on Prospects for Peace**

June 1, 2010: Key findings from The Israel Project's poll on peace process conducted just days before flotilla incident near Gaza coast:

- Majority says U.S. should side with Israel over the Palestinians in ongoing conflict
- Majority agree that Prime Minister Netanyahu's government is committed to peace.

**Poll Questions (PDF) :: PowerPoint Presentation**



**Vice President Joe Biden on Charlie Rose (Video)**

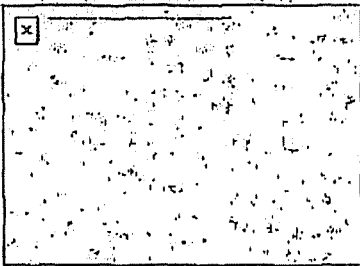
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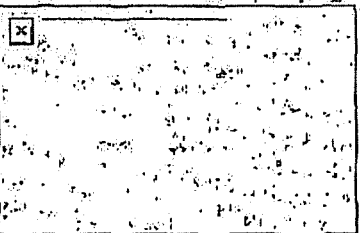


**Israeli Ambassador to U.S. Michael Oren interviewed by Bret Baier**  
FoxNewsChannel, June 1, 2010

Extended interview: Official defends deadly Israeli raid of Gaza flotilla [\[watch video\]](#)



**Lt. Col. Avital Leibowitz interviewed on CNN (Video)**  
*Israel Defense Forces respond to criticism following raid*  
June 2, 2010



**A Botched Raid, a Vital Embargo**  
Article by Daniel Gordis, New York Times, June 2, 2010

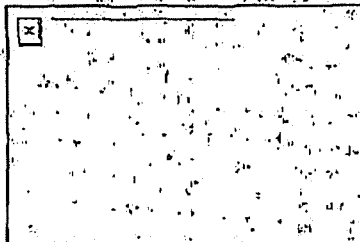
In the last few days, Jerusalem has been blanketed by an unusual combination of humiliation and steely determination. How is it, people here wondered aloud, that the same country that tripled its size in three lightning days in June 1967 and then pulled off the rescue at Entebbe nine years later now seems to botch everything? [\[more\]](#)

Attacks on Israeli forces boarding the Marmara (Photo: IDF Spokesperson)



**MOWBRAY: Freedom Flotilla flotsam**  
*Gaza blockade doesn't stop anti-Israeli propaganda*  
Article by Joel Mowbray, WashingtonTimes, June 1, 2010

Though the diplomatic fallout from the botched raid on the Gaza-bound flotilla this week will not be known for some time, the mainstream media already have suffered a serious blow to their credibility. [\[more\]](#)

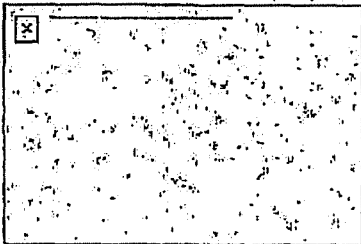


**Flotilla aid refused by Hamas**  
*"This proves that the whole thing was a provocation," official says.*  
Article by Khaled Abu Toameh, Ron Friedman and Abe Selig,  
Jerusalem Post, June 3, 2010

Hamas officials on Wednesday refused to allow into the Gaza Strip 21 truckloads of humanitarian aid that had been offloaded from the Gaza-bound flotilla ships currently docked at Ashdod Port, until "all" of those detained in Monday's naval raid were released. [\[more\]](#)

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### Flotilla raid: Turkish jihadis bent on violence attacked troops, Israel claims

*Turkish newspapers report that three of the four Turks killed were 'ready for martyrdom'*

Article by Harriet Sherwood for Guardian.co.uk, June 2, 2010

A hardcore of 40 Turkish jihadis on board the Mavi Marmara was responsible for the violence that led to nine deaths and dozens of injuries on the flotilla taking aid to Gaza, the Israeli government claimed today. [\[more\]](#)

### Gaza Flotilla Had Ties To Terrorist Organizations, Claims British Officer

Article by Sarah Mamula for Talk Radio News Service, June 2, 2010

Colonel Richard Kemp, a former commander of British forces in Afghanistan, said the individuals aboard the Gaza-bound flotilla raided by the Israeli military earlier this week were "hard core activists intent on violence." [\[more\]](#)

### TIP Conference Call with Col. Kemp, June 2, 2010

[Listen to the Audio \(Mp3\)](#)



### Ten deaths for an inverted truth

Article by Fiamma Nirenstein, June 1, 2010

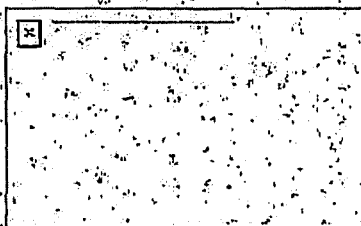
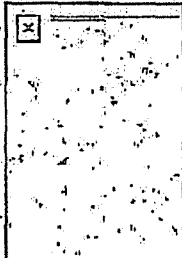
With its deaths and wounded, last night's episode on the Turkish ship, has diabolical elements. What is diabolical is the reversal, the lie that is being designed by international public opinion, as in the battle in Jenin and like the death of Mohamad Al Dura: the truth, apart from being tragic and regretful, has been inverted, flipping responsibility. [\[more\]](#)



### Rep. Barton supports Israel's blockade & its battle against terrorists in Gaza

Official Statement from Congressman Joe Barton, June 1, 2010

Rep Joe Barton (R-Ennis/Arlington) issued the following statement in response to this weekend's events aboard a ship trying to break the Israeli blockade of the Gaza Strip: "Israel is a unique outpost for democracy in the Middle East and a longtime, valuable friend to the United States." [\[more\]](#)



### Q&A-Is Israel's naval blockade of Gaza legal?

Article by Jonathan Saul for Reuters, June 2, 2010

Israel has said it will continue a naval blockade of the Gaza Strip despite growing global pressure to lift the siege after a navy raid on a Turkish ferry carrying aid killed nine activists this week. [\[more\]](#)

A pro-Palestinian activist is evacuated to Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital in Jerusalem. Photograph: Ahmad Charabi/AFP/Getty Images

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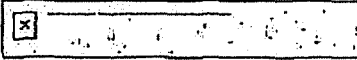
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## Operation 'Sea Breeze' Legal Aspects (PDF)

From The Military Strategic Information Section, International Military Cooperation Department, Strategic Division, Israel Defense Forces

For several years, the State of Israel has been engaged in an ongoing armed conflict with terrorist organizations operating in the Gaza Strip. [\[more\]](#)

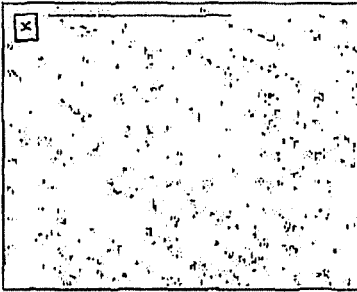


## Flotilla-Fallout Video Series



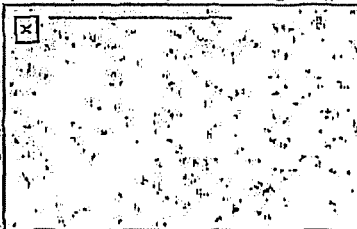
## Videos of Monday's tragic incident off the coast of Israel <http://www.theisraelproject.org/videos>

TIP will continue to monitor the situation and upload new royalty-free footage to our video player as new content is available.



## Flotilla YouTube Videos from Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

- [IDF - Navy Warns Flotilla \(31 May 2010\)](#)
- [MFA Spokesman on Gaza Flotilla - 24 May 2010](#)



## Flotilla YouTube Videos from the IDF Spokesperson's Unit:

- [Flotilla Rioters Prepare Rods, Slingshots, Broken Bottles and Metal Objects to Attack IDF Soldiers](#)
- [Weapons Found on the Flotilla Ship Mavi Marmara Used by Activists Against IDF Soldiers](#)
- [Demonstrators Use Violence Against Israeli Navy Soldiers Attempting to Board Ship](#)
- [IDF Transfers Humanitarian Aid From Gaza Flotilla to Gaza Strip](#)
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## More Flotilla Videos:

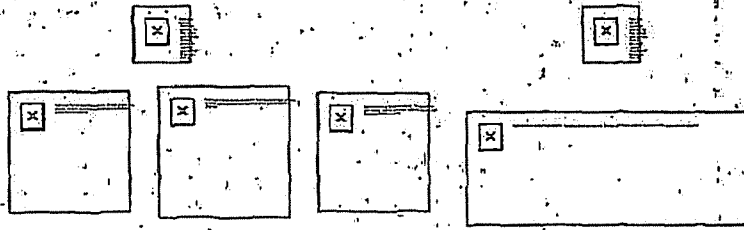
- [Daniel in the lions' den draws fangs; Muslims deny flotilla lynch-mob- then become one](#)  
Posted by Democast, June 1, 2010
- [True Human Rights Activists don't hug Vicious HR Violators](#)  
Posted by user MHLE2010, May 27, 2010
- [Beating the Hell Out of Israeli Naval Commandos](#)  
BBC Footage posted by user LetsFreeGaza, May 31, 2010

For a continued collection of multimedia related to the Gaza Flotilla, visit [www.theisraelproject.org/flotilla](http://www.theisraelproject.org/flotilla)

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From: Paley, Abram W  
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2010 9:03 AM  
To: Nelson, Timothy (Tel Aviv); Omer.Meisel@ic.fbi.gov  
Subject: RE: Israel considers these individuals to be terrorists

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Thanks Tim, will look into this on the Consular end.

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From: Nelson, Timothy (Tel Aviv)  
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2010 11:52 AM  
To: Paley, Abram W; Omer.Meisel@ic.fbi.gov  
Subject: Israel considers these individuals to be terrorists

Abram and Omer,

I just wanted to flag this information for you on individuals that Israel alleges are terrorists, including an AmCit and resident:

## Specific Flotilla Passangers Linked to Al-Qaeda, Hamas and Other Terror Organizations, 6 June 2010

Posted on June 6, 2010 by [Israel Defense Forces](#)

### Specific Flotilla Passengers are Active Terror Operatives Linked to Al-Qaeda, Hamas, and Other Organizations

6 June 2010

The following passengers on board the Mavi Marmara are known to be involved in terrorist activity. The Mavi Marmara attempted to break the maritime closure on the Gaza Strip on Monday, May 31, 2010, and was boarded by Israel Navy forces.

**Fatimah Mahmadi** (born 1979), is a United States resident of Iranian origin, and an active member of the organization "Viva Palestine", she attempted to smuggle forbidden electronic components into the Gaza Strip.

**Ken O'Keefe** (Born 1969), an American and British citizen, is a radical anti-Israel activist and operative of the Hamas Terror organization. He attempted to enter the Gaza Strip in order to form and train a commando unit for the Palestinian terror organization.

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Hassan Iynasi (born 1982), a Turkish citizen and activist in a Turkish charity organization, is known of providing financial support to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad Terror organization.

Hussein Urosh, a Turkish citizen and activist in the IHH organization, was on his way to the Gaza Strip in order to assist in smuggling Al-Qaeda operatives via Turkey into the Strip.

Ahmad Umimon (born 1959), is a French citizen of Moroccan origin, and an operative of the Hamas Terrorist organization.

I just came across it while doing some research for the Human Rights Report:

Tim

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Timothy D. Nelson  
*Political Officer*  
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[NelsonTD@state.gov](mailto:NelsonTD@state.gov)

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From: Levin, Jan X  
 Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 9:51 AM  
 To: Grubb, Jason B; Silverman, Robert J  
 Cc: Goldberger, Thomas H  
 Subject: FW: (C) Israeli AMB Levy Meets SFRC Staffer Bruder 6/1; Mavi Marmara, AKP's Relations with the PA

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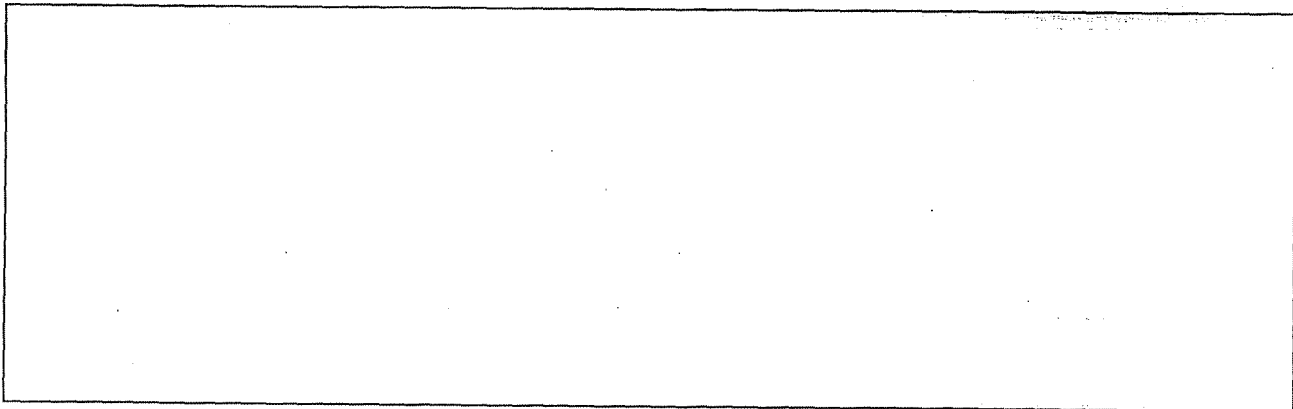
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 Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 2:18 PM  
 To: Levin, Jan X  
 Subject: (C) Israeli AMB Levy Meets SFRC Staffer Bruder 6/1; Mavi Marmara, AKP's Relations with the PA

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May 31 Mavi Marmara Commemoration

(C) Levy was pleasantly surprised by the desultory observance of the anniversary in Ankara. "Except for Taksim," he said during a June 1 conversation with us, "nothing much happened." According to Israeli security cameras, "five or six" demonstrators gathered without incident in front of the ambassador's residence to mark the moment of the Israel Defense Force's nighttime boarding of the Mavi Marmara a year ago. Levy noted no attempt by any major political party, including the governing Justice and Development Party (AKP), to exploit the anniversary during this pre-parliamentary election campaign season. (NOTE: I added this para to Istanbul's cable on the commemoration events there.)

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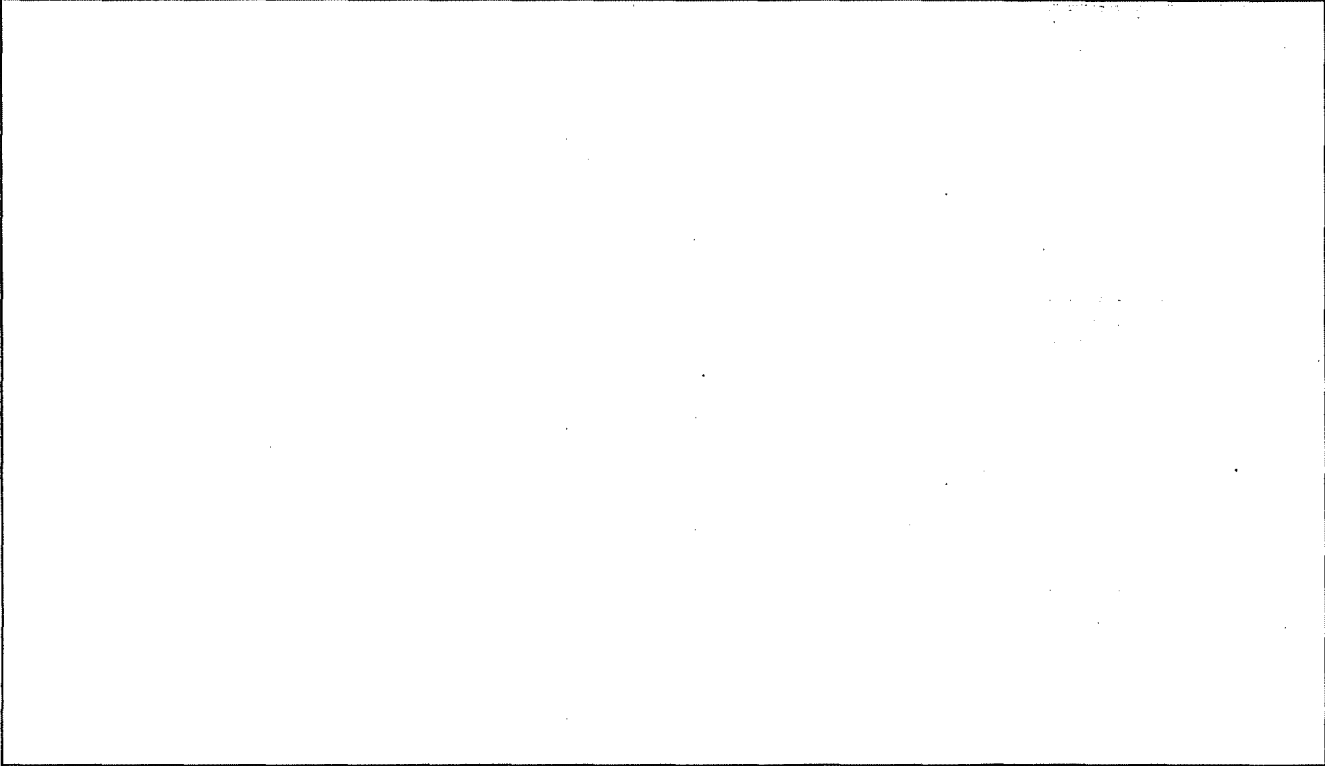
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Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 8:46 AM  
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[Please note new additions to the collective: David Berns, Elisa Greene, and SES Operations Watch Team.]



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(SBU) MFA Consular Affairs Bureau Hotline: The MFA has established a hotline that can be used to coordinate consular contact with detained foreign nationals who participate in the flotilla. The number (+972-2-530-4050) will be operational once ships arrive in Israeli ports. The MFA's notice also designates three detention facilities -- Eilah in Beersheva, Dekel in Beersheva, and Saharonim in Ketsiyot -- where foreign consuls may meet their nationals once coordinated through the hotline.

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(SBU) Additional "Flotillas":

- e. Israeli aviation security authorities and Koren have alerted us to a possible attempt on July 8 to stage a mass "fly-in" to Israel's Ben Gurion Airport of as many as 200 protesters. Israeli authorities continue to monitor Facebook and social media sites coordinating this effort but do not yet have other sources of information to provide.
- o. Israeli online media outlet *Y-net*, quoting Iran's *Press TV*, reported late June 30 that a South African relief group, headed by Sheikh Walid el-Saadi, would drive a "relief convoy" 10,000 miles from South Africa to Sudan, where they would take a Ferry to Al-Arish, Egypt. No timeline was provided in the press report, and it does not appear that the group will seek to break the blockade of Gaza.

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**Erdogan biggest loser in Israeli crime**  
**Al Hayat, Tuesday 08 June by Bakr Sidqi**

This is not the first US position of its kind. It seems like a trend that is being repeated over and over by the American traditional policy towards Israel. But it is the most embarrassing thus far. The Israeli attack was not against Palestinians or Arabs this time and for whom there is no western respect. It is also not against the "allowed to attack" Hamas and Hezbollah. It is rather against peace activists from many nationalities on a ship carrying flags of many countries.

It is an attack on a NATO member country in international waters which according to international law is punishable sea piracy.

These new considerations made the American cover for the crime more embarrassing than before. The question is why the American fight to defend a criminal. A different answer may appear if we considered Istanbul celebrations for being the European cultural capital.

Even the most defensive of the Turkish government decisions appeared in the press hesitant not knowing what to say or do. The government said the war option is not discussed. The Turkish leadership is un-precedently hesitant. The Israeli operation hid the Turkish head. No one expected this Turkish response to what happened. The new international player as a regional power that results in stability of the region is now turning its face after taking a slap on the other side.

No commandoes can kill people, all Turks, except with a political decision from the highest levels. Israel will not conduct such a stupidity unless it knows it will survive it.

This is where the American role appears in this process and this is what gives Israel the completely logical political sense. Obama administration encouraged Turkey and Brazil to convince Iran to sign the nuclear exchange agreement a few weeks ago and then refused this agreement. The US Administration and Israel agreed to restrict and decrease the increasingly growing Turkish role in the past few years, and so happened the massacre.

**Tarek Al Humayed,**  
**Asharq Al Awsat, 08 June 2010,**

The ship or flotilla was not a military operation, but rather a peaceful civil operation and it embarrassed Israel in front of the international community. It put Israel under political and media siege instead of Gaza. Israel responded and began a talk about a partial siege lifting under world pressure to contain the angry international responses. The "resistance" and "non-moderates camp" did not using their loud speeches and words create such a position. They never embarrassed Israel. Peaceful work did not and this is what Syrian President Assad now calls "modern example".

Now those non-moderates are shocked and want to exchange the speeches and slogans with freedom ships. Will we learn the lesson?

**The Turkish role in the Middle East: its Likelihood and Limitations**

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Mon, 07 June 2010 George Semaan

The "Sky Winds" that have blown on the Turkish ship "Marmara" were a gift from the skies to Turkey to finish building its strategy in the Middle East and lead a broad-scale international campaign to lift the blockade imposed on Gaza, at a time when a few days earlier, it had launched an initiative alongside Brazil in the context of the handling of the Iranian nuclear file. Indeed, the brutal Israeli attack on the Freedom Flotilla provided Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan with a rare opportunity to achieve a series of goals at once, as it is expected that the Flotilla will be able to accomplish what could have been accomplished by the Palestinian Intifada and was not seen for Palestinian and non-Palestinian reasons.

The escalation affecting the new Turkish policy toward Israel has reached its peak after the clashes started between the two countries following the war waged on Gaza at the end of 2008, beginning of 2009. Back then, Ankara adopted a stringent position and continued to repeat – until this day – that it will not disregard the violation of the human rights of the Palestinians. Later on, we saw the severe reprimands addressed by Erdogan to Israeli President Shimon Peres during a televised seminar in Davos, followed by what was considered by Ankara as being an inappropriate reception of its ambassador in Tel Aviv in the office of Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon.

Turkey's angry, harsh and radical position toward the Israeli attack went in line with the new course of its foreign policy and its attempts to establish balance between the two elements of Turkish identity: the European one and the Middle Eastern one. This forced it to become involved in many files, from the Balkans to Afghanistan going through Palestine and Iraq, to confirm its role as a key player in the region, hinder the Iranian momentum, enhance its negotiating position with Europe in the context of its attempts to join the European Union and present itself as an acceptable mediator in the resolution of the regional crises. This would be based on the moderate Islam of the Justice and Development Party, its ability to engage in dialogue with the extremist movements and parties, and consequently its ability to push them toward the positions and conditions of the international game.

Therefore, Israel's opponents became Turkey's friends, from Iran to Syria to Hamas which Erdogan said a couple of days ago "was not a terrorist" as it is described by the Americans and most of the Europeans. This was all conducted by Ankara without risking the severance of relations with the Hebrew State, in order to keep Tel Aviv's doors opened before it along with the doors of the decision-making capitals that have not relinquished and will never relinquish the Hebrew State and its military superiority.

The problem is that the Israeli right-wing government did not get the numerous signals sent by Turkey, as though it were not reading the transformations witnessed in the region and around the world. Early on, Ankara started changing its policies and the commercial, military and security relations imposed by the Cold War - since it is a member of the NATO - but also imposed by the overall Arab position toward the Cypriot issue and the support offered by Syria and Iran to the Kurdish opposition parties, namely the Kurdistan Workers Party. However, the transformations which followed the fall of the Soviet Camp, the domestic policy with which the Justice and Development Party approached the Kurdish issue, the development of the relations with Syria, then

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Iran and finally Iraq and the weakening of the grip of the military over politics due to the Europeans conditions, all gave Ankara a wider margin of maneuver and allowed it to amend its policy. Moreover, we would not be adding anything new if we were to say that the growing Iranian influence in the region while carrying the banner of the Palestinian cause, also motivated Ankara to engage in the race over the acquisition of this banner while assisted by the alleviation witnessed on its Eastern front with Iraq and the improvement of its relations with Damascus in particular and the Arab world in general. This is especially true since in the past, it could not point its finger at Israel for using force with the Palestinians, considering that the latter could have responded by saying that Ankara was using the same logic with the Kurds!

So far, Turkey has managed to exploit the Israeli arrogance where many others have failed. It has thus advanced along the path of consecrating itself as a key player in the Middle East, at a time when the United States and the superpowers are trying to draw up the features of the regional order, from Afghanistan to Sudan going through Iraq, Palestine, the Gulf and Iran. Through the crisis it is managing with Israel, it was able to shift the international positions that were all reassured by the fact that the blockade imposed on Gaza was a blockade imposed on Iranian influence, while in light of this popular momentum in the Arab and Islamic world, it has become qualified to lead dialogue with Hamas and bring it closer to "peaceful Jihad" against the occupation. This step could achieve what the rockets and weapons smuggled into the Strip will never accomplish. On the other hand, Erdogan's refusal of the description attributed to the movement as being a "terrorist movement" carried a clear message to the world calling on it to recognize Hamas, a thing which may be followed by a call upon the latter to reconcile with the authority and uphold the international community's conditions for a settlement.

Turkey cannot go far at the level of the Palestinian cause, i.e. it cannot accomplish what the hardliners on the Arab side are seeking. It must hold the stick in the middle since it cannot sever its relations with Israel or stand in the rejectionist camp while disregarding the moderate Arabs whom it has embarrassed. However, this centrism will grant its campaign to lift the blockade imposed on Gaza an impact and a content that are different than those called for by Iran and the hardliners. Indeed, as much as Iran militarized and isolated "Hamas's Intifada," Marmara's peaceful action exposed the depth and bloodiness of Israeli brutality and forced all the major states – without an exception – to seek ways to change the painful reality.

Therefore, those drawn to Turkey's positions should not be overly optimistic in their expectations, and should wait to see how it will manage the outcome of this new development and this likelihood in the region. This is due to the fact that Ankara knows that its role at the level of the Palestinian cause is limited, and that the settlement cards will remain – for the most part – in the hands of the United States, considering that there is nothing pointing to the fact that these cards have shifted to another location ever since President Al-Sadat announced that most of the solution cards were held by Washington.

The Turkish-international campaign will increase the pressures on Netanyahu's government to force it to offer the concessions required by America and the international community in the negotiations with the Authority, i.e. help the initiative put forward by Washington which is sponsoring the talks. However, this goes against the Iranian policy that is calling for the rejection of

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the peace settlement in its entirety, and constitutes one of the elements of the conflict between the Islamic Republic on one hand, and the international community and the United States on the other. For their part, the hardliners in the ruling Coalition in Israel will find themselves much weaker in resisting a Likud leader if they are forced to take the pressures into consideration and respond to some conditions, especially since – on the long run – the Hebrew State cannot place Turkey in enemy ranks as it is the case with Iran because such a step would topple any Arab moderate policy toward the settlement and pose a major problem not only for Tel Aviv, but also for Washington.

The Americans perceive Turkey as being an important element of communication with Iran over many files, in Iraq in particular and in Central Asia in general. Moreover, following the attack on Marmara, they are aware of the fact that it will become an important channel of communication with Hamas and the extremist Palestinian factions, while knowing in advance that Turkey is not the Islamic Republic and cannot be handled the same way. It is viewed as a key player in the context of "international legitimacy" and as a power that could counter and contain the Iranian momentum. They are also counting on its ability to encourage Syria to balance its regional relations, while aware of its importance for their strategic interests. On the other hand, they truly realize what the right-wing government in Israel has disregarded, i.e. that since the establishment of the Hebrew State Turkey has been a major Islamic partner in guaranteeing the security of this state, just like the peace accord with Egypt and the Wadi Araba accord distanced the ghost of comprehensive Arab-Israeli war.

In the end, it is needless to say that Turkey's positions did not only reveal the absence of the Arab role, but also corroborated what some believed in regard to the fact that the entire Arab regime never truly existed, a thing which was exposed by the Cold War collapse. Moreover, the positions of Erdogan who has consecrated his overwhelming popular leadership in the Arab and Islamic worlds, might contribute to keeping his popularity afloat after it has started eroding in favor of the Republican People's Party which – according to opinion polls – has been taking the lead for quite some time, especially since its new leader has been calling for distancing the military from politics, as well as for more democracy and human rights.

### **The Rise of Erdogan and the Fall of the Arabs** Mon, 07 June 2010 Elias Harfoush

On the flip side of the picture of Recep Tayyip Erdogan, boarding the Freedom Flotilla, we should observe the fall of the Arabs, in all of their variations. It is no small thing for Turkish flags to fill the space of the rally organized by Hizbullah, and for the party's secretary general to compare what the "red flag" can do, along with the "yellow flag" of the resistance. However, the lesson in all of this is that the prime minister of Turkey is filling the vacuum in the region, which can also be called the impotence of the Arabs and their failure to play any role, whether positive or negative, thus leaving the field open to the whims of others, and their interests.

In this sense, it is not Turkey who is "returning to the umma (nation)," but the Arabs who are leaving it. Ottoman Turkey left this umma, or was actually removed from it, under the weight of Arab nationalist feeling, against the "Turkification" of the region, which has become a mere dream today. If Turkey were to return, it would be because these feelings of Arab nationalism have

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disappeared, and their place was taken by warring sects, tribes and ethnicities. When the Arabs stand by and look on, applauding the Turkish rising star, it does not occur to them to ask about the status of their own condition. Their situation allows "the Arabs' neighbors," as the secretary general of the Arab League says, to reap the fruit of existing crises in the region – most importantly the struggle with Israel, and exploit this popularity domestically against their opponents, whether in Ankara or Tehran. These neighbors reap these benefits in terms of their relations and interests with other countries, such as in the Iranian nuclear issue, or Turkey's regional influence and relations with the Europeans and the White House.

In such a climate, Erdogan is turning into another Abdel-Nasser, in the dreams of the Arabs: Abdel-Nasser, whose pictures were put up in the southern suburbs of Beirut, in a strange irony by the party, which is not known to be enamored of the pan-Arabism of the late Egyptian leader. However, it was another occasion to exploit people's feelings, from whichever direction they appear, irrespective of the truth of the convictions and political stances.

Just as the pictures provoke no question about the achievements of the late Egyptian president, not to mention of course the legacy of the June War defeat of 1967, the price of which is still being paid today, and whose tragic repercussions are still felt today, it is unlikely that pictures of Erdogan and his country's flags will provoke questioning about his accomplishments when it comes to Palestine, after the newspaper headlines disappear, and the congratulations over the Freedom rally end.

It is not strange that the "Turkey's return to the umma" is taking place under Erdogan himself, the leader of a party that is leaning toward a break with modern Turkish nationalism, in the sense of its racist insularity against the Arabs, which was anchored by Ataturk. Erdogan is the head of the Islamic party that derives many of its convictions from the ideas of Islamist parties in Arab states, particularly the Muslim Brotherhood. These parties, as we know, are hostile to pan-Arabism, but do not mind support for their stances, from whichever direction.

However, despite this, and despite the temptation to engage in a comparison, there is a big difference between what Erdogan can do with Turkey, and what the Islamic Revolution in Iran has achieved, whether this involves relations with Israel, or the two countries' own domestic situation. Iran is now commemorating the 21st anniversary of the death of Khomeini, who undertook a true revolution against the previous regime. However, Erdogan faces many obstacles at home in undertaking such a coup against Turkey's secular regime. Moreover, the Turkish prime minister came to office as part of a democratic process, not a revolutionary-Islamic one. Such a process can only submit to accountability by the people, or else it will open the door to non-democratic forces that lie in wait for it, led by the army, and confront it by using force.

**Turkey and Putting the Storm to Good Use**  
Sat, 05 June 2010 Ghassan Charbel

Recep Tayyip Erdogan hastily grabbed the opportunity offered by the Israeli crime. He cannot act merciful towards the bloodshed of a number of his fellow countrymen. It is a question of dignity for the people of a great state in the region. Neither the people nor the army accepts to be insulted. Erdogan launched the storm so that he can be later entitled to contain it.

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Erdogan realized the importance of the opportunity, in order to strengthen his stance domestically and justify a more popular position in the region. It is not possible to reserve a great role in the Middle East without opposing the injustice from which the Palestinians suffer. He realized what Jamal Abdul Nasser, Hafez Assad, Khomeini, Saddam Hussein, and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad had realized before him. Erdogan's anger had a remarkably successful effect on the Arab street. His picture was raised in many capitals and he became more popular than many of his counterparts.

Erdogan caught the right moment. The crime represents an opportunity to launch a campaign for curtailing Israel. Turkey became aware of the importance of this curtailing campaign in light of the past years' experience. The main experience was the sponsorship of the indirect negotiations between Israel and Syria.

Ankara considers that Turkey's stability and prosperity are linked in the end to the emergence of a region that lives in the "stability and prosperity" policies, and where Turkey would have a primordial role. This has to pass by the removal of tension triggers, the most important of which is the injustice suffered by Palestinians, which was the incubator for the birth of extremism, extremists, and extremist policies. Ankara considers that the elimination of this injustice will contribute to the rehabilitation of some extremist and live forces to live according to the logic of stability and prosperity. This includes the Islamic forces that are also coming from the cloak of the "brothers", such as Hamas, and also includes forces coming from other sources, such as Hezbollah.

The policy of maturing the "live forces" with the hope of witnessing their integration and participation has clashed in the past years with the existence of an aggressive and shortsighted Israeli policy. Hence, Turkey's conviction with the necessity of curbing the Israeli role has increased, with the aim of pushing the Hebrew State to adopt realistic policies that correspond or are close to the logic of international legitimacy. It is why Erdogan went beyond anger. He used the principles of international legitimacy to practically say that the policies of Netanyahu's government have turned into a burden on Israel itself, the region, and its allies in the west, at the foremost of which is America - which is getting ready to withdraw from Iraq.

The aim behind this curbing process is not to extract the "tumor" that Ahmadinejad dreams of eliminating. It is certainly not throwing Israel into the sea like what some supporters of Erdogan's anger dream of doing. The aim is to turn the Israeli public opinion against the blind extremist government, and encourage Barack Obama's administration to exert effective pressures on Israel to curb its reckless and extremist policies and push it to the logic of negotiation and accepting peace and its costs.

Iran has tried in recent years to curtail Israel through the missile belt around it. It wanted to shake Israel's deterrence ability and notify Israeli citizens that they are within the reach of Hezbollah and Hamas rockets. Erdogan's weapons are different. He did not launch any missiles. He is attacking Israel with the language of international legitimacy and the requirements for stability and justice in the region.

While interpreting the current Turkish assault, one must not forget certain issues. Turkey did not say that it would sever its ties with Israel. It did not say it would leave the ranks of NATO or that it would remove its units that take part in missions in Afghanistan, the Balkans, and South Lebanon.

The Turkish attempt to curtail the State of Israel seems to be close in its objectives to the major Arab attempt to curtail Israel: the Arab peace initiative. What the initiative offers Israel is its acceptance as a normal state in the region if it withdraws from the occupied territories in 1967 and

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allows for the establishment of a Palestinian state whose capital would be East Jerusalem. The Arab attempt also focuses on the logic of international legitimacy. The Turkish perspective is almost the same, and it is what the current curtailing attempt aims for.

Putting Erdogan's storm at the service of peace requires an active American role and taking out the current Israeli government. It also requires curbing the emotions on the streets and avoiding to drown the storm in reckless practices.

### **The Leadership of the Palestinian Cause between Turkey and Iran** Fri, 04 June 2010 Raghida Dergham

Out of the Israeli brutality against civilians on board the flotilla in international waters, new realities emerged that may lead to radical solutions if the major players in the International Quartet acted wisely and boldly, and if the regional powers led by Egypt and Turkey understood well the opportunity to support Palestine without one-upmanship.

Israel has lost its mind in recent times as it is under extreme pressure that has shaken its confidence in its ability to plan strategies and draw in American support for them, as usual.

Iran, meanwhile, is concerned by Turkey's growing role, in particular when the flotilla, which exposed the Israeli brutality, sailed to Gaza in a bid to break the blockade under Turkish auspices, and humanitarian arbitrariness. This means that Turkey decided to reclaim the Palestinian cause from Shiite Iranian confiscation for the sake of the Sunni leadership. It also means that the Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan is engaging Iran on two fronts, one involving endorsement in the nuclear issue in order to allow Turkey into the talks among major powers in the Iranian issue. And the second front involves extracting the banner of the Palestinian cause from the Shiite powers represented first by Iran and second by Hezbollah.

In truth, Egypt's entry into these developments is remarkable and extremely noteworthy, whether in the current and near terms, or at the level of the balance of power in the region, as the Palestinian cause has become one of the instruments of political acumen and regional popular fervour.

Egypt opened the Rafah crossing 'until further notice', a measure that will benefit it both regionally and locally. For instance, Egypt paved the way for an Arab role on par with the Iranian-Turkish rivalry in what relates to the Palestinian cause. Also, Egypt is assessing whether the Rafah crossing into Gaza is also a crossing for it into voiding a domestic power crisis.

While Hamas might be the party that benefited most at present from the botched military assault against the Freedom Flotilla, Hamas will be more and more under scrutiny because the illegal Israeli blockade was in retaliation against Hamas's failure to restrain itself as a 'government', and its failure to restrain other Palestinian factions.

Moreover, the Palestinian National Authority (PA), too, will be under further scrutiny. If it should succeed in exploiting the international public opinion, which is angry at Israel's continued impunity, the PA might be able to rally concrete support around it, based on the strategy of enabling the

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Palestinians to build institutions up to establishing their independent state. Even the public opinion, in particular the Arab opinion, is under scrutiny. It is about time for it to refrain from emotional arbitrariness, to shoulder its responsibility in cautioning leaderships regarding the perils of their destructive games, and to become a truly constructive public opinion that is coherent, aware and persistent.

The main members of the Quartet, which consists of the United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations, are required today to play a different role than the previous ones characterized by hesitation and ornamental stances, and sometimes insulting stances because of their short-sightedness.

Today, the United Nations and its Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon must not suffice themselves with statements of condemnation and denunciation of the Israeli violations of international laws and norms, and of its disregard to repeated demands for lifting the blockade on Gaza. Today, it is time for greater boldness on the part of the United Nations in order to reassert the purview of international law and legitimacy, without hesitation, apology, fear or ambiguity. If Judge Richard Goldstone's report had fallen into the maze of politics and had thus lost its prerogative for immediate accountability, then the tragedy of the flotilla must present an opportunity for a new way for the United Nations to deal with violations against humanitarian and international laws.

In fact, an independent international investigation is necessary, especially when the Israeli internal investigations have always proven that they are a function of political calculations and balances, under the guise of national interests and security.

The United Nations must equip itself with a comprehensive dossier on the various Israeli violations, in order to reassert itself firmly and reliably when it challenges Israel and its impunity. This is a moral obligation on the United Nations and the Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

The European Union in turn has a higher degree of responsibility, as it is required to take a serious stance toward Israel, in support of the United Nations and international legitimacy, and also in the context of holding Israel accountable for its violations, including the forgery and fraud in the assassination of a Hamas leader in Dubai earlier this year.

The means to protest this and which the governments and peoples of the European Union possess are numerous, including the means to break the blockade on Gaza as well as economic measures against Israel itself. The European aid to the Palestinian National Authority is generous and worthy of gratitude. However, if this aid aims at deflecting blameworthiness and avoiding bilateral and collective sanctions against Israel for fear of the latter and its lobby which threatens consequences for such sanctions, then it is better to reconsider. This is because the EU's seat in the Quartet places responsibilities on the former's shoulders that go beyond purchasing absolution by means of financial assistance. It is the duty of the European Union not to forget the moral, political, legal and legitimate element in this issue. In other words, it is the duty of Europe to stop hiding in plain sight.

Meanwhile, Russia is more evasive and equivocal towards the obligations of its membership in the Quartet. At times, Russia hides behind the 'sacrifice' of its role which was on par with that of the

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United States during the Cold War, and its acceptance instead of the American leadership when it comes to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. And at other times, Russia gets involved in this issue on the basis of the needs of its regional relations with countries, organizations and factions.

In truth, Russia is fully capable of curbing war in the region, as well as the peace prevention tactics led by Iran and its allies.

Russia's duty today is thus to put pressure on Iran to stop using the Palestinian cause in Palestine and Lebanon for purposes that benefit the Islamic Republic in its regional and domestic standing, in a manner that fuels the possibilities of conflict, and on the basis of a strategy aimed at preventing the peace process from collapsing.

Russia considers itself to be a party in the peace process through its membership in the Quartet. If Iran is hindering peace, then Russia must use its influence unequivocally to stop that, as the bilateral relations between the two countries definitely allow Moscow to exert political and economic pressure.

In the meantime, the administration of Barack Obama is in the forefront of those required to put pressure on Israel today. What happened in international waters when the Israeli navy attacked the convoy of the peace activists, including Islamists, is that this unleashed global fury not only against Israel but also against the sponsors of the pampered state, i.e. the United States of America.

The international public opinion did not buy the Israeli justifications. Anger will grow, and will hinder other strategies pursued by the United States such as its bid to impose additional sanctions on Iran because of its violations of international resolutions and of the treaty on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Breaking the illegal blockade imposed by Israel on Gaza has become a nightmare to the government of Benjamin Netanyahu and the Defence Minister Ehud Barak that goes beyond the technicality of breaking the blockade. This would be defeating Israel and forcing it to do something it does not want to do: this time, through humanitarian activists and politicians in the aftermath of international pressures on Israel during the New York nuclear conference which pushed it to the edge.

What will happen in the upcoming days and weeks might indeed lead to the lifting of the blockade. However, this will not take place in a manner that opens crossing points to the flow of arms and fighters smuggled into Gaza. If that is what is in the minds of those who will attempt to capitalize on the peace flotilla to achieve their agenda, then those will not only be disappointed, but will also be harming and offending the Palestinians under occupation and under siege. Should they attempt to do so, they would be pulling the rug from under the feet of a unique opportunity to rally international support for lifting the blockade and for putting serious pressures on Israel.

Barack Obama's serious pressure on Israel, for instance, must translate into a serious plan for measures towards achieving peace. But in order for him to do so, it is useful for the Arab countries to be aware of how to exploit the international window of opportunity in a constructive manner,

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both politically and at the level of the public opinion, and this requires reining in all forms of one-upmanship.

Egypt is currently in the forefront, and it is extremely necessary for it to take measures towards Gaza that are adequately responsible. Egypt is the key to Gaza, in addition to benefit of Egypt's bid, on par with Turkey, to pressure the Palestinians in Gaza in earnest to give both impetus and opportunity to Barack Obama to put pressure on the Israelis.

Meanwhile, the Turkish leadership led by Erdogan is playing the Islamic card and rallying behind it the Arab Sunni public opinion in order to tell Iran and the Arabs: there can be no solutions in the region without Turkey, and I am the leader.

In this round, Turkey perhaps has managed to dwarf the Iranian role and its proxies within 24 hours, when it seized the Islamic and Arab public opinion and told Israel: do not test Turkey's patience.

But patience is basically an Iranian language, and the battles of patience are raging within Turkey between the Islamists and the military and within Iran between the government and the opposition. As for the Arabs, their 'Jacobean' patience is of another kind. For this reason, the battle for the leadership of the Palestinian cause remains between Turkey and Iran, until the day comes when the Arabs will awaken from their deep slumber.

### **Turkish-Iranian Competition** **Thu, 03 June 2010 Hassan Haidar**

**Summary:** Turkey and Iran are acting as if the withdrawal of the US from Iraq means the end of the US role in the region, and consider the chance prevailing to fill the space and arrange the inheritance order. But the only obstacle facing both is Israel, i.e. if we excluded some Arab objection. This is why everyone of them is trying to make Israel bow but using a different method from the other. The Turkish policy which is based on calm diplomacy and political and religious moderateness and playing with the Western feels for human rights, began to yield. Iran and Turkey are competing for influence in the Middle East by using many ways like forming excellent relations with Syria and entering into the Egyptian social structure and consolidating their presence in Iraq and other Arab Middle East countries.

**Full Article:** Turkey, just like Iran, is acting as though the American withdrawal from Iraq will mean the end of the United States' role in the region. Therefore, both of them believe that the time is right to fill the vacuum and set up the inheritance, while the only main obstacle facing them is Israel, if we were to disregard the slight Arab opposition with which they may be confronted. Consequently, they are trying to "subjugate" the Hebrew state, but each in its own way.

In reality, the "attack" the Turkish way has entailed better results so far. This is due to the fact that despite the fiery aspect prevailing over the rhetoric of the Turkish leaders nowadays - Turkey is relying on diplomacy, international relations, the economic role, political and religious moderation,

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the containment of emotions, the ticking of Europe's slogans on human rights and the humoring of the Americans' wish to "take a break" through a truce in the region. Hence, the Turks are closing up on Israel from all sides, are blockading it peacefully, and embarrassing it internationally. By doing so, they are hoping it will recognize the Turkish "command" which is offering guarantees to see its acceptance in the region through promises to turn the Middle East into a "heaven" based on mutual recognition and wide economic exchange - provided that it responds to their demands and commits to the limits of the role they are drawing for it, which would call for the retreat of the basic principle on which it was founded, i.e. that of military power.

As for the Iranians, they are relying on a different approach based on gradual "ironing" through the sponsorship of violence fronts around Israel, whether in Lebanon, Palestine, or maybe even in other locations prone to follow in their footsteps. Through these fronts, it is waging limited confrontations. But each time, it is taking these confrontations to the next level in terms of armament and threats to "convince" Israel of the seriousness of its ongoing rejection of the leading Iranian role in the region. So far, the Iranian style has suited the mentality and doctrine of the Israelis who are responding by raising the level of violence and threats and using this as a pretext to earn the support of the world, which is already disconcerted by the Iranian rebellion against its standards.

Turkey and Iran are competing over influence in the countries surrounding Israel. Indeed, they are both weaving exceptional relations with Syria while in Lebanon, the first is offering political sponsorship to the Sunnis and the second perceives the Shiites in it as being part of its security. In that same context, they are both attempting to infiltrate the social and political fabric in Egypt through the opposition in general and the Muslim Brotherhood in particular, while at the same time trying to enhance their influence in Iraq, even if in a different way. Nonetheless, the most heated arena of the competition for the time being is Gaza, with Iran providing rockets, funding and training to the "Jihadist" movements and instigating the continuation of the military confrontations and with Ankara sending aid and political support and seeking to lift the blockade to move Hamas to the political square.

However, between the Turkish and Iranian momentums in the region, most of the Arabs seem to be in a state of defeat and settling for the role of bystanders, while some are cheering in favor of this or that camp without truly being able to affect the situation. In this context, the "battle" waged by Tehran to consecrate the name of "Persian Gulf" and Erdogan's statement during his last speech regarding the fact that Turkey "is not like the other states in the region and is not a tribal state" probably summarize the way the Arabs and their role are perceived by the two latter countries.

In the end, although its new national security strategy is calling for "the drafting of a new world order that would reflect reality in the 21st century" and for the "opening of channels and working with new rising powers" - which was understood as being an American relinquishing of foreign interference - the United States has not yet reached the level of giving up on Israel or leaving it alone in the face of the ambitions of Ankara and Tehran.

**Bin Laden, Nasrallah, Ahmadinejad and Now Erdogan!**  
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It goes without saying that Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan aimed to break the Israeli blockade of Gaza, however – and perhaps without meaning to – he managed to break Iran's blockade of the Arabs.

Before jumping to conclusions, let us try and read the situation today. Following the traditional proclamation "The King is dead. Long live the King!" posters of Sayyid Hassan Nasrallah and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad were covered over and replaced with posters of Erdogan. Since every party has a star, the Turkish leader has become the Arab's favorite star for this political season. Posters are the most revealing means of gauging the public mood in the region, and so in the past posters of Bin Laden could be found everywhere when Al Qaeda was mounting deadly attacks on the West in the name of Palestine and Islam. However following crushing defeats suffered by Al Qaeda, posters of Bin Laden were replaced by posters of Hassan Nasrallah. Nasrallah enjoyed immense popularity in the wake of Hezbollah's war on Israel, and posters of him could be found everywhere, from on the walls of coffeehouses to plastering the windows of buses.

However Erdogan has taken over from Bin Laden and Nasrallah today, while the Turks have replaced the Iranians, and this is by creating an uproar over the Freedom Flotilla [which was raided by Israel] and by making fiery speeches. This has allowed the Arabs to vent their suppressed feelings of bitterness and resentment, especially as the region had been experiencing a period of dull calm after Hezbollah's guns fell silent, and after Hamas gave up on its principles when it announced last week that it consents to finding a solution through peaceful negotiations, and that it would be willing to accept a Palestinian state within the 1967 borders.

For his part, Erdogan has been escalating the conflict with Israel since the infamous incident at the World Economics Forum in Davos when he clashed with Shimon Peres and walked out of the Forum. The latest example of this conflict can be seen in the Israeli assault on the Gaza-bound [Turkish] aid ship.

However the hot-blooded Turkish rhetoric is different to the Iranian shouting. Turkey did not sever its ties with Israel, and it did not halt its security, military, and political cooperation with Tel Aviv. Israel is also continuing to use Turkish territory and air space for its war games in preparation for a possible war with Iran. The Arabs, however, are not concerned by this, for they are well-accustomed to duplicity.

Erdogan, who wanted to break Israel's blockade of Gaza, broke the Iranian blockade on the Arabs instead, and this is an important event if it truly comes as part of a political project, for this has caused Ahmadinejad's image to fade, and Nasrallah's presence to wane. More than this, the Arab regimes have welcomed the Turkish competition [with Iran]. Are there those who are encouraging Ankara's emergence with the aim of diminishing Iran's presence?

The Arab's problem with Iran playing a leading role is their fear of Tehran, for they believe that Iran is hiding a political agenda that is hostile to their interests. By supporting the Palestinian cause, Tehran is strengthening its staunch ally Hezbollah, and this is with the aim of imposing Iranian hegemony on the entire Arab region. As for Turkey, the most that Ankara could benefit from by raising the Palestinian flag would be by advancing its political status, particularly in the face of deliberate European reluctance [to deal with Turkey]. This does not contract or marginalize Arab interests, unlike the Iranian goal which directly undermines the Arab position.

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Some argue that Turkey's appearance on the Arab political scene, despite the fact that this embarrasses Arab regimes, also serves them by keeping Iran's political and propaganda onslaught at bay. It might have occurred to some Arabs, who are being politically besieged by Iran, to attempt to bring in Turkey to counterbalance Tehran. This is in line with the specifications of the new conflict in the region, the most prominent of which is sectarian.

However an opposite point of view sees Turkey as an alarming and additional power in the region that is not a substitute for Iran. They believe that Syria, Tehran's strategic ally, invited Turkey to have a role in the Middle East when it suggested Ankara as mediator for its negotiations with Israel. Without Damascus, Turkey would never have gained a foothold in the Arab world today. So the question is, is Turkey a part of the Iranian axis, or is it part of a plan to exclude the Iranians?

### **Why Activate the Arab Peace Initiative Today?**

**Mon, 07 June 2010 Abdullah Iskandar**

Every time Israel perpetrates a new aggression or commits a violation, the Arabs call on each other to engage in meetings. They put forth the same analyses and the same statements. They confirm and re-endorse old decisions they have taken. And it seems that no one, not even those engaging in the meetings themselves, believes that such a method could any longer affect the developments of the confrontation with Israel.

These meetings are also the opportunity for calls from here and there to withdraw the Arab peace initiative or to threaten to withdraw it. In fact, analyses are heard signifying that the reason for such Arab powerlessness and inertness in confronting Israeli aggressiveness, which has become completely unrestrained under Benjamin Netanyahu's government, resides in the Arab peace initiative, and thus that it must be gotten rid of - such that domestic considerations and outbidding have driven some Kuwaiti MPs, on the occasion of Israel's arrest of Islamist activists from Kuwait aboard the Freedom Flotilla, to put forward a formal recommendation to the government asking for the withdrawal of the initiative or for Kuwait to withdraw from it.

Yet all such formal Arab calls made in this regard, as in the case of Kuwait, are devoid of any alternatives to the Arab peace initiative. In fact, such calls contradict official declared stances on resolving the conflict with Israel. In other words, those who display greater objection to the initiative stress that peace is a strategic choice and that Israel should fulfill the requirements of such peace - which are the requirements included in the Arab peace initiative: the withdrawal of Israel from all Arab lands, establishing an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, and resolving the issue of the refugees according to UN resolutions.

In this sense, official defiance is equated with official moderation in terms of considering the formula of Land for Peace to still be that of a possible solution to the conflict. This would make formal demands to abandon the initiative a kind of political tactic intended to embarrass other Arab parties, more than they are an alternative method to arrive at peace. It would also make them a kind of management of inter-Arab conflicts, more than they are a desire for armed confrontation with Israel, as non-official Arab "resistance" movements call for.

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In light of the complete absence of any Arab alternatives to diplomacy, as represented by the Arab peace initiative, Arab governments are now subjected to the pressure of two opposing poles, pulling each of them in a different direction. On the one hand, there is Iran, which calls for the elimination of Israel, expressing such a direction through Hezbollah in Lebanon and an Arab popular base spread out in many Arab countries. On the other, there is Turkey, which has since this week strongly entered the arena of the conflict and stolen the spotlight of the confrontation, seizing the right to participate in the solution, after it had for a while played the role of mediator.

In other words, Arab governments which face the burdens of confrontation with Israel, regardless of their performance there, are also facing the challenge of the regional order arising from the desire of both Iran and Turkey to expand their role, an expansion which would necessarily take place at the expense of Arab diplomacy.

Abandoning the only diplomatic tool available to Arab governments would therefore be tantamount to abandoning every role they might play, subsequently joining an emerging regional pole – the results of which will not be less harmful for the Arabs, regardless of which pole they join.

And if there are some efforts to make use of the new dynamic arising from Turkey entering the arena of the conflict, then activating the Arab peace initiative today is more important than ever before, regardless of the Israeli government's response to it. Perhaps the obstinacy and arrogance of this government could be an additional reason for a broad Arab diplomatic campaign with the world capitals that have witnessed the gravity of the crime committed against the Freedom Flotilla, and have concluded that such Israeli policies are the source of the threat to peace in the region and could possibly lead to slipping into new wars. Indeed, the world today will listen more carefully to the Arabs if they activate their initiative, which has come to be taken into account in any international move towards peace.

In the independent Egyptian Al-Sherouq Al-Jadid newspaper, Fahmi al-Huwaidi defends the Turkish position vis-à-vis the Palestinian cause and the managing the crisis of "Freedom Flotilla" against "some writers who lambast Ankara and try to use the recent events to drive a wedge between Egypt and Turkey". Huwaidi says: "It is true that there is an obvious and rising Turkish role in the region unlike the deteriorating Egyptian role. But the Turkish rise has its objective reasons which are not necessarily coming at the expense of the Egyptian role." "The Egyptian-Turkish relations do not depend on competition, but rather on understanding and parallelism," he adds.

In the independent Egyptian Al-Dustour newspaper, Khalid al-Sirjani says that the Turkish government drives its strength from being "democratically elected" unlike "our Arab rulers". Al-Sirjani further supports the project of the Arab League chief, Amr Musa, to form a regional alliance. He asserted that we have to "eye Turkey through founding joint projects and pump investments in Turkey instead of cooperating with companies that deal with Israel". "The Arab countries have to be transformed to democratic states that give more freedom to the civil society so as not to waste more opportunities to liberate Sinai," he adds.

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In the independent Al-Misri al-Yawm, Ahmad al-Sawi criticizes some official newspapers which "attacks Turkey and its leaders instead of Israel" after the attack on the sea convoy. Al-Sawi says that this makes Egypt look more "fragile and incapable". "Turkey has never posed any challenge to Egypt during the last 30 years... Turkey moved on its own and impressed Arab peoples. Maybe this move embarrassed some parties, but it is not the responsibility of Turkey so that the official media lash out at Ankara," he concludes.

In his article entitled: "Cairo-Ankara and the missed role" in the independent Nahdat Misr newspaper, Muhammad al-Shabah says that no country "could make Israel backtrack on its arrogance, criminal behaviour or boldness". "Egypt, Turkey or even the USA cannot exert any pressure on Israel to accept one Palestinian demand in peace talks," he adds. "The only means is to have a drastic change in the balance of military power between the Arabs and Israel. As for the role of the hero that Turkey is playing now on the theatre of events, it aims to attract audience and viewers because there are no other players," he concludes.

