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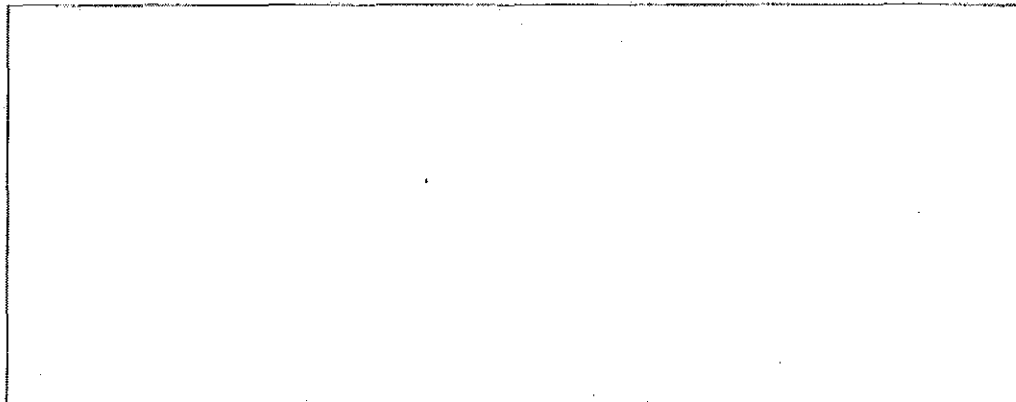
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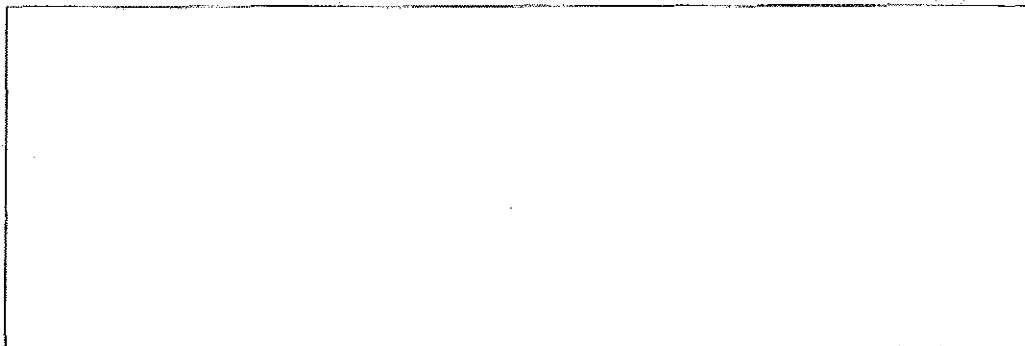
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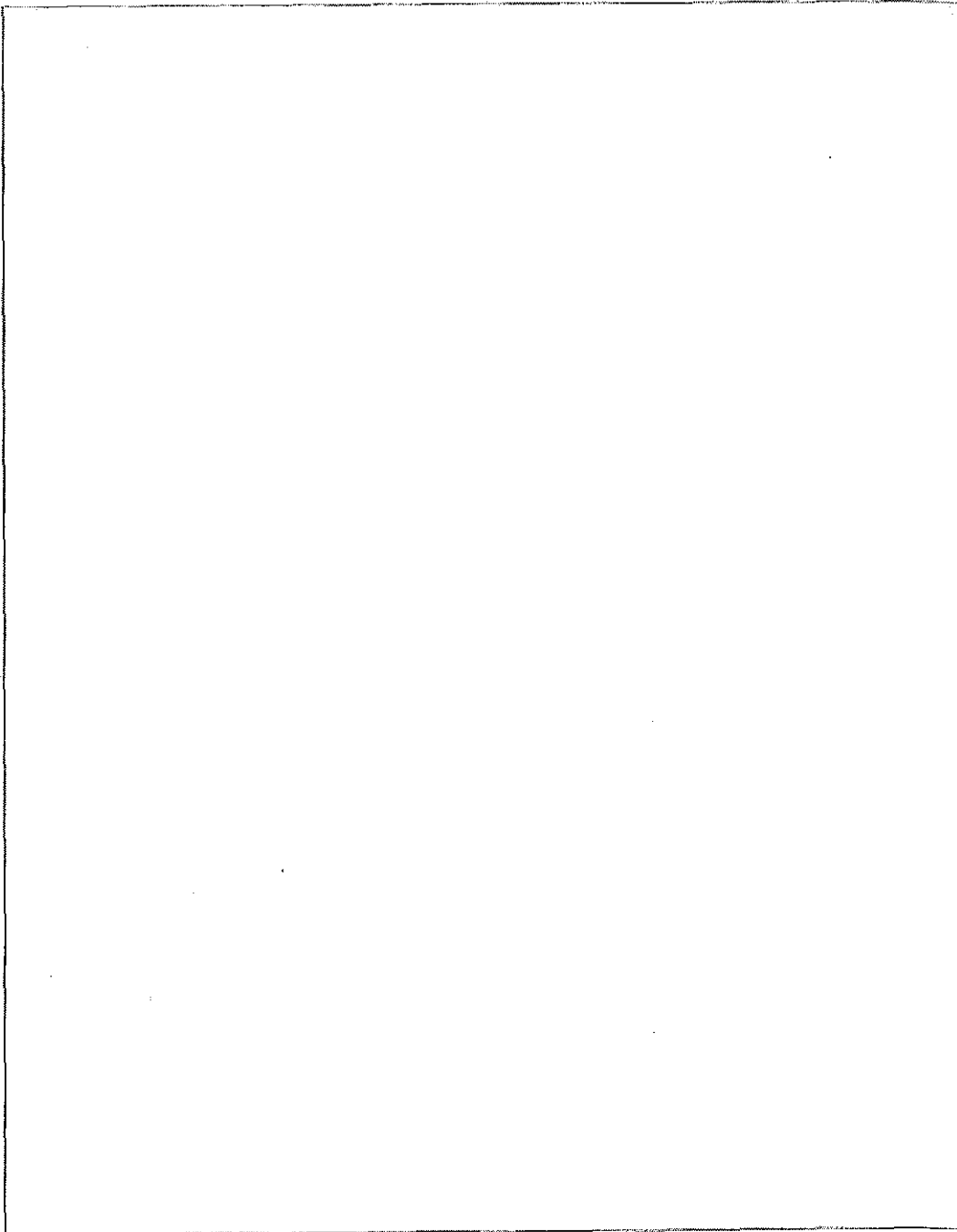
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10. (C)

The GoG made a positive strategic decision last summer to improve bilateral ties with Israel in the wake of the Gaza flotilla incident.

