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Colleagues:

As a follow up to our discussions regarding stopping/impeding the prospective May/ Marmara anniversary flotilla,

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Update from the GOI

Next Steps

- USCG is working to release the agreed Notice to Mariners (NOTMAR) warning U.S. vessels not to attempt to break the Israeli blockade as soon as possible.
- We should consider the release date for the pre-cleared Dept of State statement. Depending on additional information on the timing of the flotilla, we would propose the first or second week of June.

Re GOI's new requests (per Tel Aviv 613 below):

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- Response: High level engagement with the GOT is ongoing, including recent calls from Secretary Clinton to FM Davutoglu. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] We will continue to strongly and actively urge Turkey and Israel to take immediate steps to resolve their differences before the flotilla departs.

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- Response: We have already encouraged Egypt to let flotilla vessels use the port of El-Arish to offload cargo for screening and overland shipment to Gaza; [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] We'll work with Embassy Cairo to follow up on El Arish access for the prospective June flotilla.

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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE: THE FREE GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA"

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Classified by: Ronald L. Schlicher, Acting Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State
Reason(s): 1.4 (b), (d)

1. (U) This is an action request. All action addressees are asked to use paragraph 3 points at their discretion, depending on whether there are individuals or vessels from host countries participating in flotillas bound for Gaza, or as they otherwise see fit. In addition to paragraph 3 points, the following addressees should draw on the following points: GCASI members see paragraph 4, Nicosia paragraph 5, Athens paragraph 6, Ankara paragraph 7, Gairo paragraph 8, Amman paragraph 9 and Tel Aviv paragraph 10.

BACKGROUND

2. (C) Planning is underway for a flotilla of vessels sponsored by a number of international NGOs and other groups to attempt to break the Israeli maritime blockade of Gaza, ostensibly to deliver humanitarian aid, in late May. The broader purpose of this flotilla is to make a deliberately provocative demonstration of opposition to the blockade.

Recalling the tragic May 31, 2010 incident aboard the M/V Mavi Marmara that led to the deaths of nine flotilla participants, the USG is deeply concerned about the possibility of another violent encounter between flotilla participants and Israel Defense Forces (IDF). According to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] information the Department has gathered, the planned flotilla is a joint effort of the Free Gaza Movement, the European Campaign to End the Siege on Gaza, the U.S. Boat to Gaza organization, and the Turkish NGO Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief (IHH) and possibly other groups. The flotilla could comprise 15 or more ships and over 1,500

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participants. Flotilla ships may set sail from ports as early as May 15 (which Palestinians commemorate as Naqba (Catastrophe) Day in relation to Israel's founding) with the goal of reaching Gaza about May 31. There also are indications that IHH may attempt a second flotilla following Turkey's June 12 national elections.

GENERAL TALKING POINTS

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3. (SBU) FOR ALL ADDRESSEES: Please draw on the following points to approach host governments at the appropriate level, particularly if you are aware or learn of host-country nationals or vessels will be involved in upcoming flotillas.

BEGIN TALKING POINTS

We all regret the tragic loss of life and injuries in the May 31, 2010 violent confrontation between Israeli forces and activists on board the Turkish ship M/V Mavi Marmara when that vessel, and others, attempted to break Israel's maritime blockade of Gaza. That incident has had serious and long-lasting negative repercussions in the region and beyond.

We are concerned that a number of groups are organizing a flotilla to breach Israel's maritime blockade of Gaza on the one-year anniversary of the Mavi Marmara incident. Possible groups involved in this anniversary flotilla effort include the Free Gaza Movement, the European Campaign to End the Siege on Gaza, the U.S. Boat to Gaza organization, and the Turkish Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief (IHH). Organizers are gathering up to 15 or more ships, likely to include the Mavi Marmara, with the intention of setting sail as early as May 15 which Palestinians commemorate as Naqba Day in relation to Israel's creation and arriving in Gaza about May 31.

Israel is taking steps to avoid another confrontation. The Israeli government will offer all ships wishing to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza the opportunity to unload their cargo at the port of Ashdod for inspection before delivery to Gaza. The M/V Rachel Corrie delivered humanitarian assistance to Gaza through this mechanism in June 2010, resulting in the assistance moving quickly to Gaza.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The purpose of the impending flotilla seems to be more about making a political statement than actually improving the lives of the people of Gaza. Attempts by the flotilla to deliver goods directly to Gaza, without allowing security inspections, would be neither appropriate nor responsible. **UNCLASSIFIED**

The United States hopes that your government will do everything legally possible to prevent another flotilla confrontation. Given the tumult in the region, another violent incident poses significant political risk and also a real risk to safety of life at sea.

There are a number of specific steps we ask that you consider:

-- We urge you to speak out publicly about the potential safety risks involved in attempting to breach the blockade, the importance of ensuring that goods moving to Gaza are screened for illicit weapons smuggling or dual-use materials, and that any organization seeking to deliver humanitarian assistance to Gaza should use the existing mechanisms for the transfer of such assistance.

-- We ask that your government reach out privately to flotilla organizers in your country with the same message, stressing that there are existing, non-provocative mechanisms for the delivery of humanitarian goods to Gaza. Humanitarian assistance for Gaza can be delivered via Israel's Ashdod port, which the government of Israel has indicated will be available for this purpose.

[REDACTED]

We also ask that you consider using appropriate, legally available authorities to prevent flotilla ships originating in your country from departing for Gaza, especially those vessels registered in your country or calling on your ports. For example, the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), which sets basic standards for ships to be seaworthy, could provide your government requisite authority to conduct safety or other inspections on vessels in your port that are intending to depart for Gaza. Your government may have already integrated SOLAS or similar standards into national law. The U.S. also has a range of authorities that we are considering utilizing in this matter, such as suspension and/or revocation of mariner credentials, termination of voyage, and criminal or civil penalties for negligent operation of vessels.

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--The anniversary flotilla plans, as far as we can determine, are subject to continuous change. We would appreciate any information you may have on these plans, or flotilla participants, that you are able to share.

--We are also expressing to Israel the need for careful planning in how it might intercept flotilla vessels, and restraint in dealing with civilians aboard those vessels.

END TALKING POINTS

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5. (C/REL CYPRUS) FOR EMBASSY NICOSIA:

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8. (C/REL EGYPT) FOR EMBASSY CAIRO:

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10. (C/REL ISRAEL) FOR EMBASSY TEL AVIV:

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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

11. (SRU) Embassies should report results of efforts by cable to NEA/IPA as soon as is practicable. Please contact Jim Sindle at (202) 647-4386 or via e-mail for any necessary, additional background

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SUBJECT: IRISH GROUP CLAIMS SABOTAGE FORCED FLOTILLA CANCELLATION

1. (SBU) Summary: The organizers of an Irish-owned boat slated to join the international action to run the blockage of Gaza, Irish Ship to Gaza, blamed damage to the vessel's propeller driveshaft on Israeli sabotage on June 30. The damage is apparently serious enough that the boat, the MV Saoirse, will not now leave Turkey to participate in the flotilla. The cut in the driveshaft is similar to that discovered on a Swedish flotilla vessel waiting in Athens. A number of Irish politicians, including some aboard the boat, are now demanding that the Irish government "call in" the Israeli Ambassador to express outrage over the alleged sabotage. End summary.

2. (U) Irish participants in this year's international flotilla attempting to break the Gaza blockade angrily denounced Israel on June 30 for allegedly sabotaging their vessel. Damage to the MV Saoirse's propeller driveshaft was discovered while the boat waited in Goccek, Turkey, to join the main flotilla. Similar cuts in the propeller driveshaft of the Swedish boat Juliano, waiting in Athens, forced its cancellation in the flotilla on June 27. Fintan Lane, coordinator of Irish Ship to Gaza, the organization behind the Saoirse, said the damage to the propeller shaft could have caused it to fail, putting the lives of all twenty passengers at risk. Six of the twenty Irish activists aboard the Saoirse now plan to sail on other vessels participating in the flotilla, including Lane, former Ireland international rugby player Trevor

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Hogan, and Socialist Member of the European Parliament (MEP) Paul Murphy.

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3. (U) Irish Ship to Gaza organizers released video footage and photos of the damage at press conference in Dublin on June 30. The group held a protest on July 1 at the Israeli Embassy and plans to stage an overnight demonstration. Former Fianna Fail parliamentarian Chris Andrews, a passenger aboard the Saoirse, has called on the Government to investigate the incident and "seek explanation" from the Israeli Ambassador. While no one has claimed responsibility for the damage sustained to the vessel, or confirmed that it was a deliberate act of sabotage, an Irish Ship to Gaza representative said that "agents of Israel" were "presumably" to blame.

4. (U) MEP Murphy released an individual statement not only blaming Israel for the damage to the Saoirse, but also accusing the United States of permitting Israeli action. "Those, like Hillary Clinton, who gave an implicit green light to the Israeli Defense Forces' aggression against the flotilla, share responsibility for this sabotage," Murphy wrote. Murphy's statement continues that despite the "terrorist-style sabotage of the MV Saoirse" he still will participate in the flotilla, now aboard an Italian boat.

5. (U) A number of Irish parliamentarians are demanding that the Government "call in" Israel's Ambassador to Ireland, Boaz Modai, to express anger over the alleged sabotage. Parliamentarian Richard Boyd Barrett of the United Left Alliance (ULA) described the apparent sabotage to the Saoirse an "absolute outrage." Independent parliamentarian Mick Wallace and ULA parliamentarian Joe Higgins also called for Israel to be held responsible. "The Irish Government must make an international issue of this and call in the Israeli Ambassador," Higgins said. Similar statements of condemnation were also made by Joan Collins (ULA), Clare Daly (ULA) and Thomas Pringle (independent - former Sinn Fein). None of Ireland's mainstream party politicians had immediate comment.

6. (U) Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Eamon Gilmore is reported to have raised the incident with an Israeli government delegation on June 30. Gilmore said there would be an investigation by Turkish authorities into what caused the damage to the boat, warning that the Irish Government would take a very serious view if it turned out that the Saoirse was indeed sabotaged. Photographs published in the Irish Times newspaper on July 1 show what are alleged to be the damage to the propeller driveshafts of the Saoirse and the Juliano. They appear to be almost identical shallow but distinct cuts.

7. (U) The Israeli Embassy in Dublin issued a statement on June 30 denying any involvement with problems aboard the Saoirse. The

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statement read: "We regret that we have no information about this

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event as we are not connected to it in any way. We have heard about it in the media like anyone else. We again reiterate that we welcome any aid that Irish citizens may wish to donate to the Palestinian people and we will gladly help pass it to Gaza through the regular land crossings."

8. (SBU) Comment: The Irish public, broadly pro-Palestine, will be quick to attribute the apparent sabotage to the Israelis, regardless of what the Turkish authorities ultimately conclude. That notwithstanding, the sabotage to the Saoirse is unlikely to trigger the massive protests that followed the 2010 flotilla raid. However, any Israeli actions against the remainder of the flotilla that are perceived to be overly aggressive will likely cause an outpouring of public condemnation. Despite close proximity to the Israeli Embassy, the July 1 protest did not spill over to the American Embassy, nor has this been the pattern in past instances. MEP Murphy may hope to link American support for Israel more closely in the debate over the Gaza blockade, but so far few in Ireland seem prepared to make that connection. End comment.
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From: Riley, Robert J
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Subject: Report from Embassy Nicosia on Challenger II and III
Sent: 6/3/2010 3:52:58 PM

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 enrt 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.

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Michael: The AMB should see this. --Jerry

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1. (C) Summary: MFA officials asked us April 6 for specific assistance following on reftel discussion to support their efforts to counter plans for another flotilla in late May. [redacted]



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End Summary.

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3. [Redacted]

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5. (C) [Redacted] pointed to an open source website as the basis for his report, cited in reftel, that an IHH delegati1.4(B)
had travelled to Tehran in February 2011 to seek Ahmadinejad's support. The website can be viewed at 1.4(D)
http://www.thememriblog.org/turkey/blog_personal/en/34568.htm. B1
6. (C) Post notes that many of these issues were discussed at the April 1 IPC and would appreciate guidance on
how to respond to the GOI [Redacted] B5

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2. (C) Summary: During brief pre-Passover conversations, MFA officials made clear they remain actively involved in efforts to prevent the upcoming flotilla scheduled to correspond with the one-year anniversary of the Mavi Marmara's interdiction. [REDACTED]

3. (C) On April 18, MFA [REDACTED] welcomed refuel points, and thanked Washington for this "important effort." [REDACTED]

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7. (SBU) We will follow up with [REDACTED] on April 26 once the Passover holidays conclude.
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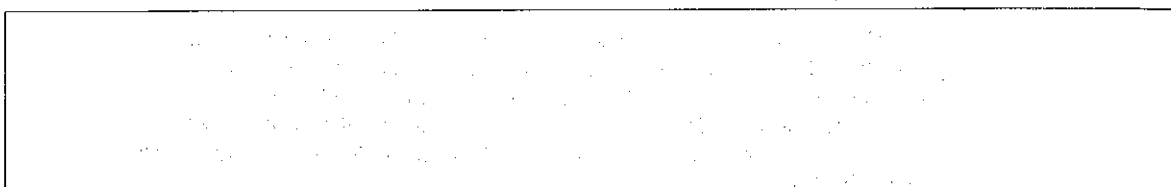
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AMBs Sanberk, Rende and Department Head Ali Riza Guney will be in New York Monday and Tuesday for two days of Palmer panel meetings. They and Israeli counterparts will, separately, deliver to Palmer their reservations and questions about the other side's submission.



B5

-- Jerry

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Ricciardone, Francis J
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 8:22 AM
To: Kim, Yuri J; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Pierce, Thomas JN; Avery, David; Stafford, Edward G
Subject: FW: Israeli Navy boards French M/V Dignite/Karama of the Gaza flotilla (SBU)

Categories: Working

Francis J. Ricciardone
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From: OpsAlert
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 1:04 PM
Subject: Israeli Navy boards French M/V Dignite/Karama of the Gaza flotilla (SBU)

(SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv confirmed the the Israeli Navy boarded the ship at 0535 EDT/1235 Tel Aviv approximately 1-2 miles outside Israel's Gaza blockade line. The navy is reportedly in control of the ship and is taking it to the Israeli port of Ashdod. The Israeli Foreign Ministry is not aware of any injuries or casualties. Embassy Paris reports the French Foreign Ministry has been in regular contact with Israeli counterparts and has urged Israel to use minimal force and to guarantee French consular access.

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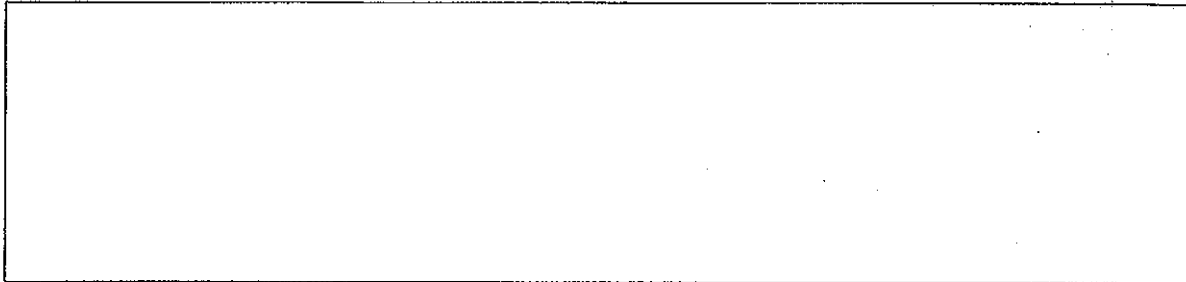
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Law, Rosemary C

From: Ricciardone, Francis J
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 11:21 AM
To: Kim, Yuri J; Walston, Lysa M; Ahn, Michael
Cc: Bally, Jess L
Subject: RE: Approaching Turks on Noor

Lysa, can I see these instructions this evening? Or first thing in the morning.



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From: Kim, Yuri J
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 11:39 PM
To: Ricciardone, Francis J
Subject: Fw: Approaching Turks on Noor

Amb: We have instructions to approach the Turks on the Noor, another vessel apparently seeking to break the Gaza blockade. Israeli CDA here has already approached MFA, who agreed last thing Turkey needs is another flotilla incident. We'll approach MFA tomorrow morning and see if we need to take more aggressive action.

From: Kim, Yuri J
To: Riley, Robert J; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"
Cc: Stafford, Edward G; Jaworski, Richard E; Rubin, Eric S; Gregonis, Meghan E
Sent: Tue Jul 19 23:32:07 2011
Subject: Re: Approaching Turks on Noor

We'll take this up with the Turks first thing tomorrow morning.

From: Riley, Robert J
To: Kim, Yuri J; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"
Cc: Stafford, Edward G; Jaworski, Richard E; Rubin, Eric S; Gregonis, Meghan E
Sent: Tue Jul 19 22:43:28 2011
Subject: Approaching Turks on Noor

Yuri et al.,

As Jerry noted earlier, here is a bit more concrete info on the Noor. At this point seems appropriate for Emb Ankara to approach MFA per instructions in State 36240 on Gaza Flotilla (I just sent copy to you on high side) and ask them to do whatever they can to avoid a problem. Please let us know how they respond.

Many thanks for all your help,

Bob

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From: Berns, David B

Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 2:06 PM

To: Miller, James N; Goldberger, Thomas H; Sutphin, Paul R; Silverman, Robert J; Eussen, Matthew; Palm, Robert H; Hood, Jeffrey L; Greene, Elisa; Vincent, Wendy M; George, Leah; Russell, Melissa H; Ells, Colin C; Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA); Blome, Donald A; Cline, Melissa R; NEA-IPA-DL; 'melissa.h.russell@gmail.com'; SES-O; NEA-ELA-DL; NEA-SEMEP-DL; EUR-SE-TU-DL; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"

Cc: Walles, Jacob; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov'; Waters, John R; Taplin, Mark A; Bauer, Jen M (Paris); Klein, Christopher C; Sharma, Sujata; EUR-WE-France-DL

Subject: Re: Another Ship

SBU

MFA contact said the GOI is now focused on the "Noor" in Turkey. Israeli CDA in Ankara raised the issue with the Turkish MFA -- the economic dept and the territorial dept -- asking the GOT to prevent the ship from leaving. Initial Turkish response was "somewhat encouraging." Turks said the "last thing they need now is another flotilla." Israel has not raised with the Turks at a senior level. Israelis keen for us to reinforce with the Turks.

The ship was Sierra Leone-flagged, and the Israelis interceded with Sierra Leone so the ship now has no flag. Israelis will inform the Turks of this. MFA believes it will take 2-3 days for the ship to get a new flag. The ship is a ferry that can carry 300 people but Israelis believe 150-200 would be the maximum number the ship would take on the voyage. The ship is not designed to safely cross the Mediterranean, but it could. Israelis also using this safety issue to convince the Turks not to let it sail. GOI believes the Noor would carry mostly Arab passengers.

Israelis concerned about participation on the ship of a Jordanian NGO called "Lifeline." Believe the ship could sail to Egypt and pick up members of this NGO there. The ship's crew is now Bulgarian, but Israelis believe an Egyptian crew will soon take its place.

Re the Karama passengers, MFA confirmed they disembarked from the Israeli naval ship at Ashdod about 7 pm local. They were put on the naval ship at sea. Their processing in Ashdod will finish at about 9 pm tonight. GOI will then transfer them to an administrative facility in Holon where they will be able to meet with consular reps from their countries. GOI wants to repatriate them as soon as possible, and will urge them to sign papers consenting to repatriation. GOI will plan to put those who sign on planes to Europe as early as tonight or early tomorrow morning. Those who don't sign will be granted access to a lawyer and go through administrative procedures that could take a few days before they are repatriated. The GOI is not allowing the passengers to leave GOI custody before repatriation, but so far is not pursuing any criminal charges against them. The passengers so far have not been violent.

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To: Miller, James N; Goldberger, Thomas H; Sutphin, Paul R; Silverman, Robert J; Eussen, Matthew; Palm, Robert H; Hood, Jeffrey L; Greene, Elisa; Vincent, Wendy M; George, Leah; Russell, Melissa H; Elits, Colin C; Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA); Blome, Donald A; Cline, Melissa R; NEA-IPA-DL; 'melissa.h.russell@gmail.com' <melissa.h.russell@gmail.com>; SES-O; NEA-ELA-DL; NEA-SEMEP-DL; EUR-SE-TU-DL
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Sent: Tue Jul 19 18:06:04 2011
Subject: Re: Another Ship

SBU

We received the message below this afternoon from the Israeli MFA.

After "Dignite", now we are concerned with Jordanian ferry "Noor" which is located in the vicinity of Anatolia, Turkey. According to reports in Al-Jazeera it is planned to take on board 120 activists mostly from Arab countries and to leave as early as tomorrow, apparently to an Egyptian port. We have no doubts that their intention is to arrive at Gaza. We have already approached Turkish authorities on this matter with requests to prevent ship's departure. We will appreciate if the US Embassy in Ankara could follow up on this matter with the Turkish authorities.

From: Miller, James N
To: Berns, David B; Goldberger, Thomas H; Sutphin, Paul R; Silverman, Robert J; Eussen, Matthew; Palm, Robert H; Hood, Jeffrey L; Greene, Elisa; Vincent, Wendy M; George, Leah; Russell, Melissa H; Elits, Colin C; Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA); Blome, Donald A; Cline, Melissa R; NEA-IPA-DL; 'melissa.h.russell@gmail.com' <melissa.h.russell@gmail.com>; SES-O; NEA-ELA-DL; NEA-SEMEP-DL
Cc: Walles, Jacob; NEA-SEMEP-DL; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov' <PKumar@nsc.eop.gov>; Waters, John R; Taplin, Mark A; Bauer, Jen M (Paris); Klein, Christopher C; Sharma, Sujata; EUR-WE-France-DL
Sent: Tue Jul 19 16:07:39 2011
Subject: RE: PRESS RELEASE: French boat Dignite of Freedom Flotilla II leaves Greece for Gaza [+ Passenger List]

French MFA spokesman Bernard Valero called this afternoon for "caution" and "responsibility" on the part of Israeli authorities toward passengers of the "Dignity Al Karama." Here is his statement:

"We told Israeli authorities for several days that if this French boat were to attempt to break the blockade and Israeli authorities decided to stop it, we expect that they will act with responsibility and caution, respect all the rights of our citizens and enable their prompt return to France. The Ambassador of France to Israel transmitted that message yesterday and this morning to the National Security Advisor and to the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We have done the same this morning with the Israeli Ambassador to France."

Valero added that the French Embassy in Tel Aviv is mobilized on site to exercise its consular functions to protect French citizens.

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From: Berns, David B

Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 12:00 PM

To: Goldberger, Thomas H; Sutphin, Paul R; Silverman, Robert J; Eussen, Matthew; Palm, Robert H; Hood, Jeffrey L; Greene, Elisa; Vincent, Wendy M; George, Leah; Russell, Melissa H; Ellits, Colin C; Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA); Blome, Donald A; Cline, Melissa R; NEA-IPA-DL; 'melissa.h.russell@gmail.com'; Miller, James N; SES-O; NEA-ELA-DL; NEA-SEMEP-DL; Miller, James N

Cc: Waller, Jacob; NEA-SEMEP-DL; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov'; Waters, John R

Subject: RE: PRESS RELEASE: French boat Dignite of Freedom Flotilla II leaves Greece for Gaza [+ Passenger List]

I asked and MFA did not have clarity on that.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 12:59 PM

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Cc: Waller, Jacob; NEA-SEMEP-DL; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov'; Waters, John R

Subject: RE: PRESS RELEASE: French boat Dignite of Freedom Flotilla II leaves Greece for Gaza [+ Passenger List]

Was it in international or Egyptian waters?

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Cc: Waller, Jacob; NEA-SEMEP-DL; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov'; Waters, John R

Subject: RE: PRESS RELEASE: French boat Dignite of Freedom Flotilla II leaves Greece for Gaza [+ Passenger List]

MFA just confirmed that the Navy boarded the ship at 1235 local time 1-2 miles outside Israel's Gaza blockade line. MFA said the Navy is in control of the ship and is taking it to the Israeli port of Ashdod. MFA is not aware of any injuries or casualties.

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Cc: Walles, Jacob; NEA-SEMEP-DL; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov'; Waters, John R
Subject: RE: PRESS RELEASE: French boat Dignite of Freedom Flotilla II leaves Greece for Gaza [+ Passenger List]

From MFA at 1225 local: the Israeli Navy has communicated with the ship, telling it not to proceed to Gaza. (An IDF press release at 10:50 local today said the Navy offered to allow the ship to unload its humanitarian supplies at the Israeli port of Ashdod for transfer to Gaza.) MFA said the ship responded to Navy communications, but stressed it will proceed to Gaza, not to Ashdod. MFA said the Navy will have to take control of the ship and take it to Ashdod. He expects the Navy to take control of the ship shortly, but could not give an estimate of when. The GOI has told the French government (ship is French, and organizers are French) that it expects to take control of the ship shortly.

Earlier information from the MFA: Ship was off the coast of Port Said last night, and at 0600 this morning started moving toward Gaza. It traveled toward Gaza this morning on the border between Egyptian territorial waters and international waters. The GOI had asked the Egyptian Government to stop the ship and take it to an Egyptian port if the ship travelled through Egyptian waters.

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From: Berns, David B
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 6:19 PM
To: Sutphin, Paul R; Goldberger, Thomas H; Silverman, Robert J; Eussen, Matthew; Palm, Robert H; Hood, Jeffrey L; Greene, Elisa; Vincent, Wendy M; George, Leah; Russell, Melissa H; Ellits, Colin C; Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA); Blome, Donald A; Cline, Melissa R; NEA-IPA-DL; 'melissa.h.russell@gmail.com'
Cc: Walles, Jacob; NEA-SEMEP-DL; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov'; Waters, John R
Subject: RE: PRESS RELEASE: French boat Dignite of Freedom Flotilla II leaves Greece for Gaza [+ Passenger List]

From MFA at 1815 local:

The ship is off the coast of Port Said but not in Egyptian territorial waters, and currently not moving toward Gaza. Ship could move into Egyptian territorial waters overnight. MFA will keep us posted.

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From: Sutphin, Paul R
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 6:18 PM
To: Berns, David B; Goldberger, Thomas H; Silverman, Robert J; Eussen, Matthew; Palm, Robert H; Hood, Jeffrey L; Greene, Elisa; Vincent, Wendy M; George, Leah; Russell, Melissa H; Ellits, Colin C; Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA); Blome, Donald A; Cline, Melissa R; NEA-IPA-DL; 'melissa.h.russell@gmail.com'

Cc: Wallis, Jacob; NEA-SEMEP-DL; 'PKumar@nsc.eop.gov'

Subject: Re: PRESS RELEASE: French boat Dignite of Freedom Flotilla II leaves Greece for Gaza [+ Passenger List]

+others

This is a small yacht full of Euro activists (and Haaretz's Amira Hess and an al Jazeera crew). If it is intercepted there should be no need for violence.

Paul Sutphin

Director, NEA/IPA

Via Blackberry

From: Berns, David B

Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 08:34 AM

To: Goldberger, Thomas H; Silverman, Robert J; Eussen, Matthew; Palm, Robert H; Hood, Jeffrey L; Greene, Elisa; Vincent, Wendy M; George, Leah; Russell, Melissa H; Elts, Colin C; Sutphin, Paul R; Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA); Blome, Donald A; Cline, Melissa R

Subject: Re: PRESS RELEASE: French boat Dignite of Freedom Flotilla II leaves Greece for Gaza [+ Passenger List]

SBU

MFA flotilla coordinator just confirmed to me that the Dignite has left Greece. He said the ship told the Greek authorities its destination is Alexandria. So far the ship is charting a course toward Alexandria, but this could change in the next few hours. Israeli Navy plans to make contact with the ship if it does begin a course toward Gaza. Navy will tell the ship it can go to Alex, Ashdod or "other destinations" excluding Gaza.

Another ship, the Giuliano, is still in Greece. After losing its registration last week from a west african country following GOI intervention, it briefly gained registration with St Kitts/Nevis before the GOI interceded again. It now has no registration.

From: Goldberger, Thomas H

To: Silverman, Robert J; Eussen, Matthew; Berns, David B; Palm, Robert H; Hood, Jeffrey L; Greene, Elisa; Vincent, Wendy M; George, Leah; Russell, Melissa H; Elts, Colin C; Sutphin, Paul R; Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA)

Sent: Sun Jul 17 14:38:12 2011

Subject: Fw: PRESS RELEASE: French boat Dignite of Freedom Flotilla II leaves Greece for Gaza [+ Passenger List]

<http://www.freedomflotilla.eu/en/Information/4-members-announcements/176-french-boat-dignite-of-freedom-flotilla-ii-leaves-greece>

From: Angela Godfrey-Goldstein <angie@netvision.net.il>

To: 'Angela' <angie@netvision.net.il>

Sent: Sun Jul 17 11:54:56 2011

Subject: PRESS RELEASE: French boat Dignite of Freedom Flotilla II leaves Greece for Gaza [+ Passenger List]

16 July 2011

For Immediate Release

French boat Dignité of the Freedom Flotilla II leaves Greece

The French boat "Dignité/Karama" (Dignity) left the Greek island Kastellorizo around 8:30PM local time on Saturday July 16, 2011, heading south. The ten passengers onboard view themselves as representatives of the whole Freedom Flotilla II – Stay Human. The rest of the Flotilla's ships have been detained in different Greek ports, through bureaucratic obstruction, sabotage, sudden restrictions and withdrawals of flags.

The Dignité, sailing under a French flag, left Corsica on June 25th, and has, over the past weeks, been in Greek waters. It has now left—so far without being followed by the Greek coast guard or Navy.

Among the delegates on board is Jacqueline Le Corre, member of the French Communist Party, Jean Claude Lefort, former French Member of the European Parliament, as well as representatives of the Canadian, French, Greek and Swedish initiatives within Freedom Flotilla II. Onboard the Dignité are also renowned Israeli journalist Amira Hass, reporting for Haaretz, and a team from Al-Jazeera TV. (Full list of passengers below).

Kastellorizo, in the far east of the Greek archipelago, is only miles from Turkish mainland. A substantial part of Kastellorizo's population fled during the Second World War to Gaza, where they stayed for years. The present mayor of the island, Paul Panigiris, was born in Gaza, and feels strongly, as do many other people from Kastellorizo, for a population that once hosted them and is now under siege.

The action of Dignité is not a mini-version of Freedom Flotilla 2, but a first wave that will be followed by others. It is a message to the Israeli government, to the international community and to the besieged people of Gaza: The Free Gaza Movement and the coalition of Freedom Flotilla II are not giving up, until the inhumane and illegitimate blockade of Gaza is lifted.

Gaza, we are coming!

www.freegaza.org

www.witnessgaza.com

www.freedomflotilla.eu

And see Amira Hass' report: www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/gaza-bound-ship-carrying-pro-palestinian-activists-sets-sail-from-greece-1.373601

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Passengers on the Dignité:

Stéphan Corriveau, Coordinator of Canadian boat to Gaza

Dror Feller, spokesperson of Ship to Gaza-Sweden, President of the European Jews for a Just Peace, artist, musician, composer

Jérôme Gleizes, France, Europe Ecologie Les Verts

Jacqueline Le Corre, France, Médecin-Collectif 14 de soutien au peuple palestinien, member of Parti communiste français

Jean Claude Lefort, former MEP, French Communist Party-PCF

Claude Léostic, spokesperson of Un bateau français pour Gaza

Yamin Makri, France, Collectif 69 de soutien au peuple palestinien

Omeyya Naoufel Seddik, Tunisian, Fédération des Tunisiens pour une citoyenneté des deux rives (FTCR), and Ligue tunisienne des Droits de l'Homme (LTDH), Phd in Political Science

Thomas Sommer-Houdeville, spokesperson of Un bateau français pour Gaza, Researcher, Political Science, Middle East Studies, Institut français du proche Orient

Vangelis Pissias, spokesperson of Ship to Gaza-Greece, Professor at Technical University of Athens

Amira Hass, Israeli journalist - Haaretz

Ayyache Derradji, Journalist from Al Jazeera

Stéphane Guida, Cameraman from Al Jazeera

Zacharia Stylianakis, Captain

Hilaire Folaccl, Mariner

Yannick Voisin, Mariner

Jo Leguen, Navigator

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From: Gorove, Katherine M
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 6:00 PM
To: Perina, Alexandra H; Banos, Mariano H; Dolan, JoAnn; Pomper, Stephen E; Townley, Stephen G; Cleveland, Sarah H; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Jacobson, Linda; Sharon, Chelsea C
Cc: Johnson, Clifton M
Subject: RE: LEGAL-#258297-v1-Flotilla_Note.docx
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Jon, Attached is a clean version and a version with tracked changes, for you to review and forward to Harold for his review. A few others may chime in later. Thanks, Kate

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Law, Rosemary C**RELEASED IN FULL**

From: Goldberger, Thomas H
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2010 10:53 AM
To: Levin, Jan; Tsou, Leslie M; Jacobson, Linda; 'Kumar, Prem G.'
Cc: Cunningham, James B; Otto, Jeffrey L; Silverman, Robert J
Subject: Eiland Report

Following is an OSC translation of a long interview Giora Eiland gave to Yediot Aharonot last week. With the report remaining classified, this is the most detail we have seen on its contents. Some interesting passages.

Israeli Paper Interviews Maj Gen (Res) Giyora Eiland on IDF Gaza Flotilla Probe

GMP20100723754004 Tel Aviv Yedi'ot Aharonot (7-Yamim Supplement) in Hebrew 23 Jul 10 pp 24, 25, 26, 28

[Interview with Major General (Res) Giyora Eiland, by Amira Lam; place and date not given: "A Sinking Feeling"]

A week after publishing his report, which investigated the events of the Gaza flotilla, Maj Gen (Res) Giyora Eiland responds to those who accused him of vacillating and of giving too much consideration to military officials.

The report that he wrote, he emphasizes, encompasses 150 pages, with only a small portion published in the media. Eiland feels that the report is piercing and detailed, addresses flaws in the decision-making process among the defense leadership, exposes conflicts between Military Intelligence Branch and the Israel Navy, and does not hesitate to point out weaknesses of additional players as well, such as the IDF General Staff Operations Branch and Flotilla 13 [Shayetet navy commandos].

"A lot of people receive criticism over this operation," Eiland says this week, "including the IDF chief of staff, the navy commander, the head of Military Intelligence Branch, the head of Operations Branch, some rear admirals, as well as the commander of Flotilla 13. Although he and his people fought bravely, he was also a partner to the faulty planning process."

[Lam] If so, why did you refrain from personal recommendations? Why didn't your report send anyone packing?

[Eiland] At the IDF Officers Training School as well, you can fail in one navigational exercise and still not be disqualified from becoming an officer. You have to look at things in perspective.

[Lam] Give an example.

[Eiland] For example, let's take the navy under the command of Eli'ezer (Cheney) Marom. Over the past four years he improved its operational capabilities in a most impressive manner. This has been expressed in operations, some complex and secret. So, yes, in this specific event they made big mistakes. If this were the only thing that the navy has done in recent years, it is possible that I would have reached other conclusions.

[Lam] But your job was to examine their performance in this specific event and to draw conclusions. And that -- it has been argued against you -- you did not do.

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[Eiland] If you dismiss someone, you give the media the pound of flesh that it wants. I thought that after the investigation [into the abduction of Gil'ad Shalit as well. Then, too, people said that I was lenient. If, in that case, I had led to the dismissal of people, everyone would have said good, the problem has been removed, we learned lessons. The fact that officers were not dismissed then -- some of whom, by the way, were outstanding officers -- enabled Southern Command to focus on fixing the deficiencies and implementing the main lessons. In general, when the mistakes are professional and not normative, and when you're talking about successful officers, it would be a mistake in the future as well to bring about their dismissal. [end Eiland].

Conducting and writing up the investigation, the decisions that he made, as well as the criticism he received, mainly regarding the lack of personal conclusions, have left their mark on Eiland.

[Lam] You look a bit worn out.

[Eiland] It's not been an easy month. The hardest part was the conversations with several people, mainly with the navy commander, the commander of Flotilla 13, and others. At Operations Branch and Military Intelligence Branch the conversations were emotional. At the start of the investigation, they felt they were being targeted, and that they, of all people, who had done so much and invested and put forth such great effort, suddenly a team had been set up that was meant to focus on their mistakes and was supposed to hurt them badly.

[Lam] How did you contend with that?

[Eiland] I faced a difficult challenge to succeed in two things between which there was tension. On the one hand, I had to show people a calming approach. On the other hand, I could not refrain from asking tough questions, arguing with them, nor could I agree with some of their explanations. And then, in the end, I had to write what I thought -- even if that meant looking someone in the eye and telling him: On this subject you made a serious error. By the way, it is important for me to note that I did not work alone, but rather with a team of officers with the rank of lieutenant colonel through brigadier general, who examined and investigated, and the results belong to all of us.

[Lam] With whom in the military was it easiest for you?

[Eiland] Surprisingly, it was actually with the IDF chief of staff. He displayed a very open and less emotional approach. From the first meeting, he said to me: "Write the report the way you think it should be. And if there are things about which I think 'A', and you think 'B', it is your report and you should write 'B.'"

And that's what I did. I did not come to placate the chief of staff or the media. The purpose of this report is neither to punish nor to settle accounts. The purpose of the report is to improve a given situation. I know that it would have been very convenient for many people if I had found one guilty person and sent him home. So, it was possible to have said that we are all OK, and just one person ruined everything for us. [end Eiland].

1. The Criticism: "No One Saw the Report"

Several days before he submitted his report, Eiland says, a journalist called and asked him: "Tell me, are there personal conclusions?" Eiland answered: "What are personal conclusions?" He replied: "To dismiss people." Eiland said: "No. No heads are rolling." The journalist responded: "If that's the case, your report is not serious."

In retrospect, Eiland says, that was the earliest indication of what was to come. "The media was disappointed over the fact that I did not recommend dismissing people, and over the fact that I did not say something along the lines of, 'And in light of all this, it is clear that everyone is stupid,' or 'Nothing has been learned since the Second Lebanon War.' I don't agree one bit with those sentences, and I therefore I did not utter them."

[Lam] Ultimately, you were accused of being too forgiving vis-a-vis the military. One commentator wrote, "A general does not expel other generals."

[Eiland] First of all, no one from the media saw the report. Anyone familiar with it knows that it is more biting than the way it was presented in the media. There haven't been many investigations done in the IDF in which mistakes that were made by such senior officers are highlighted. Clearly, not everything was published.

[Lam] Why not?

[Eiland] Partly because of field security, and partly not to go into an overly detailed explanation. In a briefing of half an hour or 40 minutes, you cannot describe a 150-page report. What went out to the media was perhaps five percent.

[Lam] Some commentators wrote that the failure proves that the military did not learn anything from the Second Lebanon War. Is that true?

[Eiland] I don't agree with that assertion. This was an operation that occurred at night, 70 miles off the coast of Israel. It involved taking control of six boats, which were sailing close to each other. Dozens of vessels and aircraft participated in the operation. From a security standpoint alone, leaving aside all the other things for a moment, it was a very complex move. On the five other ships -- which no one talks about -- it went smoothly, precisely and according to schedule. It was a complicated operation that all in all, ran well, but serious mistakes were also made in it so far as the Marmara was concerned.

[Lam] In retrospect, are you sorry that you weren't a bit more forceful?

[Eiland] No. I am 100% content with everything in the report.

[Lam] You weren't hurt even when people wrote that if you had investigated the Second Lebanon War, Halutz would have emerged clean and remained in the army?

[Eiland] I did not investigate the Second Lebanon War, and therefore I don't want to comment.

[Lam] Could it be that you would have been more judgmental regarding Ashkenazi, had he not been at the end of his term?

[Eiland] There is really no connection.

[Lam] Do you think that Ashkenazi should not have sufficed with the letter that he wrote to the prime minister and to the defense minister, in which he asked the political leadership to do everything possible not to put troops on board the ship?

[Eiland] I disagree with the IDF chief of staff's thinking in everything related to the degree of the military's involvement in political subjects. The chief of staff's standpoint says: I do not want to get the military mixed up in political matters; it's enough for the military to present the significances of a military operation and to leave it to the political leadership to decide about non-military activities.

[Lam] How did you happen to enter this minefield, between Barak and Ashkenazi?

[Eiland] I admit that it was entirely my fault that it happened. We made a movie in order to save time and to describe the incident's entire chain of events through it. We used it first in presenting the investigation to the General Staff. Later, we reached the conclusion that we should also prepare a "cleaned up" version that could be shown to the media and to the public.