**Sakr: Erdogans Remark Offensive To Arabs**  
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Lebanon First bloc MP Okab Sakr told the Voice of Lebanon (VOL) radio station on Saturday that Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan "offended us as Arabs when he said (in a recent statement) that Israel must know that Turkey is not like other countries... and added that Turkey is not a tribe." Erdogan made the remarks after Israel raided an aid flotilla headed for Gaza on Monday. The attack left nine Turkish nationals dead. "What (Erdogan) is saying is that he is not an Arab, but Turkish," Sakr said. Sakr said that countries and groups are now trying to make political gains off the flotilla raid incident, including "Turkey, Iran and the resisting forces." He also criticized Telecommunications Minister Charbel Nahhas, who according to reports suggested during Fridays cabinet session to include additional figures, such as independent funds and loans, in the states budget plan. Finance Minister Rayya al-Hassan told Nahhas the proposal is being reviewed, reports said. Prime Minister Saad Hariri and Speaker Nabih Berri have a good relationship, according to Sakr. With regard to Berris request earlier in the week to account for \$11 billion in past government spending, Sakr said the issue must be followed up on.

**Hittites With Ipods: Why Turkey Matters**  
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Just as Iran has emerged as a more significant regional power after the Iraq war of 2003, Turkey in the past two years has emerged as a more dynamic, respected and powerful regional player, and the events of the past week off the Gaza coast have only accelerated this process.

The third non-Arab power in the Middle East – Israel – seems to be moving in the opposite direction, generating increasingly vocal international

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criticisms and demands for investigations into its behavior, while many of its leaders are cancelling trips abroad for fear of being indicted for war crimes.

Of these three countries, Turkey strikes me as the most interesting and important, because its growing prominence includes a combination of respect, credibility and democratic legitimacy that Iran and Israel do not fully share. Much international media and political analysis speaks incorrectly of Turkey and Iran as either hegemon or role models for the rest of the Middle East. They are neither, because non-Arab states, even Muslim-majority ones, cannot expect to define how power is exercised, relations configured, interests determined, or identity expressed in the Arab world.

Turkey, though, now enjoys greater respect and appreciation around the region, because it approaches most closely that cherished goal that has eluded every Arab country and Iran since the age of independence dawned nearly a century ago: genuine nationalism, combined with democratic governance and Islamic values, in a context of clear modernity and secularism. Turkey is Hittites with iPods – a strong national identity anchored in ancient traditions in the land, yet combined with modern values and behavior that accentuate its power, efficacy and impact on others in the neighborhood.

The Israeli attack last Monday on a Turkish ship in the humanitarian aid convoy heading for Gaza, which resulted in the killing of eight Turks and one Turkish American, heightened the strains between Israel and Turkey that had been building during the past year – largely due to Turkey's disapproval of Israel's war and then siege of Gaza. Turkey criticized Israel's policies toward the Palestinians while also mediating seriously between Israel and Syria. In other words, it conducted a mature, nuanced foreign policy that avoided simplistic, black-and-white, "you're with us or against us" attitudes. Rather, it patiently maneuvered itself into situations where it could serve its own national interests while also playing a constructive role in the region.

The latest example of this was the recent Turkish-Brazilian mediation with Iran over the latter's nuclear industry. The two states succeeded where the United States, the Europeans and relevant United Nations agencies had not been able to, by convincing Iran to agree to send low-grade enriched uranium abroad for conversion into fuel for a nuclear research reactor.

The development of a stronger regional diplomatic role for Turkey, allowing it to operate with credibility and integrity among Israelis, Arabs, Iranians and Western powers, has reflected a brand of self-confident national assertion that in turn is anchored in that combination of attributes that Turkey alone enjoys

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in the entire Middle East: genuine nationalism, stable and strong statehood, economic and military power, democratic and constitutional governance, public secularism and private Islamism.

Turkey has also operated regionally in a manner that seeks to protect its own legitimate national strategic interests, without appearing to be aggressive or predatory to its neighbors. This is significant because of the historical mixed feelings in the Arab world about the four centuries of Ottoman control of key parts of this region.

A remarkable feat of the current Justice and Development Party that rules Turkey has been its successful repositioning of Turkey among its skeptical and suspicious Arab neighbors. As my colleague and friend Tarek Yousef, the dean of the Dubai School of Government, noted the other day: "(T)his government in Turkey in the past three years has erased hundreds of years of Arab suspicion of the Turks, an amazing achievement that should not be overlooked."

Turkey's strong and repeated public criticism of Israeli policies reached a new peak after this week's Israeli attack against Turkish ships and nationals in international waters. Turkey's government will now enjoy greater respect and accolades from Arab public opinion, but like the stronger Iran of recent years it will not be able to translate this heightened appreciation into any kind of greater direct impact on the region – which is not one of its stated goals, in any case.

Many international analysts or commentators are wrongly looking to Iran and Turkey as potential new hegemon or role models in the Arab-majority Middle East region, but these are the wrong attributes or roles to look for. No Arab country shows the inclination to adopt Turkish-style secular, republican and democratic constitutionalism, or the ability to adopt Iranian-style technological prowess and political defiance of the West.

Turkey and Iran, in their different ways, are noteworthy because they practice genuinely sovereign decision- and policymaking – something that eludes, but should entice, the Arab world.

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**Saudi Editorial on Turkish Pursuit of Role as Major Regional Power**  
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[Editorial: "The Destiny of Turkey and Palestine"]

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In his speech in Konya after the funeral of a number of the martyrs of the Freedom Flotilla, Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan said: "The destinies of Turkey and Palestine are not separate from each other, and the destinies of Ankara and Gaza are not separate from each other."

We ought to look into the depth of the indications included in this speech, which stems from Turkish national vision of which Erdogan says: "Disregarding the bloodshed is worthy of neither the Turkish nation nor the Turkish people." Therefore, if we look at the Turkish policy as a whole, starting from the Davos Forum and the famous incident after which Erdogan left the hall, going through the incident of the Turkish ambassador to Tel Aviv, until we reach the incident of the Freedom Flotilla, the analysis will reveal that Turkey is trying to use Israel as a launching pad to redefine its regional status, and hence to turn into the largest power in the region rather than merely catching up with the EU convoy as a member of its extensive group.

There is not much objection to the Turkish wishes, especially as Turkey is a balanced country, especially in its foreign policy, contrary to - for instance - Iran. Therefore, the Turkish role in the region is still acceptable and welcomed. However this should not cancel out a number of facts related to the political realism of the Turkish role in the region. Turkey is pursuing a regional role that is stronger and more polarizing. In this pursuit Turkey places itself in the same category as the major countries in the region, such as Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Egypt.

The destiny of Turkey and Palestine about which Erdogan spoke places Turkey in the same boat as the Arabs. The Arabs, particularly Saudi Arabia, ought to deal with Turkey urgently and more in depth. This is because Turkey at this moment might be more useful for the Kingdom. On the other hand, the daily dealings will make it possible to build the relations with Turkey in a balanced way that distributes the roles and weight in a coordinated way before the sphere of the Turkish policy gets too wide and reflects itself in an expansionist regional vision. Turkey is rational today, and hastening to deepen the relations with rational countries is more beneficial.

### **Writer Discusses Lessons, Repercussions from 'Gaza Fleet Raid'**

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[Column by Mish'al al-Jirjawi: "Lessons From the Gaza Fleet Raid. 'On Israel's Flotilla-Gate, Turkey's Flotilla-Day and the Arabs' Flotilla-Shame'"]

"I've been an Arab all my life but today I declare myself a proud Turk" tweeted a friend of mine. As I retweeted her statement I thought to myself, so am I, and as soon as I saw my statement on the live feed I realised why I was jealous of every Turk. I realised that I wasn't particularly proud or jealous of Turkey's position per se, and I knew that every Arab nation felt that way.

And so I am not interested in why Turkey conducted itself in the manner that it did during the Flotilla crisis; that is a mediocre question. However, I find the endeavour to accurately understand the source of Turkey's capacity to conduct itself in the manner that it did very illuminating for a region plagued with proxies and puppets. I want to really understand what Turkey did from 1983 when then prime minister Turgut Oezal instituted reforms that allowed the country to transform from an authoritarian, state-controlled economy to a market economy.

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Sure, the world is changing. The economic crisis has put America's patronage of the world to the test, and China's capacity to refinance what the US would discontinue to support is the greatest proof of that. Turkey too has changed and has witnessed a democratic reform that could easily become reminiscent of the Ottoman Tanzimat movement. Some find irony in that it is Recep Tayyip Erdogan's Justice and Development Party (AKP), that has initiated these reforms. But democratic reform and further leanings towards market economics are not only good for Turkey, but also for the AKP -- which, though not outlawed, is clearly viewed as a fundamentalist party, in a Turkish context of course. AKP won 46 per cent of all votes in 2007, up from 32 per cent in the previous election that got them into office. Of the 46 per cent who voted for AKP, it is estimated that less than half are strong supporters of the party. So why is AKP in power? It is due to the lack of an alternative. In other words, AKP works. AKP also wants Turkey to become a soft power with a multi-directional foreign policy -- you'd be hardpressed to find a Turk that disagreed with that policy.

The search for Turkey's capacity and will to take such a vocal position against Israel becomes more complicated when analysing its strong military ties to Israel. Beyond the elementary irritations that Turkey has with Israeli involvement in northern/Kurdish Iraq, Turkey and Israel have an iron-clad industrial-military pact. It is said that Turkey now uses more military technology from Israel than from America. These ties are unbreakable and relate to Turkish security concerns. Proof of this was a hasty Turkish statement at the outset of Flotilla-gate stating that a military trade deal would still go through despite this attack. Hence it is very much expected that while there won't be many Turko-Israeli war games in the Mediterranean with media aboard anytime soon, the technological cooperation will continue. Beyond that there isn't much to ponder in that relationship; over 65 per cent of trade between the two nations is military-based and the rest is negligible. It is said that of Turkey's exports in general, Israel accounts for just two per cent. Turkey's business partners are Germany, Russia, the US and fast-rising China. Recent meetings with Kuwait indicate an interest in catering to weary, post-crisis sovereign wealth funds in the GCC.

### Repercussions unclear

Many have said that the price for restoring Turkey's relationship with Israel is removing the blockade of Gaza; I don't necessarily believe that to be accurate. One only needs to read Turkish statements, which have stressed that they address the current government and not the Israeli people who currently have one of the most out-of-sync governments in recent history. This coalition government, including the 'who's who' of Israeli politics Likud's Benjamin Netanyahu, Yisrael Beiteinu's Avigdor Lieberman and Labour's Ehud Barak is hardly a stable one. Expect some Cabinet reshuffles even an early election is possible. Once there's a change in the government perhaps a realistic scenario would see Israel ending the blockade with guarantees from the international community that no weapons would be smuggled in. But one thing is for sure, Turkey and Israel won't be swapping visits of senior officials anytime soon.

The American angle is also very interesting. Obama for more reasons than being a Democrat of

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Muslim descent isn't able to openly criticise Israel for this and can at best call for 'restraint'. Think Biden and the Occupied Jerusalem colonies incident etc. And so it is very likely that the current administration is quite pleased with Turkey's stance on the Flotilla crisis. In fact, Turkey is probably emerging as the only candidate to serve as a custodian of the Middle East balancing Israel and Iran

I still find myself wondering why not a single state in the Arab world has been able to be as effectively critical of Israel as Turkey is. I also find the contrast between Turkey's success and what I consider to be Qatar's mixed result in executing a multi-directional foreign policy curious to say the least. Where do the Arabs go from here, and what can they learn from Turkey? Three things: diversify your economy so that you can discover your strengths; acquire multiple trade partners so that no single partner can dictate your foreign policy; and don't be rushed into building relations with other nations -- good ones take time.

This incident will be remembered as Israel's Flotilla-gate, Turkey's Flotilla-day and Arab's Flotilla-shame. It is up to each nation to decide whether it wishes to live in shameful weakness or realize its ambitions, should it have any.

### **Column Views 'Reasons' Behind Israel's 'Harsh Reaction' to Turkish Relief Ship**

Istanbul *Sunday's Zaman Online* in English 06 Jun 10

[Column by Dogu Ergil: Tremors]

The tremors concerning the Israeli military attack on a relief convoy on its way to the Gaza Strip to ease the unbearable grip of Israel on the needy and battered Palestinians, who are virtually imprisoned on a narrow piece of land, are continuing.

The debate is mainly focused on the precarious relationship between "security" and "justice." Justice is not merely a legal term. As a universal psychological scale, it is closely related to equity, fairness and conscience. This can all be translated into one statement: "Do unto others what you yourself are worthy of."

In the long history of the creation and evolution of Israel, the West has lost the balance between justice and legality derived from reality. Through the weight of the sin of or remorse over the Holocaust, Israel was allowed to emerge without much consideration of the loss and suffering of the Arabs living on the very lands upon which the Jewish state was created. But the continuation of injustice and Israeli callousness to everything thereafter came following the 1967 War. Winning against insufficient Arab armies and sustaining its military superiority, Israel continued its aggression with impunity, expanding its territory with newly annexed lands and ousting local peoples. Under Western tolerance and US protection, Israelis' sense of victory and unaccountability grew into a morbid sense of self-confidence.

They failed to see the making of three things: One, becoming a national security state where a sense of security has replaced feelings of empathy, justice and equity; two, increased isolation from the international community and a dependence upon US protection that makes it impossible to build

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peace in the Middle East without US support and containment of Israeli aggression; and three, total detachment from other countries in the region and Israel's survival becoming a matter of military reality alone. The latter fact contributes to the continuation of a military state driven by constant fear of annihilation, or to Israel's projecting its power to threaten or to suppress neighboring nations. Needless to say, this state of being has thwarted the Israeli consciousness and made it harder for them to come to terms with the reality of others.

Security gained a superior meaning, one above and beyond human values, human relations, justice and international law. It is otherwise very hard to explain how the Israeli navy could intercept unarmed ships on the open sea and kill unarmed people despite possessing the capability to demobilize unarmed groups without resorting to firearms. The answer is simple: They feel threatened. But then this makes Israeli security a threatening fact for the lives, welfare and existence of the "others." The only way Israel can be pulled out of this psychological malady is to have it respect international law and internationally accepted human values. Only international organizations with sanctioning power can do this, as well as the United States, through curbing Israel's aggression by letting her know that she might be on her own next time. However the US administration has yet to produce any clue to this effect.

Why did the Israeli government show such a harsh reaction to the Turkish ship and the Turks in the relief convoy? There seem to be two reasons.

1: The Turkish organizers of the relief convoy are labeled as "over religious" and linked to Hamas, the managing body in Gaza that is on the list of radical religious organizations that condone the use of violence. It sees Israel as an unlawful invading force and denies the state's very existence. So for the Israelis, any organization or state that has a relationship with Hamas is an accessory to terrorism. There is a government in Turkey run by a party with Islamic roots, so Turkish relief organization the Humanitarian Aid Association (IHH) is the link between Hamas and a like-minded government. Both have to be treated as terrorists.

2: As Turkey reconciles with its one-time enemy neighbors -- like Syria, Iraq and Iran -- Israel feels threatened because all of these countries are at odds with Israel in some way. Hence Turkey and Israel are drifting away from each other. What makes this drifting dangerous is the way Israel perceives and reacts to it. Israel sees this as a threat to its security (and thus its existence). However its unacceptable reaction makes it even more impossible to be a part of the family of nations in the Middle East and to be a party to a much-needed peace. Instead, its aggression galvanizes nations and feeds the military apparatus on each side of the divide.

**Jordanian Writer: Ahmadinejad, Islamists Should 'Learn From' Erdogan's Reaction**  
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[Article by Yasser Abu-Hilalah: "The Jews and the Holocaust Between Ahmadinejad and Erdogan"]

There is no doubt that the Turkish-Iranian rapprochement constitutes a strong shock for Turkey's historical alliances with the NATO and Israel. The rulers in Turkey are not selling people an illusion. They have inherited a network of relations that they cannot abandon overnight.

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Erdogan is not like Khomeini, whose students occupied the US embassy, removed the Israeli embassy, and established the PLO's embassy in its place. Erdogan is untying the bonds of the old alliance quietly, patiently, and gradually, and is establishing the bonds of a new alliance in its place.

Through rapprochement, Turkey, under Erdogan, benefits as much as Iran, under Ahmadinejad, benefits. The outcome is in the interest of the Arab and Islamic nation in facing the aggression of the Zionists. Iran greatly needs Turkey's moderation and its ability to address the world in a language that it understands. At the peak of Erdogan's emotional reaction, when he gave a speech and was staring in the faces of the dearest people to his heart who were killed by the bullets of the Zionists, he made a distinction between the Jews and the Zionists.

In his speech, which was mixed with tears, he said: "We have always been against anti-Semitism, and we opposed the attacks that targeted the Jews." In order not to exploit the tense emotions in a wrong way, he warned of targeting the Turkish Jews, "and we do not accept that any individual should change his view of the Jewish minority in our country."

He has previously warned that the Ottoman ships saved the Jews from the Inquisition in Spain, exactly as the Turks helped in saving some Jews from the Holocaust in World War II. All this lends credibility to his talk about the crimes of the Zionists. No ruler of any country that is allied with the West has previously spoken in this strong language, "Today is a new day. Today marks a new birth. From now on, nothing will remain as it was. Attacking a civilian ship, arresting the passengers onboard it, and attacking innocent humans constitute state terrorism. They say that those who were onboard the ship opened fire on us. We are fed up with these lies of yours. You should learn to tell the truth. The rulers of Israel have demonstrated how skillful they are in killing and committing massacres..."

There is a difference between this language and Ahmadinejad's language, which denies the occurrence of the Holocaust, although any freshman who reads history knows that the Holocaust and what preceded it, including the racist ideas and feelings against Semitism and the Jews, were the main reason behind the establishment of the occupation state on the land of Palestine. Under the civilization of the Arabs and Muslims, that land embraced all communities, including the Jews.

We and the Jews were expelled from Andalusia. The Spanish and Arab Muslims faced massacres and displacement that left none of them. The Jews of Andalusia, like its Muslims, found refuge in the Ottoman State. This is the image of our civilization. Erdogan did well by preserving that image amid his emotional reaction and enthusiasm. It is hoped that Ahmadinejad, and the leaders of Islamic action in the Arab world, who think that their duty, like Hitler, is to annihilate the Jews of the world, will learn from him. This [annihilating Jews] contravenes the true nature of Islam and the historical reality of the Arab and Islamic civilization.

Michelle Noufal, political analyst specializing in Turkish affairs said increasing Turkish commitment to Palestinian rights and escalation of Erdogan's role to the conflict with Israel makes the Arab street look at him like a new Abdel Nasser. Noufal issued his book "Turkey's return to the East", and added in Al Khaleej newspaper that Turkey is no more looked at in the Arab world as the Trojan horse of the west in the region. He was referring to the strong Turkey alliance with the US.

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and EU and recognizing Israel before any other Islamic country has done. He added that Turkey's role is balanced and balancing, meaning that it compensates the Arab system's impotency and limits Israel from one side and carries a positive balance against Iran on the other side.

### **Al-Jazeera Program Views Flotilla Attack, Media Role in Exposing Israeli 'Crimes'**

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["Behind the News" program, moderated by Khadijah Bin-Qinnah with Knesset member Dr. Ahmad al-Tibi, via satellite from Jerusalem; and David Chemla, president of the Peace Now Movement and a signatory of the document issued by Jewish intellectuals in Europe, via satellite from Paris, speaking in French with superimposed translation into Arabic.]

Bin-Qinnah asks: To what extent has the "massacre at sea" exposed Israel and revealed the truth about it to the world? Al-Tibi says that although Israel has always manipulated the media, its image has been greatly harmed. He argues that Israel can no longer portray itself as the victim, and that its "criminal and sanguinary attack on the Freedom Flotilla has confirmed to the world that there is a bully in the area who acts in a barbaric manner" simply because it believes that no one will deter it given the West's sympathy and solidarity with it. He stresses that Israel's image was shattered in the wake of the attack on Gaza. He notes that this time "the victim was not Palestinian," referring to the killing of Turks, and says that the "international dimension" of the Freedom Flotilla has embarrassed Israel. He argues: "Here lies the importance of the media, to which Israel gives a big weight but the Arabs do not. The Palestinian side in all its factions does not give it such weight, or at least it comprehends the importance of the media dimension but does not dedicate sufficient capabilities to explaining [the situation] of the victim of the victim."

Al-Tibi stresses the need to hold accountable the person who gave orders to open fire, and to carry out an investigation. He adds that Turkey's anger puts Israel in a corner, and notes Israel's loss of its very important "strategic geopolitical relationship" with Turkey. Once again, he stresses the need to hold Israel accountable.

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### Nasrallah Pays Homage to Flotilla 'Martyrs,' Hails Turkish Leadership's 'Wisdom'

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[Speech by Hizballah Secretary General Hasan Nasrallah, via a large screen, at the Al-Rayah Stadium in the Sfayr District of Beirut's Southern Suburb "in solidarity with the Freedom Flotilla and in honor of the Turkish martyrs" -- live]

I seek refuge in God from Satan, the accursed. In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate; praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds; may the peace and blessings of God be upon our Lord and prophet, the last of the Apostles, Abu-al-Qasim Muhammad Ibn-Abdallah, and his good and chaste family members, righteous companions, and all the Apostles and messengers. Esteemed scholars, deputies; esteemed ministers, brothers and sisters, honorable audience, God's peace and blessings be upon you all.

At the outset, I would like to express to you all my immense gratitude for your quick response to the invitation for this meeting of solidarity and homage, which is part of our duties. This great and quick attendance is not surprising at all. Are you not the most honorable, the chastest, and the most generous? [Applause]

Brothers and sisters, on this blessed and great day I would like to mention some notable occasions -- Islamic and national -- and then we will speak of the flotilla of freedom, dignity, pride, and honor. At the beginning, I would like to congratulate you on the dear occasion of the auspicious birthday of the daughter of the seal of the Prophets, God's peace and blessings be upon him, his fragrant flower, which is close to his heart, the pious and chaste lady of the women of mankind, Fatimah al-Zahra, peace be upon her.

On this day, which also coincides with the anniversary of the departure of the imam of the oppressed and the leader of the rebellious, the mujahidin, and the resistant; the one who revives the values of the prophets and the originator of progress and awakening and the feeling of dignity, His Eminence Imam Ruhullah al-Musawi al-Khomeyni, may God be satisfied with him. I would like to extend to His Eminence, Leader Ayatollah Khamene'i, may God prolong his life, and to the mujahid Iranian people, and to all those who respect, support, and love this Imam the warmest and highest forms of condolences.

On the national level, it is also a duty on us, on the anniversary of the martyrdom of former prime minister, Martyr Rashid Karami, to greet his family, kinfolk, and lovers and the Lebanese people on this national occasion, which marks the martyrdom of a great man from the men of this homeland, the men of unity, resistance, patriotism, and pride.

Our minds, hearts, and eyes go to those for whom the Flotilla Freedom headed; to our patient, steadfast, resisting, and honorable people who are firm on the Gaza Strip and who face all sorts of siege, aggression, killing, and starvation. We send our greetings to them and to all our beloved and oppressed mujahid Palestinian people in the 1948 territories [Israel proper] who are firm in demanding their rights. We not only salute the Arabs of 1948 but we hail our people in the West Bank, Jerusalem, and to

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all our Palestinian people in the diaspora. We also send our greetings to those whose flotilla, pride, courage, and sacrifices inspired us. Greetings to all those who participated in the freedom-making flotilla of freedom, and to their wounded and martyrs. We thank them for their vigilance, for their apprehension and courage, for their firmness, and for their blood, tears, moans, and cries.

Naturally, I should send special greetings to the Lebanese mission and all the beloved Lebanese brothers who participated in this flotilla, making them the messengers of the Lebanese resistance with all its colors and parties, making them the messengers of the Lebanese will and the messengers of determination, firmness, sacrifices, and martyrdom, which made victory in Lebanon. Today we express our great pride in the martyrs for whom we are paying homage today; the martyrs who Almighty God wanted to be from one nationality. This is no coincidence, no chance happening. It is the will of God. God will choose martyrs from among the people, and he has chosen them all from this nationality based on a purpose and based on God's wisdom.

In your names, I congratulate our brother Turks and send to them my condolences, as we always do. We congratulate them because their loved ones have won this honor and this divine and high medal, and we send to them our condolences because they lost their loved ones. Through them I would like to send my greetings to the Turkish people who were united behind the Flotilla Freedom and the martyrs of this Flotilla, and to the Turkish leadership, which has been able to prove its presence, courage, and wisdom in managing this confrontation.

Brothers and sisters, today we have experienced a great event within the struggle between our peoples and ummah [Muslim community worldwide] and this occupying enemy, which is usurping Palestine and which is attacking our ummah's peoples, territories, sacred places, and region. We understand what happened within this context. Allow me in the time I am given to speak on the major headlines of my speech. They are all connected with this event and with what will follow it. The first is the description of what happened, the second its lessons and its significance, the third its results, and the fourth is what we must do and what we should continue doing.

As for the description of the event, I will be brief because you have watched and seen everything. A flotilla composed of a number of ships, some of which carrying individuals and some foodstuffs, headed for the Gaza Strip for a specific and basic purpose; namely, break the blockade imposed on the people of Gaza. Hundreds of people were on this flotilla. They included figures from dozens of nationalities, Muslim and Christian clerics, and members of parliament, both men and women. Among them also -- and we will discuss this further when we talk about the significance and the results -- were those who belonged to states with which Israel has diplomatic relations. The greatest number, or the vast majority of these, belonged to Turkey, the state with which Israel has for a long time been having diplomatic, military, security, and economic relations.

The Flotilla Freedom was attacked in international waters in an obvious, open, and flagrant act of piracy. The crime, the massacre, was committed, resulting in the martyrdom of nine Turks and the injury of dozens of Gaza sympathizers. All the participants were detained and were taken to prison. The foodstuffs and the ships were confiscated. Later on, and with relative speed -- I am describing this

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because this has to do with the significance -- all those detained and kidnapped were released. These are the details in brief, and you now what happened, but I wanted to describe the details to help me point at the significance.

Secondly, the lessons and the significance. This crime, this massacre, is an additional testimony of the aggressive nature of this entity, this enemy. This massacre is an additional testimony of the brutal nature of this [Zionist] entity since its establishment, which was founded on committing massacres and crimes. It is a new testimony that it kills unarmed civilians, men and women, and without any distinction. This is a new testimony to the state-sponsored terrorism carried out by Israel. This proves that Israel does not respect any humanitarian or ethical value or any international laws, norms, agreements, or diplomatic relations. This is a testimony that Israel considers itself above the law. Israel is above the law, above morals, above divine laws, and above religions. Everything is permissible as long as it serves Israel and promotes Israeli considerations. This is also a new testimony that this enemy acts as though it is above punishment, accountability, and answerability to this world. It is a new testimony that the Israelis kill people, whether they are armed or unarmed.

This is a lesson to those who say that arms are a pretext for aggression. Were the sympathizers in the Flotilla Freedom carrying up arms to justify their killing, the spilling of their blood, and throwing the bodies of some of them into the sea? This is a testimony that this enemy holds everyone in contempt -- states, peoples, international community, and the entire world. It does not take anything into consideration, even the states with which it has diplomatic relations or those with whom it reaches military, security, economic, and other agreements. This is a message to all those who theorize or look forward to a day in which they think that peace with this murderous enemy and establishing diplomatic relations with it could protect their citizens or peoples.

Among the significant lessons is that what took place in the Mediterranean aboard the Freedom Flotilla and the subsequent reactions are a new testimony that the incumbent US Administration is still completely committed to the line of defending Israel, its crimes and massacres, preventing its condemnation, and helping it escape punishment, and even watering down the demands for an investigation. Moreover the US Administration has gone so far as to consider that what the enemy did was its natural right, as US Vice President Joe Biden said.

Here we pose a question to America's friends and those who wager on it and on the change of its Middle East policy. They should once again be convinced that everything can change in the US policy in the Middle East except for one thing, which remains constant; namely, Israel, its interests, security, and protection, in a way that allows it to commit as many massacres as it wants, even against those who belong to states that are militarily allied with the United States.

Another significant lesson is the exposure of the deception of governments and states in the world that claim that they protect and defend human rights and the freedom of man. Many of these states remained silent because this crime was committed by Israel.

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Had a similar act been done in one of the arenas of resistance, all these governments would have condemned it in defense of human rights. As for others, they issued a timid condemnation and considered that the case was at an end.

What happened also exposes the Arab impotence in facing serious and serious developments. I do not have to dwell on the Arab foreign ministers resolution because only the Arab street knows how to make such comments.

One of the significant lessons is the quickness with which the detainees and prisoners were released. There is a big lesson with a great significance. Why? This was done -- and I regret to say that -- because the detainees were not all Arabs. Had they been all Arabs, the Israelis would have humiliated us as much as they want.

Of course, they would have made certain calculations concerning the resistance movements but they would not have given a damn for what the official Arab regimes would do, because Israel is certain that the official Arab stand is powerless even if hundreds of Arab supporters were in the Flotilla Freedom. This is because this Arab stand has been and continues to be powerless in defending thousands of Palestinian men, women, and children in Israeli prisons.

What is new in this matter? I think that the new thing is the presence of hundreds of Turkish citizens. Here, Israel miscalculated. It had imagined that it could attack, kill, and detain, and practice terrorism against the Flotilla Freedom; that the Turkish leadership would retreat, become confused and afraid, and look for any possible settlement. Regrettably, that has always been Israel's experience with [Arab] governments. I can assert that the Zionist leadership was surprised by the Turkish reaction, whether on the level of the leadership or on popular level, and even on the level of organizations and the various parties, as well as those that oppose the Justice and Development Party.

When the Turkish leadership stood up and told Israel -- it has exploited its relations with Israel, but of course we do not support any relations between any Islamic state and Israel, even though relations started before the Justice and Development Party came to power -- the Turkish leadership told the Israelis that if they kept any of the Turkish supporters we would sever our relations with you. I heard the Israelis on the first and second day. They demonstrated arrogance and said that the participants attacked the soldiers, hit the soldiers, and that everyone who attacked an Israeli soldier would be tried. Thus, the Turkish leadership responded by saying: If you try a single one, we will hold a trial for the leaders of Israel. [Applause] Do you want to know why they released them? It is because it is Turkey, a strong state, a strong people behind their leadership. Here is a strong leadership that knows how to use the elements of strength that it has. If Turkey severs its diplomatic relations with Israel, there will be an upheaval. It is a very big and serious issue on the strategic level. Therefore, there were accusations and counteraccusations inside the Zionist entity.

If Turkey severs its military, security, and economic relations with Israel this would be a strong move. It is a weapon. In the previous crises and wars, in the latest war on Gaza, in the war on Lebanon, in 1982 invasion, during the invasion of the West Bank and the Janin massacre, many Arab peoples went to the

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street to address some Arab states that had relations with Israel and tell them: Use this weapon. Yet they did not use it.

However, Turkey used this weapon. Turkey did not only demand the release of its citizens; it considered that it was responsible for the entire flotilla. Therefore, it was possible for the brothers to be freed and some of them are sitting with you now.

Some talk about diplomacy and this is a lesson for them. The diplomacy of submission, begging, illusion, weakness, wishful thinking, and the admission of impotency, will bring only humiliation and loss. Yes, the diplomacy that is based on strength -- the strength of people, leadership, state, logic, and weapon -- can act and accomplish.

That is about the lessons, and now let us go to the results. This Flotilla Freedom event has had repercussions in the world and results have been realized. I will mention these results and say that this has been an effective development that the blood of the martyrs realized. I will tell all those who were hurt and injured and all those who participated in the Flotilla Freedom that what you have done has not been in vain. You have realized very great results by your presence, blood, steadfastness, and patience. So let us enumerate the results to reach the point of what we must do.

1. The most important thing that the Flotilla Freedom has realized, with the blood of the martyrs, is that it has drawn the world attention once again to the issue of the brutal and inhuman siege which has been imposed on Gaza for years. The world and the Arabs have forgotten this blockade, which has become an ordinary thing that is not even mentioned at the end of the newscasts. This blood and these fists and these shouts were able to impose this issue again on the agendas of all the governments of the world and place it at the top of the news in world media and among the concerns of peoples.
2. This leads to an opportunity, which I will talk about when I mention things that we must do. The Flotilla Freedom has been able to force the world into issuing calls -- we have heard for the first time the UN secretary general, who had been silent for a long time, issuing a call for an immediate lifting of the siege on Gaza. We have heard calls by European nations -- Russia and states that are participating in the Quartet Committee, which had been providing a cover for the blockade on Gaza. We did not hear this before the Flotilla Freedom and before the Flotilla participants were martyred.
3. One of the direct results has been the Egyptian government's move -- and we are grateful for it -- to open the Rafah Crossing until further notice. Regardless of any explanation, background, or circumstances, this has been a good outcome of the Flotilla Freedom and its repercussions.
4. What happened created an appropriate and helping atmosphere for a Palestinian movement toward reconciliation and ending Palestinian division.
5. What happened will complicate or make it hard -- to some extent; I do not want overstress this -- for the Zionist enemy to think or plan any new attack on Gaza. Attacks against Lebanon, Syria, or Iran are subjected to different calculations. Our concern is about Gaza. No doubt the sacrifices of the Flotilla Freedom will further make this climate complicated for the enemy.

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6. Further exposure of Israeli scandals in the eyes of the world public opinion.
7. Further awareness by our Arab and Islamic peoples who are the most concerned with this struggle and with confronting this enemy.
8. Further exposure of the scandals of the US policies in our region and the scandals of those wagering on them.
9. A new proof of the Israeli failure and confusion and the helplessness of the Israeli leadership — the political, military, and security leaderships. It is not I who says this; the Israelis today say this. Look at any Israeli paper and listen to what the average Israelis say. Words are used about failure, confusion, loss, disarray, and scandals, and the fall in the trap. These are the expressions that are being used in the Israeli press. Some Israeli officials are also saying this. There are calls for forming an inquiry commission.

Now in Israel they are assessing the political and moral losses. Certainly what the Israeli enemy did was foolish; it was a wrong calculation, a deviant behavior expressing its arrogance. It could have confiscated this Flotilla and forced it to proceed toward Ashdod Port by various means; it could have done what it did without carrying out any act of piracy, a massacre, or crimes and bloodshed as it did.

10. The Israeli feeling of the burden. I am not the one who says this. The head of the Mosad or security apparatus that works mostly abroad and that is better able to assess and report to the Israeli leadership on the international and foreign situation says that Israel has started to change from an asset, ammunition, and aid to the United States to a burden on the United States because after every failure, crime, and massacre the United States will come to protect, defend, help, and pay the price. This, too, is what [General David] Petraeus, commander of the US Central Command, said. He said: We are sacrificing the blood of our soldiers as a result of our support for Israel, which has turned into a burden on the United States of America. Later, of course, he was censured for saying that and, therefore, he made another statement correcting a bit what he had earlier said. This is Israel after the accident. It is a leadership that did not behave well in handling political, military, media, security, or field issues when it intercepted an unarmed fleet that had no weapons or missiles or anything else at all. These are some of the results that will increase the confusion and weakness of this entity.

11. The development of the Turkish stance. There is no doubt that this is one of the important results. Today the Turkish position is different. This Turkish position was, of course, present during the aggression of 2006 and it developed during the aggression against Gaza. But there is no doubt that the Turkish position has developed a great deal during the Freedom Flotilla incident. We have heard the positions expressed by the Turkish leaders and officials. Turkish President Abdullah Gul said yesterday that relations with Israel will not in any case return the way they were. This in all cases is a good, large, and important progress in the Turkish position. As I noted in my talk about the implications, one of the results now is that Israel has started to lose Turkey — and I do not say that it has lost Turkey because I do not want to give an exaggerated assessment. Israel began to lose Turkey. This is a great strategic change

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in the region. Israel had very important international and regional relationships in the region. Iran at the time of the Shah was a supportive and strategic force and a strategic depth for Israel. Israel lost this strategic depth when the blessed Islamic revolution in Iran triumphed under the leadership of Ayatollah Khomeyni, may God keep his secret sacred. [Applause] Iran then began to adopt, support, and to be fully committed to the central Palestinian cause. I can say that Israel has started to lose Turkey especially after the Freedom Flotilla incident. Is it going to lose it completely? This depends on the circumstances, conditions, events, and developments, but this is one of the significant results.

12. One of the important results is the Kuwaiti stance. The Kuwaiti National Assembly asked and the Kuwaiti Government agreed to withdraw from the Arab initiative as a first step. Did any other Arab parliament or government follow suit and take a similar step? On behalf of you all, we salute the Kuwaiti National Assembly and the Kuwaiti Government for taking this big step. [Applause] Some used to ask about the significance or value of withdrawing the Arab initiative. Yes, it has a political and moral value. Now we do not want to create a rift with the Arabs, but the Arab initiative makes large concessions to the Israeli enemy. When we say the initiative has been withdrawn, we will then be telling them that all the concessions we made in the initiative have ended and we are back to square one. This has a very large political and strategic value.

In discussing the results, let us finally move on to the last part and say that what happened embarrasses and confuses all advocates of settlement, normalization, and surrender, and all those who wager on direct or indirect negotiations with the Israeli enemy. Their conditions are very difficult. On 25 May, I had to quote Mrs Clinton, who said the Israeli actions embarrass the axis of Arab moderation. I add that what Israel did to the Freedom Flotilla embarrasses and confuses the moderate Arab countries and all advocates of normalization in the Arab world. These continue to be present and some continue to rudely call for this. I read some articles in Gulf newspapers yesterday -- I do not want to say which country. The articles said the Freedom Flotilla was a pure folly and they defended what the Israeli soldiers did. Rarely would one find an Israeli newspaper defending what the Israeli soldiers did, but there are articles in Gulf newspapers defending what the Israeli soldiers did and holding participants in the Freedom Flotilla responsible for what happened. After all, these are few and rare, but days, truth, honor, chivalry, and the honorable people of this nation will sweep them out of this nation, God willing. [Applause]

As for what must be done, I want to say the following:

First, we must take advantage of the present opportunity. There is an excellent opportunity today to achieve the goal of the Freedom Flotilla and all previous Lifeline and other convoys. The goal is lifting the siege imposed on our people in the Gaza Strip. As my dear brother Dr Haní said a short while ago, this requires the organization of more freedom flotillas to Gaza. [Applause] A second, third, fourth, and fifth flotilla should be organized from various nationalities. Here, in fact, will the Israeli goal behind state terrorism and the killing of people in the flotilla fall because the goal Netanyahu announced and spoke about was deterring and preventing anyone in this world from thinking again of undertaking a similar trip. Taking similar steps will tell the Israelis you could not achieve any of your goals through your

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terrorism, scandal, and crime.

On board the Freedom Flotilla there were some dear Lebanese brothers. The head of the Lebanese team is present here. I call for greater diversified Lebanese participation in Freedom Flotilla II. [Applause] Today the European committee organizing another Freedom Flotilla announced that it has started sending invitations to join Freedom Flotilla II and that so far it has received hundreds of applications from Europe. Where are the Arabs? Where are the Muslims? Where are the Arab and Islamic peoples? Some may wonder where I want to send them. The brothers are here in front of you with their heads held high. They went and came back. Also those who go will return. Israel, which seriously views Turkey and its red flag, also seriously views the yellow flag [Hizballah's flag]. [Applause and chants] The Lebanese who participate in Freedom Flotilla II know very well that they belong to a country, people, and resistance that cannot leave its prisoners in jail. [Applause and chants] None should say I want to start a new problem. No, we do not want to start a new problem, but we the Lebanese must be part of this humanitarian, ethical, national, patriotic, and faithful contribution. We should not leave this responsibility only to those who come from overseas.

Second, and within the same context, we all hope and call for keeping the Rafah Crossing open. We, of course, call on the Egyptian leadership to keep the Rafah Crossing open. Here I would like to comment on the Arab foreign ministers' decisions and say that the Arabs, the Arab foreign ministers, and Arab governments do not need to go to the UN Security Council to lift the siege imposed on Gaza. Let us see how. We are now talking calmly. What problem will Egypt have if it opens the crossing? If there are international pressures, international conventions, certain embarrassments, or specific economic disadvantages, let us then act in solidarity with each other. Let the Arab League countries, the OIC countries, and the peoples of the Arab and Islamic world stand by the side of the Egyptian leadership and government. When the Arab and Islamic governments and peoples stand by the side of the Egyptian leadership, none will be able to embarrass it or force it to close the Rafah Crossing. This is a practical thing. Hold a meeting in Cairo or hold an OIC meeting to know what the problem is and see if there are pressures or difficult circumstances. I am speaking logic. Let us all cooperate to keep this crossing open. We do not need the help of anyone in this world. We do not need a Security Council, United Nations, US Administration, EU, or anyone else. We the Arabs and Muslims can lift the blockade imposed on Gaza in this well-studied, calculated, calm, and reasonable manner.

Third, supporting and embracing the Turkish position that will be subjected to many pressures. Look how the strong ones are respected. Obama was forced to call Tayyip Erdogan or rather the Tayyip [meaning good in Arabic] Erdogan. [Applause] Had the killed ones belonged to a certain Arab country, would Obama have called that country? In any case, a great pressure will be put on Turkey to bypass what happened, avoid an escalation against Israel, not allow a deterioration of relations with Israel, and prevent Turkey from playing a leading role in the Arab and Islamic region with regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict. In view of the pressures to which Turkey and Turkish leadership might be exposed, Turkey certainly needs all possible official and popular support from the Arab and Islamic world.

Fourth, keeping the issue of Gaza and the siege of Gaza in the circle of global humanitarian attention.

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and not only Arab and Muslim attention. As His Eminence Imam Khamene'i, may God protect him, said, the Palestinian issue should become an international and humanitarian one. In the past, when the Palestinian cause was the cause of the Islamic world, some tried to say this is the cause of only the Arab world and not the cause of the Islamic world and other countries like Turkey, Iran, and Pakistan, or the cause of Muslims in India, Indonesia, and Malaysia who had nothing to do with it because this is an Arab issue. They said the Persians, Turks, Afghans, and Indians had nothing to do with it. In our Arab world, and under the slogan of the independent Palestinian decision, the issue also became a Palestinian cause that does not concern the world. The cause of Palestine became the cause of Gaza, the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and refugees, but two thirds of Palestine were lost. His Eminence Imam Khamene'i said we should again say the cause of Palestine is a Palestinian, Arab, Islamic, and world humanitarian cause. Chavez described Israel in a recent statement as a condemned and outcast state. Can you tell him this is not your business because this is an Arab issue? Nicaragua took the initiative and withdrew its ambassador and froze relations with Israel. Can you tell Nicaragua this is not your business because this is an Arab issue? The Freedom Flotilla has brought the Palestinian issue back to global attention to become a global issue. This is what we must continue to work for. Scientists, writers, the media, the internet people, satellite channels, political parties, the living forces, and parliamentarians can do that.

Fifth, continuing to demand an international investigation although we know that international investigation will not lead to results and will be diluted. We have a long experience in the field of international investigation, but this investigation will embarrass Israel, which will certainly reject any international investigation although it committed its massacre in international waters in an open and clear act of piracy.

Sixth, suing the Israeli political, military, and security leaders and soldiers wherever possible all over the world for what they have done to the Freedom Flotilla. Also let us open the files of previous incidents. I admit that we in Hizballah did not have much clarity about this issue but experience has convinced us that we can sue those who killed us in Qana and those who committed massacres and destroyed our homes in Lebanon and Palestine. Let us file lawsuits wherever possible in the world. In return, they would file lawsuits against us. Let them do so. We will stop going to Europe and let them seize the money we have in European banks. There is no problem. There is no doubt that filing lawsuits against the Israeli crimes will trap and confuse the Israeli leaders in the world.

Seventh, we all should use all available means to remind and enlighten the world about the false, deceptive, and hypocritical reality of Israel. Israel presented itself to world public opinion as an oasis of democracy in the Middle East and as the only country that is committed to laws and norms in the middle of a wild environment. We must take advantage of the Freedom Flotilla incident to talk to the world about all the massacres Israel perpetrated in the past starting from Dayr Yasin and Al-Hula in 1948 down to the first Qana, to Janin, to the second Qana, and to the Gaza Strip. We must talk about all massacres whenever a massacre is committed by Israel in order to tell the world public opinion and the free and honorable people of the world: This is Israel, which deceives you and which is defended by your governments.

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Finally, we must continue to work in order to be strong, capable, and confident of our choices and our position. We should work for winning and keeping friends. Imam Khomeyni transformed Iran from an enemy of the Arabs into an ally, friend, and supporter of the Arabs. How can we keep this friendship with Iran? Today, the Justice and Development Party and the Turkish people are returning Turkey to the nation, so how can we keep the friendship of Turkey and its new position without creating animosities here and there as some Arabs do? We have to work in order to be strong because this world as we said on 25 May respects only the strong. We should work to have the power of justice. We should have this power because we are in a world that respects only the powerful.

Dear brothers and sisters, the greatest honor for the martyrs of the Freedom Flotilla lies in upholding our rights, causes, and constants, and following the path of resistance in Lebanon, Palestine, and throughout the nation. This is the future that we make with our own hands without the favor of anyone in this world. We do not beg for this from anyone in the world.

Dear brothers and sisters, thanks to the presence of people similar to those who participated in the Freedom Flotilla and thanks to your presence and your honor, magnanimity, courage, audacity, sacrifices, and dedication, the Freedom Flotilla will not be restricted to a certain day or certain borders. It will continue so that Gaza and all of Palestine, including Jerusalem and the Church of the Resurrection, and so that this nation will be liberated from the yoke of the US-Zionist project hanging over our heads. It will continue with the hands of the resistance men, the will of the mujahidin, and the pure blood of the martyrs, God willing.

God bless you and thank you for your attendance once again. We will together continue our march along the path of liberation and freedom for the dignity of our people, our nation, and our holy places. God's peace and blessings be upon you. [Applause]

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**Al-Qaradawi Urges Withdrawal of Arab Peace Initiative Following Flotilla Attack**

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Prominent Islamic scholar Sheikh Yousuf al-Qaradawi yesterday warned Israel of "imminent God's wrath", saying that its recent attack on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla was a criminal act requiring the Arab states to withdraw the peace initiative.

In his Friday sermon, Sheikh Qaradawi said that Israel's raid of the flotilla was a "barbaric and unexpected crime" that should not go unpunished.

"When they (Israelis) had said that they would block the aid ships, we thought that those were just mere threats. Nobody ever thought that the Zionist gang in Israel would really attack activists and volunteers on board a defenceless ship carrying humanitarian aid," Sheikh Qaradawi told a congregation at the Omar bin al-Khattab mosque in Khalifa South town.

"But (then) we should not be surprised as they had killed the prophets of God," he added.

"Those corrupt Zionists are war-mongers. I believe that Israel's day of God's wrath is coming very soon because they have, tempted by the American veto and weapons, have crossed all lines," he maintained.

Qaradawi, who is the chairman of the International Union for Muslim Scholars, slammed the Arab nations' stance on the frequent Israeli aggressions, saying that the Jewish state would not dare such attacks if it knew that this would draw a serious response and anger from the Arabs.

"The Arabs are dead. There had been previous incidents which required them to cancel the Arab peace initiative, but they did not," he said.

He urged Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to withdraw from the so-called indirect talks with Israel and announce the end of the peace process.

"I hope that the Palestinian Authority would announce that it was no longer seeking peace with Israel. We did not gain any thing from these lies that were called the peace process," he added.

The scholar hailed the "great Turkish stand" on the Palestinian cause as heroic, saying that Arab countries should feel ashamed.

"We have to greet our brethren the Turks. Some people thought that Turkey had lost its link with Islam but the recent incident showed that Islam was still inherent in the hearts of its people," he said.

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Qaradawi, who is also the head of the European council for Fatwa and Research, urged the Palestinian factions to stand united against Israel's aggressions.

"It is not acceptable any more that some Palestinians would go and shake hands with the Zionist murderers," he added.

He praised Qatar's stance on the attack, saying that Qatar had announced that it would bear the financial cost of suing Israel for its raid on the aid flotilla, both before national and international courts.

"Qatar is among the few Arab countries which strongly support the resistance movement," he added.

The sermon was followed by speakers who condemned the attack on the ship.

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

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

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

يقرر

- 1- إدانة العدوان العسكري المُنبت الذي ارتكبه إسرائيل ضد قافلة الحرية في المياه  
الدولية، الأمر الذي يُشكل قرصنة وإرهاب دولة وتهديداً للاستقرار والأمن في البحر

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المتوسط، وخرقاً صريحاً للقانون الدولي الذي يحمى الملاحة في المياه الدولية، وللاتفاقيات الدولية ذات الصلة ومبادئ وقواعد القانون الدولي الإنساني.

2- كسر الحصار الذي فرضته إسرائيل على قطاع غزة، والالتزام بإيصال المعونات الطبية والأغذية ومواد البناء اللازمة لإعادة الإعمار وغيرها من الاحتياجات الضرورية للشعب الفلسطيني في القطاع بشتى الوسائل، وتحميل إسرائيل المسؤولية الدولية المترتبة على التعرض للمعونات الإنسانية والاحتياجات الضرورية لإعادة الإعمار، وعدم فتح جميع المعابر أمام حركة الأفراد والبضائع.

3- تكليف الجمهورية اللبنانية، العضو العربي في مجلس الأمن، والمجموعة العربية في نيويورك بطلب عقد اجتماع لمجلس الأمن، بالتنسيق مع تركيا والدول والتجمعات الصديقة، لإصدار القرار اللازم لإدانة الحصار الإسرائيلي المفروض على قطاع غزة، وإلزام إسرائيل برفعه فوراً، وطلب عقد الدورة المستأنفة العاشرة في إطار الجمعية العامة للأمم المتحدة لمواجهة الحصار الإسرائيلي على قطاع غزة.

4- الالتزام بما جاء في قرارات قمة سرت وخاصة القرار رقم 508 بتاريخ 2010/3/28 بوقف كافة أشكال التطبيع مع إسرائيل وما أكدته المداولات في هذا الصدد، وفي ظل هذا التحدي والخرق الإسرائيلي المستمر لكافة التزاماتها يوصي المجلس الوزاري برفع توصية لأصحاب الجلالة والفخامة والسمو بشأن تنفيذ ما ورد في كلمة خادم الحرمين في القمة الاقتصادية في الكويت في يناير 2009 بأن المبادرة العربية لن تبقى على المائدة طويلاً.

5- إن إيمان إسرائيل في ممارساتها وآخرها في العدوان الإجرامي على المدنيين العزل تؤكد بالدليل الواضح عدم جدية إسرائيل في التوصل إلى سلام عادل وشامل في المنطقة وإصرارها على أن تجعل المفاوضات غير ذات فائدة أو جدوى ويشكك في مصداقية التأكيدات والتعهدات التي قُدمت إلى الجانب الفلسطيني، وتكليف الأمين العام بتوجيه رسالة إلى الإدارة الأمريكية بهذا الشأن.

6- تنسيق التحرك العربي مع تركيا والجهات المعنية الأخرى لرفع دعاوى أمام جهات التقاضي الوطنية والدولية المختصة وعلى رأسها محكمة العدل الدولية فيما يتعلق بالحصار الإسرائيلي المفروض على قطاع غزة.

7- مطالبة إسرائيل بالإفراج الفوري عن بقية المختطفين من أفراد قافلة الحرية والسفن المحتجزة ومواد الإغاثة.

8- الترحيب بقرار مجلس حقوق الإنسان الخاص بتشكيل لجنة تقصي حقائق مستقلة للتحقيق في انتهاكات القانون الدولي عن الاعتداء الإسرائيلي على قافلة الحرية

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

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

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

-After looking at the general secretariat memo,

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DECIDES**

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

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

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

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

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 Cc: Gámora, Bradley T; Dayton, Win (Istanbul); Roundy, Brian A; McCarthy, David T (Istanbul); Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Struwa, Rebecca L; Richter, Kim B; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Mendel, Teresa S; Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Burnett, David R; Baron, Desiree A; Adams, Julie D; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Schlereth, Frank G; Burgess, Richard J; Chere, John E; Walters, John R; Rogan, Thomas G; Towry, Debra J; Hanania, Vera V; Weinfeld, Nill I; Lewis, Glenn K; Boran, Sarah; Greengrass, Sara D; Kaplan, Dean; Walker, Carolee B; Finver, Frank J; Greene, David J; Manning, Nicholas J; Tyson, Paul H; Maggi, Robert W; Frederick, Jeffrey D; Falls, Eric G; Reed, Julia G; Davison, Kecc C; Ogle, Karen L; Keen, Daniel G; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Parra, Yolanda A; Diworth, Alison E; Osman, Amany A; Netos, Eleftherios E; Taylor, Victoria J; Riley, Robert J; Marsh, Denise M; Baily, Jess L; Tomlinson, Christina (Istanbul); Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul); Sillman, Douglas A; Rosenstock, Matthew S; Goodman, Ilan A; Reisser, Wesley J; Colin, Melin (Istanbul); Ahn, Michael  
 Subject: 5/31 Evening IHH Update - Many wounded passengers and upto 10 dead.

This evening the IHH office in Istanbul informed post:

-While it not have information on individual passengers, but they were able to talk to one of the injured passengers briefly. The injured person told them that there were many other injured passengers aboard the Mavi Marmara and as many as 10 dead. IHH said the telephone conversation with the passenger was very short because of the bad lines.

-It also said that its website was under attack and much of its site was down. The website now only carries part of a press statement it made around noon today. The announcement called for the international community to act and criticized the countries whose citizens were harmed for not acting strongly enough. Mr Yavuz Deda, the Dep. President of IHH, also warned in the press statement that the Israeli forces might "place arms" on the ship in order "to legitimize the attack."

Here's the link: <http://www.ihh.org.tr>

From: Salvatore Amodeo [mailto: ]  
 Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 8:34 AM  
 To: Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Struwa, Rebecca L; Richter, Kim B; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Mendel, Teresa S; Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Burnett, David R; Baron, Desiree A; Adams, Julie D; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Schlereth, Frank G; Burgess, Richard J; Chere, John E; Walters, John R; Rogan, Thomas G; Towry, Debra J; Hanania, Vera V; Weinfeld, Nill I; Lewis, Glenn K; Boran, Sarah; Greengrass, Sara D; Kaplan, Dean; Walker, Carolee B; Finver, Frank J; Greene, David J; Manning, Nicholas J; Tyson, Paul H; Maggi, Robert W; Frederick, Jeffrey D; Falls, Eric G; Reed, Julia G; Davison, Kecc C; Ogle, Karen L; Keen, Daniel G; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Parra, Yolanda A; Diworth, Alison E; Osman, Amany A; Netos, Eleftherios E; Taylor, Victoria J; Riley, Robert J; Dayton, Win (Istanbul); Marsh, Denise M; Baily, Jess L; Tomlinson, Christina (Istanbul); Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul); Sillman, Douglas A; Rosenstock, Matthew S; Goodman, Ilan A; Reisser, Wesley J; Colin, Melin (Istanbul)  
 Subject: Flotilla Attacked by Israeli Navy, 2-16 reported killed, upto 50 injured

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The IHH Head quarters in Istanbul informed post at 8:00 am that at least 3 people were killed and 50 were injured during an Israeli military attack on the Free Gaza Flotilla.

The IHH said that it not longer had contact with its ships (note media reports Israeli forces jammed the flotilla's communication at 3:30 am today)

Thus, they did not know how serious the injuries were. These numbers reflect information they had received from their passenger ship. They do not know about the condition of the people on the cargo ships.

Turkish NTV quotes Israeli media stating up to 16 people were killed.

BBC TV News featured the attack as it first news item at 8:00 am. It showed footage of Israeli navy officers in the ship, passengers on the floor and blooded cols. Al Jazeera showed same footage and with a commentator stating that Israeli officers were shooting at the passengers.

BBC also showed live a gathering outside of the Israeli Consulate in Istanbul. The crowd was calm but BBC noted that earlier the protests were heated. It then said that the Turkish police has contained the protest.

RSO sent an SMS to consulate community advising avoiding the area around the Israeli consulate.

BBC says Israeli Amb. to Turkey has been summoned by the MFA.