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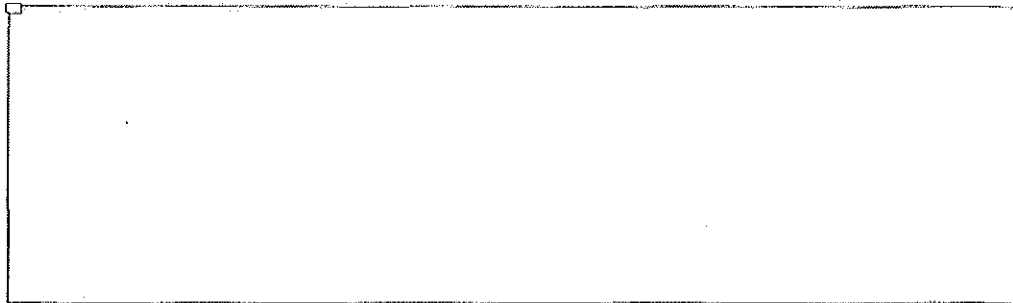
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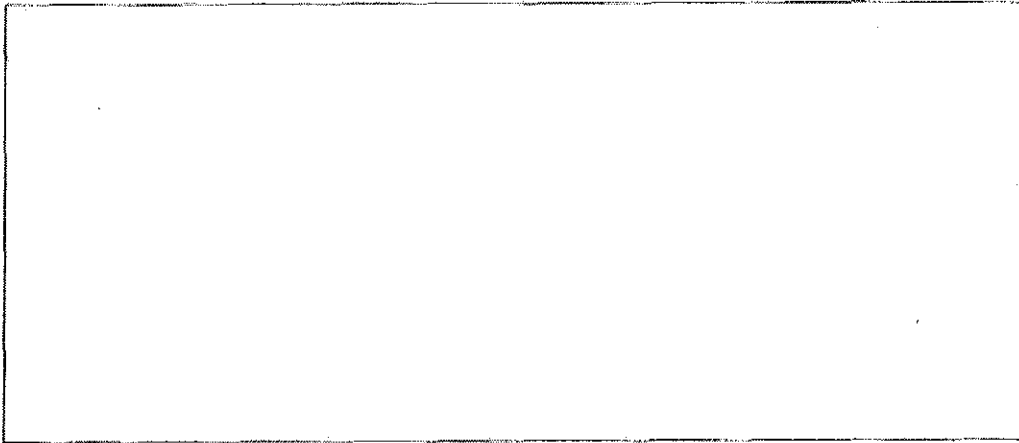
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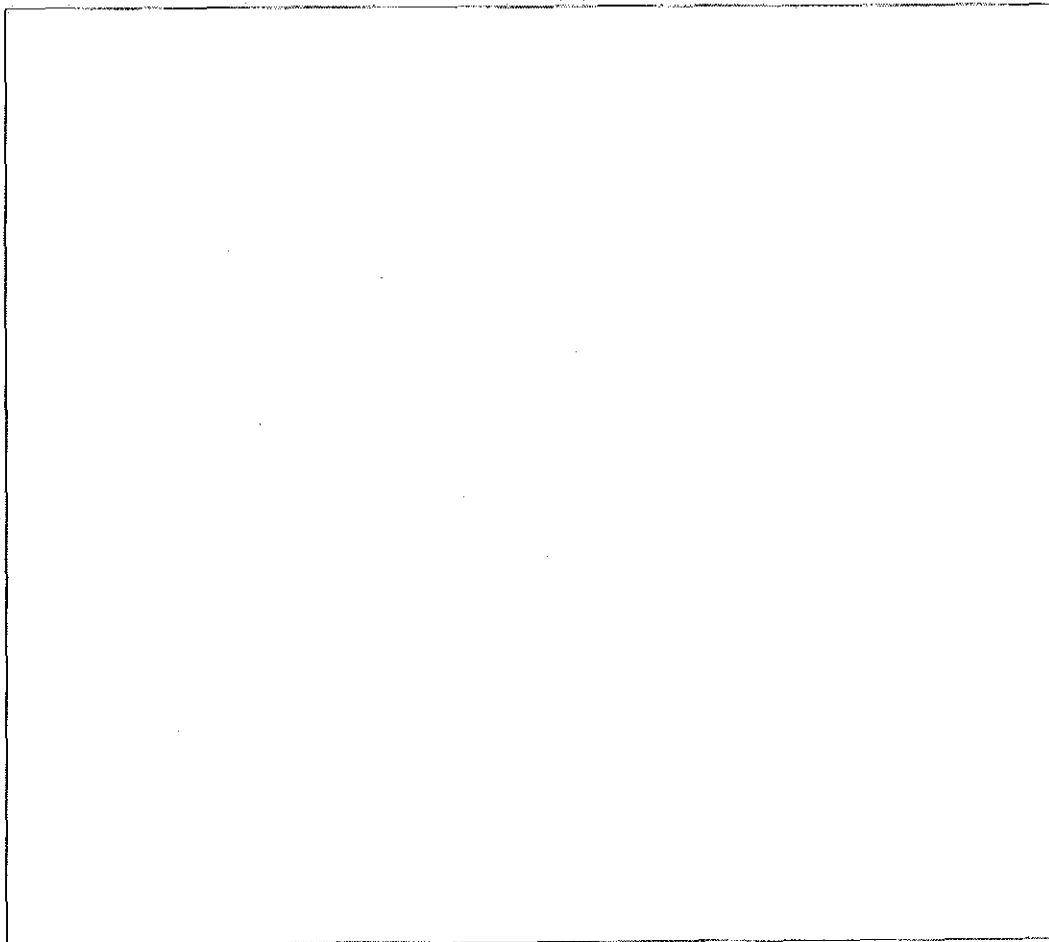
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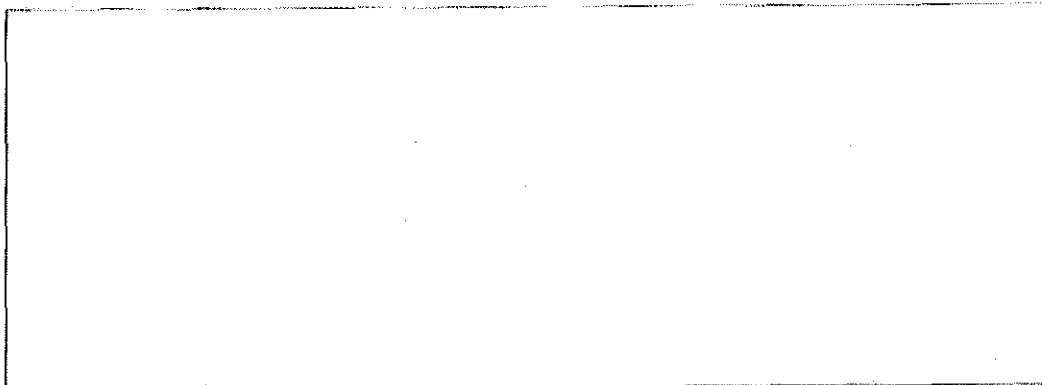
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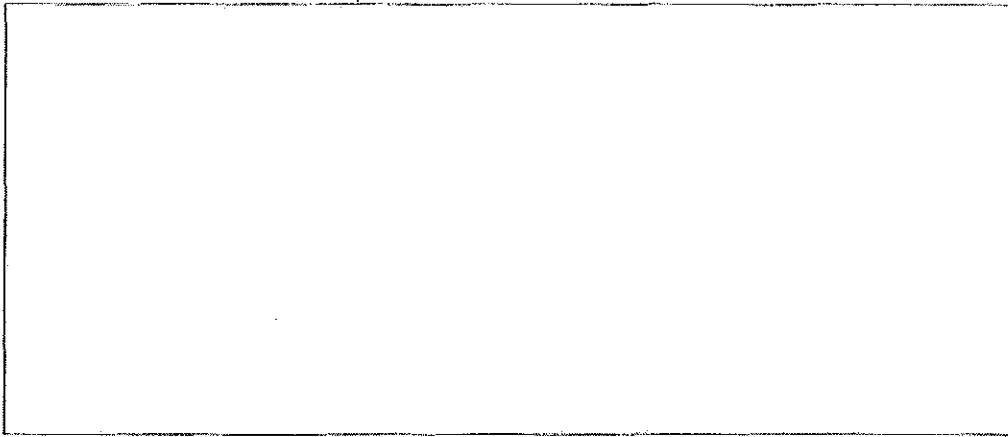
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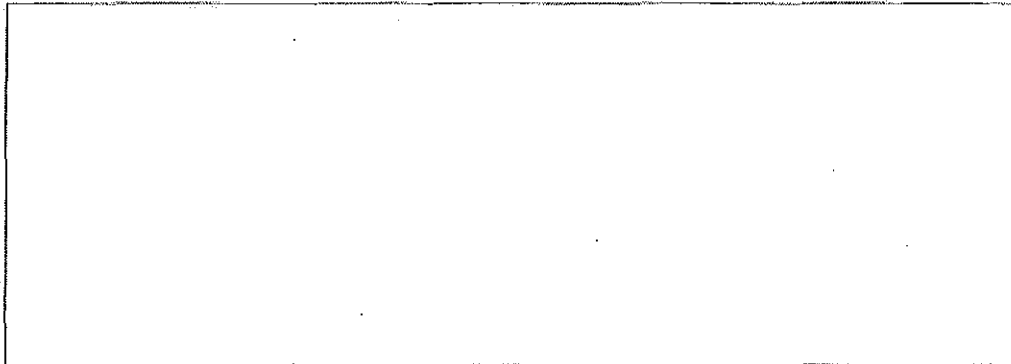
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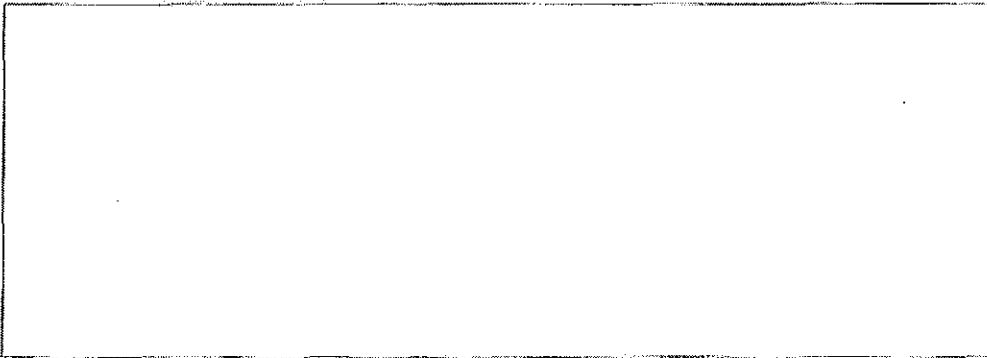
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8. (C)

The Greek government made a positive strategic decision last summer to improve bilateral ties with Israel in

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the wake of the Gaza flotilla incident. [redacted]

[redacted] Israel is very appreciative of the Greek government's recent decision to prohibit vessels from traveling to Gaza from Greek ports. [redacted]