We took the original version and made cuts in it. When the chief of staff saw the film he asked that several things be changed. One of them was a sentence describing a personal appeal by the chief of staff to the prime minister and to the defense minister.

He asked me to take out that part. Rightly so, from his perspective. He understood the political commentaries that would be ascribed to it. We took out several other things, and I erred when I did not make sure that that part had also been deleted. When we saw it again at the last moment it was too late, because the discs had already been distributed to journalists.

[Lam] Are you a friend of Ashkenazi's?

[Eiland] I am his friend like I'm Dan Halutz's friend, or Bogle's [Moshe Ya'alon's] friend. I was a major general at the same time with all of them. To the chief of staff's credit, it can be said that in the summary of the discussion about the investigation he began by detailing the mistakes that he himself made. I have not seen many chiefs of staff behave like that.

[Lam] And that is why you were so surprised by the reactions?

[Eiland] I was not surprised by the fact that the media was disappointed with the report, which it believes was not scathing enough. I read the articles and the opinionated columns that were written. Except for one issue, in which there was a remark about the chief of staff's or the navy commander's location at the time of the incident, there is not a single professional statement in the things that were written that is not based on my analysis and on things that I myself said. I saw no original professional perspective.

[Lam] Except, as was said, the subject of the commanders' location.

[Eiland] Regarding the chief of staff, he is often in the Pit [IDF's underground command center in Tel Aviv]. Especially during operations in which there is a risk of an entanglement that will require hard and complex decisions, he will be there. He spent many nights in the Pit during more complicated operations.

[Lam] This event was not sufficiently complex?

[Eiland] This operation was a lot less complex, if only for one reason -- it took place in an area in which we have complete control. It is very different from an operation that takes place deep inside hostile territory, and regarding which any mistake is liable to lead to a real complication.

[Lam] Do you believe the navy commander's location was reasonable?

[Eiland] In operations of this kind, the navy commander can either be at his headquarters, where there are good means of communication and conditions, or at sea, on a command ship, where there is a convenient work environment. He can also choose to be a lot closer to the event, in the Shayetet commander's command boat. And he preferred to be there.

[Lam] And you think that was a mistake?

[Eiland] At first, I thought it was a mistake. I agreed that he did not have to be on shore, but rather to feel the situation at sea. There is no substitute for that. However, I thought that the more proper place for him should have been on the large command ship, not on the little boat. However, after quite a few conversations with him, with the Shayetet commander and others, I was convinced that it was not a total mistake.

There are both pros and cons to this. Ultimately, he saw the event up close. He could speak directly with the Shayetet commander. At least from the moment that the first soldier went down the rope, they made correct decisions. Thus, it is possible to say that there are advantages and disadvantages here.

2. The Intelligence: Erroneous Assessments

Eiland, 58, one of the IDF's most valued generals, began his career in the paratroopers. Later, he commanded the Givati Brigade, was chief infantry and paratrooper officer, head of Operations Division, head of Operations Branch, and head of Planning Branch. He belongs to the generation of officers, like Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, who strode beside politicians at peace talks and proximity talks that they held with various world leaders. As such, he also accompanied Peres, when the latter was foreign minister, at his talks with Arafat, and in Sharon's time he served as head of the National Security Council. That track positioned him as someone who understands not only tactics, but rather strategy as well. The report that he submitted deals with the military, but it contains a lot of criticism about the political echelon as well, and its relationship with the military.

[Lam] What were the main mistakes that you found regarding intelligence?

[Eiland] Intelligence's first mistake was that it did not correctly assess the intensity and the determination, the motivation and the ideology of the IHH [Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief] organization. Intelligence's assessments also failed to take into account the deep connection between the organization and the Turkish government. For example, it turns out that the organization's leader and [Turkish Prime Minister] Erdogan were members of the same branch of the Islamic Party in Istanbul back in the 1990s, and that today as well the connection between the ruling party and the organization is strong. That was information that was not difficult to obtain.

There were more concrete indications, which were not given the proper interpretation. For example, this flotilla was escorted by a Turkish warship, which tracked it from not far away. That was a clear sign that Turkey was interested in what was happening.

However, the problem is not just one of information, but rather also one of judgment and of assessment. They didn't draw a connection between this and the deteriorating relations between Israel and Turkey. Therefore, they also did not realize that Israel was not going here to confront an anarchist organization, but rather an ideological organization, one supported by a strong government like Turkey. IDF Military Intelligence Branch did not give sufficient weight to that connection.

A second intelligence mistake is connected with the navy and with the intelligence body known as the Naval Intelligence Division. The operation's commander was the navy commander, his intelligence officer was the head of naval intelligence. They were responsible for all of the intelligence collection, which was supposed to provide the concrete or tactical intelligence pictures. They made more than a few professional mistakes, mainly in defining the important things. Their order of priorities in the information's importance was incorrect.

[Lam] What do you mean?

[Eiland] Naval intelligence contacted the Mosad and requested several things. The things that it asked for were not necessarily the most important things that would have been right to request. It even directly contacted certain units within Military Intelligence Branch and requested that they do all sorts of things that I do not believe were of high importance.

The navy gave too much weight to things connected with the ships themselves -- their structure, their location and their capabilities. It gave too little weight to questions such as who the people on the ship are, and what their intentions, capabilities and means are. Who is their leadership, what are their weak points, and what can we expect from them?

They should have requested one of two things with top priority: either an agent who could report, or the existence of another means that would transmit sound or a picture. If that had been defined with high priority, it is possible that they could have known more.

[Lam] You spoke about problems of coordination between the intelligence bodies. Where did that happen, and what damage did it cause?

[Eiland] It happened in the work processes between naval intelligence and Military Intelligence Branch. Naval intelligence assumed too great a responsibility, and did certain things, in an insufficiently good way, among other things because it is not within its area of expertise. It should have contacted Military Intelligence Branch and asked for help. From its standpoint, that was a mistake. The other side of the same mistake was that Military Intelligence Branch should have taken the initiative to create a process of cooperation and said to the navy: I know better than you do, I have more means than you do -- let's sit down together and I will help you. It was done, but in a way that was too little, too late. The result was that the State of Israel's capability to bring all of the intelligence was not maximized.

[Lam] How did such a thing happen?

[Eiland] The navy had an erroneous sense that the operation was theirs. They feared, "maybe we are not being understood, maybe we won't get what we need, so let's do it all alone." And from Military Intelligence Branch's perspective -- It did not display

an approach of initiated action that says, this is a big event. It does not belong to the navy, but rather it has bigger implications. Therefore, it must be a lot more dominant in the collection process. Both sides were lacking. [end Eiland].

3. The Planning: Without Alternatives

According to Eiland, in addition to mistakes stemming from the intelligence collection, several severe errors were also made in planning the operation.

[Eiland] The central problem is that the entire system assumed only one course of action for the enemy. However, when you engage in operational planning you must ask yourself, in addition to the enemy's reasonable course of action, what is the other, more dangerous, path? The only course of action that they assessed said that there would be opposition on the ships in general, and particularly on the Marmara, and that it should be assumed that it would be violent.

However, no one addressed the possibility of weapons being used against our troops -- mainly non-firearm, but effective, weapons, and that this would happen in an effort to kill, and out of a willingness to be killed. That is already a different story. They did not prepare for that.

[Lam] So what, in effect, was the operational plan?

[Eiland] The plan was based on boarding the vessels using two techniques: from rubber boats and by descent from a helicopter. They should have realized that both of those methods contain a weakness. They are good only up to a certain level of opposition. There is a critical path here. Why? Because climbing a ladder is done in single file, and descending from a rope is also done one man at a time. That is a good plan vis-a-vis one course of action by the other side. It is not strong enough, and is unsuitable, for the violence course of action by the people on the ship. In that case, it would have been proper to prepare an alternative plan of action as well, the main aspect of which is employing various means in order to prevent people from being on the deck during the takeover.

[Lam] What means do you mean?

[Eiland] The most banal example is a water cannon, which you can bring to the boat sailing next to the hostile boat and shoot water salvos up to a range of 50 meters. It doesn't kill, but it is hard to resist. If you use this opposite the stern, then when the rubber boats arrive better conditions are created for the troops to board the boat.

[Lam] And was it possible to bring along such water cannons?

[Eiland] Not at the last moment. It is something that requires advance planning. It is also possible to spray water from a helicopter. You arrive with a big helicopter, with a five-ton tank of water, and pour in onto the deck. You don't have to use it immediately. It would have been possible to notify the captain that that was what was going to happen, and to tell him, "Look, there's a danger to anyone who remains on the deck. Please order everyone to get into the ship's hold, because anyone not doing so is taking a risk."

[Lam] And if that hadn't helped?

[Eiland] Then you give them a demonstration -- 100 meters opposite the deck. That would have impressed them, and some of them would have been convinced. After you'd documented and filmed this and issued the warnings, you'd pour the water. And that, too, at different heights and with a different force. It is a means that, in my opinion, could definitely have been used. I do not want to go into any more details, but there are additional means as well.

[Lam] Was that even considered before the operation?

[Eiland] Some of the things were said during the preparations, but not one of them was shaped into an alternative plan that would be at full operational preparedness. And to embark on an operation without an alternative is a substantive error.

A third thing in connection with planning is defining essential conditions for implementation. In an operation of this sort, in which we control the place and the timing of the operation, conditions for implementing the leading alternative should be defined, and then in real time an examination should be done to see whether they indeed exist.

[Lam] In your opinion, when they saw what was happening on the deck, should the action have been aborted?

[Eiland] The proper thing is to prepare a Plan A and a Plan B, and to examine the situation in real time. If the conditions for implementing Plan A do not exist, then you should move to Plan B.

The moment our boats reached the hull the first time and were repulsed by chains and metal bars and Molotov cocktails thrown by dozens of people standing on the deck -- they should have concluded that the conditions for implementing the plan did not exist. It was not an action that you had to complete within the next minute. In fact, one of the navy commander's correct decisions was to conduct the action as far as possible from Israel's shores, in order to allow time for all sorts of developments. He did not exploit that time, because he did not prepare an alternative plan that could have been used.

[Lam] Would you say that the IDF of today is flawed by conceptual rigidity?

[Eiland] In military organizations there is a dangerous tendency toward groupthink that takes shape around what appears to be the commander's opinion. In this event as well, there was a convergence by many people around what appeared to them to be what the commander thinks. In the implementation phase that is something necessary. In the planning phase it is necessary for there to be an opposite process, in the context of which staff or other officers express doubt as to the correctness of the commander's view. In the military, including at the General Staff level, there are techniques that are supposed to neutralize groupthink. They were not employed in this case, and we of course suggested employing them in strategic events -- mainly in those for which the preparations take a long time.

[Lam] What did you propose?

[Eiland] The first proposal is to establish a "study group." A study group is a less formal and less hierarchical gathering. It is preferable that its participants, in addition to those with a part to play in the operation, also include several people with a suitable background but who are still not psychologically committed to the process and to the existing decisions. Such a forum can reexamine the basic assumptions that led to the existing plan -- and cast doubt on any other decision. The second or alternative

possibility is to establish a "Red Team," which would act as sort of a devil's advocate. The team's purpose is to accompany the entire combat procedure and to challenge the system. Both of these things did not take place here before this operation.

[Lam] Uri Sagi and Amnon Lipkin-Shahak are Ashkenazi's "Red Team." Where were they in this case?

[Eiland] I don't know what happened in other events, but it appears that this time sufficient embarrassment was not created, which many times is essential in order to create such a process. [end Eiland].

4. The Question: How Do We Stop a Ship?

In the days following the flotilla affair, there was talk about the possibility that the ship should have been stopped using a rope that would have been wound around its propellers. Eiland examined the matter and addressed it in the report.

[Eiland] There is a huge gap between ideas and their feasibility. There is a difference between saying, "A rope of a certain thickness would have stopped the ship's propeller," and the answer to the question of how to get the rope there. As I've said, there is currently no proven capability anywhere in the world of winding a rope around the propeller of such a large ship.

[Lam] You're saying that there is no technique, anywhere, of stopping a ship that does not employ fire?

[Eiland] There is more than one possibility for causing a ship to "stop cold." However, on the day of the operation we did not possess one of the theoretical possibilities, or not one of them had gotten to the point of operational capability. As strange as it may seem, as far as we know, there is also no other military in the world that has the capability of remotely stopping a large ship sailing at a speed of 10 knots, without endangering the people on the ship, of course.

[Lam] But the military had time to prepare, to plan, to think.

[Eiland] Starting in the summer of 2008, when the flotilla phenomenon began to be common and perceived as a kind of threat, someone should have said, gentlemen, this is a very important mission. If they had taken this subject seriously two years ago they could have reached good operational capability for stopping such a ship with a higher probability. One of the conclusions is to do this now.

[Lam] And what about clandestine activity for stopping the ship?

[Eiland] The report did not deal with that as well. I did not investigate the subject, so I cannot determine whether the Mosad could have done something so that the ship would not have reached its destination.

[Lam] The military didn't examine that option as well?

[Eiland] About the military, I can say that they should have taken the initiative and contacted the highest levels, and insisted on establishing a joint military-Mosad forum at a senior level, which would have examined, in a much deeper manner, the subject of the clandestine alternative. The military, despite the fact that it was not its responsibility, should have been more aggressive in its requests, that the Mosad examine additional avenues with it.

5. The Policy: Without Any Discussion

Eiland talks about the political alternative to the operation or, more precisely, the lack thereof.

[Eiland] When discussing the political sphere it is important to distinguish between a public diplomacy action and a political move. The purpose of public diplomacy is to convince others that we are good and just, and that our enemies are totally evil. Public diplomacy cannot effect change in the political arena. A political move is an initiative that convinces someone, generally a third party, to do something that matches our interest.

An astute political move generally necessitates a discreet approach to a third party that displays a clear interest. The nature of the offer is a "deal," according to which the third party initiates an offer that includes our ceding something less important, in order to receive something of much greater importance."

[Lam] And in practical terms?

[Eiland] Three months ago we could have already approached someone like the French president or the Italian prime minister and asked him to initiate the next deal between the European Union and Israel: Israel would change its policy and allow the transfer of more goods through the land crossings to Gaza (as we eventually were compelled to do without compensation). In exchange, the European Union would announce that from the moment the crossings problem was solved, there was no longer any justification for any flotillas.

We could have done something even bolder -- approaching the Turks and telling them: You claim that the only way to bring Gaza what it needs is through the sea. We value you and trust you, and we are prepared to allow a sea line from Turkey that would supply Gaza providing three conditions were met: A. The ships would belong to the Turkish government; B. The Turkish police would examine their contents and sign in our presence, attesting that they are conveying only permitted equipment; C. The ships would sail directly to Gaza accompanied by the Turkish Navy.

It's an approach of reverse psychology. Were Erdogan to have answered in the affirmative, it's not clear that this solution would have been half bad, and it would have improved our relations with Turkey. Had he refused, his true face would have been revealed. Other alternatives are also noteworthy, though apparently we did little on the political front. It is correct to apply soft policy and strong military power. Many times what happens here is the reverse. We apologetically apply a weak military effort. The political rhetoric, on the other hand, is belligerent.

[Lam] Well, that is outside the military's control.

[Eiland] True, yet this is a fundamental issue. Shouldn't the military deal with this issue of political solutions? Should it suffice with saying that there is a problem but I'll deal with my business and you'll deal with yours?

[Lam] So what you're saying is that the military should engage in policy?

[Eiland] I couldn't argue that the military made a mistake and did not fulfill its role by not creating political alternatives, because that really isn't its job. But I think that the military could have prepared the sort of political alternatives that I noted and proposed them to the political leadership. In the State of Israel, unfortunately, the body more capable than any other of generating political alternatives is the IDF's Planning Branch. It's not appropriate that this happen all the time, only regarding cases where the political initiative is vital to avert a problematic security reality, such as the one created by the recent flotilla.

[Lam] Is there no such current relationship between the political and military echelons?

[Eiland] The relationship between the political and military echelons is a problematic sphere for the State of Israel. It doesn't just pertain to this or that situation, government or persons. I've had first-hand knowledge of the subject since 1996, and things were never done properly, in any period.

[Lam] In an ideal scenario, in your view, what should have happened before such an operation?

[Eiland] Two months before the operation, the prime minister, the defense minister, the heads of the Mosad and the Shin Bet, the IDF chief of staff, and three or four other people should have sat down together, put the cards on the table and spoken freely to try to reach a common understanding of the issue: What can the State of Israel do? If the outcome of the discussion is a military operation, then you define under what conditions it is not implemented and determine when the political price outweighs the military success.

[Lam] No such deliberation took place before the operation?

[Eiland] Of course not. By the way, no such deliberations took place over dozens of other, more important subjects.

6. The Orders: Bad Writing

[Lam] So you agree with the claims that we learned nothing from the Second Lebanon War?

[Eiland] No. The army improved many things and made many correct decisions. That said, there are also things that are not directly connected with the operation and its outcomes, where professional shortcomings were in evidence.

[Lam] Can you be more specific?

[Eiland] In this operation, the manner of writing orders was not good. Such a level of writing orders during a war, when you have no time to check things, can lead the army to unsuccessful outcomes. There were contradictions between what appeared in the main orders and the professional appendices in the written orders for this operation. Trivial subjects were detailed to an absurd degree, and analysis of main items relating to the enemy was absent. Operations Branch and the head of the Operations Division did not perform their job properly in this regard.

[Lam] In the report you also address the public diplomacy shortcomings on the first day.

[Eiland] There were two problems with public diplomacy. The first was that some of the IDF Spokesman's Unit's announcements and the release of filmed material were too slow, due to a convoluted chain of command that must be shortened. A more profound mistake relates to treatment of foreign journalists. The IDF Spokesman's Unit, despite maintaining a body designed to deal with the foreign media, is not equipped for it, because it is naturally oriented to the Israeli media. This must change. The military is not an organization that should have to worry only about its own public relations. It is part of the struggle for the State of Israel's legitimacy.

[Lam] How would you propose preparing for the next flotilla?

[Eiland] First of all, we must prevent the arrival of flotillas by political means. The military lesson is this: When faced with a complex enemy, in addition to the regular battle procedure a parallel process of a study group should be held, to avoid overly narrow thinking that leads to adherence to a plan that is not of necessity the only appropriate one, as happened in this case. [end Eiland].

In recent years, Eiland has been involved in the defense industries sphere. He serves as president of SDS (Star Defense Industries Ltd.), a defense company, and is a consultant to some of the biggest Israeli defense industries. In this field, too, he is not complacent.

"Many of the problems of Israeli defense exports happen as a consequence of penny-pinching and destructive competition between the various Israeli industries, and not as a result of technological difficulty or global competition. Unfortunately, I sometimes see how competing Israeli concerns are prepared to undermine others, not for profit, but so that another Israeli will fall. These phenomena sadden me even more than all the bad things characteristic of Israeli politics."

Eiland holds by an ordered political doctrine and a well-formulated political plan, according to which a Palestinian state would be established under Jordanian auspices. He has in mind a round of territorial swaps by which Egypt would double the size of the Gaza Strip, and Israel would retain the large settlements in the West Bank and transfer a commensurate area in the Parah Desert to Egypt.

Eiland has recently been asked if he has a mind to enter politics. He ruled out the option, saying that to be in politics you need thick skin, and that "I am thin-skinned." This week he remarked: "Perhaps after a few more commissions of inquiry and criticism like this, my skin will become thick enough."

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Mariano: I have corrected a couple typos and offered a few comments. Unfortunately, I don't have access to high side at moment and cannot access the WH statement on the Israeli commission. Some of the language here on our position seems a bit off to me. I have noted some comments and am copying NEA and SEMEP clearers to clarify. I may be wrong. Also copying Jonathan and Alexandra who have been engaged on that issue. I will see if I can find the WH statement on line.

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Good morning,

Please provide your clearance and edits on the attached guidance for our delegation meeting with the OHCHR staff in Geneva. Please clear no later than 1pm today.

Thank you,
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To: Jacobson, Linda; Perina, Alexandra H
Subject: FW: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc
Attachments: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

A few additions. Agree this looks good.

From: Perina, Alexandra H
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 5:41 PM
To: Jacobson, Linda; Dolan, JoAnn
Subject: FW: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

Linda, JoAnn – Just a few additional tweaks from me (a bit of reordering some of the points). I think this looks good.
Thanks, A.

From: Pomper, Stephen E
Sent: Friday, July 02, 2010 2:22 PM
To: Schwartz, Jonathan B; Jacobson, Linda; Dolan, JoAnn; Perina, Alexandra H; 'Alexandra Perina'
Subject: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

I have made a few tweaks and suggestions for possible additional discussion points (!) on the outline that Jon prepared, but nothing of much significance, and would happily yield on any of these edits. AP is on vacation today but will be on the job next week for L/PM, and I am copying her here in the perhaps less than likely event that she wishes to spend her holiday weekend thinking about the best way to introduce the Secretary to the legal nuances of putative Gaza de-occupation. Over to Linda and JoAnn.

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From: Dolan, JoAnn
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 3:30 PM
To: Jacobson, Linda
Subject: FW: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc
Attachments: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

Two points worth clarifying noted in attached

From: Harris, Robert K
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 3:06 PM
To: Gorove, Katherine M; Jacobson, Linda
Cc: Townley, Stephen G; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Dolan, JoAnn; Pomper, Stephen E; Perlina, Alexandra H; Baumert, Kevin A; Banos, Mariano H
Subject: RE: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

Linda,

I had a few fairly small comments.

Bob

From: Gorove, Katherine M
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 2:53 PM
To: Harris, Robert K
Subject: FW: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

Flotilla meeting at 1:30 tomorrow. Latest outline just came in.

From: Jacobson, Linda
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 2:50 PM
To: Townley, Stephen G; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Dolan, JoAnn; Gorove, Katherine M; Pomper, Stephen E; Perlina, Alexandra H; Baumert, Kevin A; Banos, Mariano H
Subject: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

Please see revised version of outline for meeting tomorrow.

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From: Dolan, JoAnn
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 6:11 PM
To: Perina, Alexandra H; Jacobson, Linda; Gorove, Katherine M; Banos, Mariano H; Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Harris, Robert K; Townley, Stephen G; Schwartz, Jonathan B
Subject: FW: flotilla outline 2.doc
Attachments: flotilla outline 2.doc

Inadvertently some of the changes to the prior draft were dropped from the final version. I have reentered them here as tracked changes for others to review and Linda to confirm before we send this to Harold. Please advise if there is anything further. In view of this complication, Stephen may want to wait until OOB to send forward to permit final input from others.

From: Jacobson, Linda
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 4:17 PM
To: Gorove, Katherine M; Banos, Mariano H; Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Townley, Stephen G; Dolan, JoAnn
Subject: flotilla outline 2.doc

Here is the latest version incorporating some comments from BH and JoAnn. I need to leave at 4:45 today, so please send your comments soonest, or if later, to JoAnn. Steve, I think this is good to go to HHK if addressees have no further thoughts.

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From: Dolan, JoAnn
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 7:12 PM
To: Jacobson, Linda; Perina, Alexandra H
Subject: RE: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

Stephen has gone ahead, accepted the tracked changes, and sent to Harold tonight with the proviso that further changes can be made in the course of the meeting. So there may be no need to come early for this.)

From: Jacobson, Linda
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 7:07 PM
To: Dolan, JoAnn; Perina, Alexandra H
Subject: Re: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

I don't know what happened but will come in early and review.

From: Dolan, JoAnn
To: Perina, Alexandra H; Jacobson, Linda
Sent: Mon Jul 12 17:52:13 2010
Subject: RE: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

I am remaking the missing tracked changes in a version I will send to Linda this evening. Not sure when Linda will be able to review them, but perhaps we can finalize them before OOB. That should give Harold enough time to review before the 1:30 meeting

From: Perina, Alexandra H
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 5:48 PM
To: Dolan, JoAnn; Jacobson, Linda
Subject: RE: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

Yes, same here.

From: Dolan, JoAnn
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 5:42 PM
To: Dolan, JoAnn; Jacobson, Linda; Perina, Alexandra H
Subject: RE: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

First version I had from you today was at 2:50. It did not reflect our earlier input either.

From: Dolan, JoAnn
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 5:40 PM
To: Jacobson, Linda; Perina, Alexandra H
Subject: RE: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

I can do that. In the meantime, I went through our combined edits from last week and highlighted in yellow the changes that were not made. I am reluctant to make them without knowing whether you agreed with them all.

From: Jacobson, Linda
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 5:31 PM
To: Dolan, JoAnn; Perina, Alexandra H
Subject: Re: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

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Sorry, I must have worked from an incorrect version bec I definitely wanted to include your comments. Could you look at the first version I sent around today, before I added the Malaysia language.

From: Dolan, JoAnn
To: Jacobson, Linda
Sent: Mon Jul 12 17:18:06 2010
Subject: FW: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

Linda: Can you advise whether you decided not to include Alexandra's and my changes from last Friday or whether you overlooked them when finalizing today's draft. I had noted that some of mine were missing but had assumed you had chosen not to use them. With this message from Alexandra, I am now not sure.

From: Perina, Alexandra H
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 4:48 PM
To: Dolan, JoAnn
Subject: FW: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

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From: Perina, Alexandra H
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 4:48 PM
To: Jacobson, Linda
Subject: RE: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

Linda - I just noticed this version doesn't seem to reflect my and JoAnn's comments and wasn't sure whether you'd decided not to include them or they got lost in the shuffle. In case of the latter, they are attached. Thanks, A.

From: Jacobson, Linda
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 3:05 PM
To: Schwartz, Jonathan B; Townley, Stephen G; Cleveland, Sarah H; Dolan, JoAnn; Baumert, Kevin A; Gorove, Katherine M; Perina, Alexandra H; Pomper, Stephen E; Banos, Mariano H; Harris, Robert K
Subject: LEGAL-#256164-v1-Flotilla_Outline.doc

See slightly revised version to reflect Malaysia announcement on ICI referral.

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From: Bass, Warren
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2010 3:19 PM
To: Banos, Mariano H; Andris, Matthew R; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Doutrich, Jack T; Gregonis, Meghan E; Schrank, Alexander D; Perina, Alexandra H; Masilko, Barbara J (USUN); Germain, Ellen J (USUN); Dolan, JoAnn; Jacobson, Linda
Cc: Khanna, Melanie J; Lapenn, Jessica; Barks-Ruggles, Erica J
Subject: RE: HRC Israel Statements
Attachments: HRC 15 Flotilla Intervention.docx; HRC 15 Item 7 General Intervention.docx

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Here's my quick cut on these—though please note this is not final clearance. Others in my FO will want to see these when the working level is done, especially the flotilla one.

Thanks again.
 Warren

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From: Banos, Mariano H
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 2:16 PM
To: Andris, Matthew R; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Doutrich, Jack T; Gregonis, Meghan E; Schrank, Alexander D; Perina, Alexandra H; Bass, Warren; Masilko, Barbara J (USUN); Dolan, JoAnn; Jacobson, Linda
Cc: Khanna, Melanie J; Lapenn, Jessica
Subject: RE: HRC Israel Statements

Also looping in L/AN

From: Andris, Matthew R
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2010 1:44 PM
To: Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Doutrich, Jack T; Gregonis, Meghan E; Schrank, Alexander D; Banos, Mariano H; Perina, Alexandra H; Bass, Warren; Masilko, Barbara J (USUN)
Cc: Khanna, Melanie J; Lapenn, Jessica
Subject: HRC Israel Statements

All:

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Attached are our Item 7 General Statement and our intervention responding to the Flotilla FFM report. To be respectful of everyone's time, I'd appreciate your review of these today, so that we can discuss **conceptual comments at our meeting tomorrow morning**. If you won't be able to attend the meeting, please provide your conceptual comments to a proxy. Then, as I do not want to deprive you all of your deep love for rewriting this stuff, please provide your **happy/glad comments by COB tomorrow**. After we've collected those, we'll seek 7th floor/NSC approval.

Best,

Matthew R. Andris

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From: Banos, Mariano H
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 5:08 PM
To: Perina, Alexandra H; Gorove, Katherine M; Jacobson, Linda; Dolan, JoAnn; Townley, Stephen G
Cc: Aswad, Evelyn M; Harris, Robert K
Subject: FYI: individuals to be named on Monday for the HRC Flotilla fact finding mission

From: Andris, Matthew R
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 3:21 PM
To: Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Doutrich, Jack T; Kolb, Natalie
Subject: Flotilla Fact-finding Committee

All:

Although the announcement won't be formally made until Monday, we have received the following from the President of the Human Rights Council, via Israel's ambassador in Geneva and our delegation in Geneva. For clarity's sake, this is the "independent, international fact-finding mission" created by the Human Rights Council in resolution 14/1 with a mandate "to investigate violations of international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law, resulting from the Israeli attacks on the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian assistance."

Dino Kritslotis is a Zimbabwean lawyer with extensive experience in the field of international humanitarian law. A regular contributor to the ICRC Warsaw Summer School on International Humanitarian Law and one of the founding directors of the All Africa Course on International Humanitarian Law, he has been teaching at the University of Nottingham School of Law since 1994.

Mary Shanthi Dairiam (Malaysia) was a member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women from 2005 to 2008. Since 2007, she has been serving on the Gender Equality Task Force of the United Nations Development Programme. She is a founding member of the Board of Directors of the International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific.

And the Head of the FFM will be Sir Desmond de Silva. His CV can be obtained from the following link:
<http://www.argentchambers.co.uk/site/people/profile/sirdesmonddeasilvaqct#>

Have a great weekend!

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We understand the below named will be designated Monday to the HRC fact-finding mission on the flotilla.

Best,
Suzanne

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Here is the short bio of the 2 members of the FFM on Flotilla, Dino Kritsiotis is a Zimbabwean lawyer with extensive experience in the field of international humanitarian law. A regular contributor to the ICRC Warsaw Summer School on International Humanitarian Law and one of the founding directors of the All Africa Course on International Humanitarian Law, he has been teaching at the University of Nottingham School of Law since 1994.

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And the Head of the FFM will be Sir Desmond de Silva His CV can be obtained from the following link <http://www.argentchambers.co.uk/site/people/profile/sirdesmonddesilvaqc#>

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From: Banos, Mariano H
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 9:38 AM
To: Perina, Alexandra H; Jacobson, Linda; Dolan, JoAnn
Subject: FW: Questions re: Israel/Palestine Issues

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FYI only.

From: Andris, Matthew R
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 8:59 AM
To: Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Bass, Warren; Banos, Mariano H; Doutrich, Jack T; Germain, Ellen J (USUN); Masliko, Barbara J (USUN); Ried, Curtis R (USUN)
Subject: FW: Questions re: Israel/Palestine Issues

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From: Foley, Tara E
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 8:49 AM
To: Griffiths, Douglas M; Geneva HRC; Nossel, Suzanne F; Donahoe, Eileen C; IO-HR-DL
Subject: RE: Questions re: Israel/Palestine Issues

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If we have specific questions, let me know and I can follow up.

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From: Griffiths, Douglas M
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2010 10:22 AM
To: Geneva HRC; Nossel, Suzanne F; Donahoe, Eileen C; IO-HR-DL
Subject: FW: Questions re: Israel/Palestine Issues

Here's the list of Israeli and Palestine Items in text and as attachment.

**Human Rights Council
Regular Session 15
September 13 – October 1, 2010
Israeli and Palestinian Items**

There are potentially four reports related to Israel and the Palestinian Territories to be presented during the upcoming September session. We should consider how we will want to respond to each of these reports at the Council and through media messaging.

NR

Expected Reports:

1. Experts Committee on Goldstone follow-up report:

2. High Commissioner Pillay report:

3. Secretary-General report:

4. Report of the Fact-finding Mission on the flotilla: HRC Resolution 14/1 mandated the flotilla Fact-Finding Mission to report at the 15th session.

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From: Ciaccia, Sarah J
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2010 9:56 AM
To: Cassayre, Mark J; Griffiths, Douglas M; Geneva HRC
Subject: RE: Questions re: Israel/Palestine Issues

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From: Andris, Matthew R
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 8:17 PM
To: Geneva HRC; Griffiths, Douglas M
Subject: Questions re: Israel/Palestine Issues

Geneva colleagues,

I realize you're a little short-staffed at the moment, so I'm sending this to a broad group in the hopes that someone will be able to respond. In our weekly HRC meeting yesterday, we identified a few tasks/communications that need to happen in Geneva, and I (your faithful scribe) am passing them on with a request for assistance.

1.

[Redacted]

NR

2. Please approach Ambassador Yaar to find out if he has views on the currently proposed flotilla committee and whether he prefers that the U.S. engage or hang back on this? There was a push in the room to engage (if it's not too late) but we don't want to unknowingly step on Israel's toes.

3.

[Redacted]

NR

Additionally, DRL was wondering about a few additional things. Please keep us informed as you get more info about these matters, but there's no need to actively pursue answers unless it comes up easily in conversations.

1. Have there been further developments on the flotilla committee composition? The last info I had is that Kirtsotis is out and De Silva is a member, but not the chair. Do we know the basis of Turkey's objection to Kirtsotis?
2. Given the late start, do we still think this committee will be able to present in September?
3. Have you heard anything about the Gol's forthcoming report on the flotilla boarding?
- 4.

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NR

As always, thank you.

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From: Heinemann, Thomas B
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 9:56 AM
To: Schwartz, Jonathan B; Jacobson, Linda
Cc: Ingber, Rebecca M
Subject: forfeiture action against flotilla ships
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A01440 (Rev. 12/09) Summons in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of New York

Dr. Alan J. Bauer

Plaintiff

v.

The Mavi Marmara et al.

Defendant

11 CIV 4105
Civil Action No.

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

JUDGE HOLWELL

To: (Defendant's name and address)

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) -- or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (n)(2) or (3) -- you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Daniel Shimko, Esq.
Robert J. Tolchin, Esq.
The Berkman Law Office
111 Livingston Street, Suite 1928
Brooklyn, New York 11201

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

RUBY J. KRATICK

CLERK OF COURT

Date: JUN 16 2011

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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on *(date)* _____ and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

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designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* _____

on *(date)* _____ ; or

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☐ Other *(specify)*: _____

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ _____ 0.00

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

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Printed name and title

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11 CIV 4105

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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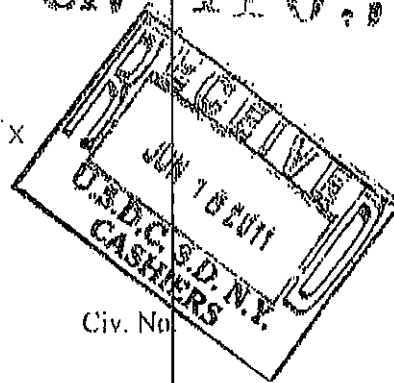
DR. ALAN J. BAUER

Plaintiff,

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Civ. No.



THE MAVI MARMARA,
THE AUDACITY OF HOPE,
THE RACHEL CORRIE,
THE CHALLENGER I,
THE CHALLENGER II,
THE GAZZE,
THE TAL,
THE ARION,
THE SFENDONI (BOAT 8000),
THE TAMARA (ELEFTHERI MESOGHIOS),
THE SEVEN Y TWO (IRENE),
THE FINCH,
THE TAHRIR,
and THE STEFANO CHIRIANI,

COMPLAINT

Defendants.

Plaintiff, by his counsel, hereby alleges for his Complaint as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an informer's action under 18 U.S.C. § 962, seeking forfeiture of the vessels listed below (the "Defendant Vessels"):

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The Audacity of Hope,
The Rachel Corrie,
The Challenger I,
The Challenger II,
The Gazze,

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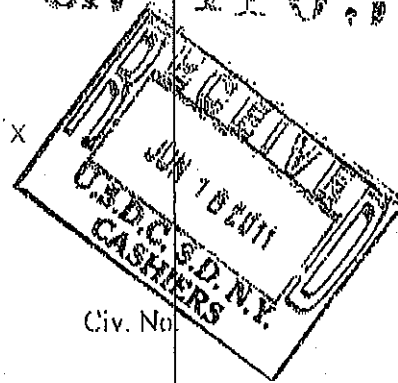
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The Tali,
The Arion,
The Sfendoni (Boat 8000),
The Tamara (Eleftheri Mesoghios),
The Seven Y Two (Irene),
The Finch,
The Tahrir and
The Stefano Chiriani

2. The Defendant Vessels are subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 962, which provides in relevant part that:

Whoever, within the United States, furnishes, fits out, arms, or attempts to furnish, fit out or arm, any vessel, with intent that such vessel shall be employed in the service of any foreign prince, or state, or of any colony, district, or people, to cruise, or commit hostilities against the subjects, citizens, or property of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district, or people with whom the United States is at peace ...

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

Every such vessel, her tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with all materials, arms, ammunition, and stores which may have been procured for the building and equipment thereof, shall be forfeited, one half to the use of the informer and the other half to the use of the United States.

18 U.S.C. § 962.

3. The Defendant Vessels are subject to forfeiture under § 962 because, as detailed below, organizations and persons acting within the United States have furnished and fitted out, and have attempted to furnish and fit out, the Defendant Vessels, with the intent that the Defendant Vessels be employed in the service of a group of anti-Israeli insurgents to cruise and

commit hostilities against the State of Israel, a state with which the United States is at peace. Specifically, the Defendant Vessels have been and/or will be used to violate Israel's naval blockade of the Gaza Strip, and to otherwise commit hostilities against Israel.

4. The plaintiff, Dr. Alan J. Bauer, is an American citizen and a professional biologist. On March 21, 2002, Dr. Bauer and his young son were severely injured in a bombing attack carried out by Palestinian terrorists in Jerusalem, Israel.

5. The plaintiff has informed the United States Attorney General that the Defendant Vessels have been furnished and fitted out, and/or that attempts have been made to furnish and fit out the Defendant Vessels, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 932. Exhibit A.

6. The plaintiff is therefore an "informer" within the meaning of § 932, and thus is entitled to one half of the proceeds of the forfeiture of the Defendant Vessels.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 18 U.S.C. § 962.

8. Venue is proper in this Court because violations of 18 U.S.C. § 962 giving rise to the forfeiture took place in the Southern District of New York.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

9. In 2007, the Hamas terrorist organization seized power in the Gaza Strip, and began to carry out systematic rocket and missile attacks against civilian targets in Israel, which killed and injured a large number of civilians and caused extensive property damage.

10. Thereafter, in order to limit Hamas' ability to receive material support enabling it to carry out such attacks, the State of Israel imposed a maritime blockade on the Gaza Strip.

11. Following the imposition of Israel's maritime blockade on the Gaza Strip, anti-Israel organizations in the U.S., together with a coalition of violent and/or militant anti-Israel organizations from other countries, initiated and organized efforts to breach Israel's blockade, to harm Israeli security and to support the Hamas-controlled government in the Gaza Strip, by sending the Defendant Vessels to the Gaza Strip, and raised funds in the U.S. with which they purchased, equipped, furnished and fitted out the Defendant Vessels for that purpose.

12. The anti-Israel organizations in the U.S. referred to in the previous paragraph include, without limitation, the "Free Gaza Movement" and the "U.S. Boat to Gaza project" (collectively hereinafter, "U.S. Organizational Offenders").

13. The U.S. Organizational Offenders raised funds in the U.S. with which they purchased, equipped, furnished and fitted out the Defendant Vessels, for the purposes stated above, from donors located in the U.S., using internet sites located and operated in the U.S., via affiliated organizations in the U.S., and using bank accounts located in the United States.

14. The U.S.-based internet sites, affiliated organizations and bank accounts referred to in the previous paragraph include the following:

a. Internet Sites

The U.S. Organizational Offenders raised funds in the U.S., with which they purchased, equipped, furnished and fitted out the Defendant Vessels, for the purposes stated above, through the following internet sites located and operated in the U.S.:

<http://www.freegaza.org>

<http://ustogaza.org>

<http://ustogazawest.org>

b. Affiliated Organizations / Bank Accounts

The U.S. Organizational Offenders raised funds in the U.S., with which they purchased, equipped, furnished and fitted out the Defendant Vessels, for the purposes stated above, by soliciting donations that were channeled through the following U.S.-based organizations and their U.S.-based bank accounts:

Institute for Media Analysis
143 West 4th Street #2F
New York, NY 10012

Stand for Justice
PO Box 373
Bearsville, NY 12409

American Educational Trust LE
PO Box 53347
Washington, DC 20009

15. The U.S. Organizational Offenders, together with a coalition of violent and/or militant anti-Israel organizations from other countries, have attempted and/or are intending to attempt to violate Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip using the Defendant Vessels, with the common purpose of violating and undermining Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip, harming Israeli security and supporting the Hamas-controlled government in the Gaza Strip. For example, the "U.S. Boat to Gaza project" has explained that the Defendant Vessels are being used "to break the blockade of Gaza and to end the occupation of Palestine." Therefore, the U.S. Organizational Offenders and the coalition of violent and/or militant anti-Israel organizations with which they are allied and acting jointly for the purposes described above are acting "in the service of [a] ... colony, district, or people" within the meaning of § 962. *See The Three Friends*, 17 S.Ct. 495, 500 (1897) (Holding that 18 U.S.C. § 23, now codified at § 962, applies to any group "associated together in a common political enterprise" against a U.S. ally).