-- On Sun, 5/30/10, Salvatore Amodeo [redacted] wrote:

From: Salvatore Amodeo [redacted]  
Subject: Re: 5/30 Free Gaza Update - Flotilla headed towards Gaza  
To: "Salvatore A (Istanbul) Amodeo" <AmodeoSA@state.gov>, "Thomas HGoldberger" <GoldbergerTH@state.gov>, "Todd CHolmstrom" <HolmstromTC@state.gov>, "James MSindle" <SindleJM@state.gov>, "Rebecca LStruwe" <StruweRL@state.gov>, "Kim BRichter" <RichterKB@state.gov>, "ViktoriaLopatkiewicz" <LopatkiewiczV@state.gov>, "MichelleBernier-Toth" <Bernier-TothM2@state.gov>, "Teresa SMendel" <MendelTS@state.gov>, "Marc JSievers" <SieversMJ@state.gov>, "JanLevin" <LevinJ@state.gov>, "David RBurnett" <burnettdr@state.gov>, "Desiree ABaron" <BaronDA@state.gov>, "Julie DAdams" <AdamsJD2@state.gov>, "Andrew CParker"

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 Date: Sunday, May 30, 2010, 12:28 PM

On 5/30 IHH [redacted] informed post that:

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- He confirmed that the flotilla has departed the rendezvous point near Cyprus for Gaza.
- He expected the flotilla would approach Gaza tomorrow morning.

--- On Sat, 5/29/10, Salvatore Amodeo [redacted] wrote:

From: Salvatore Amodeo [redacted]  
 Subject: 5/29 Free Gaza Update - IHH ships waiting at near Cyprus for Cypriot ship  
 To: "Salvatore A (Istanbul)Amodeo" <AmodeoSA@state.gov>, "Thomas HGoldberger" <GoldbergerTH@state.gov>, "Todd CHolmstrom" <HolmstromTC@state.gov>, "James MSindle" <SindleJM@state.gov>, "Rebecca LStruwe" <StruweRL@state.gov>, "Kim BRichter" <RichterKB@state.gov>, "ViktoriaLopatkiewicz" <LopatkiewiczV@state.gov>, "MichelleBernier-Toth" <Bernier-TothM2@state.gov>, "Teresa SMendel" <MendelTS@state.gov>, "Marc JSievers" <SieversMJ@state.gov>, "JanLevin" <LevinJ@state.gov>, "David RBurnett" <burnettdr@state.gov>, "Desiree ABaron" <BaronDA@state.gov>, "Julie DAdams" <AdamsJD2@state.gov>, "Andrew CParker" <ParkerAC@state.gov>, "ElisaGreene" <GreeneE@state.gov>, "Sandra SZeroubavely" <zeroubavelyss@state.gov>, "Frank GSchlereth" <SchlerethFG@state.gov>, "Richard JBurgess" <BurgessRJ@state.gov>, "John EChere" <ChereJS@state.gov>, "John RWaters" <WatersJR@state.gov>, "Thomas GRogan" <RoganTG@state.gov>, "Debra J Towry" <TowryDJ@state.gov>, "Vera V Hanania" <HananiaVV@state.gov>, "Nili IWeinfeld" <WeinfeldNI@state.gov>, "Glenn K Lewis" <LewisGK@state.gov>, "Sarah Beran" <BeranS@state.gov>, "Sara D Greengrass" <GreengrassSD@state.gov>

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Date: Saturday, May 29, 2010, 7:01 AM

This is an updated version of the 5/29 Update:

On 5/29 IHH  informed post that:

- the IHH ships are still waiting near Cyprus for others ships to join the flotilla.
- The IHH said the Greek Cypriot authorities did not allow the Greek Cypriot (GC) ship to leave for Gaza so the passengers, including some members of GC parliament, have to join the group through another route. Thus, the flotilla is still waiting for the Greek Cypriot passengers and ship to arrive.
- Mr Dedo also confirmed that the ship from Greece, Challenge 2, could not continue because of technical problems and the passengers were transferred to IHH's ship "Mavi Marmara." The ship now has a total of 778 passengers on board now. IHH expects the flotilla to approach Gaza around 25 hours after they depart. It is unclear when they expect to depart since it depends on when Greek Cypriot ship arrives.
- MFA informed Embassy Ankara that that 361 Turkish citizens are participating in the flotilla either as crew or passengers.

--- On Fri, 5/28/10, Amodco, Salvatore A (Istanbul) <AmodcoSA@state.gov> wrote:

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Subject: Free Gaza Update - IHH ships heading toward rendezvous point off of Cyprus  
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Date: Friday, May 28, 2010, 4:32 AM

IHH [redacted] informed post at 10:45 am that:

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- IHH ships are presently enroute towards the rendezvous point near Cyprus and expect to meet the other ships of the flotilla "in a few hours."
- They hope to arrive in Gaza tomorrow. "If something happens, it will happen tomorrow," he said.

As reported earlier, IHH informed post yesterday that only one Amcit, [redacted] is aboard their passenger ship.

I plan to send an e-mail on the status of the flotilla over the week-end.

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Subject: Free Gaza Update - IHH say only 1 Amcit with them

At 4:00 pm today IHH [redacted] informed post that [redacted] (please note this correct spelling) is the only American Citizen on any of its three ships to participate in the Free Gaza flotilla. They are expecting their passenger ship the Mavi Marmara to depart this evening, as previously announced.

Regards,

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Subject: Free Gaza Update - IHH expects ship to leave Antalya at 5:00 pm today, still only 1 Arcti

On the morning of 5/27, IHH informed post that:

- They expect their passenger ship, the Mavi Marmara, to depart Antalya around 5:00 pm today.

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- Only one American Citizen, [REDACTED] has arrived in Antalya to board the Mavi Marmara.
- Two other American Citizens may join but it is uncertain if they will reach Antalya before the ship departs.
- They expect to approach Gaza Friday evening or Saturday morning.
- IHH will have three ships in the flotilla. The Mavi Marmara, as well as two cargo ships, named the Gazze and the Defne, which only have IHH officials on board and no foreigners.

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I received my first call from a concerned family member because of the incident. [redacted] was aboard the Greek passenger ship. His daughter's boyfriend [redacted] called to see if we had any information. Thanks to Elise's update I told him we did not have any information of injured or deceased Americans but that should we have information we would notify the NOK. There is NOK listed for him on the spreadsheet.

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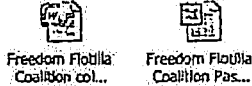
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As of 3pm local time, we are unaware of any Amcjt injured/dead in the incident. We will continue to check and advise if any updates. Post has been in touch with all major hospitals who are receiving wounded. We have biodata on 18 Amcjt presumed to have been on the ships; please see attached Amcjt passenger spreadsheet with corrected biodata. We will continue to seek access to any detained Amcjt.

According to the Ministry of Health spokesman, Yair Amitam, most of the injured are unidentified, since they are currently in the operating room, or do not have identification on them. The MOH will advise us if they become aware of any injured Amcjt. Regarding the dead, he could not provide any information.

According to press reports, passengers from the first vessel have already been transferred from a detention facility in Beer Sheva. The Mavi Marmara is expected into Ashdod at 7pm.



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I do not believe [redacted] ever made it onto the Mavi Marmara. IHH only told us that they initially thought [redacted] would be joining their ship but when the ship departed Istanbul they told me that only one Amcilt [redacted] was on board their passenger ship the Mavi Marmara. However, they told us this before they added the passenger of the Challenger II which had mechanical problems. I do not know if there were any Amcilt aboard the Challenger II.

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Salvatore Amodeo  
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— On Mon, 5/31/10, Greene, Elisa <GreeneE@state.gov> wrote:

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Please find attached the most updated AmcIt passenger list. No new information on any AmcIt injured/dead/other. We are currently reaching out to the major hospitals and with NOK.

<<Freedom Flobla Coalition Passenger Lists>>

We've left messages for the spokespeople of Barzily in Ashkelon and Bellinson in Petach Tikva and are waiting to hear back from them.

We've spoken with Tel Ha-Shomer in Ramat Gan; they have 6 unidentified individuals (unidentified as a result of their condition)—no further information. Rambam Hospital in Haifa has 6 injured (two IDF and 4 foreigners)—none AmcIts. ConGen IRSM advises that there are no AmcIts among the injured at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

It appears no ships are being taken to Haifa—only to Ashdod.

France 24 TV reports (unconfirmed) that 15 were killed and 9 of those were

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Turkish citizens.

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Subject: Flotilla Attacked by Israeli Navy, 2-16 reported killed, upto 60 injured

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The IHH Head quarters in Istanbul informed post at 8:00 am that at least 3 people were killed and 60 were injured during an Israeli military attack on the Free Gaza Flotilla.

The IHH said that it no longer had contact with its ships (note media reports Israeli forces jammed the flotilla's communication at 3:30 am today).

Thus, they did not know how serious the injuries were. Those numbers reflect information they had received from their passenger ship. They do not know about the condition of the people on the cargo ships.

Turkish NTV quotes Israeli media stating up to 16 people were killed.

BBC TV News featured the attack as it first news item at 8:00 am. It showed footage of Israeli navy officers in the ship, passengers on the floor and blooded coils. Al Jazeera showed some footage and with a commentator stating that Israeli officers were shooting at the passengers.

BBC also showed live a gathering outside of the Israeli Consulate in Istanbul. The crowd was calm but BBC noted that earlier the protests were heated. It then said that the Turkish police has contained the protest.

RSO sent an SMS to consulate community advising avoiding the area around the Israeli consulate.

BBC says Israeli Amb. to Turkey has been summoned by the MFA.

On Sun, 5/30/10, Salvatore Amodeo [redacted]

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Date: Sunday, May 30, 2010, 12:28 PM

On 5/30 11:11 [redacted] informed post that:

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- He confirmed that the flotilla has departed the rendezvous point near Cyprus for Gaza.
- He expected the flotilla would approach Gaza tomorrow morning.

On Sat, 5/29/10, Salvatore Amodeo [redacted] wrote:

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 Subject: 5/29 Free Gaza Update - IHH ships waiting at near Cyprus for Cypriot ship  
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This is an updated version of the 5/29 Update:

On 5/28 [redacted] informed post (hol):

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- the IHH ships are still waiting near Cyprus for others ships to join the flotilla.
- The IHH said the Greek Cypriot authorities did not allow the Greek Cypriot (GC) ship to leave for Gaza so the passengers, including some members of GC parliament, have to join the group through another route. Thus, the flotilla is still waiting for the Greek Cypriot passengers and ship to arrive.
- [redacted] also confirmed that the ship from Greece, Challenge 2, could not continue because of technical problems and the passengers were transferred to IHH's ship, Mayi Marmara. The ship now has a total of 778 passengers on board now. IHH expects the flotilla to approach Gaza around 25 hours after they depart. It is unclear when they expect to depart since it depends on when Greek Cypriot ship arrives.
- MFA informed Embassy Ankara that that 361 Turkish citizens are participating in the flotilla either as crew or passengers.

On Fri, 5/28/10, Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul) <AmodeoSA@state.gov> wrote:

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IHH [redacted] informed post at 10:45 am that:

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\* IHH ships are presently enroute towards the rendezvous point near Cyprus and expect to meet the other ships of the flotilla in a few hours.

\* They hope to arrive in Gaza tomorrow. "If something happens, it will happen tomorrow," he said.

As reported earlier, IHH informed post yesterday that only one Amclt [redacted] is aboard their passenger ship.

I plan to send an e-mail on the status of the flotilla over the week-end.

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Salvatore A. Amodeo

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 Subject: Re: 5/30 Free Gaza Update - Flotilla headed towards Gaza

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On 5/30 [redacted] informed post that:

- He confirmed that the flotilla has departed the rendezvous point near Cyprus for Gaza.
- He expected the flotilla would approach Gaza tomorrow morning.

---On Sat, 5/29/10, Salvatore Amodeo [redacted] wrote:

From: Salvatore Amodeo [redacted]  
 Subject: 5/29 Free Gaza Update - IHH ships waiting at near Cyprus for Cypriot ship  
 To: "Salvatore A (Istanbul) Amodeo" <AmodeoSA@state.gov>; "Thomas H Goldberger" <GoldbergerTH@state.gov>; "Todd C Holmstrom" <HolmstromTC@state.gov>; "James M Sindle" <SindleJM@state.gov>; "Rebecca L Struwo" <StruwoRL@state.gov>; "Kim B Richter" <RichterKB@state.gov>; "Viktoria Lopalkiewicz" <LopalkiewiczV@state.gov>; "Michelle Bernier-Toth" <Bernier-TothM2@state.gov>; "Teresa S Mendel" <MendelTS@state.gov>; "Marc J Slovors" <SloversMJ@state.gov>; "Jan F Levin" <LevinJ@state.gov>; "David R Burnett" <burnetdr@state.gov>; "Desiree A Baron" <BaronDA@state.gov>; "Julie D Adams" <AdamsJD2@state.gov>; "Andrew C Parker" <ParkerAC@state.gov>; "Elisa Greene" <GreeneE@state.gov>; "Sandra S Zerubavely" <zerubavelyss@state.gov>; "Frank G Schlereth" <SchlerethFG@state.gov>; "Richard J Burgess" <BurgessRJ@state.gov>; "John E Chere" <ChereJS@state.gov>; "John R Waters" <WatersJR@state.gov>; "Thomas G Rogan" <RoganTG@state.gov>; "Debra J Towry" <TowryDJ@state.gov>; "Vera V Hanania" <HananiaVV@state.gov>; "Nili I Weinfeld" <WeinfeldNI@state.gov>; "Glenn K Lewis" <LewisGK@state.gov>; "Sarah Beran" <BeranS@state.gov>; "Sara D Greengrass" <GreengrassSD@state.gov>; "Dean Kaplan" <KaplanDM@state.gov>; "Carolee B Walker" <WalkerCB@state.gov>; "Frank J Finver" <FinverFJ@state.gov>; "David J Greene" <GreeneDJ@state.gov>; "Nicholas J Manning" <ManningNJ@state.gov>; "Paul H Tyson" <TysonPH@state.gov>; "Robert W Mogg" <MoggRW@state.gov>; "Jeffrey D Frederick" <FrederickJD@state.gov>; "Eric G Falls" <FallsEG@state.gov>; "Julia G Reed" <ReedJG@state.gov>; "Kees C Davison" <DavisonKC@state.gov>; "Karen L Ogle" <OgleKL@state.gov>; "Daniel G Keen" <KeenDG@state.gov>; "Jeremiah J Howard" <HowardJJ@state.gov>; "Yolanda A Ferra" <FerraYA@state.gov>; "Allison E Dilworth" <DilworthAE@state.gov>; "Amany A Osman" <OsmanAA@state.gov>; "Eleftherios E Netos" <NetosEE@state.gov>; "Victoria J Taylor" <TaylorVJ@state.gov>; "Robert J Riley" <RileyRJ@state.gov>



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Date: Saturday, May 29, 2010, 7:01 AM

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 Date: Friday, May 28, 2010, 4:32 AM

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 Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 10:58 AM  
 To: Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Goldberg, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindo, James M; Szuwca, Rebecca L; Riklier, Jon B; Lopalkiewicz, Viktoria; Bernier, Toby; Michaels, Mendel; Teresa S; Siewers, Marc J; Levin, Jen; Burnett, David R; Baron, Desiree A; Adams, Julie D; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Zercobavely, Sandra S; Schlerfath, Frank G; Burgess, Richard J; Chera, John E; Waters, John R; Rogan, Thomas G; Towy, Dabra J; Hanania, Vera V; Weinfeld, Nili Y; Lewis, Glenn K; Beran, Sarah; Greengrass, Sara D; Kaplan, Dean; Walker, Carolee B; Finvor, Frank J; Greene, David J; Manning, Nicholas J; Tyson, Paul H; Moggi, Robert W; Frederick, Jeffrey D; Fella, Eric G; Reed, Jufa G; Davison, Kees C; Ogle, Keaton L; Keen, Daniel G; Howard, Jeremiah; Jerry; Parra, Yolanda A; Dinworth, Alison B; Osman, Amany A; Nates, Elalherca E; Taylor, Victoria J; Riley, Robert J; Dayton, Wm (Istanbul); Marsh, Denise M; Batty, Jesse T; Tomlinson, Christofa (Istanbul); Abayta, Susan K (Istanbul); Glyvold, Lee C (Istanbul); Parker, Andrew C; Stillman, Douglas A; Rusenstock, Matthew S; Goodman, Ilan A; Reisser, Wesley J. [redacted] Catin, Melin (Istanbul)

Subject: Free Gaza Update - IHH expects ship to leave Antalya at 5:00 pm today; still only 1 Amci

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 Sent: Saturday, May 29, 2010 12:58 PM  
 To: Amodco, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Goldberg, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Sirwa, Rebecca L; Richter, Kim B; Lopalkiewicz, Viktoria; Bemler-Toth, Michelle; Mendel, Teresa S; Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Burnett, David R; Baron, Desiree A; Adams, Julie D; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Schlereth, Frank G; Burgess, Richard J; Chere, John E; Waters, John R; Rogan, Thomas G; Towry, Debra J; Haranta, Vera V; Wehfeld, Niki; Lewis, Glenn K; Baron, Sarah; Greengrass, Sara D; Kaplan, David; Walker, Carolee B; Finer, Frank J; Greene, David J; Manning, Nicholas J; Tyson, Paul H; Hagg, Robert W; Proderick, Jeffrey D; Falls, Eric G; Reed, Julia G; Davison, Kees C; Oglo, Karan L; Keen, Daniel G; Howard, Ja'omph "Jony"; Parra, Yolanda A; Diworth, Alison E; Osman, Amany A; Nofos, Eliotheos E; Taylor, Victoria J; Riley, Robert J; Dayton, Wm (Istanbul); Marsh, Denise M; Baly, Jess L; Tomlinson, Christina (Istanbul); Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Glavold, Lisa C (Istanbul); Sittman, Douglas A; Rosenstock, Melihaw S; Goodman, Ian A; Rofasser, Wedley J; Cain, Melin (Istanbul)

Subject: 5/28 Free Gaza Update - IHH ships waiting at near Cyprus for Cypriot ship

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On 5/28 IHH [redacted] informed post that:

- the IHH ships are still waiting near Cyprus for others ships to join the flotilla.
- The IHH told the Greek Cypriot authorities did not allow the Greek Cypriot (GC) ship to leave for Gaza so the passengers, including some members of GC parliament, have to join the group through another route. Thus, the flotilla is still waiting for the Greek Cypriot passengers and ship to arrive.
- [redacted] also confirmed that the ship from Greece, Challenge 2, could not continue because of technical problems and the passengers were transferred to IHH's ship "Mavi Marmara". The ship now has a total of 778 passengers on board now. IHH expects the flotilla to approach Gaza around 25 hours after they depart. It is unclear when they expect to depart since it depends on when Greek Cypriot ship arrives.

-- On Fri, 5/28/10, Amodco, Salvatore A (Istanbul) <AmodcoSA@state.gov> wrote:

From: Amodco, Salvatore A (Istanbul) <AmodcoSA@state.gov>  
 Subject: Free Gaza Update - IHH ships heading toward rendezvous point off of Cyprus  
 To: "Amodco, Salvatore A (Istanbul)" <AmodcoSA@state.gov>; "Goldberg, Thomas H" <GoldbergTH@state.gov>; "Holmstrom, Todd C" <HolmstromTC@state.gov>; "Sindle, James M" <SindleJM@state.gov>; "Sirwa, Rebecca L" <SirwaRL@state.gov>; "Richter, Kim B" <RichterKB@state.gov>; "Lopalkiewicz, Viktoria" <LopalkiewiczV@state.gov>; "Bemler-Toth, Michelle" <Bemler-TothM2@state.gov>; "Mendel, Teresa S" <MendelTS@state.gov>; "Sievers, Marc J" <SieversMJ@state.gov>; "Levin, Jan" <LevinJ@state.gov>; "Burnett, David R" <burnettDR@state.gov>; "Baron, Desiree A" <BaronDA@state.gov>; "Adams, Julie D" <adamjulD@state.gov>; "Parker, Andrew C" <ParkerAC@state.gov>; "Greene, Elisa" <GreeneE@state.gov>; "Zeroubavely, Sandra S" <zeroubavelyss@state.gov>; "Schlereth, Frank G" <SchlerethFG@state.gov>; "Burgess, Richard J" <BurgessRJ@state.gov>; "Chere, John E" <ChereJS@state.gov>; "Waters, John R" <WatersJR@state.gov>; "Rogan, Thomas G"

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 Date: Friday, May 28, 2010, 4:32 AM

IHH [redacted] informed post at 10:45 am that:

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• IHH ships are presently enroute towards the rendezvous point near Cyprus and expect to meet the other ships of the flotilla "in a few hours."

• They hope to arrive in Gaza tomorrow. "If something happens, it will happen tomorrow," he said.

As reported earlier, IHH informed post yesterday that only one Amchi, [redacted] is aboard their passenger ship.

I plan to send an e-mail on the status of the flotilla over the week-end.

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Subject: Free Gaza Update - IHH say only 1 Amcit with them

At 4:00 pm today IHH [redacted] informed posst that [redacted] (please note this correct spelling) is the only American Citizen on any of the three ships to participate in the Free Gaza flotilla. They are expecting their passenger ship the Mavi Marmara to depart this evening, as previously announced.

Regards,

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 Subject: FW: The Gazan Odyssey - Press Release/Article with photos from Create  
 Attachments: DSC\_0130.jpg; DSC\_0124.JPG; DSC\_0089.JPG; DSC\_0130.jpg

This piece from Ireland is probably of widespread interest.

### The Gazan Odyssey

Why nine ships will this week help complete a sixty year journey home and free Gaza from her suitors.

The Port of Gaza was once at the centre of the global spice trade. From at least 1000 B.C. until the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Gaza was the main port in the Middle East for the export of silk from China, incense from India and Africa, Palestinian fruit, vegetables, flowers, olive oil, wines and fine glass were exported across the Mediterranean to all parts of Europe. European imports into Gaza included metal and other minerals.

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Long before the word 'Globalisation' was invented, and indeed long before the English language was invented, Gaza has been one of the major interfaces between the different cultures of the world.

The foundation of *Medinat Yisrael* (The State of Israel); or the 'Nakba' as it is known as by Palestinians, the 1967 Six-Day War, and more recently the Israeli reaction to the democratic election of a Hamas government in the Gaza Strip have all slowly but surely caused the Port of Gaza to forcefully closed by the occupying Israel Defense Force.

Today the only economic activities in the port are the humble tows of local fishermen who are very often shot at indiscriminately as they go about their business.

3000 kilometres away in Dundalk Port, where numerous trawlers are tied up for different reasons, we launched the M.V. Rachel Corrie earlier this month. Laden with 200 tonnes of humanitarian relief, cement, educational materials, medical and sports supplies that came from all over Northern Europe, the Rachel Corrie is the Irish cargo ship joining the nine ship strong Freedom Flotilla that aims to bring a permanent end to the illegal siege and reopen the Port of Gaza for business.

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During my flight through Roscommon the night before I flew out to join the crew of the Challenger. In Crete, I had a beautiful view of an owl in full flight and thought of Athena blessing us. The next day, as I went to catch my flight, I bumped into John Bruton, former Taoiseach and the outgoing EU Ambassador to the United States. He and his wife were on their way abroad and we spent a few minutes exchanging pleasantries. When I explained where I was headed, Mr. Bruton said that he thought the Free Gaza flotilla was "a much needed humanitarian mission", wished us all well and even offered his support. Knowing that Fine Gael is the most conservative and pro-Israel political party in Ireland, I asked him to confirm if I could quote him and he did. I considered this a very auspicious beginning to my own journey and indeed augured well for the entire flotilla.

As an Irish person disenfranchised by mainstream politics, I began feeling very proud of Ireland's official attitude to this particular mission. So far, leaders or parliamentarians from Fine Gael, Fianna Fail, Sinn Féin and the Green Party have all either made strong statements of support for this mission or even come with us, as in the case with Fianna Fail and Sinn Féin who will be represented by Chris Andrews T.D. (FF), Senator Mark Daly (FF) and Aengus O Snodaigh T.D. (SF). Other parliamentarians on the flotilla are from Sweden, Norway, Germany, Malaysia and even Israel, all united in the purpose of reaffirming Human Rights in the Occupied Territories and permanently reopening the seaport of Gaza.

The United States is being represented by nearly a dozen individuals. Former U.S. Army Colonel Ann Wright worked in various Deputy ambassadorial roles between Afghanistan, Mongolia, Sierra Leone and Micronesia, before resigning from the diplomatic service in protest to the illegal invasion

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of Iraq in 2003. Joe Meadors, who is a decorated Navy veteran and survivor of the controversial 1967 bombing of the U.S.S. Liberty by the Israeli Air Force, has joined us to force his aggressors again and add the weight of his own personal story to help ensure that Israel finally begins to observe the letter of international law. Ambassador Edward L. Peck, was a paratrooper during two tours of wartime active duty, spent 32 years in the Foreign Service, including stints as Chief of Mission in Iraq and Mauritania. He was Deputy Director of the Cabinet Task Force on Terrorism at the Reagan White House, and State Department Liaison Officer to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. After retirement, Peck became the Executive Secretary of the American Academy of Diplomacy.

When I asked Ann Wright why she was on the flotilla, she looked at me directly with her kind eyes through her analytical glasses and stated firmly: "When our governments fail to observe the rule of law and endanger their own national security by becoming a part of war crimes on behalf of Israel, then civil society is obliged to step in and call the authorities to account." When I asked her what message she would have for the US Ambassador to Israel she replied "I would ask him to apply whatever pressure necessary to ensure that Israel revise its threatening attitude toward this flotilla, and encourage them to see that by withdrawing its threats and not hindering our passage they would be building confidence on all sides as proximity peace talks begin again. If Israel continues with its threatening attitude and apartheid policies, then I would recommend that the American ambassador resign his position in protest."

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These are called Palestinians on board who, having their own national identity denied have had to assume other nationalities as they struggle for their 'right of return'. Survivors of the Cicec and Calypso that have for so long impeded the development of their case on the official world stage, it is their participation that is giving this multi-million Euro fiasco a truly Odyssean dimension. Now with Norwegian, German or British passports, they are ready to return to reclaim what is their birth right.

In 1897 one of the first Zionist delegations to visit Palestine to prospect for an new Jewish homeland. A Swiss Rabbi reported back to Vienna: "the bride is beautiful but she is married to another man". After the Second World war, instead of addressing the roots of fascism at home, the imperial powers lined up to support the most ideologically minded Zionists who ignored the advice of the 1897 Delegation. In doing so, they chose to scapegoat the people of Palestine for their own failings and institutional racism. That is the tragedy of the history of *Mediterranean*, instead of being a peaceful solution to western xenophobia it has compounded the type of hatred that is still Europe's shame. Unforgivably, Europe and the United States have armed to the teeth and incited the traumatized victims of their own anti-Semitism to become the authors of such reprehensible violence against Palestine and her children. Muddying the waters with Crusader-like zealotry, Israeli backers in the US and Europe have for a long time encouraged new generations of Israelis to place more focus on the most extreme readings of sacred books than on the pain of their Palestinian neighbours. Palestine's Israeli suitors are not simply racist because they are racist; they have been abused and used. They have been trapped in an apartheid mentality as they recover from their own trauma and are understandably drunk with rage. However the scenes of Operation 'Defensive Shield'

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and more recently, 'Cast Lead' that left more than 1440 dead Gazans, people all over the world are beginning to wake up to their own responsibility as our governments continue to fail us.

The only 'End Time' that I believe in is an end time for apartheid policies in Israel, as more and more people start talking about a single-state solution. "Intractable" conflicts do have solutions, once we admit to the humanity of our "enemies". I have seen an occupation end in my own country during my short life and I never hide my Protestant or Catholic heritage from anyone. The same can happen in the Holy Land and that is what the Odjessian Palestinians know. The bride is beautiful and she is waiting for her husband.

We will enter the Port of Gaza. Gaza will be free.

Fíachra O. Luain

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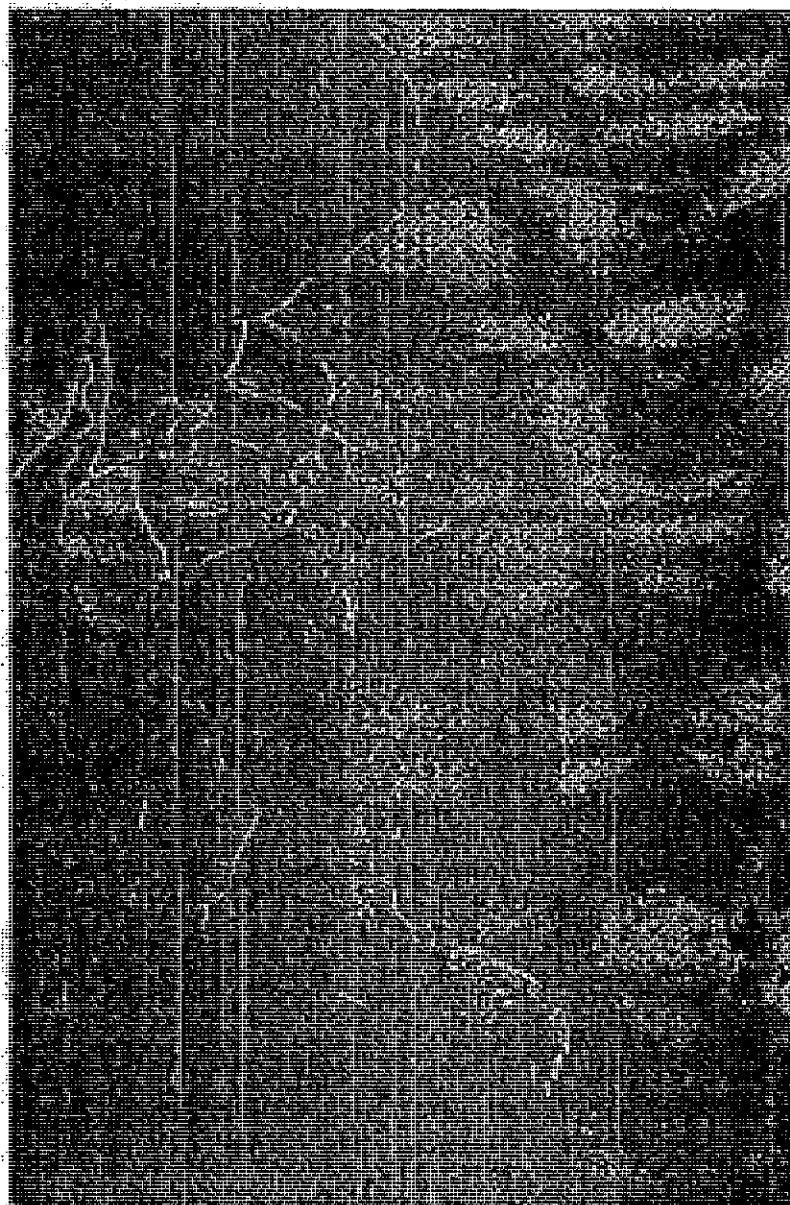
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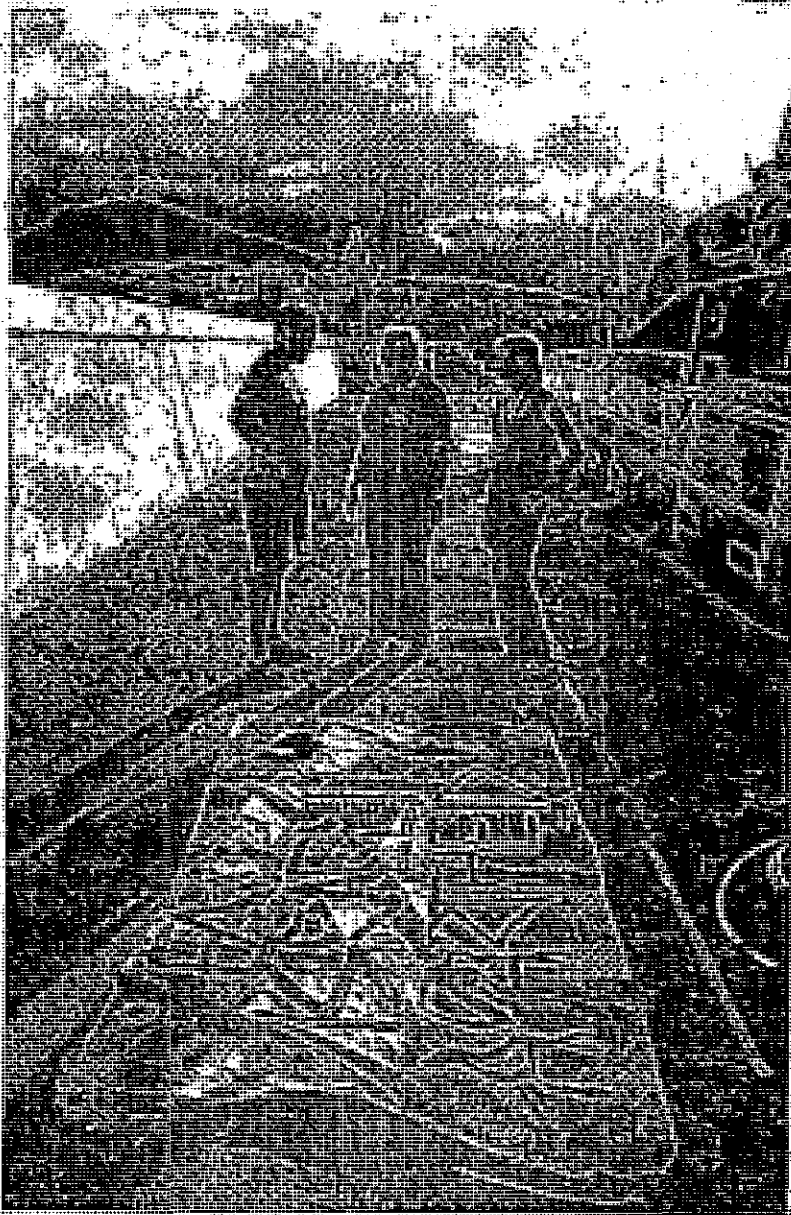
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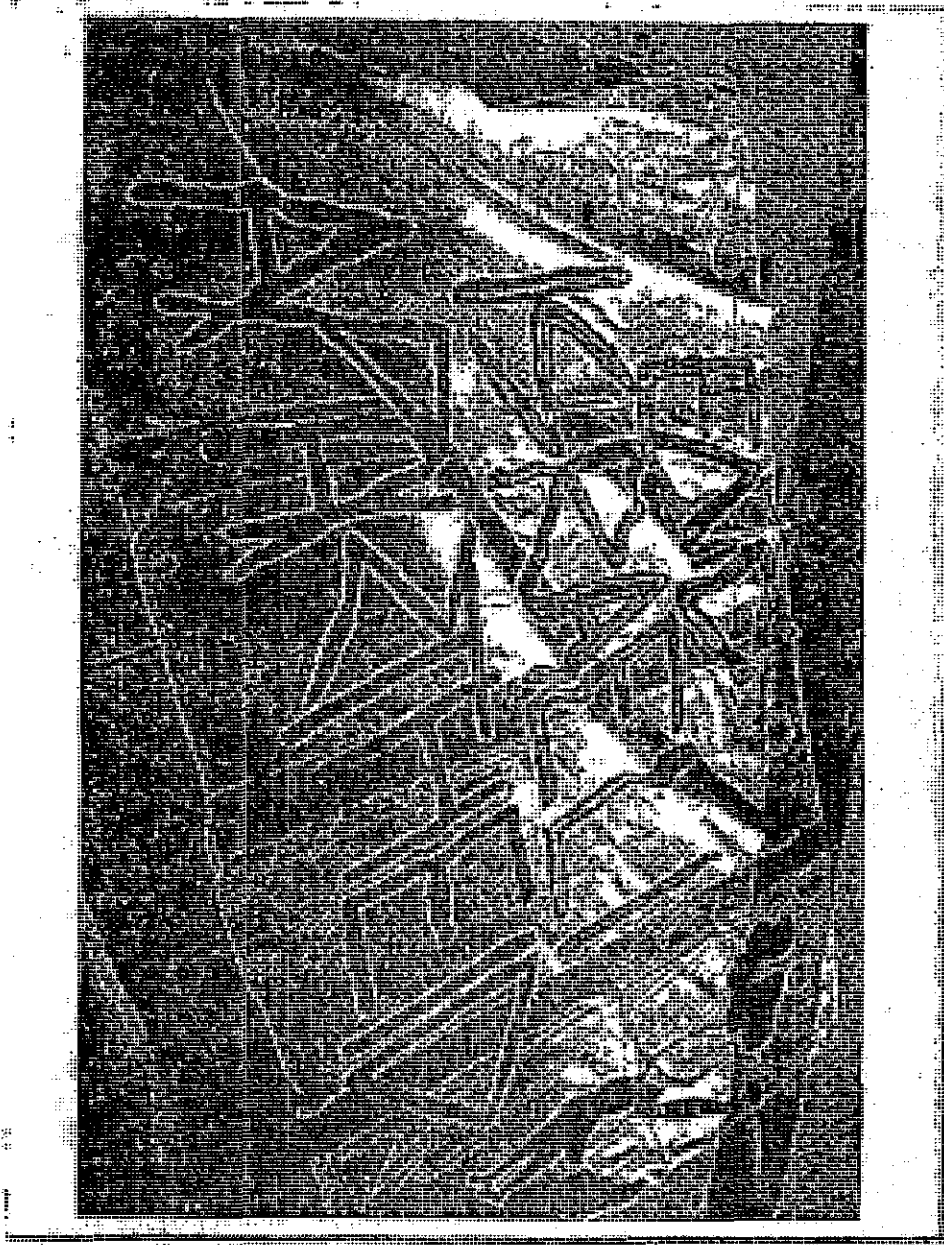
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To: Osman, Amany A  
Subject: RE: Flotilla Delayed - only 2 Amcits may join IHH passenger ship

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Yes. Is there any action required?

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To: Perry, Mark D; Osman, Amany A  
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Cc: Wiener, Sharon A (Istanbul)

Subject: Flotilla Delayed - only 2 Amcits may join IHH passenger ship.

Today at 9:30 am I spoke to IHH Administrative Board member [redacted] by phone. He is presently in Antalya where their passenger ship, the Mavi Marmara is docked. He told me:

- They will not depart Antalya to join the Free Gaza flotilla at the rendezvous point off of Cyprus for "about 2 days" since the rest of the flotilla is not yet ready to depart.
- There were NO/NO American Citizens on the Mavi Marmara while it sailed from Istanbul to Antalya. However, two Americans MAY board the ship when it eventually departs from Antalya. We did not know the names of the Americans, noting that another group that is planning to board the ship said two American may be among its participants.
- The IHH ship's passengers are presently staying in hotels in Antalya. More passengers are expected to arrive in Antalya in the next two days.

It appears that the participation of American Citizens may have been exaggerated or there was confusion over how many Amcits would be in the Flotilla as a whole vs. how many would be on the IHH ship.

I will monitor the situation for Amcic participation and estimated time of departure.

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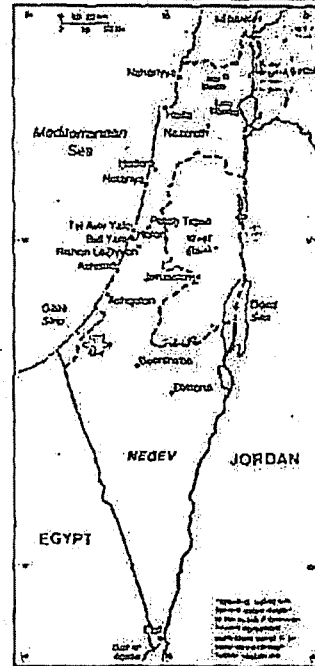
**(U) 2010 Gaza flotilla clash**

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**From Intellipedia**

(SBU) According to Turkish press sources, at approximately 4:30 a.m. on 31 May 2010, 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. [1]

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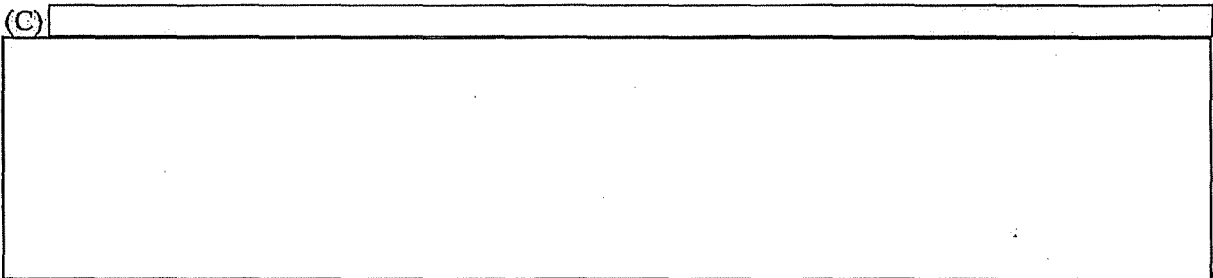
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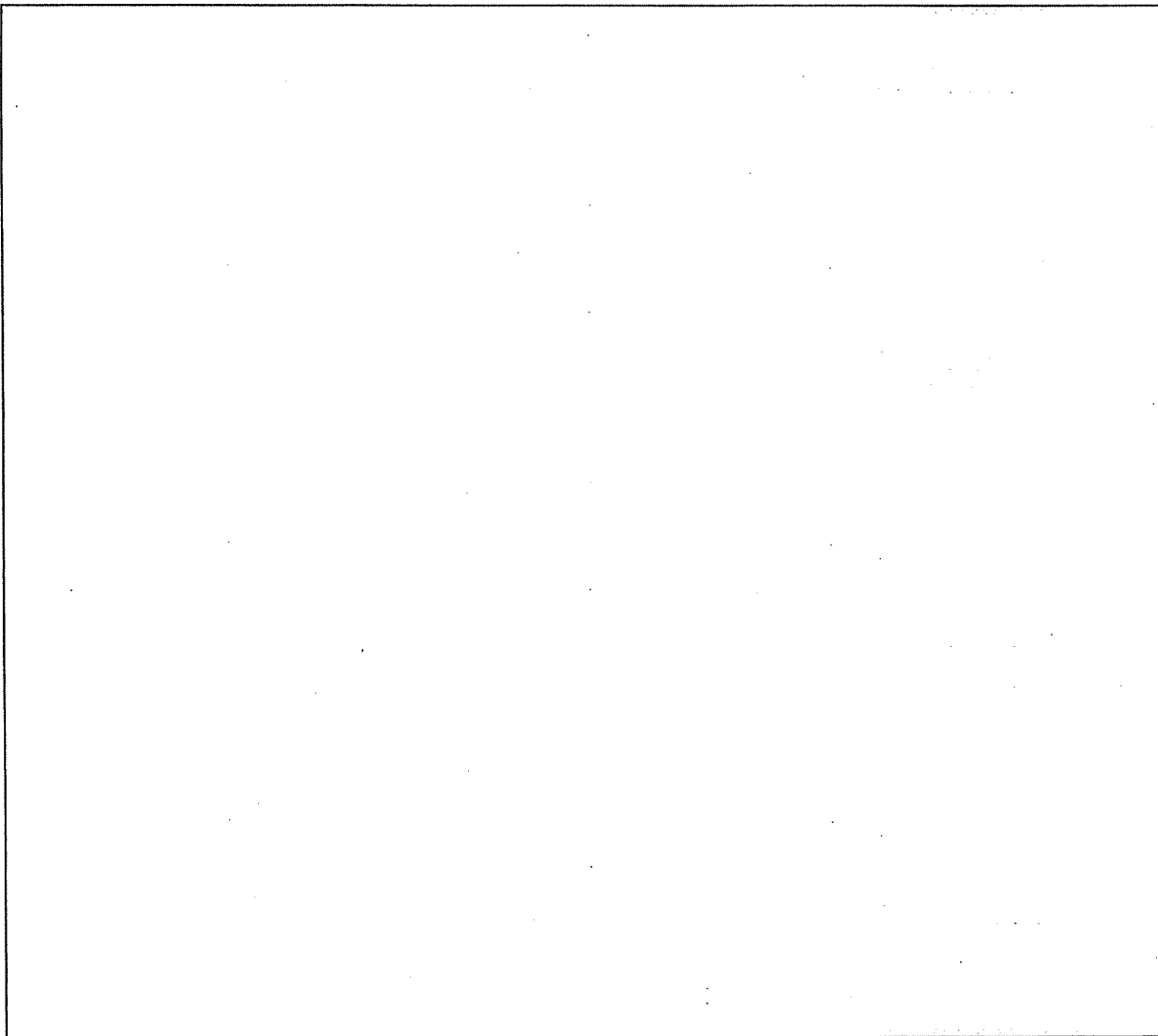
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### Background



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### **International media coverage**

*Main article: International media coverage of the Gaza flotilla clash*

### **Reactions**

*Main article: International reactions to the Gaza flotilla clash*

## **GAZA FLOTILLA REACTION: WEST BANK/GAZA/JERUSALEM. 31 MAY 2010**

(SBU) Protest activities rumbled on in the Gaza Strip in the aftermath of Israel's interdiction of the "Free Gaza" flotilla, but none took place on a large scale. [redacted] described an atmosphere of

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uncertainty, apathy, and depression. One suggested that many Gazans resented what they saw as international gestures in support of Hamas, and that they saw the flotilla in that light. The Gazan delegation to the Palestine Investment Conference (PIC) in Bethlehem has, despite reservations given the current situation, decided to try to attend. [redacted] described President Abbas's determination not to let Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood capitalize on the current situation. Post has identified and located the Amcit described in refcel as having been injured while participating in a demonstration in the West Bank. [8]

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### Gaza Reactions

(SBU) [redacted] described calls for protests being made through all available forms of media in Gaza during the day on May 31. This included (Ham-controlled) radio and television stations as well as the loudspeaker systems of mosques. While some demonstrations were held by Hamas, there were no large rallies. A large demonstration is expected to be called tomorrow (June 1).

(SBU) Hamas earlier in the day on May 31 called for a three-day strike in the Palestinian Territories, but has not so far enforced it, even in Gaza. Some stores closed, but others remained open, according to Gaza-based contacts reached by phone. Contacts described merchants as waiting to see what direction prices of goods will take.

(SBU) Gaza-based contacts described the atmosphere in Gaza as very tense. One compared it to that at the beginning of Israeli combat operations against Hamas in December 2008. Another commented that there is no longer unity during moments of crisis. In the past, this contact said, Palestinians would come together to protest Israeli actions. Now, he said, many in Gaza are staying home, watching events develop on television, and wondering what will happen next.

(SBU) A few Gaza-based contacts suggested that the apparent lack of enthusiasm for protests reflected scant hope for the future in Gaza, especially regarding an international response to the current situation. Some conveyed a sense of letdown after Hamas had built up anticipation for the flotilla's arrival, with lanterns set up to welcome it to the port of Gaza.

(SBU) One Gaza-based contact, speaking to Post prior to the flotilla's interdiction, noted that while Gazans widely welcomed any attempts to lift the Israeli "siege" on Gaza, they saw initiatives like the "Free Gaza" flotilla as intended to support only Hamas and its beneficiaries. Many Gazans blamed Hamas for the ongoing immiseration of Gaza and the continued division of the Palestinian Territories, he said, and consequently resented international gestures of support for Hamas, like (as many saw it) the flotilla.

### Gazans Will Still Try to Attend PIC

(SBU) [redacted] reported that the Gaza delegation to the June 1-4 PIC was reconsidering its attendance. The contact described uncertainty as to whether the Erez crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip would be open, what actions Hamas would take, and what the perception would be of Gazan business leaders running off to an international investment conference the day after the flotilla incident.

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8(SBU) [redacted] notified Post on the evening of May 31 that the 25-member committee formed to coordinate Gazan participation in the PIC finally agreed to participate in the PIC as originally planned.

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### Further Official Palestinian Reactions

(SBU) A senior Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) official told Post that President Abbas told a joint May 31 meeting of the PLO's Executive Committee and the Fatah Central Committee that the Palestinian Authority (PA) was reaching out to others -- including the USG, UN, and European Union -- for support. It was also doing the utmost to contain the situation so that the Palestinians could "stay the course." Abbas had noted strict instructions to PA security forces not to condone any violence by Palestinians or allow frictions with Israeli security forces in the West Bank, according to the senior PLO official.

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

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

### American Citizens

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

### Comment

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

## GOI RESPONSE TO GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT. 31 MAY 2010

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(SBU) During several May 31 press conferences and briefs to the diplomatic corps, Israeli officials stressed that the GOI was "sorry for any loss of life," but that responsibility for the Gaza flotilla incident lies entirely in the hands of the flotilla's organizers. According to GOI officials, the GOI made every attempt to persuade flotilla organizers to unload its cargo of humanitarian supplies in the Israeli port of Ashdod, wherein it would be sent to Gaza across land border crossings following IDF inspection. According to GOI and IDF officials, Gaza flotilla activists rejected all such overtures, clearly stating their intention to break the IDF's naval blockade. GOI officials claim that IDF commandos were met with "extreme violence" by activists on one of the six flotilla ships. The GOI claims IDF commandos had no choice but to "respond in kind" in self-defense. Casualty numbers remain subject to confirmation, but the Israeli MOD estimated 10 fatalities and 36 wounded, ten of which are Israeli commandos. IDF officials argue that under International Humanitarian Law the IDF can board any vessel intending to break its naval blockade, which is justified due to the GOI's ongoing armed conflict with Hamas. [9]

#### **Deputy Foreign Minister Brief**

(SBU) Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon held a press conference to register the GOI's early reaction in response to the IDF interdiction of the Gaza flotilla during the early morning hours of May 31. Ayalon said that the GOI was "sorry for any loss of life." He added, however, that the Gaza flotilla was not a humanitarian mission. Ayalon said the GOI offered to help transfer the flotilla's reported 10,000 tons of humanitarian supplies to the Gaza Strip through official land border crossings "but that Gaza flotilla activists had refused the offer. Instead, Ayalon indicated that Gaza flotilla officials said their intent was to "break the blockade" on Gaza " and was therefore not a humanitarian mission.

(SBU) Ayalon said that allowing the Gaza flotilla to reach Gaza would have set a precedent, opening a channel for the smuggling of weapons and other banned goods into Gaza. He said this ultimately would have caused "more bloodshed." Ayalon said the movement's organizers did not heed the IDF's calls to peacefully follow them to Ashdod. He said that at least two pistols that were fired at IDF commandos were found on board one of the ships, and that no sovereign country would have tolerated such violence.

(SBU) Ayalon called on all countries involved to do "everything in their power" to calm the situation and bring it to a peaceful end. He noted that the Turkish NGO IHH that organized the flotilla was well-known to maintain ties with Hamas, and was only interested in provoking a violent confrontation.

#### **Brief to Foreign Ambassadors**

(SBU) In a later brief to foreign ambassadors, MFA Director General Yossi Gal and IDF Director of Strategic Coordination COL Assaf Orion noted that the identification of dead and wounded Gaza flotilla participants would take some time. They noted that the MFA would reach out proactively to foreign embassies once identification of participants had been completed, although it was not clear how long the process of identification would take.

(SBU) Gal and COL Orion indicated that all fatalities/injuries occurred on board the ship "Mavi Marmara." COL Orion noted that activists armed with knives and metal bars on board the Marmara were prepared for IDF commandos. He said it was unclear if the activists were armed with guns in advance or took firearms from the IDF boarding party. COL Orion said one IDF commando was nearly beaten to death with a metal bar.

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(SBU) COL Orion said the interdiction took place in international waters. He said the GOI asserted the legal right to intercept the flotilla in international waters due to the military blockade in place as a result of the armed conflict between Israel and Hamas.

#### MOD Brief

(SBU) During a subsequent press conference, Defense Minister Barak said the GOI was "sorry about the results," but that responsibility lies solely in the hands of the Gaza flotilla organizers. He said that the GOI had asked the organizers to head to Ashdod and send its humanitarian supplies to Gaza following IDF security checks, but that such calls were rejected.

(SBU) Barak indicated that IDF commandos had been attacked during the takeover of one of the flotilla ships. During the incident, IDF commandos used anti-riot gear and live fire against the flotilla activists who had used violence.

(SBU) Barak said he had spoken to Turkish officials, as well as President Peres and Prime Minister Netanyahu, who is currently in Canada. Barak noted that there is no starvation or humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The area is controlled by Hamas, an organization Barak said was arming itself with rockets to harm and that have harmed Israel. He said it was for this reason that the GOI stands by its right to inspect any ships approaching Gaza.

(SBU) Barak said Israel will act with determination to protect its sovereignty. He described the Turkish NGO IHH that organized the flotilla as a "violent organization that has nothing to do with humanitarian aid" whose intended purpose was to break the blockade of Gaza. Barak called on all countries involved to remain calm, and for Arab states and Palestinians not to allow this incident to disrupt on-going proximity talks.

(SBU) IDF Chief of the General Staff LTG Ashkenazi stated that the IDF interdiction intended to thwart an attempt to bring contraband into Gaza. He said that the events that transpired on the IHH-owned Marmara were unique from events on the other five flotilla ships. LTG Ashkenazi said IDF commandos had been ordered to use restraint, but faced "extreme violence" as they boarded the Marmara. Some IDF commandos were wounded by gunshots and stabbings. Such violence necessitated self-defense " he noted that at least ten activists were killed, and several dozens wounded.

(SBU) IDF Navy Commander Vice Admiral Eliezer Marom added that IDF commandoes "had no choice but to respond in kind" to the violence they faced " the situation could have been worse if the IDF commandos had not acted with restraint. He noted that all wounded activists were treated by Israeli soldiers on board the Marmara, and airlifted to Israeli hospitals.

#### J5 Brief

(SBU) IDF J5 Strategic Division Chief Brigadier General Yossi Heymann indicated that the IDF operation was still on-going; two of the six flotilla ships had been brought to Ashdod, including the Challenger I. BG Heymann said that all other ships " including the Mavi Marmara -- would be brought into Ashdod later the evening of May 31. He said that 10-14 activists had been seriously killed or injured, with another 30 moderately wounded. BG Heymann noted that ten IDF commandos had been wounded including one with serious and one with moderate wounds.

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(SBU) BG Heymann said the interdiction occurred approximately 70 nautical miles from the coastline. Based on the laws of armed conflict, BG Heymann said a country party to a conflict may legally impose a naval blockade to prevent ships from entering or exiting its territory or territorial waters. He referenced the GOI's ongoing conflict with Hamas, and said International Law permits the capture of ships, either hostile or neutral, that seek to breach a naval blockade. BG Heymann said a maritime vessel may be boarded prior to entering the area under naval blockade if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the vessel intends to breach the blockade.

#### Overall Security Situation

(SBU) Israeli press reports that the Israeli Police and Prison Service were placed on the highest state of alert following news of the violent interdiction. Following a joint evaluation conducted by Internal Security Minister Yitzhak Aharonovitch and Police Commissioner Dudi Cohen, the Israeli police will block certain roads and routes, including the Wadi Ara and Temple Mount area. The Israeli NSC's Counterterrorism Bureau issued a warning to all Israeli citizens traveling in Turkey to remain in place and monitor developments instead of attempting to depart Turkey at this time.

## GAZA FLOTILLA MONITORING GROUP SITUATION REPORT #2. 31 MAY 2010

### STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

(SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv has not yet made contact with any of the AmCits, though the MFA should provide consular access the morning of June 1. [10]

(SBU) Only half of the passengers on the MAVI MARMARA were identified and some names were provided to the MFA.