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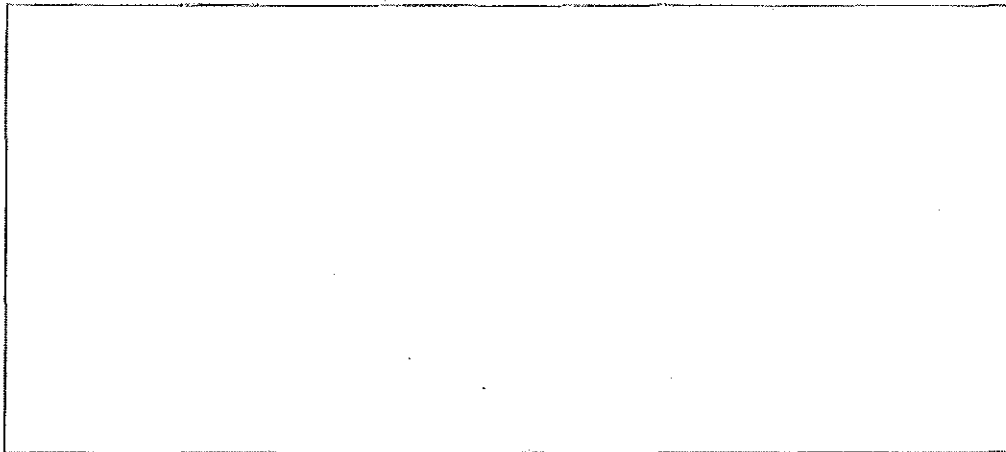
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Subject: EUR Assistant Secretary Gordon's January 11 meeting with EEAS Deputy S/G Helga Schmid

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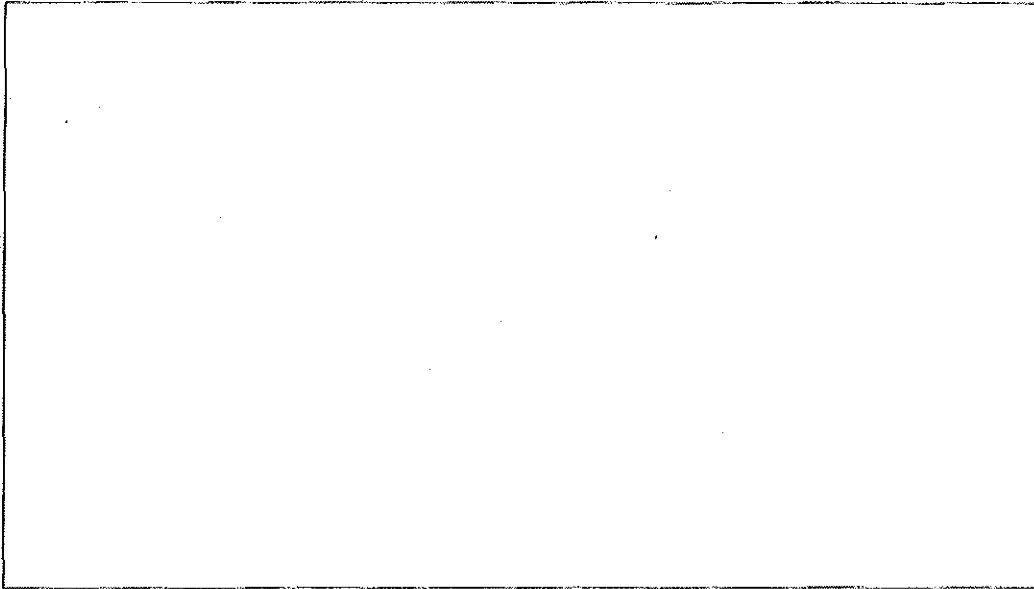
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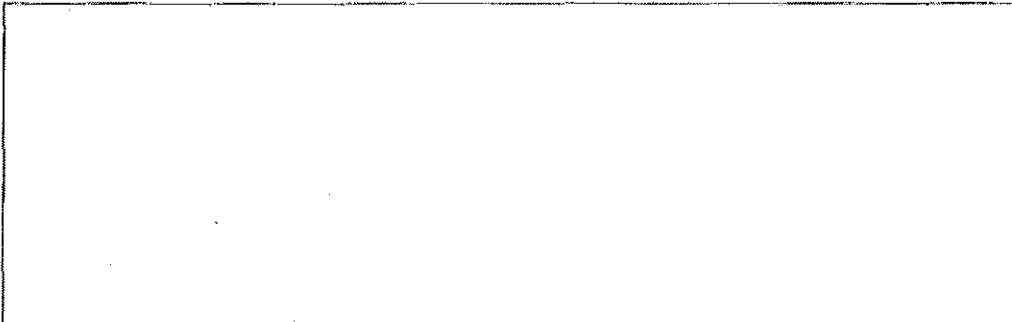
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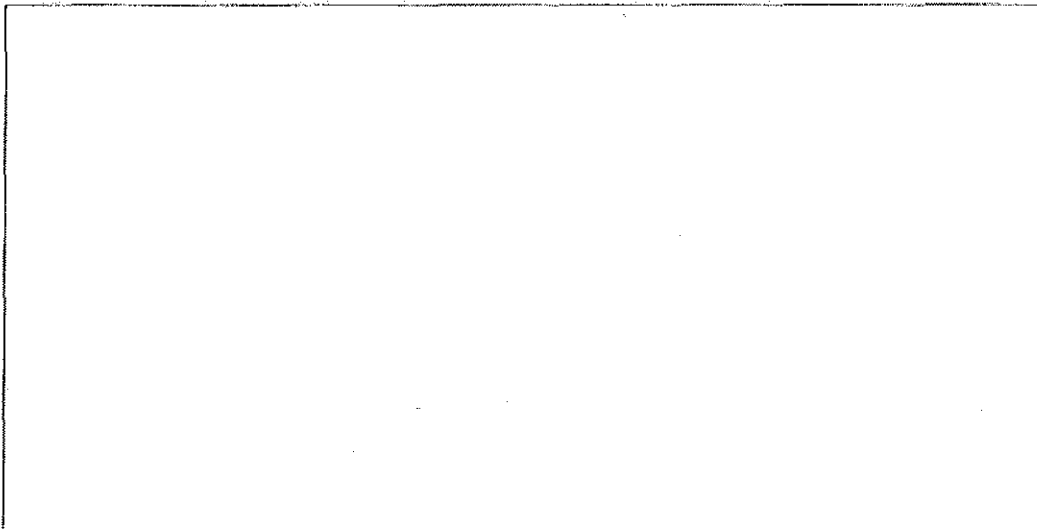
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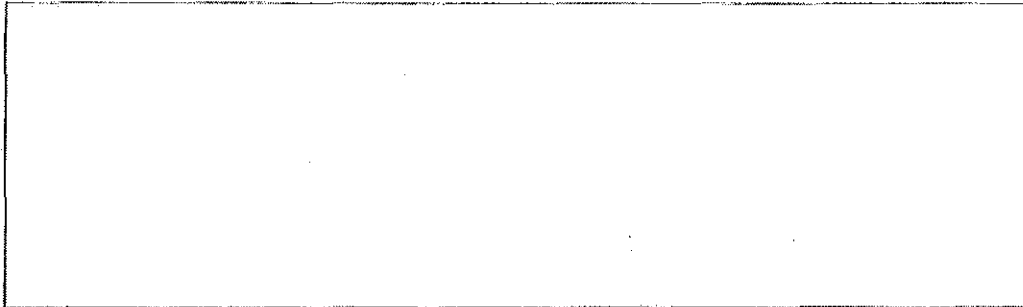
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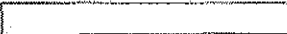
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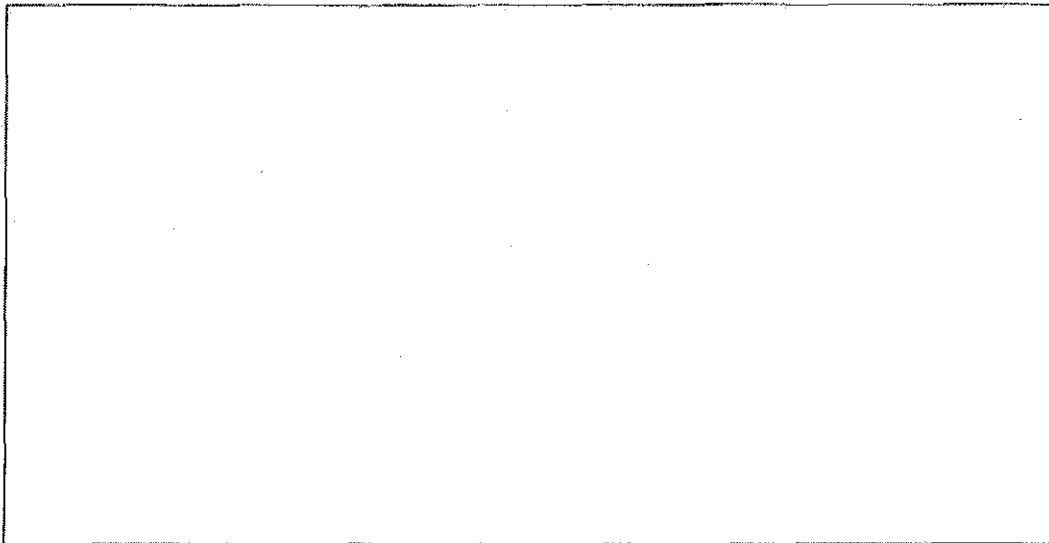


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Steadily Improving Greece-Israel Ties

3. (C) Greece did not establish full diplomatic relations with Israel until 1990. Greece subsequently maintained limited and discreet ties. However, following the very public deterioration of Turkish-Israeli relations after the incidents of the May 2010 Free-Gaza flotilla, Greece and Israel have both made concerted and very public efforts to build a stronger bilateral relationship. 