16. The efforts and attempts to violate and undermine Israel's maritime blockade of the Gaza Strip, to harm Israeli security and to support the Hamas-controlled government in the Gaza Strip using the Defendant Vessels, constitute cruising and committing hostilities against the subjects, citizens, and property of the State of Israel, with whom the United States is at peace.

CLAIM FOR FORFEITURE

17. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

18. Persons acting within the U.S. have furnished and fitted out and attempted to furnish and fit out the Defendant Vessels, with the intent that the Defendant Vessels be employed in the service of a colony, district, or people, to cruise and commit hostilities against the subjects, citizens and property of the State of Israel, with whom the United States is at peace.

19. Plaintiff has notified the Attorney General of the facts above, and is therefore an "informant" within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 962.

20. Accordingly, the Defendant Vessels, and their tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with all materials, arms, ammunition, and stores which may have been procured for the building and equipment thereof, should be forfeited, one half to the use of the plaintiff and the other half to the use of the United States.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that all persons having an interest in the Defendant Vessels be summoned to appear and show cause why the Defendant Vessels (and their tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with all materials, arms, ammunition, and stores which may have been procured for the building and equipment thereof) should not be forfeited, that this Court decree forfeiture of the Defendant Vessels (and their tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with

all materials, arms, ammunition, and stores which may have been procured for the building and equipment (thereof) to the plaintiff and to the United States of America, in equal shares, and that this Court grant plaintiff such further relief as this Court may deem just and proper together with his costs and disbursements in this action.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York
June 16, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

June 13, 2011

BY FEDERAL EXPRESS AND BY FAX: (202) 307-6777

Hon. Eric H. Holder, Jr.
United States Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Re: Violations of Section 962 of Title 18 of the United States Code

Dear Attorney General Holder,

As you are aware 18 U.S.C. § 962 provides in relevant part as follows:

Whoever, within the United States, furnishes, fits out, arms, or attempts to furnish, fit out or arm, any vessel, with intent that such vessel shall be employed in the service of any foreign prince, or state, or of any colony, district, or people, to cruise or commit hostilities against the subjects, citizens, or property of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district, or people with whom the United States is at peace ...

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

Every such vessel, her tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with all materials, arms, ammunition, and stores which may have been procured for the building and equipment thereof, shall be forfeited, one half to the use of the informer and the other half to the use of the United States.

18 U.S.C. § 962 (emphasis added).

I write you as an "informer" pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 962 to notify you that according to the information that I have received an organization known as the "Free Gaza Movement" ("FGM"), while acting within the United States, has furnished and fitted out, and has attempted to furnish and fit out, a large number of vessels (listed below), with the intent that those vessels be employed in the service

of a group of anti-Israeli insurgents to cruise and commit hostilities against the State of Israel, a state with which the United States is at peace.

Specifically, the vessels at issue have been and/or will be used to violate Israel's naval blockade of the Gaza Strip, and to otherwise commit hostilities against Israel.

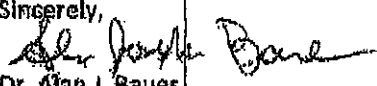
According to the information that I have received, the vessels that persons acting within the United States have already furnished and fitted out and/or attempted to furnish and fit out, in violation of § 962, are the following:

- The Mavi Marmara
- The Audacity of Hope
- The Rachel Corrie
- The Challenger I
- The Challenger II
- The Gazze
- The Tall
- The Arion
- The Sfendoni (Boat 8000)
- The Tamara (Eleftheri Mesoghios)
- The Seven Y Two (Irene)
- The Finch
- The Tahrir
- The Stefano Chiriani

Pursuant to § 962, I intend to bring an action for forfeiture of all the vessels listed above, with half of the proceeds to the undersigned as informer and the other half to the United States. While a conviction is not a prerequisite for forfeiture under § 962 (see *The Three Friends*, 17 S.Ct. 495, 497 (1897)), I nonetheless respectfully request that your office take all appropriate steps to bring to justice the parties involved in violations of § 962 in respect to these vessels.

Please do not hesitate to have your office contact me to obtain any further details or information that you may require.

Sincerely,


Dr. Alan J. Bauer

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PLAINTIFF(S) ADDRESS(ES) AND COUNTY(IES)

Dr. Alan J. Bauer
49 Ussishkin St.
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DEFENDANT(S) ADDRESS UNKNOWN

REPRESENTATION IS HEREBY MADE THAT, AT THIS TIME, I HAVE BEEN UNABLE, WITH REASONABLE DILIGENCE, TO ASCERTAIN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANTS:

Check one: THIS ACTION SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO: ☐ WHITE PLAINS ☒ MANHATTAN
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MAG. JUDGE PECK

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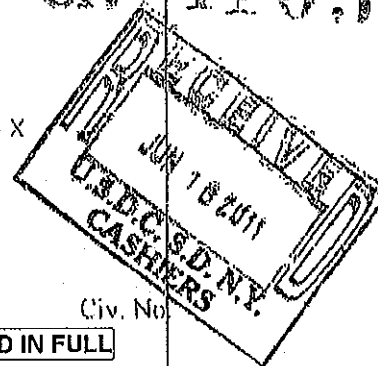
DR. ALAN J. BAUER

Plaintiff,

-against-

THE MAVI MARMARA,
 THE AUDACITY OF HOPE,
 THE RACHEL CORRIE,
 THE CHALLENGER I,
 THE CHALLENGER II,
 THE GAZZE,
 THE TAL,
 THE ARION,
 THE SFENDONI (BOAT 8000),
 THE TAMARA (ELEFTHERI MESOGHIOS),
 THE SEVEN Y TWO (IRENE),
 THE FINCH,
 THE TAHRIR,
 and THE STEFANO CHIRIANI,

Defendants.



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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, by his counsel, hereby alleges for his Complaint as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an informer's action under 18 U.S.C. § 962, seeking forfeiture of the vessels listed below (the "Defendant Vessels"):

The Mavi Marmara,
 The Audacity of Hope,
 The Rachel Corrie,
 The Challenger I,
 The Challenger II,
 The Gazze,

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The Tali,
The Arion,
The Sfendoni (Boat 8000),
The Tamara (Eleftheri Mesoghios),
The Seven Y Two (Irene),
The Finch,
The Tahrir and
The Stefano Chiriani

2. The Defendant Vessels are subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 962, which provides in relevant part that:

Whoever, within the United States, furnishes, fits out, arms, or attempts to furnish, fit out or arm, any vessel, with intent that such vessel shall be employed in the service of any foreign prince, or state, or of any colony, district, or people, to cruise, or commit hostilities against the subjects, citizens, or property of any foreign prince or state, or of any colony, district, or people with whom the United States is at peace ...

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

Every such vessel, her tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with all materials, arms, ammunition, and stores which may have been procured for the building and equipment thereof, shall be forfeited, one half to the use of the informer and the other half to the use of the United States.

18 U.S.C. § 962.

3. The Defendant Vessels are subject to forfeiture under § 962 because, as detailed below, organizations and persons acting within the United States have furnished and fitted out, and have attempted to furnish and fit out, the Defendant Vessels, with the intent that the Defendant Vessels be employed in the service of a group of anti-Israeli insurgents to cruise and

commit hostilities against the State of Israel, a state with which the United States is at peace. Specifically, the Defendant Vessels have been and/or will be used to violate Israel's naval blockade of the Gaza Strip, and to otherwise commit hostilities against Israel.

4. The plaintiff, Dr. Alan J. Bauer, is an American citizen and a professional biologist. On March 21, 2002, Dr. Bauer and his young son were severely injured in a bombing attack carried out by Palestinian terrorists in Jerusalem, Israel.

5. The plaintiff has informed the United States Attorney General that the Defendant Vessels have been furnished and fitted out, and/or that attempts have been made to furnish and fit out the Defendant Vessels, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 932, Exhibit A.

6. The plaintiff is therefore an "informer" within the meaning of § 932, and thus is entitled to one half of the proceeds of the forfeiture of the Defendant Vessels.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 18 U.S.C. § 962.

8. Venue is proper in this Court because violations of 18 U.S.C. § 962 giving rise to the forfeiture took place in the Southern District of New York.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

9. In 2007, the Hamas terrorist organization seized power in the Gaza Strip, and began to carry out systematic rocket and missile attacks against civilian targets in Israel, which killed and injured a large number of civilians and caused extensive property damage.

10. Thereafter, in order to limit Hamas' ability to receive material support enabling it to carry out such attacks, the State of Israel imposed a maritime blockade on the Gaza Strip.

11. Following the imposition of Israel's maritime blockade on the Gaza Strip, anti-Israel organizations in the U.S., together with a coalition of violent and/or militant anti-Israel organizations from other countries, initiated and organized efforts to breach Israel's blockade, to harm Israeli security and to support the Hamas-controlled government in the Gaza Strip, by sending the Defendant Vessels to the Gaza Strip, and raised funds in the U.S. with which they purchased, equipped, furnished and fitted out the Defendant Vessels for that purpose.

12. The anti-Israel organizations in the U.S. referred to in the previous paragraph include, without limitation, the "Free Gaza Movement" and the "U.S. Boat to Gaza project" (collectively hereinafter: "U.S. Organizational Offenders").

13. The U.S. Organizational Offenders raised funds in the U.S. with which they purchased, equipped, furnished and fitted out the Defendant Vessels, for the purposes stated above, from donors located in the U.S., using internet sites located and operated in the U.S., via affiliated organizations in the U.S., and using bank accounts located in the United States.

14. The U.S.-based internet sites, affiliated organizations and bank accounts referred to in the previous paragraph include the following:

a. Internet Sites

The U.S. Organizational Offenders raised funds in the U.S., with which they purchased, equipped, furnished and fitted out the Defendant Vessels, for the purposes stated above, through the following internet sites located and operated in the U.S.:

<http://www.freegaza.org>

<http://ustogaza.org>

<http://ustogazawest.org>

b. Affiliated Organizations / Bank Accounts

The U.S. Organizational Offenders raised funds in the U.S., with which they purchased, equipped, furnished and fitted out the Defendant Vessels, for the purposes stated above, by soliciting donations that were channeled through the following U.S.-based organizations and their U.S.-based bank accounts:

Institute for Media Analysis
143 West 4th Street #2F
New York, NY 10012

Stand for Justice
PO Box 373
Benisville, NY 12409

American Educational Trust LE
PO Box 53347
Washington, DC 20009

15. The U.S. Organizational Offenders, together with a coalition of violent and/or militant anti-Israel organizations from other countries, have attempted and/or are intending to attempt to violate Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip using the Defendant Vessels, with the common purpose of violating and undermining Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip, harming Israeli security and supporting the Hamas-controlled government in the Gaza Strip. For example, the "U.S. Boat to Gaza project" has explained that the Defendant Vessels are being used "to break the blockade of Gaza and to end the occupation of Palestine." Therefore, the U.S. Organizational Offenders and the coalition of violent and/or militant anti-Israel organizations with which they are allied and acting jointly for the purposes described above are acting "in the service of [a] ... colony, district, or people" within the meaning of § 962. *See The Three Friends*, 17 S.Ct. 495, 500 (1897) (Holding that 18 U.S.C. § 23, now codified at § 962, applies to any group "associated together in a common political enterprise" against a U.S. ally).

16. The efforts and attempts to violate and undermine Israel's maritime blockade of the Gaza Strip, to harm Israeli security and to support the Hamas-controlled government in the Gaza Strip using the Defendant Vessels, constitute cruising and committing hostilities against the subjects, citizens, and property of the State of Israel, with whom the United States is at peace.

CLAIM FOR FORFEITURE

17. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

18. Persons acting within the U.S. have furnished and fitted out and attempted to furnish and fit out the Defendant Vessels, with the intent that the Defendant Vessels be employed in the service of a colony, district, or people, to cruise and commit hostilities against the subjects, citizens and property of the State of Israel, with whom the United States is at peace.

19. Plaintiff has notified the Attorney General of the facts above, and is therefore an "informer" within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 962.

20. Accordingly, the Defendant Vessels, and their tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with all materials, arms, ammunition, and stores which may have been procured for the building and equipment thereof, should be forfeited, one half to the use of the plaintiff and the other half to the use of the United States.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that all persons having an interest in the Defendant Vessels be summoned to appear and show cause why the Defendant Vessels (and their tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with all materials, arms, ammunition, and stores which may have been procured for the building and equipment thereof) should not be forfeited, that this Court decree forfeiture of the Defendant Vessels (and their tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with

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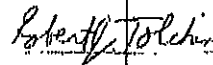
all materials, arms, ammunition, and stores which may have been procured for the building and equipment thereof) to the plaintiff and to the United States of America, in equal shares, and that this Court grant plaintiff such further relief as this Court may deem just and proper together with his costs and disbursements in this action.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York

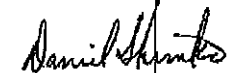
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Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

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From: Baumert, Kevin A
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:13 AM
To: Donoghue, Joan E
Cc: Townley, Stephen G; Jacobson, Linda; Dolan, JoAnn; Mortlock, David JL; Guthrie, Peter A
Subject: EO and material support statute

Joan -- below is what David Mortlock and Peter Guthrie put together re: EO 13224 and material support statute.
Kevin

From: Mortlock, David JL
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 5:39 PM
To: Sullivan, David J; Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Guthrie, Peter A
Subject: Legal hooks

David,

How are these?

B5.

David Mortlock
Office of the Legal Adviser
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520
(202) 647-0805

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 Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 4:39 PM
 To: Doutrich, Jack T; Sindle, James M; Jacobson, Michael N; Blazakis, Jason M
 Cc: Helm, Larina M; Newman, David S (L-CA); Beirne, Vincent J; Bilge, Kerem S
 Subject: FW: Bipartisan Letter Urging Turkey to Stop Another Flotilla from Departing for the Gaza Strip
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Reps. Israel & Cole Lead Bipartisan Letter Urging Turkey to Stop Another Flotilla from Departing for the Gaza Strip



Washington, DC – On Wednesday, Reps. Steve Israel (D – NY) and Tom Cole (R – OK) led a bipartisan letter to Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan urging the Prime Minister to stop another flotilla from departing Turkey for the Gaza Strip. Thirty-six Members of Congress signed the bipartisan letter, which asked the Turkish government to help find constructive alternatives for those wishing to provide aid to Gaza.

"Another so-called aid flotilla to Gaza is nothing but an attempt to provoke Israel. The Turkish government can help prevent violence by saying 'no.' We are urging Prime Minister Erdoğan to actively work to put a stop to this and join with Israel in providing real humanitarian assistance to Gaza," said Rep. Israel.

"Turkey plays an important role in the Middle East, and its democratic leaders have a unique opportunity to prevent the turmoil that could result from allowing another Gaza flotilla to confront the Israeli security blockade," said Rep. Cole. "During this volatile time in the region, I urge Prime Minister Erdoğan to work with Israel to avoid conflict and ensure legitimate aid is delivered without creating needless instability."

The full text of the letter is below.

May 11, 2011

His Excellency
 Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
 Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey
 Ankara, Turkey

Mr. Prime Minister-

We write today to express our serious concern over reports that the so-called Free Gaza Movement and the IHH are planning to send another flotilla to Gaza in the coming weeks to provoke a confrontation with Israel. As members of the United States House of Representatives we ask you to help discourage these efforts and work

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with the Israeli government in a productive way as it continues to allow legitimate aid, but not weapons, to enter Gaza.

The government of Israel has demonstrated a commitment to ensuring the basic needs of those living in the Gaza Strip are being met. Over the last year the capacity of existing land crossings has been increased; for example, capacity of the Kerem Shalom crossing has increased by 210 percent. More than 3600 supply trucks entered Gaza in the month of March alone, delivering tens of thousands of tons of goods, including food, clothing, medicine, and fuel. Over the past year, agricultural exports from the Gaza Strip have gradually increased and economic growth in Gaza reached 15 percent in 2010. These are all clear signs that Israeli policies are making a positive impact on the lives of the Palestinian people.

As you know, the government of Israel has a right and a responsibility to protect the Israeli people, and we all realize that the threat facing innocent Israelis by weapons smuggled into Gaza is real. In March, Israeli naval forces intercepted the Victoria, seizing more than 50 tons of weapons, including mortar shells and bullets, destined for Gaza militants. During a 3-day period in early April, approximately 130 rockets and mortars were fired at the civilian population of southern Israel by Hamas and other terrorist groups. In one case, an advanced precision-guided rocket that had been smuggled into Gaza was fired at and hit an Israeli school bus.

Israel, like any country in the world, must take whatever steps necessary to protect its citizens and that starts with preventing additional weapons from entering Gaza. If flotilla organizers carry out their confrontational plans, the Israelis will have little choice but to board the vessels and search for weapons. We fear violence could erupt just as it did last year.

We are seeking your active participation in finding a resolution that prevents violence. On April 21, Ambassador Susan Rice, the United States' representative to the United Nations, stated, "[t]he recent seizures of advanced weaponry underscore that Israel has clear security interests regarding cargo bound for Gaza", and she urged member states to "use every legal means at their disposal to discourage additional flotillas to Gaza". We echo those remarks and hope that your government can help work out a mechanism with Israel to allow legitimate humanitarian assistance to go to Gaza without provoking a needless confrontation. We are confident that Israel, as it has in the past, will continue to allow such aid to flow subject to appropriate security screening. By finding a constructive solution as an alternative to another flotilla, you have a unique opportunity to potentially save lives and be a force for stability at a particularly volatile time.

Sincerely,

STEVE ISRAEL
Member of Congress

TOM COLE
Member of Congress

HOWARD L. BERMAN
Member of Congress

HENRY A. WAXMAN
Member of Congress

JASON CHAFFETZ
Member of Congress

DENNY REHBERG
Member of Congress

GARY L. ACKERMAN
Member of Congress

HENRY CUELLAR
Member of Congress

SHELLEY BERKLEY
Member of Congress

MIKE QUIGLEY
Member of Congress

JOSEPH CROWLEY
Member of Congress

MIKE ROSS
Member of Congress

THEODORE E. DEUTCH
Member of Congress

GENE GREEN
Member of Congress

STEVE SCALISE
Member of Congress

RENEE L. ELLMERS
Member of Congress

RICHARD L. HANNA
Member of Congress

TED POE
Member of Congress

SUE WILKINS MYRICK
Member of Congress

HEATH SHULER
Member of Congress

LYNN JENKINS
Member of Congress

REID J. RIBBLE

Member of Congress

ADAM B. SCHIFF

Member of Congress

STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

Member of Congress

CAROLYN B. MALONEY

Member of Congress

JERROLD NADLER

Member of Congress

BILL PASCRELL, JR.

Member of Congress

SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

Member of Congress

JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

Member of Congress

DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

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CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

Member of Congress

MIKE KELLY

Member of Congress

BILL JOHNSON

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DOUG LAMBORN

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JEAN SCHMIDT

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Member of Congress

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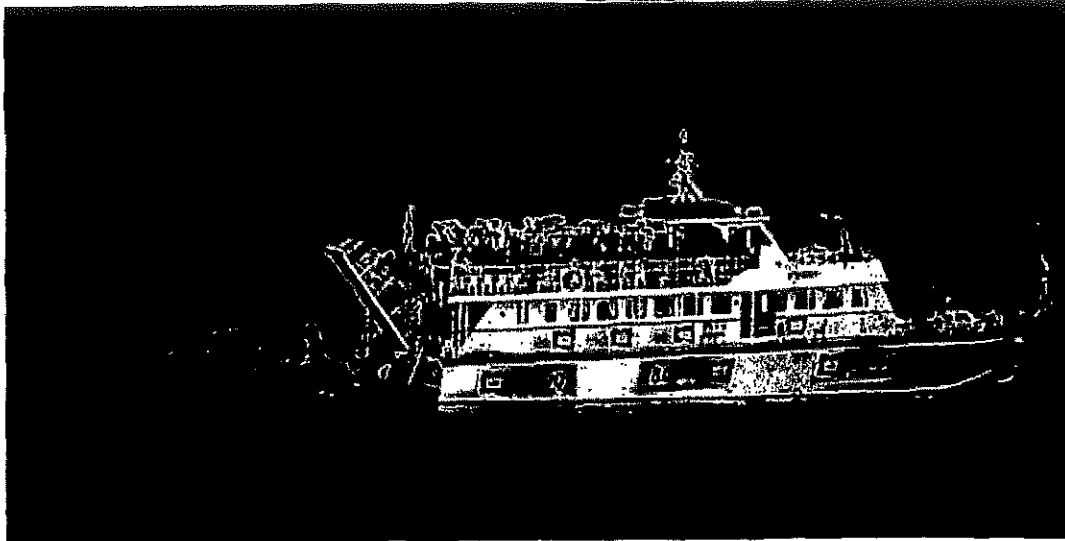
Members of Congress ask Erdoğan to help stop Gaza-bound flotilla

<http://www.todayszaman.com/news-243748-members-of-congress-ask-erdogan-to-help-stop-gaza-bound-flotilla.html>

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In this Monday, May 31, 2010 file photo, image reviewed by the Israeli military and taken aboard an Israeli naval vessel, Israeli navy soldiers intercept one of several boats headed towards the Gaza Strip, in international waters in the Mediterranean Sea.

A group of members of the US Congress has submitted a letter to Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan urging him to "help work out a mechanism with Israel to allow legitimate humanitarian assistance to go to Gaza without provoking a needless confrontation," The Weekly Standard reported on Thursday.

In an explicitly pro-Israeli letter, the congressional members expressed serious concern over reports that the "so-called Free Gaza Movement" and the Humanitarian Aid Foundation (LHH) are planning to send another flotilla to Gaza in the coming weeks to provoke a confrontation with Israel.

"As members of the United States House of Representatives we ask you to help discourage these efforts and work with the Israeli government in a productive way as it continues to allow legitimate aid, but not weapons, to enter Gaza," the letter said.

The members of Congress alleged that the government of Israel has demonstrated a commitment to ensuring the basic needs of those living in the Gaza Strip are being met and that over the last year the capacity of existing land crossings had been increased, citing as an example the capacity of the Kerem Shalom crossing increasing by 210 percent.

The letter recalled that more than 3,600 supply trucks had entered Gaza in the month of March alone, delivering tens of thousands of tons of goods, including food, clothing, medicine and fuel. It said over the past year, agricultural exports from the Gaza Strip have gradually increased and economic growth in Gaza reached 15 percent in 2010.

"These are all clear signs that Israeli policies are making a positive impact on the lives of the Palestinian people," the Congress members underlined.

According to the letter, Israel, like any country in the world, must take whatever steps necessary to protect its citizens and that starts with preventing additional weapons from entering Gaza. It said if flotilla organizers carry out their confrontational plans, the Israelis will have little choice but to board the vessels and search for weapons. "We fear violence could erupt just as it did last year."

The members of Congress called for Erdoğan's active participation in finding a resolution that prevents violence and hoped that his government can help work out a mechanism with Israel to allow "legitimate" humanitarian assistance to go to Gaza without provoking a confrontation.

"We are confident that Israel, as it has in the past, will continue to allow such aid to flow subject to appropriate security screening. By finding a constructive solution as an alternative to another flotilla, you have a unique opportunity to potentially save lives and be a force for stability at a particularly volatile time," the letter concluded.

According to the report, Representatives Steve Israel, Tom Cole, Howard L. Berman, Henry A. Waxman, Jason Chaffetz, Denny Rehberg, Gary L. Ackerman, Henry Cuellar, Shelley Berkley, Mike Quigley, Joseph Crowley, Mike Ross, Theodore E. Deutch, Gene Green, Steve Scalise, Renee L. Elmers, Richard L. Hanna, Ted Poe, Sue Wilkins Myrick, Heath Shuler, Lynn Jenkins, Reid J. Ribble, Adam B. Schiff, Steven R. Rothman, Carolyn B. Maloney, Jerrold Nadler, Bill Pascrell, Jr., Shelley Moore Capito, Janice D. Schakowsky, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Christopher S. Murphy, Mike Kelly, Bill Johnson, Doug Lamborn, Jean Schmidt and Joe Barton signed the letter.

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Subject: SITREP: Lebanese Flotilla as of COB June 22

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(SBU) STATUS OF SHIP(S): As of late afternoon June 22, no ships have left Lebanon bound for either Cyprus or Gaza, but preparations for one launch are underway. The freighter *Julia*, a Bolivian-flagged vessel we have been watching in Tripoli harbor for nearly a week, is now being identified in the media as the ship that will be rechristened *Naji al-Ali* (then in theory to be used to run the Gaza blockade by a group of journalists and activists organized by two Lebanese NGOs). Until yesterday, the *Julia* was believed to be intended for the "all-female" venture and rechristened *Mariam* (in a separate effort organized by the wife of a former national police director). The woman leading the *Mariam* effort, when questioned by the press yesterday, would not give any details about her undertaking other than to say that the group would have a ship and that as many as 70 women might be on it "when it leaves for Gaza."

(SBU) GOL ACTION: The Lebanese cabinet discussed the issue last night, but concluded that it did not need to intervene because the matter was within the jurisdiction of Transportation Minister Ghazi Aridi. Aridi reportedly stated during the cabinet meeting that he would give approval to the *Mariam* and *Naji al-Ali* to depart if they submit requests in accordance with the law; are planning to go to a permitted destination, like Cyprus; and otherwise meet all technical and legal conditions. Cabinet sources were cited in the press as saying "there was not complete satisfaction with the departure of the two ships in these circumstances because of the Israeli threats and unsuitable political timing," but the cabinet did not take any steps to block it.

(SBU) ACTIVITY ON JULIA: This afternoon the *Julia* is alongside the pier in Tripoli and is being loaded with cargo in boxes from trucks. At 1500 local time, there were no signs of imminent departure. Our investigators were not able to identify any other ships in Tripoli harbor that are obviously under preparation for a "flotilla" voyage. We and the UK Embassy also verified that there are currently no ships of any kind in the southern Lebanese ports of Saida, Tyre and Joun that could be used to travel to Gaza. Our Surete Generale contacts in Tripoli believe the other intended ship is also in Tripoli, but they cannot identify it. Late this afternoon, Lebanese Customs contacts in Tripoli said that the *Julia* is the only ship currently being prepared for departure.

(SBU) TECHNICAL ISSUE: The *Julia* is reportedly licensed to carry only 16 passengers and crew, so technically should not be allowed to depart if it submits a manifest with more than 16 individuals listed on it. The two Lebanese NGOs organizing the *Naji al-Ali* effort have said for some days that they intend to send a group of at least 50-60, including 20-30 journalists.

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The Surete Generale confirmed within the last half-hour that it has not received any manifests. The SG did not indicate, however, that it would necessarily take steps to prevent a departure if it does receive a manifest in proper form.

(SBU) AMCITS: The local press has also run a couple of stories today claiming that five Amciti nuns will be among the people on the *Mariam*, and that 12 unidentified Amcits plan to travel on the *Najj al-All*. We have repeatedly checked with the Surete (which handles immigration) in recent days, but they have no information about any Amcits with such plans. The Surete has promised to notify us if they receive any manifests listing U.S. citizens.

(SBU) CONCLUSION: We are not currently able to determine how far advanced the preparations for the launch of the *Julia* may be, nor have we been able to obtain additional information concerning reports that the ship is probably not seaworthy. It is being loaded with cargo, however, and we have to assume it could depart with very little notice, assuming all of its documentary requirements have been met.

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(SBU) On Saturday, 08/21/2010, at 0933 hours Embassy investigators reported that both the *Mariam* (formerly the *Jounieh Star*) and the *Julla* (aka the *Naji al-Ali*) remain in their same positions in the Lebanese port of Tripoli without any signs of activity. Our team will remain in Tripoli throughout the day, and we will provide further reports, as appropriate.

(U) Transportation Minister Ghazi Aridi told Lebanese papers on August 21 that he could not allow the *Mariam* to sail, as planned, because the Cypriot authorities had announced that they would not allow it to land there en route to Gaza. He added, however, "We will grant the ship the necessary license according to the required legal conditions," explaining that the ship's owners must locate a different port that will receive the ship.

(U) The head of the sponsoring Free Palestine Movement, Yasser Qashlaq, stressed that the *Mariam* will depart as scheduled on August 29. He told the daily *Asharq al-Awsat* on August 21, "There will be no backing down from the launch date and Cyprus has no right to refuse it entry to its port....If the ship does not sail, regardless of the reason, I will reveal secrets and many surprises to the Palestinian people." The Lebanese paper *As-Safir*, which supports the ship's mission, reported that organizers are negotiating with Greek authorities for permission to land in a Greek port.

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No Activity in Tripoli Port

(SBU) On Saturday, August 21, at 1620 hours Embassy investigators reported that both the *Mariam* (formerly the *Jounieh Star*) and the *Julia* (aka the *Naji al-Ali*) remain in their same positions in the Lebanese port of Tripoli without any signs of activity. The investigators added that there was no elevated security presence at the port and no press was present. The team will return to Tripoli on Sunday, August 22, and we will provide further reports, as appropriate.

GOL Says Ship Will Not Sail Before Monday

(SBU) Gen. Joumana Tabet, head of General Security's Intelligence unit, assured the RSO that the *Mariam* will not depart on either August 21 or 22, although she declined to provide additional information.

Flotilla Organizer Claims Ship Will Not Sail Directly to Gaza

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(U) Coordinator of the Mariam's efforts, Samar al-Hajj, told the LBC television channel on Saturday that contacts are ongoing with countries near Gaza in order to acquire permission for the ship to dock at one of their ports. She complained, "It seems as if there is universal war against us....We will not allow anyone to cancel the ship's trip." She added that the ship will not head to Gaza directly from Tripoli, stressing, "The ship cannot be the reason for the start of a war."

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(U) In a press conference held inside the Lebanese port of Tripoli around midday on Sunday, August 22, the organizers of the *Mariam*, a ship intending to break the Gaza blockade, announced that they are "postponing but not cancelling" its departure, previously planned for August 22. This decision, they said, was made necessary by the refusal of Cypriot authorities to allow the ship to dock in Cyprus en route to Gaza. The organizers are now seeking another port that will allow them to land, and they announced that they are in contact with Turkish and Greek authorities. The Government of Lebanon will not allow the ship to sail directly to Gaza because it is occupied by Israel, with which Lebanon is officially in a state of war.

(SBU) An Embassy security team reported at 1445 hours that all those who attended the press conference had departed the port area and no activity was taking place on or around the ship. Embassy Beirut will continue monitoring the situation and sending staff to observe the port, reporting when necessary.

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(SBU) On August 24 at 1300 hours, Embassy Investigators reported that the Mariam (formerly the Jounieh Star) and the Julia (aka the Naji al-Ali) remained in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no signs of activity taking place on or around them. The Julia is anchored away from the wharf, and the Mariam has been moved to a secondary docking location next to a larger ship. The team will return to observe the ships on August 25.

(SBU) Yasser Qashlaq, head of the Free Palestine Movement that is sponsoring the ships, told An-Nahar newspaper, "From now on, we will start sending ships carrying humanitarian aid with the U.N. flag to all of Palestine, not only to Gaza, and Israel will not be able to forbid it or detain it." Since the Government of Lebanon has refused to allow the ships to sail unless they indicate as their destination a port that will receive them other than Gaza, this claim is not credible. The press reported over the weekend that the flotilla organizers contacted Turkish and Greek authorities to seek permission to dock there.

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(SBU) Around midday on August 26, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the Mariam and the Julia remain docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them.

(SBU) Two photos taken today are attached.

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(SBU) Around 1000 on August 27, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the *Mariam* and the *Julia* remain docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them.

(U) We will report again on the ships' status on Monday, unless we receive information over the weekend indicating that they plan to embark.

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Subject: Marjam Gaza flotilla sitrep for September 7

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Subject: Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for September 20

(SBU) Around midday on September 19, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the *Mariam* and the *Julia* remain in the Lebanese port of Tripoli. While the *Mariam* is still anchored near the wharf, the *Julia* has been taken out of the water for repair work. Please see attached photos.

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Subject: Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for September 27

(SBU) Around midday on September 25, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the *Mariam* and the *Julia* remain docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them. The *Julia* remains in dry dock.

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(SBU) Around midday on October 2, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the *Mariam* and the *Julia* remain in the Lebanese port of Tripoli. The *Mariam* is still anchored near the wharf, and the *Julia* remains in dry dock for repair work. Please see attached photos.

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Captions: SENSITIVE, SIPDIS
Subject: Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for October 13

(SBU) Around midday on October 12, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the *Mariam* and the *Julia* remain in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them. The *Julia* is currently in dry dock.

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Subject: Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for October 18

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Reference: A) 11 STATE 38240
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Subject: Spain: Spanish Response to Flotilla Demarche

(SBU) The GOS has taken steps to pass on security risks to activists and organizers regarding the dangers of attempting to access Gaza by sea, highlighting the violent Safafi activist group murder of Italian Vittorio Arrigoni. POLOFF delivered reftel demarche to MFA Arab-Israeli Office. MFA has modified their travel recommendations on their web page advising Spaniards not to travel to the Gaza Strip. The MFA is also advising Spaniards not to sail to Gaza and that humanitarian aid should be sent by land through authorized channels.

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Reference: A) STATE 36240
Subject: Spain: Gaza Flotilla participation

1. (U) A Spanish coalition called, "On the Way to Gaza" plans to participate in the second international Gaza flotilla, now postponed from a mid-May sailing to early June. The Spanish Group raised approximately funds to buy a small boat, but reportedly still needs to raise money for fuel. A group of 80 Spaniards will reportedly join the flotilla, including left-wing Euro MP Willey Meyer and the Initiative for Catalonia Greens Party Euro MP Raul Romeva. Spanish actor Willy Toledo and activists Laura Arau, María del Mar Fernández and Manuel Tapial are supposed to be among them. Former UNESCO Director, Federico Mayor Zaragoza, has expressed his public support for the initiative.
2. (U) Spanish dailies El Mundo and El Pais report that Israeli PM Netanyahu called President Zapatero last on May 9, to ask him to maintain Europe's firmness with Hamas and to prevent the participation of Spaniards in the second Freedom Flotilla. FM Jiménez said in Istanbul on May 11 that diplomacy "is more useful" than the Freedom Flotilla to lift the Israel embargo to the Gaza Strip.
3. (U) The Spanish NGO "Culture, Peace, and Solidarity," a member of the above-mentioned coalition, has asked the GOS to take the necessary diplomatic steps to protect them. Some of the Spanish participants met with MFA officials who "warned them about the dangers of the operation. Many EU countries are giving their advice following that line. There is not enough security to send the flotilla." On May 11 the MFA included in its travel advisory on the Palestinian Territories a note advising against boarding any ships participating in the "On the Way to Gaza" initiative, because of the serious danger that participants could face. The Ministry advised that any humanitarian assistance should be by land, respecting authorized channels. In any event, FM Jiménez said that in the event of a new Israeli attack, the obligation of her Ministry "is to protect Spanish citizens."

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(SBU) On April 18, Post delivered refel demarche to the Swedish MFA's Department of Middle Eastern Affairs. The Department was unaware of which, if any, Swedish citizens would participate in the second flotilla to Gaza. Our internet search revealed that Dror Feiler, a Swedish-Israeli musician who was arrested in the first flotilla, will participate and Mehmet Kaplan, a parliamentarian arrested with Feiler, might. Kaplan twittered that "there is a lot of interest and the Board of "Ship to Gaza" has many (persons) to chose from."

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(C) Pol/Econ Counselor discussed refel points April 27 with the MFA's Middle East office. The MFA said they had heard rumors that one Austrian citizen was planning to travel with the flotilla, but had no information on that person's identity. The GoA said they supported the USG's points on the potential safety risks involved in breaching the blockade. If asked, they would support ships travelling first to Ashdod before continuing to Gaza.

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Noteworthy items in today's briefing book include:

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Attached are two USDAO-Tel Aviv reports on Freedom Flotilla II.

Best,
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Subject: FLOTILLA SITREP: GRETA BERLIN ON PROJECTED DEPARTURES -- IL RADIO

GRETA BERLIN, FOUNDER OF THE FREE GAZA MOVEMENT AND ONE OF THE PROMINENT ORGANISORS OF THE FLOTILLA TOLD IL RADIO OVERNIGHT THAT SHE IS ON BOARD THE VESSEL "AUDACITY OF HOPE" ANCHORED IN PIRAEUS, "WAITING FOR THE FINAL PAPERWORK TO RELEASE OUR BOAT."

BERLIN TOLD IL RADIO:

"PEOPLE KEEP ASSURING US WE HAVE ONE MORE THING TO FILL OUT -- ONE MORE THING TO DO. THE GREEK BUREAUCRACY IS DOING ITS BEST TO PREVENT US FROM GOING BUT WE'RE PRETTY DETERMINED. WE'VE SAID WE'RE GOING TO GO IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. I THINK THAT OUR DROP-DEAD DEADLINE IS GOING TO BE JULY 5TH. I REALISE THAT THAT IS 2 WEEKS LATER THAN WE SAID WE WERE GOING TO GO, BUT I'VE DONE A LOT OF THESE AND WE ARE NEVER ON TIME."

"SOMETIMES WE FEEL THAT WE ARE THE BESIEGED PEOPLE AS WELL AS THE PALESTINIANS OF GAZA. ISRAEL IS DOING ITS VERY VERY BEST TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T GET OUT OF PORT BECAUSE ONCE WE GET OUT OF PORT -- AND WE WILL -- THEY ARE NOW FACED WITH WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO WITH US. SO THEY WOULD RATHER SABOTAGE OUR BOATS, TIE US UP IN PAPERWORK AND PREVENT US FROM GOING. IT'S DIFFICULT FOR THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THAT IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE OUR DETERMINATION."

End of soundbite translated verbatim -- rbb

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French yacht from grounded flotilla sails for Gaza

10:58am EDT

By Nidal al-Mughrabi

GAZA (Reuters) - A French yacht carrying pro-Palestinian activists sailed for the Gaza Strip Monday after other ships in a flotilla that had planned to challenge Israel's blockade were grounded in Greece, organizers said.

They said the 17-passenger "Dignite-AlKarama," having declared an Egyptian port as its official destination, left Greek waters Sunday and was on course to reach the Palestinian enclave by Tuesday.

"It is now the voice of the whole Freedom Flotilla, as all its ships were forbidden to sail by the Greek government thereby fulfilling a clear demand by the Israeli government," said a statement issued by French campaigners aligned with the umbrella Free Gaza Movement. Passenger Dror Feiler said the yacht planned to dock in Gaza at around noon Tuesday. "We don't want to sail at night," he told Reuters via satellite telephone.

Israel, whose marines killed nine Turkish activists while storming a Gaza-bound flotilla on the Mediterranean high seas last year, has vowed to stop any new attempt to breach a naval blockade it deems necessary to prevent arms from reaching the ruling Palestinian Islamist group Hamas.

"If this boat is on its way to Gaza, which is a breach of international maritime law, and it is trying a provocative act, yes, we will intercept it," Deputy Israeli Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon told foreign journalists in Jerusalem.

"But I assure you that we will try our best to make all those on board very comfortable."

Activist vessels that had berthed in Greece last month were refused permission by local authorities to sail on to Gaza. Two were turned back by the coast guard after leaving port without authorization. Organizers said two boats were also sabotaged.

Greta Berlin of the Free Gaza Movement said the Dignite-AlKarama had declared Alexandria, Egypt, as its destination "in order to get out of Greece."

"But you can change destinations in the middle of the Mediterranean, any time you want to," she said. "It's legal to do that."

Palestinians and their supporters consider the Gaza blockade illegal and say it stunts the economic development of the territory, most of whose 1.5 million residents rely on aid to survive.

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Tom and team TA, we were glad to see the update below. Interest here is rising sharply as D-day (whenever that is) approaches. We'll forward today's Department statement, if you haven't seen it already, as well as a wire story that has already picked up on the statement. Nick will be sending your update below and other developments to an e-mail collective on this system including interested NEA and EUR offices and posts, other bureaus including CA and PA, and NSS. As you have further news, please chime in to that collective. If you have something that should not be shared widely, but is still appropriate for this system, please send to Paul, myself, and Nick, who will be our flotilla AO for the next week. And of course let us know if you have additional suggestions for how best to keep everyone lashed up and informed of the latest. Thanks,

John

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ISRAEL RADIO NEWS 7:00 AM Hebrew Report

* **Gantz comments:** Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz said that the IDF was preparing for the flotilla to Gaza, and would not permit the blockade on Gaza to be breached by any means, irrespective of whether the participants came armed or not. In statements made last night, the chief of staff added that the planned hatred flotilla was another example of the delegitimization campaign against the State of Israel.