(SBU) A former U.S. ambassador aboard one of the ships seized is reportedly fine and on his way home, likely to arrive in NYC on June 1, his wife said. Edward Peck, 81, of Chevy Chase, Md., was a former U.S. ambassador to Mauritania. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

### UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION UPDATE

(SBU) USUN reports that a draft text is circulating amongst a small group - Lebanon, Turkey, and United States - but it was leaked by Turkey or Lebanon to the Israelis and Palestinians, complicating negotiations. Turkey wants a Presidential Statement. USUN seeks to negotiate the language in the text and SC consultations remain suspended. (MGGZ01/USUN e-mail)

### U.S. STATEMENT TO UNSC

(SBU) Deputy PermRep Wolff addressed an emergency session of the UNSC stating that the United States is "deeply disturbed by the recent violence and regrets the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved." Wolff noted that "we are working to ascertain the facts" and that the United States expects a "credible and transparent investigation." Wolff reiterated the United States is concerned

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about the situation in Gaza and we continue to engage with Israel to address the full range of humanitarian and recovery needs and this situation underscores need to move ahead with negotiations that can lead to a comprehensive peace in the region. (MGGZ01/USUN e-mail)

### QUARTET STATEMENT

(SBU) Following a Quartet envoys' conference call and interagency concurrence, a draft statement was circulated for review. The Quartet plans to issue the statement after a second envoys' call scheduled for 0900 EDT June 1. The draft statement mirrors Deputy PermRep Wolff's earlier comments before the UNSC and also notes that the only viable solution to the conflict is negotiations between the parties toward realization of the two-state solution. (MGGZ01/SEMEP e-mail)

## GAZA FLOTILLA MONITORING GROUP SITUATION REPORT #1. 31 MAY 2010

### STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS INVOLVED

(SBU) Nine Amcits, including two journalists, were reportedly onboard the first two ships to dock in the Israeli port of Ashdod; three are scheduled to be deported from Ben Gurion Airport the morning of June 1. The remaining individuals are held at a detention facility near Beer Sheeva. The MFA will provide consular access to Amcits the morning of June 1. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail) [11]

(SBU) One Amcitt reportedly received minor injuries and was treated at Barzilai Hospital, but was not aboard the Turkish vessel, MAVI MARMARA, where confrontations with the IDF occurred. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

(SBU) The MFA presumes a number of unaccounted Amcits are on the MAVI MARMARA, which has yet to dock. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

(SBU) The dead have been taken to a forensic lab, but it may be several hours before they are identified. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

### TURKEY APPEALS TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL

(SBU) Turkish Foreign Minister Davutoglu said Israel treated international aid workers as "combatants," and "the peace process has been suffocated by a single act of aggression." Turkey is seeking a UNSC Presidential Statement demanding: Israel apologize to countries and individuals harmed in the incident; an "urgent inquiry" be conducted by the UN; international legal action against those responsible; immediate repatriation of the dead and wounded; delivery of all ship cargo to Gaza; an end to the Gaza blockade. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

### GAZA REACTION

(SBU) Hamas called for a three-day strike in the Palestinian Territories, but has not so far enforced it, even in Gaza. Embassy contacts suggest the apparent lack of enthusiasm for protests reflected scant hope for the future in Gaza, especially regarding the international response to the current situation.

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Others, however, saw initiatives like the "Free Gaza" flotilla as intended to support only Hamas and its beneficiaries. (Jerusalem 922)

### SitRep 4 on IHH Flotilla. 31 MAY 2010

(SBU) [redacted] told Post that its website carrying the U.S. statement regarding the intervention by the Israeli Military on the Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla has received over 250,000 hits so far today. The statement, "The United States deeply regrets the loss of life and injuries sustained, and is currently working to understand the circumstances surrounding this tragedy" was run with other international condemnations of the intervention. [12]

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(SBU) Press reports of the protest in Istanbul's Taksim Square estimated the group numbered over 10,000. The group was prepared with printed banners telling Israel to leave the ships alone, and appeared well organized. Protestors burned Israeli flags and chanted anti-Israeli slogans.

(SBU) Post's RSO office received confirmation from the MFA that it sent a cable to all security posts in Turkey authorizing any needed additional security for both Israeli and U.S. installations. Post requested and received additional coverage in Ankara. The shouts of protestors could be heard from the Embassy compound.

(U) Anti-Israeli attacks may increase. According to Anatolia News Agency, a Turkish lawyer who is allegedly a member of IHH was charged with assaulting an Israeli athlete competing in the inaugural Cycling Tour of Trakya in Tekirdag on May 31. The assailant entered the race track to try to punch the cyclist but was stopped by the police after the cyclist managed to escape the first swing. There are seven Israeli cyclists competing in the tour. Turkish press reported the Government of Israel "has advised its citizens to avoid travel to Turkey and instructed those already there to keep a low profile and avoid crowded downtown areas."

### SitRep 3 on IHH Flotilla. 31 MAY 2010

(SBU) At 1500 Ambassador Jeffrey and other ambassadors from UN Security Council member states were briefed by the MFA regarding the intervention by the Israeli Military on the Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla. Following this, the MFA briefed other groups of ambassadors from (1) the Organization of the Islamic Council member states, (2) EU member states, and (3) all other states. All member states received the same briefing. [13]

(SBU) The MFA confirmed that FM Davutoglu is going to New York with the purpose of addressing the UN Security Council today. The Ministry put particular emphasis on calling the intervention a "gross violation of international law," handing out maps to emphasize the location of the intervention. They placed the intervention at 64 nautical miles from the northeast corner of Israel's blockade area of Gaza, which covers 20 square nautical miles from the coastline. The Ministry stressed that it reserves its rights under international law, that this "grave" action should not go without a response, and that a response to the intervention is the responsibility of the entire international community.

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(SBU) The Ministry also stressed that Israel bears the responsibility for the intervention, which involved an attack on innocent civilians -- including women, children and the elderly -- who were on a humanitarian mission. While Turkey has withdrawn its Ambassador to Israel for consultations, its first priority is to determine the whereabouts and identity of the passengers who were killed or wounded in action, and it would like all of the passengers returned to Turkey as soon as possible. (Note: Withdrawing the ambassador for consultations is less dramatic than recalling him, and does not necessarily require a response from the GOI. End note.)

(SBU) The Ministry estimated that the Turkish registered ship that was boarded, the Mavi Marmaris, carried 560 passengers not counting the crew. The majority of those passengers (353) were Turks, though there were also citizens from 43 other nations including Algeria (33 passengers), Jordan (31), the U.K. (28), between 10-20 passengers from Malaysia, Indonesia, and Kuwait, respectively, and 3 U.S. citizens.

## SitRep 2 on IHH Flotilla. 31 MAY 2010

(SBU) In response to the intervention by the Israeli Military on the Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla, the MFA announced it will recall its ambassador to Israel, Oguz Celikkol, and will cancel three military exercises it had planned with Israel. It will also recall the Turkish Youth National Soccer Team before it plays its scheduled match. The press reported that PM Erdogan cut his trip to Latin America short and will return to Turkey today, while FM Ahmet Davutoglu is on his way to New York to request that the UN Security Council meet in an emergency session to discuss the intervention today. Ambassador Jeffrey has been summoned to the MFA today, with other Security Council Ambassadors, to hear the GOT position on the emergency session. Acting Prime Minister Bulent Arinc said that the intervention will be a "black stain in human history," and urged Israel to lift the blockade against Gaza so that humanitarian aid may reach Gaza. Arinc equated the intervention in international waters with an act of piracy, although he ruled out sending Turkish naval forces to the region for the time being. President Gul condemned the attack, saying that Israel "deeply wounded" the international public's conscience. He urged Israeli officials to bring an end to the developments, and urged Turks to act with restraint. Turkish Grand National Assembly Speaker Mehmet Ali Sahin said that the parliament may issue a condemnation declaration. [14]

(SBU) Protests against the intervention continued. In Istanbul, a crowd of protesters that had been dispersed from the Israeli Consulate moved towards Taksim Square, in the city center. The media reported that the crowd was steadily building in size, to between 5,000-10,000 people. According to press reports, many of the protesters are carrying Turkish and Palestinian flags, are chanting slogans denouncing Israel, and are reciting prayers in Arabic. The media reports that 9 of the apparent 16 dead were Turkish, and that all of them were killed on one Turkish ship, has inflamed passions here. Press pictures of the intervention have shown Israeli soldiers pointing rifles next to Turkish flags.

(SBU) In Adana, a number of people gathered in front of the U.S. Consulate for a peaceful protest. The Consulate local guard force estimated there were 500-700 people while the Turkish National Police (TNP) estimated there were close to 4,000. The group laid a black wreath in front of the consulate, said

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the U.S. is an invading country, and dispersed. The TNP cooperated very well with security staff, and sent nearly all of their branch chiefs as well as the Security Director.

(SBU) Turkish press reported that because of the intervention Greece canceled an air force exercise with Israel and canceled the visit of the Greek Air Force Commander, planned for June 1. According to the press, the Greek MFA said they have not received any information about the welfare of the 34 Greeks that had joined the flotilla, and protests outside the Israeli Embassy in Athens were planned for May 31 and June 1.

## SitRep 1 on Humanitarian Aid Foundation Flotilla, 31 MAY 2010

(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. [15]

(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 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.

(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

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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."

(SBU) MFA Undersecretary Feridun Sinirlioglu 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 -- 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. Sinirlioglu 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.

(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.

(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. 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.

(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.

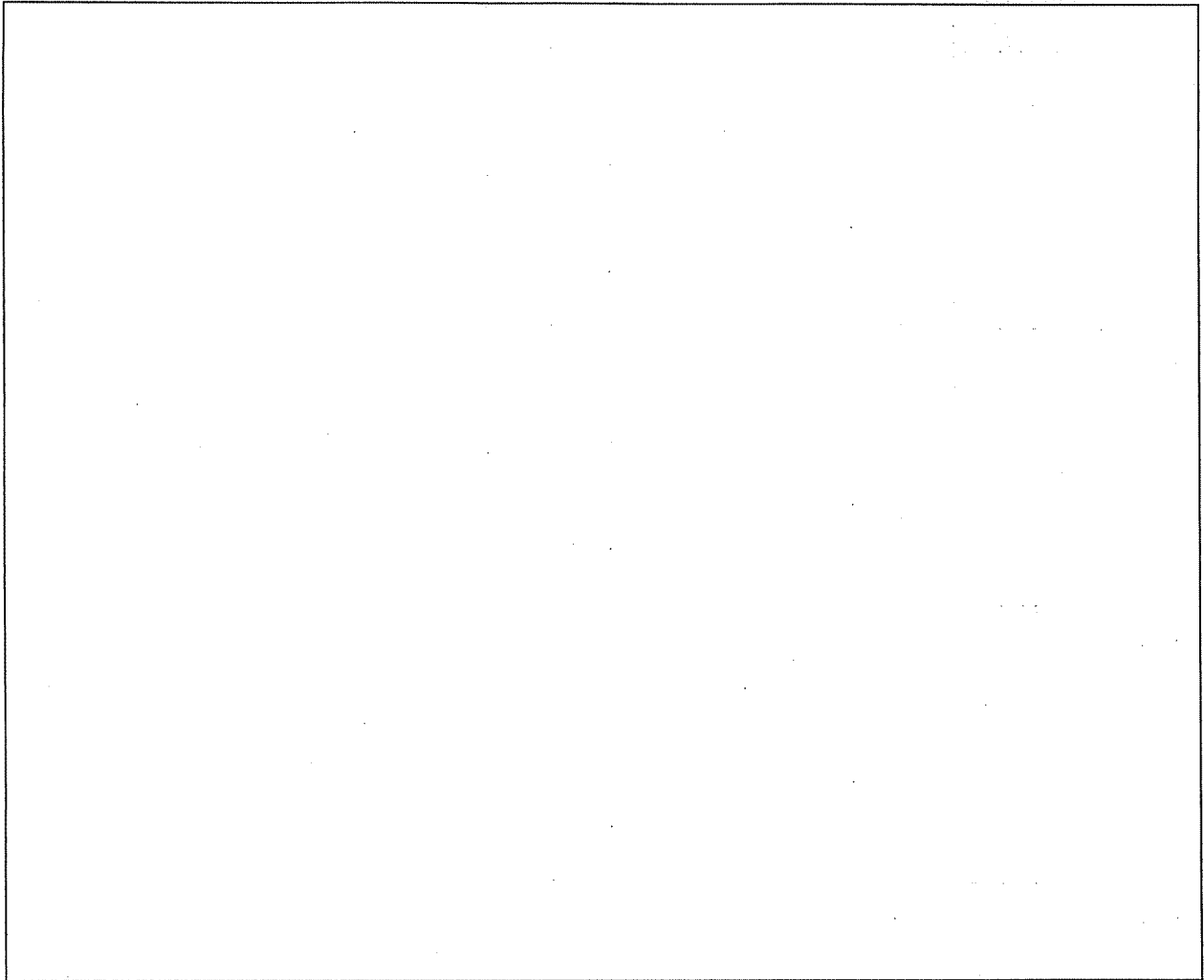
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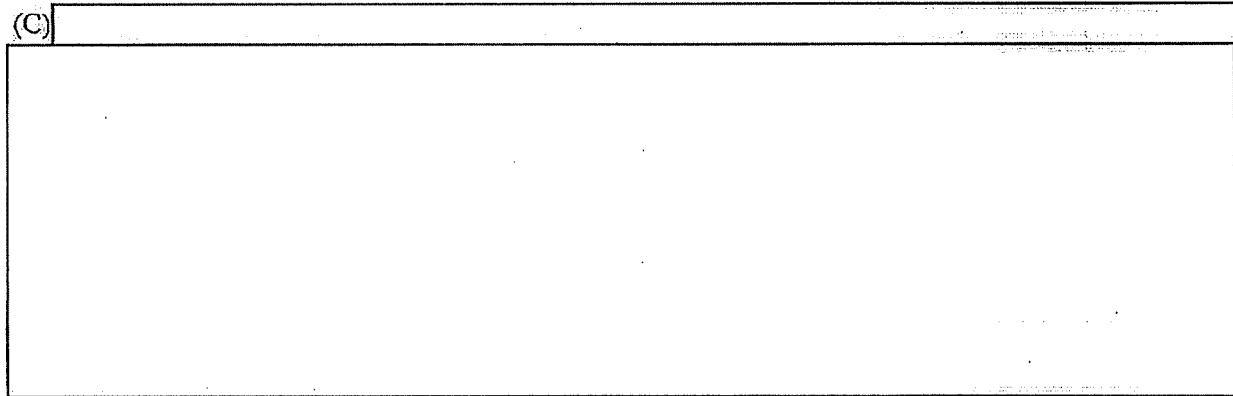
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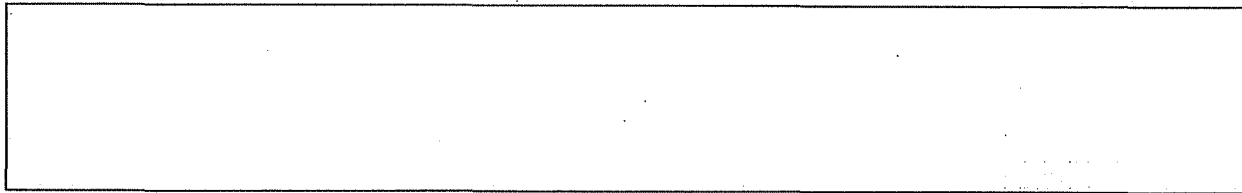


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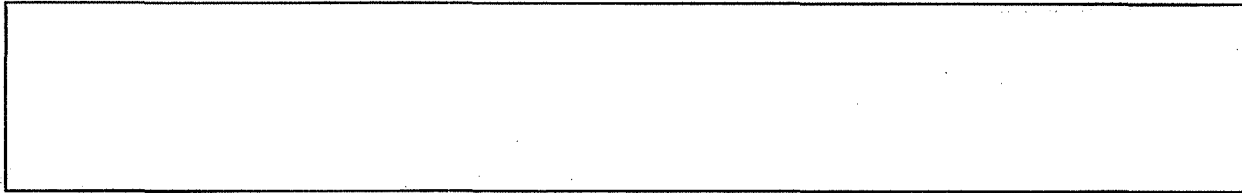


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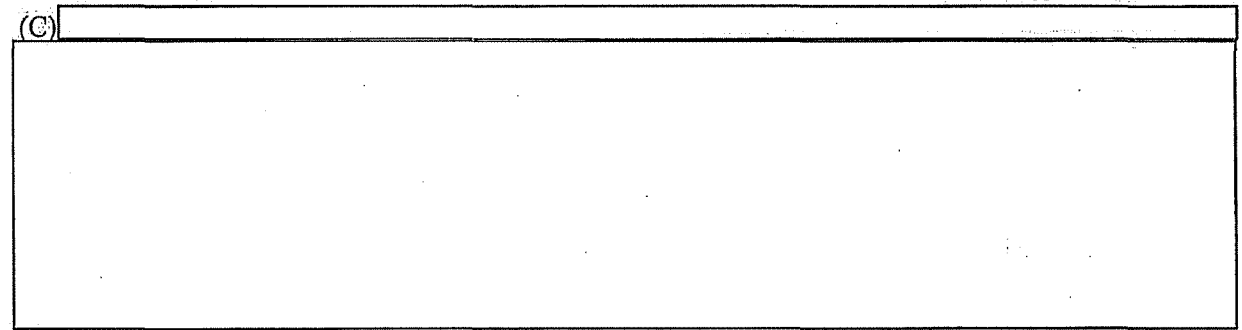
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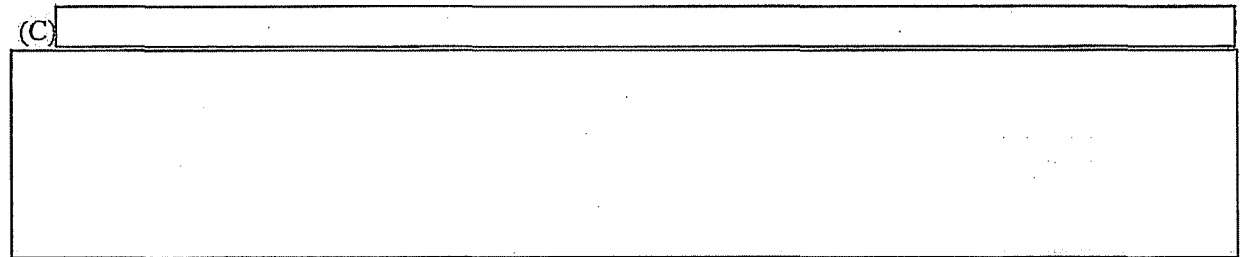
(SBU) Sinirlioglu told the Ambassador that the IHH flagship will depart Istanbul May 22 on a two-day voyage to the southern Turkish port city of Antalya, where it will board more passengers. From Antalya, it will proceed to a rally point off Cyprus, where it will form up the flotilla with ships sponsored by other European NGOs. From Cyprus, the flotilla will proceed towards the Gaza coast and its likely confrontation with the IDF.



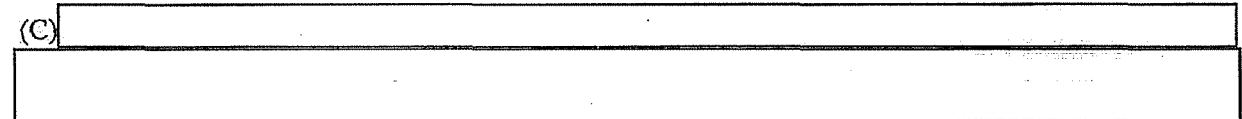
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**ISRAELI OFFICIALS PLAN TO BLOCK "FREE GAZA" FLOTILLA. 13 MAY 2010**

(SBU) The self-proclaimed "Free Gaza Movement" is planning to run a flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian supplies to Gaza in an effort to "break the blockade" of Gaza (refuels). The group's website says that the "Freedom Flotilla" is the result of a collaboration between the Turkish human rights organization IHH, European Campaign to End the Siege of Gaza, the Perdana Global Peace Organization from Malaysia, the Greek and Swedish Ship to Gaza campaigns, and the International Coalition for Lifting the Siege on Gaza. The ships are tentatively scheduled to approach Gaza on or about May 25. [19]

(C) [Redacted]

## Chirp Feed (U)

- **matthew.c.boric:** Blog post on Ayman Al-Zawahiri (al-Qaida) audio message in response to Gaza Flotilla Clash: <http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/go/c4ZT5d> (August 19, 2010 15:21)
- **clarkp:** Did anyone else catch that there was only violence on one of the five interdicted ships in the #flotilla incident? (June 01, 2010 15:07)
- **bouttjp:** (U) Russian Foreign Ministry calls for impartial investigation of flotilla incident <http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/go/dTeJAF> (June 01, 2010 10:11)
- **bouttjp:** (SBU) Protest activities rumbled on in the Gaza Strip in the aftermath of the Gaza flotilla clash: <http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/go/qRyeg0> (June 01, 2010 10:08)

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All – Many thanks for your help so far, as we have been able to gather a lot of information for our Tel Aviv and Cairo colleagues use as the flotilla moves towards Gaza. Boats may arrive in waters off Gaza sometime between Friday and Sunday (with the MV Rachel Corrie en route from Ireland perhaps as late as Monday). We have gained confirmation from Cypriot authorities that the boats will not be allowed to dock there, so they will gather somewhere south of Cyprus and begin the final leg soon. I have put together a spreadsheet of the vessels as best as we know them. All information with a question mark has not been fully confirmed. We do not know which vessel many of the Amcits are on at this point, nor have we confirmed that some Amcits (such as Free Gaza chair Huwaida Arraf) are on a boat at all. As of this time, the Israeli Navy has publically announced that they intend to board all the ships, haul them into port and deport the passengers. They have reported that approved items will then be transferred to Gaza overland.

The spreadsheet linked here should be both viewable and editable by everyone on this email. Please make use of it to update information for our Embassies on the receiving end of this as you gain more information! (I have attached a hard copy for those of you unable to access, but this should work for all on OpenNet.)

<http://nea.p.state.sbu/sites/ipa/Shared%20Documents/Free%20Gaza%20May%202010.xlsx>

Furthermore, as we move into a holiday weekend, I want to make sure that all the appropriate contacts are known, as I understand many key players (myself included) do not have blackberries and may need to be reached via State Ops:

CA/OCS – Kim Richter (Israel & Egypt), Teresa Mendel (Greece, Cyprus, Turkey), Bree Marwaha (OCS Duty Officer)  
NEA/IPA – Wes Reisser, in Washington on standby are also Jeff Giauque and Karlene Frelich  
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Boat is still in Israeli waters and has not yet arrived in the Port of Ashdod. We are in communication with the GOI re updates and consular access to the 4 Amcits. Some time during the night after their arrival in Ashdod, the GOI plans on transferring the Amcits to the Ben-Gurion Airport Immigration Detention Facility (run by Ministry of the Interior), where they will be detained until their deportation from Israel. elisa

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Just as an interim note, we are awaiting further information from the GOI on when the vessel will arrive in Ashdod (expected in the next two hours) and when and where our Tel Aviv duty officer can have consular access.

Andy

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Thanks, Randy. M

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Michelle,

Two Amcits who were reported as intending to sail with Free Gaza on its initial Thursday, June 25 departure date but apparently did not sail today are [redacted]. Those may be the two additional Amcits you heard about. All reporting today indicates that they are not on the boat. At one point [redacted] was described as the captain of the boat, but apparently British national [redacted] is the captain.

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Terry,

The only Maguire I find listed among the passengers is Irish citizen Mairead Magurie, who is described by Free Gaza as "a Nobel laureate and renowned peace activist."

-- Randy

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Just got a call from Congresswoman Barbara Lee's office. They would like an update on the Amcits from the Free Gaza boat. Can we release this information or is there a statement that has been prepared that we can forward to Scott Exner (scott.exner@mail.house.gov)?

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**To:** Parker, Andrew C; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Carlino, John R; Zahner, Luke V; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; Schlereth, Frank G  
**Cc:** McCusker, Breeann M; Mattern, Daniel S; Moreno, Luis G; Hunter, Jo-Ann L  
**Sent:** Tue Jun 30 21:00:35 2009  
**Subject:** RE: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits

Boat is still in Israeli waters and has not yet arrived in the Port of Ashdod. We are in communication with the GOI re updates and consular access to the 4 Amcits. Some time during the night after their arrival in Ashdod, the GOI plans on transferring the Amcits to the Ben Gurion Airport Immigration Detention Facility (run by Ministry of the Interior), where they will be detained until their deportation from Israel. elisa

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 6:55 PM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Carlino, John R; Greene, Elisa; Zahner, Luke V; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E  
**Subject:** RE: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits

Just as an interim note, we are awaiting further information from the GOI on when the vessel will arrive in Ashdod (expected in the next two hours) and when and where our Tel Aviv duty officer can have consular access.

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 6:46 PM  
**To:** Carlino, John R; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Zahner, Luke V; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E  
**Subject:** RE: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits

Thanks, Randy. M

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**From:** Carlino, John R  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 11:42 AM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Zahner, Luke V; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E  
**Subject:** Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits

Michelle,

Two Amcits who were reported as intending to sail with Free Gaza on its initial Thursday, June 25 departure date but apparently did not sail today are [redacted]. Those may be the two additional Amcits you heard about. All reporting today indicates that they are not on the boat. At one point [redacted] was described as the captain of the boat, but apparently British national [redacted] is the captain.

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Terry,

The only Maguire I find listed among the passengers is Irish citizen Mairead Magurie, who is described by Free Gaza as "a Nobel laureate and renowned peace activist."

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-- Randy

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NEA Press Guidance  
May 24, 2010

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**Israel/Palestinians: Israel Blockade of Gaza/"Free Gaza" Flotilla**

**Key Message:**

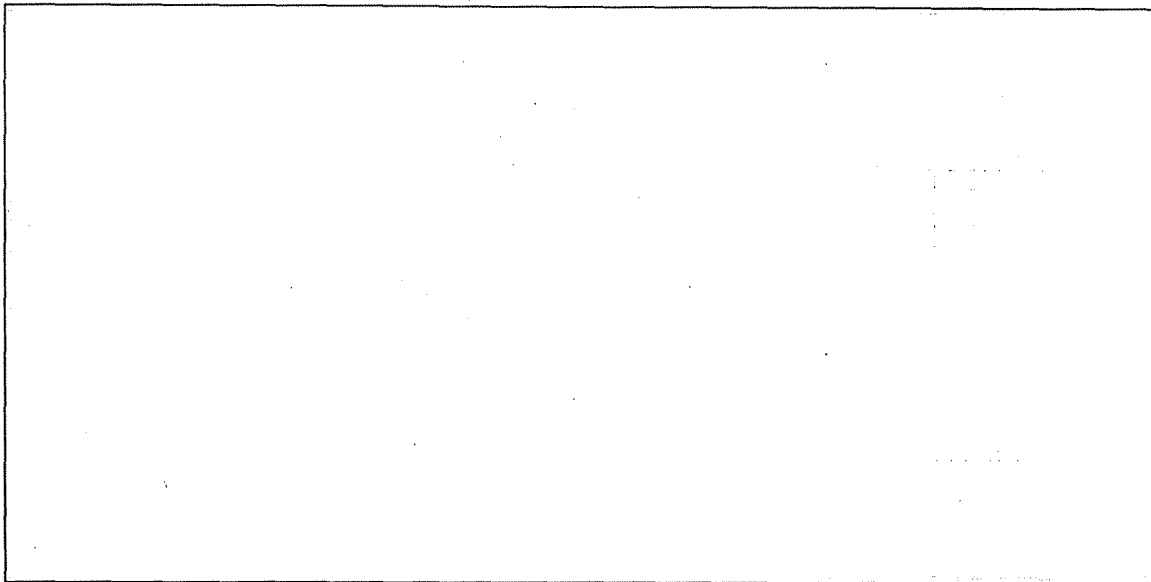
- We refer individuals to our Travel Warning for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza in which we urge U.S. citizens to avoid all travel to the Gaza Strip.

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**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.

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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.

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Drafted by: NEA/PPD: A Sayles, x74184

Approved by: D(S): J Steinberg ok  
NEA/FO: T Goldberger (acting) ok

Cleared by: NEA/IPA: T Holmstrom ok  
NEA/IPA: W Reisser ok  
SEMEP: P Knopf info  
NEA/PPD: M Ratney ok  
CA/P: J Echard ok  
P: R Waller info  
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Emb. Tel Aviv: M Sievers ok

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ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΗ ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ  
ΛΙΜΕΝ, ΘΥΛΑΚΙΟ

ΠΙΡΑΕΟΥΣ PORT AUTHORITY  
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ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΜΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΑΡΡΩΜΑΤΩ  
PASSENGERS AND CREW LIST

Ο/Υ ΣΤΕΝΔΩΝ YACHT  
ΣΗΜΑΙΑ ΤΟΥΡΚΟ FLAG  
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ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ - Type of Boat  
ΠΑΡΡΩΜΑ - CREW

- 1) Κεφ. ΑΠΟΥΚΑΣ ΘΕΣΔΟΡΟΣ ΑΒ4672563 Master
- 2) ΠΑΠΑΚΙΝΟΣ ΠΕΤΡΟΣ ΑΕ2514227 7 Soldier
- 3) ΒΑΡΛΑΜΙ ΔΥΛΒΕΡ 22231320 (Αλβανία) Engineer
- 4) ΠΑΠΑΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ ΑΝΔΡΕΑΣ ΑΒ2943726

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PASSENGERS AND CREW LIST

Ο/Υ YACHT SPENDONH ΣΗΜΑΙΑ ΤΟΝ ΚΟ ΝΗΟΛ. ΛΟΝ Αρ. Νηολ. 0951865 Κ.Κ.Χ. 186  
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DURING THE VOYAGE FROM TO  
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ - Type of Boat METPA - Motor 30,26

ΠΑΡΦΟΡΩΤΑ + CREW

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3) ΓΑΓΚΟΣ Engineer	8) _____
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ΛΙΜΕΝ, ΦΥΛΑΚΙΟ

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ΚΑΤΑΛΥΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΑΡΗΓΜΑΤΩΝ

PASSENGERS AND CREW LIST

ΟΙΟΤ ΣΦΕΝΔΟΝΗ ΣΗΜΑΙΑ ΤΟΡΚΟ ΝΗΟΛ. ΛΟΜΕ Αρ. Νηολ. Κ.Ο.Κ. 196  
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ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ - Type of Boat ΜΕΤΡΑ - Metres 30.25  
ΠΑΡΗΓΜΑ - CREW

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ΕΠΙΒΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

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ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ  
PASSENGER AND CREW LIST

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or Challenger 1 ... ΣΗΜΑΙΑ USA ... ΠΡΟΒΟΛΗ ΚΟΧ ...  
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DURING THE VOYAGE FROM ... TO ... TYPE OF BOAT ... METERS ...

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

Table with 2 columns: Position (1) Name, (2) Name. Includes entries like Dennis Healey, Shane Dillon, Theresa McDermott, and Fiachra O'Leary.

ΕΠΙΒΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

Table with 2 columns: Nationality (Germany, U.S.A., Canada, U.S.A., ENGLAND) and Passenger Name (German, American, Serbia, American, Canada, Brasil, BRITISH).

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ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ  
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ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ  
PASSENGER AND CREW LIST

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1) Master	Giorgos Klontzas	ΑΕ 0435004	1) Ναύτης	Evangelou Alexander / 7070051003
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<b>Όνομα Πλοίου</b> <b>SHIP NAME:</b> <i>CHALLENGER</i>	<b>Χώρα</b> <b>FLAG:</b> USA
<b>Λίμνη και Αριθμός Μητρώου</b> <b>PORT OF REGISTRY AND REGISTRATION NUMBER:</b> DL 8171 AC	
<b>Διακριτικό</b> <b>CALL SIGN:</b>	<b>Κ.Ο.Χ.</b> <b>GT:</b> 7334
<b>Τύπος Πλοίου</b> <b>TYPE OF SHIP:</b> <i>114 650 κατασκευαστή 1977 114002 66102 inches</i>	
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<b>Κατοκτήτης</b> <b>OWNER'S NAME:</b> <i>EDMUND BANSAN TRIPS</i>		
<b>Διεύθυνση Κατοικίας</b> <b>HOME ADDRESS:</b> <i>3511 SILVERSIDE RD SUITE 105 WILMINGTON</i>		
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<b>Παράρτηρος Κυβερνήτης</b> <b>CAPTAIN:</b> <i>TAOUDI</i>		
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<b>Κατοχός - Χρήτης</b> <b>OWNER - REPRESENTATIVE:</b> <i>Ε. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΛΩΝ</i>		
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**From:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2010 8:06 AM  
**To:** Giauque, Jeffrey G; Frelich, Karlene H  
**Subject:** FW: Freedom Flotilla Coalition Passenger List.xls  
**Attachments:** Freedom Flotilla Coalition Passenger List.xls

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**From:** Greene, Elisa  
**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2010 8:01 AM  
**To:** Tanus, George; Green, Jason H; Harutunian, Ruben; Lawrence, Charlotte M; McAndrew, Jennifer L; Miller, Roya M; Sakran, Johnny; Tanus, George; Usher, William R; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Zuckerman, Eve; Taylor, Stephanie M (Tel Aviv); Sievers, Marc J; Hoyer, Kurt J; Kaplan, Dean; Lewis, Glenn K; Weinfeld, Nili I; Hussein, Mohammad A; Richter, Kim B; Gutman, Bonnie S; Levin, Jan; Reisser, Wesley J; Shannon, Charles E  
**Subject:** Freedom Flotilla Coalition Passenger List.xls

Sorry—you practically need a magnifying glass to view the spreadsheet, but at least it's all on one page. This is the most up-to-date passenger list as of COB Tel Aviv time. Thanks, elisa

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From: Connelly, Maura B6  
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 4:33 PM  
To: Hickey, Mary E; Cunningham, James B; Greene, Elisa; Sievers, Marc J  
Cc: Bond, Michele T; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Frelich, Karlene H; Reisser, Wesley J; SES-O  
Subject: List of Amcits names – Gaza flotilla

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1 dual citizen who was on board Marmara; current location unclear

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

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



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**From:** Frelich, Karlene H  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 11:57 PM  
**To:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Subject:** Flotilla Coalition Passenger List v3.xlsx  
**Attachments:** Flotilla Coalition Passenger List v3.xlsx

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**From:** Sindle, James M  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 6:05 PM  
**To:** Frelich, Karlene H; Reisser, Wesley J  
**Subject:** Freedom Flotilla Coalition Passenger List v2.xlsx  
**Attachments:** Freedom Flotilla Coalition Passenger List v2.xlsx

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This is the last version of this. You may want to update based on Andy Parker's email.

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**From:** Blaukopf, Ruth B  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 5:18 AM  
**To:** Baron, Desiree A; Garcia, Dennis J; Kaplan, Crystal T; Burnett, David R; Frelich, Karlene H; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Goldberger, Thomas H; Hale, David M; Harden, Dave; Hertzberg, David A; Holmstrom, Todd C; Irwin, Matthew T; Jacoby, Julia I; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Knopf, Payton L; Lentz, Andrew N; Sievers, Marc J; Mayo, Iris J; Reisser, Wesley J; Roberts, Kristi (Tel Aviv); Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA); Sindle, James M; Waters, John R; Holst, Alan R; Grubb, Jason B; Levin, Jan; Honigstein, Michael D; Michaels, David G; Nelson, Timothy (Tel Aviv)  
**Subject:** IDF SPOKESPERSON: FLOTILLA BOARDING: FOREIGN AND IDF CASUALTIES

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IDF SPOKESPERSON TELLS FOREIGN MEDIA :

5 IDF INJURED – 2 SERIOUSLY  
15 PARTICIPANTS IN THE FLOTILLA KILLED AFTER NAVAL COMMANDOS BOARDED THE VESSELS AND WERE ATTACKED WITH LIVE FIRE AND KNIVES.  
A TOTAL OF 18 PARTICIPANTS IN THE FLOTILLA WHO WERE INJURED HAVE BEEN HOSPITALISED IN IL.

IL RADIO REPORTS THAT A FIRST VESSEL FROM THE FLOTILLA, THE "CHALLENGER" IS NOW ENTERING ASHDOD PORT.

Ruth

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**From:** Goldberger, Thomas H  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 5:34 PM  
**To:** Frellich, Karlene H  
**Cc:** Sindle, James M; Reisser, Wesley J; Holmstrom, Todd C  
**Subject:** FW: List of Amcit names -- Gaza flotilla - TLV update

For Karlene sit-rep

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 5:25 PM  
**To:** Goldberger, Thomas H; Reisser, Wesley J; Sindle, James M; Cunningham, James B; AOC2\_SESO SWO  
**Cc:** Greene, Elisa; Sievers, Marc J; Murphy, Michael P; Schlereth, Frank G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Nepal, Rohit S; Hickey, Mary E  
**Subject:** Re: List of Amcit names -- Gaza flotilla - TLV update

One confirmation from MFA: [redacted] has been received and is listed as an Amcit.

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[redacted] was the one Amcit actually manifested on the Mavi Marmara.

Except for [redacted] the others are known to us. Thanks to all for the spelling suggestions.

[redacted] appear not to have been on board.

All injured have received medical attention and have been identified, per Situation Room's info.

Some remains still unidentified.

Only half the Mavi Marmara pax have so far been identified and names provided to MFA.

Andy

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**From:** Goldberger, Thomas H  
**To:** Reisser, Wesley J; Sindle, James M  
**Cc:** Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Sievers, Marc J  
**Sent:** Mon May 31 23:34:39 2010  
**Subject:** FW: List of Amcit names -- Gaza flotilla

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**From:** Connelly, Maura  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 4:33 PM  
**To:** Hickey, Mary E; Cunningham, James B; Greene, Elisa; Sievers, Marc J  
**Cc:** Bond, Michele T; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Frellich, Karlene H; Reisser, Wesley J;  
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\*Dan Arbell does not know her other citizenship but it is probably Turkish since the Turkish Embassy earlier today provided her name (reported in an earlier email).

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From: Levin, Jan  
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 6:21 AM  
To: Operations Center; Jeffrey, James F; Cunningham, James B; Sievers, Marc J; Parker, Andrew C; Grubb, Jason B; NEA-IPA-DL; Greene, Elisa; Marchese, Gregory M; Waters, John R; Schlereth, Frank G; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Rudman, Mara (Jerusalem); Connelly, Maura; Feltman, Jeffrey D  
Subject: MFA flotilla briefing

MFA DG Yossi Gal and IDF Col. Assaf Orion, Dir. Of Dept of Strategic Coordination, briefed foreign ambassadors at 12:30 local time today.

Highlights - Identification of dead and wounded taking time. MFA will reach out proactively to Embassies as IDs are done, with location and status of citizens. The uninjured will be processed and escorted to airport for deportation. Unclear how long this will take.

-- Most violence occurred on ship Mavi (Blue) Marmara. As far as is currently known, all injuries occurred on this ship.

-- Col. Orion told Ambassador that activists on Mavi Marmara were prepared for boarders and were armed. Unclear if they had firearms in advance or took them from IDF boarding party. One IDF soldier nearly beaten to death with metal bar. Activists also had knives.

-- Events took place in international waters. Israel asserted it had the legal right to intercept in intl waters because there is a military blockade under the law of armed conflict between Israel and Hamas.

Ambassador Cunningham requests that Embassy Tel Aviv clear Dept guidance on this issue, thank you.

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From: Schwedt, Miriam  
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 11:12 AM  
To: NEA-IPA-DL  
Cc: NEA-ALL-DL  
Subject: Fw: GAZA INCIDENT--INITIAL ISRAELI EMBASSY AND MFA RESPONSES

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From: Slattery, Phillip T  
To: PA Press Duty Officer; Lash, Fred C; Danover, Jennifer J; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL  
Cc: Pascual, Michael T  
Sent: Mon May 31 03:20:11 2010  
Subject: FW: GAZA INCIDENT--INITIAL ISRAELI EMBASSY AND MFA RESPONSES

Colleagues -

Attached is the latest from Ambassador Jeffrey on the Turkish response to the Israel/flotilla incident.

-Phill

Phillip T. Slattery  
Senior Watch Officer  
State Department Operations Center  
[slatteryp@state.gov](mailto:slatteryp@state.gov)  
tel: 202-647-1512

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From: Jeffrey, James F  
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 3:00 AM  
To: Jeffrey, James F; Gordon, Philip H; 'bbrink@nsc.eop.gov'; 'elizabeth\_d\_sherwood-randall@nsc.eop.gov'; McEldowney, Nancy E; Marsh, Denise M; Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S; Silliman, Douglas A; Cunningham, James B; Operations Center; Ankara-POL-DL; Wiener, Sharon A (Istanbul); Leary, Thomas M  
Subject: GAZA INCIDENT--INITIAL ISRAELI EMBASSY AND MFA RESPONSES

(POL put in initial sit rep)

1. Israeli Ambassador Gaby Levi

--has been summoned to MFA but is blockaded by protestors so is not yet able to move. "under siege" at his embassy.

-- he 'expects the worse' from the Turks, there will be 'diplomatic' consequences.

2. An exhausted TU MFA  told me:

--GOT has put out a statement (we will pass when translated) but that the Turkish reaction will be 'very strong.'

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--he personally does not understand how this could have happened. He and others were working with the Israelis and they thought that they had a solution to keep everything under control.

--Stressed as well that there will be consequences.

--In particular, 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 closer to Gaza.

-- I pointed out need to protect both US and Israeli dip establishments from crowds, and urged caution on any action until all facts in.

-- He urged that Washington say something critical about this operation, indicating that this would help. I made no response. Jim J

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**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 3:06 PM  
**To:** NEA-IPA-DL; Waller, Robert P; Rana, Gautam A; Connelly, Maura; Schlicher, Ronald L; Sindle, James M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Baumert, Kevin A; 'Sergio L. Aguirre@nss.eop.gov'; Holmstrom, Todd C; 'Eric.Lynn@osd.mil'; Waller, Robert P; Rana, Gautam A; 'Alan.Sims@js.pentagon.mil'; 'Patrick.Antonietti@osd.mil'; 'Daniel B. Shapiro@nss.eop.gov'; 'Prem\_G\_Kumar@nss.eop.gov'; Burgess, Richard J; Hickey, Mary E; Schwartz, Jonathan B; 'joe.ramirez@eucom.mil'; 'jeffrey.smith@js.pentagon.mil'; 'mike.holmes@osd.mil'; 'Timothy.P.Connors@uscg.mil'; Sievers, Marc J; Dolan, JoAnn; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Giauque, Jeffrey G (Belgrade); Frelich, Karlene H; Connelly, Maura; Harris, Robert K; Mortlock, David JL; Rudman, Mara; Waters, John R; Marchese, Gregory M; Pelton, Erin; Gutman, Bonnie S; Greene, Elisa; Harutunian, Ruben; Levin, Jan; Roberts, Kristi; Reisser, Wesley J; Parker, Andrew C; Schlereth, Frank G; Schedlbauer, Amy W; Pomper, Stephen E; Perina, Alexandra H; Baumert, Kevin A; Germain, Ellen J (USUN); DeLaurentis, Jeffrey A; NEA-Press-DL  
**Subject:** Video Clips of IDF Fast Roping onto Mavi Marmara and Attacked by Protestors

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3896996,00.html>

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**From:** Marchese, Gregory M  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 7:11 AM  
**To:** NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; Operations Center; NEA-SEMEP-DL; Orr, Pittman A; Richter, Kim B  
**Cc:** Rubinstein, Daniel H; Sievers, Marc J; Waters, John R; Winterhalter, Erik S; Rogan, Thomas G; Sewall, Elizabeth A; Irwin, Matthew T; Carpenter, Jonathan J; Fliver, Frank J; Reynolds, Arlissa M; Kaplan, Dean; Sandrolini, Christopher J; Willand, Bernd X  
**Subject:** Jerusalem situation report: reaction to Gaza flotilla incident  
**Attachments:** 31 May report.docx

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Post has sent this report as a front-channel cable.

**Gregory M. Marchese**

Deputy Principal Officer  
Consulate General of the U.S.A.  
Jerusalem

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**From:** Frelich, Karlene H  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 11:56 PM  
**To:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Subject:** FW: press guidance FW:  
**Attachments:** 053110-Israel-Palestinians - Raid on Free Gaza Flotilla.docx  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Goldberger, Thomas H  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 9:08 PM  
**To:** Frelich, Karlene H  
**Subject:** press guidance FW:  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Sayles, Ambrose G  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 12:39 PM  
**To:** Hale, David M; Rudman, Mara; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Jacobson, Linda; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Ratney, Michael A; Vasquez, Edgar J; Pelton, Erin; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Wills, Regina M; Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL); Katsoulos, Athena; Waller, Robert P; Fuchs, Michael H; Rand, Dafna H; Rana, Gautam A; Harutunian, Ruben; Reynolds, Arlissa M; Knopf, Payton L; Prince, Jonathan M  
**Subject:**  
**Importance:** High

Hi Everyone –

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

Thank you,  
Ambrose

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 Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 7:44 PM  
 To: Gordon, Philip H; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Cunningham, James B; Jeffrey, James F; Sievers, Marc J; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Kaidanow, Tina S; Baily, Jess L; Marsh, Denise M; Sherwood-Randall, Elizabeth D.; Brink, Bridget A.; Silliman, Douglas A; Ross, Dennis B.  
 Cc: Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura; Sullivan, Jacob J  
 Subject: RE: MFA on cabinet meeting

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From: Gordon, Philip H [mailto:GordonPH@state.gov]  
 Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 7:33 PM  
 To: Feltman, Jeffrey D; Cunningham, James B; Jeffrey, James F; Sievers, Marc J; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Kaidanow, Tina S; Baily, Jess L; Marsh, Denise M; [redacted]; Silliman, Douglas A  
 Cc: Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura; Sullivan, Jacob J; Shapiro, Daniel B.  
 Subject: RE: MFA on cabinet meeting

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Need to square this with what [redacted] told Jones about all passengers being released within 72 hours. "All but 55" will not cut it with the Turks and could leave us in crisis tomorrow. [redacted] just called Tina to reinforce the point about the Attorney General.

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 Cc: Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura  
 Subject: RE: MFA on cabinet meeting

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[redacted] just called with the following:

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- There are 673 total detainees from the Gaza flotilla.
- Of those, 118 will be deported via Jordan.
- 50 are being expelled via the airport, having signed a consent form.
- 120 others will be sent out via the airport "shortly."
- Israel is "hoping to make the deadline" for releasing Turks, with the deadline being the 11 a.m. Wednesday Turkish security council meeting.
- Three Lebanese are being deported directly via Ras Naqoura.
- 55 of various nationalities are wounded. The wounded are being treated as suspects in the attacks on the IDF by the Israelis. The Attorney General needs to rule on what to do

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with these 55. Israelis may want to bring court cases against these, which argues against a quick release. But these are in the hands of the Attorney General.

Jeffrey Feltman  
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Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs  
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From: Gordon, Philip H  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:35 PM  
To: Cunningham, James B; Jeffrey, James F; Sievers, Marc J; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Kaidanow, Tina S; Baily, Jess L; Marsh, Denise M; [redacted]  
[redacted] Silliman, Douglas A  
Cc: Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura  
Subject: RE: MFA on cabinet meeting

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[redacted] very clear today that they wanted all of the passengers out, unconditionally. If all not permitted to leave many others would refuse to leave. Important to get commitment on getting all out or big trouble ahead.

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From: Cunningham, James B  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:28 PM  
To: Jeffrey, James F; Sievers, Marc J; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Gordon, Philip H; Kaidanow, Tina S; Baily, Jess L; Marsh, Denise M; 'Elizabeth D. Sherwood-Randall@nsc.eop.gov'; 'bbrink@nsc.eop.gov'; Silliman, Douglas A  
Cc: Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura  
Subject: Re: MFA on cabinet meeting

Mfa readout might not square with what [redacted] told me. I think they will try to find a way to get most of the turkish out soon, and all in the near future. [redacted] said [redacted] is tasked to get the deportations working. We'll follow to see if they can make it work. He said decision was to get the Turks back.  
Sent from my BlackBerry

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

From: Jeffrey, James F  
To: Sievers, Marc J; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Gordon, Philip H; Kaidanow, Tina S; Baily, Jess L; Marsh, Denise M; [redacted]  
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Silliman, Douglas A  
Cc: Cunningham, James B; Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura  
Sent: Tue Jun 01 23:20:42 2010  
Subject: Re: MFA on cabinet meeting

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This is going to be a disaster that Israelis will bring upon themselves. 'Lynching' video and what we know about IHH could help restore some balance but with this decision Israelis are going to deflect the entire story back on them. [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted]-it is politically and PD-wise insane. These people as "all wounded" will

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be seen as double victims and international pressure will eventually secure their release but only after rels with Turkey totally trashed and Israel back in the chopping block. This is so sad. Jim J

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

From: Sievers, Marc J

To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group

Cc: Cunningham, James B; Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura

Sent: Tue Jun 01 23:08:22 2010

Subject: MFA on cabinet meeting

[redacted] called me to update on deportation authority. Cabinet decided it has authority to expedite departure of all detainees not suspected of attacking Israeli military personnel. This apparently covers all those in detention in Beer Sheva. They will still be asked to sign release form, but oral request to leave Israel will be accepted. B6

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

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 2:58 PM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Harutunian, Ruben; Kaplan, Dean M; Usher, William R; Richter, Kim B; Marwaha, Brianne C; Power, Daniel J; 'consage@netvision.net.il'; Reisser, Wesley J; Levin, Jan; Gutman, Bonnie S; Sievers, Marc J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Rogan, Thomas G; Lewis, Glenn K; SES-O; Schlereth, Frank G; Grubb, Jason B; 'sal\_amodeo@yahoo.com'; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Struwe, Rebecca L; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bond, Michele T; Cunningham, James B; Nepal, Rohit S; Plott, Susan M; Zuckerman, Eve; SES-O OPS-WatchTeam; Greene, Elisa; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** June 1, 2010 - 10:30 pm Update from ACS TLV

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Update on prison visits:

ConOffs Plott and Green met with 11 AMCIT Detainees and 3 Pakistani nationals being held in Ella Prison in Beer Sheva - All AMCIT s and all three Pakistanis told us that they planned to, or have already signed, voluntary deportation form provided by the Israeli MOI. All reported that they were in relatively good health and not being mistreated. Some reported minor cuts and bruises. Two AMCITS reported that they need to have access to prescription medicines and GOI authorities were alerted to that fact.

We could not locate [redacted] (later report says he did not travel) and [redacted] and none of the other passengers reported knowing them. [redacted] did not board the Flotilla. [redacted] was not in custody as far as we know.

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Lawyers were on hand at the end of the day to advise the detainees of their rights under Israeli law. When we left the Prison it appeared that Either military police or shin bet officials were on site entering the prison. We were told By the German Consul on site that passengers on the Mavi Marmara (where the bulk of the violence occurred) were expected to be subject of a further investigation. AMCIT [redacted] (who appeared to command the respect of the other travelers) was on that ship. We got PAWs for all of the detainees we interviewed and contacted family member of friends listed by all of them.

CG visited [redacted] at Govin Prison, Ramle. He was bruised all over his body due to altercations with IDF sailors at sea and prison or police officials at the POE. He signed a statement concerning mistreatment, which he says was meted out to him because of his non-violent/passive civil disobedience. He is in a cell with the Greek captain of the Svendoni. says he hopes to challenge deportation. CG will contact his wife, [redacted]

Duty Officer reported calls from Amcit [redacted] family in Turkey. We have not yet located him in detention.

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Harutunian, Ruben; Kaplan, Dean; Usher, William R; Richter, Kim B; Marwaha, Brianne C; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); 'consage@netvision.net.il' <consage@netvision.net.il>; Reisser, Wesley J; Levin, Jan; Gutman, Bonnie S; Sievers, Marc J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Rogan, Thomas G; Lewis, Glenn K; SES-O; Schlereth, Frank G; Grubb, Jason B; 'sal\_amodeo@yahoo.com' <sal\_amodeo@yahoo.com>; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Struwe, Rebecca L; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bond, Michele T; Cunningham, James B; Nepal, Rohit S; Plott, Susan M; Zuckerman, Eve; SES-O OPS-WatchTeam; Greene, Elisa; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Sent:** Tue Jun 01 17:01:11 2010  
**Subject:** June 1, 2010 - 4:30 pm Update from ACS TLV

Tel Aviv consuls are currently visiting with eleven detainees at the Ella prison in Beersheba. The five men and six women are in good health and are free to meet with the consuls. Two other detainees were briefly hospitalized and released to detention [redacted] And two detainees (Peck, [redacted]) accepted repatriation last night. CG will visit one detainee at Givon Prison this evening.

Consuls confirmed the presence of three Pakistani nationals, per Department's request. Access has been granted for our consuls to speak with them.

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Several Amcit detainees have other citizenships as well. [redacted] (Israeli) and [redacted] (possibly considered Israeli by the GOI) are not at Ella. [redacted] a Brazilian American was also visited today by the Brazilian Embassy. An Irish American, [redacted] was arrested on her Irish passport but was visited by the US consuls.

The conditions at Ella are crowded, with consuls from many countries meeting with their nationals in a common space. Men and women are held separately. Immigration judges have seen some of the detainees and provided deportation orders for the detainees to sign. If they sign, they agree to deportation within 72 hours. If they refuse, they are being told they could wait up to 30 days for an immigration hearing. A human rights lawyer from Jerusalem, Leah Tsemel, well-known to some of the detainees, is present.

The general political viewpoint of the detainees is that they were kidnapped on the high seas, are illegally in Israel, and are being held hostage. Many of them are reluctant to participate in their own deportation proceedings.

Many Arab-state detainees do not have consular representation and have asked our consuls for assistance. This includes a Palestinian woman, reportedly suffering from cancer, and a number of Kuwaitis. Indonesians were on the Mavi Marmara but have not been seen at Ella. The International Red Cross is present, presumably to assist with such detainees.

Consular assistant visited the morgue this morning. All deceased are males. Several are unidentified but did not match photos of any known American participants.

Prison authorities report at least one hundred detainees not yet registered and released to detention facilities. Updated list expected later this evening.

Known detainees:

[redacted]

Ella  
Ella  
Ella  
Repatriated 5/31  
Ella  
Ella  
Repatriated 5/31  
Released from hospital; location unknown  
Ella  
Ella  
Ella  
Ella  
Ella  
Givon prison, Ramle  
Ella

Peck

Edward Lionel

[redacted]

We continue efforts to locate additional possible participants, including:

[redacted]

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 11:02 PM  
**To:** Greene, Elisa; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Harutunian, Ruben; Kaplan, Dean; Usher, William R; Richter, Kim B; Marwaha, Brianne C; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); 'consage@netvision.net.il'; Reisser, Wesley J; Levin, Jan; Gutman, Bonnie S; Sievers, Marc J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Rogan, Thomas G; Lewis, Glenn K; SES-O; Schlereth, Frank G; Grubb, Jason B; 'sal\_amodeo@yahoo.com'; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Struwe, Rebecca L; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bond, Michele T; Cunningham, James B; Nepal, Rohit S; Plott, Susan M; Zuckerman, Eve; SES-O OPS-WatchTeam  
**Subject:** 11:00 pm Update from ACS TLV

ACS spoke with the MFA again (at 10:15 pm) and confirmed the following:

- 1) [redacted] was transferred from Ashkelon to Ashdod;
- 2) [redacted] is in detention and is listed as an Irish citizen only (Sen Kerry's office interested.);
- 3) None of the other Amcits [redacted] appear on any of MFA's lists. However, MFA does not have the entire list (yet) of the passengers from the Marmara; we believe MFA would have had info if any of above were hospitalized.
- 4) Only one Pakistani citizen was found on the list of detainees. His name is [redacted] Other two may yet be coming off the Mavi Marmara.
- 5) Just informed by DAO of possible Brazilian American dual, [redacted] Will follow up on her in morning.
- 6) Will contact morgue in morning in event any remains are unidentified. Will bring them photos from PIERS of any unlocated Amcits.
- 7) We informed MFA we will seek access to Amcits detained at Beersheva facility in the morning. Consular team plans to depart early.

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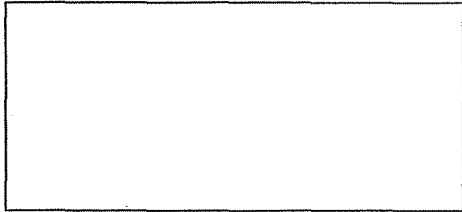
**From:** Zuckerman A&E <avizuki@013.net>  
**To:** Greene, Elisa; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Parker, Andrew C; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Tanus, George; Sakran, Johnny; Harutunian, Ruben; Kaplan, Dean; Usher, William R; Richter, Kim B; Marwaha, Brianne C; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); Rice, Barry W; consage@netvision.net.il <consage@netvision.net.il>; haifaoffice@hotmail.com <haifaoffice@hotmail.com>; Reisser, Wesley J; Levin, Jan; Gutman, Bonnie S; Slevens, Marc J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Rogan, Thomas G; Lewis, Glenn K; SES-O; Schlereth, Frank G; Grubb, Jason B; sal\_amodeo@yahoo.com <sal\_amodeo@yahoo.com>; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Struwe, Rebecca L; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Marwaha, Brianne C; Reidhead, Van E; Cunningham, James B; jasongreenla@yahoo.com <jasongreenla@yahoo.com>; elisa\_beth\_greene@hotmail.com <elisa\_beth\_greene@hotmail.com>; nh99@netvision.net.il <nh99@netvision.net.il>; lawrencecm75@gmail.com <lawrencecm75@gmail.com>; jenmcandrew@yahoo.com <jenmcandrew@yahoo.com>; roya.m.ellis@gmail.com <roya.m.ellis@gmail.com>; johnnysakran@hotmail.com <johnnysakran@hotmail.com>; tanus.george@gmail.com <tanus.george@gmail.com>; stephaniemtaylor8@gmail.com <stephaniemtaylor8@gmail.com>; gamadly@gmail.com <gamadly@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Mon May 31 19:43:32 2010  
**Subject:** RE: 07:30 pm Update from ACS TLV: 1 Amcit lightly injured; 2 at airport awaiting detention; 7 unaccounted for

All,

I spoke with the MFA (at 07:15 pm) and confirmed the following information regarding Amcits:

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The following individuals were on the first boat and are listed as Amcits with the MFA. However, their whereabouts are still unconfirmed. According to MFA they have most likely been arrested and are at the Beer Sheva detention facility or on their way there:



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The following Amcits were on the second boat:

- A) Edward Peck is scheduled to depart Israel tonight and is either at BG airport or on his way there;
- B) [redacted] was arrested and is either at the detention facility in Beer Sheva or on his way there;
- C) [redacted] was arrested and is either at the detention facility in Beer Sheva or on her way there.