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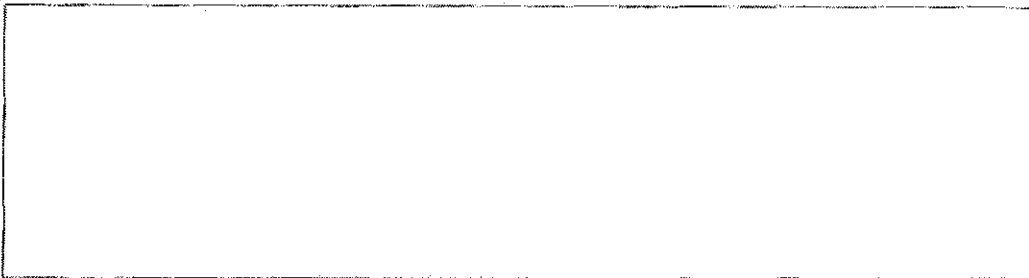
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Dan as always gets full credit!

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Don - Attached is our scenesetter for A/S Gordon's upcoming visit to Greece. Regards, Dan L.

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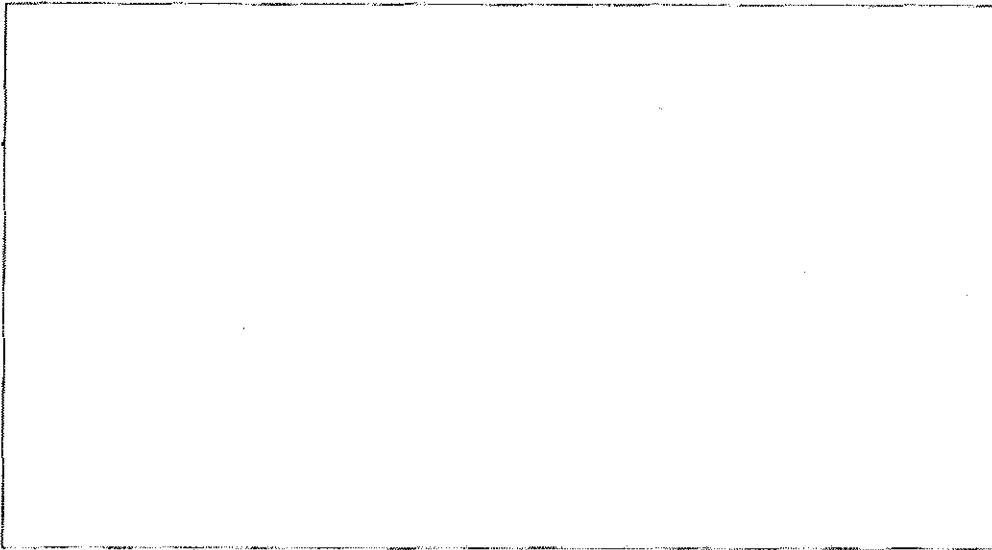
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12. (C) The new Greek government has already made clear its intention to sustain improved ties with Israel, which were first forged by the Papandreou government in the wake of the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. Israel was very appreciative of the Greek government's July 2011 decision to prohibit vessels from traveling to Gaza from Greek ports. 