On another matter, the chief of staff said that in advance of September, Israel should prepare for a broad range of scenarios, and added that the IDF was cooperating with the police and other bodies.

* **Gaza flotilla:** Flotilla activists complained yesterday that Israel had sabotaged one of the ships that was due to set sail from the port of Piraeus. They said that divers had sawed off part of the propeller of the *Juliano*, and it was brought onto land for repairs.

Flotilla Organizer: "This Wasn't the Work of Amateurs"

Yedioth Ahronoth (p. 2) by Menahem Ganz (Athens) -- The 18-meter ship, *Juliano*, looks old and battered as it is led to be repaired in a shipyard outside of Athens. Anyone looking from the side would be hard put to understand how close to 20 activists and journalists agreed to board this ship and to set sail for Gaza in an attempt to break the Israeli blockade, and certainly after the sabotage that was done to the ship's propellers, which became the talk of the day yesterday among the organizers of the event, prompting a long list of speculations and accusations.

"This wasn't the work of amateurs," said Thomas Sommer-Houdeville, a spokesperson for the French group participating in the Freedom Flotilla II to Gaza, pointing to the connections between the propellers and the boat. "Look at how they cut the connection between the two propellers and the boat on both sides. That is a surgical operation by professionals. Who could have done that if not the Mossad? What, the American secret service? The Greeks? It's clear that Israel is the one that profits from this sabotage. The Mossad might not have signed this operation, but I'll leave it up to your readers to decide who it could have been."

That is just another phase in the war of versions being waged between Israel and the organizers of the flotilla. The information provided on Monday by the Israeli security forces as if people affiliated with Hamas were going to be on board the ships taking part in the flotilla, and that some of the activists intended to attack the soldiers, forced the organizers to launch a counterattack. That is the reason why they are pleased to show journalists, even ones who refused to state from the outset that they would support the Palestinian struggle, the slit in the propellers and the signs of supposed sabotage. "There's no doubt that they sawed this underwater," said the captain of the vessel Theodoros Bokas. "Greeks are seafaring people, they can tell about that sort of thing. The sabotage was committed between Friday and Sunday, and I believe we are going to need three days to fix the damage." Proof of sabotage is at least as important to them as it is to have the *Juliano* fixed and ready to leave in time to take part in the flotilla.

"Legitimate to Hurt Us"

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As opposed to last year, this time the organizers of the flotilla and Israel have already begun to clash even before the first ship has set sail for Gaza, with each party accusing the other of presenting misinformation and of using cheap propaganda. "Greece is mired in an economic crisis. It's desperate and needs the assistance that Israel is offering it," said members of the Italian group taking part in the flotilla. "That's why the Greek government has capitulated to Israel's pressure and is collaborating with it with the goal of preventing the flotilla from setting sail."

The Italians are convinced that the Jewish lobby, which controls the global economy, is also directing the turn of events in the ports. "Israel is spreading intelligence warnings about how there are violent activists among us and that we're in possession of chemical substances that are supposed to hurt Israeli soldiers," said one of the Italian group. "Their goal is clear: to make it legitimate to hurt us." Up until yesterday the organizers of the flotilla kept their cards close to their chests. Not even the 500 activists who had registered to take part in the flotilla had received information about the location of the ships taking part and the date on which they were setting sail. So that when the 30 members of the Italian group showed up at the meeting point that was set for them in Athens, they discovered that they now had to travel all the way to the island of Corfu. When they finally reached that northern island, they were not allowed to see the ship that was going to be taking them to Gaza, and they were told that it would be leaving from a different nearby port and would stop to pick up activists in a different port. "We're trying not to do the expected," said Jihad, a resident of Rome, "because that will make it easier for the people trying to sabotage the flotilla."

"I'll Be Accused of Being a Collaborator"

Meanwhile, activists on board the *Juliano* spend their time trying to organize the three cabins that are geared to hold a total of six people so that they can house no fewer than 20 activists. The captain begins to give an explanation about the yacht, but suddenly stops and asks me to identify myself a second time and to tell them to whom I am going to be transferring this information. They are deeply suspicious: they don't know any Israelis who don't identify with their own ideology, such as Dror Feiler, his mother and the pilot Yonatan Shapira. Some remain suspicious of me throughout the entire course of our conversation, whereas others are more prepared to be trusting. Nikos Pilos, a well-known photojournalist in the city, refused to join me as I made my way to the main offices of the organizers of the flotilla. "I don't want to burn my connections," he explained to me. "If I come with you then they'll say that I'm collaborating with the Israelis, that I'm helping their agents. I don't want to be connected with you."

"We've Learned Lessons Too"

The main offices are located on Notara Street in the Exarchia neighborhood of Athens, which is associated with anarchist students, the ones who are in the front lines of the demonstrations that have become common in the Greek capital. This is the most natural place for organizing a flotilla to Gaza. The mood in that neighborhood was stormy yesterday. Hundreds of police officers were forced to fire tear gas canisters in the air to disperse demonstrators.

Feiler promised that the scenes of violence of the kind that were seen last year in clashes with IDF troops would not recur. "There isn't going to be any violence," he says. "Why would we use violence if we know that the other side is stronger than we are? The last number of months have taught us that the people, who are unarmed, are the side that wins, so what is this nonsense about us being in possession of chemical substances? Soon they will say about us, like Saddam Hussein, that we have chemical weapons and an atom bomb."

Feiler offers as proof the statement that the various members of the flotilla had to sign in which they undertook not to resort to violence. "Everyone made the commitment," he said. "If things turn out otherwise, that isn't my responsibility." I reminded him that a similar commitment was made last year on the eve of the flotilla that ended with a violent clash. "Back then IDF soldiers shot two Turks in the morning. You don't know how you'd respond either if your friend was killed right next to you."

Thomas Sommer-Houdeville stood beside Feiler, and said that things had changed since the previous year. "We've also learned our lessons," he said. "We don't want this flotilla to end with the deaths of innocent people, and that is why we tried to get to know the activists better and we made them sign a declaration of non-violence."

Security Cabinet Ministers: PR Hysteria Surrounding Flotilla

Ma'ariv (p. 6) by Eli Bardenstein -- Ministers who serve on the security cabinet were highly critical of the fact that they were not apprised of the sensitive intelligence that was disseminated on Monday night to journalists about the plans by

the organizers of the flotilla to use sulfuric acid against IDF troops, their intention to injure and kill as many soldiers as possible and the presence of terrorists on board the ships taking part in the flotilla.

Some of the ministers went so far as to accuse the spokespersons who provided that information of trying to create a media spin, which they said was part of what they described as the "public relations hysteria" surrounding the flotilla in an attempt to have it perceived as violent in nature.

"It is inconceivable that we should hear information in the security cabinet meeting to the effect that there are no threats posed by the participants in the flotilla to take violent action or about the presence of terrorists on board the ships, and that senior state organizations, including the army, should produce for the media information that is the complete opposite of what we were told," said one security cabinet minister angrily. Another high-ranking political official said last night that "there is increasing reason to fear that this is a spin. Nothing of the information that was disseminated to the media was presented to us."

One security cabinet minister said that the media briefings were geared to pressure the international community. "Prime Minister Netanyahu decided to change the version about the nature of the flotilla for two reasons that are connected to the international community. The first is for reasons of covering himself—if, suddenly, in the course of the military operation something goes awry and there are casualties, Israel will be able to say that it warned of that in advance. The second reason is to apply pressure on the international community so that governments will prevent the ships from leaving for the flotilla from the outset."

IDF officials rejected the allegations as if the information was merely a media spin or, at the very least, a deliberate attempt to create hysteria surrounding the flotilla. The military officials insisted that the intelligence they had received attested to plans to kill soldiers and to use chemical agents: "At issue are substances with dual use that are banned from entering Gaza. Those substances can be utilized in a number of ways, including so as to injure IDF soldiers. According to the intelligence we have, some of the participants in the flotilla intend to injure and kill soldiers."

Either way, as opposed to the previous flotilla, after which the *Mavi Marmara* was returned to Turkey after being towed to the Israeli coast, this time a decision has been made to confiscate any ship with the goal of deterring the ship-owners. A decision has also been made this time that any activist who uses violence against IDF troops will not be swiftly released, as occurred following the flotilla last year.

The participants in the flotilla, incidentally, denied the veracity of the information about chemical agents having been loaded on board the ships with the goal of using them as weapons to main and/or kill Israeli soldiers.

They Bought Some Time

Yedioth Ahronoth (p. 3) by Alex Fishman -- There is no information that there is going to be a group of radicals on board that will form a hard core of violent resistance against IDF soldiers. Nor is there any clear information about live weapons that will be on board the ships. It is very reasonable to assume that this is one working assumption, alongside of many other scenarios and working assumptions that have come up in the brainstorming sessions in the army and the various intelligence services in advance of the upcoming flotilla. But when a working assumption of that sort is turned into a fact by the Israeli public relations machine, that is liable to prove to be a boomerang that could cast Israel as unreliable.

That's the way it is in Israel. Before the previous flotilla no one bothered even to enlist people who speak Turkish to monitor the publicly-available information in Turkish, which indicated precisely what was going to happen. In advance of this flotilla they're digging up the most marginal information, some of which is based on unreliable sources and some of which has not been verified. Take, for example, the report about chemicals that supposedly are going to be used against IDF troops: The issue at hand are sacks of fertilizer that have been loaded onto one of the ships. Some of the fertilizers are phosphate-based. Israel has banned substances of that sort from entering Gaza since those organic fertilizers can be used as rocket fuel and in bombs. Hamas no longer needs to use fertilizer for those purposes, since it now obtains standard explosives via the tunnels.

There is no argument: the IDF needs to be prepared for the worst case scenario. It needs to be prepared for a situation in which someone on board the ships opens live fire. But the dramatic announcements by Israel about preparations being made on board the ships to fight to the death and to kill IDF soldiers are strongly redolent of propaganda. Smart PR work most certainly has the capacity of embarrassing the other side in public opinion. In the meantime, the more sober situation assessment is that IDF troops are liable to encounter intense physical resistance on two of the ships—the French vessel, *Le Dignité-El Karameh*, and an Arab boat that was bought by the Jordanian Muslim Brotherhood.

The flotilla, which was supposed to set forth yesterday, has been delayed by two days. Some of the ships have been damaged unexpectedly. The Israeli diplomatic effort this time was successful in persuading the governments of Greece and Cyprus to prevent—or, at the very least, to delay—the departure of the ships. Every day that passes in which the flotilla does not set sail increases the chances of it becoming even more depleted. Quite a number of the people who are supposed to take part in the flotilla—people from Switzerland, the United States and Holland—flew in at their own expense, and are now stranded and waiting at their own expense. Thus far, Israel has been quite successful in its efforts to buy time and to deplete the flotilla. Out of the 15 ships that originally were supposed to take part in the flotilla, the number is now down to six. It is not inconceivable that the current delay is not the last one either. The organizers of the flotilla keep on discovering new problems every day.

Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs Ministry Holds Successful Exercise Ahead of Gaza Flotilla

(Communicated by the Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs Ministry Spokesman)

The Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs Ministry yesterday (Tuesday), 28.6.11, held a successful readiness exercise ahead of the Gaza flotilla. In the course of the exercise, Ministry employees summoned Public Diplomacy and Diaspora Affairs Minister Yuli Edelstein to a special situation room that has been established ahead of the flotilla. The situation room is designed to disseminate public diplomacy on the Internet via messages, photos, video clips and additional materials, with emphasis on Diaspora communities, as well as Jewish organizations and friends of Israel around the world, that are seeking to assist public diplomacy activities in their languages and local environments. Participating in the exercise were professional elements from the Ministry, along with representatives from the Prime Minister's Office, the Foreign Ministry, the IDF Spokesperson, the Government Press Office, the Jewish Agency and public diplomacy organizations.

The simulation:

The exercise was based on a scenario in which approximately 500 activists on approximately ten ships reached Israel's territorial waters at 10:00. Despite having been warned by the IDF, the ships continued on their way. At 10:30, the Israel Navy began approaching the ships. Stun grenades were thrown at the IDF soldiers, as well as one live grenade that caused a number of casualties to our forces. At 11:00, the order was given for IDF units to physically seize control of the ships on which there was resistance. Our forces were attacked with live – and other – weapons and were obliged to neutralize the assailants. The results, by 11:45, were ten IDF soldiers wounded (one critically, four severely and the rest lightly). Among the flotilla participants, there were two dead and 14 wounded, including two severely.

As the events were taking place, the media – with emphasis on the Internet, Facebook and Twitter – were flooded with mendacious reports (by private users, Hamas and others among Israel's enemies). The situation room, in coordination with the IDF Spokesperson and the National Information Directorate, began to disseminate credible messages to Jewish communities and friends of Israel around the world. Those in the situation room responsible for new media began to update messages on the social networks, Facebook and Twitter.

Minister Edelstein said that, "Given the provocation by the flotilla, which is entirely designed to attack Israel's image around the world, we established a special situation room that will ensure coordination between Government officials, Diaspora Jewish communities and friends of Israel around the world. We are here to expose the true face of the terrorist organizations and the inciters to hatred that have organized the flotillas and which disseminate messages and photos in real time over the Internet. I am certain that alongside us will stand significant force multipliers in the form of thousands of activists from Jewish communities around the world."

PLO's Ashrawi Condemns 'Israeli Threats' on Media Coverage of Freedom Flotilla 2

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[Corrected version: changed "negative" to "destructive" in text; "Ashrawi: Israel Has To Lift the Blockade Imposed on the Gaza Strip and End the Occupation" – WAFA News Agency Headline]

Ramallah, 27 June 11 (WAFA) – Hanan Ashrawi, member of the PLO Executive Committee and head of the PLO Department of Information and Culture, has condemned the Israeli threats against international media outlets that are participating in Freedom Flotilla 2.

Ashrawi's statements have been made following a message that "Oran Helman," director of the Israeli Government Press Office, sent to the international journalists, in which he warned them of deporting, confiscating equipment, and banning them from entering Israel for 10 years.

Ashrawi also said: "While the Arab region is witnessing radical changes and democratic transitions about basic human rights and ensuring freedoms, including the freedom of opinion and journalism, Israel is confiscating rights, targeting international media outlets, and threatening journalists with punishment."

She added: "It is not the first time that Israel is seeking to hide the facts and inhuman crimes regarding its illegitimate blockade of the Gaza Strip. In addition, Israel's refusal to end its military occupation of Palestinian land is the only reason behind its isolation on the international stage."

Ashrawi also pointed out the catastrophic conditions facing the Gaza Strip, due to Israeli control over all entry and exit points to the Gaza Strip, and the imposition of a land, air, and naval blockade, in a blatant violation of the rules of international law and international legitimacy, something that has had destructive effects on the lives and livelihoods of Palestinian civilians.

Ashrawi said further: "If Israel does not want to see freedom flotillas after today, it will have to lift its illegal blockade on the Gaza Strip, and end its occupation of the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967 in order to establish the independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital."

Ashrawi also called on the Israeli Government to retract its threats. In addition, Ashrawi urged the journalists not to fear Israeli warnings and urged them to insist on their right to the freedom of journalism. Ashrawi said: "The Palestinians welcome the international media coverage, as one of the useful means to expose to the world Israeli violations and depict the suffering that our people are living in the occupied territories."

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Jakobson, Nicholas W
 Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 8:59 AM
 To: NEA-IPA-DL; EUR-SE-DL; NEA-Egypt; PM-CPMS; SES-O; Vasquez, Edgar J; Grubb, Jason B; Levin, Jan; Silverman, Robert J; Walles, Jacob; Sutphin, Paul R; Richter, Kim B; Worman, Patrick F; Zurcher, Kenneth M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Masilko, Barbara J (USUN); Marchese, Gregory M; Blome, Donald A; Waters, John R; Pilz, Amanda C; Miller, Walter R; 'Prem_G_Kumar@nss.eop.gov'; 'Melissa Russell'; Jacobson, Michael N; Bilge, Kerem S; CA-OCS-Duty; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Rodriguez, Hugo F; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Greene, Elisa; George, Leah; Daniels, Cherrie S; Slakey, Monica M; Rudman, Mara; Reed, Julia G; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Bitar, Maher B; Norman, Marc E; Nardi, Margaret H; Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Bass, Warren; Ried, Curtis R (USUN)
 Subject: Flotilla News

YNET 13:53 , 06.29.11

Gaza-bound flotilla underway

French ship which departed Saturday apparently skipped Athens stop, en route to rendezvous. Jordanian activists say they purchased additional ship for \$800,000

Aviel Magnezi

French ship Dignity which departed for the rendezvous with vessels participating in the Gaza flotilla on Saturday has apparently decided to skip the Athens stop and is en route to Gaza. Flotilla organizers refused to officially confirm the ship is approaching the region and are maintaining secrecy.

Jordanian activists said they purchased an additional ship for \$805,000 which could carry as many as 200 activists. It was said it will carry 35 Jordanian activists. The organizers said that the flotilla will set sail on Thursday but noted there may be delays.

Various reports concerning the Irish ship have also surfaced. Several elements claimed that it was heading towards the rendezvous point but soon retracted their statements. It is apparently docking at an undisclosed port in the Mediterranean to avoid delays in Greece.

"One ship was damaged and two others are being detained over bureaucratic claims," Hawida Araf of the Free Gaza movement told Ynet. "We will pass the checks as these ridiculous claims are baseless. The ships have already been checked."

The organizers say that claims against the American ship and the Greek-Swedish ship are causing the delays in Greece. The activists maintain that Israel sabotaged one ship which resulted in heavier security.

"The damage was done underwater with a machine that can cut through steel. It could not have happened accidentally. I can't say Israeli soldiers did it, but who else wants to stop us?," Araf said.

She noted that they have boosted security measures.

Meanwhile, the organizers are disappointed in the limited turnout. Less than 300 are expected to board the flotilla ships.

According to the organizers, the Italian ship Stefano Chiarim will carry the most passengers with 65 people; Canadian ship Tahrir will carry 48 passengers and the American vessel, which is currently detained in Greece, will carry 40 passengers.

An additional seven ships are expected to depart from Spain, France, Ireland, Greece, Sweden and Norway. Organizers expect 292 participants and 36 members of the press. It is highly likely not all of the vessels will be fit to travel.

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Meanwhile, two reserve soldiers filed a criminal lawsuit against 14 foreigners who participated in last year's flotilla with the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court.

Aviad Glickman contributed to this report

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Vasquez, Edgar J
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 12:14 PM
To: Sulphin, Paul R; NEA-IPA-DL
Subject: Article on Gaza Flotilla

Categories: Working

AP has picked up on our statement...

US steps up pressure on Gaza flotilla activists

By MATTHEW LEE - The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - (AP) The Obama administration is stepping up pressure on activists planning to challenge Israel's sea blockade of the Gaza Strip, warning that they will face action from Israeli authorities and that American participants may also be violating U.S. law.

The State Department said Friday that attempts to break the blockade are "irresponsible and provocative" and that Israel has well-established means of delivering assistance to the Palestinian residents of Gaza. It noted that the territory is run by the militant Hamas group, a U.S. designated foreign terrorist organization, and that Americans providing support to it are subject to fines and jail.

The warning is the third in as many days and follows the announcement by 36 Americans that they will sail aboard a U.S.-flagged vessel in a flotilla to Gaza.

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 Subject: SITREP: Lebanese Flotilla as of COB June 23

(SBU) JULIA / NAJI AL-ALI SHIP STATUS: The MV *Julia* is still sitting next to the pier in the Tripoli port (attached are two photos taken yesterday, one showing a truck from which cargo was being loaded onto the ship). Our investigator reported that, as of 17:00 local time today, no paperwork has been submitted on the boat -- neither a request for permission to leave port nor a passenger manifest. Their police and port contacts therefore concluded that the *Julia* would not be departing Lebanon today. There was no activity of any kind around the ship during the several hours we were watching it during the day. We will send our LES Investigator back to Tripoli in the morning to continue to observe and report on developments.

(SBU) MARIAM STATUS: The organizers of the *Mariam* effort continue to assert that they are planning to launch a ship for Gaza with 50-70 women on board, but it has become increasingly clear that the group has not yet identified a specific ship they can use. Transportation Minister Ghazi Aridi is reported in today's press as having said that only one ship -- the *Julia* -- is currently being prepared for launch. Aridi indicated that the *Mariam* planners were still working on putting their effort together. Aridi also was reported as having claimed to the media that he had already granted permission for the *Julia* to depart. We note that Aridi's permission is not the only legal requirement the ship's organizers must meet.

(SBU) MARIAM ORGANIZER'S COMMENTS; AMCI ISSUES: [redacted] to meet today with [redacted]

[redacted] claimed that it will have 50-70 women on board from all nationalities and religions. She also stated that the *Mariam* mission is not affiliated with any political party. Citing privacy and security concerns, she declined to provide a manifest or confirm how many AmCits were going to be on board. She said that as soon as the ship had departed from Lebanon she would send us the manifest. She did mention, however, that three American nuns were planning on joining the trip (Note: the press here has been reporting that four or five "U.S. nuns" would be part of the group.). [redacted] also overheard a phone call in which [redacted] made reference to an American woman from Qatar [redacted] who was going to join the ship. [redacted] refused to say which port the ship would be sailing from, stating only that it would be "from the shores of Lebanon." She also said they were waiting for clearance from Cyprus, and that they expected to depart "in the next couple of days." She said that all precautions have been taken to ensure the safety of the ship. As of COB June 23, we still have no reports of a specific ship being identified as the Intending *Mariam*.

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Snipes, Christopher K
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 9:20 AM
To: Riley, Robert J; Gregonis, Meghan E
Cc: NEA-IPA-DL
Subject: FW: Gaza Flotilla Update

Update on one of the boats in Greek docks.

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 9:18 AM
To: Snipes, Christopher K; Goodman, Ian A
Cc: Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Subject: Gaza Flotilla Update

FYI. Regards, Dan L.

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From: Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 3:05 PM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: Gaza flotilla update, this just in

Per two Gaza flotilla websites, passengers on the U.S. Boat to Gaza, *The Audacity of Hope*, invited Greek and international media to inspect the boat on June 30 at 3:00 pm in Perama, Greece. The passengers note that they were inspected by Greek officials on Monday, June 27, but have not yet received notification of their findings. Gale Courey Toensing, a passenger on the American boat said to the media today, "Our voyage is totally transparent and we have nothing to hide. All we want to do is sail to Gaza with our cargo of letters from Americans to the people of Gaza. We are sulfur-free and ready to sail." Due to vandalism discovered Monday on the propeller of the Swedish-Greek vessel *Juliano*, flotilla participants have organized guard duty rosters for each ship that is due to sail for Gaza. The *Juliano* was towed for repairs to a shipyard at another port and should be ready to sail on July 1 pending another assessment by Greek officials. The Canadian ship, which an anonymous complaint also labeled unfit to sail, has been reinspected and received clearance as seaworthy.

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Guarin, Marc F
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:29 PM
To: Sindle, James M
Cc: Connelly, Maura; NEA-IPA-DL; Ko, Selene S; Maggi, Robert W; Tyson, Paul H; Shampaine, Nicole D; Struwe, Rebecca L; Pomper, Stephen; Baumert, Kevin A; Jacobson, Linda; Heinemann, Thomas B
Subject: RE: (S/NF) Corrie Location

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Marc

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From: Sindle, James M
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:19 PM
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Roger that -- one and the same.

From: Guarin, Marc F
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:16 PM
To: Sindle, James M
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Subject: RE: (S/NF) Corrie Location

James-

Marc

From: Pomper, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:02 PM
To: Baumert, Kevin A; Sindle, James M; Guarin, Marc F; Jacobson, Linda; Heinemann, Thomas B
Cc: Connelly, Maura; NEA-IPA-DL; Ko, Selene S; Maggi, Robert W; Tyson, Paul H; Shampaine, Nicole D; Struwe, Rebecca L
Subject: RE: (S/NF) Corrie Location

L/PM will take a look at this and get back with additional thoughts

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From: Baumert, Kevin A
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:20 PM
To: Sindle, James M; Guarin, Marc F; Pomper, Stephen; Jacobson, Linda
Cc: Connelly, Maura; NEA-IPA-DL; Ko, Selene S; Maggi, Robert W; Tyson, Paul H; Shampaine, Nicole D; Struwe, Rebecca L
Subject: RE: (S/NF) Corrie Location

Jim -- Adding others in L here (and this issue is mainly in L/PM's lane). Here are my understandings:

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Thanks,
Kevin
L/OES

From: Sindle, James M
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:39 PM
To: Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Connelly, Maura; NEA-IPA-DL; Ko, Selene S; Maggi, Robert W; Tyson, Paul H; Shampaine, Nicole D; Struwe, Rebecca L
Subject: (S/NF) Corrie Location
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Kevin,

[Redacted]

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Thanks,

Jim

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:15 PM
To: Sindle, James M
Subject: RE: (S/NF) Corrie Location (SECRET)

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Mr. Sindle,

Attached is a powerpoint slide showing [REDACTED]

Very Respectfully,

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From: Sindle, James M [mailto:SindleJM@state.sgov.gov]

Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:23 AM

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Subject: (S/NF) Corrie Location

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Folks,

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By the way, Embassy Nicosia informed me today that the Challenger II, according to Cypriot authorities, is in the port of Limassol, Cyprus. Cypriots have also said they are not allowing it to leave.

V/R,

Jim Sindle

Pol-Mil Officer

Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Sindle, James M
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 3:38 PM
To: Dwyer, Stuart A; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Cc: Goldberger, Thomas H; Boyer, Spencer P
Subject: RE: (S/NF) [REDACTED]

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Negative.

From: Dwyer, Stuart A
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 3:29 PM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Cc: Goldberger, Thomas H; Boyer, Spencer P
Subject: FW: (S/NF) [REDACTED]

Any update from there on status of the Corrie? SD

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From: McElDowney, Nancy E
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 3:04 PM
To: Dwyer, Stuart A; Boyer, Spencer P
Cc: Hackworth, Jason K
Subject: RE: (S/NF) [REDACTED]

What is the latest on [REDACTED]

From: Slattery, Phillip T
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 10:27 AM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; SES_DutyDeputies; S_SpecialAssistants; D(S); D(L); P; C; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL
Cc: SWO; SES-O_Shift-II
Subject: (S/NF) [REDACTED]

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Colleagues –

The latest information Ops has received [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ops will continue to monitor the situation and update accordingly.

Regards,

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-Phill

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 Sent: 6/24/2010 6:51:33 AM
 To: SMART Core
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(SBU) [redacted] downplay flotilla progress: [redacted] told the Ambassador this morning that he was working closely with [redacted] on the issue of ships planning to sail from Lebanon to Gaza. [redacted] said, "We have a handle on the situation" and added that no activity was taking place in the Tripoli port near the MV *Julia*. The GOL knows, he emphasized, that the journey of such a ship toward Gaza "is not in our interest." [redacted] also underscored to the Ambassador today that "nothing is happening" with regards to the MV *Julia*.

(SBU) *Julia/Naji al-Ali* ship status: The MV *Julia* (aka *Naji al-Ali*) is still sitting next to the pier in the Tripoli port. Our investigator reported that, as of 1200 local time today, no paperwork has been submitted on the boat -- neither a request for permission to leave port nor a passenger manifest. There was no activity of any kind around the ship during the several hours we were watching it during the day. We also touched base with Customs, General Security, the Lebanese Armed Forces' G-2, and the Internal Security Force at the ports in Sidon, Beirut, and Tripoli ports, in addition to all of those agencies' headquarters. Furthermore, the DATT spoke with [redacted] yesterday and asked him to notify us if any suspect vessels depart Lebanese ports. Outside of the MV *Julia* in Tripoli, we have not learned of any other vessels suspected of planning to sail to Gaza.

(SBU) Transportation minister says no *Mariam* exists: Transportation Minister Aridi told As-Sharq al-Awsat newspaper on Wednesday that he has no information regarding a Lebanese aid ship dubbed *Mariam*. "There is a campaign called *Mariam*, and the organizers of the campaign to lift the Gaza blockade did not say there was a vessel carrying that name." He added that the only aid ship, the MV *Julia*, is currently docked at the Tripoli port, and he said it has been dubbed the *Naji al-Ali*.

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No Activity Around Flotilla Ships

(SBU) At midday on August 20, an Embassy security team determined that the *Mariam* (formerly the *Jounieh Star*), a ship docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli that intends to break the Gaza blockade, remained in its position on the wharf with no activity taking place on or around it. Its sister ship the *Julia* (aka the *Naji al-Ali*) remains anchored in the port with no activity taking place on or around it.

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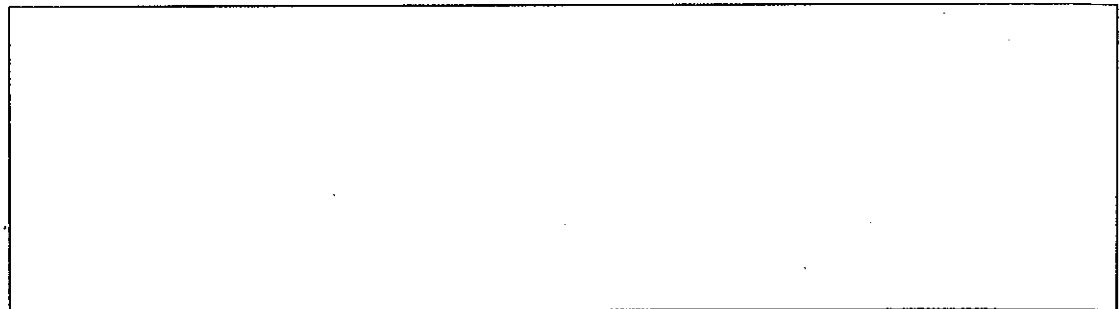
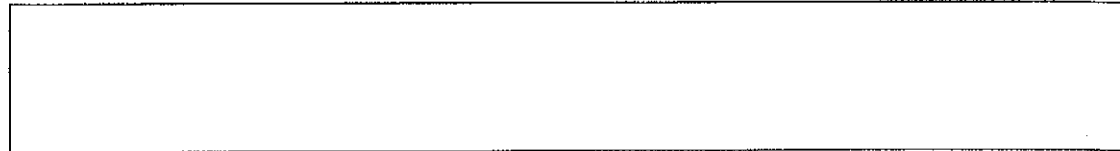
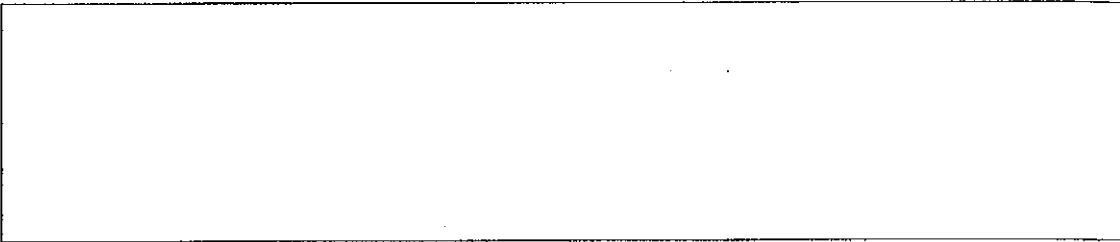
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(SBU) We are currently reaching out to the Lebanese Armed Forces, as well, to urge that the ship's departure be prevented. We will send a team to observe the port all day on August 21 and 22 to report on the situation.

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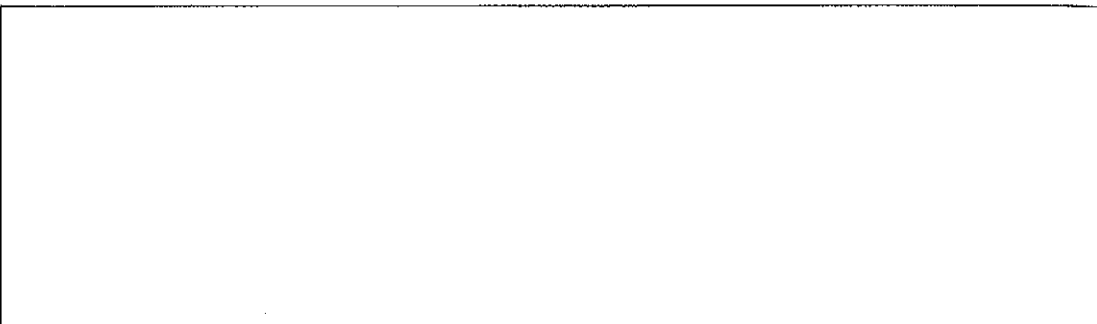
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(C) POSSIBLE LAUNCH TOMORROW? Media contacts say that the *Mariam* is hoping to launch for Gaza the morning of June 18 carrying 50 women of different nationalities. *An-Nahar* reports that the *Mariam* effort is being led by Inam Saad, the wife of a Saida-based opposition politician who is a foe of PM Hariri. Conflicting press reports have said the boat plans to launch from Beirut, Jounieh (just north of Beirut), Tripoli and Saida. We have verified that the *Mariam* is not in Beirut or Jounieh, and are seeking now to verify the Saida report (Saida is roughly halfway between Beirut and the Israeli border; the Maronite bishop of Saida is presiding over a mass there today to bless the *Mariam's* undertaking). A security team that went to look at the Saida port saw one vessel that might be the *Mariam*. We have sent a separate security team to Tripoli to see if anything is happening at the port there. The press is also reporting that Yasser Kashlak, a wealthy Palestinian businessman based in the Gulf, is the main funder of the *Mariam* effort. Kashlak heads the Palestinian Businessmen's Association as well as the Lebanese Institute of International Research.

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

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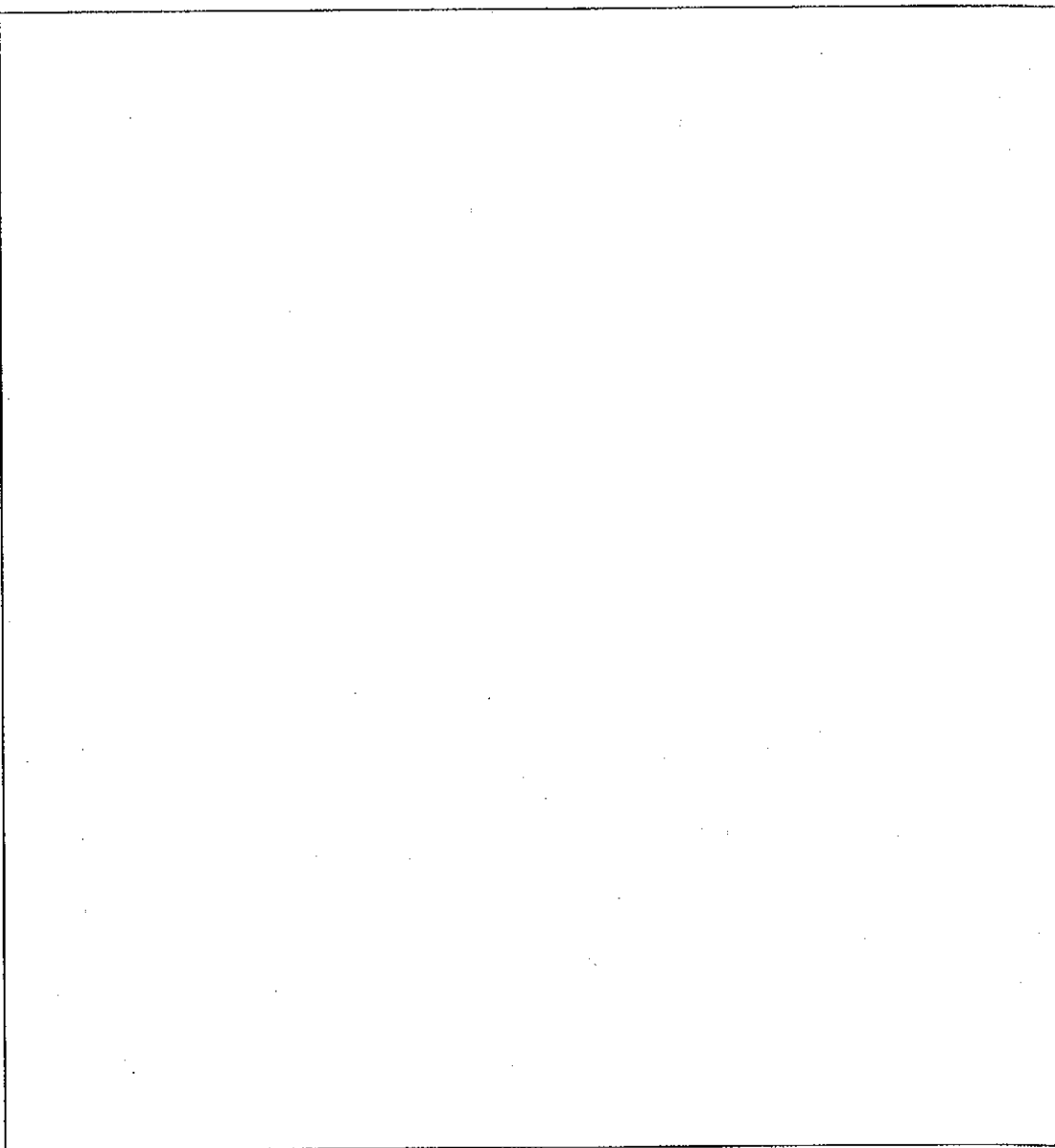
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plan to be among the 50 women aboard the Mariam. Separately, Amcit Paul Larudee (who was on the first Gaza flotilla) gave an interview to a Beirut paper, but it is not clear from the article that Larudee was present in the country at the time of the interview. [REDACTED]

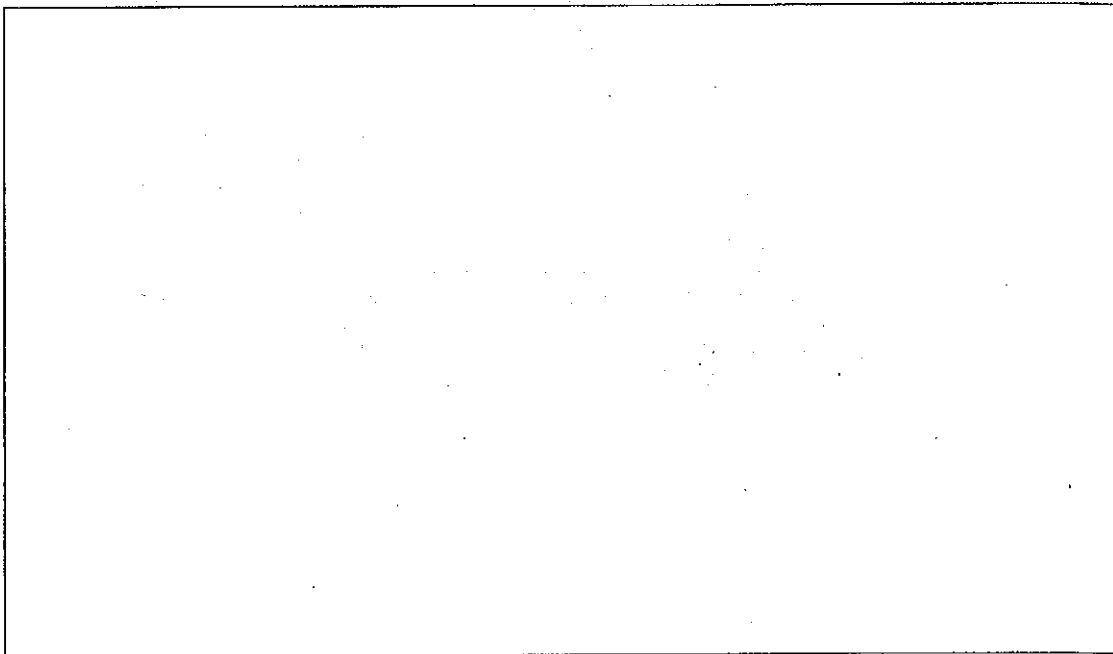
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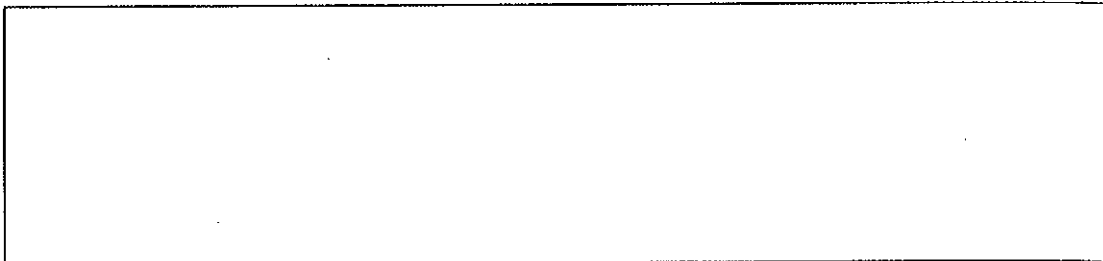
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1. (C) SUMMARY: The Greek government's decision on July 1 to prohibit the departure of ships from Greek ports intended for Gaza was a significant shift from Greece's previous, less visibly confrontational, approach towards "Flotilla II - Stay Alive" Gaza vessels and activists. Over the July 4 weekend two boats attempting to depart Greek ports, in violation of the ban, were intercepted by the Hellenic Coast Guard, resulting in the arrest of the AMCIT captain of one of the boats. Also over the weekend, Gaza flotilla activists protested the Coast Guard action at the American Embassy and the Embassy Mission Residence (EMR).