MFA advised that as of 07:15 the Mavi Marmara (the largest boat) has not yet docked at Ashdod port. MFA presumes that the unaccounted Amcits listed below are on the Mavi Marmara. MFA will be able to confirm that once the passengers are received and identified (this may take a number of hours).

MFA are not yet able to confirm if there were any Amcits among the dead. According to MFA, the dead were taken to the Abu Kabir forensic institute for identification and the MFA will not receive the full list until this is completed (this may take several hours).

I will continue to contact the MFA periodically for updates and will keep you all apprised. Eve

*Eve Zuckerman*  
*Consular Assistant*

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**From:** Greene, Elisa [mailto:GreeneE@state.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 5:39 PM

**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Parker, Andrew C; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Tanus, George; Sakran, Johnny; Harutunian, Ruben; Kaplan, Dean; Usher, William R; Richter, Kim B; Marwaha, Brianne C; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); Rice, Barry W; consage@netvision.net.il; haifaoffice@hotmail.com; Reisser, Wesley J; Levin, Jan; Gutman, Bonnie S; Sievers, Marc J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Rogan, Thomas G; Lewis, Glenn K; SES-O; Schlereth, Frank G; Grubb, Jason B; sal\_amodeo@yahoo.com; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Struwe, Rebecca L; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Marwaha, Brianne C; Reidhead, Van E; Cunningham, James B; jasongreenla@yahoo.com; elisa\_beth\_greene@hotmail.com; nh99@netvision.net.il; lawrencecm75@gmail.com; jenmcanrew@yahoo.com; roya.m.ellis@gmail.com; johnnysakran@hotmail.com; tanus.george@gmail.com; stephaniemtaylor8@gmail.com; gamadly@gmail.com; avizuki@013.net

**Subject:** 6:30pm Update from ACS TLV: 1 Amcit lightly injured; 2 at airport awaiting detention; 7 unaccounted for

As of 6:30pm Tel Aviv time, 2 Amcits are at Ben Gurion Airport awaiting deportation later tonight to NY (Peck [redacted]). One Amcit is at Barzilai Hospital being treated for light injuries but is not cooperating with medical staff and will thus be transferred to a deportation facility shortly [redacted]. No new information on the Amcits who are still unaccounted for at this point. Seven Amcits currently unaccounted for (including a new addition [redacted]).

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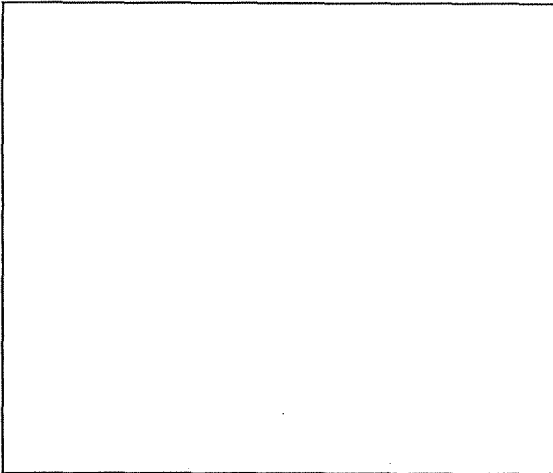
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Updated Amcit spreadsheet attached; all have been entered into ACS+.

The Mavi Marmara ship is due into Ashdod Port at 7pm. We will call the MFA regularly to find out the ship's status.

We released a joint Tel Aviv/Jerusalem warden message at 5:17pm.

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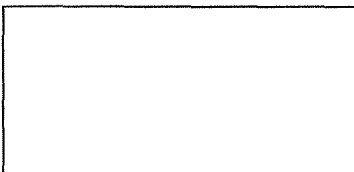
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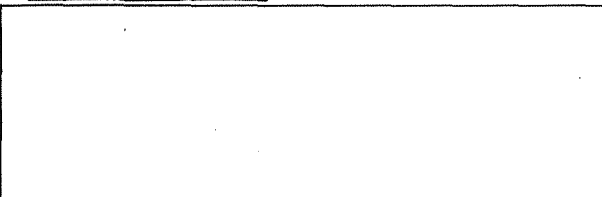
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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 5:14 PM  
**Subject:** 5pm Update from ACS TLV: Amcit update

1. MFA reports the following nine Amcits are now in detention, one  is in hospital with minor injuries. MFA is checking on their health status and will get back to us today. Access should be possible in the morning, but we may be able to have access to the one hospitalized Amcit tonight.



Peck, Edward Lionel



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2. The Mavi Marmara, with over 500 passengers, is expected in Ashdod in the next hour or so.
3. Warden Message being released by Post and ConGen shortly.

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**From:** Greene, Elisa

**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 3:22 PM

**Subject:** 3pm Update from ACS TLV: Amcit update Freedom Flotilla Coalition

As of 3pm local time, we are unaware of any Amcit injured/dead in the incident. We will continue to check and advise if any updates. Post has been in touch with all major hospitals who are receiving wounded. We have biodata on 18 Amcits presumed to have been on the ships; please see attached Amcit passenger spreadsheet with corrected biodata. We will continue to seek access to any detained Amcits.

According to the Ministry of Health spokesman, Yair Amitam, most of the injured are unidentified, since they are currently in the operating room, or do not have identification on them. The MOH will advise us if they become aware of any injured Amcits. Regarding the dead, he could not provide any information.

According to press reports, passengers from the first vessel have already been transferred from a detention facility in Beer Sheva. The Mavi Marmara is expected into Ashdod at 7pm.

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From: Sievers, Marc J  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 9:15 AM  
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Subject: MOD on contacts with Turks

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[redacted] told A/DCM this afternoon that Barak agreed yesterday to Davutoglu's request to expedite the return of Turkish nationals. Barak asked that the Turkish ambassador work with MOD Pol-Mil Director Amos Gilad. According to [redacted] Gilad arranged for a Turkish ambulance aircraft, which [redacted] said was just landing at Ben Gurion airport as we spoke, to repatriate the Turkish wounded. [redacted] said the repatriation of other Turkish detainees, as well as other nationalities, was complicated by an Israeli legal requirement that deportees sign a release form, which he said about 400 detainees of various nationalities had refused to sign. We are following up with MFA on this issue.

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From: Knopf, Payton L  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 11:33 AM  
To: Ciaccia, Sarah J  
Cc: Reisser, Wesley J; Frelich, Karlene H  
Subject: RE: ICRC and consular access

Adding Wes and Karlene, who are covering this for us.  
Payton

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

From: Ciaccia, Sarah J  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 11:23 AM  
To: Knopf, Payton L  
Subject: FW: ICRC and consular access

Hello Payton,

I'm sure that you're swamped today, but a quick question from USUN Geneva -

Do you have an update from the Embassy about consular access to detained flotilla activists?

Thank you for your help.

Best,  
Sarah

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From: Griffiths, Douglas M  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:20 PM  
To: Geneva HRC  
Subject: ICRC and consular access

Many of the people have already been deported. It would be helpful for someone to get an update from our Israel Embassy as many countries are using lack of dip relations with Israel as justification for calling ICRC action.

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From: Sievers, Marc J  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 9:55 AM  
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Subject: MFA Update

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[redacted] called A/DCM regarding efforts to arrange deportation of all detainees, as well as the return of remains of the ten dead. Contrary to our previous e-mail based on a conversation with MOD, [redacted] said the MFA has the lead in following up with the Turkish Embassy. Efforts to arrange the return of Turkish wounded has been halted by order of the Attorney General in response to an Israeli National Police request to investigate the wounded and review the identities of the other detainees in case they were involved in violent attacks on Israeli soldiers. [redacted] said the cabinet is currently meeting and he assumed the Attorney General's order would be discussed since it contradicted MOD and MFA assurances to the Turkish government. [redacted] thought he might have an update after 2000 local time this evening.

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Of the ten dead, only three had Turkish ID on them. [redacted] said the assumption is that they are all Turkish citizens, but the MFA is working with the Turkish embassy to identify the rest of the dead. The return of the bodies is also halted temporarily by the Attorney General's order.

Israeli Magen David Adom and Turkish Red Crescent representatives visited four Israeli hospitals today. [redacted] said there are 42 Turkish nationals in Israeli hospitals, of whom the Red Crescent identified 24 who are ready to return to Turkey. The Turkish ambulance planes are waiting to transport the wounded who are ready to travel but their departure is being delayed pending resolution of the Attorney General's intervention.

Regarding those at the Beer Sheva detention center, [redacted] explained that Israeli law requires deportees to sign a release form if they agree to immediate deportation. Those who refuse to sign may be deported after 72 hours if there is no complaint or investigation against them. [redacted] said about 40 Turks have signed the release and left the country last night.

Barak said Jordan has offered to facilitate the repatriation of citizens of Muslim states that do not have relations with Israel. At least one Indonesian and one Lebanese are among the wounded, and the Jordanians are handling their repatriation once the Attorney General's hold is resolved.



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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 3:05 AM  
**To:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Cc:** Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Grubb, Jason B; Greene, Elisa; Rogan, Thomas G; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** RE: Free Gaza Amcit Update

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Wes,

We have been told that most of the detainees from the Marmara overnighed at the Port of Ashdod and are being moved to Beersheva this morning. Presumably, some could also decide to accept immediate repatriation. We will check.

We have two officers and two FSNs headed to Beersheva (Ayala Detention Center). They will arrive by 11 a.m. We are also visiting the morgue later this morning.

Our warden message has been posted. We will monitor safety issues for Amcits during the day, especially if the Arab-Israeli strike in northern Israel affects conditions.

Andy

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**From:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 8:22 AM  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa  
**Cc:** Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Grubb, Jason B  
**Subject:** Free Gaza Amcit Update

Andy & Elisa – Once we have any info, please pass to the Gaza Monitoring Group email collective. I am in State Ops and standing by for any additional information of interest to principals here. I need to have that all in draft by 4:30 AM in Washington (about 3 hours from now), but the sooner I have info the better!

Thanks,

Wes

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NEA Press Guidance  
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**Israel/Palestinians: UPDATE Raid on Free Gaza Flotilla**

**Key Message:**

- We deeply regret the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident aboard the Gaza-bound ships.
- We remain deeply concerned by the situation in Gaza, including the humanitarian situation. We will continue to engage the Israelis on a daily basis to expand the scope and type of goods allowed into Gaza to address the full range of the population's humanitarian and recovery needs.
- We will continue to work closely with the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, along with international NGOs and the UN, to provide adequate access for humanitarian goods, including reconstruction materials, through the border crossings, while bearing in mind the Government of Israel's legitimate security concerns.
- However, Hamas' interference with international assistance shipments and work of nongovernmental organizations, and its use and endorsement of violence, complicates efforts in Gaza. Mechanisms exist for the transfer of humanitarian assistance to Gaza by governments and groups that wish to do so. These mechanisms should be expanded to allow in all humanitarian items and be used by those organizations wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the innocent people of Gaza.
- We remain concerned for the well-being of American citizens involved in this incident. We will provide all appropriate consular assistance to any U.S. citizens involved with the flotilla.
- We are talking with our UN counterparts, the Israeli government, and all other interested parties. We expect the Israeli government to conduct a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation conforming to international standards.

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Q: What is the U.S. reaction to the Israeli raid of "Free Gaza" flotilla ships, resulting in the deaths of ten activists?

- We deeply regret the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident aboard the Gaza-bound ships.
- We are talking with the Israeli government and all other interested parties. We expect the Israeli government to conduct a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation conforming to international standards.

Q: Could an improved humanitarian situation on the ground in Gaza have prevented this incident?

- We remain deeply concerned by the situation in Gaza, including the humanitarian situation. We will continue to engage the Israelis on a daily basis to expand the scope and type of goods allowed into Gaza to address the full range of the population's humanitarian and recovery needs.
- We will continue to work closely with the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, along with international NGOs and the UN, to provide adequate access for humanitarian goods, including reconstruction materials, through the border crossings, while bearing in mind the Government of Israel's legitimate security concerns.
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- 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

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state: renunciation of violence, recognition of Israel, and acceptance of previous agreements between the parties.

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

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

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

*IF ASKED: What about comments by members of the Security Council that the statement was a call for an independent investigation to be conducted by the UN?*

- The text of the statement is clear. We support an Israeli investigation and have every confidence that Israel can conduct a credible and impartial, transparent, and prompt investigation conforming to international standards.

Q: What is the U.S. currently doing for U.S. citizens involved in this incident? Were there any Americans present? Were any Americans among those killed or injured?

- We remain concerned for the well-being of American citizens involved in this incident. We will provide all appropriate consular assistance to any U.S. citizens involved with the flotilla.

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- We can confirm that there were U.S. citizens among those involved with the flotilla who were detained by Israeli authorities. Some of the U.S. citizens have agreed to be deported, while others remain in detention.
- Our consular officers in Tel Aviv visited with eleven detainees at the Ella prison in Beersheba.
- Two other detainees were briefly hospitalized and released to detention.
- Two additional detainees accepted repatriation last night. The Consul General in Jerusalem will visit one detainee at Givon Prison this evening.
- The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv is providing all appropriate consular assistance to those detained.
- We will provide all appropriate consular assistance to any U.S. Citizens involved with the flotilla.
- We refer individuals to our Travel Warning for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza in which we urge U.S. citizens to avoid all travel to the Gaza Strip.

*IF ASKED: What information can you provide about the American citizen hurt in the West Bank while participating in protests against the Israeli naval response to the Free Gaza flotilla?*

- We can confirm that one U.S. citizen, [REDACTED] suffered a serious injury when a gas canister hit her in the face, as she was standing among other protesters in the West Bank at the Qalandiya checkpoint between the West Bank and Israel.

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

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

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Q: What is the U.S. reaction to Israel's airstrike in Gaza today, killing three Islamic militants?

- Israel has a right to defend itself.
- However, we are not in a position to comment on the particular circumstances of this incident.
- Violence will only impede progress towards peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

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**Background:** Media reports that Israeli hospital officials said an American woman lost her eye during a demonstration Monday in Jerusalem against the naval raid. Emily Henochowicz of Maryland was in intensive care after undergoing surgery, said hospital spokeswoman Yael Bossem-Levy. Witnesses said Henochowicz, 21, was hit by a tear gas canister in the face while Palestinian youths were throwing rocks, although she was standing at a distance.

*Text of PRST:*

**SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON THE RECENT INCIDENT IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**

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

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

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and to ensure the delivery of humanitarian assistance from the convoy to its destination.

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

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

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

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

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From: Doner, Susan L  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 6:52 AM  
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Subject: FW: MFA on cabinet meeting

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From: Hayes, Molly E  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:53 AM  
To: Doner, Susan L  
Subject: FW: MFA on cabinet meeting

FYI.

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From: Levin, Jan  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:35 AM  
To: Hayes, Molly E  
Cc: Sievers, Marc J  
Subject: RE: MFA on cabinet meeting

The question of the AG's order is a work in process. The Ambassador has spoken to the Prime Minister and to the Ministry of Defense; our A/DCM has spoken to the MFA, both have conveyed our request that all the detainees be released as expeditiously as possible. The Ambassador was told by the MOD that they would like to release everyone today if they can figure out how to do it legally given the AG's order. We've been told that the actual number of detainees the Israelis have a strong interest in and might want to keep longer may be as low as 6 or 7.

Post has no plans to visit the AmCits again today.

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From: Hayes, Molly E  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:30 AM  
To: Levin, Jan  
Subject: RE: MFA on cabinet meeting

Thanks, Jan. Did the Israeli AG end up making a decision about how the GOI is going to treat the wounded? The wounded are being treated as suspects in the attacks on the IDF by the Israelis. The Attorney General needs to rule on what to do with these 55. Israelis may want to bring court cases against these, which argues against a quick release. But these are in the hands of the Attorney General.

Does Post plan to visit the AmCits again today?

Thanks again,

Molly

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From: Levin, Jan  
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To: Hayes, Molly E  
Subject: FW: MFA on cabinet meeting

Molly, FYI, as of 2:14 this morning.

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From: Sievers, Marc J  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:00 AM  
To: Levin, Jan  
Subject: FW: MFA on cabinet meeting

As promised.

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From: Feltman, Jeffrey D  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 2:14 AM  
To: Gordon, Philip H; Cunningham, James B; Jeffrey, James F; Sievers, Marc J; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Kaidanow, Tina S; Baily, Jess L; Marsh, Denise M; 'Elizabeth\_D.\_Sherwood-Randall@nsc.eop.gov'; 'bbrink@nsc.eop.gov'; Silliman, Douglas A  
Cc: Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura  
Subject: RE: MFA on cabinet meeting

Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren just called with the following:

- There are 673 total detainees from the Gaza flotilla.
- Of those, 118 will be deported via Jordan.
- 50 are being expelled via the airport, having signed a consent form.
- 120 others will be sent out via the airport "shortly."
- Israel is "hoping to make the deadline" for releasing Turks, with the deadline being the 11 a.m. Wednesday Turkish security council meeting.
- Three Lebanese are being deported directly via Ras Naqoura.
- 55 of various nationalities are wounded. The wounded are being treated as suspects in the attacks on the IDF by the Israelis. The Attorney General needs to rule on what to do with these 55. Israelis may want to bring court cases against these, which argues against a quick release. But these are in the hands of the Attorney General.

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Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs  
Department of State  
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From: Gordon, Philip H  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:35 PM  
To: Cunningham, James B; Jeffrey, James F; Sievers, Marc J; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Kaidanow, Tina S; Baily, Jess L; Marsh, Denise M; 'Elizabeth\_D.\_Sherwood-Randall@nsc.eop.gov'; 'bbrink@nsc.eop.gov'; Silliman, Douglas A  
Cc: Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura  
Subject: RE: MFA on cabinet meeting

Davutolgu very clear today that they wanted all of the passengers out, unconditionally. If all not permitted to leave many others would refuse to leave. Important to get commitment on getting all out or big trouble ahead.

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From: Cunningham, James B  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:28 PM  
To: Jeffrey, James F; Sievers, Marc J; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Gordon, Philip H; Kaidanow, Tina S; Baily, Jess L; Marsh, Denise M; 'Elizabeth\_D\_Sherwood-Randall@nsc.eop.gov'; 'bbrink@nsc.eop.gov'; Silliman, Douglas A  
Cc: Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura  
Subject: Re: MFA on cabinet meeting

Mfa readout might not square with what [redacted] told me. I think they will try to find a way to get most of the turkish out soon, and all in the near future. [redacted] said Gilad is tasked to get the deportations working. We'll follow to see if they can make it work. He said decision was to get the Turks back.  
Sent from my BlackBerry

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From: Jeffrey, James F  
To: Sievers, Marc J; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Gordon, Philip H; Kaidanow, Tina S; Baily, Jess L; Marsh, Denise M; 'elizabeth\_d\_sherwood-randall@nsc.eop.gov' <elizabeth\_d\_sherwood-randall@nsc.eop.gov>; 'bbrink@nsc.eop.gov' <bbrink@nsc.eop.gov>; Silliman, Douglas A  
Cc: Cunningham, James B; Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura  
Sent: Tue Jun 01 23:20:42 2010  
Subject: Re: MFA on cabinet meeting

This is going to be a disaster that Israelis will bring upon themselves. 'Lynching' video and what we know about IHM could help restore some balance but with this decision Israelis are going to deflect the entire story back on them. [redacted]

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[redacted] These people as "all wounded" will be seen as double victims and international pressure will eventually secure their release but only after rels with Turkey totally trashed and Israel back in the chopping block. This is so sad. Jim J

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From: Sievers, Marc J  
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Cc: Cunningham, James B; Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura  
Sent: Tue Jun 01 23:08:22 2010  
Subject: MFA on cabinet meeting

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

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

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**From:** Connelly, Maura  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 9:12 PM  
**To:** Sindle, James M  
**Cc:** NEA-IPA-DL  
**Subject:** Re: U.S. flagged vessels in the second wave of the GAZA Flotilla

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The highlighted parts sound reasonable. Just so long as we are not seen as enforcing the blockade.

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**From:** Sindle, James M  
**To:** Connelly, Maura  
**Cc:** NEA-IPA-DL  
**Sent:** Wed Jun 02 20:40:44 2010  
**Subject:** FW: U.S. flagged vessels in the second wave of the GAZA Flotilla

Below is L/OES's legal views regarding how we might deal with Challenger II. Highlighted portion describes the option we're currently looking at.

Jim

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**From:** Baumert, Kevin A  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:24 PM  
**To:** Sindle, James M; Maggi, Robert W  
**Cc:** PM-Counter-Piracy-DL; Countryman, Thomas; Maxwell, Raymond D; Johns, Terry M; O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); Frederick, Jeffrey D; Kirshner, Amy Coletta; Polizzotto, Susan; 'Frederick.J.Kenney@uscg.mil'; Darr, Charles  
**Subject:** RE: U.S. flagged vessels in the second wave of the GAZA Flotilla

Pasted below are some factual/legal bullets, which L/FO provided informally to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor...some of which respond to questions posed in the email string below. Also, I'm copying USCG colleagues, since some of the legal angles are in their lane (and they are of course invited to correct or amplify, as appropriate).

Thanks,  
Kevin

#### **Factual Issues**

- There are two vessels – Challenger I and Challenger II – that have been involved in this incident and are confirmed as U.S. flagged yachts (Delaware registered). Challenger I is believed to have been part of the flotilla that was intercepted on Monday by the IDF, although there were no violent confrontations with this vessel.
- Although the facts are uncertain, Challenger II is believed to be currently in the Cypriot port of Limassol, with the likely intent of breaching the blockade in the coming days. Cypriot authorities have stated that they are not allowing ships to depart for the blockade.
- It appears there are 12-20 persons on each vessel; Challenger II does not appear to have any AMCITs on board. As a pleasure craft, it is not equipped with identification/tracking gear, which makes it harder to track its location.

**Legal issues and possible courses of action**  
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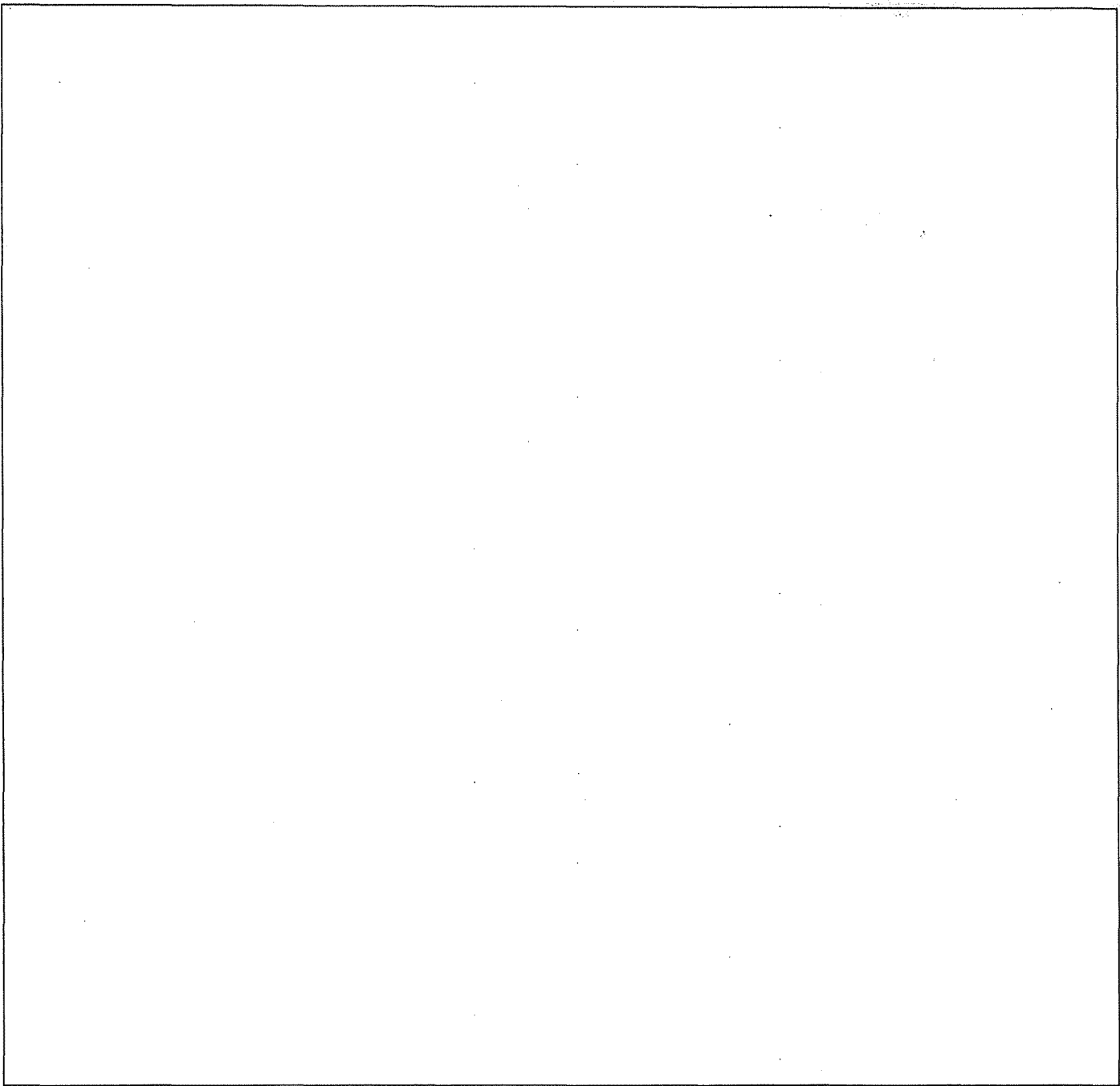
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**From:** Sindle, James M  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 12:12 PM  
**To:** Baumert, Kevin A; Maggi, Robert W  
**Cc:** PM-Counter-Piracy-DL; Countryman, Thomas; Maxwell, Raymond D; 'Cook, Kevin RDML'; Johns, Terry M; O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); Frederick, Jeffrey D; Kirshner, Amy Coletta; Polizzotto, Susan  
**Subject:** RE: U.S. flagged vessels in the second wave of the GAZA Flotilla

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As we continue to proceed, I think it would be helpful to know...



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Thanks,

**Jim Sindle**  
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**From:** Baumert, Kevin A  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 11:59 AM  
**To:** Maggi, Robert W  
**Cc:** PM-Counter-Piracy-DL; Countryman, Thomas; Sindle, James M; Maxwell, Raymond D; Cook, Kevin RDML; Johns, Terry M; O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); Frederick, Jeffrey D; Kirshner, Amy Coletta  
**Subject:** RE: U.S. flagged vessels in the second wave of the GAZA Flotilla



Thanks, Kevin

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**From:** Maggi, Robert W  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 11:49 AM  
**To:** Baumert, Kevin A  
**Cc:** PM-Counter-Piracy-DL; Countryman, Thomas; Sindle, James M; Maxwell, Raymond D; Cook, Kevin RDML; Johns, Terry M; O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); Frederick, Jeffrey D; Kirshner, Amy Coletta  
**Subject:** FW: U.S. flagged vessels in the second wave of the GAZA Flotilla

Kevin, thanks!



Best  
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**From:** Baumert, Kevin A  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 9:36 AM  
**To:** Sindle, James M; Polizzotto, Susan; Warner, Trent (OES-OPA); Johns, Terry M; O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); Frederick, Jeffrey D  
**Subject:** RE: US flagged vessels

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Just to keep this group on the same page, Susan has confirmed that the relevant USCG's database shows that the vessel is validly registered in Delaware. We can now be comfortable in concluding that the vessel is properly characterized as U.S. flagged.

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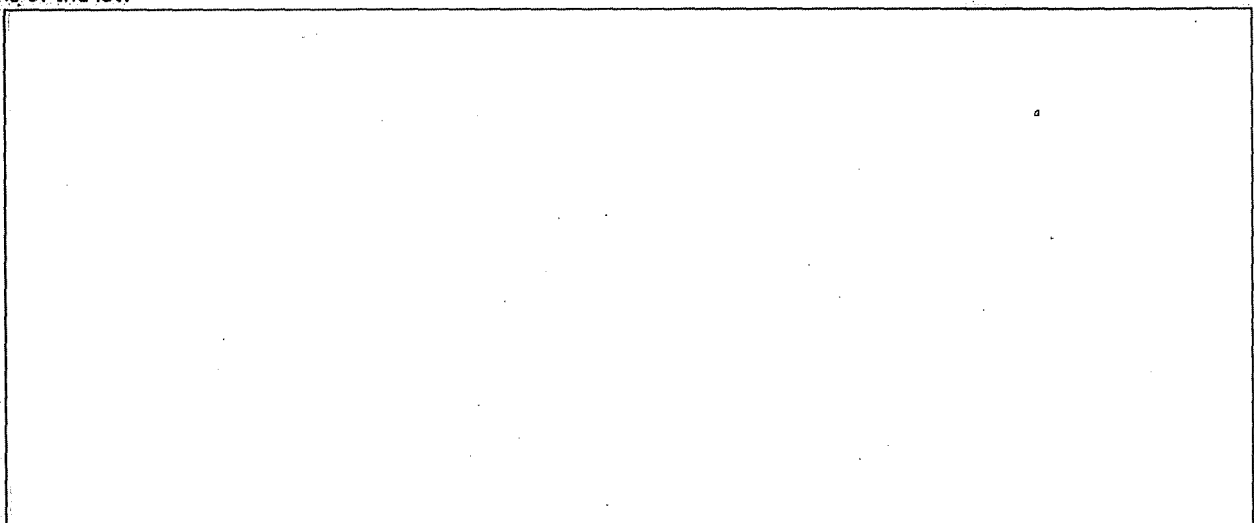
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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 12:08 AM  
**To:** Thessin, James H  
**Cc:** Townley, Stephen G; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Harris, Robert K; Sullivan, David J; Pomper, Stephen E; Guarin, Marc F  
**Subject:** US flagged vessels

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

In terms of the facts –

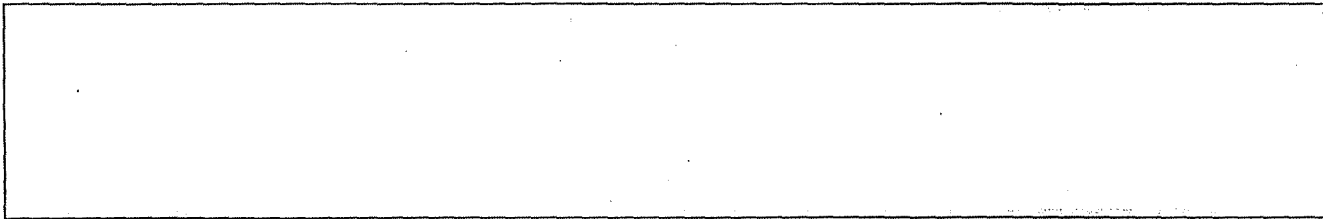
- There are two vessels – Challenger I and Challenger II – that have been involved in this incident and are believed to be U.S. flagged vessels. Challenger I is believed to have been part of the flotilla that was intercepted on Monday by the IDF, although there were no violent confrontations with this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

In terms of the law –



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Thanks,  
Kevin

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**From:** Hale, David M  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:39 AM  
**To:** Feltman, Jeffrey D; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Sullivan, Jacob J; Abedin, Huma; 'dross@nsc.eop.gov'; 'dshapiro@nsc.eop.gov'; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov'; 'Hagar\_H.\_Hajjar@nsc.eop.gov'; 'Dennis\_B.\_Ross@nsc.eop.gov'  
**Cc:** Cunningham, James R; Sievers, Marc J; Jeffrey, James F; Silliman, Douglas A; Gordon, Philip H  
**Subject:** Re: Israel DCM reports Attorney General permits release of ALL Gaza flotilla passengers

Sounds fishy. There were 4-5 all along, all wounded they wanted to keep to question,

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**From:** Feltman, Jeffrey D  
**To:** Feltman, Jeffrey D; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Sullivan, Jacob J; Abedin, Huma; 'Dennis B Ross' <dross@nsc.eop.gov>; 'dshapiro@nsc.eop.gov' <dshapiro@nsc.eop.gov>; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov' <PKumar@nsc.eop.gov>; 'Hajjar, Hagar H.' <Hagar\_H.\_Hajjar@nsc.eop.gov>; 'Dennis\_B.\_Ross@nsc.eop.gov' <Dennis\_B.\_Ross@nsc.eop.gov>  
**Cc:** Cunningham, James R; Sievers, Marc J; Jeffrey, James F; Silliman, Douglas A; Gordon, Philip H  
**Sent:** Wed Jun 02 08:35:42 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Israel DCM reports Attorney General permits release of ALL Gaza flotilla passengers

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

Jeffrey Feltman

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**From:** Feltman, Jeffrey D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:00 AM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Sullivan, Jacob J; Abedin, Huma; Dennis B Ross; 'dshapiro@nsc.eop.gov'; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov'; 'Hajjar, Hagar H.'  
**Cc:** Cunningham, James R; Sievers, Marc J; Jeffrey, James F; Silliman, Douglas A; Gordon, Philip H  
**Subject:** Israel DCM reports Attorney General permits release of ALL Gaza flotilla passengers

To all:

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

-- The Israeli Attorney General has determined that all/all Gaza flotilla detainees are to be released now. This includes those wounded and includes even the "six or seven" who were suspected of instigating the attacks on

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the Israeli commandos. All means all, Dan said; responding to my question, he confirmed that the Lebanese wounded, [redacted] was part of the "all."

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

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

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

*Jeffrey Feltman*

*Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs  
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From: Blaukopf, Ruth B  
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 To: Burnett, David R; Frellich, Karlène H; Giaouque, Jeffrey G; Goldberger, Thomas H; Hale, David M; Harden, Dave; Hertzberg, David A; Holmstrom, Todd C; Irwin, Matthew T; Jacoby, Julia I; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Knopf, Payton L; Lentz, Andrew N; Sievers, Marc J; Mayo, Iris J; Reisser, Wesley J; Roberts, Kristi (Tel Aviv); Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA); Sindle, James M; Waters, John R; Greene, Elisa; Harutunian, Ruben; Parker, Andrew C; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Hölst, Alan R; Grubb, Jason B; Levin, Jan; Honigstein, Michael D; Michaels, David G; Nelson, Timothy (Tel Aviv)  
 Subject: IL RE: EXPULSION OF FLOTILLA DETAINEES – PMO LINK & TEXT VERSION

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

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

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

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From: Jeffrey, James F  
 Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:53 AM  
 To: Feltman, Jeffrey D; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Sullivan, Jacob J; Abedin, Huma; 'dross@nsc.eop.gov'; 'dshapiro@nsc.eop.gov'; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov'; 'Hagar\_H.\_Hajjar@nsc.eop.gov'; 'Dennis\_B.\_Ross@nsc.eop.gov'  
 Cc: Cunningham, James R; Sievers, Marc J; Silliman, Douglas A; Gordon, Philip H  
 Subject: Re: Israel DCM reports Attorney General permits release of ALL Gaza flotilla passengers

Turkish ground commander. On scene cevik mentioned about two injured prob too hurt to move today. That prob is exception to all rule. Jim

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From: Feltman, Jeffrey D  
 To: Feltman, Jeffrey D; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Sullivan, Jacob J; Abedin, Huma; 'Dennis B Ross' <dross@nsc.eop.gov>; 'dshapiro@nsc.eop.gov' <dshapiro@nsc.eop.gov>; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov' <PKumar@nsc.eop.gov>; 'Hajjar, Hagar H.' <Hagar\_H.\_Hajjar@nsc.eop.gov>; 'Dennis\_B.\_Ross@nsc.eop.gov' <Dennis\_B.\_Ross@nsc.eop.gov>  
 Cc: Cunningham, James R; Sievers, Marc J; Jeffrey, James F; Silliman, Douglas A; Gordon, Philip H  
 Sent: Wed Jun 02 15:35:42 2010  
 Subject: RE: Israel DCM reports Attorney General permits release of ALL Gaza flotilla passengers

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

*Jeffrey Feltman*

*Assistant Secretary  
 Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs  
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From: Feltman, Jeffrey D  
 Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:00 AM  
 To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Sullivan, Jacob J; Abedin, Huma; Dennis B Ross; 'dshapiro@nsc.eop.gov'; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov'; 'Hajjar, Hagar H.'  
 Cc: Cunningham, James R; Sievers, Marc J; Jeffrey, James F; Silliman, Douglas A; Gordon, Philip H  
 Subject: Israel DCM reports Attorney General permits release of ALL Gaza flotilla passengers

To all:

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

-- The Israeli Attorney General has determined that all/all Gaza flotilla detainees are to be released now. This includes those wounded and includes even the "six or seven" who were suspected of instigating the attacks on

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the Israeli commandos. All means all, Dan said; responding to my question, he confirmed that the Lebanese wounded, Hani Suleiman, was part of the "all."

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

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

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

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From: Frelich, Karlene H  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 11:10 AM  
To: Reisser, Wesley J  
Subject: FW: June 2, 2010 - 6:00 pm Update from ACS TLV

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Peck is already back in US and I thought [redacted] also was deported on Monday?

From: Parker, Andrew C  
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 11:06 AM  
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Harutunian, Ruben; Kaplan, Dean; Usher, William R; Richter, Kim B; Marwaha, Brianne C; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); 'consage@netvision.net.il'; Reisser, Wesley J; Levin, Jan; Gutman, Bonnie S; Sievers, Marc J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Rogan, Thomas G; Lewis, Glenn K; SES-O; Schlereth, Frank G; Grubb, Jason B; 'sal\_amodeo@yahoo.com'; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Struwe, Rebecca L; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bond, Michele T; Cunningham, James B; Plott, Susan M; Zuckerman, Eve; SES-O\_OPS-WatchTeam; Greene, Elisa; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Manning, Nicholas J  
Subject: June 2, 2010 - 6:00 pm Update from ACS TLV

1. MFA reports following Amcits transferred to airport pending departure:

[redacted]

Peck

Edward Lionel

[redacted]

Note: Several TCNs will not return to the US at this time: [redacted] (Ireland), [redacted] (through Allenby to Jordan) and [redacted] (Kuwait).

2. The document all detainees are being asked to sign, a Request for Immediate Departure, does not specify any further consequences to those who sign. MFA and Ministry of Interior are discussing whether this document will have the same meaning as typical, which is a ten year ban on re-entry.

3. CONS has been unable to reach [redacted] at a cell phone number we were given for her. Trying to confirm whereabouts of [redacted] who was seen by conoffs at Ella Prison. Will check with family. Several possible Amcits still not located: [redacted] We believe [redacted] did not travel..

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Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 9:58 PM  
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Harutunian, Ruben; Kaplan, Dean; Usher, William R; Richter, Kim B; Marwaha, Brianne C; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); 'consage@netvision.net.il'; Reisser, Wesley J; Levin, Jan; Gutman, Bonnie S; Sievers, Marc J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Rogan, Thomas G; Lewis, Glenn K; SES-O; Schlereth, Frank G; Grubb, Jason B; 'sal\_amodeo@yahoo.com'; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Struwe, Rebecca L; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bond, Michele T; Cunningham, James B; Nepal, Rohit S; Plott, Susan M; Zuckerman, Eve; SES-

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O\_OPS-WatchTeam; Greene, Elisa; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group

Subject: June 1, 2010 - 10:30 pm Update from ACS TLV

Update on prison visits:

ConOffs Platt and Green met with 11 AMCIT Detainees and 3 Pakistani nationals being held in Ella Prison in Beer Sheva - All AMCIT s and all three Pakistanis told us that they planned to, or have already signed, voluntary deportation form provided by the Israeli MOI. All reported that they were in relatively good health and not being mistreated. Some reported minor cuts and bruises. Two AMCITS reported that they need to have access to prescription medicines and GOI authorities were alerted to that fact.

We could not locate [redacted] (later report says he did not travel) and [redacted] and none of the other passengers reported knowing them. [redacted] and [redacted] did not board the Flotilla. [redacted] was not in custody as far as we know.

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Lawyers were on hand at the end of the day to advise the detainees of their rights under Israeli law. When we left the Prison it appeared that Either military police or shin bet officials were on site entering the prison. We were told By the German Consul on site that passengers on the Mavi Marmara (where the bulk of the violence occurred) were expected to be subject of a further investigation. AMCIT [redacted] (who appeared to command the respect of the other travelers) was on that ship. We got PAWs for all of the detainees we interviewed and contacted family member of friends listed by all of them.

CG visited [redacted] at Govin Prison, Ramle. He was bruised all over his body due to altercations with IDF sailors at sea and prison or police officials at the POE. He signed a statement concerning mistreatment, which he says was meted out to him because of his non-violent/passive civil disobedience. He is in a cell with the Greek captain of the Svendoni. says he hopes to challenge deportation. CG will contact his wife, [redacted]

Duty Officer reported calls from Amciti [redacted] family in Turkey. We have not yet located him in detention.

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**From:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:26 AM  
**To:** Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Frelich, Karlène H; Groeblacher, Julia; Lentz, Andrew N; Marsh, Denise M; Riley, Robert J  
**Subject:** FW: Deceased confirmed as Amcit

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FYI – Father has confirmed that the body is Dogan. Tel Aviv has passed the below for Emb. Ankara to share with his family along with condolences.

**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:13 AM  
**To:** Appleton, Richard H  
**Cc:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Miller, Andrew T; Reisser, Wesley J; Sievers, Marc J  
**Subject:** RE: Deceased confirmed as Amcit

Rich,

Of course, we all feel badly for the family and for the young man who died. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] We were aware from Ankara that Furkan Dogon was a possible Amcit participant and raised his name every time we asked the MFA for news of Amcits. When we did not locate him at Ella Prison with the other detainees, we continued to question MFA. On one occasion, at least, the duty officer took a call from the family directly and passed the request to CONS. We did get the Mavi Marmara manifest on Tuesday after 5:00 p.m. when the two vice consuls were at Ella Prison and I was at Govin Prison to see [redacted]. On Wednesday I reviewed the list for anyone identified as an Amcit but failed to review the 400 or so names of Turks, where I would have seen Dogon listed as a Turk. [redacted]

The family has our condolences.

Andy

**From:** Appleton, Richard H  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 4:56 PM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Miller, Andrew T  
**Cc:** 'Brink, Bridget A.'; Silliman, Douglas A; Baily, Jess L; Kaidanow, Tina S; Jeffrey, James F; Duguld, Gordon K; PA FO Group; Crowley, Phillip J; CA-OCS-Duty-Principals; SES\_DutyDeputies; SES-O\_SWO-Only; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Walker, Carolee B; CA-OCS-Special Assistant; Macray, Rosemary R; Echard, John E Jr; Giauque, Ivna; Gallegos, Adriana M; Richter, Kim B; Kazi, Pamela R; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Grubb, Jason B; Richter, Kim B; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Wiener, Sharon A (Istanbul); Dayton, Win (Istanbul); Silliman, Douglas A; Hunter, Rodney M; Leary, Thomas M; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Ogle, Karen L; Sisli, Fatih; Keen, Daniel G; Parker, Andrew C; Jeffrey, James F; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Hunter, Rodney M; Keen, Daniel G; Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul); de Ojalvaro, Laura H; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Combs, James D; Dicker, Craig L; Lawrence, Suzanne I; SES-O\_SWO; SES-O\_OPS-WatchTeam; Marsh, Denise M; Mendel, Teresa S; Darnell, Daria L; Combs, James D; Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul); Morrissey, Karen M (Istanbul)  
**Subject:** Deceased confirmed as Amcit  
**Importance:** High

At 1630hrs Ankara time I talked to [redacted] the father of Furkan DOGAN, by phone. He had just loaded the body of his son on the plane in Istanbul bound for Kaiseri. He confirmed to me that he had identified the body was his son's.

[redacted]

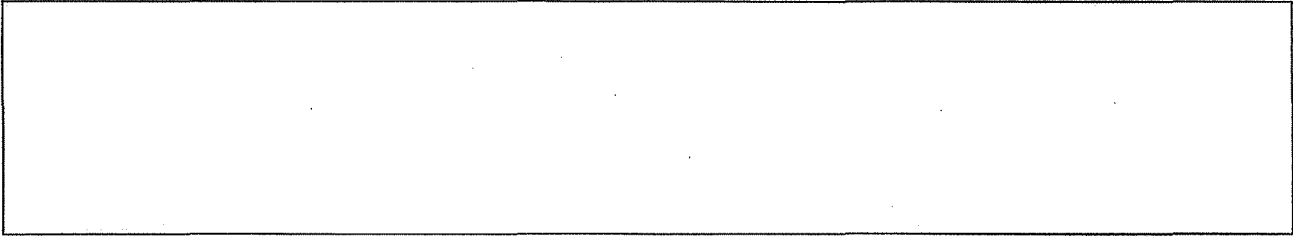
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He asked that I pass the following back to Washington:



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The father agreed to pass this information back to Washington, but did not give specific release under the Privacy Act beyond simply that.

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**From:** Beekman, Philip M  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:22 AM  
**To:** NEA-IPA-DL  
**Cc:** SES-O\_SWO  
**Subject:** FW: Press report: Possible Amcit among bodies sent to Turkey

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**Importance:** High

Colleagues,

For your information, please see below information on the Turkish-American citizen among the dead from the Gaza Flotilla. The email has personal information so we declined to send it to the wider monitoring group.

Regards,

*Philip Beekman*  
*Senior Watch Officer*  
*Operations Center*  
*Department of State*  
*202-647-1512*

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**From:** Appleton, Richard H  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:11 AM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Lawrence, Suzanne I; SES-O\_SWO; SES-O\_OPS-WatchTeam; Miller, Andrew T; Marsh, Denise M; Mendel, Teresa S  
**Cc:** Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Grubb, Jason B; Richter, Kim B; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Wiener, Sharon A (Istanbul); Dayton, Win (Istanbul); Silliman, Douglas A; Hunter, Rodney M; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Ogle, Karen L; Sisli, Fatih; Keen, Daniel G; Parker, Andrew C; Jeffrey, James F; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Hunter, Rodney M; Keen, Daniel G; Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul); de Otaivarro, Laura H; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Combs, James D; Dicker, Craig L  
**Subject:** RE: Press report: Possible Amcit among bodies sent to Turkey  
**Importance:** High

All:

Here is what we know. We still await confirmation from MFA.

Turkish-American Furkan DOGAN DOB-20OCT91 was one of the killed in the Gaza Flotilla event.

His name appears on the latest list of the dead in the Turkish Media.

Turkish media widely covered father's speech on camera. The father, [redacted] said he went to Istanbul airport last night to meet his son and the Turkish authorities informed him that his son was amongst the dead.

The Turkish press indicates he was shot once in the chest and four times to the head...obliterating the head and making identification difficult.

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Turkish media said the father was working on a PhD in the US for 4 years when the son was born there and lived there two years. The family returned to Turkey where the father is an associate professor at Erciyes University in Kaiseri. The son has been residing in Turkey since. Embassy Ankara issued him a US passport # [REDACTED]

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We have already had inquiries from the US press (CBS). We are referring such inquiries to CA/P ... particularly since we still await confirmation from MFA. We will call the father as soon as we have confirmation.

Rich Appleton  
CG Ankara

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:28 PM  
**To:** Appleton, Richard H; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Jeffrey, James F  
**Cc:** Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Grubb, Jason B; Richter, Kim B; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Wiener, Sharon A (Istanbul); Dayton, Win (Istanbul); Silliman, Douglas A; Hunter, Rodney M; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Ogle, Karen L; Sisli, Fatih; Keen, Daniel G  
**Subject:** RE: Press report: Possible Amcit among bodies sent to Turkey

Israeli MFA here still does not have a complete list of the deceased, only three who had Turkish passports. When our Cons Assistant visited the morgue it was before we were asked about Furkan Dogon, so she did not have the PIERS photo with her. Subsequently, she examined the PIERS photo, which is of a very young man, and it did not resemble any of the photos of the deceased she had seen at the morgue.

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**From:** Appleton, Richard H  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:09 PM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Jeffrey, James F  
**Cc:** Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Grubb, Jason B; Richter, Kim B; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Wiener, Sharon A (Istanbul); Dayton, Win (Istanbul); Silliman, Douglas A; Hunter, Rodney M; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Ogle, Karen L; Sisli, Fatih; Keen, Daniel G; Parker, Andrew C  
**Subject:** RE: Press report: Possible Amcit among bodies sent to Turkey  
**Importance:** High

More shortly.... but the dual [US – Turkish] citizen Furkan DOGAN [DOB: 1991] is on the media published list of the dead. His family had been calling at least twice a day for several days ... but not yet today.

Believe the body is in Istanbul.

We have the family's cell number.

Before we contact we are going to get confirmation thru MFA ... there have been various lists ... and this is a new addition to the list of the dead.

More as this story develops.

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:55 PM  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul)  
**Cc:** Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Grubb, Jason B; Richter, Kim B; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Appleton, Richard H; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Wiener, Sharon A (Istanbul); Dayton, Win (Istanbul)  
**Subject:** Re: Press report: Possible Amcirt among bodies sent to Turkey

Any idea whi this might be, if it's true?

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**To:** Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul)  
**Cc:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Grubb, Jason B; Richter, Kim B; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Appleton, Richard H; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Wiener, Sharon A (Istanbul); Dayton, Win (Istanbul)  
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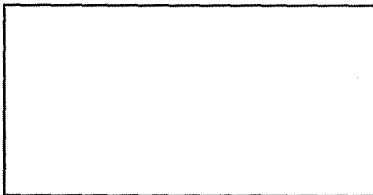
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**From:** Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:36 AM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Cc:** Richter, Kim B; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Silliman, Douglas A; Appleton, Richard H;; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul)  
**Subject:** RE: Free Gaza Flotilla Folks

Hi, Michelle: I saw your e-mail with the list around 6:30 this morning: it came in at 2:15. We sent a conoff and les to the airport and now to the hotel where most have been sent. I spoke with [redacted] at some length around 8:30. Also with [redacted] who is fine and promised to call his children. I also spoke with [redacted] to contact her family – Lisa Cross will give her the numbers she needs. The following group are at the Akgun Hotel:

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[redacted] (Brazilian American) decided not to go to the hotel with the group but is in Istanbul, had been on the Mavi Marmara.

[redacted] this is [redacted] the American we knew was on the Mavi Marmara: [redacted] told me [redacted] went off with a another group but was expected to contact her and the group at the hotel later today.

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All appear to be well.

[redacted] Israeli/American, went to Cyprus, according to [redacted]

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[redacted] dual Irish/American is using her Irish passport, is here in Istanbul, according to [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted] reported that she went out through Jordan, which fits the info you provided.

[redacted] did not know passenger [redacted]

Israeli authorities confiscated everything except for their passports : baggage, cameras, laptops, wallets, credit cards, money.

Turkish airlines has been great: They are paying for their hotel rooms and meals.

We will be assisting if they need money transfers etc. We'll need to coordinate with colleagues in Israel to track down their belongings.

That's it for now.

Susan

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:12 AM  
**To:** Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul)  
**Cc:** Richter, Kim B; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria  
**Subject:** Free Gaza Flotilla Folks

Susan: These Amcits may seek assistance from y'all...don't know what they have with them in terms of passports, etc. Landing about 5 a.m. I've just woken up your Duty Officer to see if we can pass an emergency message to [redacted]

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 6:58 PM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Davison, Kees C; Richter, Kim B  
**Cc:** Mendel, Teresa S; Reisser, Wesley J; Sindle, James M; Manning, Nicholas J; Plott, Susan M; Zuckerman, Eve; Romero, Vincent  
**Subject:** Re: More on [redacted]

Landing details of flights are not known to MFA except for advice that Greek and Turkish MFAs should have details. Onward travel plans also unknown.

[redacted] is only known Amcit on Athens flight.

Istanbul flights include:

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Location unknown: [Redacted] (dual Irish/Arcit)  
Others believed to have left thru Allenby:

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UPDATED NEA Press Guidance  
June 4, 2010

Israel/Palestinians: UPDATE Free Gaza Flotilla

Key Message:

- We deeply regret the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident aboard the Gaza-bound ships earlier this week.
- We remain deeply concerned by the situation in Gaza, including the humanitarian situation. We will continue to engage the Israelis on a daily basis to expand the scope and type of goods allowed into Gaza to address the full range of the population's humanitarian and recovery needs.
- Hamas' interference with international assistance shipments and work of nongovernmental organizations, and its use and endorsement of violence complicate efforts in Gaza. Mechanisms exist for the transfer of humanitarian assistance to Gaza by governments and groups that wish to do so. These mechanisms should be expanded to allow in all humanitarian items and be used by those organizations wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the innocent people of Gaza.
- We expect the Israeli government to conduct a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation conforming to international standards that gets to all the facts surrounding this tragic incident. We are open to different ways of assuring a credible investigation, including international participation. We will continue to discuss these ideas with the Israelis and our international partners in the days ahead.
- This recent incident involving the "Free Gaza" flotilla underscores the need to move ahead quickly with negotiations that can lead to a comprehensive peace in the region and ultimately address issues such as the situation in Gaza.

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

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

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

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

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

- As Secretary Clinton said, the status quo in Gaza is unsustainable and unacceptable. Israel's legitimate security needs must be met, just as the Palestinians' legitimate needs for sustained humanitarian assistance and regular access for reconstruction materials must also be assured.
- We will work with Israel, along with those in the international community who have direct interest in what happens in Gaza, to find ways to increase the amount of assistance entering Gaza, while also protecting Israel's security interests.

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

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

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

Q: Are Turkish warships accompanying the ship?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**From:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 9:39 AM  
**To:** NEA-IPA-DL  
**Subject:** FW: Israeli/Flotilla incident: Welfare and Whereabouts of Three Pakistani Citizens

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**From:** Greene, Elisa  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 6:05 AM  
**To:** Richter, Kim B; Reisser, Wesley J; Hartley, Brent R  
**Subject:** FW: Israeli/Flotilla incident: Welfare and Whereabouts of Three Pakistani Citizens

Vice Consuls Susan Plott and Jason Green, and ACS assistants [redacted] and [redacted] from the US Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel met with the three Pakistanis. They did a great job.

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**From:** Hartley, Brent R  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:25 PM  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C; Cunningham, James B; Sievers, Marc J  
**Cc:** Jones, Paul W; Feldman, Daniel F; Feierstein, Gerald M; SCA-Pakistan-Only-DL; Gutman, Bonnie S; Hoyer, Kurt J; Greene, Elisa; 'Shamila\_N\_Chaudhary@nsc.eop.gov'; Schwartz, Larry; Operations Center; SSRAP\_StaffAssistants  
**Subject:** RE: Israeli/Flotilla incident: Welfare and Whereabouts of Three Pakistani Citizens

Kudos to Emb Tel Aviv for garnering a rare public shout out from the Pakistani MFA, for U.S. assistance to the three Paks from the flotilla.

Thanks again for all your help with this.

Begin text:

Office of the Spokesman  
Press Release

Pakistan relieved at the safe arrival of three Pakistan nationals in Jordan from Israel

The Government of Pakistan is greatly relieved that the three Pakistan nationals, namely, Syed Talat Hussain, Mr. Raza Mahmood Agha and Mr. Nadeem Ahmad Khan, who were on board the Gaza-bound "Freedom Flotilla" have safely reached Amman, Jordan today. The Ambassador of Pakistan in Amman, Mr. Akhtar Tufail and senior officials of the Embassy received them on arrival at the Jordan-Israel border. The Embassy of Pakistan in Amman is now in the process of making arrangements for

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their travel to Pakistan in accordance with their convenience and preference. We are grateful to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for facilitating our nationals' travel to Amman and for extending hospitality to them as state guests.

The Government and the people of Pakistan express their profound gratitude to all friendly countries, in particular the US, especially their Embassy in Islamabad, and Jordan for ascertaining the well-being of our nationals following the blatant use of force by Israel against the Flotilla carrying humanitarian assistance, and for their release from the Israeli detention. We are also thankful to the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and Interpol for their help.