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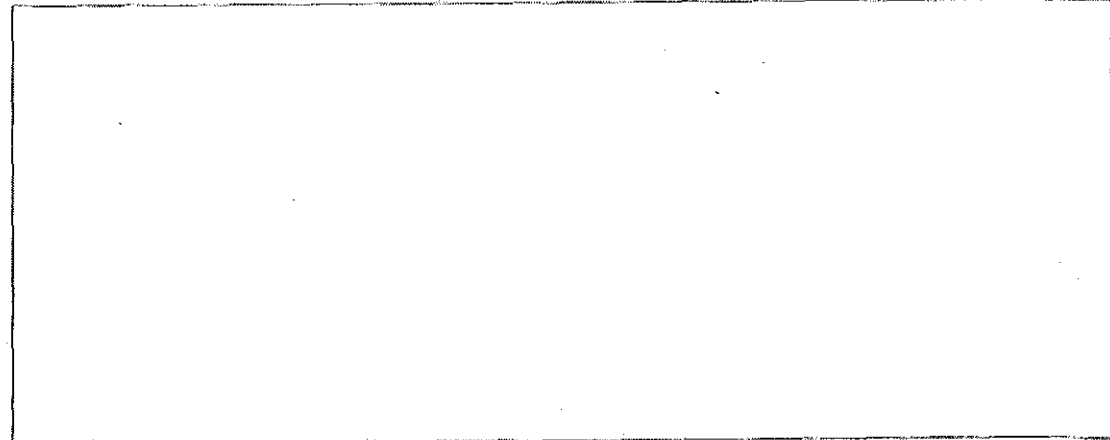
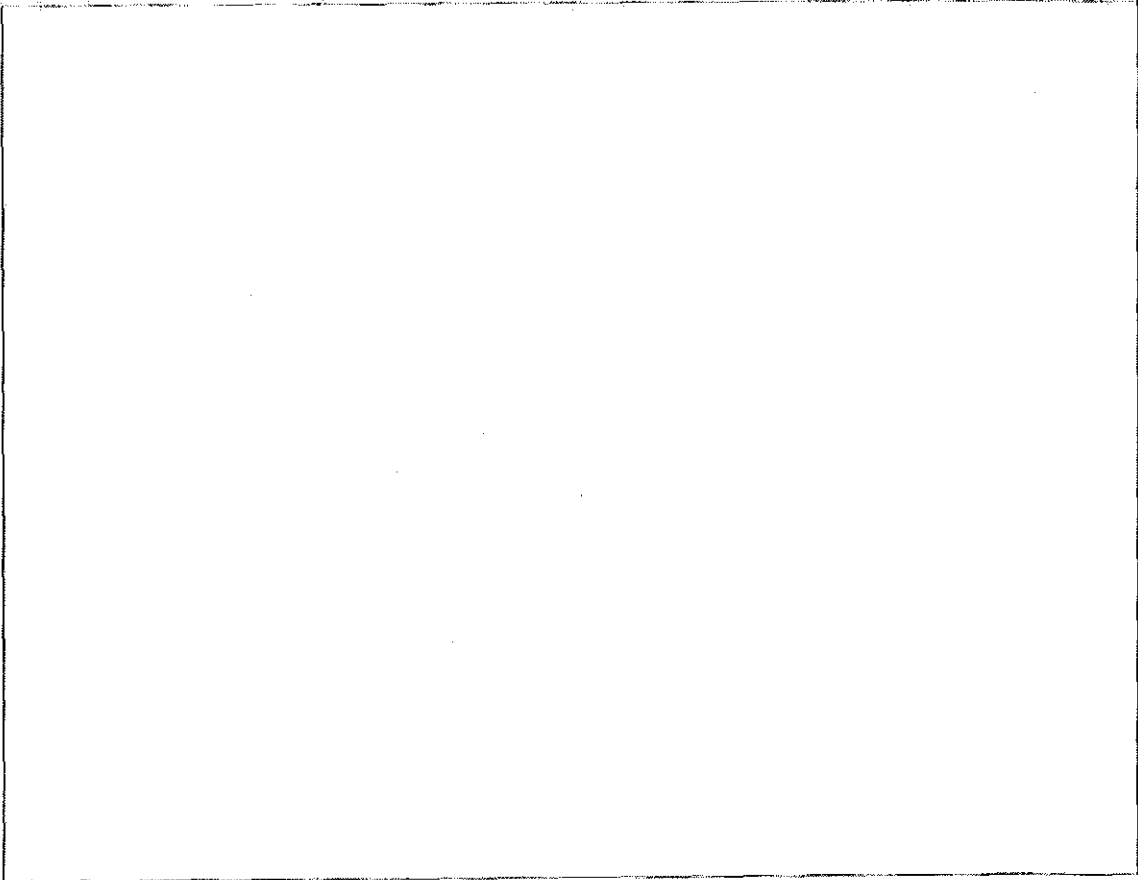
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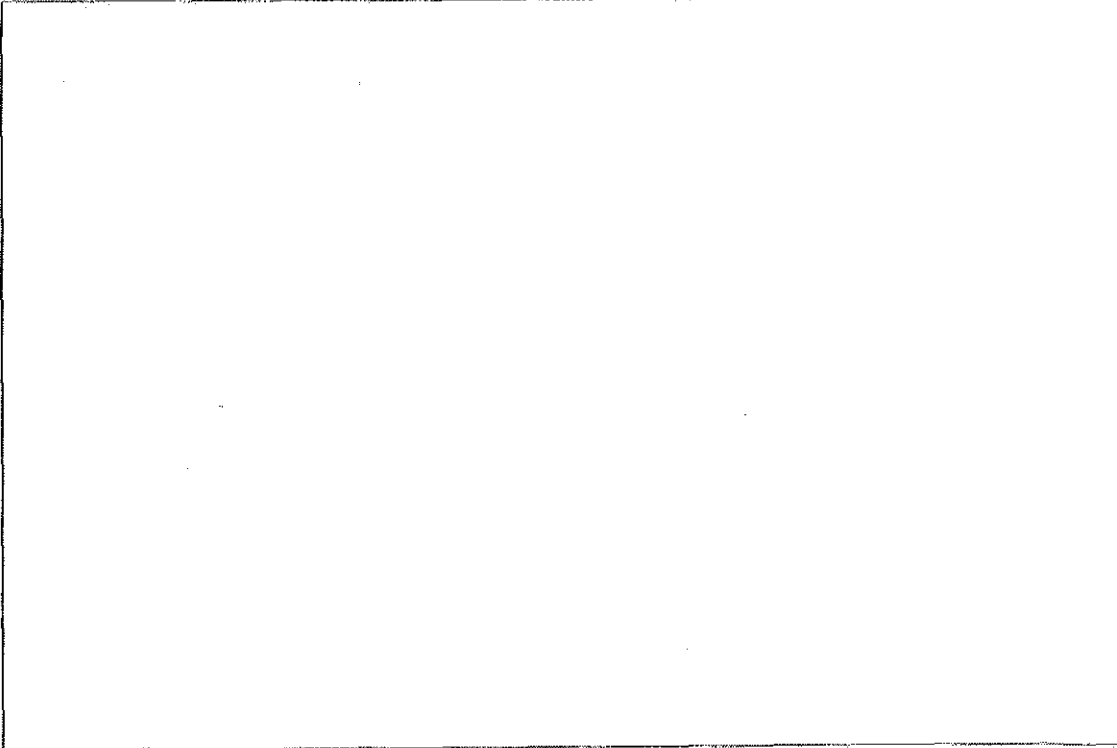
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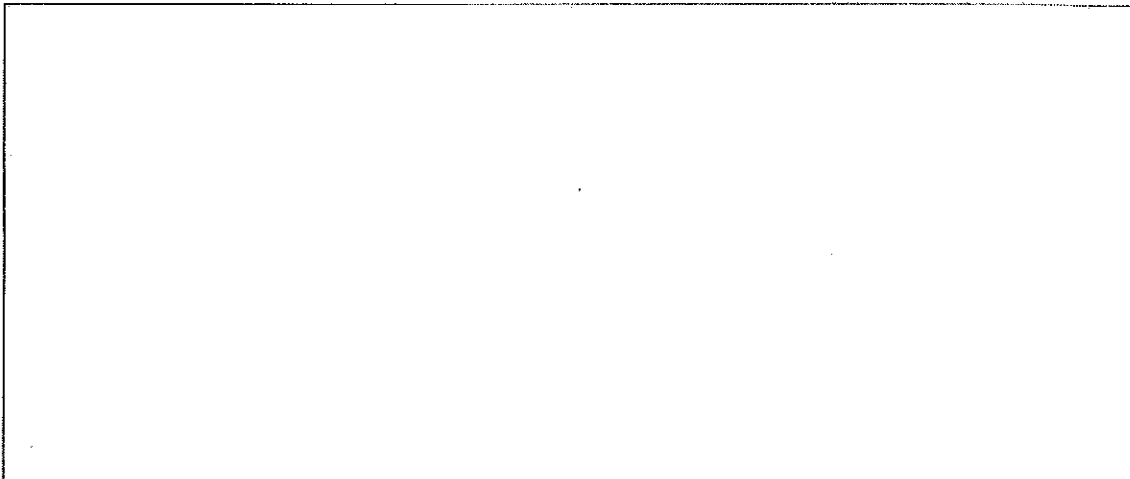
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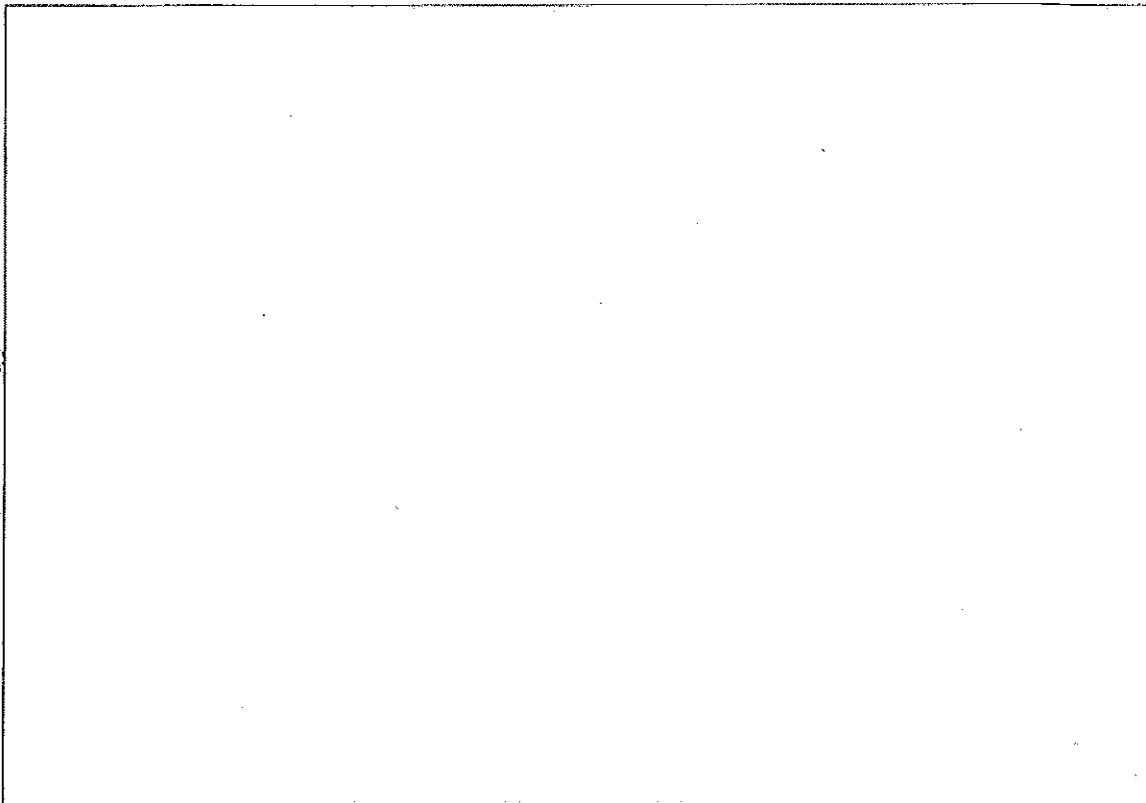
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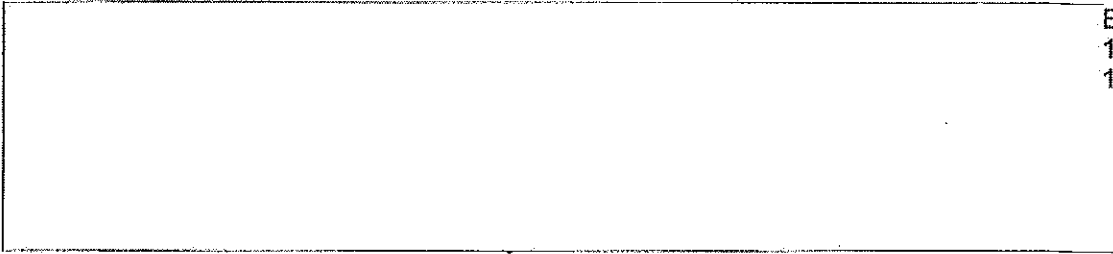
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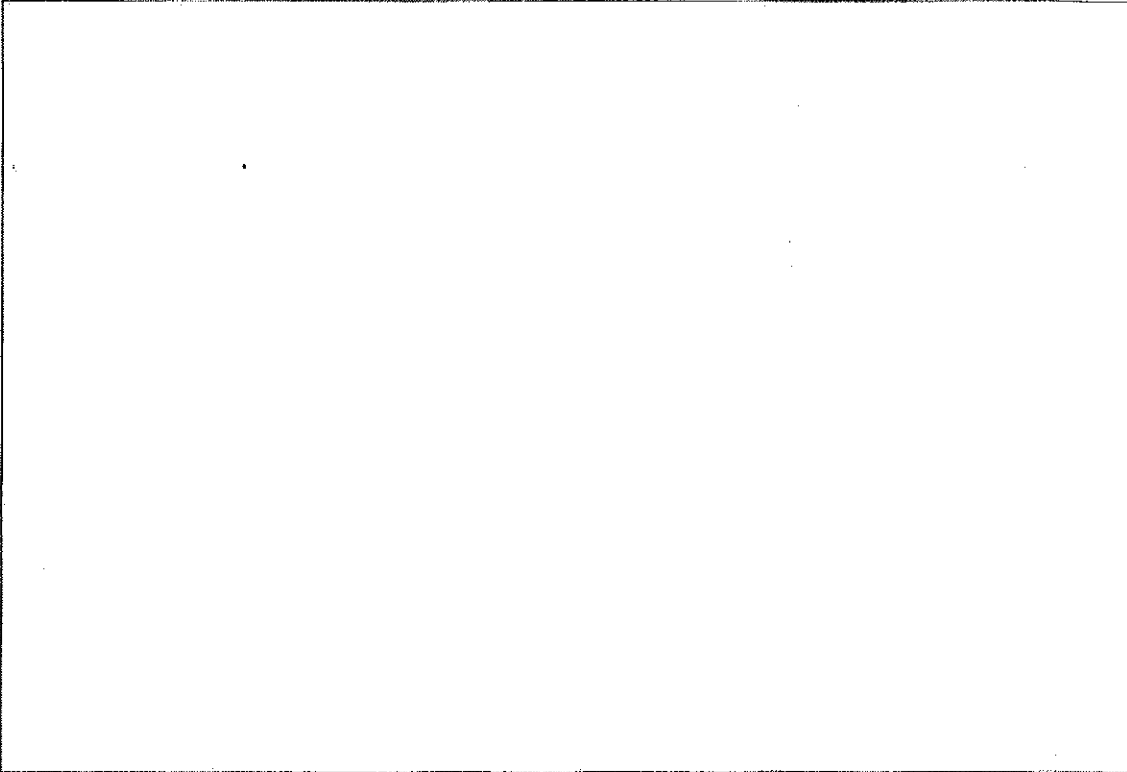