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Greek Ban on Departure of Ships to Gaza

2. (SBU) On July 1, the Ministry of Citizen Protection released a notice to flotilla participants that the departure of ships with Greek and foreign flags from Greek ports to the maritime area of Gaza was prohibited, and that the Hellenic Coast Guard would take all appropriate measures to enforce the decision. Despite the departure ban by the Greek government (as well as an order to remain in port due to unresolved questions about the vessel's documentation and seaworthiness), the American-flagged vessel "Audacity of Hope" attempted to depart the Greek port of Perama, near Piraeus on July 1. The Hellenic Coast Guard intercepted the vessel and after a standoff at sea, the ship consented to return to port.
3. (SBU) The American captain was arrested by Greek authorities upon the ship's return to port. Embassy Athens provided regular consular services to Amcit members of this year's "Flotilla II – Stay Alive" US Boat to Gaza organization both before and after the captain's arrest. On June 24, American Citizens Services (ACS) Chief and Counsel General met with AMCIT flotilla participants to provide a consular briefing and ACS Chief had regular contact with the captain and his attorney, including a meeting on July 5 to verify that he was in good health, understood his arrest, had legal representation, and that authorities were treating him well. The captain was released on July 6 without bail. There will be a trial at some point, but the captain will not have to return to Greece.
4. (C) On July 4, the Canadian boat "Tahrir" was intercepted by the Hellenic Coast Guard five kilometers off shore when it attempted to leave the eastern port of Aghios Nikolaos on the island of Crete. The boat carrying 50 Gaza activists and medicine was towed back to an undisclosed location on Crete. According to reports, no arrests were made. According to Embassy sources, a total of nine ships intending to participate in the flotilla docked around Greece. Two of those, the "Audacity of Hope" and "Tahrir", defied the departure ban, prompting Coast Guard action. Seven have remained docked.
5. (SBU) On July 1 some 35 demonstrators assembled outside the American Embassy to protest on behalf of the Gaza flotilla. On the evening of July 3, a group of eight people from the US Boat to Gaza organization assembled at the American Embassy and presented a letter calling for U.S. officials to defend their rights to sail out of Greece to Gaza and to request 50 tickets to the Embassy's upcoming Independence Day celebration. On both occasions the protestors dispersed peacefully. On July 4, nine demonstrators assembled outside the EMR. The demonstrators were taken into custody briefly for identification checks after stating they planned to sleep on the sidewalk in front of the EMR. The demonstrators spent under two hours in the station and were released. They were never placed under arrest.
6. (SBU) In addition to the group's regular website updates and Tweets, the Embassy has received roughly 500 calls and emails since July 1 asking the USG to put pressure on Greece to allow the flotilla to proceed to Gaza.

Greek Proposal to Deliver Humanitarian Aid to Gaza

7. (SBU) PM Papandreou spoke by phone with Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas on July 3. According

to reports, Abbas positively viewed a Greek government proposal to facilitate the transport of humanitarian aid to Gaza, in cooperation with the United Nations. The proposal was confirmed later in the day when the MFA released a statement announcing Greece's intention to undertake the task of transporting humanitarian aid to Gaza through "appropriate channels." The statement also reiterated Greece's ban on departure from Greek ports primarily to protect human life and stressed Greece's concurrent view that the naval blockade should be lifted. The MFA announced plans to liaise with all concerned parties, while flotilla organizers and activists 1.4(B) 1.4(D) decried both the Greek government's intent and Abbas' alleged backstabbing collusion with the Greek 1.4(D)

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8. (C) Late July 5, MFA [REDACTED] provided the Ambassador an update. [REDACTED]

COMMENT

9. (C) On June 22, the Greek MFA issued a strongly worded statement discouraging its citizens from participating in the flotilla [REDACTED]

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Katherine,

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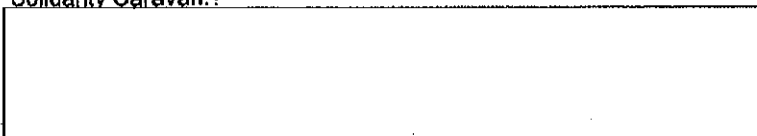
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1. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 5.
2. (C) New Delhi, Islamabad, and Ankara are requested to demarche host governments to reiterate that those wishing to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza do so through existing mechanisms so cargo can be inspected and transferred via land crossings. Posts are also requested to seek more information on the "Asia to Gaza Solidarity Caravan."

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Organizers claim the caravan will depart from India on December 2 and travel through Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Syria and Jordan en route to a Syrian or Turkish port, where goods and activists would board ships departing for Gaza on December 26. The ships aim to arrive in Gaza on December 27, the second anniversary of 2008-2009 Israeli incursion into Gaza "Operation Cast Lead."

Information from the organization can be found on its website at aslatogaza.org.

4. (U) According to press reports and Asian People's Solidarity for Palestine press releases, organizers expect 500 activists from 17 Arab and Asian nations to participate. Organizers, including the Turkish Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH), announced plans for the caravan in early October in India, Iran, Indonesia, Lebanon, and Turkey.

5. (C/REL India, Pakistan, and Turkey) New Delhi, Islamabad, and Ankara are requested to deliver the following points to appropriate host government officials and report by November 24; slug reply to NEA/IPA Jack Doutrich. Begin talking points:

- We have heard reports regarding the "Asian People's Solidarity for Palestine" planned "Asia to Gaza Solidarity Caravan," particularly its stated intention to break through Israel's naval blockade to deliver assistance to Gaza by sea.
- We would be interested in hearing what your government knows about this group and its planned "Asia to Gaza Solidarity Caravan."
- The United States believes strongly that aid flotillas that aim to deliver goods directly to Gaza by sea are irresponsible and intentionally provocative.
- We urge you to take whatever steps you can to prevent this convoy from taking this approach; we must do all we can to avoid another incident like the tragic events of May 31 aboard the M/V Mavi Marmara.
- We are committed to meeting the humanitarian and development needs of those in Gaza, including rebuilding the private sector that will be the engine of Gaza's recovery.
- Legitimate mechanisms exist for the transfer of humanitarian assistance to Gaza by states and groups that want to do so.
- All those wishing to deliver goods should do so through established channels so cargo can be inspected and transferred via

land crossings into Gaza.

-- We hope that you will engage the convoy organizers to underscore the need to focus on how best to assist the people of Gaza and to avoid provocative confrontations.

6. (U) Minimize considered.

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I198

Bowers, Allyson M

From: Schrank, Alexander D
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 4:32 PM
To: Sindle, James M; Doutrich, Jack T
Subject: FW: EUR/SE - NEA/IPA - S/CT Meeting re Gaza Flotilla

Categories: Working

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To: O'Grady, Daniel J; Gregonis, Meghan E
Cc: Baily, Jess L; Schrank, Alexander D; Riley, Robert J; Goodman, Ilan A
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Classified by: Robert J. Riley, Deputy Director, EUR/SE, State

Reason: 1.4(b), (d)

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I182

Bowers, Allyson M

From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 4:25 PM
To: Mokhtarzada, Homeyra N
Subject: FW: FW: Israeli MFA Updates on Flotilla Preparations
Attachments: StateSeal.gif

Categories: Working

Jack Doutrich
Political Officer
NEA/IPA
(202) 647-4132

Sensitivity: Sensitive
Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Derived From: Derived from previous message in thread.
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From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 12:10 PM
To: Reisser, Wesley J; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Zurcher, Kenneth M; Masilko, Barbara J (USUN); Gregonis, Meghan E; Schrank, Alexander D
Cc: Elts, Collin C
Subject: FW: FW: Israeli MFA Updates on Flotilla Preparations

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From: Levin, Jan X
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 10:07 AM
To: NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; NEA-SEMEP-DL
Cc: 'Antonietti, Patrick M CIV OSD POLICY'; 'eric.lynn@osd.smil.mil'; 'ronald.tuggle@osd.smil.mil'; 'david.wiltse@osd.smil.mil'; Grubb, Jason B; Goldberger, Thomas H; Khanna, Melanie J; Germain, Ellen J (USUN); Katz, Jonathan D
Subject: FW: Israeli MFA Updates on Flotilla Preparations

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From: SMART Core
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 05:0:20
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Subject: Israeli MFA Updates on Flotilla Preparations

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MRN: 11 TEL AVIV 689
Date/DTG: Jun 10, 2011 / 101359Z JUN 11
From: AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
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TAGS: PREL, KWBG, PARM, PTER, PHSA, IS
Subject: Israeli MFA Updates on Flotilla Preparations

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Classified By: Name: Thomas Goldberger, Title: Charge d'Affaires
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From: Tyson, Paul H
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:28 PM
To: Heinemann, Thomas B; Guarin, Marc F; Sindle, James M
Cc: Connelly, Maura; NEA-IPA-DL; Ko, Selene S; Maggi, Robert W; Shampaine, Nicole D; Struwe, Rebecca L; Pomper, Stephen; Baumert, Kevin A; Jacobson, Linda; Maxwell, Raymond D; Stevens, John E
Subject: RE: (S/NF) Corrie Location

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Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 4:42 PM
To: Guarin, Marc F; Sindle, James M
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Subject: (S/NF) Corrie Location
Importance: High

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Thanks,

Jim

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:15 PM
To: Sindle, James M
Subject: RE: (S/NF) Corrie Location (SECRET)

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Mr. Sindle,

Very Respectfully

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Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:23 AM
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Folks,

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L/PM will take a look at this and get back with additional thoughts.

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I173

Bowers, Allyson M

From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Wednesday, November 24, 2010 9:47 AM
To: Berglund, Katherine H
Subject: FW: ACTION REQUEST: DEMARCHE ON PLANNED ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN
Attachments: StateSeal.gif

Categories: Working

Katherine,

Can you check if Islamabad will be sending something in on this today, or if I missed it?

JD.

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From: SMART Core
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2010 04:33:01
To:
Cc: Doutrich, Jack T; Coley, Lea M; Frelich, Karlene H; Sachar, Alon; Levinson, Jesse S; Riley, Le'Shawnda V; Reed, Julia G; Hof, Frederic C; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar
Subject: ACTION REQUEST: DEMARCHE ON PLANNED ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN

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Info Office: POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SE_MEP, SE_MEP_DAM_BEI, SE_MEP_ECON_DEV

MRN: 10 STATE 119883
Date/DTG: Nov 19, 2010 / 192126Z NOV 10
From: SECSTATE WASHDC
Action: ANKARA, AMEMBASSY ROUTINE; ISLAMABAD, AMEMBASSY ROUTINE; NEW DELHI, AMEMBASSY ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, KPAL, KWBG, PHUM, TU, IN, PK, IS
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Subject: ACTION REQUEST: DEMARCHE ON PLANNED ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

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I164

Bowers, Allyson M

From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 8:54 AM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: FW: Rachel Corrie

From: Galpern, Steven G
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 8:46 AM
To: Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd; Sindle, James M; Reisser, Wesley J
Subject: Rachel Corrie

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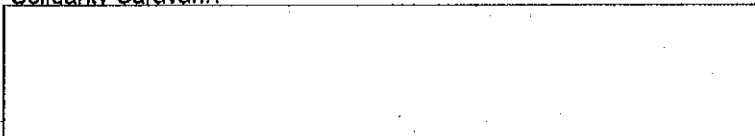
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SUBJECT: ACTION REQUEST: DEMARCHE ON PLANNED ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN

Classified by: Jeffrey Feltman, A/S
NEARreason(s): 1.4 (b), (d)

1. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 5.
2. (C) New Delhi, Islamabad, and Ankara are requested to demarche host governments to reiterate that those wishing to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza do so through existing mechanisms so cargo can be inspected and transferred via land crossings. Posts are also requested to seek more information on the "Asia to Gaza Solidarity Caravan."

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Organizers claim the caravan will depart from India on December 2 and travel through Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Syria and Jordan en route to a Syrian or Turkish port, where goods and activists would board ships departing for Gaza on December 26. The ships aim to arrive in Gaza on December 27, the second anniversary of 2008-2009 Israeli incursion into Gaza "Operation Cast Lead."

Information from the organization can be found on its website at aslatogaza.org.

4. (U) According to press reports and Asian People's Solidarity for Palestine press releases, organizers expect 500 activists from 17 Arab and Asian nations to participate. Organizers, including the Turkish Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH), announced plans for the caravan in early October in India, Iran, Indonesia, Lebanon, and Turkey.

5. (C/REL India, Pakistan, and Turkey) New Delhi, Islamabad, and Ankara are requested to deliver the following points to appropriate host government officials and report by November 24; slug reply to NEA/IPA Jack Doutrich. Begin talking points:

-- We have heard reports regarding the "Asian People's Solidarity for Palestine" planned "Asia to Gaza Solidarity Caravan," particularly its stated intention to break through Israel's naval blockade to deliver assistance to Gaza by sea.

-- We would be interested in hearing what your government knows about this group and its planned "Asia to Gaza Solidarity Caravan."

-- The United States believes strongly that aid flotillas that aim to deliver goods directly to Gaza by sea are irresponsible and intentionally provocative.

-- We urge you to take whatever steps you can to prevent this convoy from taking this approach; we must do all we can to avoid another incident like the tragic events of May 31 aboard the M/V Mavi Marmara.

-- We are committed to meeting the humanitarian and development needs of those in Gaza, including rebuilding the private sector that will be the engine of Gaza's recovery.

-- Legitimate mechanisms exist for the transfer of humanitarian assistance to Gaza by states and groups that want to do so.

-- All those wishing to deliver goods should do so through established channels so cargo can be inspected and transferred via

land crossings into Gaza.

-- We hope that you will engage the convoy organizers to underscore the need to focus on how best to assist the people of Gaza and to avoid provocative confrontations.

6. (U) Minimize considered.

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Signature: CLINTON

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STATE RM 7220:SCHREPEL, DAWN M
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Subject: RE: EUR/SE - NEA/IPA - S/CT Meeting re Gaza Flotilla

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Paul Sutphin
Director
NEA/IPA

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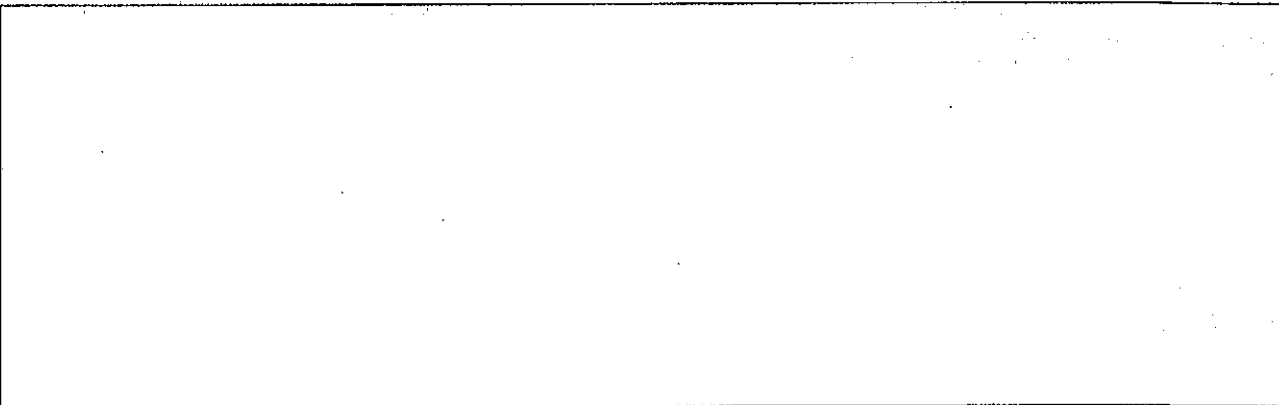
John – That sounds good and thanks for offering up IPA for the meeting in 6251. 2:00p works for SE. Will let other offices chime as well on your suggested date and time. Many thanks, Bob

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Deputy Director
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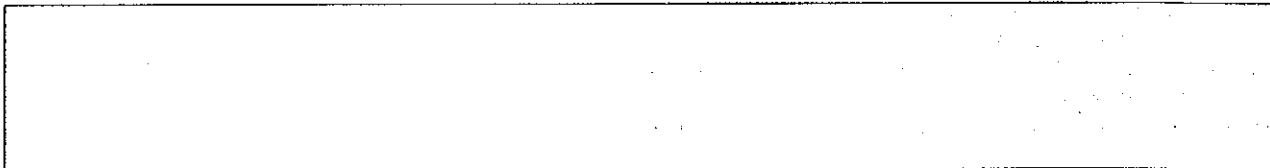


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John

From: Riley, Robert J
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 1:26 PM
To: Sutphin, Paul R; Buzbee, John R; Norman, Marc E
Cc: Bally, Jess L; Schrank, Alexander D; Bilge, Kerem S; Gregonis, Meghan E; Goodman, Ilan A
Subject: EUR/SE - NEA/IPA - S/CT Meeting re Gaza Flotilla

Paul, John and Marc --



Many thanks,

Bob

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I182

Bowers, Allyson M

From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 4:25 PM
To: Mokhtarzada, Homeyra N
Subject: FW: FW: Israeli MFA Updates on Flotilla Preparations
Attachments: StateSeal.gif
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From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 12:10 PM
To: Reisser, Wesley J; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Zurcher, Kenneth M; Masilko, Barbara J (USUN); Gregonis, Meghan E; Schrank, Alexander D
Cc: Elfts, Collin C
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From: Levin, Jan X
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 10:07 AM
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Cc: 'Antonietti, Patrick M CIV OSD POLICY'; 'eric.lynn@osd.smil.mil'; 'ronald.tuggle@osd.smil.mil'; 'david.wiltse@osd.smil.mil'; Grubb, Jason B; Goldberger, Thomas H; Khanna, Melanie J; Germaln, Ellen J (USUN); Katz, Jonathan D
Subject: FW: Israeli MFA Updates on Flotilla Preparations

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From: SMART Core
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 05:0:20
To: Levin, Jan X
Cc: TELAVIV-SMARTS; USUN, SMARTS; GENEVA, SMARTS; ANKARA-SMARTS; LONDON-SMARTS; MOSCOW-SMARTS; JERUSALEM-SMARTS; daria.darnell@incirlik.af.smil.mil; PMAT (Pol-Mil Action Team)
Subject: Israeli MFA Updates on Flotilla Preparations

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MRN: 11 TEL AVIV 689
Date/DTG: Jun 10, 2011 / 101359Z JUN 11
From: AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, KWBG, PARM, PTER, PHSA, IS
Subject: Israeli MFA Updates on Flotilla Preparations

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From: Bell, Richard K
Sent: 4/20/2011 11:07:28 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP04
Subject: GAZA FLOTILLA: DEMARCHE DELIVERED
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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MRN: 11 COPENHAGEN 175
Date/DTG: Apr 20, 2011 / 201507Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PARM, PGOV, PHSA, PTER, KWBG, IS, DA
Reference: A) STATE 36240
Pass Line: STATE FOR NEA/PAJSINDLE, EUR/NB
Subject: GAZA FLOTILLA: DEMARCHE DELIVERED

1. (C) Denmark has not yet given much thought to a possible Gaza flotilla in May [redacted] due to its intensive focus on Libya, but the Israeli Ambassador has made a demarche, and the Danes know they need to make a decision after the Easter break, according to [redacted] 1.4(B)
[redacted] Responding to rafel demarche April 19, he told Pol-EconCouns he [redacted] 1.4(D)
[redacted] B1

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2. (U) Post will follow up after the Easter break (April 21 through 25) and report septel.

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From: Siler, Brian J
Sent: 4/28/2011 12:57:36 PM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP06
Subject: Ireland: Gaza Flotilla - Neither Yes nor No
Attachments: Maladata.dat

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MRN: 11 DUBLIN 49
Date/DTG: Apr 28, 2011 / 281657Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY DUBLIN
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, PHSA, PGOV, KWBG, TU, IS, EI
Captions: NOFORN
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Subject: Ireland: Gaza Flotilla - Neither Yes nor No

1. (C) Summary: PolOff delivered refel demarche to [redacted] the Middle East and North Africa Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) on April 20. [redacted] replied that Irish Free Gaza activists and supporters, including elected members of Ireland's parliament, plan to be aboard an Ireland-registered yacht that will take part in the 2011 Free Gaza Flotilla. [redacted]

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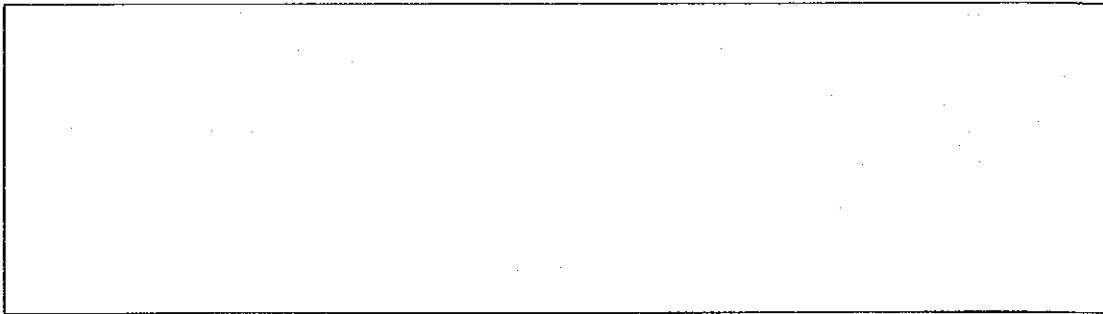
2. (C) In response to PolOff's demarche, DFAT [redacted]

[redacted] confirmed that, again this year, an Irish vessel would take part in the flotilla, this time a yacht registered in Ireland. [redacted] the vessel is reported to already be in the Mediterranean. [redacted] It is beyond the reach of Ireland's own maritime authorities at this point.

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5. (U) Speaking in parliament on April 21, Foreign Minister Gilmore refused a call by Deputy Boyd Barrett to state government's explicit support for the Gaza flotilla, but the ForMin recognized "the essentially humanitarian motivation" that gave rise to participation in the flotilla. He described the blockade as "absolutely unacceptable" and said the Irish government "will continue to press Israel to do all possible to facilitate those wishing to transport humanitarian goods to Gaza." With regard to Irish participation in the flotilla, he noted, however, that "I cannot support a project which would involve Irish citizens engaging in actions which could lead them into real danger. DFAT's travel advice would remain, he said, that "people should not attempt to sail to Gaza at the present time."

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I202

From: Vaughan, Gareth J
Sent: 4/21/2011 9:13:13 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP05
Subject: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON FREE GAZA ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA; MFA RELATES FURTHER INFO ON [REDACTED]
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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MRN: 11 KYIV 323
Date/DTG: Apr 21, 2011 / 211313Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY KYIV
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, PHUM, UP, IS, GZ, KPAL
Reference: A) 11 STATE 37374
B) 11 KYIV 247
Pass Line: STATE FOR NEA/IPA
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL VLADIVOSTOK
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL YEKATERINBURG
AMEMBASSY VILNIUS PASS TO AMEMBASSY MINSK
Subject: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON FREE GAZA ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA; MFA RELATES FURTHER INFO ON [REDACTED]

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1. (C) PolOff met April 20 with [REDACTED] the MFA [REDACTED] to deliver ref A demarche on the planned "Free Gaza" anniversary flotilla. [REDACTED] said that the GOU is currently not engaged in any special monitoring of this situation, as it only involves NGOs, but declared that the GOU shared our concerns regarding the possibility of participants sustaining injury or death during the flotilla. [REDACTED] said that he was not aware if any Ukrainians were planning to participate. [REDACTED] 1.4(B) 1.4(D) B1

2. (C) [REDACTED]

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I204

From: Martinek, Paul J
Sent: 4/27/2011 5:37:59 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP0P1
Subject: PORTUGAL: THE FREE GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA"
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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MRN: 11 LISBON 159
Date/DTG: Apr 27, 2011 / 280642Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY LISBON
Action: SECSTATE WASHDCROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PGOV, PARM, PHSA, PTER, KWBG, TU, IS, PO
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Pass Line: DEPT FOR NEA/PA
Subject: PORTUGAL: THE FREE GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA"

(C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche April 20 to the [REDACTED] Portuguese MFA. He said the GOP knows of no Portuguese individuals or vessels participating in the flotilla in May to break the blockade of Gaza.

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Attachments: Metadata.dat

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From: Miller, Lisa D
Sent: 4/20/2011 7:16:20 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP0P1
Subject: Gaza Flotilla Demarche Delivered London
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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MRN: 11 LONDON 227
Date/DTG: Apr 20, 2011 / 201116Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY LONDON
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PARM, PGOV, PHSA, PTER, KWBG, UK, IS
Captions: NOFORN
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Pass Line: AMEMBASSY ASTANA PASS TO AMCONSUL ALMATY
AMEMBASSY ANKARA PASS TO AMCONSUL ADANA
AMEMBASSY ROME PASS TO AMCONSUL FLORENCE
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL VLADIVOSTOK
AMEMBASSY VILNIUS PASS TO AMEMBASSY MINSK
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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL YEKATERINBURG
AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: Gaza Flotilla Demarche Delivered London

1. (C/NF) Poloff delivered refel demarche on April 19.

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The FCO expected to send options to Ministers for a decision later this week. While the FCO's position has not been fully vetted, our contacts expected their public line to advise against traveling to Gaza (as it already does) and to warn against any attempts to run the Israeli naval blockade.

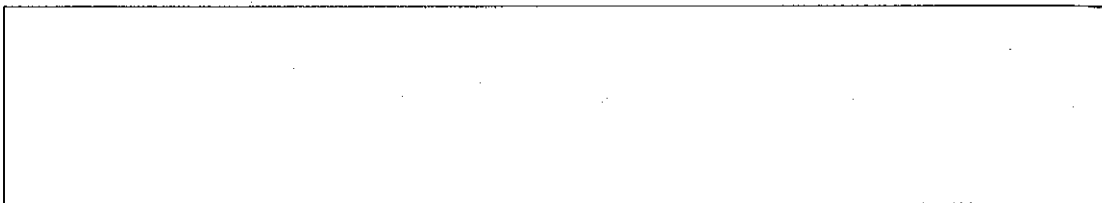
2. (C/NF) Contacts said they would take Washington's concerns under consideration and requested any additional information on the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) that we can provide. The FCO is currently unaware of any British flagged ships that are planning to participate in the flotilla, but stressed that it was "extremely unlikely" HMG would prevent British nationals or boats from participating. Contacts expressed serious concerns regarding the possible involvement of extremist elements, while noting that HMG is "broadly sympathetic" to the desire to end the blockade and noting that last year's "clearly political" flotilla had actually resulted -- in addition to the many clearly negative impacts -- in a positive easing of the restrictions on Gaza.

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Agency: Dept of State

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Approved By: London:Bradley, Tobin J

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Feldmann, DavidROUTINE; Hackworth, Jason KROUTINE; Ireland, AndrewROUTINE;
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I206

From: Bagwell, D. Ashley (Luxembourg)
 Sent: 4/20/2011 7:21:13 AM
 To: svcSMARTHBTSP0P3
 Subject: DEMARCHE DELVIERED ON GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA"
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MRN: 11 LUXEMBOURG 97
 Date/DTG: Apr 20, 2011 / 201121Z APR 11
 From: AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG
 Action: WASHDC, SECSTATEROUTINE
 E.O.: 13526
 TAGS: PARM, PGOV, PHSA, PTER, KWBG, TU, IS, LU
 Captions: SENSITIVE
 Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
 Pass Line: DEPT FOR NEA/IPA AND EURWE(PARADISE)
 Subject: DEMARCHE DELVIERED ON GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA"

1. (SBU) DCM delivered reftel demarche to [redacted] April 20. [redacted] said that Luxembourg residents or firms were almost certain to have no ties to the planned flotilla. He promised to share the U.S. message with his MFA colleagues to ensure his government was doing everything it could on this issue. He agreed that these kinds of blockade running attempts are not the way to resolve the situation in Gaza, nor related issues of concern. He emphasized that the Government of Luxembourg in general seeks to reach within the EU, and then to implement, a consensus on issues like this one.

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 Approved By: Department of State:Campbell, Arnold H
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I209

From: Allison, Alicia P
Sent: 4/26/2011 8:22:05 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP02
Subject: CYPRUS: ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA RESPONSE
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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MRN: 11 NICOSIA 129
Date/DYG: Apr 26, 2011 / 261222Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY NICOSIA
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE IMMEDIATE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PARM, PGOV, PHSA, KWBG, TU, IS, CY
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Pass Line: DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/SE AND NEA/IPA
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AMEMBASSY ANKARA PASS TO AMCONSUL ADANA
AMEMBASSY ROME PASS TO AMCONSUL FLORENCE
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AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL YEKATERINBURG
AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: CYPRUS: ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA RESPONSE

1. (C) Poloff delivered refuel points to Republic of Cyprus MFA [redacted] April 26. 1.4(B)
[redacted] confirmed that the ROC would maintain in force the decision it made last year to prevent ships setting sail for Gaza 1.4(D)
from ROC ports. [redacted] B1
[redacted] noted that the ROC had already been approached by Israel on the matter. [redacted]
[redacted] emphasized that the ROC policy was driven by the belief that "ports which are not legally
in operation should not be approached." [redacted]
[redacted]

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I210

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From: Siroic, Aldo J
Sent: 4/29/2011 9:13:40 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP05
Subject: Norway Agrees Free Gaza Anniversary Flotilla Unnecessary
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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MRN: 11 OSLO 189
Date/DTG: Apr 29, 2011 / 291313Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY OSLO
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PARM, PGOV, KWBG, PTER, IS, NO
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Subject: Norway Agrees Free Gaza Anniversary Flotilla Unnecessary

1. (C) On April 27, Acting PolEcon Counselor delivered ref A demarche on the Free Gaza "Anniversary Flotilla" to [redacted] the Norwegian MFA's Middle East section. [redacted] said there is no humanitarian crisis in Gaza today and that goods, including commercial goods, are flowing to the area. Land border crossings have adequate capacity to handle increased trade. [redacted] said there is no need for a flotilla and that Palestinian PM Fayyad is certainly not interested in one. He told us that Norway unsuccessfully sought to include a line in the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee (AHLC) Chair's Summary on this subject. However, there is a need for reconstruction and infrastructure development. Norway and the United States are discussing with the parties in the region ways to improve Gaza's water supply.

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[redacted] suggested that the issue is thus far attracting scant interest in Norway, including in the press.

3. (U) On April 28, Norwegian left-leaning media outlet *Klassekampen* reported the organization Ship to Gaza Norway is going against warnings from the MFA and is determined to travel to Gaza to break the blockade. The Norwegian group is collaborating with 20 organizations from various countries that will bring aid supplies to Gaza in late May. The chairman of Ship to Gaza Norway, Georg Morland, says the ship will pursue a non-violent strategy if attacked. Several MPs will take part in the travel, including Storting Vice President Akhtar Chaudhry (Socialist Left - SV, which is in the governing coalition), and possibly Labor Party parliamentarian Hadia Tajik, who says she is still weighing her participation. The Ship to Gaza group's webpage is <http://www.shiptogaza.no>.

4. (U) Chaudhry was criticized by Israel-friendly Christian Democrat (KrF) politician Hans Olav Syversen for his decision to participate. In comments to newspaper *VG* April 9, Foreign Minister Stoere warned his Labor Party colleagues that they might be "exploited" by groups with ulterior motives, and expressed a fear that the aid could end up in the hands of Hamas. Stoere stressed that as a member of the government, he did not want to restrict parliamentarians' freedom to choose their own course of action. Tajik told *VG* that she has made clear her

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expectations to the flotilla organizers with respect to ensuring that civil society rather than Hamas will benefit from the shipment. She said she believes it is possible to ensure that the cargo will not fall into the hands of Hamas, and that the flotilla is a good way to show solidarity with the Palestinian civilian population.

Signature: White

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Agency: State

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Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Pass Line: PASS TO NEA/JPA
Subject: Canada Possibly To Express Concern About Gaza Flotilla After Canadian Elections

1. (C/NF) Canada will possibly make a public statement of concern about the planned Gaza flotilla (ref a) after the Canadian federal elections take place on May 2, 2011, [REDACTED]

explained the Canadian government is in caretaker mode, and DFAIT cannot make sensitive public statements during the campaign. Once the election is over, [REDACTED] said he "pretty sure" DFAIT would make a press announcement about the flotilla. [REDACTED] said some of the groups organizing the flotilla are based in Canada, but he has few details about them. DFAIT is not aware of any Canadian-based vessels planning to be part of the flotilla, he said. [REDACTED] saw little utility in approaching the flotilla organizers, saying "they probably wouldn't listen to us anyway."

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TAGS: PGOV, PREL, IS, FR
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D) PARIS POINTS, MAY 5, 2011
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AMEMBASSY ROME PASS TO AMCONSUL FLORENCE
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AMEMBASSY PARIS PASS TO AMCONSUL STRASBOURG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL VLADIVOSTOK
AMEMBASSY VILNIUS PASS TO AMEMBASSY MINSK
AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL YEKATERINBURG
AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: GOF ACTIVELY OPPOSES FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN GAZA FLOTILLA

1. (S) SUMMARY: The GOF has taken steps to dissuade French citizens from participating in the flotilla designed to break the Israeli maritime blockade of Gaza later this year (refuels). 1.4(B)
[redacted] told us French officials have taken three key 1.4(D)
actions: they spoke directly to discourage a French group seeking to join the flotilla; made a statement in the UN B1
Security Council; and issued an official travel warning. They also plan to issue a public declaration the week of May 9.
[redacted]

MFA WARNS FRENCH GROUP NOT TO SEND SHIP; GROUP LACKS FUNDING

2. (C) A group of French citizens may send a ship to join the flotilla of vessels planning to break the Israeli

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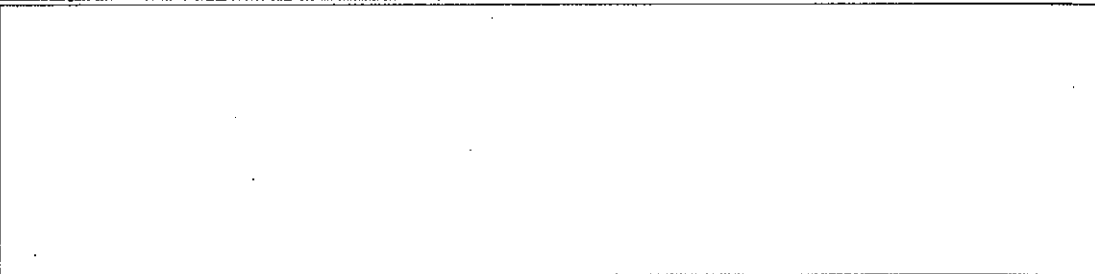
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maritime blockade of Gaza, [REDACTED] In late April, the group contacted and met with French MFA officials, who delivered a stern warning not to participate in the flotilla. [REDACTED] told us the MFA urged the group to send humanitarian aid through existing land channels rather than engaging in provocative, risky endeavors. The group reportedly said they would "take into account" the MFA warning, but did not promise to suspend their effort. Group members acknowledged problems paying for a French ship, [REDACTED] predicted they would struggle to raise the necessary funds.

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GOF PUBLICLY DISCOURAGES FRENCH PARTICIPATION

3. (C) On April 22, in the UN Security Council open debate on the Middle East, the French representative urged those wishing to provide humanitarian aid to Gaza to use existing land channels to do so. [REDACTED] said the GOF will issue a similar public statement the week of May 9. In the meantime, the MFA published an official travel warning on May 5 urging French citizens not to participate. The text reads, "It is formally discouraged to board ships intending to break the maritime blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip, in light of the security risks involved in such an enterprise."



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E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PARM, PGOV, PHSA, PTER, KWBG, TU, IS
Captions: SIPDIS
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Pass Line: AMEMBASSY ASTANA PASS TO AMCONSUL ALMATY
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Subject: CZECH RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE: THE FREE GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA"

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1. (C) On 18 April we delivered reftel demarche to Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Middle East and North Africa Department [redacted] said the Czechs agree with the U.S. position. They support opening the borders to Gaza but believe that cargos must be inspected to stop weapon smuggling. The Czechs see the flotilla as a political statement, not a humanitarian effort to improve the lives of the people in Gaza.

2. (C) [redacted] said they have indications that more than 15 ships with over 1000 people will participate in the flotilla. The Czechs are now considering changing their travel warning for Israel and the Palestinian territories to advise travelers of possible greater danger due to the flotilla [redacted] The Czechs believe that due to the large number of ships participating in the flotilla the chances of violence occurring is greater than last year and they are hoping that no Czechs participate in this activity. There were three Czech journalists on board the Mavi Marmara last year. To date the MFA does not know of any Czechs planning to participate in the flotilla.

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Subject: LATVIA: NO KNOWN GAZA FLOTILLA PARTICIPATION
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TAGS: PARM, PREL, EWWT, LG, PHSA, PTER, IS, TU, KWBG
Captions: SENSITIVE, SIPDIS
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Pass Line: AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF
AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
Subject: LATVIA: NO KNOWN GAZA FLOTILLA PARTICIPATION

(C) Latvian officials are unaware of any Latvian participation of any kind in the "anniversary flotilla" to Gaza planned in late May. MFA [redacted] thanked us for our April 19 delivery of refel demarche points.

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From: Le Claire, Claire (Rome)
Sent: 4/22/2011 10:58:30 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP01
Subject: ITALY: FREE GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA" RESPONSE
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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: ITALY: FREE GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA" RESPONSE

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1. (C//NF) On April 21, Poloff delivered refel points [redacted] to [redacted] noted that the MFA was convening a GOI interagency meeting in the coming week to assess the risk of a Gaza "Anniversary Flotilla" ship emanating from Italy and to coordinate preventive strategies. The meeting will be chaired by Central Director for the Mediterranean and Middle East Domenico Giorgi. [redacted]

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From: Hamrick, Andrew S
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Subject: MACEDONIA: NO KNOWN PARTICIPATION IN GAZA ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA

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From: AMEMBASSY SKOPJE
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E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PGOV, PREL, MK, PHUM, TU, IS
Reference: A) 11 STATE 38240
Pass Line: STATE FOR NEA/ IPA
Subject: MACEDONIA: NO KNOWN PARTICIPATION IN GAZA ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA

1. (U) The GoM is aware of no Macedonian citizens planning to participate in a flotilla being organized to breach Israel's maritime blockade of Gaza on the one-year anniversary of the Mavi Marmara incident, stated MFA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on April 26, [REDACTED] was aware that there were three citizens of Macedonia aboard the ship at the time of the May 13, 2010 incident and stated that the GoM will contact us if it learns of citizens of Macedonia planning to participate this year.

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Subject: NETHERLANDS/GAZA: DUTCH GOVERNMENT WARNS NGOS OF FLOTILLA CONFRONTATION, TO NO AVAIL
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Captions: SENSITIVE, NOFORN
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Subject: NETHERLANDS/GAZA: DUTCH GOVERNMENT WARNS NGOS OF FLOTILLA CONFRONTATION, TO NO AVAIL

1. (S/N/F) SUMMARY: The Dutch have publicly and privately warned individuals and organizations against participating in the Free Gaza anniversary flotilla in May. END SUMMARY.
2. (S/N/F) PolOff delivered refel demarche to MFA [REDACTED] April 19. [REDACTED] said that the MFA had taken a series of steps, publically and privately, to communicate the danger and ineffectualness of attempting to deliver uninspected goods directly to Gaza, and undertaking any provocations that would invite and escalate a confrontation.
3. (S/N/F) "Our Minister spoke out about this in parliament, and we talked to individual organizations about the dangers involved," [REDACTED] said. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] We have issued a travel advisory against Gaza, and told activists to speak with their insurance companies before going. If they are arrested, we can only offer them consular services."