**Islamabad**

02 June 2010

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 9:48 AM  
**To:** Hartley, Brent R; Operations Center; SSRAP\_StaffAssistants  
**Cc:** Jones, Paul W; Feldman, Daniel F; Feierstein, Gerald M; Cunningham, James B; Sievers, Marc J; SCA-Pakistan-Only-DL; Gutman, Bonnie S; Hoyer, Kurt J; Greene, Elisa; 'Shamila\_N.\_Chaudhary@nsc.eop.gov'; Schwartz, Larry  
**Subject:** RE: Israeli/Flotilla incident: Welfare and Whereabouts of Three Pakistani Citizens

Access has been authorized. Given limited ability to talk to our consuls inside the facility, we do not know if consuls will be able to see them today.

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**From:** Hartley, Brent R  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 4:44 PM  
**To:** Operations Center; SSRAP\_StaffAssistants  
**Cc:** Jones, Paul W; Feldman, Daniel F; Feierstein, Gerald M; Cunningham, James B; Sievers, Marc J; SCA-Pakistan-Only-DL; Parker, Andrew C; Gutman, Bonnie S; Hoyer, Kurt J; Greene, Elisa; 'Shamila\_N.\_Chaudhary@nsc.eop.gov'; Schwartz, Larry  
**Subject:** RE: Israeli/Flotilla incident: Welfare and Whereabouts of Three Pakistani Citizens

SSRAP Staffers for RCH

Emb Tel Aviv reports that U.S. consular officers have confirmed that the three Pakistanis are at Ella. Emb Tel Aviv is seeking direct access, which will require high-level GOI approval given they are not AmCits.

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**From:** Hartley, Brent R  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 8:13 AM  
**To:** Operations Center; SSRAP\_StaffAssistants  
**Cc:** Jones, Paul W; Feldman, Daniel F; Feierstein, Gerald M; Cunningham, James B; Sievers, Marc J; SCA-Pakistan-Only-DL; Parker, Andrew C; Gutman, Bonnie S; Hoyer, Kurt J; Greene, Elisa; 'Shamila\_N.\_Chaudhary@nsc.eop.gov'; Schwartz,

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Larry

**Subject:** RE: Israeli/Flotilla incident: Welfare and Whereabouts of Three Pakistani Citizens

SSRAP staffers for RCH

Emb.Tel Aviv reports MFA confirmation that all three Pakistanis were taken to the Ella detention facility in Beersheba. Also, Pakistanis, whenever they depart, will go through Jordan, assuming Jordan permits the transit. Will report again when we hear from our consuls in Beersheba.

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**From:** Nepal, Rohit S

**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 4:15 PM

**To:** Parker, Andrew C; Hartley, Brent R; Schwartz, Larry; Operations Center; Gutman, Bonnie S; Hoyer, Kurt J; Greene, Elisa; 'Shamila\_N.\_Chaudhary@nsc.eop.gov'

**Cc:** SSRAP\_StaffAssistants; Jones, Paul W; Feldman, Daniel F; Feierstein, Gerald M; Cunningham, James B; Sievers, Marc J; SCA-Pakistan-Only-DL

**Subject:** Re: Israeli/Flotilla incident: Welfare and Whereabouts of Three Pakistani Citizens

Syed Talat Hussein has been located. Per Embassy Tel Aviv, he is in Israeli custody. From Andy Parker's most recent ACS update:

4) Only one Pakistani citizen was found on the list of detainees. His name is Said Talad Hussein. Other two may yet be coming off the Mavi Marmara.

Sent from my blackberry

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C

**To:** Hartley, Brent R; Schwartz, Larry; Operations Center; Gutman, Bonnie S; Hoyer, Kurt J; Greene, Elisa

**Cc:** SSRAP\_StaffAssistants; Jones, Paul W; Feldman, Daniel F; Feierstein, Gerald M; Cunningham, James B; Sievers, Marc J; SCA-Pakistan-Only-DL

**Sent:** Mon May 31 14:32:25 2010

**Subject:** Re: Israeli/Flotilla incident: Welfare and Whereabouts of Three Pakistani Citizens

I have just forwarded to Brent Hartley a partial manifest from the Mavi Marmara. It shows three Pakistanis as being on board. We will continue efforts to confirm their identities and status.

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**From:** Hartley, Brent R

**To:** Parker, Andrew C; Schwartz, Larry; Operations Center; Gutman, Bonnie S; Hoyer, Kurt J; Greene, Elisa

**Cc:** SSRAP\_StaffAssistants; Jones, Paul W; Feldman, Daniel F; Feierstein, Gerald M; Cunningham, James B; Sievers, Marc J; SCA-Pakistan-Only-DL

**Sent:** Mon May 31 18:36:46 2010

**Subject:** RE: Israeli/Flotilla incident: Welfare and Whereabouts of Three Pakistani Citizens

1000 thanks for the update.

I will provide basic points to the Pak Emb here.

Looping in others from the Pak Desk and S/SRAP.

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 11:19 AM  
**To:** Hartley, Brent R; Schwartz, Larry; Operations Center; Gutman, Bonnie S; Hoyer, Kurt J; Greene, Elisa  
**Cc:** Grecnik, Theresa A; Spykerman, John D; SSRAP\_StaffAssistants; Jones, Paul W; Feldman, Daniel F; Feierstein, Gerald M; Cunningham, James B; Sievers, Marc J  
**Subject:** RE: Israeli/Flotilla incident: Welfare and Whereabouts of Three Pakistani Citizens

We have provided the names to the MFA Situation Room and informed MFA Consular Affairs Director Yigal Tsarfati that the request is coming from very high levels. They are not listed on any current MFA list of detained or injured. Most likely, they are on board the Mavi Marmara, with over 500 people on board. This ship is just entering the Port and processing will most likely take many hours. A complicating factor according to some reports is that many participants have thrown away their ID's. We do not expect to get a list of names from the Mavi Marmara until most likely in the morning. The absence of cell phone calls from the Pakistanis is probably due to their phones being seized, disabled or jammed. As soon as we have any information on the Pakistanis we will pass this along. At Beersheva detention center tomorrow, assuming we have access to the detained Americans, we will also ask about the Pakistanis.

Regards,

Andrew C. Parker  
Consul General  
U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv  
Tel. 972-3-519-7671  
Fax 972-3-519-0315  
[parkerac@state.gov](mailto:parkerac@state.gov)

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**From:** Hartley, Brent R  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 6:15 PM  
**To:** Schwartz, Larry; Operations Center; Gutman, Bonnie S; Hoyer, Kurt J; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa  
**Cc:** Grecnik, Theresa A; Spykerman, John D; SSRAP\_StaffAssistants; Jones, Paul W; Feldman, Daniel F; Feierstein, Gerald M  
**Subject:** RE: Israeli/Flotilla incident: Welfare and Whereabouts of Three Pakistani Citizens

The NGO rep, Nadeem Ahmed Khan, represents the Khubaib Foundation.

Twitter feed off the google website for the Khubaib Foundation indicates Khan and his family (Turkish spouse) – who were also with the flotilla – are reportedly all safe. Am seeking to confirm with the Pak embassy.

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**From:** Schwartz, Larry  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 10:28 AM  
**To:** Hartley, Brent R; Operations Center; Gutman, Bonnie S; Hoyer, Kurt J; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa  
**Cc:** Grecnik, Theresa A; Spykerman, John D; SSRAP\_StaffAssistants; Jones, Paul W; Feldman, Daniel F; Feierstein, Gerald M  
**Subject:** RE: Israeli/Flotilla incident: Welfare and Whereabouts of Three Pakistani Citizens

Ambassador has been called by the President of Pakistan, the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister and the Interior Minister on this case.

I guess its fair to say that it has high level attention here.



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**From:** Hartley, Brent R  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 7:18 PM  
**To:** Operations Center; Gutman, Bonnie S; Hoyer, Kurt J; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa  
**Cc:** Schwartz, Larry; Grecnik, Theresa A; Spykerman, John D; SSRAP\_StaffAssistants; Jones, Paul W; Feldman, Daniel F; Feierstein, Gerald M  
**Subject:** RE: Israeli/Flotilla incident: Welfare and Whereabouts of Three Pakistani Journalists

The Pak Embassy provided the names of the two journalists as Syed Talat Hussein (*vice Talat Hussein Syed*) and Raza Mahmood Agha.

The third Pak is an NGO rep – Nadeem Ahmed Khan; Pak Emb is looking into the name of the NGO he represents.

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**From:** Hartley, Brent R  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 10:01 AM  
**To:** Operations Center  
**Cc:** SSRAP\_StaffAssistants; Jones, Paul W; Feldman, Daniel F; Feierstein, Gerald M; Schwartz, Larry; Grecnik, Theresa A; Spykerman, John D  
**Subject:** RE: Israeli/Flotilla incident: Welfare and Whereabouts of Three Pakistani Journalists

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**From:** Hartley, Brent R  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 10:00 AM  
**To:** SES-O OPS-WatchTeam  
**Cc:** SSRAP\_StaffAssistants; Jones, Paul W; Feldman, Daniel F; Feierstein, Gerald M; Schwartz, Larry; Grecnik, Theresa A; Spykerman, John D  
**Subject:** Israeli/Flotilla incident: Welfare and Whereabouts of Three Pakistani Journalists

Per my telcon earlier, the Desk and Emb Islamabad are looking for word on three Pakistani journalists who were on the flotilla.

The Pakistani Embassy has now requested our good offices in following up with the Israelis on the welfare/whereabouts of the three.

We have two names (per below): Talat Hussein Syed, and Reza Mehmood Agha.

The Paki Emb is looking to provide the third name.

Thanks,

Brent Hartley  
Director for Pakistan  
U.S. Department of State  
tel.202-647-6711  
Cell 301-520-6167

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**From:** Schwartz, Larry  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 2:12 AM  
**To:** Hartley, Brent R; Bommer, Ashley F; Simon, Jessica L; Zilligen, Joseph H  
**Subject:** FW: Welfare and Whereabouts: Pakistani Journalists

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Trying to check status with Amemb Tel Aviv

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**From:** Schwartz, Larry  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 11:08 AM  
**To:** Gutman, Bonnie S; Hoyer, Kurt J; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa  
**Cc:** Feierstein, Gerald M; Snelsire, Richard W  
**Subject:** Welfare and Whereabouts: Pakistani Journalists

Dear Colleagues:

We've been receiving urgent calls since early this morning from Aaj-TV, one of Pakistan's Urdu-language TV news channels, whose news editor Talat Hussein Syed and producer Reza Mehmood Agha were aboard one of the "rescue" ships that took fire this morning. Neither has responded to urgent cell phone calls since the attack. Family and Aaj TV fear the worst as press reports of dead and wounded carried by al-Jazeera are being shown here. Pakistan has no diplomatic relations with Israel, so the news staff have reached out to us for assistance.

News reports we see here indicate that wounded are being evacuated to Israeli hospitals and that some ships may be brought to Ashdod. We assume that, since Americans were likely present in the flotilla, your super ACS team will be on this case. We request that, as they do their work, your Consular officers please check for these two Pakistani reporters. Talat Hussein is well known to Embassy Islamabad and interviewed Secretary Clinton here last October.

Larry

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**From:** Rana, Gautam A  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 3:20 PM  
**To:** Holmstrom, Todd C; Connelly, Maura; Goldberger, Thomas H; CA-Staffers Mailbox  
**Cc:** Reisser, Wesley J; Frelich, Karlene H; Giaque, Ivna; Sindle, James M  
**Subject:** FW: Demarche on Free Gaza Flotilla jjs.docx  
**Attachments:** Demarche on Free Gaza Flotilla jjs.docx

Colleagues—

S Staff (Jake Sullivan) and D Staff (Sheba Crocker) have reviewed it and made some edits including deleting one operative paragraph.

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If you all feel strongly, let me know. Otherwise, this can be cross-hatched and sent out.

Please advise.

thanks,  
gautam

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**From:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 2:47 PM  
**To:** 'Kumar, Prem G.'  
**Cc:** Hajjar, Hagar H.; Sindle, James M; Frellich, Karlene H; Giaouque, Jeffrey G  
**Subject:** Amcit Demarche

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Prem - We understand Ben Fishman is out, so I am passing to you to please get to Dennis Ross. I understand U/S Burns would like to discuss this with Dennis ASAP!

Wes



Demarche on Free  
Gaza Flotilla...

*Wesley J. Reisser, Ph.D.*

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From: Blaukopf, Ruth B  
 Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 4:40 AM  
 To: Groeblacher, Julia; Burnett, David R; Coley, Lea M; Frellich, Karlene H; Giaouque, Jeffrey G; Goldberger, Thomas H; Hale, David M; Harden, Dave; Hertzberg, David A; Holmstrom, Todd C; Irwin, Matthew T; Jacoby, Julia I; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Knopf, Payton L; Lentz, Andrew N; Sievers, Marc J; Reisser, Wesley J; Roberts, Kristi (Tel Aviv); Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA); Sindle, James M; Waters, John R; Holst, Alan R; Grubb, Jason B; Levin, Jan; Honigstein, Michael D; Michaels, David G; Nelson, Timothy (Tel Aviv)  
 Subject: MAVI MARMARA: WAS THERE AN ATTEMPTED LYNCHING ? - YEDIOT

In the immediate aftermath of the boarding by IL's naval commandos of the Mavi Marmara, the Gol and MoD repeatedly referred to the fact that "some of the participants on board the ship were planning to lynch the forces". No further explanation was given but the statement was reiterated by PM Netanyahu and senior IDF personnel.

Unexpected substantiation of the claim may now have been obtained according to this YediOT report.

As in the case of the seizure of the 4 commandos and their removal below deck, it appears that initially at least, the MoD chose not to disclose the facts but has now decided that credibility takes precedence over military prestige:

*Ruth*

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**New Footage Shows: Activists Bodily Protected Naval Commando Combatants**

*Yedioth Ahronoth* (p. 2) by Itamar Eichner -- Tapes confiscated by the IDF prove that on board the *Marmara* there were not only mercenaries whose sole aim was to kill soldiers, but also peace activists who bodily protected the Naval Commando combatants against the rioters who tried to lynch them.

Some of the tapes were taken by photographers who participated in the flotilla, and others—by the ship's security cameras. On one of the tapes, a woman is seen shouting in English with a heavy Arabic accent at the Turks, who are armed with clubs and knives, and demanding that they stop beating the soldiers. On another tape, one of the passengers, who is Arab in appearance, is seen holding a club and trying to fend off the raging mob. Several European left wing activists are also seen trying to protect the soldiers. People who watched the tapes said that it was not out of the question that these activists saved the soldiers' lives. In the photographs and tapes that the IDF preferred not to release to the media, there are difficult scenes in which soldiers are seen unclothed and bleeding, being beaten badly and crying for help.

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**From:** Stafford, Edward G  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 06, 2010 5:32 PM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** FW: IDF reveal Hamas Links

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Note info on [redacted]

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**From:** Stafford, Edward G  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 06, 2010 4:26 PM  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Subject:** RE: IDF reveal Hamas Links

Roger that.

**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 06, 2010 4:25 PM  
**To:** Stafford, Edward G  
**Subject:** Re: IDF reveal Hamas Links

She was on the plane back to Istanbul. No Amcots are in custody except for one. She is [redacted] Will send 2nd email.

**From:** Stafford, Edward G  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Sun Jun 06 23:22:14 2010  
**Subject:** RE: IDF reveal Hamas Links

Is [redacted] still in Israeli custody?

**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 06, 2010 3:56 PM  
**To:** Stafford, Edward G  
**Cc:** Sievers, Marc J; Sanders, Robert P; Plott, Susan M  
**Subject:** Re: IDF reveal Hamas Links

[redacted] is an Amcote we met at Ella Prison. An arrest cable was sent. [redacted] we learned about only yesterday from the Irish consul. We were unaware he was an Amcote. He departed on a plane to Istanbul. Irish consul said he showed evidence of a serious beating. He told the Irish consul he had tried to relinquish his US citz.

**From:** Stafford, Edward G  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Cc:** Sievers, Marc J; Sanders, Robert P  
**Sent:** Sun Jun 06 21:58:10 2010  
**Subject:** IDF reveal Hamas Links

Any comments on the following from Haaretz.com?

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The Israel Defense Forces revealed on Sunday that six of the pro-Palestinian activists aboard the Turkish-flagged ship it intercepted last week en route to the Gaza Strip have links to the Hamas and Islamic Jihad movements.

The military did not specify whether these six activists took part in the violent clashes with the Israel Navy commandos that left nine people dead and several more wounded.

One of the activists exposed by the IDF was named as Iranian-born Fatima Mohammadi, a 31-year-old resident of the United States. According to the IDF, Mohammadi is a member of Viva Palestine, a movement that had tried bringing illegal electronic devices into the Gaza Strip.

Ken O'Keefe, a 41-year-old citizen of the United States and Britain, was another activist named by the IDF as having links to terrorist organizations. According to the IDF, O'Keefe is an extremist who hates Israel and whose "goal was to reach Gaza in order to help train and establish Hamas commando units."

The other activists singled out by the IDF were Hassan Aynsey, a 28-year-old Turkish citizen who belongs to an Islamic charity and regularly contributed financial assistance to Islamic Jihad; Hussein Orush, a supporter of the Turkish IHH who was allegedly planning to help bring Al-Qaida militants from Turkey to Gaza; and Ahmed Omemun, a 51-year-old Moroccan-born resident of France and allegedly a member of Hamas.

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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 06, 2010 1:39 PM  
**To:** Stafford, Edward G  
**Subject:** Re: Thanks

No problem. Back home now. I forwarded your email to DCM and POL in case they had anything to add.

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**From:** Stafford, Edward G  
**To:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Sun Jun 06 19:24:41 2010  
**Subject:** Thanks

Mr. Parker,

Thanks for the update. I won't bother you again over the phone unless there is something truly urgent and essential.

Please send me any information you think the Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group should add to the Sit Rep today.

Best regards,

Ed Stafford  
NEA/I  
MGGZ01 for the day

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**From:** Greene, Elisa  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2010 3:00 AM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** IDF Radio Transmission from Mavi Marmara - Remarks by Crew  
**Attachments:** SOUND KESHER.wav

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**From:** cogat mod [mailto:cogat.report@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2010 1:10 AM  
**Subject:** IDF Radio Transmission from Mavi Marmara - Vulgar Remarks by Crew



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Attached is an audio recording of the Marmara's crew making vulgar remarks regarding 9/11 and Auschwitz. The file has also been distributed by the IDF and is available via JCS Operations at 02-6701771.

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**From:** Greene, Elisa  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2010 3:21 AM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** IDF Spokesperson Announcement- Ship Attempting to Break Maritime Closure Docks at Ashdod Port  
**Attachments:** IDF Spokesperson Announcement - Israel Navy Communicates Radio Messages to 7th Flotilla Ship 050610.doc

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**From:** cogat mod [mailto:cogat.report@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2010 6:35 PM  
**Subject:** IDF Spokesperson Announcement- Ship Attempting to Break Maritime Closure Docks at Ashdod Port.



For Immediate Release

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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### Ship Attempting to Break Maritime Closure Docks at Ashdod Port

Moments ago the ship which was boarded earlier today by IDF naval forces docked at the Israeli port of Ashdod, after attempting to break the maritime closure of the Gaza Strip.

Nineteen people were onboard the boat, including eight crew members, all of whom will be transferred to the custody of the appropriate authorities in the Interior Ministry. The cargo found onboard will be transferred to the Gaza Strip following security inspection.

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Earlier today, naval soldiers boarded the ship with the full compliance of the crew and without incident, and instructed the ship's captain to sail to and dock at the Ashdod port.

Any organization or country wishing to transfer humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip can do so legally via the established crossings by coordinating with the relevant authorities, as is done on a near daily basis.



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

# IDF SPOKESPERSON ANNOUNCEMENT



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

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

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

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

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**From:** Greene, Elisa  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2010 3:23 AM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** IDF Spokesperson Announcement: Specific Flotilla Passengers are Active terror Operatives linked to Al-Qaeda, Hamas, and other Organizations  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

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Elisa Greene Chief, American Citizen Services U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv, Israel  
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**From:** cogat mod [mailto:cogat.report@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 06, 2010 10:12 PM  
**Subject:** IDF Spokesperson Announcement: Specific Flotilla Passengers are Active terror Operatives linked to Al-Qaeda, Hamas, and other Organizations



For Immediate Release

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

21:30

**Specific Flotilla Passengers are Active terror Operatives linked to Al-Qaeda, Hamas, and other Organizations**

The following passengers on board the Mavi Marmara are known to be involved in terrorist activity. The Mavi Marmara attempted to break the maritime closure on the Gaza Strip on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 2010, and was boarded by Israel Navy forces.

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Fatimah Mahmadi (born 1979), is a United States resident of Iranian origin, and an active member of the organization "Viva Palestine", she attempted to smuggle forbidden electronic components into the Gaza Strip.

Ken O'Keefe (Born 1969), an American and British citizen, is a radical anti-Israel activist and operative of the Hamas Terror organization. He attempted to enter the Gaza Strip in order to form and train a commando unit for the Palestinian terror organization.

Hassan Iynasi (born 1982), a Turkish citizen and activist in a Turkish charity organization, is known of providing financial support to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad Terror organization.

Hussein Urosh, a Turkish citizen and activist in the IHH organization, was on his way to the Gaza Strip in order to assist in smuggling Al-Qaeda operatives via Turkey into the Strip.

Ahmad Umimon (born 1959), is a French citizen of Moroccan origin, and an operative of the Hamas Terrorist organization.

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**From:** Holmstrom, Todd C  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2010 7:43 AM  
**To:** Greene, Elisa  
**Cc:** Frelich, Karlene H  
**Subject:** RE: update on Amcits off of flotilla

Thanks, Elisa. Wes is out this week so please add Karlene on any emails on this subject.

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**From:** Greene, Elisa  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2010 7:37 AM  
**To:** Richter, Kim B; Reisser, Wesley J; Sindle, James M; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Manning, Nicholas J; Holmstrom, Todd C; Levin, Jan; Honigstein, Michael D; Sievers, Marc J; Parker, Andrew C; Plott, Susan M; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Zuckerman, Eve; Roberts, Kristi (Tel Aviv); SES-O; Tanus, George  
**Cc:** Towry, Debra J; Rogan, Thomas G; Green, Jason H  
**Subject:** update on Amcits off of flotilla

To close the loop on several Amcit issues from last week's flotilla:

- [redacted] (Tel Aviv 1261), the dual Israeli-Amcit Free Gaza co-founder, was re-arrested by the GOI on Friday 04 June 2010 at a protest in Bilin, the West Bank. She was released later that night. We have been in touch with her and her husband, [redacted]
- We have confirmed that [redacted] (Tel Aviv 1258) is NOT an American citizen. He falsely claimed U.S. citizenship to my consular officers at the Ella detention center in Beer Sheva on June 1.
- [redacted] (CA) appears to be a dual Irish-Amcit who had previously applied twice, unsuccessfully, to renounce his US citizenship (Amsterdam 2002 and Vancouver 2001). (Subject's stated reason for the renunciation was to become a citizen of the "Kingdom of Hawaii," and his applications for renunciation were denied for lack of other citizenship or legal permanent residence outside the US. Subject also set fire to his US passport in 2002 to protest US policies on nuclear proliferation, the Patriot Act, and ecological destruction.) Subject was on the flotilla and detained at Ella. A US consular officer spoke with him briefly on June 1, 2010 but subject refused to cooperate, speak with my staff, or provide any biodata. The Irish Embassy advised us that they performed a consular visit at Ella on June 1, and that subject was the last to be deported from Israel because he had initially refused to cooperate with the GOI. Subject has ten CLASS hits. Cable forthcoming.
- Several Amcits off of the flotilla have contacted us requesting assistance in having their property returned to them. We are currently working with the MFA to have the property released and will be in touch with the Amcits directly.

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**Elisa Greene**, Chief, American Citizen Services U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv, Israel  
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**From:** Parker, Andrew C  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:28 AM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Harutunian, Ruben; Kaplan, Dean; Usher, William R; Richter, Kim B; Marwaha, Brianna C; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); 'consage@netvision.net.il'; Reisser, Wesley J; Levin, Jan; Gutman, Bonnie S; Sievers, Marc J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Rogan, Thomas G; Lewis, Glenn K; SES-O; Schlereth, Frank G; Grubb, Jason B; 'sal\_amodeo@yahoo.com'; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Struwe, Rebecca L; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bond, Michele T; Cunningham, James B; Plott, Susan M; Zuckerman, Eve; Greene, Elisa; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Manning, Nicholas J; Appleton, Richard H; Brandeis, Katherine L; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); 'jeffrey.walker@ic.fbi.gov'  
**Subject:** June 3, 2010 - 6:00 pm Update from ACS TLV

1. Very early this morning, CONS confirmed through MFA the departure of eight Amcits to Istanbul and one Amciti to Athens. The nine left from Ben Gurion Airport on aircraft sent by the Greek and Turkish governments. Consular access was not permitted at BGA. Onward transportation was to be the responsibility of each traveler. Many inquiries were received concerning [redacted] an activist who has been arrested previously in Israel. He showed signs of bruising all over his body when visited by Conoff on June 2. He alleges mistreatment and has publicized his condition to Physicians for Human Rights and to the media.

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2. Post learned this afternoon that one of the deceased whose remains were returned to Turkey at the same time was that of Furkan Dogon, a 19-year old Turkish American who we had been trying to locate for several days. He is listed on the manifest of the Mavi Marmara as a Turkish citizen. Post does not know of any American citizens who participated in the flotilla who remain in detention. We have no information on three possible Amcits [redacted] None of them are listed on the Mavi Marmara manifest.

3. CONS has requested that MFA provide guidance on how American citizens can seek to reclaim property confiscated by the GOI. One Amciti reported his suitcase was left on board the vessel he jump from; others had property confiscated at processing and they were given numbers to assist in reclaiming. We will provide guidance when available and will contact the Amcits directly.

4. Amciti participant update:

**Deported to Istanbul:**

**Deported to Athens:**

**Deported via Allenby Bridge:**

**Deported via BGA to U.S. on May 31**  
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Others:

[Redacted]

Possible Amcits still not located [Redacted] We believe [Redacted] did not travel.

**From:** Parker, Andrew C

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 6:06 PM

**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Harutunian, Ruben; Kaplan, Dean; Usher, William R; Richter, Kim B; Marwaha, Brianne C; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); 'consage@netvision.net.il'; Reisser, Wesley J; Levin, Jan; Gutman, Bonnie S; Sievers, Marc J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Rogan, Thomas G; Lewis, Glenn K; SES-O; Schlereth, Frank G; Grubb, Jason B; 'sal\_amodeo@yahoo.com'; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Struwe, Rebecca L; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bond, Michele T; Cunningham, James B; Plott, Susan M; Zuckerman, Eve; SES-O OPS-WatchTeam; Greene, Elisa; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Manning, Nicholas J

**Subject:** June 2, 2010 - 6:00 pm Update from ACS TLV

1. MFA reports following Amcits transferred to airport pending departure:

[Redacted]

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Edward Lionel

[Redacted]

Note: Several TCNs will not return to the US at this time: [Redacted] (through Allenby to Jordan) and [Redacted]

2. The document all detainees are being asked to sign, a Request for Immediate Departure, does not specify any further consequences to those who sign. MFA and Ministry of Interior are discussing whether this document will have the same meaning as typical, which is a ten year ban on re-entry.

3. CONS has been unable to reach [Redacted] at a cell phone number we were given for her. Trying to confirm whereabouts of [Redacted] who was seen by conoffs at Ella Prison. Will check with family. Several possible Amcits still not located: [Redacted] We believe [Redacted] did not travel..

**From:** Parker, Andrew C

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 9:58 PM

**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Harutunian, Ruben; Kaplan, Dean; Usher, William R; Richter, Kim B; Marwaha, Brianne C; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); 'consage@netvision.net.il'; Reisser, Wesley J; Levin, Jan; Gutman, Bonnie S; Sievers, Marc J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Rogan, Thomas G; Lewis, Glenn K; SES-O; Schlereth, Frank G; Grubb, Jason B; 'sal\_amodeo@yahoo.com'; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Struwe, Rebecca L; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bond, Michele T; Cunningham, James B; Nepal, Rohit S; Plott, Susan M; Zuckerman, Eve; SES-O OPS-WatchTeam; Greene, Elisa; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group

**Subject:** June 1, 2010 - 10:30 pm Update from ACS TLV

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Update on prison visits:

ConOffs Platt and Green met with 11 AMCIT Detainees and 3 Pakistani nationals being held in Ella Prison in Beer Sheva - All AMCIT's and all three Pakistanis told us that they planned to, or have already signed, voluntary deportation form provided by the Israeli MOI. All reported that they were in relatively good health and not being mistreated. Some reported minor cuts and bruises. Two AMCITS reported that they need to have access to prescription medicines and GOI authorities were alerted to that fact.

We could not locate [redacted] (later report says he did not travel) and [redacted] and none of the other passengers reported knowing them. [redacted] and [redacted] did not board the Flotilla. [redacted] was not in custody as far as we know.

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Lawyers were on hand at the end of the day to advise the detainees of their rights under Israeli law. When we left the Prison it appeared that Either military police or shin bet officials were on site entering the prison. We were told By the German Consul on site that passengers on the Mavi Marmara (where the bulk of the violence occurred) were expected to be subject of a further investigation. AMCIT [redacted] (who appeared to command the respect of the other travelers) was on that ship. We got PAWs for all of the detainees we interviewed and contacted family member of friends listed by all of them.

CG visited [redacted] at Govin Prison, Ramle. He was bruised all over his body due to altercations with IDF sailors at sea and prison or police officials at the POE. He signed a statement concerning mistreatment, which he says was meted out to him because of his non-violent/passive civil disobedience. He is in a cell with the Greek captain of the Svendoni. says he hopes to challenge deportation. CG will contact his wife, [redacted]

Duty Officer reported calls from Amcit Dogan's family in Turkey. We have not yet located him in detention.

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**From:** Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2009 9:52 AM  
**To:** Polley, Mary E; NEA-IPA-DL; CA-OCS-ACS-NESCA; SWO  
**Cc:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle; CAPRESSREQUESTS  
**Subject:** RE: Update on 4 Amcits detained as part of Free Gaza ship

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Thanks Mary Beth. Did Daniel happen to mention whether or not he secured Privacy Act Waivers from any or all 3?

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**From:** Polley, Mary E  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 9:28 PM  
**To:** NEA-IPA-DL; CA-OCS-ACS-NESCA; SWO  
**Subject:** FW: Update on 4 Amcits detained as part of Free Gaza ship

Colleagues,

Ops received a call at 19:47 from Daniel Mattern, a Consul and Duty Officer, in Tel Aviv regarding the four American citizens detained by the Israeli government after attempting to reach Gaza by boat as part of the Free Gaza movement. Mattern saw three of the four Americans during a consular visit today. The fourth American is a dual-national (American-Israeli), who is being treated as an Israeli citizen and being held in a separate detention camp.

Per Mattern, none of the three complained about their treatment by the Israelis. Mr. Mattern conveyed that the Ambassador and the Secretary were following this case, something former Congresswoman McKinney was pleased and surprised to hear. One complaint was that some of their belongings had been taken away by the Israelis, including the laptop and camera. They also expressed concern about two Bahraini citizens and Yemeni who have also been detained as part of the group but have no consular representation in Israel.

The expectation is that tomorrow the Israelis will provide them with the details of their deportation. He is expecting that they will be sent back tomorrow but the Israelis have not confirmed this. Post will follow-up with a cable tomorrow and will also contact Ops with their departure details when they are confirmed.

Mary Beth Polley  
Watch Officer  
Operations Center  
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NEA Press Guidance  
June 17, 2011

### Israel/Palestinians – Flotilla Update

#### Key Points:

- Since the tragic events of last year's flotilla, we have consistently engaged with a broad range of governments, including Turkish, Israeli, and other governments.
- For the past year we have made clear that groups and individuals that seek to enter Gaza by sea are taking irresponsible and provocative actions that entail a risk to their safety. The U.S. Coast Guard issued a warning earlier this month informing mariners that "Previous attempts to enter Gaza by sea have resulted in violent incidents and the detention and deportation of those involved."
- Mechanisms are in place to transfer humanitarian assistance to Gaza, and they should be used by those seeking to provide assistance for the benefit of ordinary Gazans. We urge all those wishing to deliver goods to do so through established channels so their cargo can be inspected and transferred via land crossings into Gaza—to ensure that Israel's legitimate security needs are addressed even as the Palestinians' humanitarian needs are met.
- We will continue to make clear both publicly and in private meetings with states, NGOs and others our concerns about the risks of attempting to sail directly to Gaza.
- We remain concerned for the people of Gaza and understand while many difficulties remain, life is much improved in Gaza. However, we recognize that more needs to be done to improve the access of goods and people going into and out of Gaza; we are working with the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority to this end.

#### Hard Q

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**Q: What is your reaction to the June 24 IHH announcement that the Turkish Mavi Marmara ship will not participate in the flotilla, but leaving open the possibility of participation by IHH activists on other non-IHH vessels leaving from other countries besides Turkey?**

**Q: Is this weekend's planned flotilla meeting by activists to break the Israeli blockade of Gaza proceeding?**

**Q: Has the US reached out to the NGO, the Turks, the Israelis, and the Palestinians?**

**Q: What is our message to the organizers of the flotilla? Does June 25th remain the start date for the flotilla?**

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**BACKGROUND:**

**GAZA MARITIME AREA – U.S. Coast Guard Notice to Mariners:**

All U.S. vessels and mariners are advised that Israel is currently enforcing a blockade in the "Gaza Maritime Area." The area is closed to all maritime traffic and the blockade is being enforced by the Israeli Navy. The Gaza Maritime Area is enclosed by the following coordinates:

31°35.71'N, 34°29.46'E

31°46.80'N, 34°10.01'E

31°19.39'N, 34°13.11'E

31°33.73'N, 33°56.68'E

U.S. vessels and mariners intending to enter the area are likely to face enforcement action by the Israeli Navy. The Department of State has also advised against travel by U.S. citizens to Gaza by any means, including by sea. Previous attempts to enter Gaza by sea have resulted in violent incidents and the detention and deportation of those involved.

U.S. mariners are also reminded that procedures exist for the delivery of humanitarian cargo to Gaza via the Israeli port of Ashdod or the Egyptian port of El-Arish, where cargo can be screened.

On June 24 Turkish NGO IHH announced that the Mavi Marmara would not participate in the flotilla but suggested that its activists would seek to participate on other vessels departing from other countries.

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Approved by: NEA/FO: J Walles ok

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NEA/PPD: E Vasquez ok  
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CA/OCS/NESCA: KRichter ok  
COB: N Jakobson ok  
DRL: L Morsch-Babu ok  
D(S): D Schrepel ok  
P: E Catalano info  
S/P: J Burns ok  
Emb Tel Aviv: K Hoyer info

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**From:** Schrank, Alexander D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2010 4:54 PM  
**To:** Reisser, Wesley J; Frelich, Karlene H; Giaouque, Jeffrey G  
**Subject:** FW: Full passanger list of Mavi Marmara ship  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg; image002.jpg; image003.jpg; image004.jpg; image005.jpg; image006.jpg; image007.jpg; image008.jpg; image009.jpg; image010.jpg

Fyi... I finally found the manifest list below in my inbox! Post forwarded us the list of 546 passengers from the Mavi Marmara manifest on June 1. It apparently included one Amcit.

Alex.

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**From:** Lester, Raymond  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 11:53 AM  
**To:** Schrank, Alexander D  
**Subject:** FW: Full passanger list of Blue Marmara ship

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**From:** Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 11:19 AM  
**To:** Lester, Raymond  
**Subject:** Full passanger list of Blue Marmara ship

Might be worth while, but tedious, to check these names. Only one AMCIT, #74,

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**From:** Tayla, Suheyra  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 6:10 PM  
**To:** de Otaľvaro, Laura H  
**Cc:** Ankara-POL-DL  
**Subject:** Full passanger list of Blue Marmara ship

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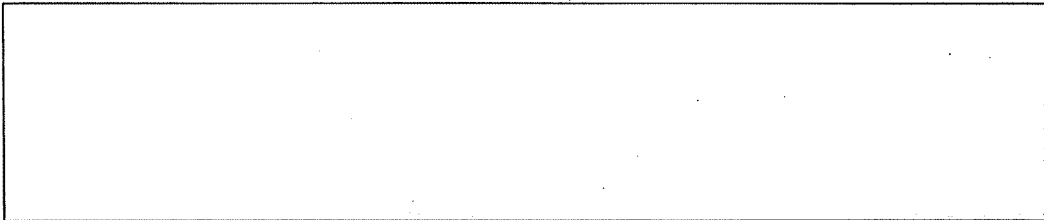
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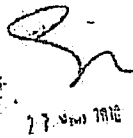
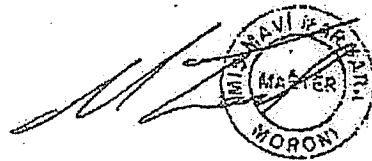
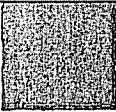
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From: Reisser, Wesley J  
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2010 8:33 AM  
To: Sutphin, Paul R; Tsou, Leslie M; Sindle, James M  
Subject: FW: Flotilla Dip Note: MFA No: 208/10--9/15/2010  
Attachments: Document.pdf

Categories: Working

FYI - Israel is returning the remaining personal effects from the flotilla to Embassies next week. We had outstanding requests from Amcits for some luggage and all of their electronic equipment.

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

From: Parker, Andrew C  
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2010 2:28 AM  
To: Zuckerman, Eve  
Cc: Richter, Kim B; Lawrence, Charlotte M; Greene, Elisa; Reisser, Wesley J  
Subject: FW: Flotilla Dip Note: MFA No: 208/10--9/15/2010

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

From: Brooks, Judith A  
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 2:26 PM  
To: Goldberger, Thomas H  
Cc: Parker, Andrew C  
Subject: Flotilla Dip Note: MFA No: 208/10--9/15/2010

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**From:** Richter, Kim B  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 04, 2011 10:59 AM  
**To:** Eilts, Colin C  
**Subject:** RE: Free Gaza Flotilla and Property

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Okay. I've sent it to them. I'll let you know tomorrow.

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**From:** Eilts, Colin C  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 04, 2011 10:52 AM  
**To:** Richter, Kim B  
**Subject:** RE: Free Gaza Flotilla and Property

I would like to see what they say before I clear.

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**From:** Richter, Kim B  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 04, 2011 10:50 AM  
**To:** Eilts, Colin C  
**Subject:** RE: Free Gaza Flotilla and Property

No, haven't sent it to them yet but certainly will.

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**From:** Eilts, Colin C  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 04, 2011 10:38 AM  
**To:** Richter, Kim B  
**Subject:** RE: Free Gaza Flotilla and Property

Did you send this to Tel Aviv for clearance as well, or do you want me to pass it along?

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**From:** Richter, Kim B  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 04, 2011 9:56 AM  
**To:** Eilts, Colin C  
**Subject:** FW: Free Gaza Flotilla and Property

Colin,

Embassy Tel Aviv and myself are still dealing with Amcits from the Free Gaza Flotilla that had their property confiscated by the GOI when they were detained/deported. [REDACTED]

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[Redacted]

Can you take a look and provide comments/clearance.

Thanks.

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Kim

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**From:** Sutphin, Paul R  
**Sent:** Friday, January 07, 2011 9:42 PM  
**To:** Eilts, Colin C  
**Cc:** Buzbee, John R  
**Subject:** RE: Letter for clearance  
**Attachments:** Letter ending the search for property.docx  
  
**Categories:** Working

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I don't really like the letter much. See my change and let it go

**Paul Sutphin**  
Director  
Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs  
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**From:** Eilts, Colin C  
**Sent:** Friday, January 07, 2011 11:04 AM  
**To:** Sutphin, Paul R  
**Subject:** FW: Letter for clearance

Paul,  
  
Kim has been asking about our progress again. Any new thoughts?

Thanks,

Colin

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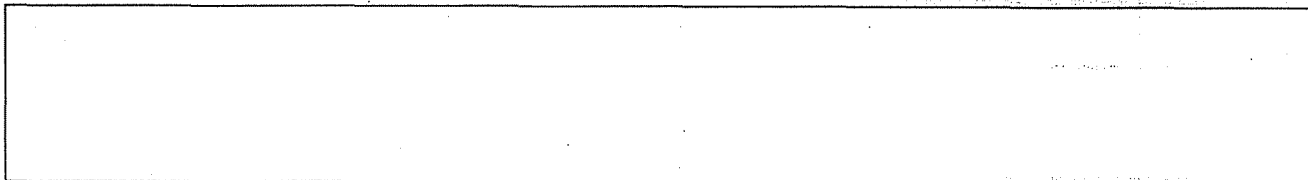
**From:** Eilts, Colin C  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2011 3:40 PM  
**To:** Sutphin, Paul R  
**Cc:** Buzbee, John R  
**Subject:** FW: Letter for clearance

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Paul,



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I hope this was informative.

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**From:** Richter, Kim B  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2011 3:30 PM  
**To:** Eilts, Colin C  
**Subject:** RE: Letter for clearance

This came from Andy Parker in an effort to help us answer a Congressional on the subject of the Free Gaza flotilla. The electronic equipment was subsequently returned to Turkey as well.

4. The Embassy has reported that the GOI says it has no property belonging to American citizens. All was returned to Turkey on the Mavi Marmara. Some was subsequently returned to Israel from Turkey and, according to the MFA, was again returned to Turkey. Concerning compensation, Israeli officials have suggested detainees could initiate insurance claims if they have insurance. The Embassy has passed various itemized accounts of missing property to the MFA. Some electronic property is said to be available but has not yet been provided to us. We are actively pursuing the return of this property.

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**From:** Eilts, Colin C  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2011 3:07 PM  
**To:** Richter, Kim B  
**Cc:** Greene, Elisa  
**Subject:** FW: Letter for clearance

Kim,

We are currently reviewing your letter, however we have a few questions. See below. Any information that you could give us would be helpful.

Best,

Colin

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**From:** Sutphin, Paul R  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2011 12:44 PM  
**To:** Buzbee, John R  
**Cc:** Eilts, Colin C  
**Subject:** RE: Letter for clearance

Colin/John



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Can we please ask these questions to CA and check with TA consular on this? Thanks.

**Paul Sutphin**  
Director  
Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs  
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**From:** Buzbee, John R  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2011 10:57 AM  
**To:** Sutphin, Paul R  
**Cc:** Eilts, Colin C  
**Subject:** FW: Letter for clearance

Paul, for your review, thanks,

John

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**From:** Eilts, Colin C  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2011 10:19 AM  
**To:** Buzbee, John R  
**Subject:** FW: Letter for clearance

Do you think either you or Paul will want to weigh in on this?

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**From:** Richter, Kim B  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2011 9:30 AM  
**To:** Ellts, Colin C  
**Subject:** FW: Letter for clearance

ACS Chief Tel Aviv – Elisa Greene clears.  
Our legal people clear.

For your comments/clearance.

thanks

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Law, Rosemary C

**From:** Sindle, James M  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2011 11:46 AM  
**To:** Gregonis, Meghan E  
**Cc:** Jacoby, Julia I; Sutphin, Paul R; Baily, Jess L; Schrank, Alexander D; Doutrich, Jack T  
**Subject:** FW: TU clearance, DOS Press Statement on Gaza Flotilla II v5  
**Attachments:** DOS Press Statement on Gaza Flotilla II v6.docx; DOS Press Statement on Gaza Flotilla II v5.docx

**Importance:** High

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Meghan,

NEA appreciates EUR/SE's review of the draft press statement. I've attached the latest in a clean copy as v6.

We've accepted the deletion of specifically naming the Mavi Marmara if it helps to signal our desire to move beyond the events of last year and with the GOT. On the other suggested edits, we're going to keep the original language since it has already been cleared in the demarche that went out, has broad interagency and 7<sup>th</sup> floor agreement, and for policy reasons that we need to talk about efficient mechanisms and the new flotilla as provocative. We did, however, adjust some of the language on Israel's "right" to inspect cargos, though the Department and the White House have long used that formulation in previous statements on Gaza; L has cleared that formulation several times before.

With respect to the timing of the release,

[Redacted]

Please let me know if EUR/SE has any further questions and if we can list you down for clearance.

Thanks,  
Jim

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**From:** Gregonis, Meghan E  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2011 9:27 AM  
**To:** Sindle, James M  
**Cc:** Schrank, Alexander D; Buzbee, John R; Doutrich, Jack T; Baily, Jess L  
**Subject:** TU clearance, DOS Press Statement on Gaza Flotilla II v5  
**Importance:** High

Jim,

See our edits/ comments attached. With these, we clear.

Our front office has concerns about the timing of the release. While we can clear on substance, we believe the timing of release of such a statement still needs to be considered and discussed, so we can't clear on immediate issuance.

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Thanks,  
Meghan

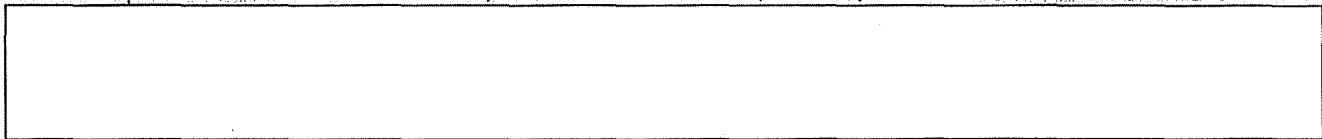
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**From:** Sindle, James M  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2011 3:37 PM  
**To:** Gregonis, Meghan E; Reisser, Wesley J  
**Cc:** Schrank, Alexander D  
**Subject:** SHORT FUSE CLEARANCE REQUEST: DOS Press Statement on Gaza Flotilla II v5.docx  
**Importance:** High

Meghan and Wes,

Your clearances are kindly requested on the attached draft press statement regarding the Gaza Flotilla. This is a due out from the April 4 IPC on the Gaza "anniversary" flotilla and is based on previously cleared language used in the demarche.



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Thanks,

Jim Sindle

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Greene, Elisa  
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 11:24 AM  
To: Richter, Kim B; Eilts, Colin C; Zuckerman, Eve  
Cc: Arellano, Juan L  
Subject: FW: Update on Amcit Cases: CONS TLV Meets with MFA NR, B6

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Eve, please update the activity logs of the mentioned cases. TxS, elisa

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From: SMART Core  
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 06:22:54  
To: Greene, Elisa  
Cc: Parker, Andrew C; ANKARA-SMARTS; Jerusalem, SMARTS; Goldberger, Thomas H; TELAVIV-SMARTS  
Subject: Update on Amcit Cases: CONS TLV Meets with MFA

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From: AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
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E.O.: 13526  
TAGS: CASC, PHUM, PREL, KWBG, IS  
Captions: SENSITIVE, PRIVACY  
Reference: A) TEL AVIV 562  
Subject: Update on Amcit Cases: CONS TLV Meets with MFA

**SUMMARY**

1. (SBU) The Consul General and ACS Chief met with Yigal Tzarfati, head of the Israeli MFA Consular Affairs Bureau, his assistant Rachel Shani, and Political Officer Martin Peled for a follow-up meeting on May 3, 2011 regarding a range of ongoing ACS cases. END SUMMARY.

**TRISTAN ANDERSON**

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3. (SBU) [Redacted] lost her left eye when struck by a teargas canister fired by border police at the Qalandia checkpoint near Ramallah in May 2010 at a protest against the Israeli boarding of Gaza flotilla vessels earlier that day. According to Attorney Michael Sfard, with whom Post spoke on 05/03/11, the police investigation has been completed. However, Attorney Sfard recently forwarded a letter to the Attorney General's Office complaining that the investigation had been concluded without investigating one of the prime eyewitnesses, a correspondent of Ha'aretz Newspaper. Sfard added, and the MFA later confirmed, that the case is still open. The Attorney General has yet to decide whether the case will be closed or whether a border policeman (suspect) will be indicted.

[Redacted]

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**FLOTILLA UPDATES**

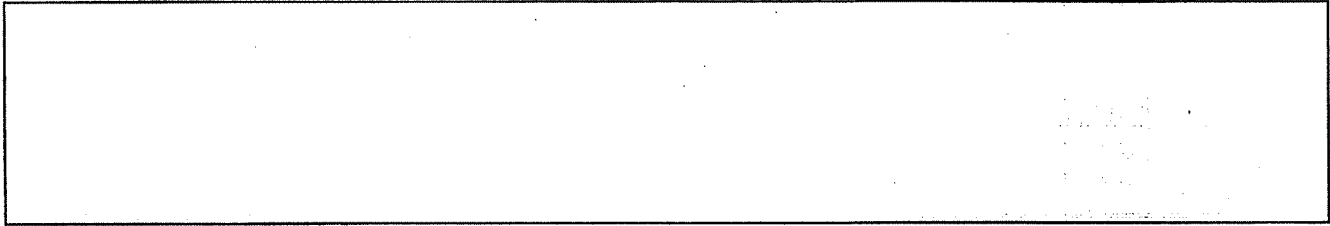
6. (SBU) Furkan Dogan: Post delivered a dipnote on April 27, 2011 regarding the missing personal effects of American citizen Furkan Dogan, who was killed on the Mavi Marmara vessel during the May 2010 Gaza flotilla. The dipnote included a list of 7 items belonging to the deceased that were not received by the next of kin, [Redacted] MFA confirmed the Note has been forwarded to the Ministry of Defense for further information.

7. (SBU) Property: According to the MFA, the catalogue received by Post contains only the property taken from the Mavi Marmara. Some of that property was handed over to the IDF and the rest to the Turkish Embassy. Post requested that the MFA determine if there are any items still in the possession of the IDF, and if so, when they will be released and to whom. MFA reps stated that the GOI sent three air shipping containers filled with personal property (but not electronics) to Turkey after the May 2010 flotilla. Two months ago, the GOT returned one shipping container filled with approximately 200 suitcases to Israel. MFA reps described the GOT's actions as "very bizarre" and requested that Post send a message to the GOT via Embassy Ankara asking why these items were returned. Additionally, the GOI removed non-personal items from the flotilla ships and is storing these items, which fill at least part of seven shipping containers which are stored at the Kishon building at the Ashdod Port, under IDF purview. MFA reps stated that the GOI is stumped on what to do with the confiscated ships and property in the shipping containers. [Redacted]

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8. (U) Future Flotillas: MFA had no updates on upcoming possible flotillas. MFA reps suggested the USG put out a travel alert requesting Amcits not participate in future flotillas.



11. (U) Post's meeting with MFA reps was insightful and productive. Post will continue to follow up on these cases.

Signature: GOLDBERGER

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**To:** svcSMARTHBTSP0P3  
**Subject:** IHH SHIP TO DEPART ISTANBUL FOR GAZA FLOTILLA ON MAY 22, U.S. CITIZENS MAY BOARD  
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**Subject:** IHH SHIP TO DEPART ISTANBUL FOR GAZA FLOTILLA ON MAY 22, U.S. CITIZENS MAY BOARD

1. (C) SUMMARY: On May 17, the Turkish NGO Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) told us that U.S. citizens may board IHH's passenger ship to participate in a flotilla that will attempt to break an Israeli naval blockade in order to provide humanitarian assistance to Palestinians in Gaza (refel). The ship is scheduled to depart Istanbul at 11:00 am on May 22. IHH will also contribute two cargo ships that reportedly will contain construction material, playground equipment, medical equipment, medicine, and generators. IHH advised that international media will be on the flotilla for live reporting of any possible confrontation with the Israeli Defense Force (IDF). The organization's president called on the USG to support its effort to aid the Palestinians in Gaza and to speak out against Israel if it "behaves like a pirate" and attempts to board ships of the flotilla. END SUMMARY.

U.S. CITIZENS MAY JOIN FLOTILLA FROM TURKEY

2. (C) On May 17, IHH President F. Bulent Yildirim told poloff that U.S. citizens indicated they would board IHH's passenger ship scheduled to depart Istanbul on May 22 at 11:00 a.m., although he would not predict how many of them will actually show up. The ship is scheduled to head for Antalya, where on May 25, it will pick up additional passengers, some of which could be additional U.S. citizens, said Yildirim. The ship will then rendezvous with a flotilla of six other ships from Europe and two IHH cargo

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ships off the coast of Cyprus. Yildirim said that some of the European ships may also have U.S. citizens on board.

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3. (C) Asked what the flotilla planned to do if the Israeli Government attempts to enforce its blockade, Yildirim said "We will not stop." He said that if the IDF attempts to stop the flotilla and tries to "board the ships like pirates," the onboard representative of the international media will report the actions live. He noted that the image of Israeli war ships attempting to stop a flotilla bringing humanitarian assistance to Gaza would make the GOI look ridiculous. He called on the USG to support the flotilla and speak out against Israel if it tries to interfere.

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4. (C) According to Yildirim, the IHH cargo ships, scheduled to depart from Mersin, will contain construction material to build 12 apartments for homeless Gazans, playground equipment, medical equipment, over 120 types of medicine, and generators. He said that all of the IHH vessels and cargo joining the flotilla are open to inspection by the diplomatic community and others to show that they are not bringing weapons or illegal goods to Gaza.

5. (C) COMMENT: The flotilla appears to be planning for a David vs. Goliath scene that could receive widespread media coverage in Turkey and abroad. A confrontation between the IDF and the flotilla will likely have a negative impact on the already-poor image of Israel in Turkey.

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**Subject:** Gaza Flotilla Delayed  
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**Reference:** A) 10 ISTANBUL 179  
**Subject:** Gaza Flotilla Delayed

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1. (SBU) On May 25, Turkish NGO Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) Administrative Board member Huseyin Oruc told poloff that the flotilla it is leading to attempt to break an Israeli naval blockade in order to provide humanitarian assistance to Palestinians in Gaza (Reftel) is delayed. IHH's passenger ship, the Mavi Marmara, is now docked in Antalya, Turkey, after arriving from Istanbul on the evening of May 24. The ship will lead a flotilla of eight other ships that will rendezvous near Cyprus "in about two days." The flotilla had initially planned to rendezvous on May 25, but apparently some of the other ships of the flotilla were not ready.

NO AMCITS PRESENTLY PART OF IHH CONTINGENT

2. (SBU) Oruc also noted that he was not aware of any American Citizens presently participating in the IHH's contingent of the flotilla. However, he said a separate group that planned to board IHH's Mavi Marmara reported two Americans may be among its participants. He did not have the names of the two Americans. IHH initially informed post that as many as 10 American citizens may board IHH's passenger ship.

**Signature:** Wiener

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**From:** Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul)  
**Sent:** 5/27/2010 6:41:44 AM  
**To:** svcSMARTHBTSP0P2  
**Subject:** IHH EXPECTS FREE GAZA FLOTILLA TO APPROACH GAZA ON 5/28 OR 5/29  
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PLEASE PASS TO CA/OCS  
**Subject:** IHH EXPECTS FREE GAZA FLOTILLA TO APPROACH GAZA ON 5/28 OR 5/29

1. (SBU) IHH informed post that it expects its passenger ship, the Mavi Marmara, to depart Antalya around 5:00 pm today. The ship will head towards the "Free Gaza" flotilla rendezvous point off of Cyprus (reftel). IHH expects the flotilla to approach Gaza on the evening of May 28 or morning of May 29.

ONE AMCIT HAS JOINED IHH GROUP, TWO MORE MAY ARRIVE TODAY .

2. (SBU) IHH said that one American citizen, [redacted] has arrived in Antalya and will be aboard its passenger ship when it departs. Two other American citizens, one believed to be named [redacted] may also board the ship. However, IHH said it is unsure they will arrive before the ship departs. The IHH said it will submit a final list of passengers to their headquarters in Istanbul after their ship's passengers pass through passport control. The list will contain the names of the American citizens on board their ship. IHH said they will share those names with post.

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3. (SBU) IHH has confirmed that it will have three ships in the flotilla. The Mavi Marmara, as well as two cargo ships, named the Gazze and the Defne. The cargo ships will only have IHH officials on board and no foreigners.

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**Subject:** Gaza Flotilla to Rendezvous Near Cyprus

1. (SBU) On May 28, Turkish NGO Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) Deputy President Yavuz Dede informed post at 10:45 am that the three IHH ships, one carrying passengers and two cargo-carriers are presently en route towards the rendezvous point near Cyprus. They are expected to meet the other ships of the flotilla "in a few hours."
2. (SBU) Dede said he expected the flotilla to arrive in Gaza tomorrow and noted "If something happens, it will happen tomorrow."
3. (U) Dede confirmed that only one Amcic, [redacted] is aboard the IHH passenger ship; other Americans expected possibly to join did not board.