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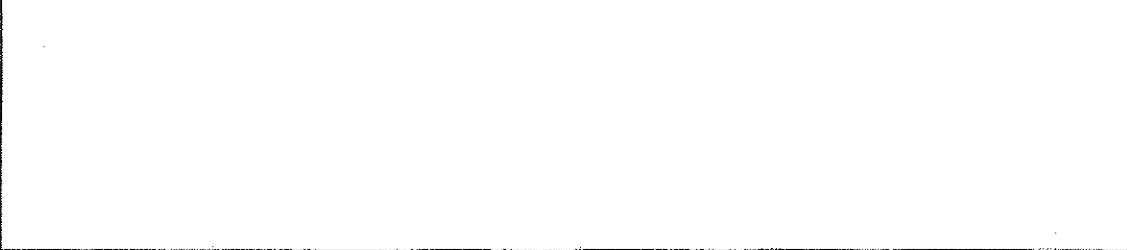
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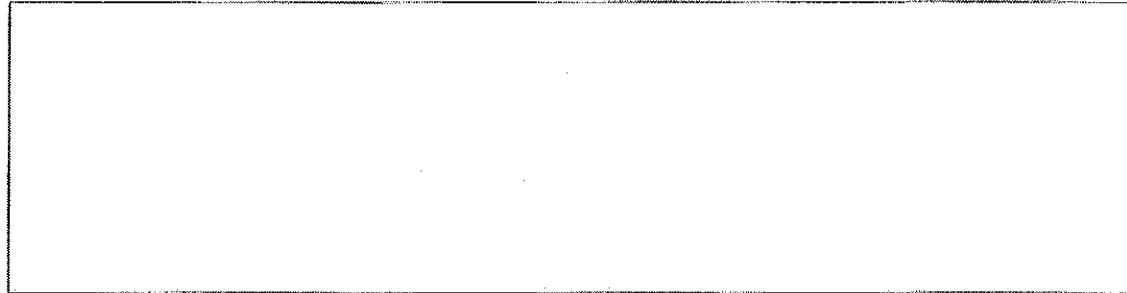


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To: Zouroudis, Betsy (Athens); Bardis, Georgios; Green, Janice C (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens); Kay, Catherine E (Thessaloniki); Malik, Paul (Athens); Weitzenkorn, Laurie B; Vidugiris, Valda (Athens); McNeill, David R (Athens); Hollingsworth, Paul A (Athens); Skorupski, Sarah F (Athens); Panos, Caterina C (Thessaloniki); Lee, Susan (Athens); Ross, Daniel E (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Claud, Raul M (Athens); Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Jaberg, David E (Athens); Miles, Karen D (Athens); Lance, Marsha A (Thessaloniki); Martin, Leah A (Athens); McNeill, Anne W; Bennett, Virginia L; Raffino, Michele
Cc: Hicks, Joseph T (Athens); Bartolomeo, Paola B (Athens); Lamour, Natacha; Diamond, Andrew D (Athens); Hurley, Matthew C (Athens)
Subject: PDAS Kaidanow and EU Counterpart on Middle East, Europe Coordination

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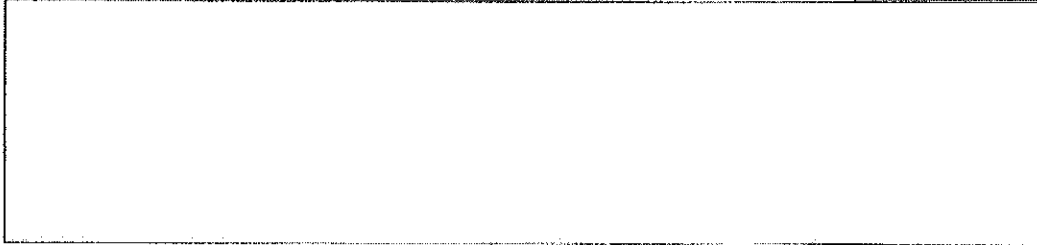
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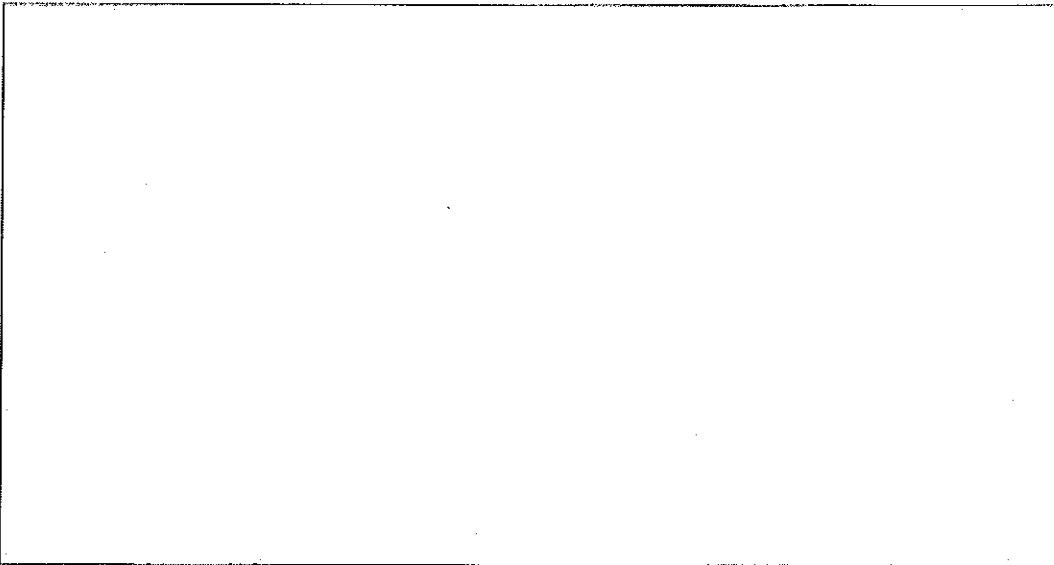
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Subject: PDAS Kaidanow and EU Counterpart on Middle East, Europe
Coordination

1. (C) Summary: EUR Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Tina Kaidanow, accompanied by Ambassador Kennard, met with European External Action Service (EEAS) Deputy Secretary General Helga Schmid on September 7 for a *tour de table* of U.S.-EU coordination in the Middle East and Europe.