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4. (S/NF) [] provided a link to the following website of Dutch NGOs active in the Gaza Flotilla II campaign: www.nederland-gaza.nl. The website, which is primarily in Dutch, outlines a well-developed program of activism with widespread NGO participation, linkages throughout the EU, Facebook pages and even fundraising schemes, such as sales of olive oil the profits of which support humanitarian aid to Gaza. 1.4(B)
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5. (S/NF) [] also provided a Dutch-language letter by the Netherlands-Gaza Foundation seeking funds and 35 participants to sail with a Dutch ship. The Foundation says it is comprised of Dutch Christian, Jewish, Islamic and secular organizations. They are looking specifically for people with journalism backgrounds, as well as lawyers, writers, doctors, academics and politicians, to participate as passengers. Interested individuals are asked to contact Rob Groenhulzen at +31-061.468.6769 or via email at re4evolution@gmail.com or infor@nederland-gaza.nl. Funding is also requested to be sent to bank account No. 447872605 t.n.v. Stichting Nederland-Gaza in Gouda, Netherlands.
6. (S/NF) The Netherlands-Gaza Foundation letter lists 24 supporting organizations:
- Al Maktaba
 - Al Awda Netwerk Palestina
 - Atlasbridges Foundation
 - Een Ander Joods Geluid
 - Federatie Islamitische Organisaties Nederland
 - Friends of Nazareth
 - Internationale Socialisten
 - Nederlands Instituut Palestina/Israel
 - Nederlands Palestina Komitee
 - Palestijnse Gemeenschap Nederland
 - Palestina Komitee Rotterdam
 - Rotterdam voor Gaza
 - Stichting ISRAA
 - Stichting Palestijnse Vrouwen in Nederland
 - Stichting Talliq

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- Utrecht4Palestine
- Vreinden van Sabeel Nederland
- Vereniging Ettaouhid
- Vereniging Landelijk Organisatie Op Koers (LOOK)
- Vrouwen in het Zwart
- Werkgroep Keerpunt
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 Subject: POLISH MFA: EU DIVIDED ON GAZA FLOTILLA RESOLUTION

(C) The EU countries are divided on the Gaza flotilla incident follow-up resolution, according to [redacted] and Great Britain support it, [redacted] While Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary oppose the resolution, France to [redacted] Poland is cognizant of divisions within the EU on Israel-related resolutions and therefore consistently lobbies member states to adopt a uniform EU position of abstaining on Israel-related resolutions. This practice notwithstanding, [redacted] said Poland is currently considering opposing the resolution on follow-up to the Goldstone report. [redacted]

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From: Callahan, J. Nicole
Sent: 4/22/2011 8:46:03 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP07
Subject: Demarche Response: Gaza Anniversary Flotilla
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MRN: 11 ZAGREB 157
Date/DTG: Apr 22, 2011 / 221246Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY ZAGREB
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE/ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PARM, PGOV, PHSA, PREL, HR, PTER, KWBG, TU, IS
Subject: Demarche Response: Gaza Anniversary Flotilla

1) (C) On April 21, PolOff delivered reftel demarche on the possibility of an anniversary flotilla to Gaza during May to [redacted] 1.4(B)
[redacted] the MFA. The GoC understands and shares our concerns. At this [redacted] 1.4(D)
time they do not have any information that would lead them to believe that Croatian citizens, boats, or ports will be part
of the flotilla. [redacted] B1

Signature: Foley

Classified By: Name: Janet Nicole Callahan, Title: Political Officer
Office: POL
Agency: State
Reason: 1.4 (b), (d)
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I228

From: Hinman, Richard C (Amman)
Sent: 4/21/2011 9:24:27 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP0P3
Subject: Jordan Claims No Knowledge of Gaza Flotilla
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MRN: 11 AMMAN 669
Date/DTG: Apr 21, 2011 / 211324Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY AMMAN
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, FARM, PTER, PHSA, GZ, IS, JO
Reference: A) 11 STATE 38240
Subject: Jordan Claims No Knowledge of Gaza Flotilla

1. (S) PolOff delivered refel points to [redacted] the MFA. [redacted]
acknowledged our concerns [redacted]
[redacted] He also said that the issue had not been discussed within the ministry and that
he did not know anything more about it than had appeared in the media.

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2. (S) COMMENT. [redacted]
[redacted]

Signature: MANDEL

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Agency: State
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From: O'Grady, Daniel J
Sent: 4/25/2011 9:58:54 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP05
Subject: Anniversary Flotilla: IHH Plans to Postpone Past Elections
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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MRN: 11 ANKARA 661
Date/DTG: Apr 25, 2011 / 251359Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY ANKARA
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, TU, IS, UN
Captions: NOFORN
Reference: A) STATE 36240
B) 11 ANKARA 497
Pass Line: AMEMBASSY ASTANA PASS TO AMCONSUL ALMATY
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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL YEKATERINBURG
AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: Anniversary Flotilla: IHH Plans to Postpone Past Elections

1. (C) SUMMARY: The Ambassador continues to urge the GoT to forestall Turkish participation in or support for the anniversary "Free Gaza" flotilla. [REDACTED]

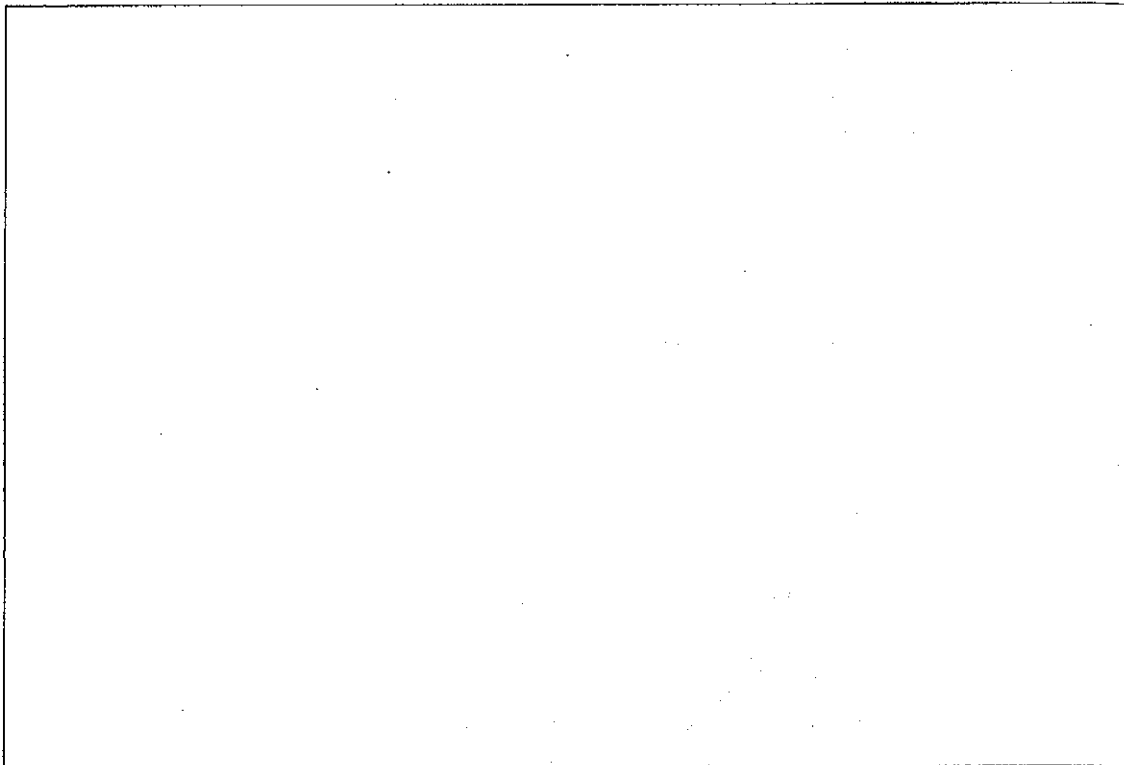
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2. (C) During April 1 (REF B) and April 14 discussions with MFA [REDACTED] the Ambassador urged the GoT to forestall Turkish participation in or support for the anniversary "Free Gaza" flotilla. [REDACTED]

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Office: EXEC
Agency: STATE

Reason: 1.4 (b), (d)
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Cleared By: Political:O'Grady, Daniel J

Approved By: Silliman, Douglas A

Released By: ANKARA:O'Grady, Daniel J

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From: Howard, Jeremiah H
Sent: 5/7/2011 5:55:25 PM
To: svcSMARTHBTSPQP1
Subject: Mavi Marmara Anniversary Flotilla's Timing Still Unclear
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MRN: 11 ANKARA 737
Date/DTG: May 07, 2011 / 072155Z MAY 11
From: AMEMBASSY ANKARA
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATEIMMEDIATE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, MARR, MOPS, PGOV, GZ, IS, TU
Reference: A) ANKARA 663
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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: Mavi Marmara Anniversary Flotilla's Timing Still Unclear

1. (C//REL UK) SUMMARY: The Turkish Islamist NGO IHH announced it is sending a single ship May 31, carrying humanitarian supplies, to El Arish, where the cargo will be transhipped to Gaza by truck through the Rafah border crossing. IHH also plans a separate anniversary flotilla, but timing is unclear.

END SUMMARY.

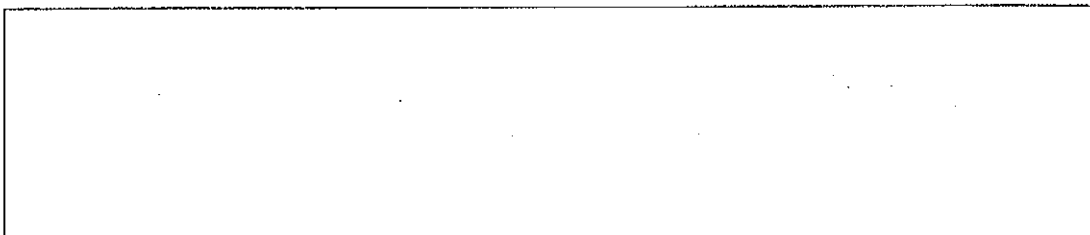
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3. (C//REL [redacted] told [redacted] 1500 people from 22 countries will participate in the commemorative flotilla, sailing on 15 vessels. 150 of the 1500 are Turks.

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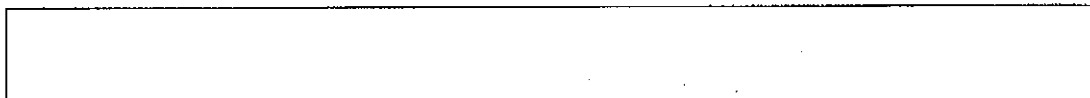
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6. (U) In a recent posting, the IHH website announced plans to dispatch May 31 a 1000-ton ship to Gaza, carrying "construction materials, textile products and medicine...The ship will have been sent...before the departure of the second "Freedom Flotilla" and will dock at Egypt's Arish port. Aid supplies will be loaded aboard trucks here which will then be transported to Gaza through the Rafah Border Crossing which was opened to Gazans after the public revolution in Egypt."



Signature: RICCIARDONE

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Approved By: POL:Howard, Jeremiah H
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From: McCutcheon, Robert H (Beirut)
Sent: 4/19/2011 7:15:37 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP05
Subject: The Free Gaza "Anniversary Flotilla" - Lebanon Response
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MRN: 11 BEIRUT 313
Date/DTG: Apr 19, 2011 / 191115Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATEIMMEDIATE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PARM, PGOV, PHSA, PTER, PREL, KWBG, IS, LE
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Pass Line: STATE FOR NEA/IPA JIM SINDLE
Subject: The Free Gaza "Anniversary Flotilla" - Lebanon Response

(C) On April 19, poloff delivered refel demarche on the impending Gaza flotilla to [redacted]
MFA [redacted] [redacted] reported that [redacted] had no information about vessel
movements related to this flotilla -- or any plans for the flotilla to enter or depart Lebanese ports -- [redacted]
[redacted] We will follow up with the MFA and report
any additional information septel.

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Signature: Connelly

Classified By: Name: Maura Connelly, Title: Ambassador
Agency: Department of State
Reason: 1.4 (b), (d)
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Cleared By: McCutcheon, Robert H (Beirut)
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From: Klene, Robert R (Brussels)
Sent: 4/20/2011 8:28:06 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP03
Subject: BELGIANS LIKELY TO ACCOMPANY GAZA FLOTILLA, BUT NOT ON THEIR OWN SHIP
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MRN: 11 BRUSSELS 225
Date/DTG: Apr 20, 2011 / 201228Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PARM, PGOV, PREL, PHSA, PTER, KWBG, IS, BE, TU
Captions: SIPDIS
Reference: A) 11 STATE 36240
Pass Line: STATE FOR EUR/WE AND NEA/PA
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AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: BELGIANS LIKELY TO ACCOMPANY GAZA FLOTILLA, BUT NOT ON THEIR OWN SHIP

1. (C) On April 19, Deputy Political Economic Counselor discussed with [REDACTED] MFA [REDACTED] the likelihood that Belgian citizens may participate in a politically charged Gaza flotilla on the anniversary of last year's flotilla events. Four Belgian citizens were arrested on board the Mavi Marmara in 2010. They are identified as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said that the Belgian government is still involved in consular efforts in Israel to recover some of their property confiscated by the Israelis. These persons and others are now attempting to organize Belgian participation in the 2011 flotilla. There are a number of websites visible, including "BelgiumtoGaza.com", which unites various groups in a fundraising effort to procure a ship for the trip to Gaza.

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2. (C) According to [REDACTED] fundraising has not been successful, so no ship is likely to depart Belgium to join the flotilla. A few Belgians may travel on ships organized by other national groups to Gaza. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Belgian government is still considering whether to do more than it has already done, which is to issue a travel warning advising against travel to Gaza. [REDACTED]

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3. (C) Deputy Political Counselor told [] that the port of Ashdod is being made available by the Israelis as a safe alternative for delivery of goods to the Gazans. He also mentioned that the USG has called on Israel to exercise restraint if the flotilla arrives as planned. [] agreed to keep on touch about developments in the []

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Signature: GUTMAN

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Agency: Embassy Brussels
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ROUTINE; USUN NEW YORK, USMISSIONROUTINE; ANKARA, AMEMBASSYROUTINE;
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I 234

From: Cline, Melissa R
Sent: 5/10/2011 9:37:33 AM
To: svcSMARTHBTSP0P1
Subject: "Anniversary Flotilla" Demarche Delivered
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MRN: 11 CAIRO 545
Date/DTG: May 10, 2011 / 101337Z MAY 11
From: AMEMBASSY CAIRO
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, PGOV, PARM, KWBG, IS, TU, EG
Reference: A) 11 STATE 38240
Subject: "Anniversary Flotilla" Demarche Delivered

1. (S) On May 8, Ambassador raised reftel points on a potential attempt to break the Israeli maritime blockade of Gaza with MFA [redacted] Ambassador asked if the GOE would allow humanitarian assistance to be delivered through the port of el-Arish in northern Sinai, as Egypt had previously done. [redacted] said no decision had been made, but believed that the flotilla planned for late-May would be "delayed." [redacted]

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Signature: SCOBey

Classified By: Name: Margaret Scobey, Title: Ambassador
Office: Executive Office
Agency: DOS
Reason: 1.4 (b), (d)
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From: Males, Michael J
 Sent: 4/21/2011 10:41:47 AM
 To: svcSMARTHBTSP02
 Subject: Anniversary Flotilla Demarche Passed to Government of Moldova
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 Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
 E.O.: 13526
 TAGS: PARM, PGOV, PHSA, PTER, KWBG, TU, IS, MD
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 AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
 Subject: Anniversary Flotilla Demarche Passed to Government of Moldova

1. (S) On April 21, we passed reftel demarche to [REDACTED] the Moldovan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration. [REDACTED] promised that Government of Moldova would inform us immediately if any information became available about Moldovan citizens or Moldovan-flagged ships involved in the Free Gaza "Anniversary Flotilla."

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Signature: CHAUDHRY

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To: SMART Core
Subject: MGGZ01:TUNISIA [REDACTED] ON GAZA FLOTILLA, ARAB LEAGUE MINISTERIAL

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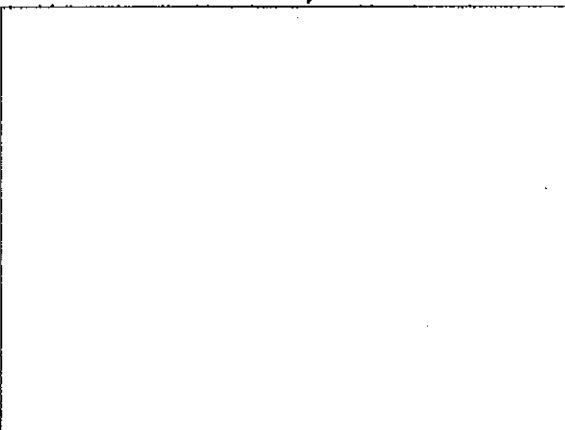
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SUBJECT: MGGZ01:TUNISIA [REDACTED] ON GAZA FLOTILLA, ARAB LEAGUE MINISTERIAL

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1. (C) [REDACTED] told the Ambassador on June 5 that deliberations at the Arab League Ministerial convened in Cairo June 3 in reaction to the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident



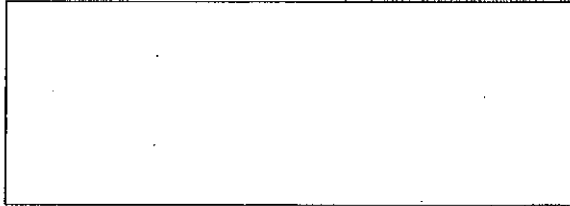
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4. (C) The Ambassador underlined U.S. views that the Gaza incident needed to be investigated and that efforts for peace must continue.  



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Signature: GRAY

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 8:57 AM
To: Abell, J Andrew
Subject: RE: Demarches/Convoy
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Cc: Hunter, Charles F; Tachco, Amy N; Shampaine, Nicole D; Creedon, Reid M; Cummings, Joanne
Subject: Demarches/Convoy

Andy,

Thanks! Jay.

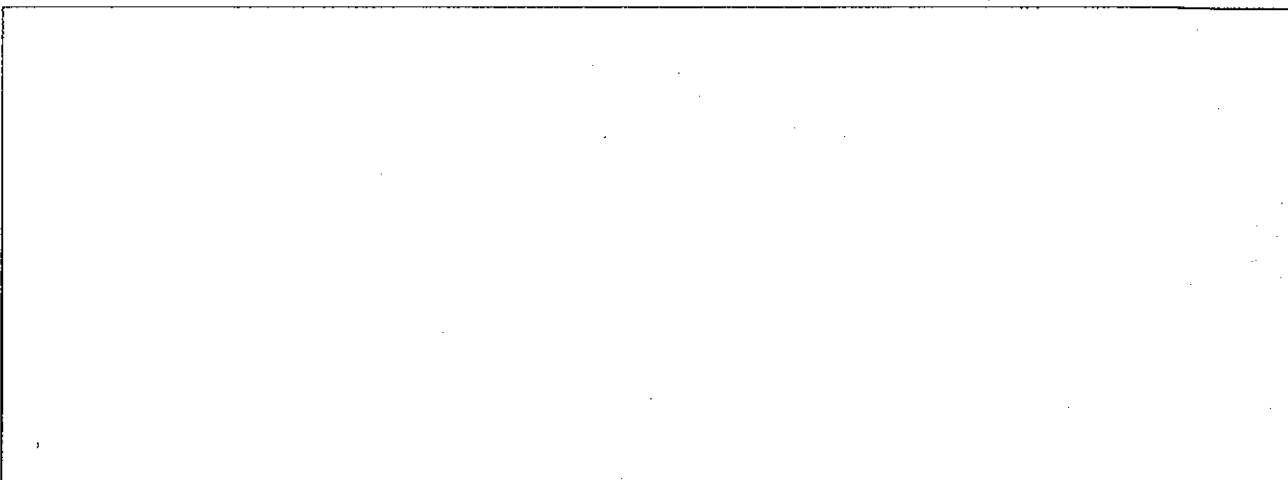
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From: Abell, J Andrew
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 1:10 AM
To: Goodfriend, Andre M; Munir, Junaid Jay
Cc: Hunter, Charles F; Tachco, Amy N; Shampaine, Nicole D; Creedon, Reid M
Subject: ACTION REQUEST: FOLLOW UP DEMARCHE ON THE ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN

Andre/Jay,



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Best,
Andy

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From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 4:54 PM
To: Abell, J Andrew
Cc: Shampaine, Nicole D; Creedon, Reid M; Sutphin, Paul R; Munir, Junaid Jay
Subject: RE: FW: ACTION REQUEST: FOLLOW UP DEMARCHE ON THE ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN



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From: Abell, J Andrew
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 3:48 PM
To: Doutrich, Jack T; Munir, Junaid Jay
Cc: Shampaine, Nicole D; Creedon, Reid M
Subject: RE: FW: ACTION REQUEST: FOLLOW UP DEMARCHE ON THE ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN

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From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 1:49 PM

To: Rosenstock, Matthew S; Munir, Junaid Jay
Cc: Waters, John R; Silverman, Robert J; Abell, J Andrew; Kosa, Lauren S
Subject: FW: ACTION REQUEST: FOLLOW UP DEMARCHE ON THE ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN
Importance: High

Matt/Jay,

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From: SMART Core
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 12:16:44
To:
Cc: Doutrich, Jack T; Coley, Lea M; Frelich, Karlene H; Sachar, Alon; Levinson, Jesse S; Riley, Le'Shawnda V; Reed, Julia G; Hof, Frederic C; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Irwin, Matthew T; Eilts, Colin C
Subject: ACTION REQUEST: FOLLOW UP DEMARCHE ON THE ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN

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Info Office: POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SE_MEP, SE_MEP_DAM_BEI, SE_MEP_ECON_DEV

MRN: 10 STATE 129967
Date/DTG: Dec 20, 2010 / 201705Z DEC 10
From: SECSTATE WASHDC
Action: AMMAN, AMEMBASSY IMMEDIATE; BEIRUT, AMEMBASSY IMMEDIATE; DAMASCUS, AMEMBASSY IMMEDIATE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, KPAL, KWBG, PHUM, IR, TU, SY, LE, JO, IS
Captions: SIPDIS
Reference: ANKARA 1649
NEW DELHI 1923
STATE 119883
Subject: ACTION REQUEST: FOLLOW UP DEMARCHE ON THE ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN

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SIPDIS

E.O. 13526: DECL: 2020/12/20

TAGS: PREL, KPAL, KWBG, PHUM, IR, TU, SY, LE, JO, IS

SUBJECT: ACTION REQUEST: FOLLOW UP DEMARCHE ON THE ASIA TO GAZA
AID CARAVAN

REF: A) ANKARA 1649

B) NEW DELHI 1923

C) STATE 119883

Classified by: Ronald Schlicher, A/S, Acting
NEARreason(s): 1.4 (b), (d)

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6. (U) Minimize considered.

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Signature: CLINTON

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Drafted By: NEA_IPA:DOUTRICH, JACK T -- 12/20/10

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NEA:ROBERTS, KRISTI M DRL/MLGA:JOHNSTON-GARDNER, SARAH R (DRL)
L/AN:DOLAN, JOANN

Approved By: NEA/FO:SCHLICHER, RONALD L

Info: JERUSALEM, AMCONSUL ROUTINE; ANKARA, AMEMBASSY ROUTINE; CAIRO,
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DIS_SE_MEP_ECON_DEV

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I254

Bowers, Allyson M

From: Schrank, Alexander D
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2010 11:59 AM
To: Doutrich, Jack T
Cc: Sindle, James M; Taylor, Victoria J
Subject: RE: FW: ACTION REQUEST: FOLLOW UP DEMARCHE ON THE ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN
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Let me know if you need any further assistance with this.

Thanks,
Alex.

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From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2010 11:45 AM
To: Taylor, Victoria J; Schrank, Alexander D
Cc: Sindle, James M
Subject: RE: FW: ACTION REQUEST: FOLLOW UP DEMARCHE ON THE ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN

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From: Taylor, Victoria J
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 10:35 AM
To: Doutrich, Jack T; Schrank, Alexander D
Subject: RE: FW: ACTION REQUEST: FOLLOW UP DEMARCHE ON THE ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN

Hi Jack,

Best,
VT

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

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From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 10:26 AM
To: Schrank, Alexander D; Taylor, Victoria J
Subject: FW: FW: ACTION REQUEST: FOLLOW UP DEMARCHE ON THE ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN

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From: Grubb, Jason B
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 2:55 PM
To: Goldberger, Thomas H
Cc: TELAVIV POL; MEISEL, OMER (TE)(FBI); 'ROSENTHAL, RUSSELL H. (TE) (FBI)'; 'Cyril, COL Todd'; Sindle, James M; Sutphin, Paul R; Buzbee, John R; Parker, Andrew C; Doutrich, Jack T
Subject: FW: ACTION REQUEST: FOLLOW UP DEMARCHE ON THE ASIA TO GAZA AID CARAVAN

Tom -

I followed up with MFA [redacted] on our latest efforts detailed below regarding the "Asia to Gaza Aid Caravan"; [redacted] appreciated the information. He alerted me to several internet reports (www.telegraphindia.com, among others) noting that an Iranian-American citizen named Azam Azaditabar Carlton or Carlson is participating in the caravan and was apparently denied entry into Turkey from Iran. [redacted] asked if we knew the reasons for the denied entry, or if we had asked the Turkish authorities to intervene.

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Regards,
Jason

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From: SMART Core
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 07:16:43
To: Silverman, Robert J; Wilson, Joseph M; Wholters, James R; Drake, Virginia D; Eussen, Matthew M; Parsell, Benjamin C; Burgess, Richard J; Burton, Terry D; Failla, Ann M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Grubb, Jason B; Hennard, John S; Kirk, Edward W; Lawrence, Tim R; Levin, Jan X; Lurie, Mikael D; Madera, Eduardo A; Mederrick, Debra J; Nelson, Timothy D; Otto, Jeffrey L; Shannon, Clark L;

Cc: Stepp, Elizabeth D; Stepp, Keith L; Usher, William R; Wilson, Dennis R
Adams, Julie D; Baldwin, Virginia E; Burnett, David R; Cain, Isaac T; Conklin, DeWitt C; Garcia,
Dennis J; Hall, Loretta H; Manyam, Shaila B; McConaughy, Christine H; Monosson, Danielle H;
Parker, Andrew C; Rohrlach, Paul E; Swartz, Charles J; Tate, Sonja T; Treacy, Stephen M; Crippen,
Ramona; Crippen, John

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Action Office: POL, DAO
Info Office: POL_INFO, EXEC_INFO, FPD

MRN: 10 STATE 129967
Date/DTG: Dec 20, 2010 / 201705Z DEC 10
From: SECSTATE WASHDC
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AMEMBASSY IMMEDIATE
E.O.: 13526
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Info: JERUSALEM, AMCONSUL ROUTINE; ANKARA, AMEMBASSY ROUTINE; CAIRO,
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Bowers, Allyson M [RELEASED IN PART 1.4(B),B1,B5,1.4(D),B6]

From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2011 12:00 PM
To: Sindle, James M; Evans, Heidi B
Cc: Zurcher, Kenneth M
Subject: RE: FW: INITIAL ISRAELI RESPONSE ON ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA DEMARCHE
Attachments: image001.gif

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Jack Doutrich
Political Officer
NEA/IPA
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From: Sindle, James M
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2011 11:04 AM
To: Doutrich, Jack T; Evans, Heidi B
Cc: Zurcher, Kenneth M
Subject: FW: FW: INITIAL ISRAELI RESPONSE ON ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA DEMARCHE

Jack and Heidi,

Thanks,
Jim

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From: Grubb, Jason B
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2011 8:51 AM
To: NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; NEA-SEMEP-DL; 'Kumar, Prem G.'
Cc: TELAVIV POL; Goldberger, Thomas H
Subject: FW: INITIAL ISRAELI RESPONSE ON ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA DEMARCHE

FYI...

[REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer]

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Cc: ATHENS-SMARTS; SKOPJE, SMARTS; WARSAW-SMARTS; TALLINN, SMARTS; Sarajevo, SMARTS; BERN, SMARTS; UNVIE-SMARTS; LISBON, SMARTS; DUBLIN, SMARTS; Tashkent, SMARTS; BRUSSELS-SMARTS; OSCE-SMARTS; ISTANBUL, SMARTS; BUDAPEST-SMARTS; FRANKFURT, SMARTS; ZAGREB-SMARTS; LJUBLJANA-SMARTS; KYIV-SMARTS; Ottawa-SmartS; STRASBOURG-SMARTS; HELSINKI-SMARTS; ASTANA-SMARTS; TiranaSMARTS; Bishkek, SMARTS; BRATISLAVA-SMARTS; PRAGUE, SMARTS; HAMBURG-SMARTS; Riga, SMARTS; ROME, SMARTS; KRAKOW-SMARTS; LUXEMBOURG-SMARTS; NAPLES, SMARTS; Copenhagen-SMARTS; MUNICH-SMARTS; CHISINAU-SMARTS; Pristina, SMARTS; Ashgabat, SMARTS; BUCHAREST-SMARTS; VIENNA-SMARTS; PMAT (Pol-Mil Action Team); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Aims, Clifford A;

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Subject: INITIAL ISRAELI RESPONSE ON ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA DEMARCHE

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MRN: 11 TEL AVIV 505
Date/DTG: Apr 18, 2011 / 181242Z APR 11
From: AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE IMMEDIATE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PARM, PGOV, PHSA, PTER, KWBG, TU, IS
Reference: A) STATE 36240

Pass Line:

AMEMBASSY ASTANA PASS TO AMCONSUL ALMATY
AMEMBASSY ANKARA PASS TO AMCONSUL ADANA
AMEMBASSY ROME PASS TO AMCONSUL FLORENCE
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL VLADIVOSTOK
AMEMBASSY VILNIUS PASS TO AMEMBASSY MINSK
AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL YEKATERINBURG
AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG

Subject:

INITIAL ISRAELI RESPONSE ON ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA DEMARCHE

1. (C) Summary: During brief pre-Passover conversations, MFA officials made clear they remain actively involved in efforts to prevent the upcoming flotilla scheduled to correspond with the one-year anniversary of the Mavi Marmara's interdiction. [REDACTED] 1.4(B)
[REDACTED] 1.4(D)
[REDACTED] B1
2. (C) On April 18, MFA [REDACTED] welcomed refuel points, and thanked Washington for this "important effort." [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] 1.4(B)
[REDACTED] 1.4(D)
[REDACTED] B1
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. (SBU) We will follow up with [REDACTED] on April 26 once the Passover holidays conclude. B6

Signature:

CUNNINGHAM

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Law, Rosemary C

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I316

From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 9:32 AM
To: Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Glauque, Jeffrey G; Frelich, Karlene H; Lawson, Christine M
Subject: FW: Background Information on some of the upcoming flotillas
Attachments: image001.jpg

Latest from Beirut CONS. They have not been able to confirm any AmCit participation yet. They are continuing to press on this issue and are also reporting Sunday as the soonest the boat will sail.

From: Richter, Kim B
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 9:27 AM
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Walker, Carolee B
Cc: Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Reisser, Wesley J
Subject: FW: Background Information on some of the upcoming flotillas

Apparently Sunday would be the earliest the ship would sail - if it sails.

From: Jackson, Mollie J
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 4:21 PM
To: Greene, Elisa; Hosking, Erika L
Subject: RE: Background Information on some of the upcoming flotillas

Hi Elisa-

We have not been able to obtain any biodata or confirm that there are any Americans on board. We only know what we've seen in the media, which is mention of the four AmCit nuns and possibly an AmCit Journalist. Our POL section has been working extensively with the GOL to get the nationalities and any biodata for those on the potential manifest, so far without success. CA was able to confirm that [redacted] who was originally reported as being part of the flotilla, is in the U.S. and is not expected to join the flotilla. B6

I've gotten permission to share with you on the unclass side that, as far as we are being told, Sunday would be the earliest possible date that the women's ship would sail.

Our latest reporting cable should be going out shortly. I'm sorry I don't have more specific information at this point...
Mollie

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From: Greene, Elisa
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 4:05 PM
To: Jackson, Mollie J; Hosking, Erika L
Subject: RE: Background information on some of the upcoming flotillas

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

Is there anything you can share with me not on the high side? Difficult to access classified from here. Specifically, I'm looking for AmcIt biodata and date any ships carrying AmcIts will set sail from Lebanon (or elsewhere). Thanks, elisa

From: Jackson, Mollie J
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 3:54 PM
To: Greene, Elisa
Subject: RE: Background information on some of the upcoming flotillas

Elisa-

Erika Hosking, our ACS chief, is forwarding you a message on a high side, with some of the reporting our POL section has been doing on this issue. The latest report is from last night. I think tonight's report will be sent out as an actual cable.

Mollie

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From: Greene, Elisa
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 3:09 PM
To: Greene, Alden S; Abouzeid, Wahib G; Jackson, Mollie J; Richter, Kim B; Daughton, Thomas F (Beirut); Shampaine, Nicole D; Lawson, Christine M; Sison, Michele J; Cornforth, Jeremy A
Cc: Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Zuckerman, Eve; Parker, Andrew C; Tanus, George; Wetherbee, Amos A; Nobel, Natanya D; Plott, Susan M
Subject: FW: Background information on some of the upcoming flotillas

Dear Colleagues:

We have received unconfirmed reports that four AmcIt nuns may be on an upcoming ship of women only sailing from Lebanon in an attempt to break the Israeli blockade on Gaza. Are you aware of this? If so, can you provide further information: names, biodata, where they will sail from, when, etc?

Media reports (thus far, Arabic-only, for example <http://daralhayat.com/portalarticleid/153074>) state that the women-only ship, the Marlam, will be comprised of 50 women, of whom 30 are Lebanese and 20 are foreigners. They will be taking medical supplies and plan to sail "as soon as possible."

We look forward to your response,

Elisa Greene Chief, American Citizen Services U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv, Israel
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From: Otto, Jeffrey L
To: Parker, Andrew C
Cc: Slevers, Marc J
Sent: Fri Jun 18 12:52:31 2010
Subject: FW: Background information on some of the upcoming flotillas

Andy,

I'm forwarding this email from The Israel Project because of the reference to four AmCits (highlighted) that may be on the Mirlam women's flotilla from Lebanon.

Regards,
-Jeff-

Jeffrey L. Otto
U.S. Embassy, Tel Aviv

From: Shai Oseran [mailto:shalo@theisraelproject.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 6:21 PM
To: Eli Ovits
Subject: Background information on some of the upcoming flotillas

Please find below some background information (and links to sources) on some of the upcoming flotillas from Lebanon and Iran – prepared by TIP's research team for your reference.

We will be happy to help facilitate interviews with experts on these subjects.

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Journalists' flotilla

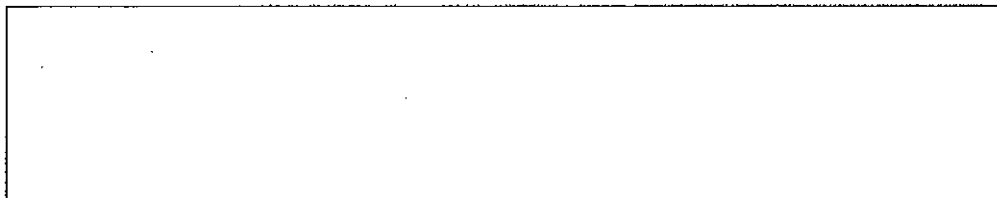
The ship is organized by Free Palestine, an organization headed by Yasser Qoshiok, who is also behind the *Mirlam*, and by a Beirut-based group calling themselves "Journalists Without Bounds" and "Reporters Without Bounds" and "Journalists Without Limits" - not to be confused with Reporters Without Borders/Reporters Sans Frontières, the respected international NGO based in Paris. The Beirut-based group has a Facebook page and a blog:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=133472209999269&v=info#/group.php?gid=133472209999269&v=info>

<http://journaliststogaza.wordpress.com/>

The organizers claim they will have 50 reporters on the ship, out of 225 reporters who applied to come along. The date of departure and the names of the people who will be on the ship remain unclear - apparently this is a policy decision.

With the exception of one reporter who wrote he applied to join, we have not seen any information about the participants.



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Women flotilla

Relations to Hezbollah and Syria:

Samer al-Hajj will lead the *Miriam*. She is a former journalist and best known for being the wife of Ali al-Hajj, a former general in the Lebanese security forces implicated in the assassination of Rafik al-Hariri. Samer al-Hajj has been the public face of the *Miriam*. She has given many interviews in the past few days, including one that appeared on the Hezbollah website.

<http://www.alintiqad.com/essaydetails.php?eid=33463&cid=76>

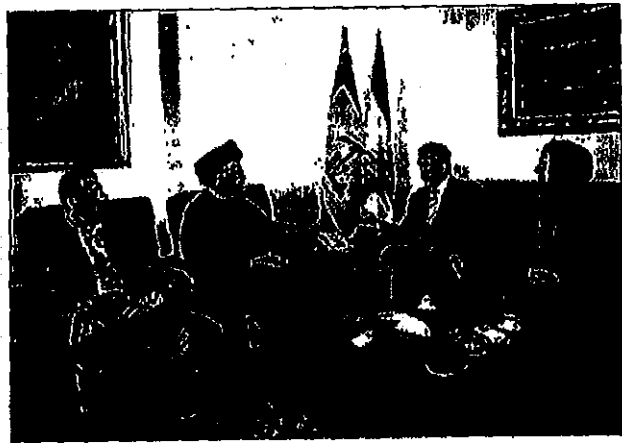
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<http://www.assafir.com/Article.aspx?EditionId=1548&ChannelId=36053&ArticleId=2433&Author=>

Even though Samer al-Hajj and Yasser Khashak say the ship has no connection to Hezbollah or Hamas, she said in her last interview that Nasrallah's campaign to lift the siege is "something that is motivating everyone"

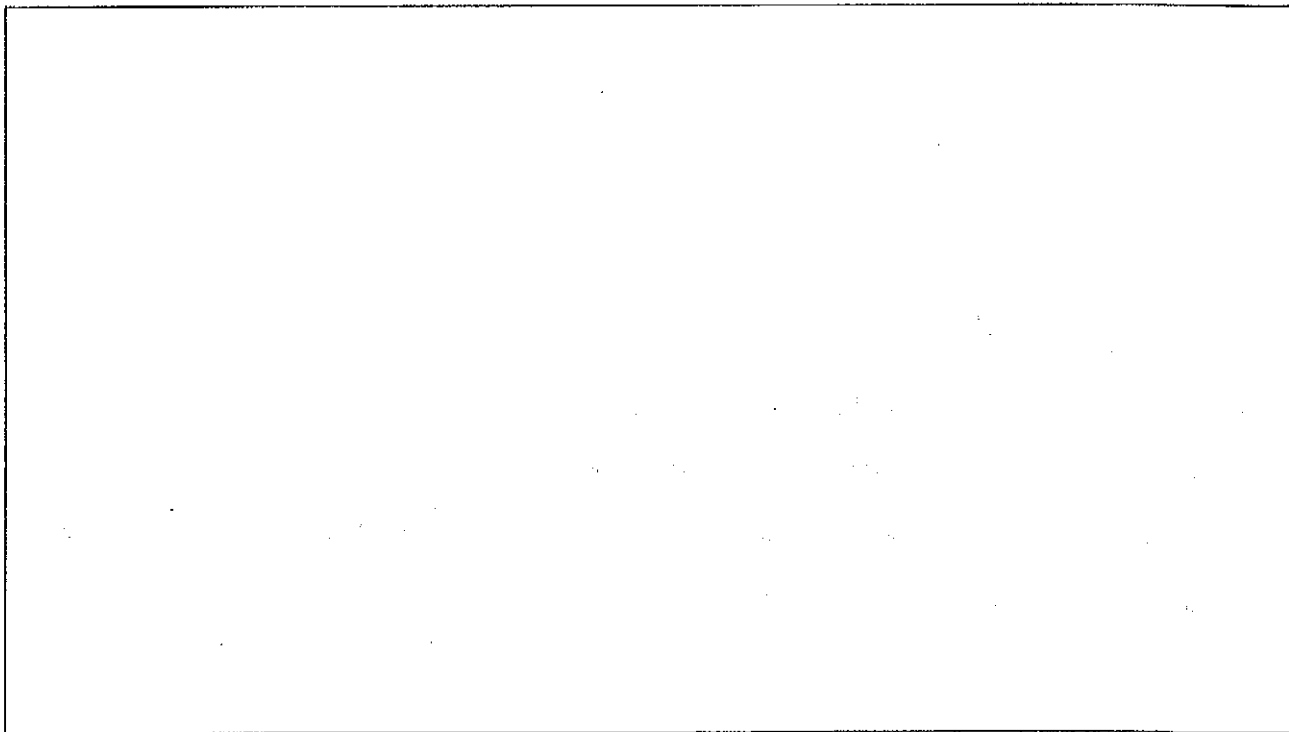
<http://daralhavat.com/portalarticlendam/153074>

The organizers say the ship will also be carrying four American nuns!