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SUBJECT: GOI RESPONSE TO GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT

1. (SBU) Summary: During several May 31 press conferences and briefs to the diplomatic corps, Israeli officials stressed that the GOI was "sorry for any loss of life," but that responsibility for the Gaza flotilla incident lies entirely in the hands of the flotilla's organizers. According to GOI officials, the GOI made every attempt to persuade flotilla organizers to unload its cargo of humanitarian supplies in the Israeli port of Ashdod, wherein it would be sent to Gaza across land border crossings following IDF inspection. According to GOI and IDF officials, Gaza flotilla activists rejected all such overtures, clearly stating their intention to break the IDF's naval blockade. GOI officials claim that IDF commandos were met with "extreme violence" by activists on one of the six flotilla ships. The GOI claims IDF commandos had no choice but to "respond in kind" in self-defense. Casualty numbers remain subject to confirmation, but the Israeli MOD estimated 10 fatalities and 36 wounded, ten of which are Israeli commandos. IDF officials argue that under International Humanitarian Law the IDF

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can board any vessel intending to break its naval blockade, which is justified due to the GOI's ongoing armed conflict with Hamas. End summary.

Deputy Foreign Minister Brief

2. (SBU) Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon held a press conference to register the GOI's early reaction in response to the IDF interdiction of the Gaza flotilla during the early morning hours of May 31. Ayalon said that the GOI was "sorry for any loss of life." He added, however, that the Gaza flotilla was not a humanitarian mission. Ayalon said the GOI offered to help transfer the flotilla's reported 10,000 tons of humanitarian supplies to the Gaza Strip through official land border crossings " but that Gaza flotilla activists had refused the offer. Instead, Ayalon indicated that Gaza flotilla officials said their intent was to "break the blockade" on Gaza " and was therefore not a humanitarian mission.

3. (SBU) Ayalon said that allowing the Gaza flotilla to reach Gaza would have set a precedent, opening a channel for the smuggling of weapons and other banned goods into Gaza. He said this ultimately would have caused "more bloodshed." Ayalon said the movement's organizers did not heed the IDF's calls to peacefully follow them to Ashdod. He said that at least two pistols that were fired at IDF commandos were found on board one of the ships, and that no sovereign country would have tolerated such violence.

4. (SBU) Ayalon called on all countries involved to do "everything in their power" to calm the situation and bring it to a peaceful end. He noted that the Turkish NGO IHH that organized the flotilla was well-known to maintain ties with Hamas, and was only interested in provoking a violent confrontation.

Brief to Foreign Ambassadors

5. (SBU) In a later brief to foreign ambassadors, [redacted]

[redacted] noted that the identification of dead and wounded Gaza flotilla participants would take some time. They noted that the MFA would reach out proactively to foreign embassies once identification of participants had been completed, although it was not clear how long the process of identification would take.

6. (SBU) [redacted] indicated that all fatalities/injuries occurred on board the ship "Mavi Marmara." COL Orion noted that activists armed with knives and metal bars on board the Marmara were prepared for IDF commandos. He said it was unclear if the activists were armed with guns in advance or took firearms from the IDF boarding party. [redacted] said one IDF commando was nearly beaten to death with a metal oar.

7. (SBU) [redacted] said the interdiction took place in international waters. He said the GOI asserted the legal right to intercept the flotilla in international waters due to the military blockade in place as a result of the armed conflict between Israel and Hamas.

MOD Brief

8. (SBU) During a subsequent press conference, Defense Minister Barak said the GOI was "sorry about the results," but that responsibility lies solely in the hands of the Gaza flotilla

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organizers. He said that the GOI had asked the organizers to head to Ashdod and send its humanitarian supplies to Gaza following IDF security checks, but that such calls were rejected.

9. (SBU) Barak indicated that IDF commandos had been attacked during the takeover of one of the flotilla ships. During the incident, IDF commandos used anti-riot gear and live fire against the flotilla activists who had used violence.

10. (SBU) Barak said he had spoken to Turkish officials, as well as President Peres and Prime Minister Netanyahu, who is currently in Canada. Barak noted that there is no starvation or humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The area is controlled by Hamas, an organization Barak said was arming itself with rockets to harm and that have harmed Israel. He said it was for this reason that the GOI stands by its right to inspect any ships approaching Gaza.

11. (SBU) Barak said Israel will act with determination to protect its sovereignty. He described the Turkish NGO IHH that organized the flotilla as a "violent organization that has nothing to do with humanitarian aid" whose intended purpose was to break the blockade of Gaza. Barak called on all countries involved to remain calm, and for Arab states and Palestinians not to allow this incident to disrupt on-going proximity talks.

12. (SBU) IDF Chief of the General Staff LTG Ashkenazi stated that the IDF interdiction intended to thwart an attempt to bring contraband into Gaza. He said that the events that transpired on the IHH-owned Marmara were unique from events on the other five flotilla ships. LTG Ashkenazi said IDF commandos had been ordered to use restraint, but faced "extreme violence" as they boarded the Marmara. Some IDF commandos were wounded by gunshots and stabbings. Such violence necessitated self-defense " he noted that at least ten activists were killed, and several dozens wounded.

13. (SBU) IDF Navy Commander Vice Admiral Eliezer Marom added that IDF commandoes "had no choice but to respond in kind" to the violence they faced " the situation could have been worse if the IDF commandos had not acted with restraint. He noted that all wounded activists were treated by Israeli soldiers on board the Marmara, and airlifted to Israeli hospitals.

#### J5 Brief

14. (SBU) IDF J5 Strategic Division Chief Brigadier General Yossi Heymann indicated that the IDF operation was still on-going; two of the six flotilla ships had been brought to Ashdod, including the Challenger I. BG Heymann said that all other ships " including the Mavi Marmara - would be brought into Ashdod later the evening of May 31. He said that 10-14 activists had been seriously killed or injured, with another 30 moderately wounded. BG Heymann noted that ten IDF commandos had been wounded including one with serious and one with moderate wounds.

15. (SBU) BG Heymann said the interdiction occurred approximately 70 nautical miles from the coastline. Based on the laws of armed conflict, BG Heymann said a country party to a conflict may legally impose a naval blockade to prevent ships from entering or exiting its territory or territorial waters. He referenced the GOI's ongoing conflict with Hamas, and said International Law permits the capture of ships, either hostile or neutral, that seek to breach a naval blockade. BG Heymann said a maritime vessel may be boarded prior to entering the area under naval blockade if there are

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reasonable grounds to believe that the vessel intends to breach the blockade.

Overall Security Situation

16. (SBU) Israeli press reports that the Israeli Police and Prison Service were placed on the highest state of alert following news of the violent interdiction. Following a joint evaluation conducted by Internal Security Minister Yitzhak Aharonovitch and Police Commissioner Dudi Cohen, the Israeli police will block certain roads and routes, including the Wadi Ara and Temple Mount area. The Israeli NSC's Counterterrorism Bureau issued a warning to all Israeli citizens traveling in Turkey to remain in place and monitor developments instead of attempting to depart Turkey at this time.

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1. (SBU) Nine Amcits, including two journalists, were reportedly onboard the first two ships to dock in the Israeli port of Ashdod; three are scheduled to be deported from Ben Gurion Airport the morning of June 1. The remaining individuals are held at a detention facility near Beer Sheeva. The MFA will provide consular access to Amcits the morning of June 1. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)
2. (SBU) One Amciti reportedly received minor injuries and was treated at Barzilai Hospital, but was not aboard the Turkish vessel, MAVI MARMARA, where confrontations with the IDF occurred. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)
3. (SBU) The MFA presumes a number of unaccounted Amcits are on the MAVI MARMARA, which has yet to dock. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)
4. (SBU) The dead have been taken to a forensic lab, but it may be several hours before they are identified. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

#### TURKEY APPEALS TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL

5. (SBU) Turkish Foreign Minister Davutoglu said Israel treated international aid workers as "combatants," and "the peace process has been suffocated by a single act of aggression." Turkey is seeking a UNSC Presidential Statement demanding: Israel apologize to countries and individuals harmed in the incident; an "urgent inquiry" be conducted by the UN; international legal action against those responsible; immediate repatriation of the dead and wounded; delivery of all ship cargo to Gaza; an end to the Gaza blockade. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

#### GAZA REACTION

6. (SBU) Hamas called for a three-day strike in the Palestinian Territories, but has not so far enforced it, even in Gaza. Embassy contacts suggest the apparent lack of enthusiasm for protests reflected scant hope for the future in Gaza, especially regarding the international response to the current situation. Others, however, saw initiatives like the "Free Gaza" flotilla as intended to support only Hamas and its beneficiaries. (Jerusalem 922)

#### INTERNATIONAL MEDIA REACTION

7. (U) United Nations: U.N. Secretary-General Ban ki-Moon said "It is vital that there is a full investigation to determine exactly how this bloodshed took place. I believe Israel must urgently provide a full explanation," he said. (Reuters)
8. (U) United Kingdom: Foreign Secretary William Hague: "I deplore the loss of life during the interception of the Gaza Flotilla... We have consistently advised against attempting to access Gaza in this way, because of the risks involved. But at the same time, there is a clear need for Israel to act with restraint and in line with international obligations..." (Reuters)

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9. (U) Germany: Government spokesman Ulrich Wilhelm: "The German government is shocked by events in the international waters by Gaza... Every German government supports unconditionally Israel's right to self defense," said Wilhelm, but added that Israeli actions should correspond to what he described as the "basic principle" of proportionality. (Reuters)

10. (U) European Union: High Representative Catherine Ashton: "expresses her deep regret at the news of loss of life and violence and extends her sympathies to families of the dead and wounded," said a spokesman for Ashton. "On behalf of the European Union she demands a full enquiry about the circumstances in which this happened... The continued policy of closure is unacceptable and politically counter-productive. She calls for an immediate, sustained and unconditional opening of the crossing for the flow of humanitarian aid, commercial goods and persons to and from Gaza." (Reuters)

11. (U) Egypt: "President Hosni Mubarak condemns Israel's excessive and unjustified use of force against innocent civilians," state news agency MENA said, adding that Mubarak stressed Egypt's support of Gaza's Palestinians. (Reuters)

12. (U) Palestinian Territories: Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas declared three days of official mourning for the dead and said, "What Israel has committed on board the Freedom Flotilla was a massacre." (Reuters)

13. (U) Saudi Arabia: The cabinet declared, "This attack is an act of hostility that reflects inhumane practices that defy the whole world ... and the insistence to starve the Palestinian people ... and kill innocent people." (Reuters)

14. (U) Arab League: Secretary-General Amr Moussa called for an emergency meeting to discuss what the body that groups 22 Arab states described as Israel's "terrorist act." (Reuters)

15. (U) Spain: Secretary of State Diego Lopez Garrido said, "Spain unequivocally condemns the Israeli attack on the humanitarian flotilla and it does so as a country and as the acting president of the EU Council. Spain has summoned the Israeli ambassador to ask him for explanations of the attack." (Reuters)

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

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1. (SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv has not yet made contact with any of the AmCits, though the MFA should provide consular access the morning of June 1.
2. (SBU) Only half of the passengers on the MAVI MARMARA were identified and some names were provided to the MFA.
3. (SBU) A former U.S. ambassador aboard one of the ships seized is reportedly fine and on his way home, likely to arrive in NYC on June 1, his wife said. Edward Peck, 81, of Chevy Chase, Md., was a former U.S. ambassador to Mauritania. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

#### UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION UPDATE

4. (SBU) USUN reports that a draft text is circulating amongst a small group - Lebanon, Turkey, and United States - but it was leaked by Turkey or Lebanon to the Israelis and Palestinians, complicating negotiations. Turkey wants a Presidential Statement. USUN seeks to negotiate the language in the text and SC consultations remain suspended. (MGGZ01/USUN e-mail)

#### U.S. STATEMENT TO UNSC

5. (SBU) Deputy PermRep Wolff addressed an emergency session of the UNSC stating that the United States is "deeply disturbed by the recent violence and regrets the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved." Wolff noted that "we are working to ascertain the facts" and that the United States expects a "credible and transparent investigation." Wolff reiterated the United States is concerned about the situation in Gaza and we continue to engage with Israel to address the full range of humanitarian and recovery needs and this situation underscores need to move ahead with negotiations that can lead to a comprehensive peace in the region. (MGGZ01/USUN e-mail)

#### QUARTET STATEMENT

6. (SBU) Following a Quartet envoys' conference call and interagency concurrence, a draft statement was circulated for review. The Quartet plans to issue the statement after a second envoys' call scheduled for 0900 EDT June 1. The draft statement mirrors Deputy PermRep Wolff's earlier comments before the UNSC and also notes that the only viable solution to the conflict is negotiations between the parties toward realization of the two-state solution. (MGGZ01/SEMEP e-mail)

#### LINK TO PEACE EFFORTS

7. (SBU) NEA ambassadors will deliver demarches to host governments, asking that the Arab League meetings scheduled this week to discuss the Gaza flotilla not result in the withdrawal of Arab support for proximity talks. (MGGZ01/SEMEP e-mail)
8. (U) Additional updates are available through our Intellipedia portal on the unclassified system at:  
[http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza\\_Flotilla\\_2010](http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza_Flotilla_2010).



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1. (SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv expects to visit shortly the nine American citizens detained on June 1. We have no reports of any deaths or serious injuries involving American citizens on the flotilla, although one was injured while taking part in a protest in Jerusalem and has been hospitalized. No additional Americans have been deported. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

## ADDITIONAL FREE GAZA SHIP EN ROUTE

2. (SBU) A final ship in the flotilla, the Cambodian-flagged MV Rachel Corrie, is traveling through the Mediterranean from Ireland. It is anticipated the ship will approach Gaza June 3. The Israeli government has not determined how it will respond.

## MAJORITY OF PASSENGERS NOW IN ISRAELI DETENTION

3. (U) Approximately 480 passengers are now in Israeli detention and 48 have been deported to their home countries. (jpost.com)

## ISRAELI ARABS CALL GENERAL STRIKE

4. (U) Israeli Arab leaders have called for a general strike, which is expected to impact many communities in the north of Israel. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

## INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

5. (U) The UN Security Council adopted a Presidential Statement that expresses deep regret for "the loss of life and injuries resulting from the use of force during the Israeli military operation in international waters against the convoy sailing to Gaza." The statement requests a prompt investigation by Israel and the immediate release of the detainees and ships. (MGGZ01/USUN e-mail)

6. (SBU) The UN Human Rights Council convened a general debate at 0400 EDT to discuss the Israeli response to the flotilla. (MGGZ01/USUN Geneva e-mail)

7. (SBU) At Turkey's request, the North Atlantic Council will meet at 0830 EDT in Brussels. They may seek a statement along the lines of the UNSC statement. (MGGZ01/USNATO telcon)

## WASHINGTON MEETINGS WITH FM DAVUTOGLU

8. (SBU) Both Secretary Clinton and NSA Jones will meet with Turkish FM Davutoglu June 1, following his arrival from New York. (MGGZ01/Turkey Desk e-mail)

## INTERNATIONAL REACTION

9. (SBU) Palestinian Territories: Small demonstrations are occurring throughout the West Bank and Gaza. (Jerusalem 922)

10. (U) Australia: PM Rudd condemned "any use of violence under the sorts of circumstances we have seen" and called for the lifting of the blockade of Gaza. (abc.net.au)

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11. (U) China: The Chinese Foreign Ministry expressed shock at the Israeli attack and urged Israel to seriously implement UN Security Council resolutions and improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (chinadaily.com.cn)

12. (U) Pakistan: President Zardari issued a statement describing the incident as "brutal and inhuman." (dailytimes.com.pk)

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STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

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

STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

2. (SBU) The Israeli cabinet decided to repatriate all Turkish detainees not suspected of attacking Israeli military personnel. The cabinet also supported a National Police request to detain those suspected of attacking the IDF for further investigation. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

3. (SBU) Israelis believe all of the deceased are Turkish citizens. Turkish embassy officials are working to identify the remaining dead. There are 42 Turkish nationals in Israeli hospitals; 24 Turks have been repatriated. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

4. (SBU) The Prisons Service is holding about 610 flotilla participants. All detainees refusing to sign deportation waivers will be brought before a judge prior

to facing deportation. Forty eight of them chose to comply with the expulsion order and have already left. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

#### CARGO

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

#### INCOMING SHIPS

6. (S/NF) The Free Gaza Movement is reportedly sending two additional vessels to Gaza. [REDACTED] indicates the Cambodian-flagged RACHEL CORRIE is currently southwest of Greece and could arrive in Gaza within four days. The U.S.-flagged CHALLENGER II dropped out of the first flotilla to undergo repairs in Cyprus. The GOI says it is committed to also preventing these vessels from breaking the blockade but is deliberating about what preventative measures to take. (MGGZ01/NJOIC 8-Hour Update e-mail)

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#### INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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

#### INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

8. (U) Media reports indicate Egypt opened its border with the Gaza Strip, letting Palestinians cross until further notice. (Reuters)

9. (SBU) Jordan offered to facilitate the repatriation of citizens of Muslim states that do not have relations with Israel. At least one Indonesian and one Lebanese are among the wounded, and the Jordanians will handle their repatriation. (MGGZ01/Embassy Amman e-mail)

#### TURKISH RESPONSE

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

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STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

1. (SBU) Eleven AmCit detainees plan to, or have already

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signed, voluntary deportation forms provided by the Israeli Ministry of Interior. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

#### STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

2. (U) Israel's inner security cabinet voted to deport remaining prisoners within 48 hours. A government statement issued late June 1 stated that the detainees would be expelled immediately according to the procedures set by law, said a government statement issued late June 1. (AFP)

3. (U) Turkey sent three planes to Israel to repatriate approximately 350 detained activists. (AFP)

#### WOUNDED COULD BE CONSIDERED COMBATANTS

4. (SBU) Approximately 50 wounded detainees of various nationalities are currently being treated by the Government of Israel as suspects, and thus may not be allowed to leave the country. The GOI might want to file court cases against these individuals, but this course of action is subject to the attorney general's discretion. (MGGZ01/NEA-FO e-mail)

#### RETURN OF ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC FAMILY MEMBERS FROM TURKEY

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

#### INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

6. (SBU) Moscow condemned Israel's action against the MAVI MARMARA, asserting that the use of weapons against civilians and detaining ships in the open sea without any legal reason constitutes obvious and gross violations of generally accepted international standards. Embassy Moscow notes Russia likely will use this incident to push for Israel to lift the Gaza blockade. (MGGZ01/Embassy Moscow e-mail)

7. (SBU) NATO SYG Rasmussen released a statement June 1 expressing deep regret over the loss of lives and the other casualties resulting from the use of force and urging the UN and the EU to conduct a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation into the incident. He also called for the immediate release of the detained civilians and ships held by Israel. (MGGZ01/USNATO e-mail)

8. (U) India condemned Israel for indiscriminate use of force and asserted that lasting peace and security in the region can be achieved only through peaceful dialogue. (Xinhua)

9. (U) Lebanese President Sleiman discussed the incident with Turkish President Gul and reportedly agreed to coordinate efforts to counter Israel's actions. (nowlebanon.com)

10. (U) The Irish government called on Israel to allow an Irish-registered aid ship, the RACHEL CORRIE, to continue its

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voyage to Gaza. Late June 1, PM Cowen warned of ?serious consequences? if any detained Irish citizens were harmed, and called for their immediate and unconditional release. (bbc.co.uk)

11. (U) The Malaysian Cabinet tabled a parliamentary motion strongly condemning Israel?s raid. FM Aman departed for Jordan to seek the release of the 12 Malaysians. (Xinhua)

12. (SBU) Nicaragua suspended diplomatic ties with Israel June 1 to protest Israel?s raid on the MAVI MARMARA, President Ortega?s office said. Embassy Managua notes that Nicaragua has no diplomatic presence in Israel but has an embassy in Cairo. (MGGZ01/Embassy Managua e-mail, elpubliopresidente.com)

13. (U) Iranian FM Mottaki expressed solidarity with the ?martyrs? killed during the raid and added that the incident ?opened some possibility? to put pressure on Israel to lift the blockade of the Gaza Strip and thereby allow the passage of medicine and humanitarian assistance. (AFP)

14. (U) French FM Kouchner said that the raid was ?a very grave mistake? and ?extremely damaging to the image of Israel itself.? Kouchner advocated for an international investigation and said ?there should not be impunity.? (AP)

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

[http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza Flotilla 2010](http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza_Flotilla_2010)

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## STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

1. (SBU) Thirteen American citizens were transferred to Ben Gurion Airport and are scheduled to depart by June 3. Three additional American dual-nationals are departing to their countries of origin: Kuwait, Jordan, and Ireland. One Israeli-American was released without conditions, and the Embassy is trying to locate one additional American citizen. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

## STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS

2. (C) The Israeli government initiated deportation for all of the 637 foreign detainees, including those suspected of instigating violence. Proceedings are expected to be completed by June 3. Four injured detainees may depart later in the week. Detention has been extended for four Israeli-Arab leaders from the boats. (Tel Aviv 1225)

## OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA

3. (S/NF) The RACHEL CORRIE is currently expected to arrive at a staging point near Cyprus early June 5. The CHALLENGER II and Greek-flagged DIMITRIS-K are docked in Cyprus. IDF officials have not informed the Embassy of the specific actions they plan to take, but have confirmed the boats will not be allowed to reach Gaza. (Tel Aviv 1225)

## HUMANITARIAN GOODS

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

## ISRAELI RESPONSE

5. (U) PM Netanyahu publicly defended the military

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operation, emphasized the importance of the blockade for Israeli security, and rejected international pressure to launch an investigation of IDF actions. (Reuters)

6. (U) Pro-IDF demonstrators are calling for a boycott of Turkish products. (Tel Aviv 1225)

#### SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

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

#### INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

#### INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

10. (SBU) Egypt: The government opened the Rafah crossing indefinitely and allowed shipment of electric generators into Gaza, the first non-food or medical shipment from Egypt since the 2008-2009 Gaza conflict. Reportedly, 200 to 800 Gazans have crossed into Egypt. (Cairo 611)

11. (S) Turkey: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Political statements from June 2 by senior Turks were more moderate in tone than those earlier in the week. (Tel Aviv 1225)

12. (U) Palestinian Authority: President Abbas rejected calls to suspend proximity talks. (jpost.com)

13. (SBU) Jordan: A warden message was issued warning American citizens to avoid crowds and maintain a low profile due to anti-American sentiment and expected protests. (MGGZ01/Embassy Amman e-mail)

14. (U) EU: Members of the European Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee almost unanimously condemned Israeli actions. Some called for suspending the EU-Israel Association Agreement. One MEP called for opening talks with Hamas. (MGGZ01/USEU Daily Report e-mail)

15. (U) Tunisia: A Gaza solidarity demonstration took place in Tunis. (Tunis 395)

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STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

1. (SBU) Eight AmCits were deported to Turkey, arriving in Istanbul on June 3. One American was deported to Athens, and two Americans are believed to have exited Israel via Jordan. The location of one dual-national American remains unknown. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS

2. (SBU) Approximately 520 foreign passengers have been deported to Turkey and Greece with the exception of a small group of passengers who were not able to travel, as well as approximately five who remain hospitalized. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA

3. (S/REL TO USA, FVEY) [redacted] the MV RACHEL CORRIE has increased its speed and could arrive in Gaza earlier than anticipated. [redacted] the vessel may be heading towards ports along Egypt's central coast, although it is unknown whether the vessel will conduct a port call in Egypt or continue directly to Gaza. (MGGZ01/NGA e-mail)

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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 4. (U) UN Secretary General Ban described Israeli actions as "counterproductive, unsustainable, and wrong," and called for Israel to lift its blockade of the Gaza Strip immediately. (The Telegraph)
- 5. (U) Arab League Secretary General Moussa stated in a news conference following an emergency ministerial in Cairo that the Arab League will ask the UN Security Council to demand an end to Israel's blockade of Gaza. (Reuters)

INTERNATIONAL REACTION

6. (C) Bahrain: Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad al-Khalifa characterized Israeli actions as "very unhelpful" but reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to Middle East peace and continuation of proximity talks. The four Bahrainis who were on the flotilla were given a hero's welcome upon arrival in Bahrain. (Manama 263, MGGZ01/NEA/PD e-mail)

7. (C) Algeria: Members of political parties of the Presidential Alliance denounced Israel's actions and the "silence and indifference of the international community." (Algiers 531)

8. (C) Libya: Foreign Minister Kusa expressed that international response, including the UN Security Council statement, to Israeli actions has not been sufficient. (Tripoli 514)

9. (C) Kuwait: The government of Kuwait and parliament have called for a comprehensive international response and condemnation of Israel. The 18 Kuwaitis who participated in the flotilla aid convoy were given a widely-publicized welcome upon arriving in Kuwait, and were received at the airport by the Prime Minister and members of parliament. (Kuwait 387, MGGZ01/NEA/PD e-mail)

10. (SBU) UAE: Anti-U.S. sentiment remains present throughout UAE press, particularly focusing on President Obama's "moral collapse" and support of Israel's "barbaric" crimes and aggression. (MGGZ01/NEA/PD e-mail)

11. (SBU) Norway: Foreign Minister Stoere stated Norway does not support a unilateral boycott against Israel. (MGGZ01/Embassy Oslo e-mail)

13. (U) Minimized considered.  
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#### STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

1. (SBU) A family member confirmed that 19 year-old Turkish-American citizen, Furkan Dogan, was among those killed on the MAVI MARMARA. (MGGZ01/Embassy Ankara e-mail)
2. (SBU) Embassy officials located previously unaccounted for Israeli-American citizen, [REDACTED] in Ramallah. Eight American citizens departed from Tel Aviv to Istanbul, another to Athens, and two to Jordan. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

#### STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS

3. (U) The Israeli Foreign Ministry announced three activists from Ireland, Australia, and Italy remain in Israel for "technical reasons," without providing any further information. Seven additional activists are still hospitalized in Israel. (Israel Radio News)
4. (SBU) Israel turned over 120 detainees from Muslim and Arab countries to Jordan. (Amman 1231)

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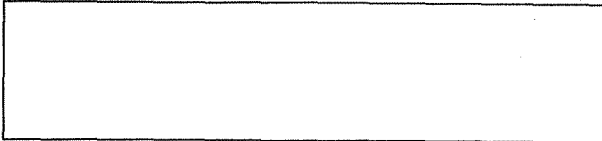
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OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA

5. (S/NF) The CHALLENGER II and the DIMITRIS K are in Cyprus. The RACHEL CORRIE is heading south toward Egypt and the Free Gaza Movement announced it will delay its arrival to Gaza until June 7 to maximize media coverage. (MGGZ01/EUCOM e-mail)

6. (U) Media report the Israeli Navy intends to board the RACHEL CORRIE if necessary, but released no additional specifics. (Ma'ariv)

STATUS OF HUMANITARIAN GOODS



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ISRAELI RESPONSE

8. (C) IDF released an operational timeline and additional video images from MAVI MARMARA security cameras on June 3 detailing the international legal aspects of the flotilla interdiction. (Tel Aviv 1239)

9. (U) Media report Israel decided to release flotilla detainees immediately in order to help the United States garner support for UN sanctions against Iran. (ynetnews.com)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

10. (SBU) Arab League: Foreign ministers agreed to ask the UN Security Council to urge an end to the Israeli blockade of Gaza. (MGGZ01/Embassy Riyadh e-mail)

11. (U) UN: Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Robert Serry, condemned Hamas for raiding NGO offices in Gaza City and the Rafah crossing. (MGGZ01/Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process e-mail)

12. (SBU) A June 3 International Maritime Organization meeting was interrupted by Cuba, Indonesia, Syria and Venezuela condemning Israeli actions. Turkey is expected to push for official IMO condemnation of Israel at the June 7 meeting. (MGGZ01/Bureau of International Organization Affairs e-mail)

INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

13. (U) Turkey: PM Erdogan said full restoration of diplomatic ties with Israel was contingent upon ending Israel's blockade of Gaza. (nytimes.com)

14. (U) South Africa: The ambassador to Israel was recalled June 3. (ynetnews.com)

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15. (U) Ecuador: The ambassador to Israel was recalled June 3. (washingtonpost.com)

16. (U) EU: The European Jewish Congress called on the EU to ban the Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief (IHH) and other "terrorist front organizations". (European Jewish Congress press release)

17. (U) Saudi Arabia: Flotilla discussions interrupted meetings between a U.S. Congressional delegation and members of the Saudi business community at the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry on June 2. (Saudi Gazette, Al-Watan, Shams)

18. (U) UK: Former FS Miliband restated the British call for an end to the blockade as the only way to limit Hamas' control over the region. (MGGZ01/Embassy of the United Kingdom to the United States e-mail)

19. (SBU) Australia: PM Rudd called for an independent inquiry and an easing of the blockade. (MGGZ01/Embassy of Australia to the United States e-mail)

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STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS

1. (SBU) All participants in the Gaza  
 Flotilla, except for seven still hospitalized  
 in Israel, are back in their countries of  
 origin or are en route there. (Tel Aviv 1240)

OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA

2. (S/NF) RACHEL CORRIE [redacted]  
 [redacted] would arrive  
 in Gaza late June 4 or early June 5.  
 (MGGZ01/Watch Europe e-mail).

3. (U) Media report RACHEL CORRIE has no  
 plans to stop until reaching port in Gaza  
 and does not intend to resist, should  
 Israeli forces attempt to board. The vessel  
 is equipped with video and satellite devices  
 to stream live events over the internet.  
 (CNN)

4. (U) Former UN Assistant Secretary  
 General Denis Halliday, Northern Irish  
 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mairead  
 Corrigan-Maguire, and an Irish lawmaker  
 are a part of the 11-passenger manifest of  
 RACHEL CORRIE. (CNN, The Guardian)

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5. (S/NF) CHALLENGER II and DIMITRIS K are [redacted] in an unknown port in Cyprus. The Free Gaza Movement commented on its website that CHALLENGER II is currently undergoing repairs, but might rendezvous with RACHEL CORRIE in transit to the Gaza Strip. (MGGZ01/Watch Europe e-mail, CNN)

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ISRAELI RESPONSE

6. (U) Israeli PM Netanyahu vowed Israel would not permit RACHEL CORRIE to reach Gaza but would consider some form of international role in enforcing an arms embargo there. He added civilian goods would be allowed to reach Gaza, but declined to elaborate. (CNN)

7. (U) Nearly 1000 Israelis protested outside the Turkish embassy in Tel Aviv, denouncing Turkey's leaders. Israeli television showed one protester waving a doctored photograph that GROUP SITUATION REPORT NO. depicted Turkish PM Erdogan as Hitler. (CNN)

8. (U) Israeli Ambassador to the United States Oren said Israel and the U.S. are holding initial talks over a dialogue to address civilian needs in Gaza, but the discussion will not involve an end to the Israeli blockade. (CNN)

INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

9. (U) A spokesman for a group of Malaysian NGOs, accompanied by approximately 1000 peaceful protesters, assembled outside Embassy Kuala Lumpur and denounced the Israeli operation. (Reuters)

10. (U) Malaysian FM Aman said Israeli authorities should ensure safe passage for RACHEL CORRIE to deliver its humanitarian cargo to Gaza. (Bernama)

11. (U) Turkish President Gul stated "Turkey's ties with Israel will never be the same again." Thousands thronged an Istanbul funeral for eight activists who died in the raid. (Reuters)

12. (U) Turkey's health ministry dispatched two ambulance planes to Israel to bring home the remaining five Turkish activists who were wounded during the raid. (Associated Press)

13. (U) Minimized considered.  
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STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS

1. (U) Three of five remaining injured Turkish citizens landed in Ankara and two are still in Israeli hospitals. (ynetnews.com)

OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA

2. (SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv believes the Israelis are escorting the RACHEL CORRIE to Ashdod Port, but the embassy does not have confirmation. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

3. (SBU) The Free Gaza Movement says none of the RACHEL CORRIE passengers is an American citizen. (MGGZ01/Bureau of Consular Affairs e-mail)

PALESTINIAN INVESTMENT CONFERENCE

4. (U) Special Envoy for Middle East Peace Mitchell commented the flotilla incident should not hamper progress on proximity talks, media report. PM Fayyad had limited involvement in the conference, but additional Arab State representation was high. (Al-Hayat Al-Jadida)

SECURITY UPDATE

5. (U) Palestinians fired four rockets at Israel from Gaza June 4 without causing injury or damage. (Israel Radio News)

ISRAELI RESPONSE

6. (U) Israeli officials deny the government is resisting pressure to form an investigation committee. (Al-Quds)

7. (U) Media report Israel is seeking "new ways" to allow civilian goods to enter Gaza. PM Netanyahu promised Quartet Representative Tony Blair, Israel will ease the blockade but will not allow ships to reach Gaza. (nytimes.com)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

8. (SBU) The Egyptian Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Coordinating Bureau released a statement condemning the Israeli blockade of Gaza and IDF actions. (NAM press release)

#### INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

9. (C) Turkey: 10,000 people held an anti-Israel rally in Istanbul, and protests likely sponsored by conservative religious groups continue in Ankara, Istanbul, and Adana. Media report Turkey will pursue an ICC investigation seeking damages and claiming Israel violated International Maritime Law. The government also plans to scale back its relationship with Israel. (Ankara 815)

10. (C) Tunisia: Protests headed by the Tunisian General Labor Union continue and have become increasingly anti-American. (Tunis 407)

11. (SBU) Pakistan: The government released a statement thanking Jordan and Embassy Islamabad for their work to assure the safety of Pakistani citizens on the boats. (MGGZ01/Pakistan desk e-mail)

12. (U) France: The foreign ministry opposes the mission of the RACHEL CORRIE and does not plan to pursue Israel for interdicting the MAVI MARMARA. (Israel Radio News)

13. (U) Greece: Assistant FM Droustas released a statement condemning IDF actions and supporting the lawful activities of NGOs. (MGGZ01/Embassy Athens e-mail)

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STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS

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

SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA:

2. (SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv reports RACHEL CORRIE was boarded by IDF without resistance or injuries and will arrive in Ashdod in two hours.  
(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

3. (SBU) Three Israeli naval ships had tailed RACHEL CORRIE for several hours and made four demands for the ship to change course. The vessel refused to comply.

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INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

4. (U) Turkey: Prosecutors are considering indictments against senior Israeli figures for the MAVI MARAMARA deaths. (Jerusalem Post)

5. (U) Malta: On June 4, approximately 200 people protested peacefully in Valletta against the Israeli use of force on the Gaza flotilla. (Times of Malta)

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STATUS OF THE RACHEL CORRIE

1. (U) The IDF boarded the RACHEL CORRIE in international waters approximately 20 miles from Gaza. An Israeli spokeswoman said the boarding was by sea, rather than by helicopter, and took just five minutes. (YNET)
2. (U) The RACHEL CORRIE was towed by two Israeli naval vessels and arrived in the port of Ashdod five hours after the takeover. (AFP)
3. (SBU) The 19 passengers and crew are being held at a facility in Holon near Tel Aviv, according to the Irish consul. The consul believes the passengers are primarily from Ireland, Malaysia, and the Philippines; one might be British and one Cuban. There were no American citizens aboard. On June 6, the CORRIE's passengers and crew will be taken to the Ben Gurion Airport detention facility and

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offered immediate repatriation. Those who do not accept will have 72 hours to appeal, and post comments they will likely be repatriated at the end of that time.

(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

4. (SBU) Israel Radio reports there are 500 tons of cement on board. Israeli MOD officials are assessing whether it can be delivered by the UN. While the distribution could be done by UN Relief and Works Agency or the International Committee of the Red Cross, neither has agreed to do so at the current time, and Hamas has said it will not permit distribution.

(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

## INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

5. (U) Israel: The Israeli Foreign Ministry said that Israel would continue to enforce the blockade as long as Hamas leaders refuse to meet conditions for international acceptance, including a renunciation of violence and the recognition of Israel. (AP)

6. (U) Turkey: An autopsy report for the May 31 victims will be sent to the prosecutor's office in Istanbul in the next two months to be used as evidence against Israel in a possible court case. (AP)

7. (U) Egypt: President Mubarak has ordered the passenger terminal with Gaza to open daily, rather than sporadically. (AP)

8. (U) Malaysia: The Malaysian Foreign Affairs Ministry issued a press release demanding that Israel ensure the safety of all activists removed from the RACHEL CORRIE. The foreign minister plans to escort the Malaysian detainees involved in the May 31 raid from Turkey to Kuala Lumpur June 6. (kln.gov.my)

9. (U) Northern Ireland: Deputy First Minister McGuinness described the latest Israeli intervention as a raid and said, "The RACHEL CORRIE should have been allowed to proceed to Gaza without Israeli aggression. This is an attack on an Irish flagged vessel and it demands a strong response by the Irish government." (bbc.co.uk)

## U.S. REPRESENTATIVE RESPONDS

10. (U) Representative Kucinich (D-OH) called for Washington to impose diplomatic and financial consequences on Israel, citing the importance of maintaining good relations with Turkey and Iraq. He also called for an independent investigation of the incident. (AFP)

## PROTESTS

11. (U) UK/Cyprus: The Free Gaza Movement announced it will relocate to London after closing its Cyprus headquarters due to the country's decision to ban the departure of any Gaza-bound ships. It plans to send as many as three more ships in coming months and reports that four captains already have volunteered for the missions.

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(AP)

12. (U) Israel: Thousands of Israeli activists marched in Tel Aviv to protest Israeli policies, including the recent raids on Gaza-bound ships. During the protest, a smoke grenade was hurled at protestors outside the Tel Aviv Museum, but no one was injured. (YNET)

13. (U) Turkey: Approximately 5000 protestors gathered in Istanbul for a demonstration organized by the Foundation for Humanitarian Relief (IHH), a key organizer of the flotilla intercepted on May 31. (timesonline.co.uk)

14. (U) UK: The Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign organized a protest in Edinburgh that attracted nearly 3000 people, including a May 31 raid survivor. The captain of the RACHEL CORRIE is Scottish. (bbc.co.uk)

15. (U) UK: Thousands of protestors in London marched from Downing Street to the Israeli Embassy. (timesonline.co.uk)

16. (U) Sweden: Swedish dockworkers are launching a blockade of Israeli ships and goods from June 15 to 24. (AP)

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STATUS OF M/V RACHEL CORRIE DETAINED PASSENGERS AND CREW

1. (SBU) Israel has deported or will deport the passengers and crew of the M/V RACHEL CORRIE. One UK citizen, one Cuban, and six Malaysians have already left; one Filipino and five Irish citizens are scheduled to leave by June 7. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv telcon)

INTERNATIONAL REACTION

2. (SBU) Iran: According to the semi-official Mehr news agency, Ali Shirazi, Supreme Leader Khamenei's Revolutionary Guard Corps representative, said its forces are ready to provide a military escort to cargo ships seeking to break Israel's Gaza blockade. (Reuters)

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ISRAELI REACTIONS

3. (SBU) Israel's ambassador to the United States, Michael Oren, stated on Fox News Sunday that Israel will reject an international commission to study its commando raid on a Gaza-bound aid ship in which nine pro-Palestinian activists were killed, saying, "We are rejecting an international commission. We are discussing with the Obama administration a way in which our inquiry will take place." (Reuters)

4. (SBU) The Israeli Defense Forces stated that six of the activists aboard the M/V MAVI MARMARA have links to Hamas or Islamic Jihad, according to the media. Two of the six are identified as American citizens: Iranian-born [redacted] and U.S./UK dual national [redacted]. According to Embassy Tel Aviv, each has left Israel.  
(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv telcon, Ha'aretz)

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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE RESPONDS

5. (SBU) Representative Sarbanes (D-MD) released a statement June 4 noting that it is possible that "delivering humanitarian aid to the residents of Gaza was not the primary objective of those piloting the MAVI MARMARA" and that "the persistence of the MAVI MARMARA in seeking to breach the blockade was intended to provoke a clash with Israeli Defense Forces."  
(Bignews.biz; Rep. Sarbanes' Press Release)

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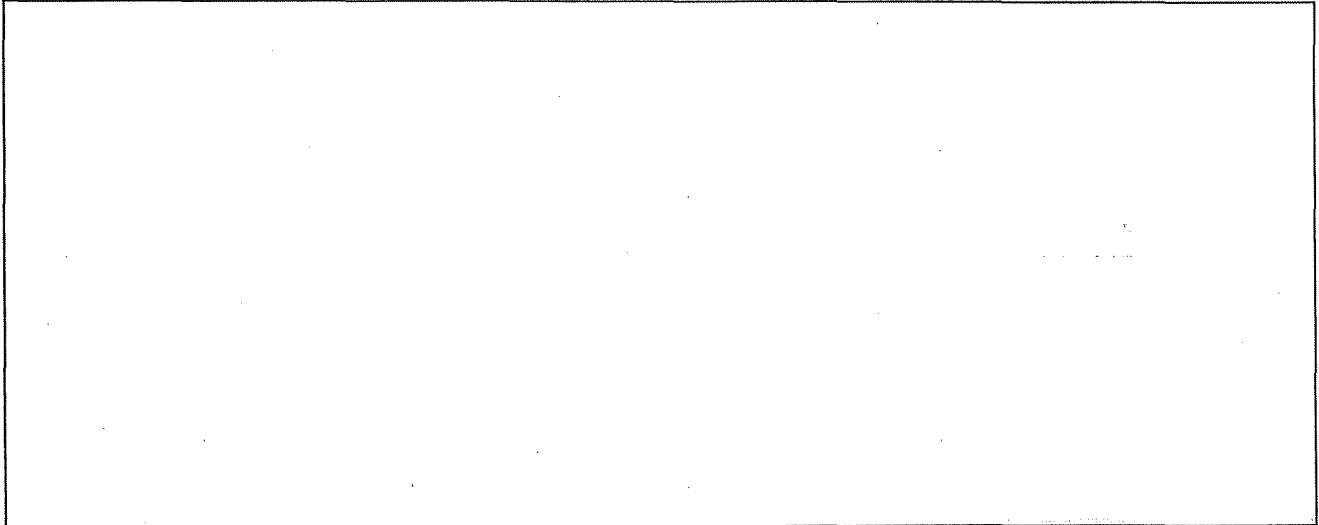
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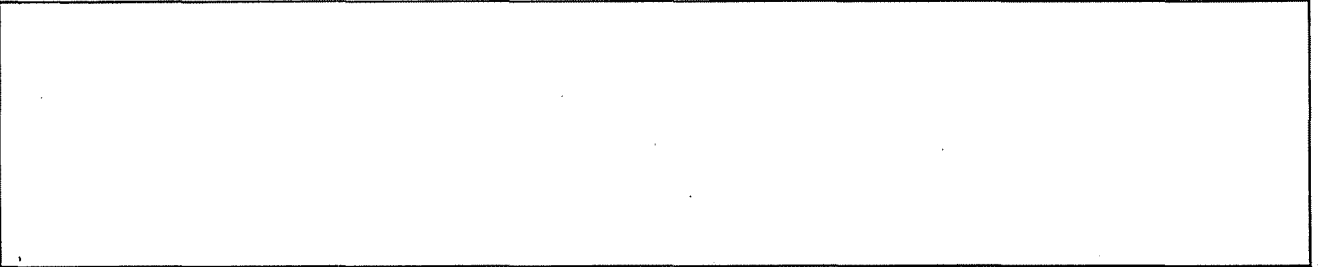
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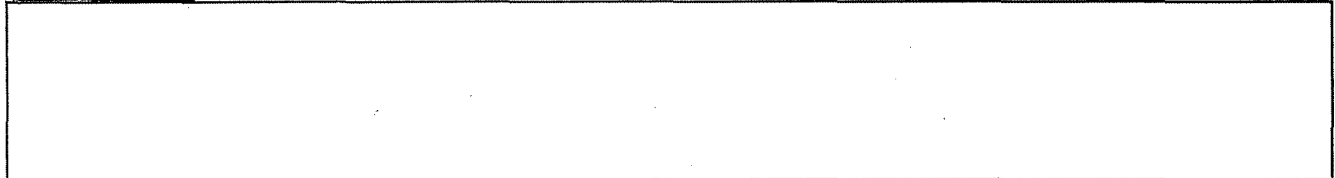
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**AMCIT CASES**

U/S Burns raised our requests for additional information on U.S. citizen cases, including Furkan Dogan, [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Turkish/Amcitr Furkan Dogan was killed during the Israeli boarding of the

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[Redacted] Burns asked if Oren would follow up and inform Embassy Tel Aviv on anything further the GOI could share; Oren took that on.

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1. (SBU) Summary: This reports the death of dual citizen Furkan Dogan, presumably on the high seas 31 MAY 2010 as a participant in the "Gaza Freedom Flotilla." CG and Ambassador made phone calls to the next-of-kin. Para 8 seeks CA answers to some questions. End summary.

2. (SBU) Early on 03 June Turkish media reported the return of the body of Turkish-American Furkan Dogan, (DOB: 20OCT921 Troy NY) to Istanbul from Israel, one of those presumably killed on the "Gaza Freedom Flotilla" on 31 May 2010 on the high seas.

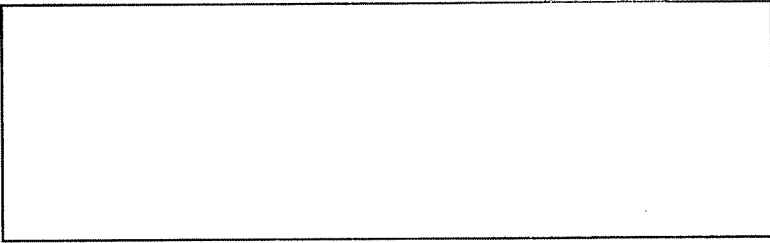
3. (SBU) CG phoned Turkish citizen father, [redacted] to express condolences. The father confirmed identifying the remains as his son's. He said the young man had suffered a gunshot to the chest and four to the head at close range.

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4. (SBU) The remains were one of eight presented for funeral at Istanbul's Historic Fatih Mosque. Dogan's remains were later flown to Kayseri for a funeral Friday 04 June after mid-day prayers at Hunat mosque.

5. (CONF) Both with the CG and in a later telephone conversation 03 Jun with Ambassador Jeffrey the [redacted] father

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6. (CONF) Consular Affairs informs us that the flotilla did not land in Cyprus, thus the Consular Report of Death (CRDA) will be pursued and produced in Ankara. Posts understands informally

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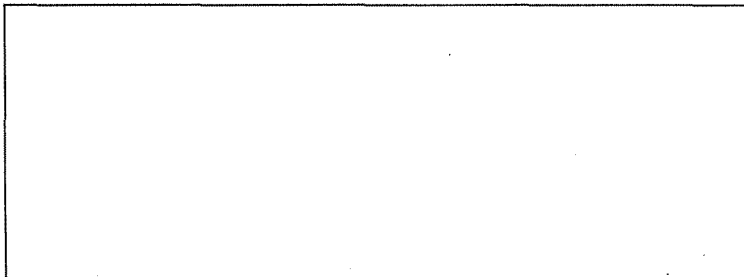
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that the deceased used his U.S. passport when he departed Turkey by ship.

7. (CONF) The Turkish death certificate will not likely be available earlier than 30 days after the burial in Kayseri. As a matter of routine we will await that document before producing the CRDA.

8. (CONF) Since the CRDA will go to the Turkish next-of-kin (the father) we have some questions with which we would like CA's assistance to be prepared in advance.



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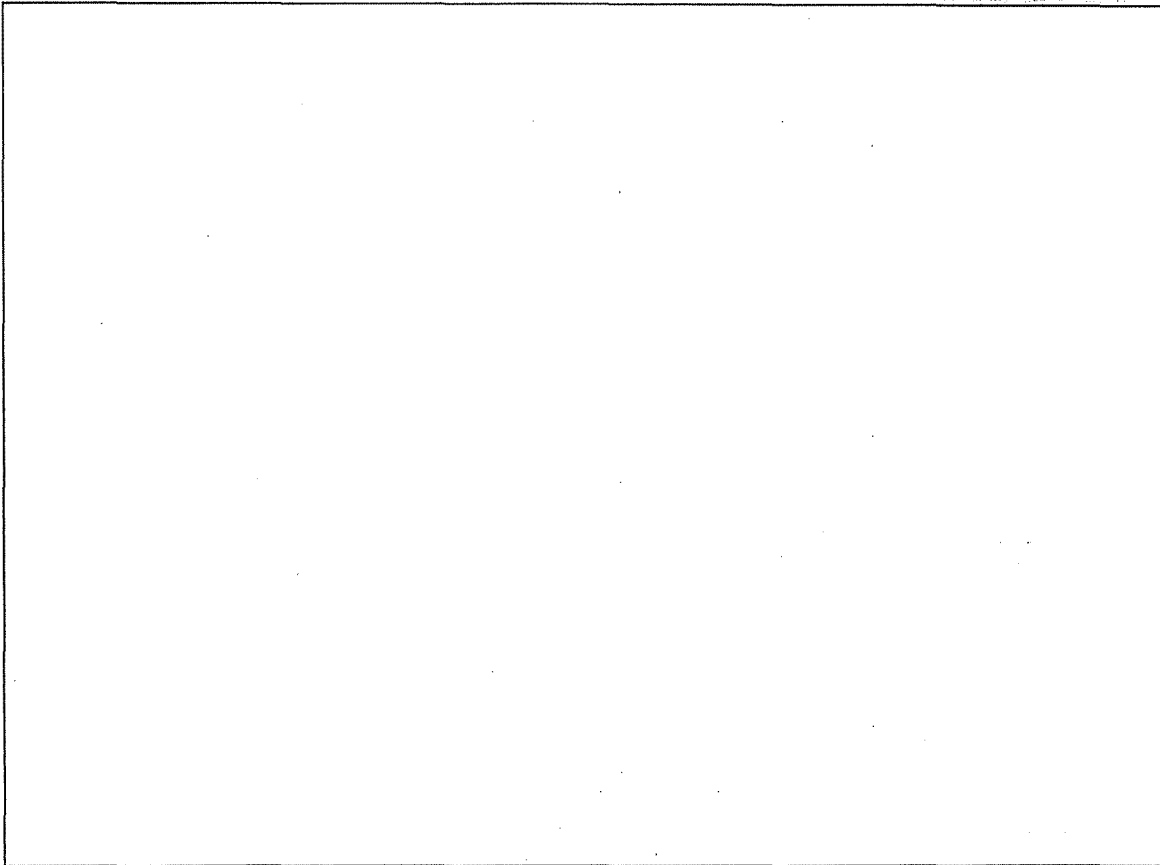
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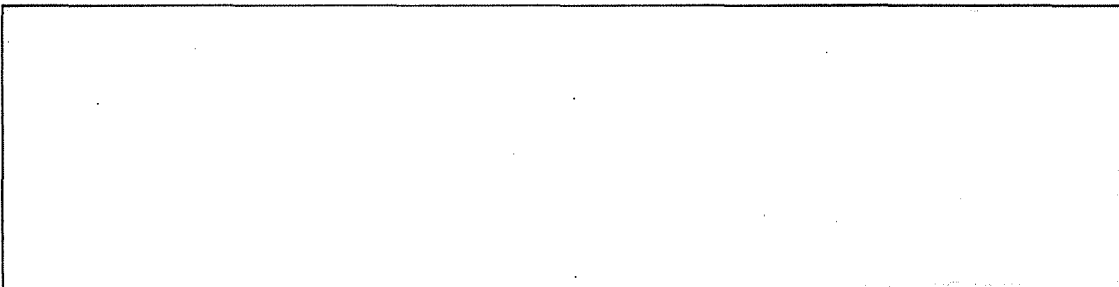
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IF RAISED/IF TIME PERMITS

- (If Time Permits) U.S. Citizens: The GOI has not yet provided detailed information on the circumstances of the death of Turkish/American dual citizen Furkan Dogan aboard the *Mavi Marmara* or the incident in which [Redacted] [Redacted] at a protest following the interception of the *Marmara* flotilla. U/S Burns and Embassy Tel Aviv have asked for these details. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] You may wish to remind Lieberman that these cases are still pending and ask for his help in prompting substantive GOI responses.

- (If Raised) [Redacted]  
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Deputy Secretary Steinberg's Meeting with Israeli Deputy Minister  
of Foreign Affairs Daniel Ayalon  
Wednesday, September 15, 11:45 am

CONTEXT

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Daniel Ayalon is in Washington to attend a  
Community of Democracies meeting in place of Foreign Minister Lieberman. Your  
meeting with him is an opportunity to discuss

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[Redacted] you should use this meeting to [Redacted]

[Redacted] American citizen

cases.