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Middle East Peace Process



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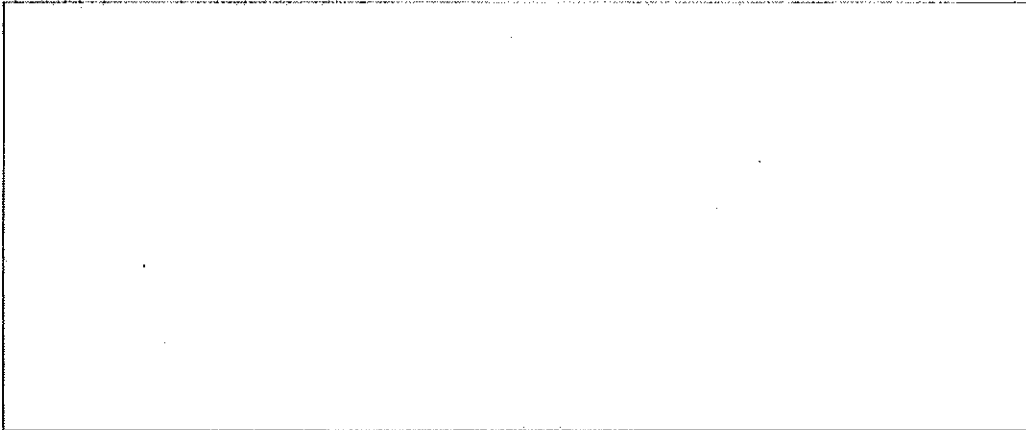


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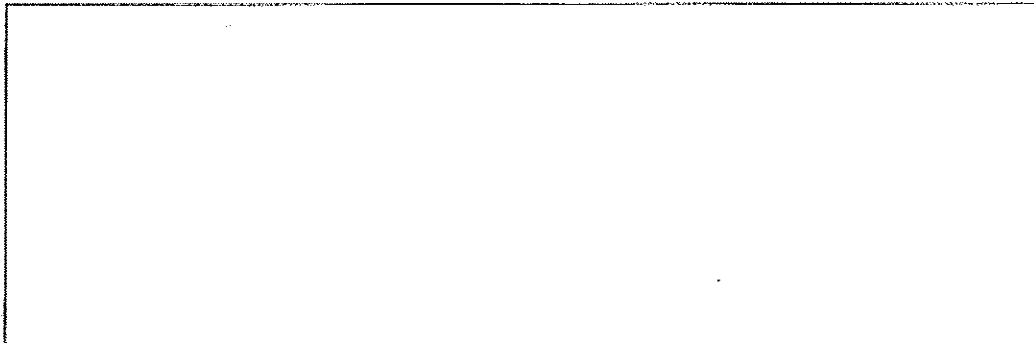


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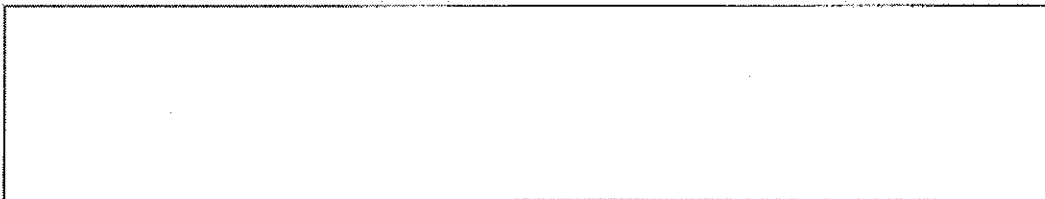


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Cyprus-Turkey Relations



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Ukraine

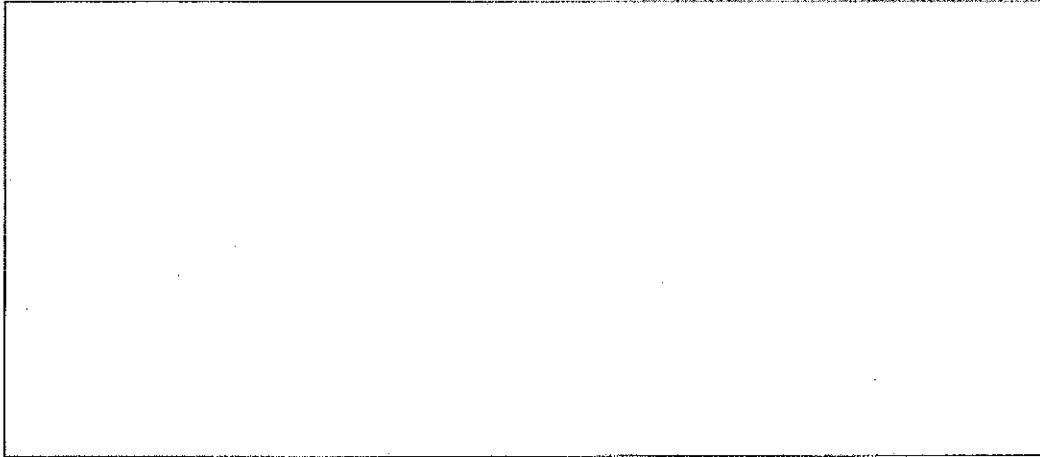
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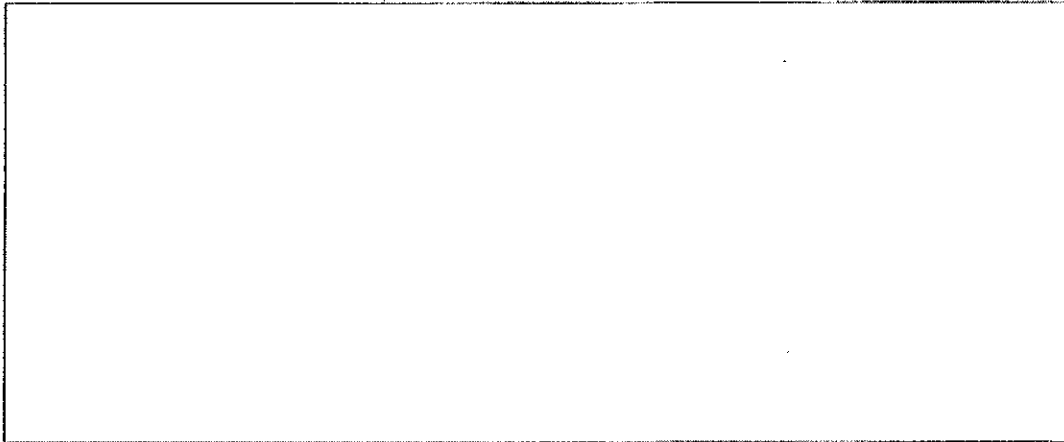
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Georgia-Russia WTO Discussions



Belarus



11. (U) PDAS Kaidanow has cleared this cable.

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Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 7:32 PM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: RE: Scenesetter for VP Visit

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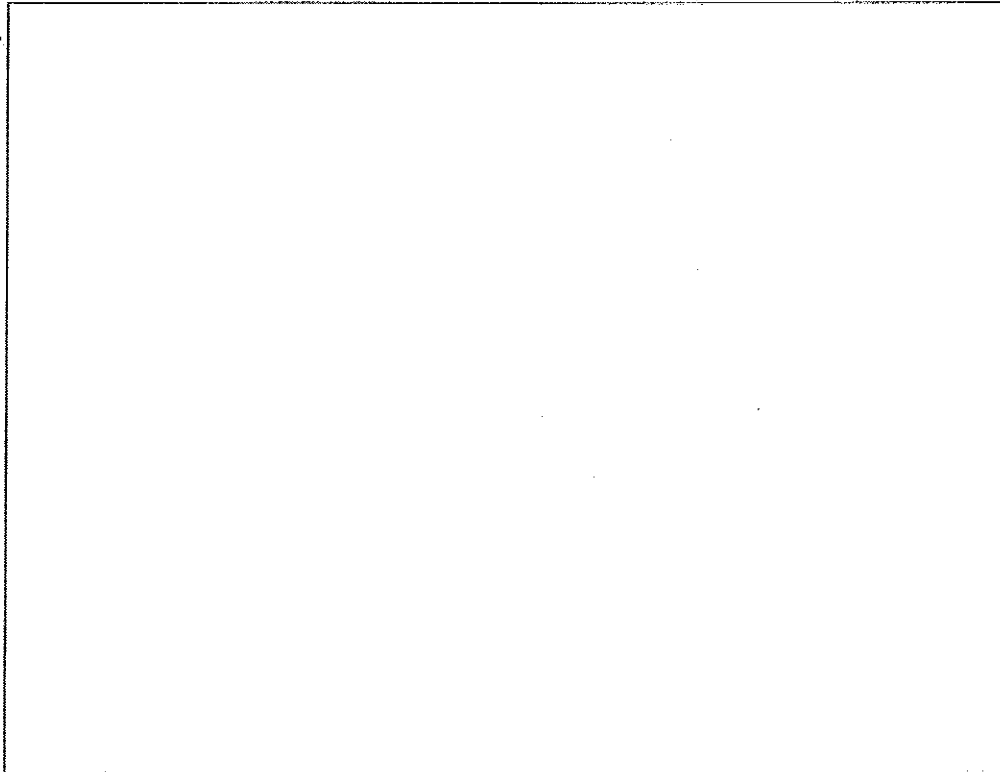
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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 12:31 PM
To: Snipes, Christopher K
Subject: Scenesetter for VP Visit