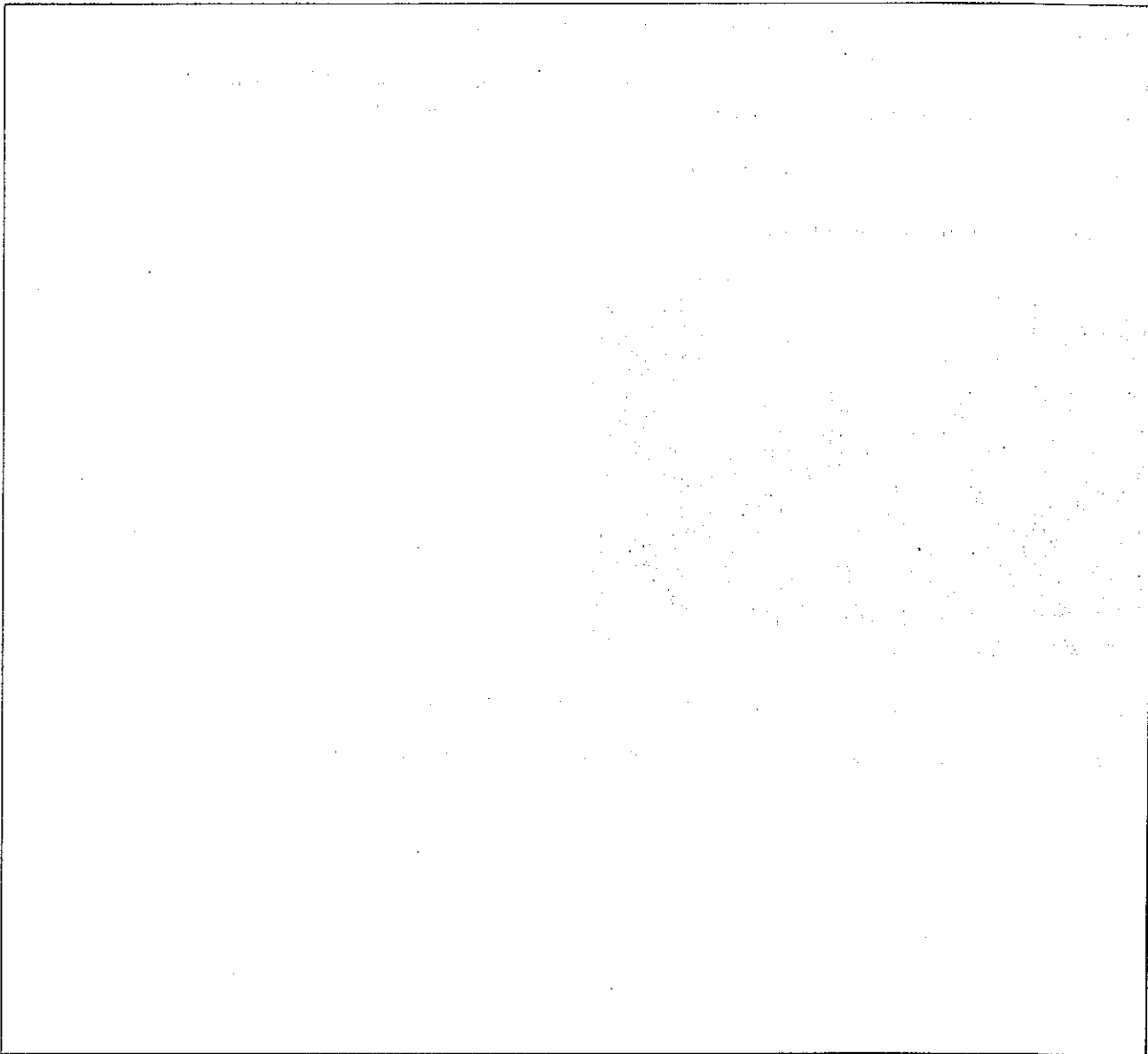
From right to left: Samer al-Hajj; Ali al-Hajj (her husband); Hassan Nasrallah (the Secretary General of Hezbollah);

Wafik Safa (head of the Hezbollah coordination and liaison committee, responsible for the negotiations to release murdered Israeli soldiers Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev



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The Iranian flotilla:

One of the Ayatollahs saying it is a privilege to die on the way to Gaza

<http://www.irna.ir/AR/View/FullStory/?NewsId=1173464&IdLanguage=2>

The former head of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard saying he is willing to go to Gaza the minute they will need him

<http://arabic.farsnews.com/newstext.aspx?nn=8903260150>

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The message was checked by ESET NOD32 Antivirus.

<http://www.eset.com>

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I339

Law, Rosemary C

From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2010 9:13 AM
To: NEA-IPA-DL
Subject: FW: Gaza Flotilla Fundraising--Dublin Daily - August 31, 2010
Attachments: Image001.jpg

Categories: Working

From Embassy Dublin - still just in a fund raising mode.

Fundraising for Second Gaza Flotilla

(U) A coalition of seven pro-Palestinian groups in Ireland has launched a fundraising campaign to purchase an Irish ship to participate in the planned "Second Freedom Flotilla" to Gaza. [REDACTED] an Irish campaigner who was one of the eight Irish citizens who travelled with the first flotilla in May, is spearheading the project. [REDACTED] said the coalition is raising funds to buy a boat, fuel, and hire a legal team. Up to 50 Irish citizens are expected to take part in the new flotilla. An Irish-funded vessel, the Rachel Corrie, was among those in the May flotilla.

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From: Garrigus, Ashley
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2010 8:52 AM
To: Reisser, Wesley J
Subject: Gaza Flotilla Fundraising--Dublin Daily - August 31, 2010

Wesley,

I am covering the Ireland desk in Jason Hackworth's absence and he asked that I send today's 'Dublin Daily' to you, highlighting the "Fundraising for Second Gaza Flotilla".

Best,

Ashley Garrigus

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:36 AM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: FW: MV Rachel Corrie Manifest
Attachments: CARGO MANIFEST img090.jpg; PASSENGERS ON THE MV RACHEL CORRIE.doc; UN Certification Team request.pdf

Emb Tel Aviv or CA/OCS -- Please check the manifest against PIERS. All others, FYI on the Rachel Corrie from the NGO community.
 Wes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:32 AM
To: Reisser, Wesley J
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: MV Rachel Corrie Manifest

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Dear Wesley,

Thank you for calling me back yesterday. As discussed, and with the permission of [REDACTED] I am forwarding the list of passengers and the manifest for the MV Rachel Corrie. There is an international crew. You asked specifically if any Americans will be on board. Although none are currently registered, [REDACTED] weighing the possibility of going.

I am copying [REDACTED] on this message.

My goal is to help to assure maximum transparency and safety for voyage of the MV Rachel Corrie and any boats who may join them, in part because these are my friends are the organizers and in part because the Rebuilding Alliance put chocolates and school supplies, sports equipment and wheelchairs, and cement to build a kindergarten on that boat. Your suggestions on behalf of the State Department would be sincerely appreciated.

The Rebuilding Alliance and the Free Gaza Movement are ramping up to tell the stories of the NGO projects that will receive the humanitarian aid and to publish the passenger list and manifest as well. Please note the request I sent [REDACTED] to the Quartet in April, requesting temporary "UN Certification Team" status and support to go to Gaza to assure transparency for this all-NGO transport and project installment -- there was no reply from the Quartet. Can you raise the proposal now at the Quartet level? Please note: My team and I are uniquely qualified to assume this role in Gaza and hold an invitation from UNRWA and good welcome from the Palestinian NGO Network, and Gaza Community Mental Health Programme. President Carter can press a message to the H government to assure that the NGOs have full approval to receive the materials and install them with streamlined building permits. I am well-positioned to form a team in Gaza to certify use of construction materials by the NGO's --- and these are your best allies.

Please note there are no plans to bring the MV Rachel Corrie or other boats to Turkey nor are they requesting military escort. They do not expect to leave for Gaza until early next week.

You can also reach [REDACTED] by phone at the following numbers:

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[REDACTED]

Sincerely,
Donna
Mobile: 650 440-9667

P.S. I am copying [REDACTED] on this message. If you
are having difficulty reaching me please give [REDACTED] a call at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On Thu, Jun 3, 2010 at 7:35 AM, Reisser, Wesley J <ReisserWJ@state.gov> wrote:

[REDACTED] - Do you have the manifest as we discussed yesterday? Any info you have is exceptionally helpful so
that our consular personnel in Tel Aviv can be ready to assist Americans as necessary.

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Wes

Wesley J. Reisser, Ph.D.
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I362

Law, Rosemary C

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

FYI...

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

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

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

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

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

Hi Jan/Marc,

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

Specifically:

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

Many thanks,
Kit Bartels
NEA Duty Officer

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I 363.

Law, Rosemary C

From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2010 10:08 AM
To: NEA-IPA-DL
Subject: FW: Rachel Corrie -- FYI from Dublin

FYI

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, [REDACTED] was informed by authorities at the Port of Ashod of the procedures necessary to return the ship. B6
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: Sindle, James M
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:41 PM
To: Connelly, Maura
Cc: NEA-IPA-DL
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

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 7th 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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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

Kevin,

Thanks,

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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

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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
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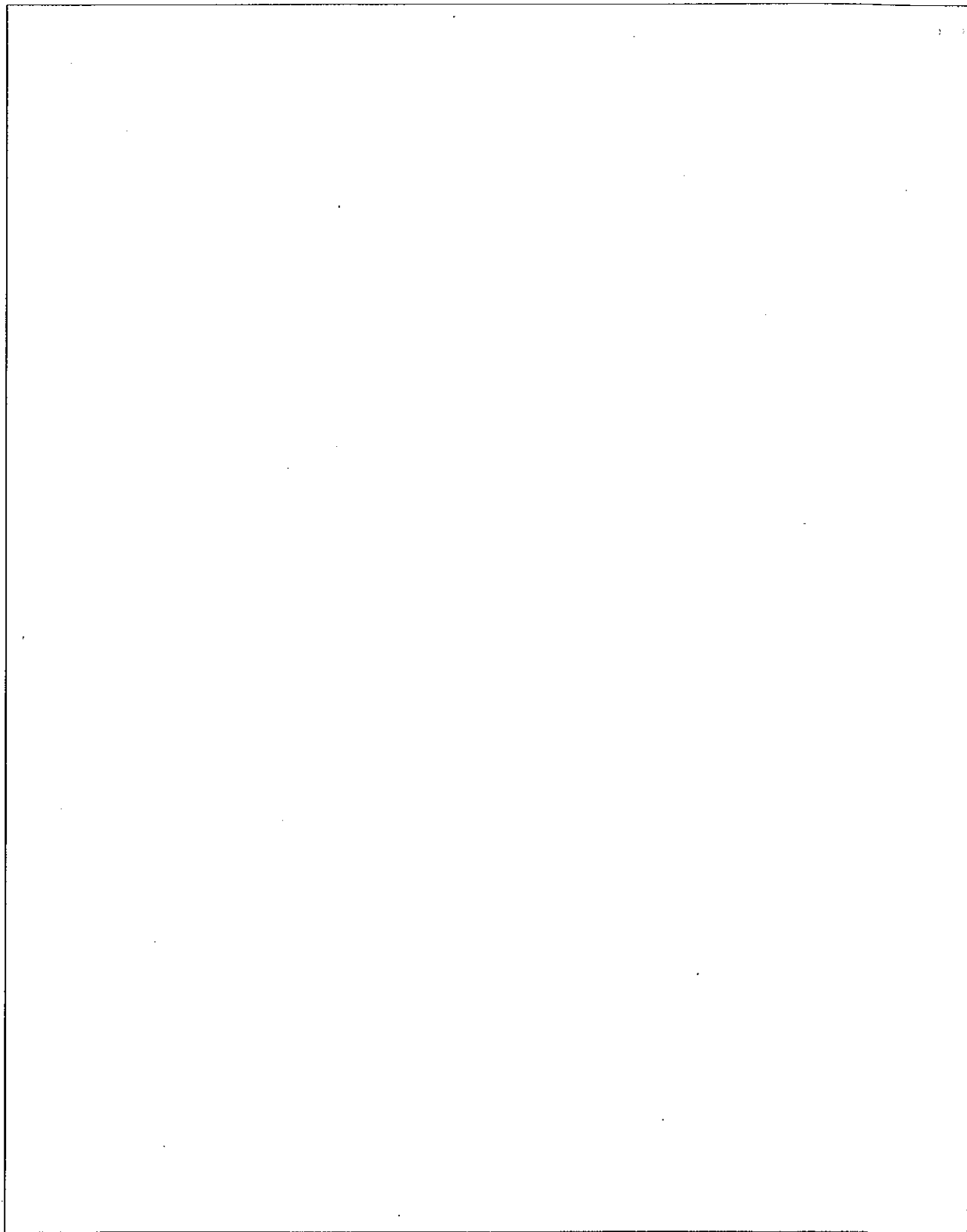
Kevin, thanks!

Best
turk

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

From: Baumert, Kevin A
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 12:08 AM
To: Thesslin, 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

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Thanks,

Kevin

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Snipes, Christopher K
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 12:03 PM
To: Riley, Robert J; Gregonis, Meghan E
Cc: NEA-IPA-DL
Subject: FW: FPD IIR Gaza Freedom Flotilla

Categories: Working

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 11:33 AM
To: Snipes, Christopher K
Cc: Goodman, Ilan A; Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: FW: FPD IIR Gaza Freedom Flotilla

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Chris -

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Regards,
Dan L.

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Bowers, Allyson M

From: Snipes, Christopher K
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 10:58 AM
To: Riley, Robert J; Gregonis, Meghan E
Cc: NEA-IPA-DL
Subject: FW: FPD IIR Gaza Freedom Flotilla Follow-up Two
Attachments: IIR 6 120 0022 11 - IDENTIFICATION OF SHIPS PARTICIPATING IN THE.doc

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The attachment contains the names and locations of the flotilla ships. Chris

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 10:47 AM
To: Snipes, Christopher K; Goodman, Ian A
Subject: FW: FPD IIR Gaza Freedom Flotilla Follow-up Two

Chris/Ilan - Over to you. Regards, Dan

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From: Hicks, Joseph T (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 4:31 PM
To: Purcell, Alan S (Athens); [REDACTED]; Brandeis, Charles B3 DOD-CP
Cc: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Subject: FPD IIR Gaza Freedom Flotilla Follow-up Two

All,
Attached is another follow-up with additional information.
R/
Joe

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I378

Bowers, Allyson M

From: Brownstein, David P
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 1:40 PM
To: Feltman, Jeffrey D; NEA-JPA-DL
Cc: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL
Subject: FW: (S/NF) FRENCH BOAT HEADING FOR GAZA [REDACTED] 1.4(B)
[REDACTED] 1.4(D)
Attachments: FRENCH BOAT NO LONGER HEADED TO GAZA; FRENCH BOAT HEADED TOWARD B1
GAZA; Reuters article - July 18, 2011.pdf; 7-17-11 Communiqué - A French Boat for
Gaza.docx; 7-18-11 Gaza ship - passenger list.docx
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From: Miller, James N
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 1:17 PM
To: Shampaine, Nicole D; Schedlbauer, Amy W; Cockrell, John D (Athens); Berns, David B; Eussen, Matthew M; Silverman, Robert J; Eussen, Matthew M; Doutrich, Jack T; Waters, John R; Harrington, Kimberly D; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; Parris, Walter; Blome, Donald A; Tueller, Matthew H; Walles, Jacob
Cc: Klein, Christopher C; Bain, Wallace R; McCawley, David; Bofill, Mariju L; Taplin, Mark A; Klein, Christopher C; Sharma, Sujata; Bain, Wallace R; Bauer, Jen M; Weinrauch, Marissa
Subject: (S/NF) FRENCH BOAT HEADING FOR GAZA [REDACTED]
Importance: High

+ Jake Walles, Nicole Shampaine and Amy Schedlbauer

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From: Miller, James N

Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 7:15 PM

To: Cockrell, John D (Athens); Berns, David B; Eussen, Matthew M; Silverman, Robert J; Eussen, Matthew M; Doutrich, Jack T; Waters, John R; Harrington, Kimberly D; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; Parrs, Walter; Blome, Donald A; Tueller, Matthew H

Cc: Klein, Christopher C; Bain, Wallace R; McCawley, David; Bofill, Mariju L; Taplin, Mark A; Klein, Christopher C 1.4(B)
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Subject: (S/NF) FRENCH BOAT HEADING FOR GAZA [REDACTED]

Importance: High

(S) A French boat carrying 16 passengers of French, Canadian, Israeli and other nationalities [REDACTED]

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(SBU) The passenger list provided to the French by the organizers (attached) notably includes two Israeli citizens, including [REDACTED] Two Al Jazeera journalists are also on board, along with representatives of Flotilla boats from Sweden, Canada and Greece. See attached for a translation of the French boat's official press release.

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(U) The French MFA spokesman today reiterated the GOF position on the Flotilla, advising French citizens not to take part in the flotilla because of the risks it poses, and because other means exist to transfer humanitarian aid. He also said Israel has to do more to transfer humanitarian aid to Gaza. Here is the full text of his statement:

We are following closely updates on the progress of the boat, "Dignity Al Karama." We have advised our nationals not to participate in a new flotilla destined for Gaza, in light of the security risks that they take in this enterprise. These initiatives can only reinforce the tensions that currently exist. Humanitarian aide destined for Gaza should transit through land routes, which are the most effective and most responsible means to help the civilian population of Gaza.

This call for responsible behavior does not change our position on the Gaza blockade, which must be lifted. It is crucial that Israeli authorities facilitate the delivery of international aid to Gaza. The development and reconstruction projects carried out by the United Nations must equally be able to operate without obstacles. Foreign visitors must have access to the Palestinian territories.

(U) For background and context, I've attached some of our previous reporting on the "Dignity Al Karama," and an article from Reuters.

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CONSP: 1. (U//FOUO) This evaluation is from the Office of Naval Intelligence Global Maritime Information and Analysis Division which is responsible for providing all source analysis of the maritime environment through management of the national maritime databases. This division requires information to support ONI's mission for maritime domain intelligence integration.

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2. (U//FOUO) This report provided information and enclosures of the possible Gaza Freedom Flotilla II vessels near Piraeus Greece and is vital to ONI's operational mission. The images of the sailing yacht BELLA will be a new record and was verified not to be the same yacht as the BELLA STELLA, IMO:1003059. The photography of the cargo ship ELEFTHERI MESOGIOS was verified as the same ship previously named TAMARA, IMO:7422532. The information and photographs of the short sea passenger boat AUDACITY OF HOPE, registration number DL2894DF, AMANDA and ARION will support further analysis for correlation and identification.

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GUID: 1. (U//FOUO) Please continue to support the Navy ICRs (N-NAV-2050-0075-10) and (N-NAV-2050-0038-10) which encompass requirements on worldwide commercial ships, fishing vessels, mobile offshore drill/productions platforms and dhow. Ship blueprints are highly valued by ONI due to the difficulty to obtain them and restrictive access. These blueprints and drawings are critical for surveying the hull construction and compartments for operational

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missions and boarding teams. The national maritime database aids military planning and operations and SEALINK supports customers that conduct analytical research on technology transfers, counter narcotics/terrorism, smuggling, sanctions, weapons proliferation and criminal activity.

2. (U) For questions or comments, contact Carmen Lamneck at commercial (301) 669-2641, DSN 659-2641, or SIPRNET email: lamnecc@nmic.navy.mil.

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PRODUCE: (U//FOUO) A - Update Database, B - Confirm analytical judgment, D - Oral Briefing, F - Support Law Enforcement

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2300Z Gaza Flotilla SITREP

According to open source information, (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b) more vessels carrying aid to attempt to break the blockade of the Gaza Strip later this week. These vessels are M/V RACHEL CORRIE, currently underway in the Eastern Mediterranean, and possibly CHALLENGER II, a small boat/yacht located in an unknown port in Cyprus.

Once this is cleared up we will send the most up to date information we have.

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We will continue to provide

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Sent: Saturday, June 05, 2010 10:12 AM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: Fw: Rachel Corrie Boarding

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From: (b)(3):10 USC 424, (b)(6)
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Sent: Sat Jun 05 16:55:13 2010
Subject: Rachel Corrie Boarding

Sir,

Rachel Corrie boarding as reported by YNET:

Takeover ended in 5 minutes

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

Ron Ben-Yishai

Published: 06/05/10, 10:35 / Israel News

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

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

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

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

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

4 female fighters

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

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

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

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

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Michael,

Just in case Jerry didn't point out that you can monitor 6th fleet for this kind of head's up.

R/

Mark

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From: SMART Core
 Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 07:30:54
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TWO" ANTI-BLOCKADE VOYAGE TO GAZA THAT WILL REPORTLY DEPART LEBANON
IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

3. ~~SECRET~~ M/V MARIAM IS A BREAK-BULK CARRIER HOME PORTED IN BEIRUT,
LEBANON.

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IN

MARITIME DATABASES AND IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A CURRENT LOCATION AT
THIS TIME.

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"NAJI AL ALI" REFERS TO PARTICULAR SHIP OR IS ANOTHER TERM TO
DESCRIBE THE "FREEDOM FLOTILLA TWO".
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ALI IN
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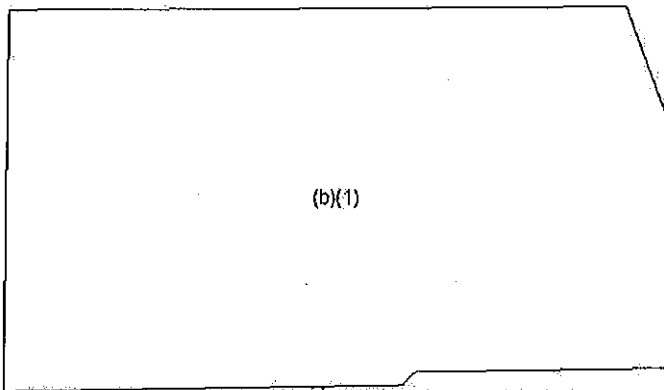
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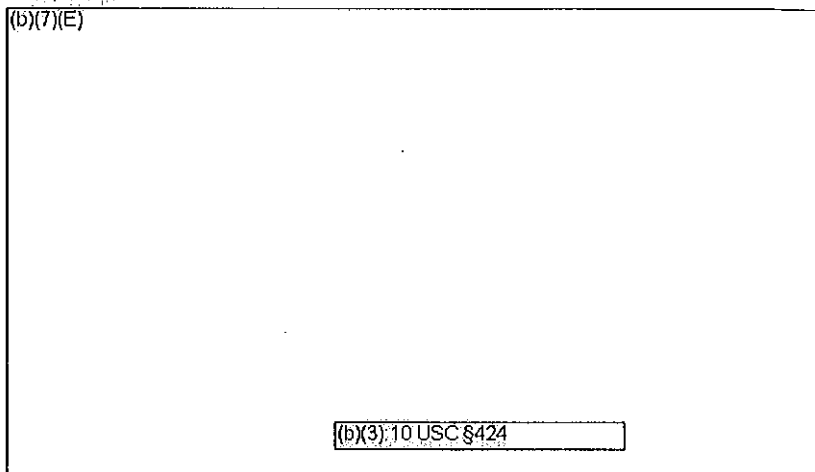
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Israel: Gaza Flotilla Update

- 18 Jun: Israeli Navy rehearses Gaza "Freedom Flotilla II" interdiction (S) (U) (FVEY)
- 19 Jun: First Gaza Flotilla vessel scheduled to leave port from Hamburg, GE (U)
 - Up to 22 ships, 1000 participants possible in Flotilla (U)
 - ~27 Jun: Flotilla to rdvs south of Cyprus (U)
- Turkish NGO IHH sending mixed messages about Flotilla sailing (U)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

- Ankara discouraging Flotilla participation, but states it cannot block participation (U)

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From:

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Sent:

Thursday, June 30, 2011 8:35 AM

To:

(b)(3);10 USC §1306;(b)(6) Hayes, Norman R. RDML

Subject:

RE: "FREEDOM FLOTILLA II" GAZA AID CONVOY UPDATE (SITREP #8a) ~~(b)(6)~~

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Sir,

The Gaza Flotilla update is attached, ICOT was 1100Z. This is an update to our 0500Z report. We will continue to publish on a 05-1700Z schedule. Blue text indicates new or updated information since SITREP #7..

Request all addressees continue to please feed updates to USEUCOM theater all-source fusion analysis center at

(b)(3):10 USC §1305, (b)(6)

This will help to ensure accuracy, timeliness, relevancy, and dissemination to senior leadership at all levels

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

(U) The International "Freedom Flotilla II (FF2) - Stay Human" will include 10 ships, at least two of which are cargo boats carrying aid, while the rest are passenger ships carrying hundreds of people, among them, politicians, MEPs, writers, religious faith representatives, people of arts and culture and activists. Press releases indicates many TV crews will be also on board (CNN, NBC, Al-Jazeera, et al) as well as journalists sent by various world media and newspapers. "Stay Human" was selected in honor of 36-year old Italian pro-Palestinian activist Vittorio Arrigoni, who was killed 14 Apr 2011 after being kidnapped in Gaza City by Salafist radicals.

SITREP follows:

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

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(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

(U) Political Developments:

- (U) On 29 Jun number of expected participants reportedly went from 1,500 to 350. The Israeli government was hopeful that a continued delay of the launch of the Gaza-bound flotilla will lead to a further drop in the number of vessels and participants. The more the "organizers and participants have to run in place in Athens," the better it is for Israel, one official said. Bureaucratic delays, strikes at Greek ports and damaged ships continue to delay the flotilla, which was originally scheduled to set sail at mid-week. (Source: JPost.com)

- (U) On 29 Jun Defense Minister Ehud Barak tried downplaying Israeli worries about Gaza flotilla. Barak told a local television channel that while he has directed the IDF to stop the flotilla by force, if necessary, he believed that while pockets of resistance were possible the flotilla participants this year would be less violent than last year's. According to

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the open-source, political and military leaders are in fact more worried about the implications of the state comptroller's report on the raid on 2010's Gaza flotilla, a draft of which was recently submitted to senior officials. (Source: Haaretz.com)

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c),Sec. 1.4(d)

- (U) On 28 Jun, Israel Defense Ministry proposed confiscating the ships that attempt to break the naval blockade to Gaza, a move aimed at deterring future flotillas. Israeli press reporting indicates IDF claims they have intelligence showing some flotilla participants are planning to use violence and possibly chemical weapons against the troops. Flotilla members claim this is an attempt to justify IDF violence. (Source: Jerusalem Post)

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

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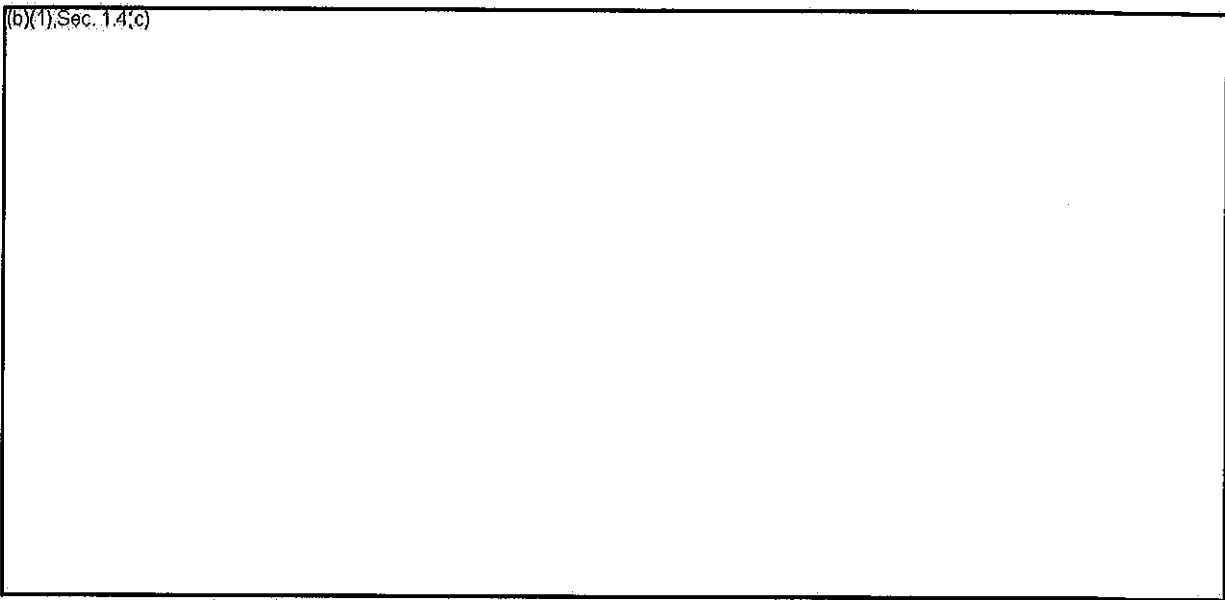
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Free Gaza Flotilla

(U) Purpose: Provide JCRC an update on Israeli Defense Forces engagement with the Free Gaza Flotilla on 31 May 10 in preparation for phone call from LTC Ashkenazi.

- Israeli: IDF Maj. Barak and CHOD LTC Ashkenazi press releases.
- "We express our regret over injuries. Organizers/participants are fully responsible."
- "ISR wants peace; don't allow incident to disrupt proximity talks"
- "Violence encountered necessitated acts of self-defense"

Background: The Free Gaza Flotilla was established to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza as well as publicize this effort across the region. This is the 4th Free Gaza Movement Flotilla to challenge the Israeli Navy.

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

- (U) OGCJCS/IC and JS reviewed situation, determined no basis for action by DoD forces as no laws/regulations were being violated.
- (U) Proposed: COA was to attempt contact with US companies and vessels to issue an advisory of the situation and recommendation to comply with all lawful direction from appropriate authorities. NSS and State agreed with this COA.

(b)(3) 50 USC 403-11

(b)(3) 50 USC 403-11(i)

Israeli Position:

- (U) ISR has stated from the beginning they would not allow the ships to enter Gaza but would divert/escort the flotilla to the Port of Ashdod, where the goods would be off-loaded, security checked, and transported to Gaza by other means (overland).
- (U) The IDF operation was aimed at preventing an unsupervised infiltration of people and cargo to Gaza.

Current Situation:

- (U) At approx 310130Z May, Israeli Defense Forces boarded Turkish ship MAVI MARA, lead ship in six ship flotilla; intercept occurred in international waters (approx 70nm off Haifa). IDF commandos boarded via Israeli BLACKHAWK rope drops under cover of darkness.
- (U) Approx 30 activists onboard MAVI MARA had cameras and reported that IDF commandos started shooting "the minute their feet hit"

the deck". Videos were immediately posted online. BBC/Al Jazeera reported Israeli Army confirmed at least 10 dead; more recent news reports have death toll as high as 15, with injuries (including IDF) as high as 50. (U) Turkey's FM has condemned the attack; large protests (over 100,000) have begun in Turkey. Several nations are summoning the Israeli AMEMB.

- (U) At 0800Z Israel's Dep. FM held a press conference, claiming weapons were on board the ships and prepared to retaliate against Israeli forces.
- Flotilla may include several high profile AJACITG to include Ambassador Edward Pack, former Chief of Mission in Mauritania and Iraq. In total, approx 750 activists set sail from Iceland, Greece, and Turkey, reportedly carrying 10,000 tons of humanitarian supplies.
- (U) Danny Ayallon, Israeli Dep. FM, delivered remarks via CNN to counter expected allegations of Israeli aggression against the humanitarian relief workers. ISR maintains they offered Free Gaza the opportunity to bring in "approved" goods via the port of Ashdod to Gaza. However, Free Gaza did not accept the offer as many of the supplies they want to bring in are on the list of 2000 banned items to include cement, paper, water filtration systems, etc.
- (U) In Turkey, anti-Israeli protests/rallies occurred at the Israel Embassy in Ankara; (U) Turkish security forces responded and are maintaining control.

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

- (U) The first vessel has made it to Ashdod. One US-registered/yacht, Challenger 1, is part of the flotilla, and is expected to enter Ashdod as well.
- (U) Turkey has cancelled 3 upcoming military exercises with ISR. The IDF's prior anti-aid/military might operations previously unpoliticized bilateral exercises.

Way Forward:

- (U) Additional Free Gaza Movement vessels e.g., MV RACHEL CORRIE (currently close to Malta) approach Gaza; IDF will again interdict.
- (U) HAMAS gov't will exploit incident to paint Israel in bad light and emphasize Israeli "blockade" as reason for hardships in Gaza. Mass demonstrations likely; HAMAS may join Syria or other like-minded states in calling for UN action; HAMAS is unlikely to break cease-fire over this incident.
- Seek clarification on why boarding happened in international waters.
- Encourage ISR to work with Turkey as relationship is already strained.
- Seek information regarding US-owned/US-registered vessels and status of American citizens involved.

(b)(3) 10 USC 6424 working with DoS to determine status of AMCITs.

- Express concern for possible 2nd and 3rd order effects of incident (e.g., tensions in S. Lebanon/Hizbollah; rocket attacks; attacks on Israeli embassies worldwide, etc.).

(b)(3) 10 USC 6424

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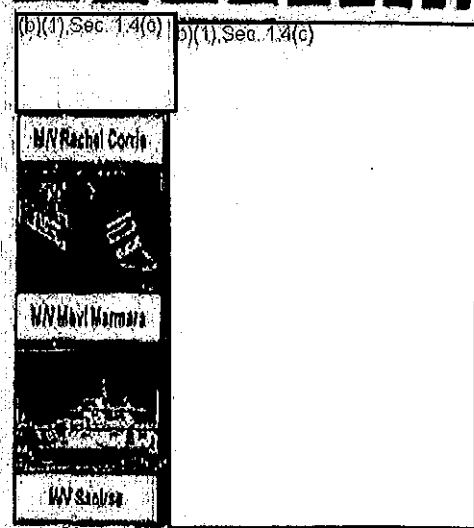
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Morning Update Brief

Israel: Freedom Flotilla II Update

- Four candidate vessels for Gaza "Freedom Flotilla II" will not participate (u)
 - M/V Mavi Marmara under repair; withdrawal possibly also due to Turkish gov't pressure (u)
 - M/V Freedom Flotilla II and M/V Discovery II cite cost and possible pressure from lobbyists for cancellation (u)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

- 22-25 Jun: Remaining candidate vessels scheduled to depart Med ports, en route rendezvous point south of Cyprus (u)
 - 22 Jun: M/V Saorise, scheduled to depart; could arrive at rendezvous by 26 Jun (u)
 - 24 Jun: Remaining vessels expected to depart (u)
- 27 Jun: Vessels scheduled to begin transit to Gaza (u)



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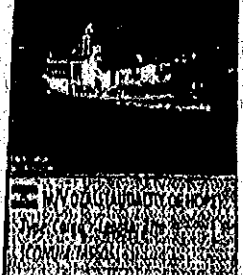
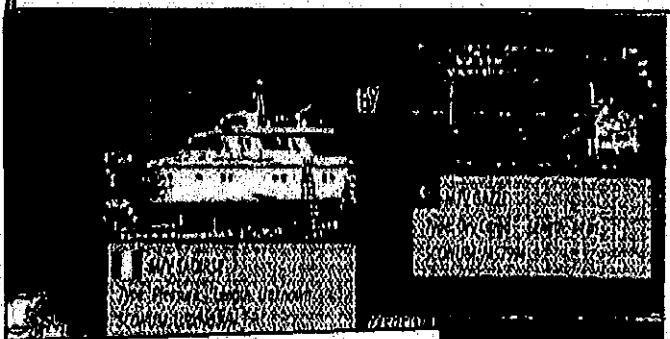
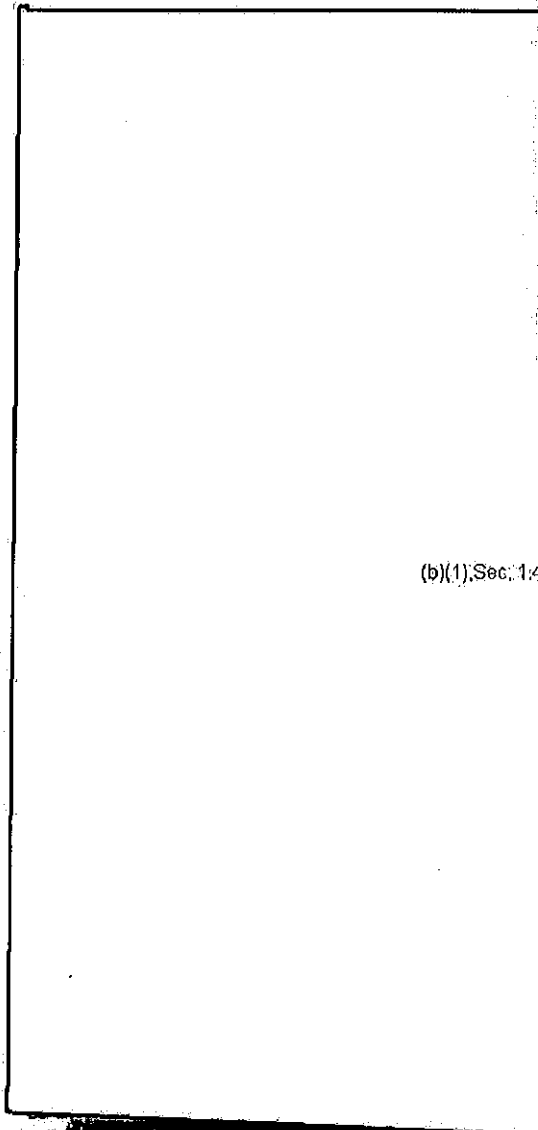
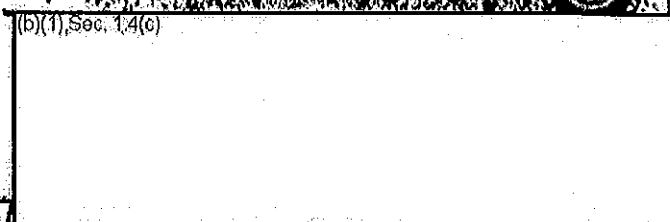
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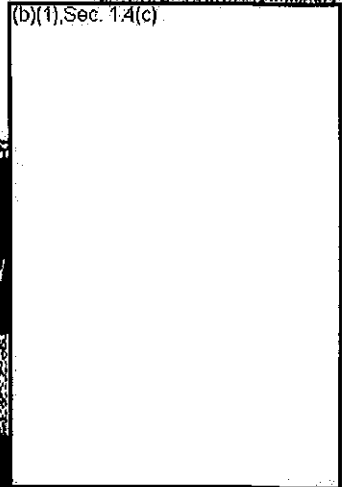
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"Freedom Flotilla II" Update



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(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

- (U) On 23 Jun, the Republic of Cyprus Ministry of Communications and Works said that the Government's decree, which forbids ships from sailing from Cyprus to Gaza, remains in force. The Ministry also recalled the joint initiative of Cyprus and Greece to send humanitarian aid to Gaza from Cyprus, which is still in force. The Government's decision to forbid the sailing of ships from Cyprus to Gaza seeking to break the siege was announced on May 28, 2010. The Government said its decision was taken with a view to serving the vital interests of the country. (STATE)

- (U) On 23 Jun, Israeli UN AMB Ron Prosor said "Israel is determined to stop the flotilla seeking to break Israel's naval blockade of the Gaza Strip." Riyad Mansour, Permanent Observer of Palestine to the UN, refuted Prosor's remarks saying that the flotilla "is necessitated by the blockade that Israel has imposed since Hamas took over the area in 2007." He went on to call the blockade "immoral" and "illegal". (Press, 23 Jun)

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Assessment: In spite of US and European official warnings against travelling to Gaza or challenging Israel's blockade, determined activists are continuing their plans to depart for Gaza. (JAC, ONI)