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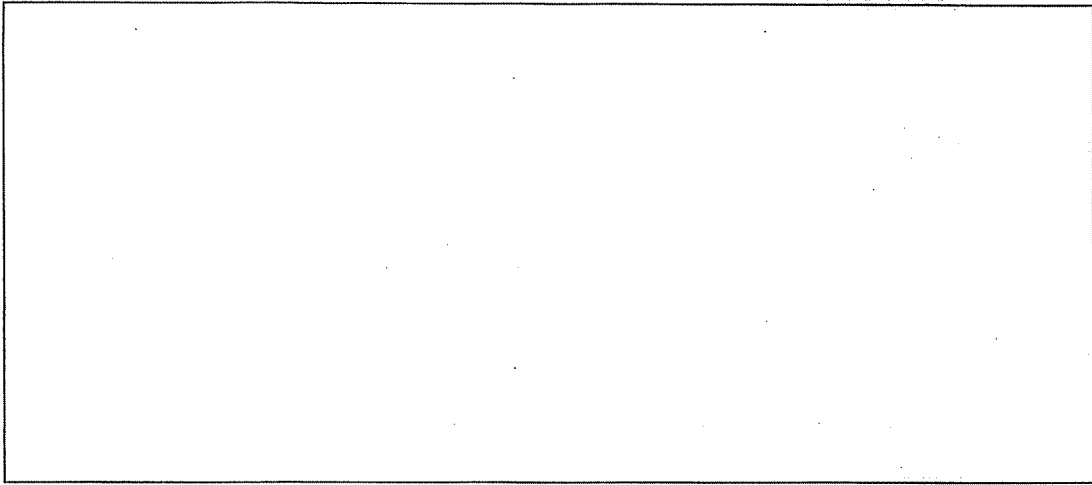
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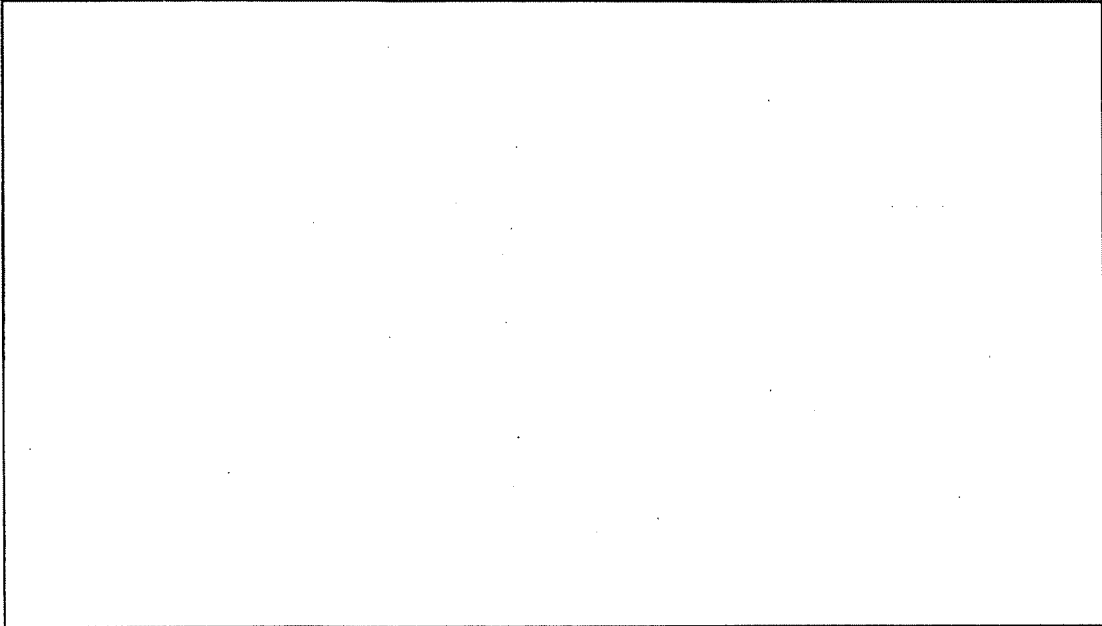
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[redacted] death of Turkish/American dual citizen  
Furkan Dogan aboard the *Mavi Marmara* or [redacted]  
[redacted] a protest following the interception of  
the *Marmara* flotilla. [redacted]  
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2. (If Time Permits) Investor Visas:

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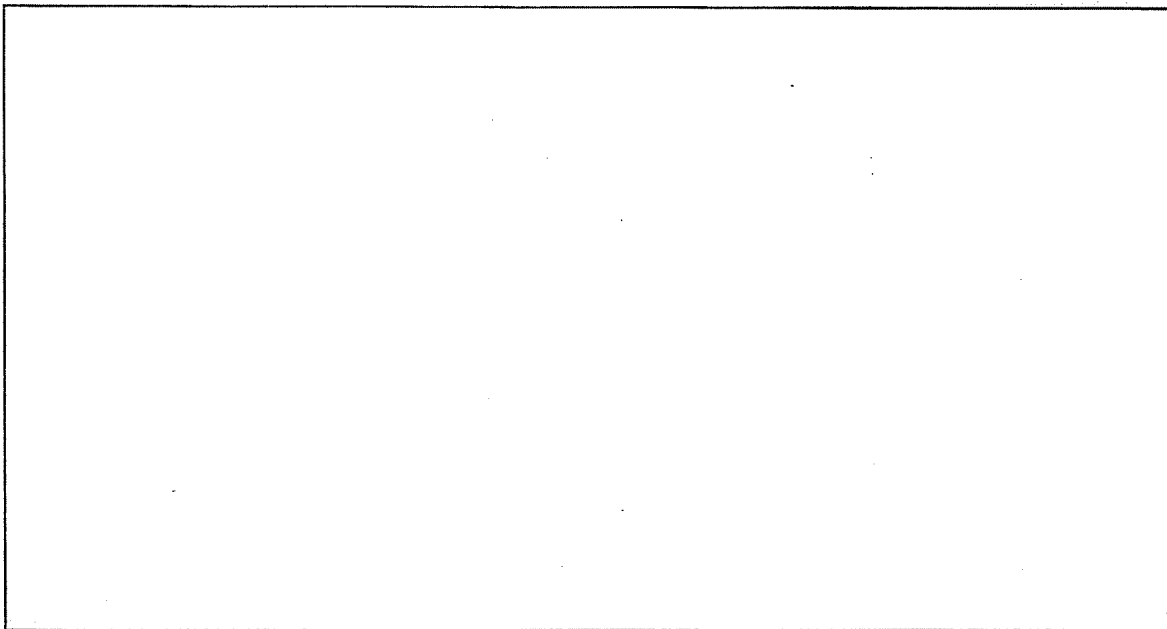
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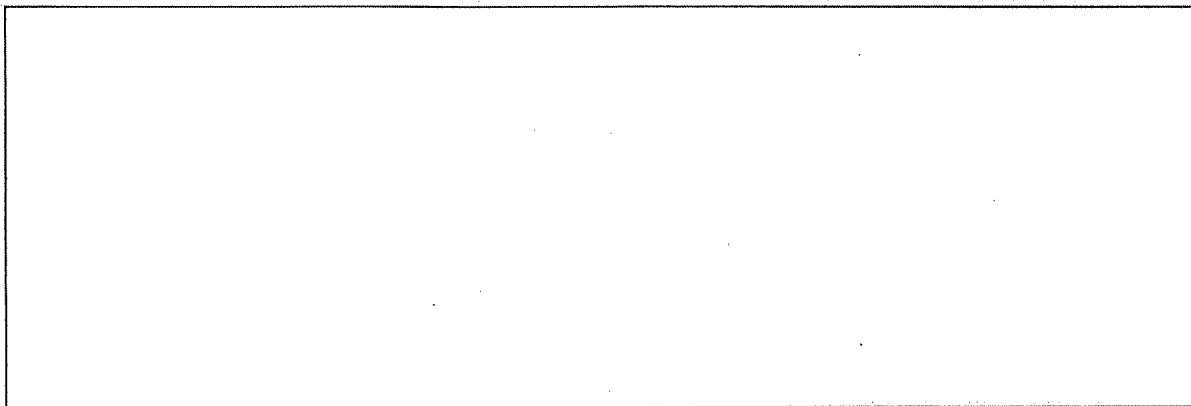
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BACKGROUND



U.S. Citizen Cases: We have previously asked the Israeli government for further information regarding the deaths or injuries of U.S. citizens, [redacted]

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[redacted] Cases include: (1) Furkan Dogan [redacted]

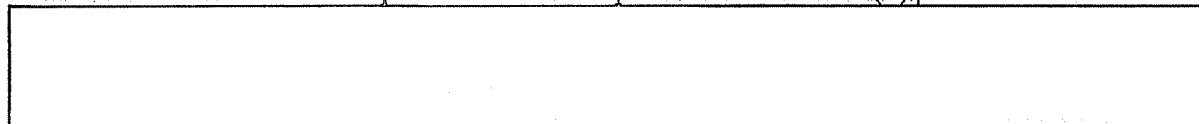
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[redacted] the death of U.S. citizen Furkan Dogan on board the *MV Mavi Marmara* on May 31 or (2) [redacted]

[redacted] lost her eye after being struck by a tear gas canister at a Gaza Flotilla protest that same day. You and Embassy Tel Aviv have asked that these details be provided in an expeditious fashion. (3) [redacted]

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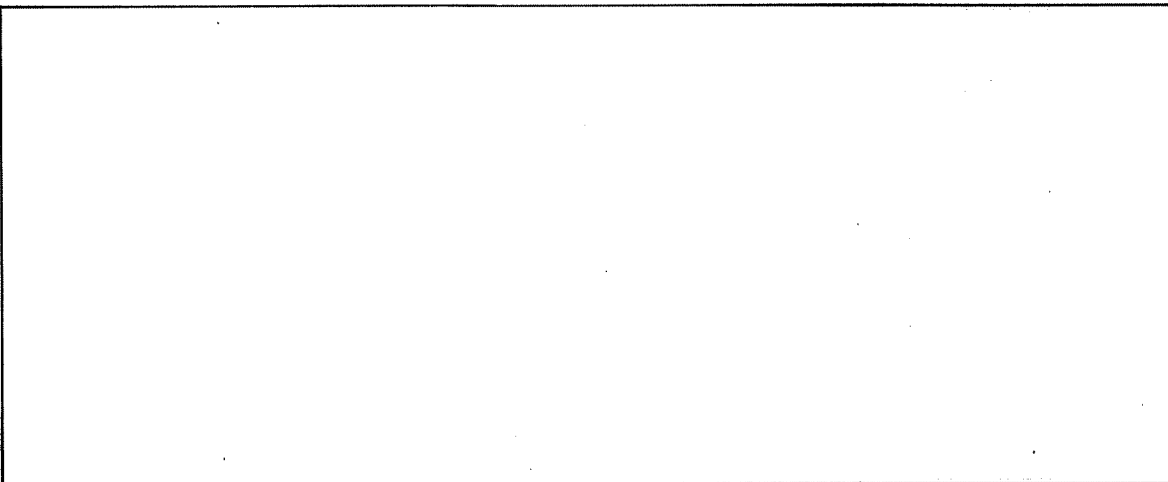
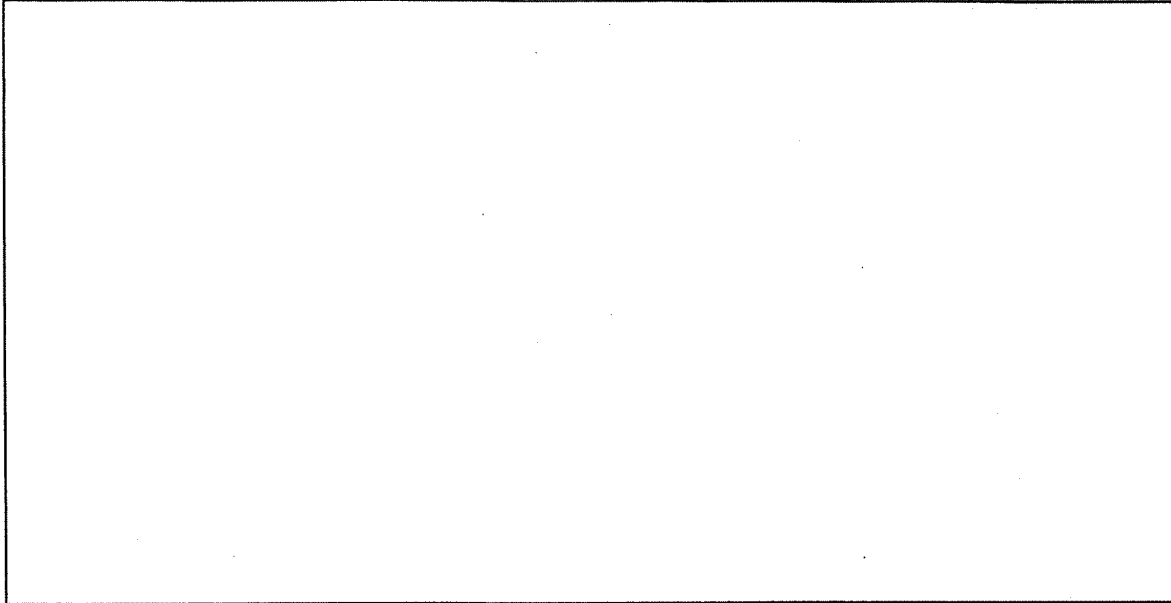
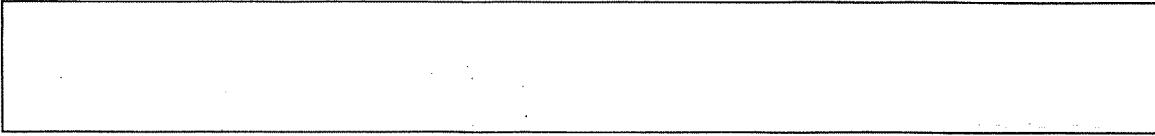
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Daniel Ayalon  
Others TBD

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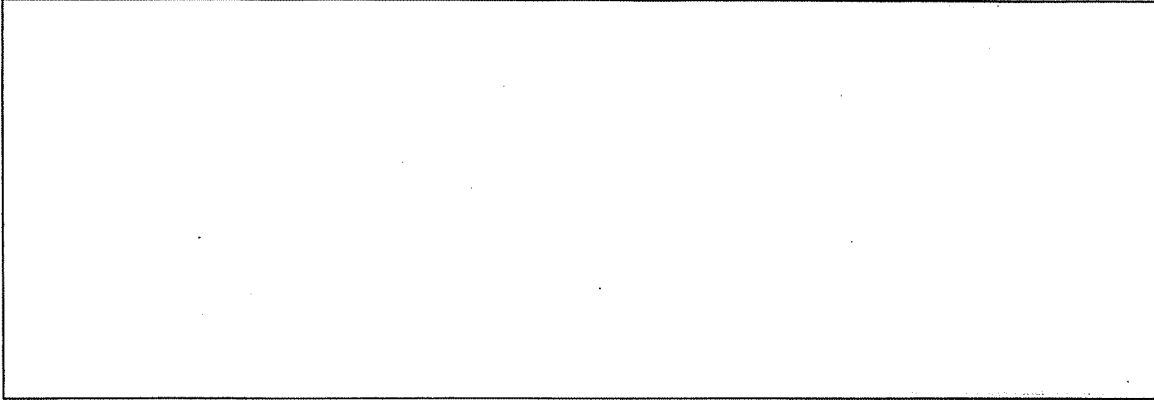
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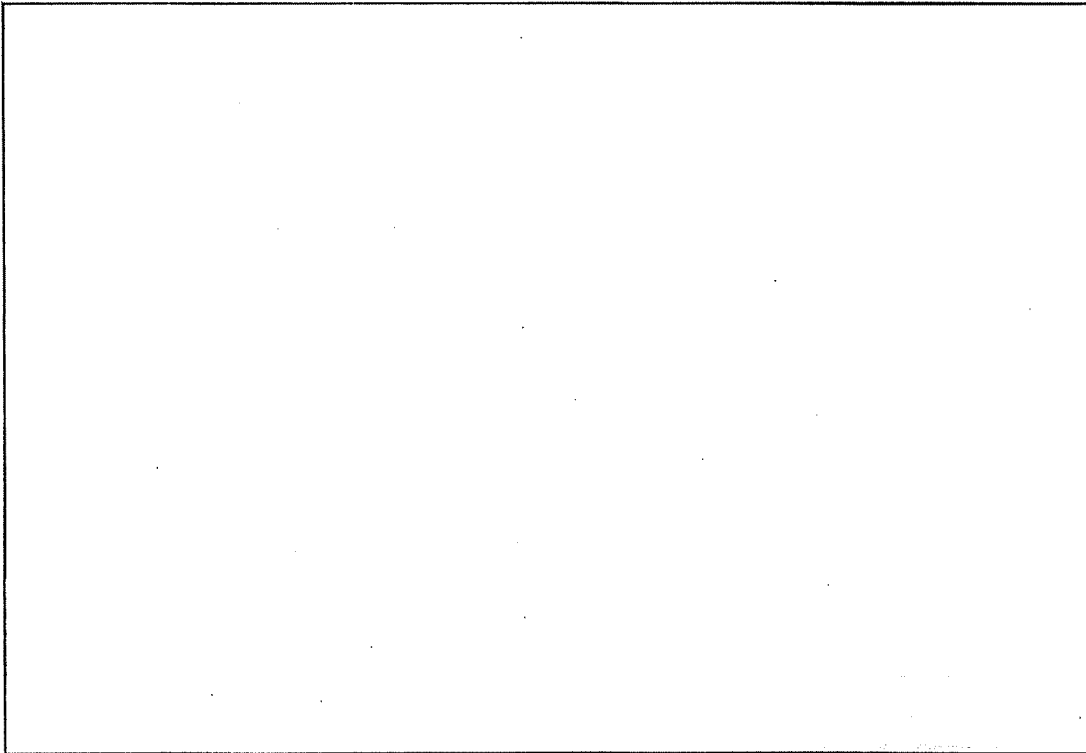
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[Redacted] You may wish to remind Oren that these cases are still pending and ask for his help in prompting substantive GOI responses.

IF TIME PERMITS/IF RAISED

1. (If Raised) Flotilla Investigation: [Redacted]

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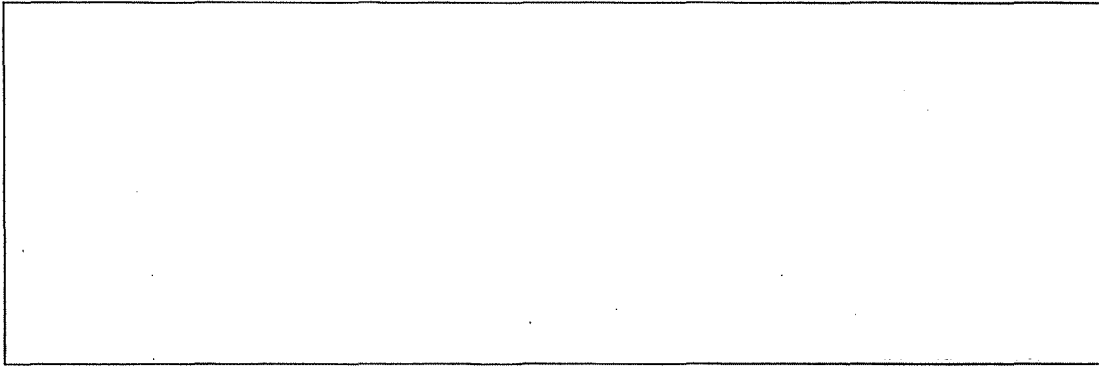
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Ambassador Michael Oren

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A/S Feltman's Meeting with Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren  
July 13, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

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KEY OBJECTIVES

1. U.S. Citizen Cases: You may wish to remind Oren that we are still awaiting GOI follow-up on the following cases, and ask for his help in substantive responses:

- Furkan Dogan/[Redacted] The GOI has not yet provided detailed information on the circumstances of the death of U.S. citizen Furkan Dogan on board the *MV Mavi Marmara* on May 31 [Redacted] [Redacted] after being struck by a tear gas canister at a Gaza Flotilla protest that same day. U/S Burns and Embassy Tel Aviv have asked that these details be provided in an expeditious fashion.

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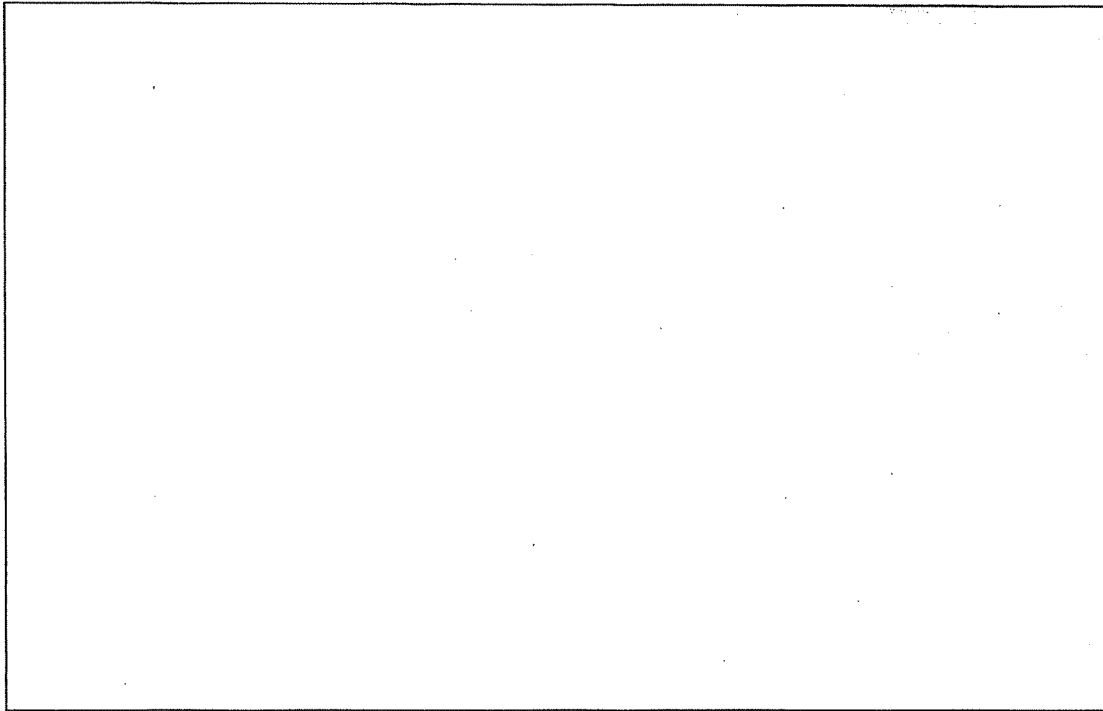
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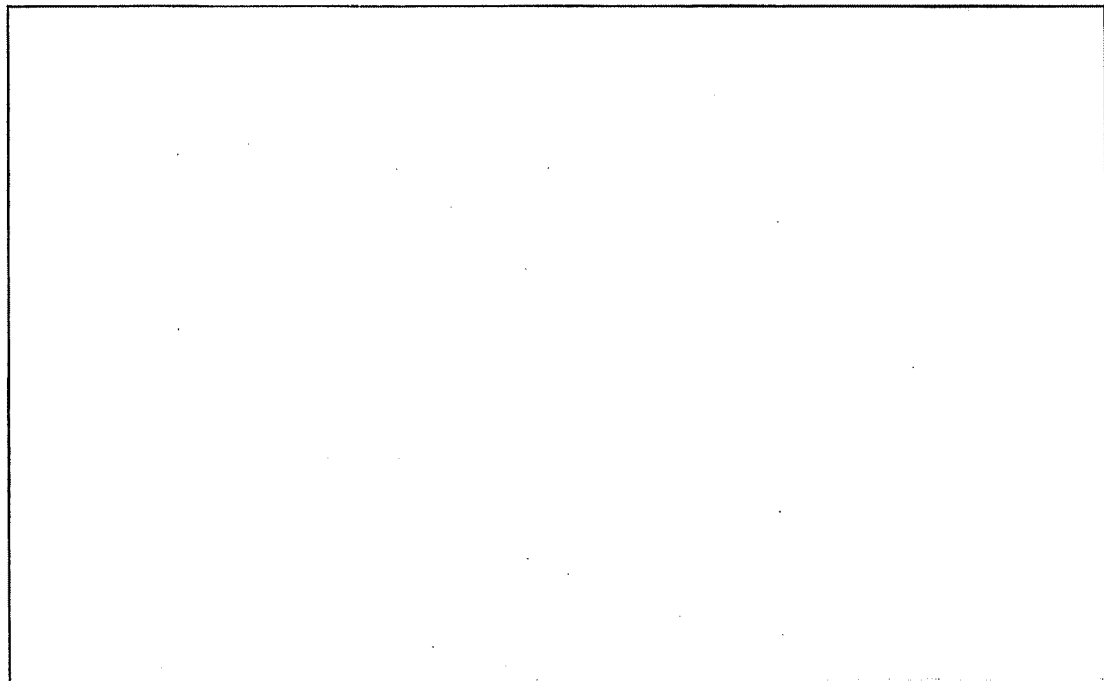
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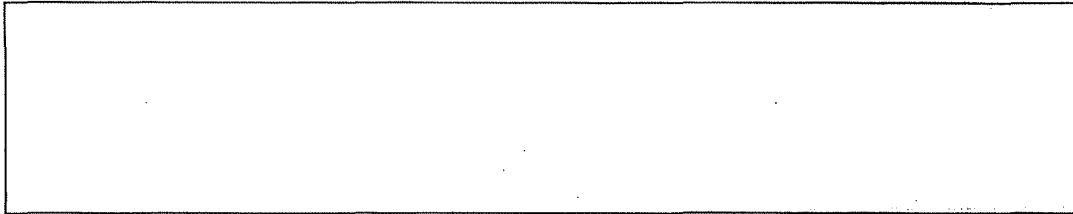
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United States  
A/S Feltman  
Others TBD

Israel  
Ambassador Michael Oren  
Others TBD

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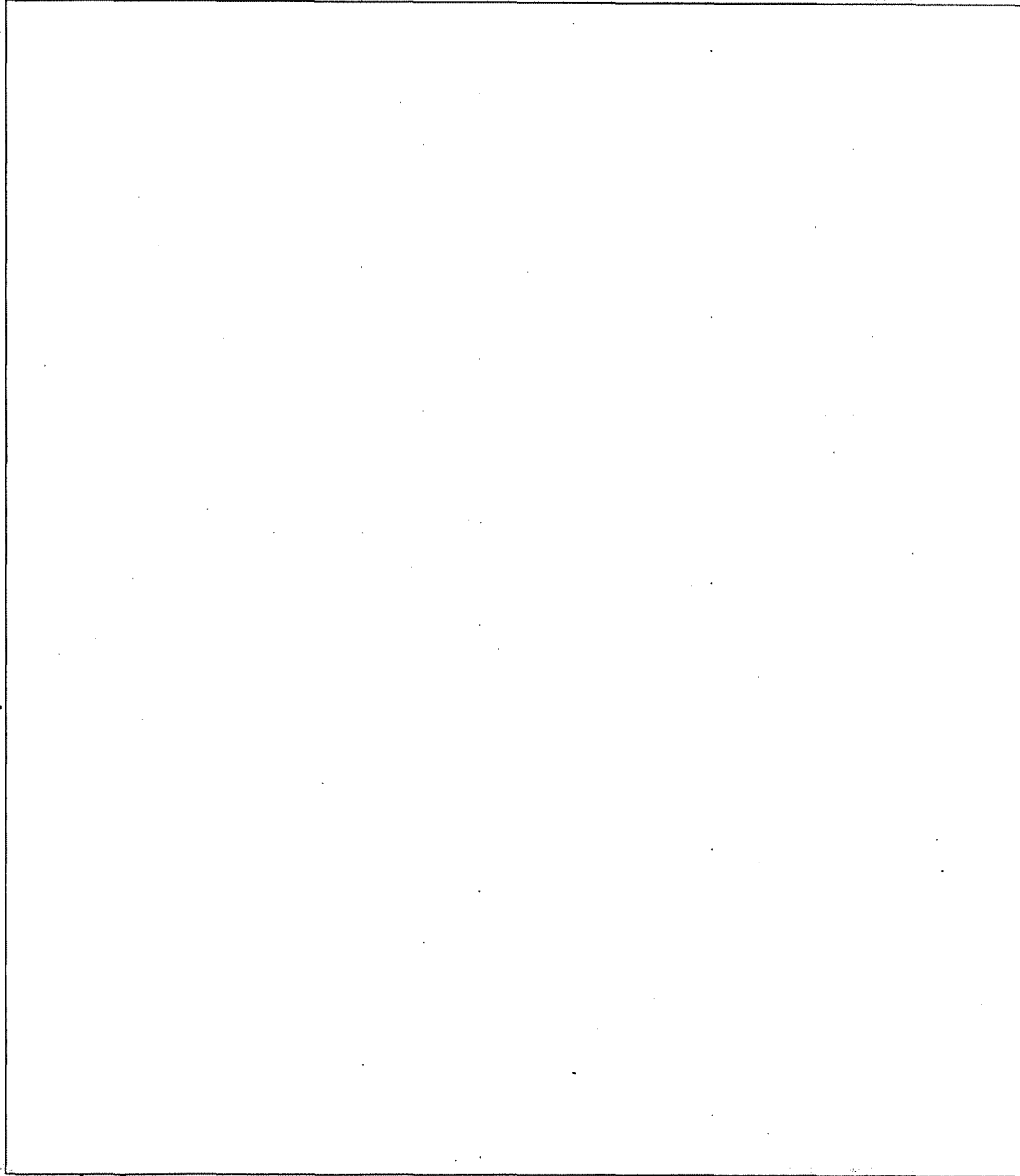
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of Foreign Affairs Daniel Ayalon

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POINTS TO RAISE

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1. U.S. Citizens: The GOI has not yet provided detailed information on the circumstances of the death of Furkan Dogan aboard the Gaza flotilla or the incident in which [Redacted] at a protest following the interception of the flotilla. You previously raised this with Amb. Oren and Embassy Tel Aviv has also asked for these details. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] You may wish to remind Ayalon that these cases are still pending and ask for his help in prompting substantive GOI responses.

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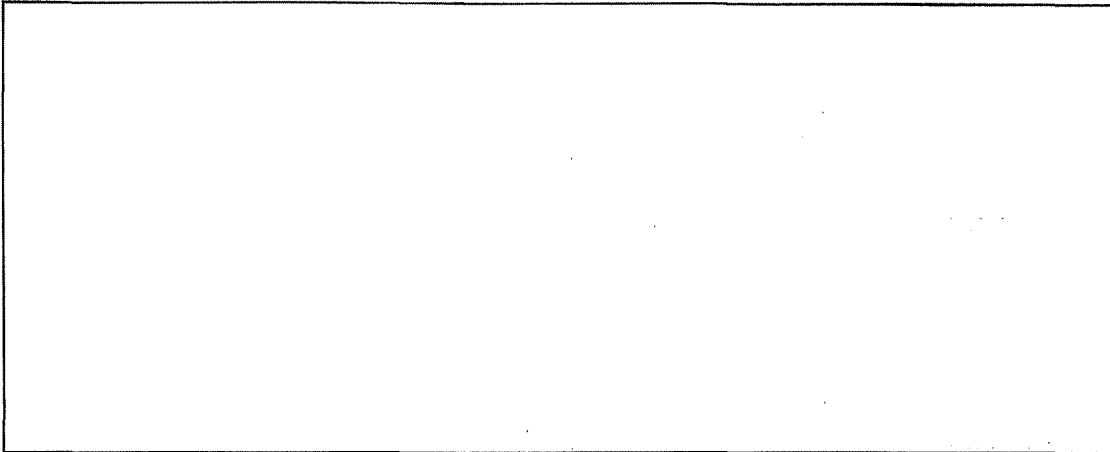
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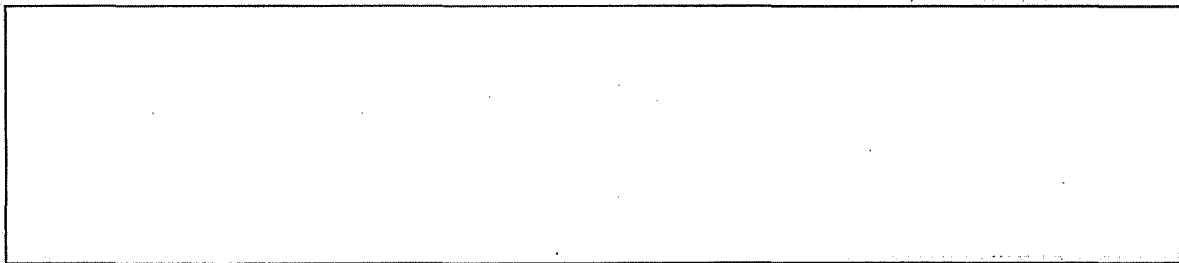
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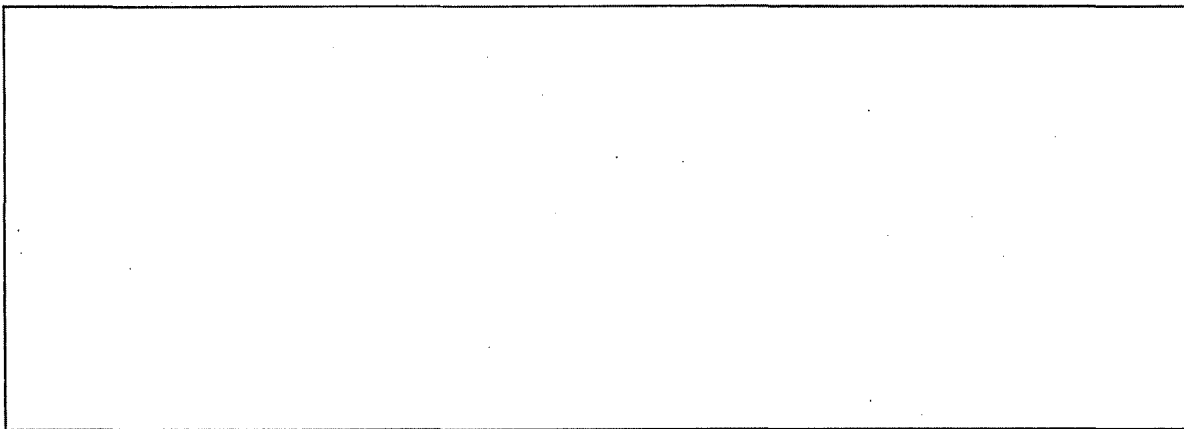
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**U.S. Citizen Cases:** We have previously asked the Israeli government for further information regarding the deaths or injuries of U.S. citizens, but have not yet received substantive responses. Cases include: (1) Furkan Dogan [redacted]

[redacted] - Israel has not yet provided detailed information on the circumstances of the death of U.S. citizen Furkan Dogan on board the *MV Mavi Marmara* on May 31 or (2) the incident in which [redacted]

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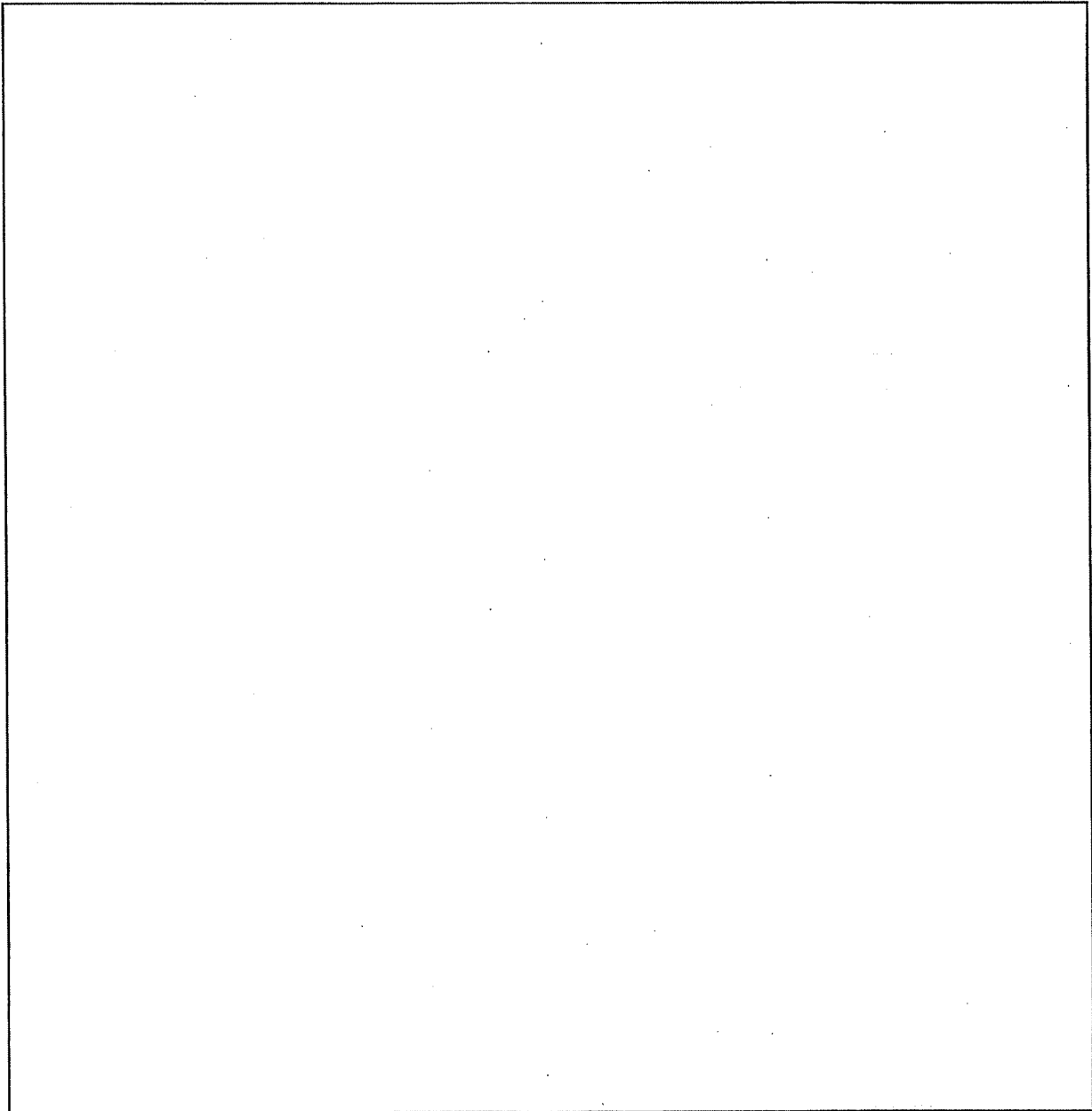
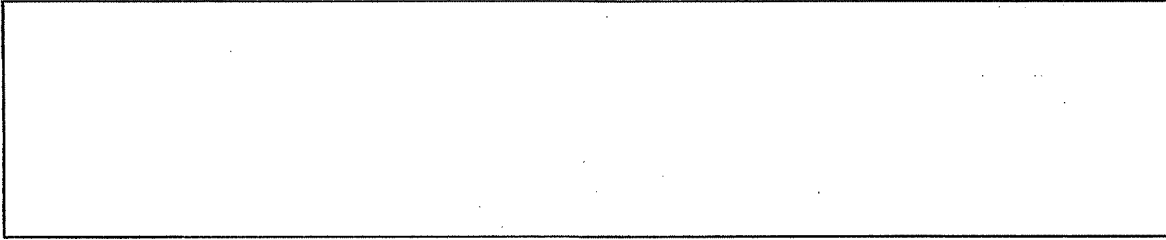
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that same day. You and Embassy Tel Aviv have asked that these details be provided in an expeditious fashion. (2)

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Under Secretary Burns' Meeting with Israeli Ambassador to the United States

Michael Oren

Thursday, July 29, 2010, 3:30 p.m., 30 minutes

POINTS TO RAISE

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2. U.S. Citizen Cases: We continue to await the Government of Israel's follow-up to our requests regarding several U.S. citizen cases, including Furkan Dogan,

[Redacted] and [Redacted]

[Redacted] We would appreciate it if Israel could provide us substantive responses as soon as possible. We expect the ongoing investigations into the first three of these cases to be transparent, and shared with both Embassy Tel Aviv and the families involved.

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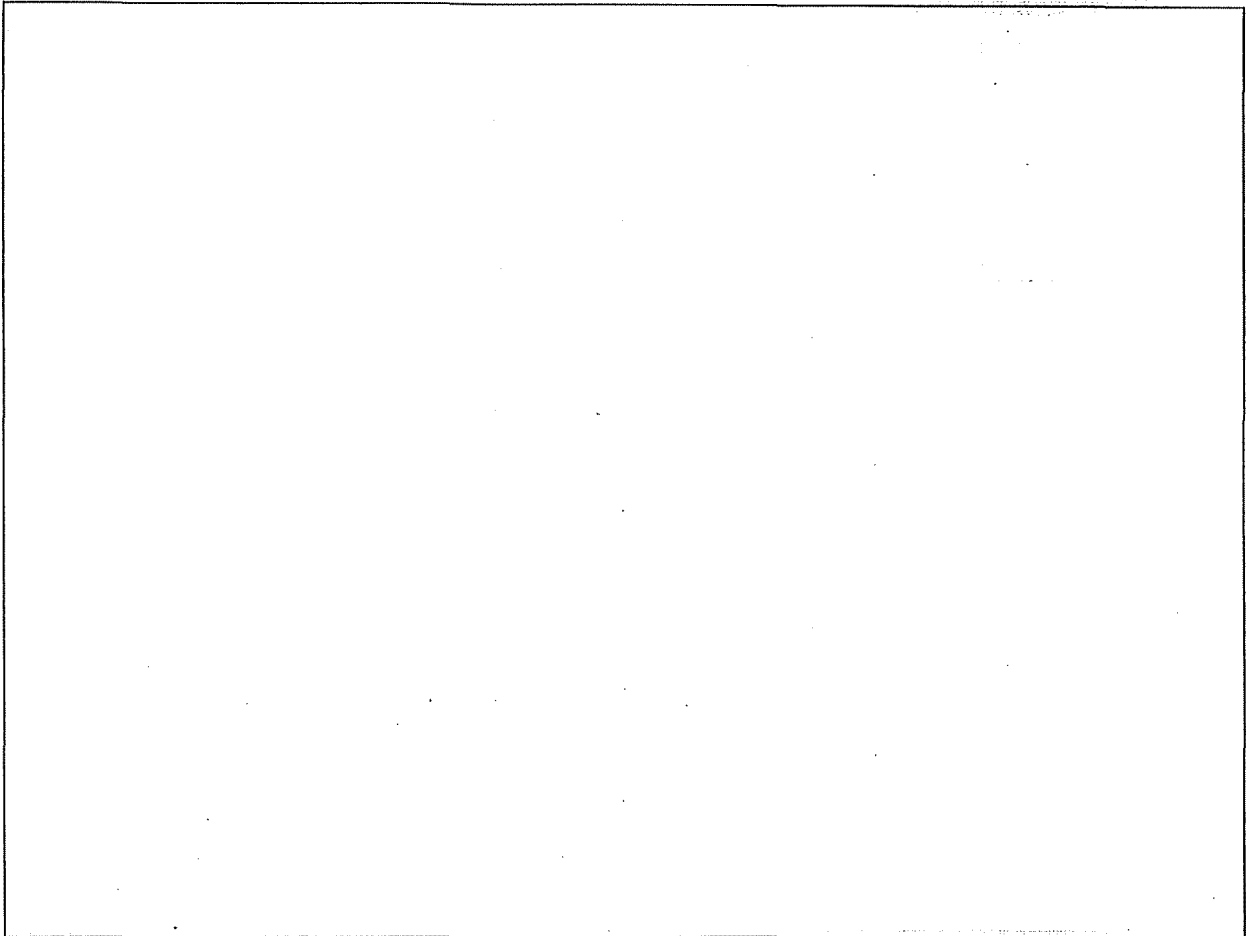
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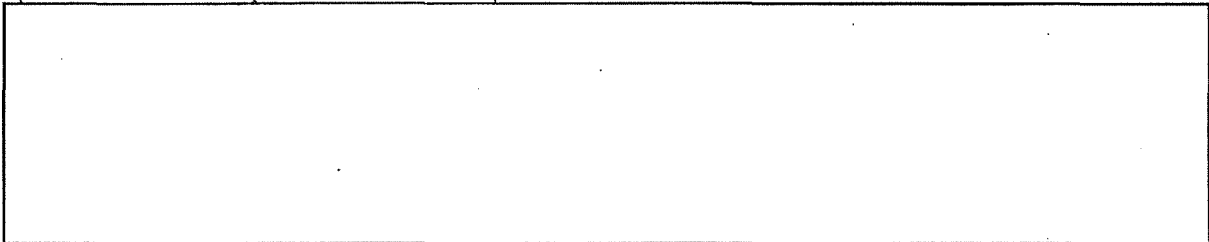
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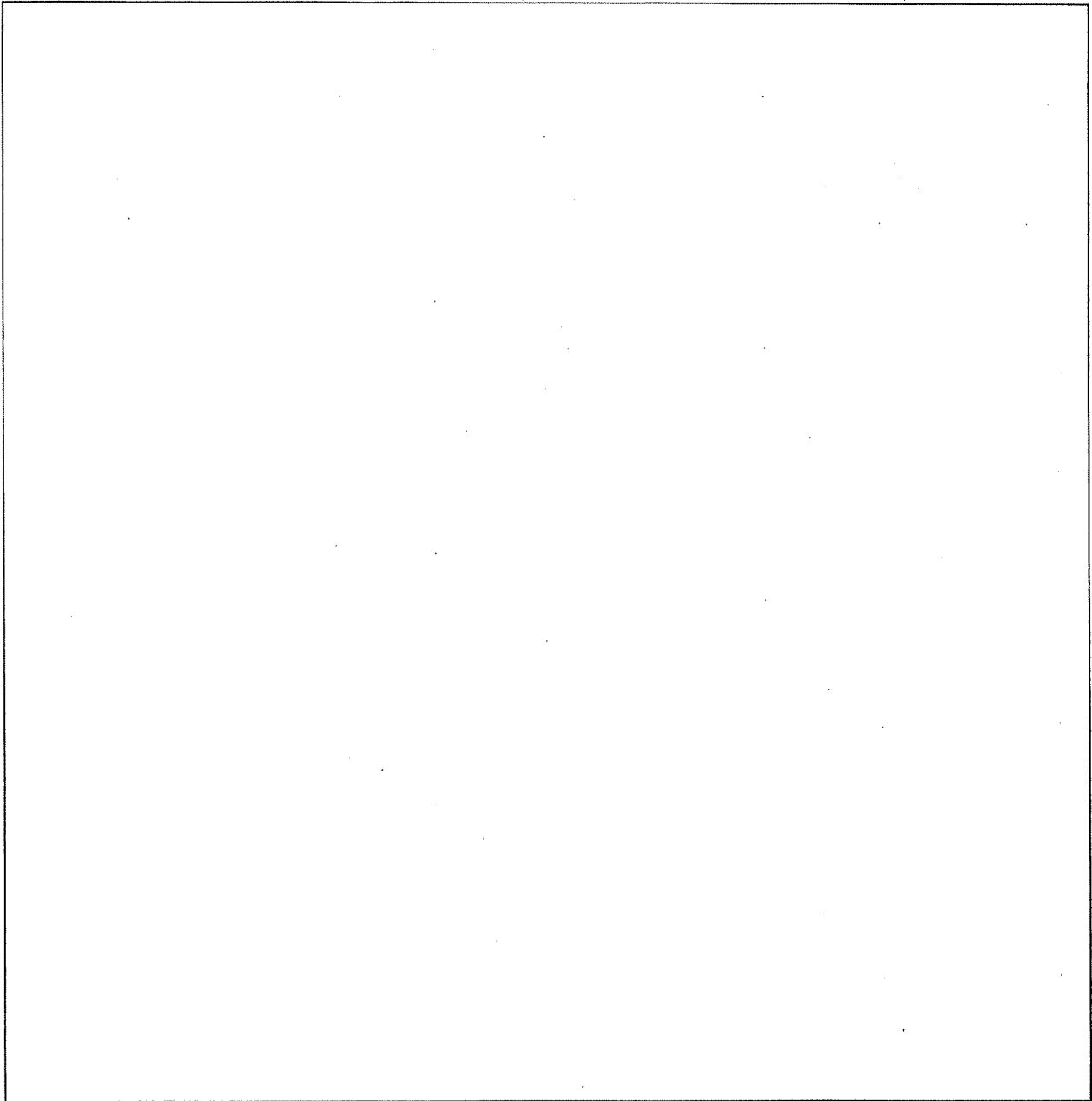
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States Michael Oren

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Jeremy Issacharoff, MFA Ambassador  
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R: ASomerset – ok

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The Secretary's Meeting with Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren  
Tuesday, June 15, 2010. 3:30 p.m.

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CONTEXT

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In previous meetings with senior Department officials,

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This meeting is an opportunity to stress to

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KEY OBJECTIVES

- Gaza Access and Flotilla Investigation: Emphasize that the Gaza flotilla incident

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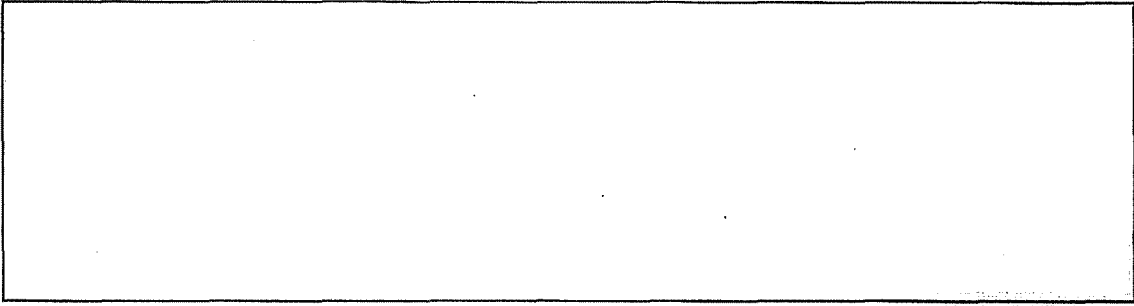
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31 flotilla incident itself, [Redacted]

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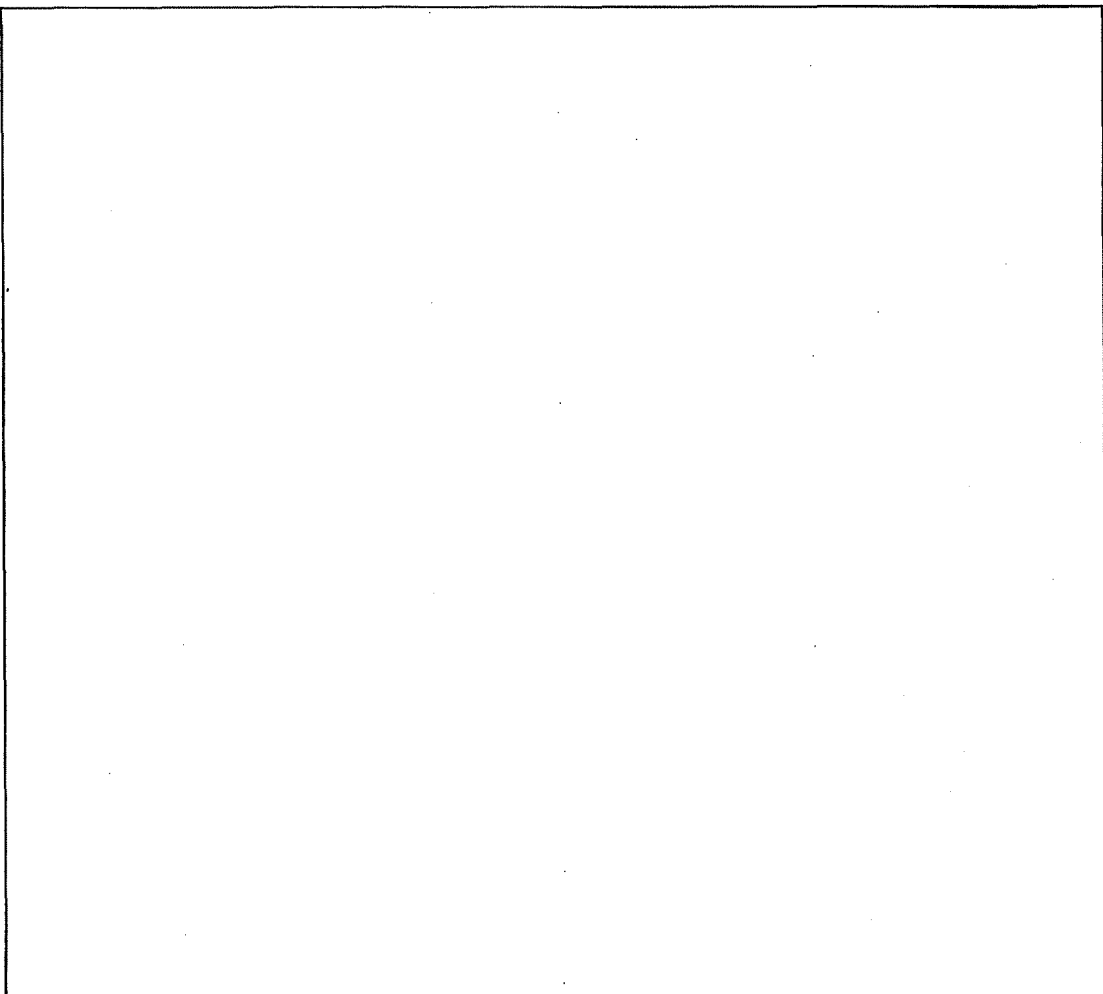
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- U.S. Citizens: The GOI has not yet provided detailed information on the circumstances of the death of Furkan Dogan or the incident in which [redacted] [redacted] U/S Burns and Embassy Tel Aviv have asked for these details. [redacted]

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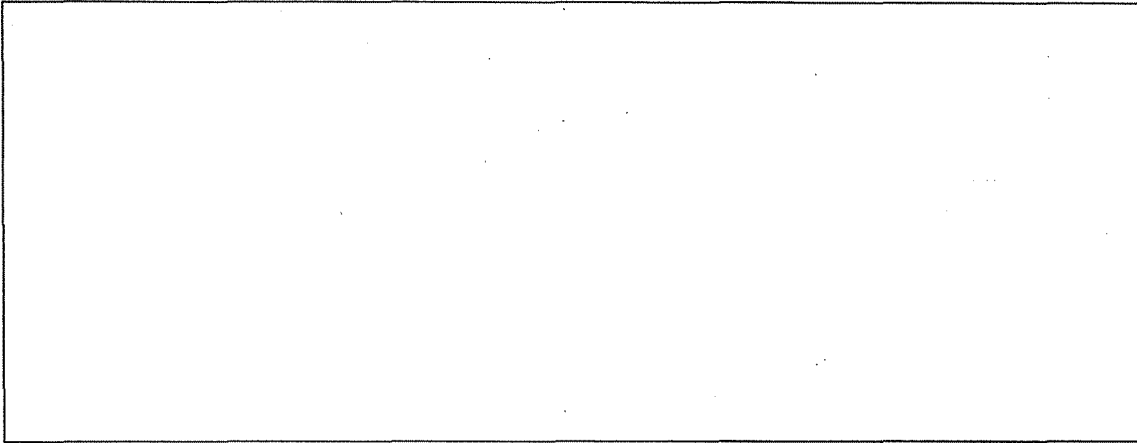
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[redacted] You may wish to remind Oren that these cases are still pending and ask for his help in prompting substantive GOI responses.



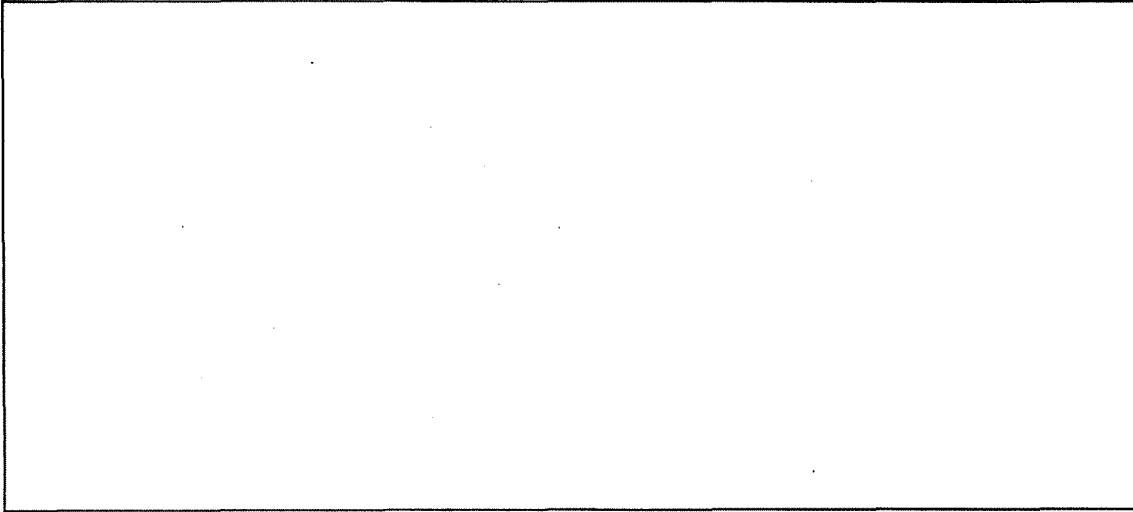
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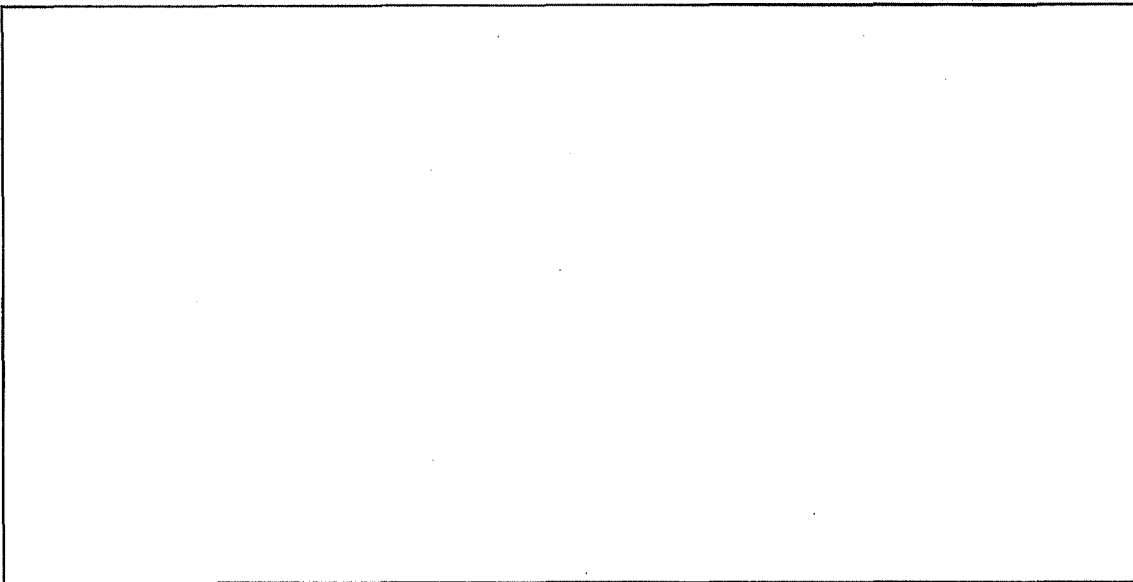


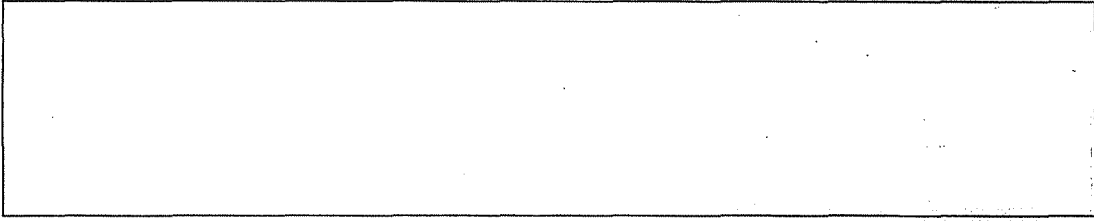
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Attachment:  
Tab – Biographic Information



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