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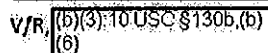
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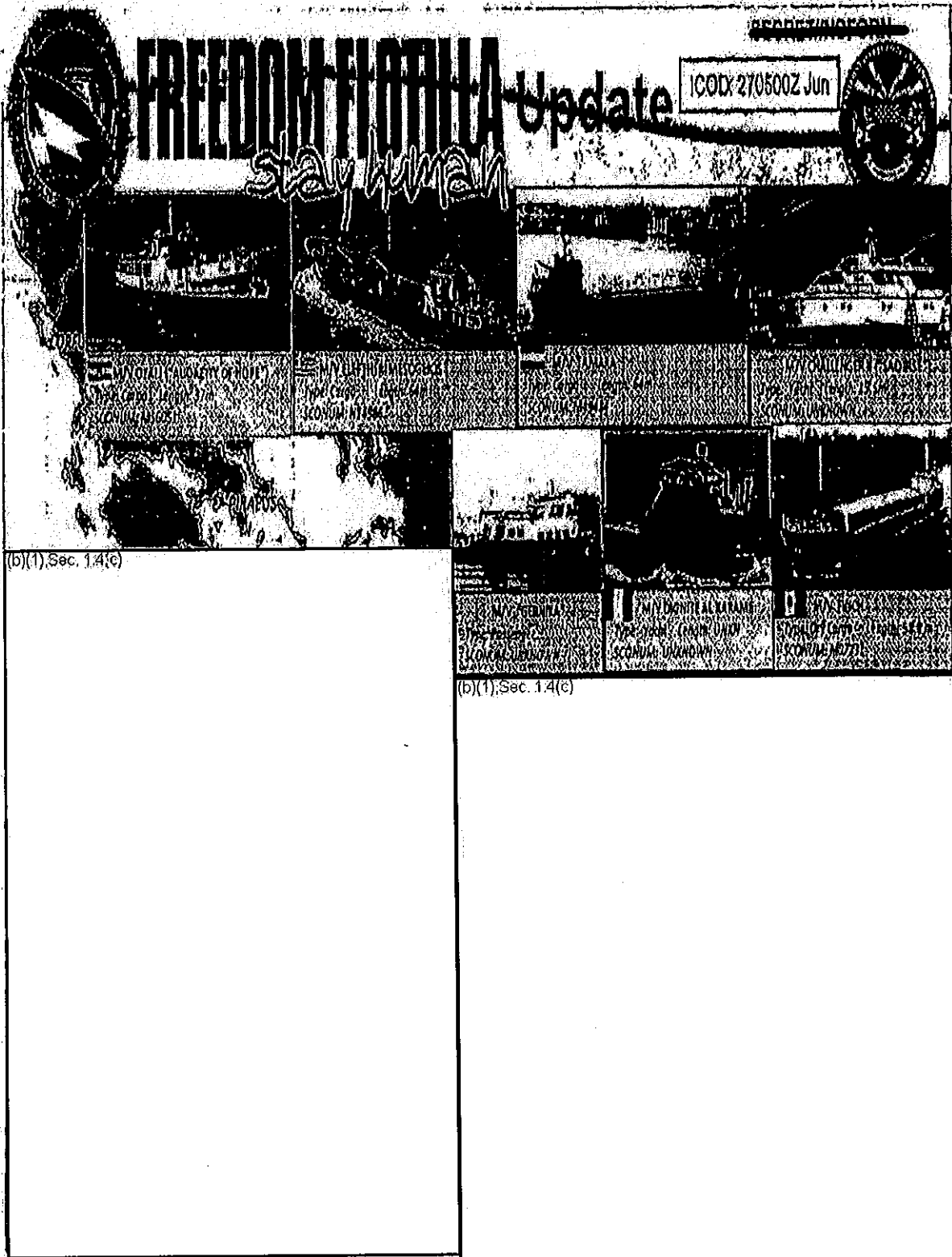


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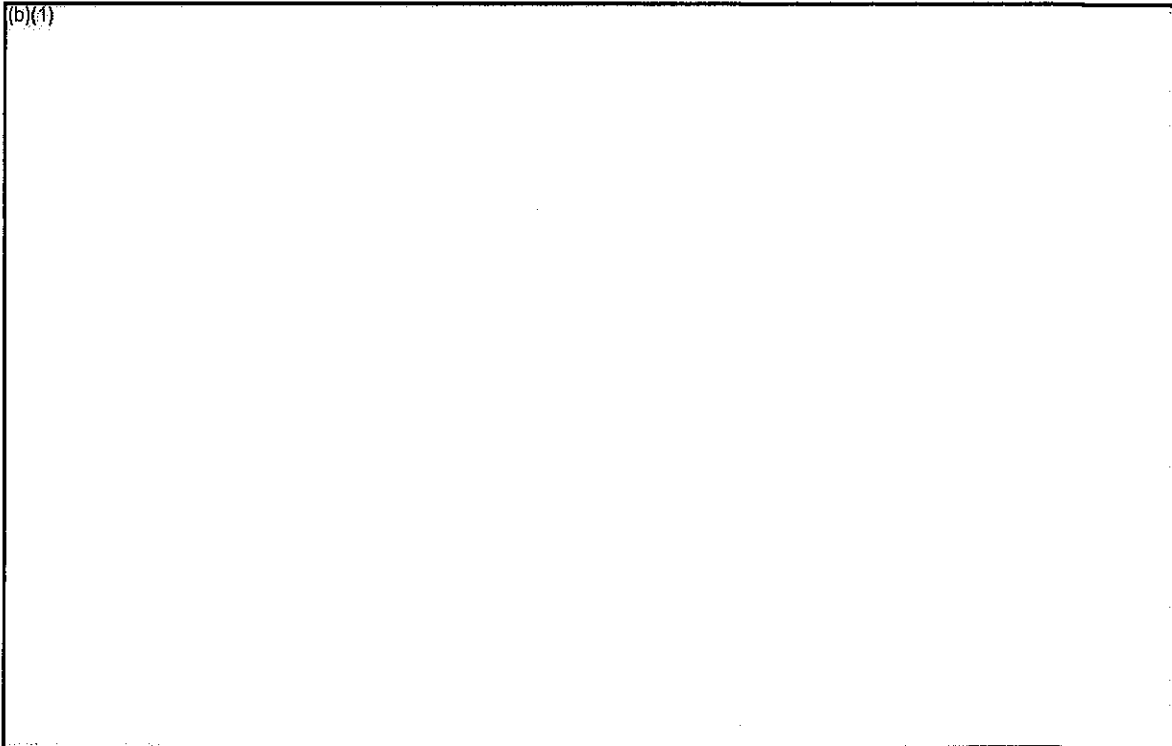
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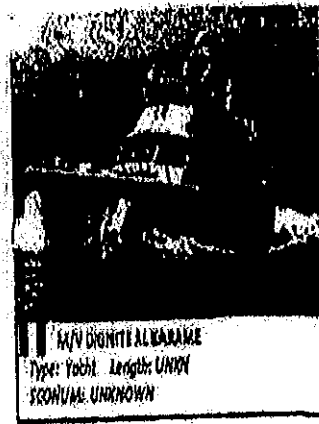
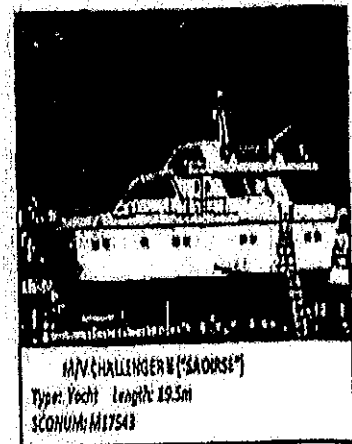
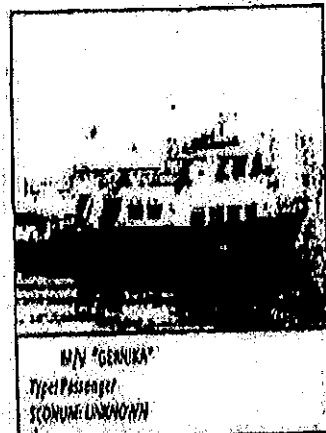
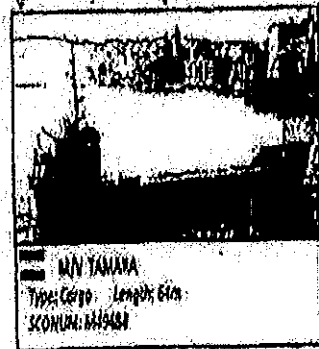
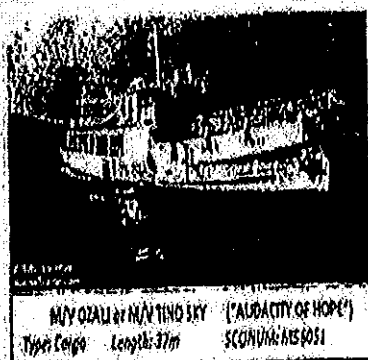
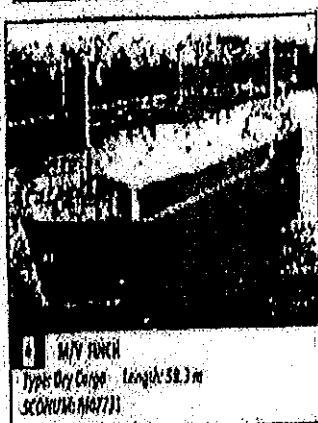
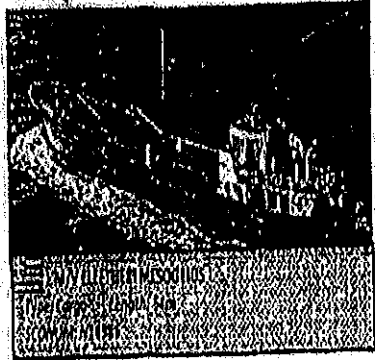
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Photos of Participating Ships



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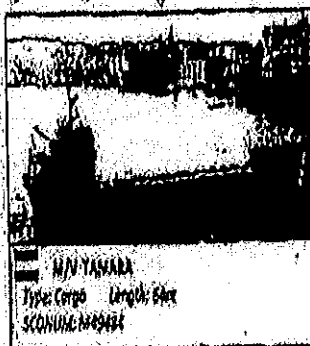
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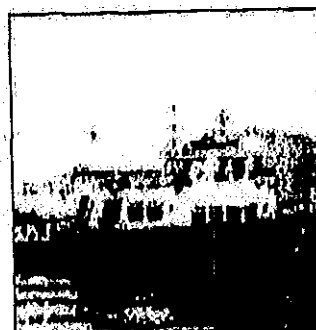
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M/V PINO
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SCNOM: M07731



M/V "STANCA"
Type: Passenger
SCNOM: UNKNOWN



M/V ZEAL & M/V TWO SKY ("AUDACITY OF HOPE")
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SCNOM: M36051



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From: (b)(3):10 USC §1305,(b)(6)
 Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 8:17 AM
 To: Hayes, Norman R. RDML
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Sir,

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- (U) On 29 Jun Defense Minister Ehud Barak tried downplaying Israeli worries about Gaza flotilla. Barak told a local television channel that while he has directed the IDF to stop the flotilla by force, if necessary, he believed that while pockets of resistance were possible the flotilla participants this year would be less violent than last year's. According to the open source, political and military leaders are in fact more worried about the implications of the state prosecutor's report on the raid on 2010's Gaza flotilla, a draft of which was recently submitted to senior officials. (Source: Haaretz.com)

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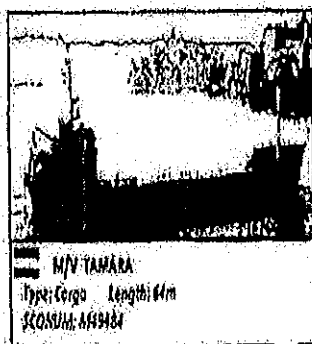
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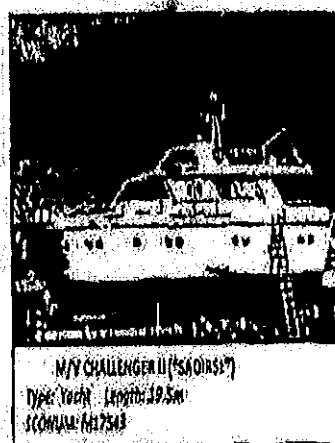
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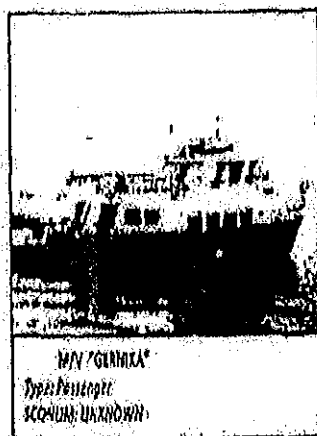
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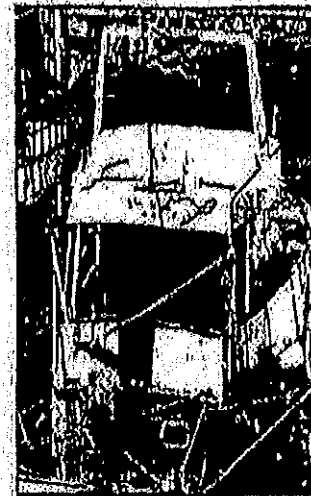
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From:

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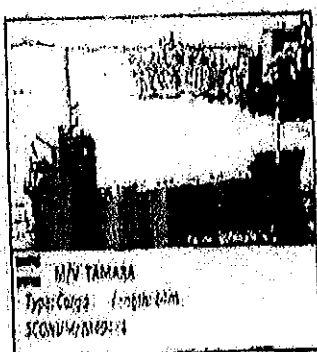
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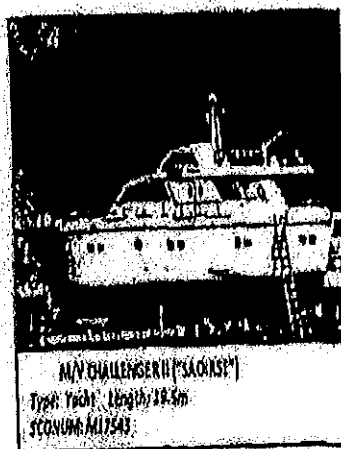
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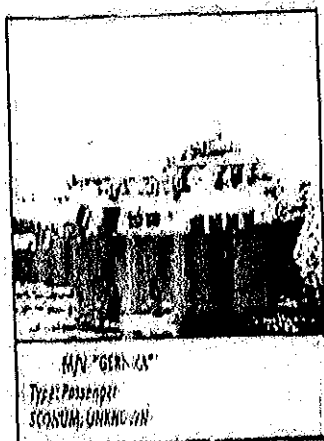
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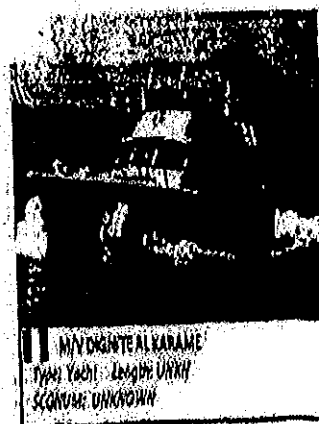
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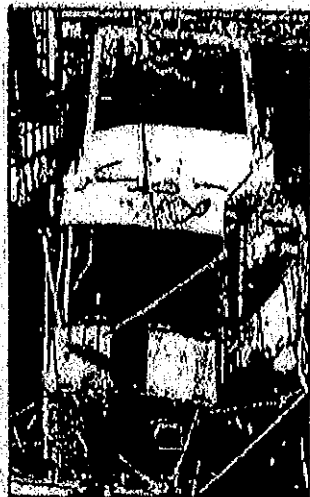
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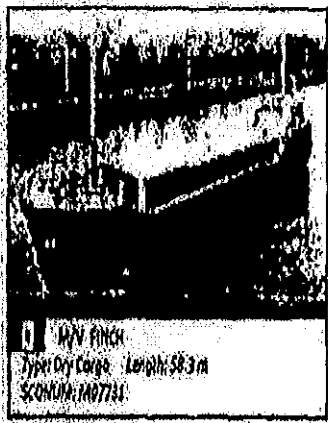
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Hayes, Norman R. ROML

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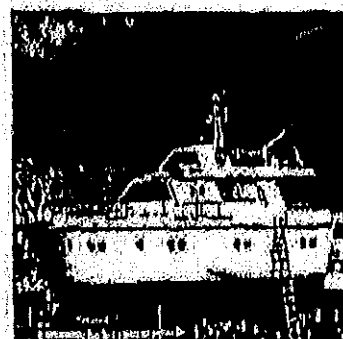
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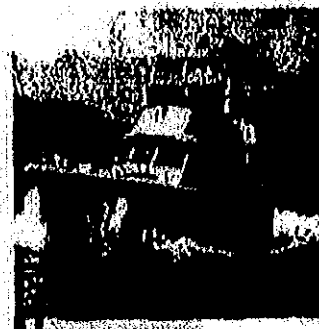
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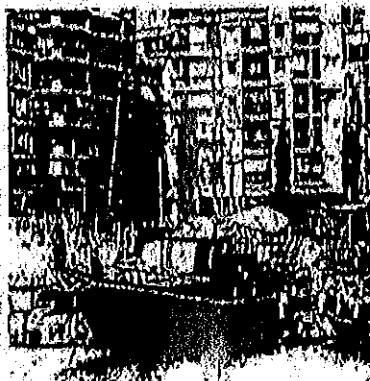
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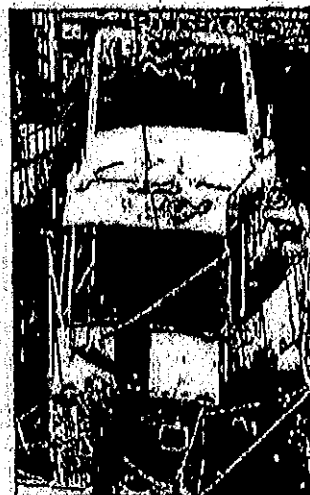
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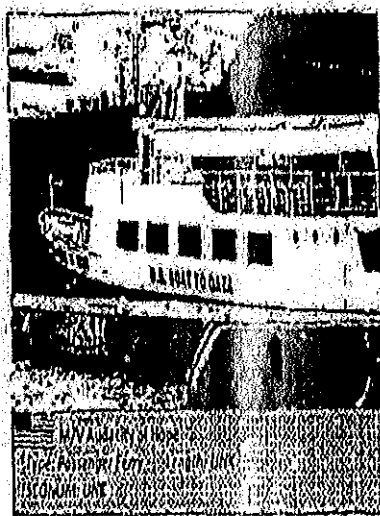
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Assessment: As of this writing, Israel continues to apply diplomatic pressure to prevent the flotilla from setting sail. FGM organizers will likely pursue efforts to get the ships underway at varying times. In spite of US and European official warnings against traveling to Gaza or challenging Israel's blockade, determined activists are continuing their training and plans to depart for Gaza. (S//REL TO USA, GBR)

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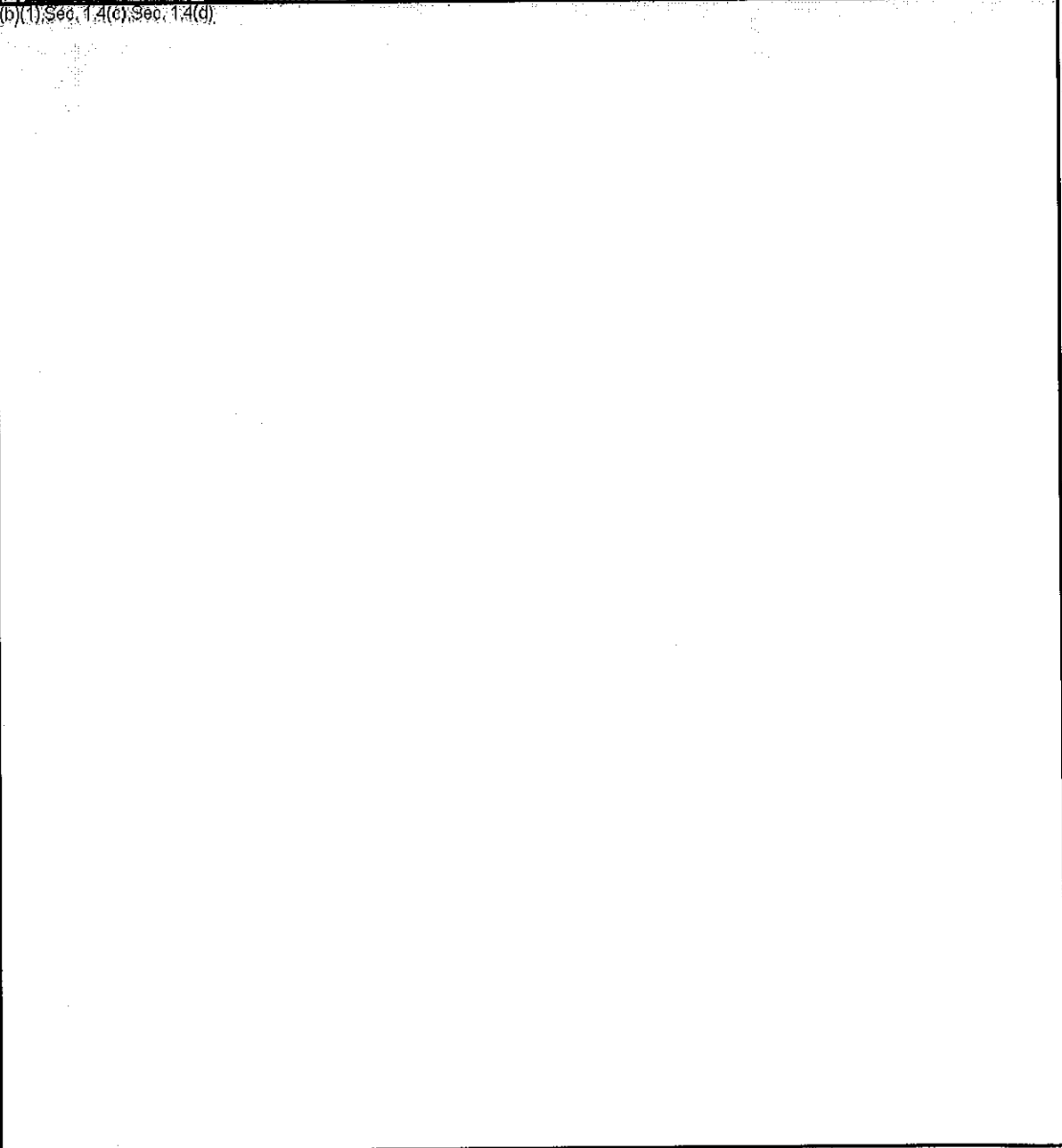
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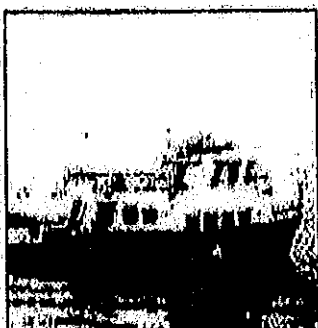
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Type: Cargo Length: 84m
SCONUM: M19484



M/V CHALLENGER II (\"SAOIRSE\")
Type: Yacht Length: 19.5m
SCONUM: M17543



M/V \"SERENKA\"
Type: Passenger
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Type: Yacht Length: UNKNOWN
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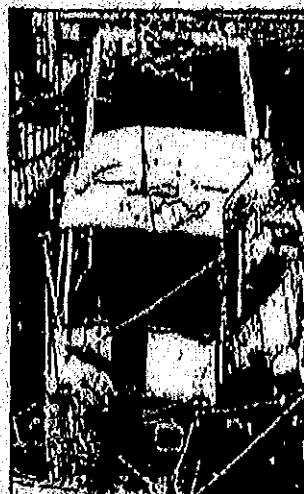
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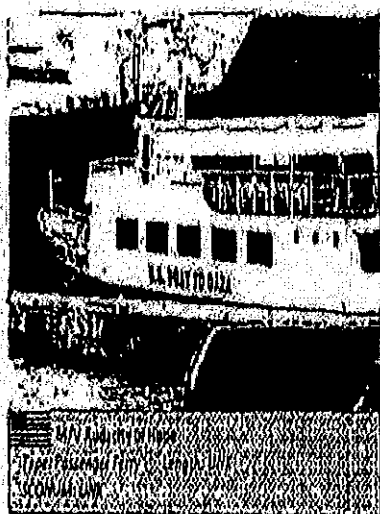
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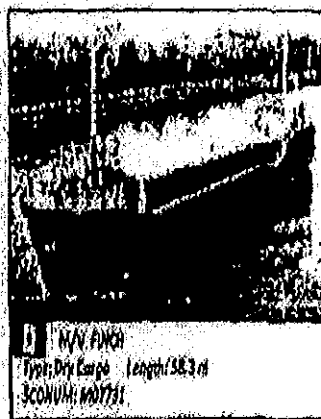
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Type: Pleasure Length: 100ft
SCONUM: UNK



WV Aranda
Type: Yacht Length: UNK
SCONUM: UNK



WV Aranda
Type: Dry Cargo Length: 58.3 ft
SCONUM: 1407751



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Type: Dry Cargo Length: 58.3 ft
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Bowers, Allyson M

From: (b)(3):10 USC §1305(b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2011 7:32 AM
To: Hayes, Norman R. RDML
Subject: FREEDOM FLOTILLA II" GAZA AID CONVOY UPDATE - 6 JUL 2011
Attachments: FREEDOM FLOTILLA II_06 JUL 11.ppt; Archive_Historic FF2 Chronological Timeline.doc

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(b)(3) 10 USC 424 (b)(3) 50 USC 403-1(f)

(U) Political Developments:

- (U) On 6 Jul, the Palestinian news agency WAFA reported that some 40 organizations have confirmed their participation in the "Welcome to Palestine" campaign to be carried out between 8-16 Jul. Activists from around the world, though mainly from Europe, plan to land at Ben Gurion International Airport to tour Jerusalem, Ramallah, Bethlehem, and the Jordan Valley.

Assessment: Israel's Foreign Ministry, Aviation Authority, Internal Security Ministry, police, and Prime Minister's Office are expecting some 500 activists and are preparing for the pro-Palestinian fly-in. An Israeli Public Security Ministry official states that activists identified at the airport as seeking provocation will not be allowed in Israel and will be sent back to their countries. Those who riot at the airport or refuse to head back will be transferred to a special airport facility or turned over to the Prison Service. (Press, 6 Jul)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

- (U) On 4 Jul, M/V TAHRIR, sponsored by the Canadian Boat to Gaza, attempted to depart Crete but was intercepted by the Hellenic Coast Guard and forced to return to port. (Press, OSINT)

- (U) On 1 Jul, M/V AUDACITY OF HOPE, sponsored by the US Boat to Gaza, attempted to depart Piraeus, Greece but was stopped by the Hellenic Coast Guard and forced to return to port. (Press, OSINT)

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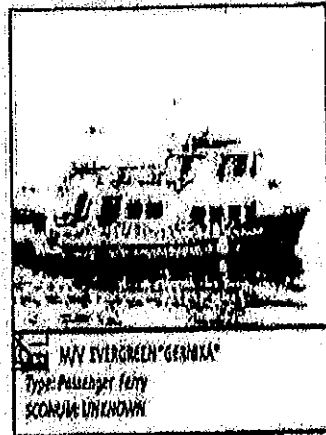
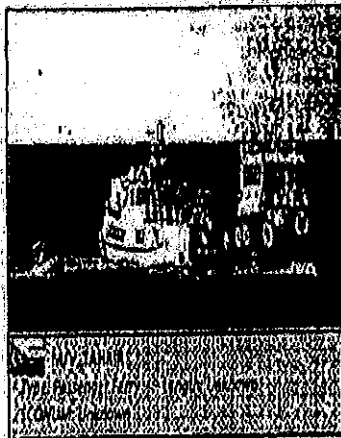
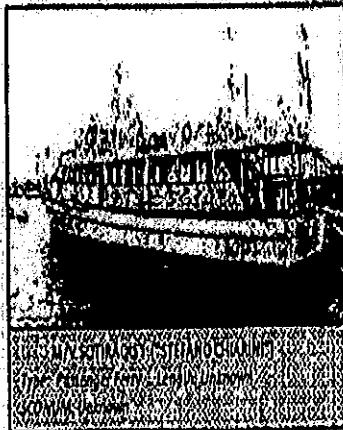
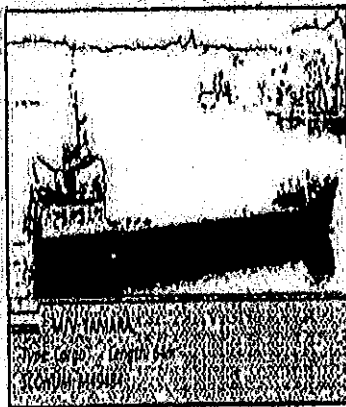
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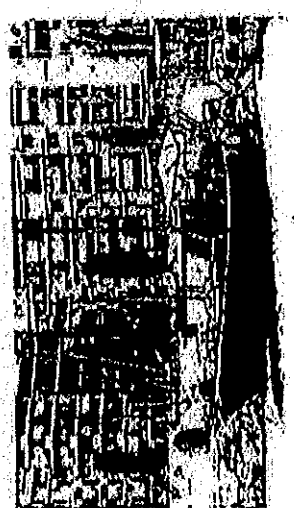
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USS ZUMWALT (DDG 1000)
Type: Destroyer
Length: 180m
Sponsor: DOD



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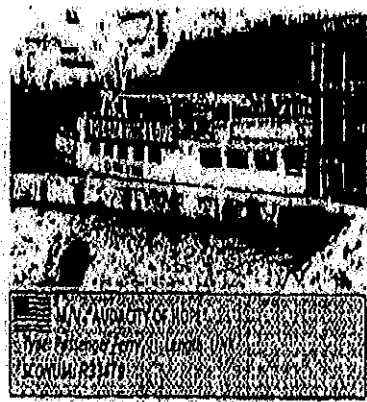
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SCNOM: P33479

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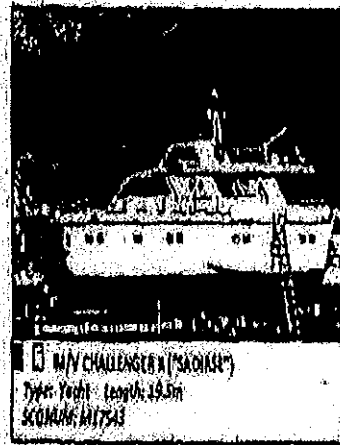


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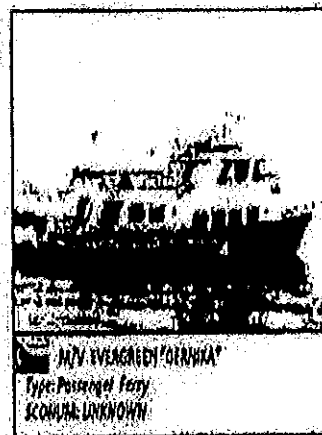
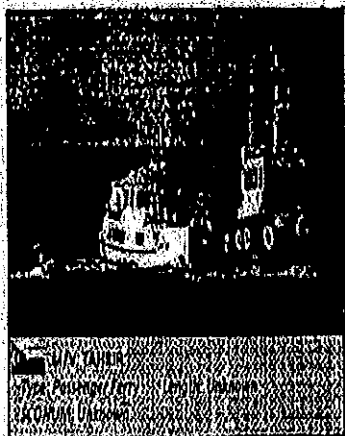
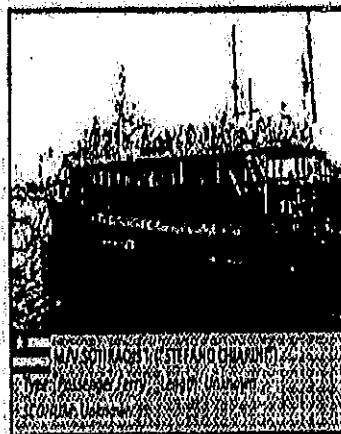
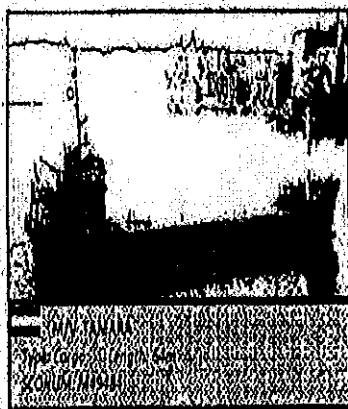
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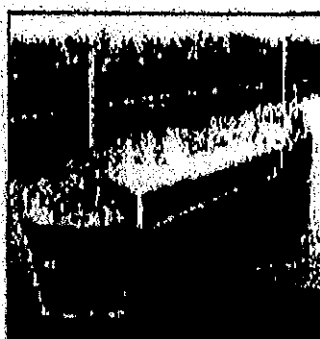
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Type: Tonn Length: UNK
SCOW: UNKNOWN



M/V PNCI
Type: Dry Cargo Length: 64.3m
SCOW: H07731



S/V BELASTELA ("LOUSENICH")
Type: Pleasure Length: UNK
SCOW: UNK



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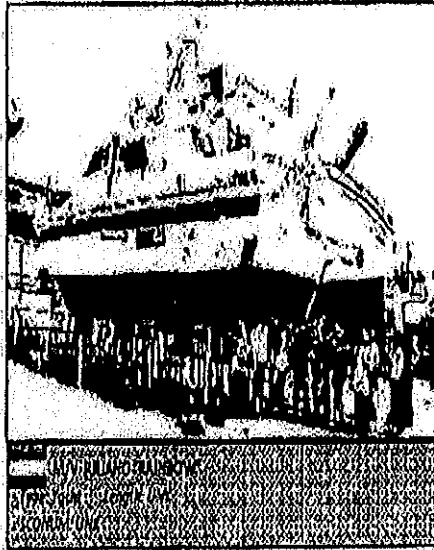
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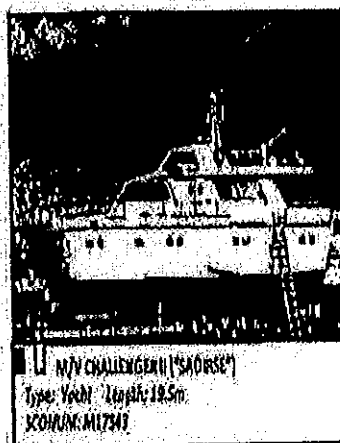
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Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 5:32 AM
To: JAC Watch SWO; Hayes, Norman R. RDML
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Attachments: FREEDOM FLOTILLA II_08 JUL 11.ppt

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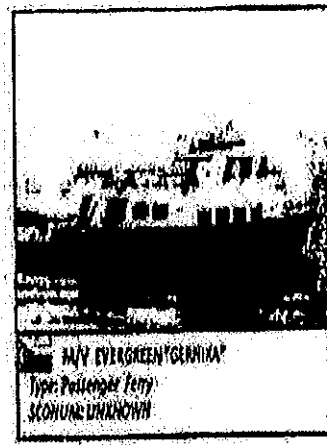
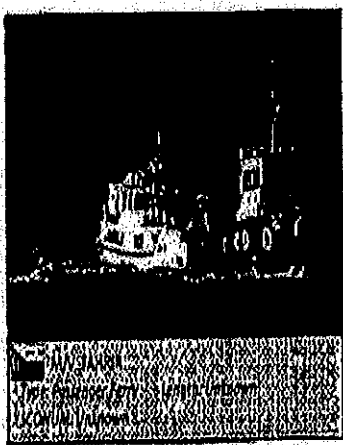
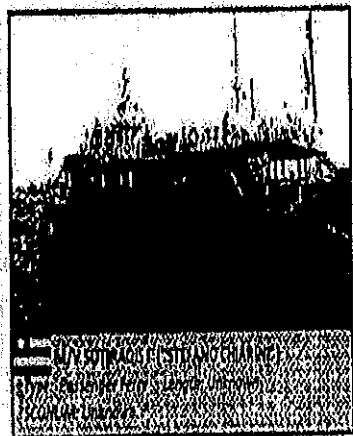
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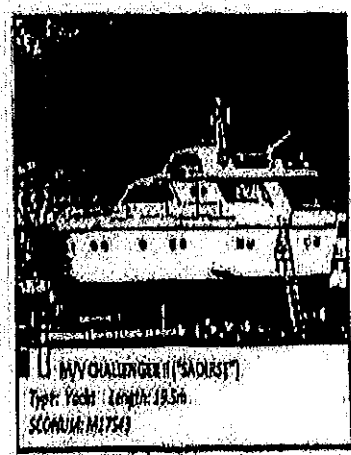
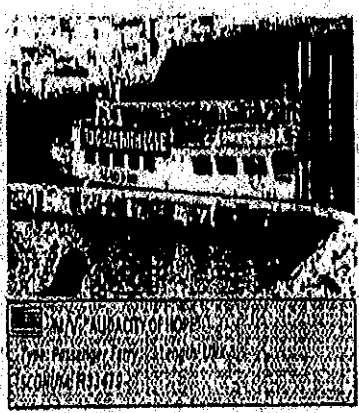


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Sent: Saturday, July 09, 2011 5:04 AM
To: JAC Watch SWO; Hayes, Norman R. RDML
Subject: FREEDOM FLOTILLA II* GAZA AID CONVOY UPDATE - 9 JUL (b)(3)
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Israel's strategy of soliciting Greek government assistance to stall and/or halt FF2's departure has been successful to date. During FF2 press conferences on 5 and 6 July, organizers voiced their frustrations and denounced the Greek government's actions and policies forbidding ships of the flotilla to leave Greek ports. They claimed Greece has extended the Israeli siege of Gaza to Greek waters. FF2 organizers stated that they are continuing to ready their vessels for sea in full compliance with Greek Port Authority direction/regulations and stated that the flotilla will not sail until Monday, 11 Jul.

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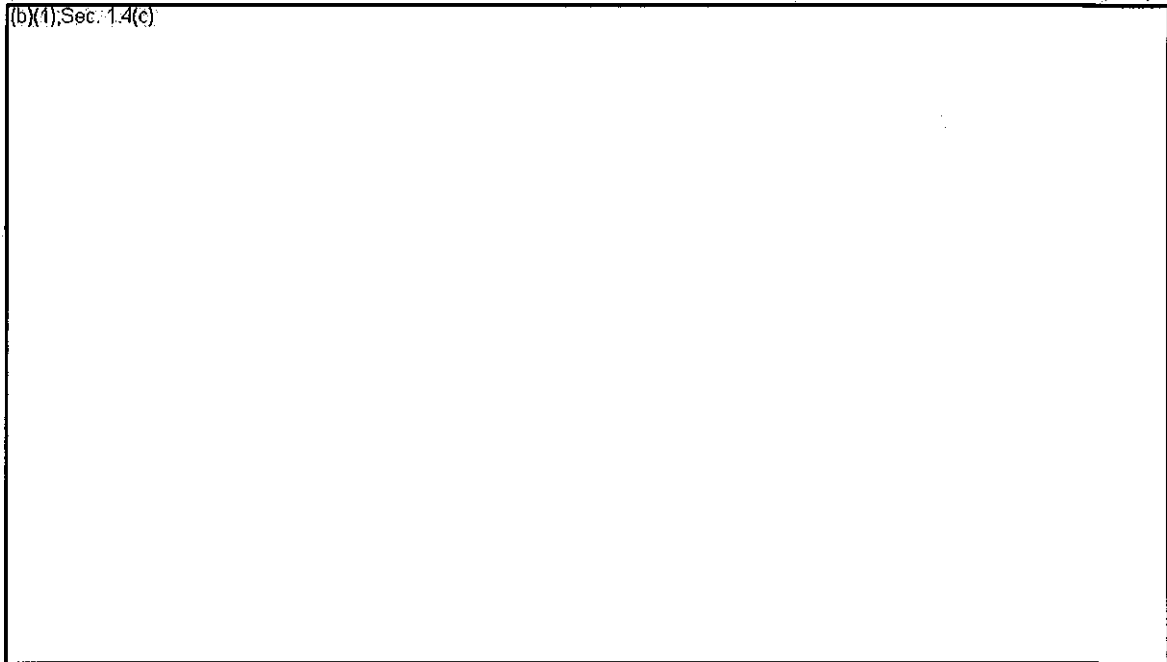
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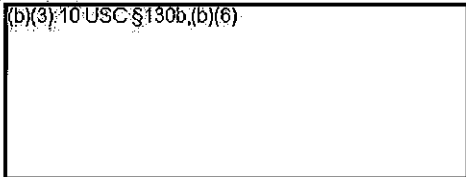


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