Chris - We sent it in EXDIS. The number is 11 ATHENS 639 / DTG: 181708Z NOV 11

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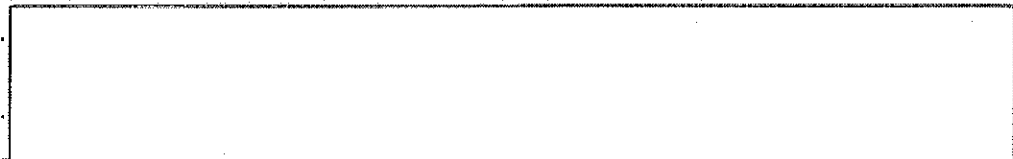
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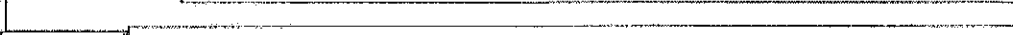
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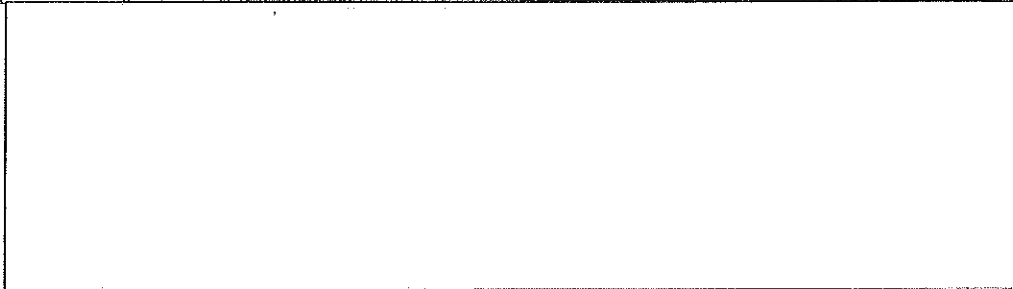


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From: Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 4:16 PM
To: Snipes, Christopher K
Cc: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Subject: FW: Greece: View from MFA Working Level on Improving Ties With Israel

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FYI from Athens.

Best,

Leah

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Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 4:15 PM

To: Martin, Leah A (Athens)

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Subject: Greece: View from MFA Working Level on Improving Ties With Israel

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1. (C/NF) SUMMARY: The Greek-Israeli relationship [redacted] according to the MFA's

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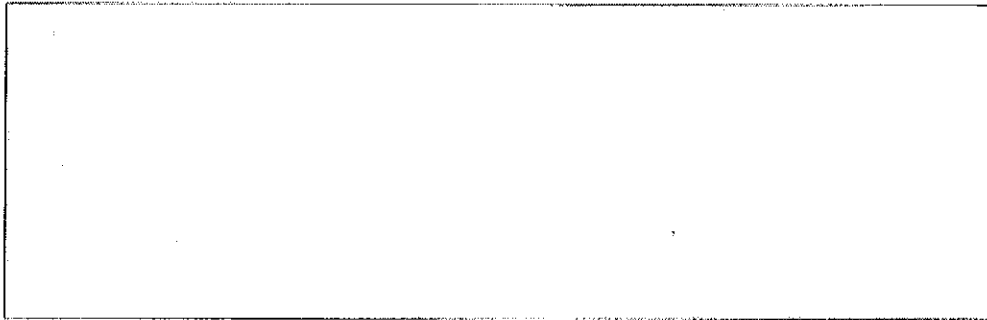
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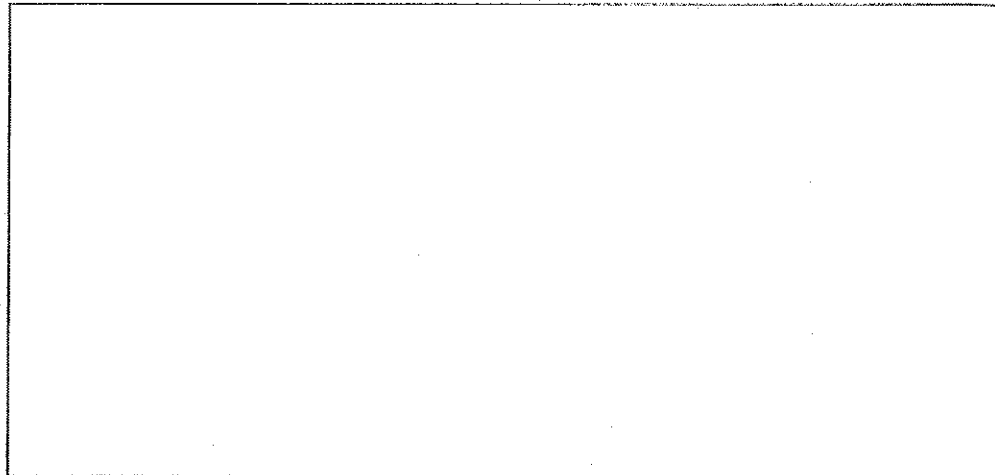
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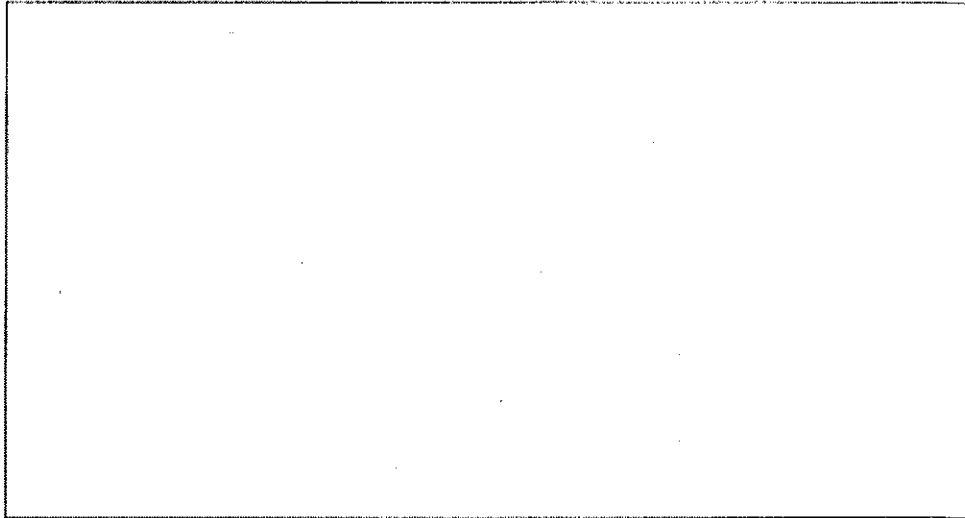
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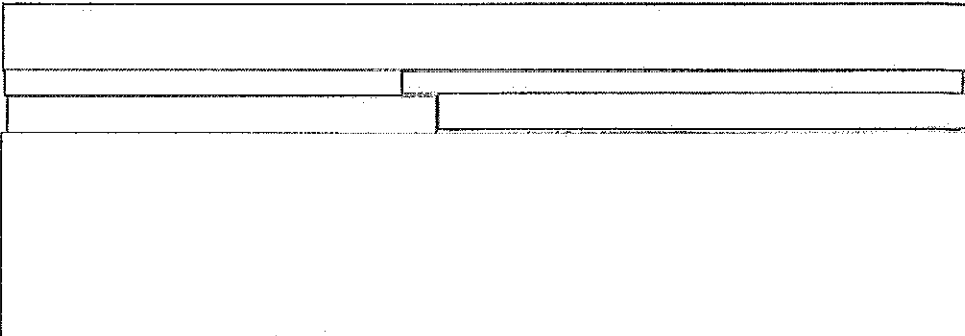
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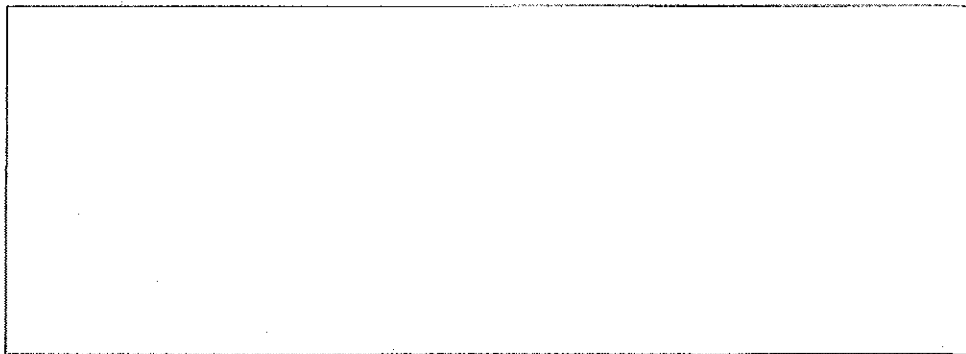
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Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 5:17 PM
To: Jaberg, David E (Athens)
Cc: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: RE: (C) EUR Daily Activity Report for Friday, March 23, 2012

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From: Jaberg, David E (Athens)
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 2:56 PM
To: Bennett, Virginia L (Athens)
Cc: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: RE: (C) EUR Daily Activity Report for Friday, March 23, 2012

Cheers, Dave

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From: Bennett, Virginia L (Athens)
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 11:48 AM
To: Jaberg, David E (Athens)
Cc: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: FW: (C) EUR Daily Activity Report for Friday, March 23, 2012

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

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From: Baker, William D

Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 11:56 PM

To: EUR-Ambassadors-DL; EUR-DCM-DL; EUR-CG-DL; EUR-FO-DL; EUR-Directors-DL; EUR-DeskOfficers-DL; EUR-OMS-DL; EUR-Staff Assistants-DL

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**EUR Daily Activity Report
Thursday, March 23, 2012**

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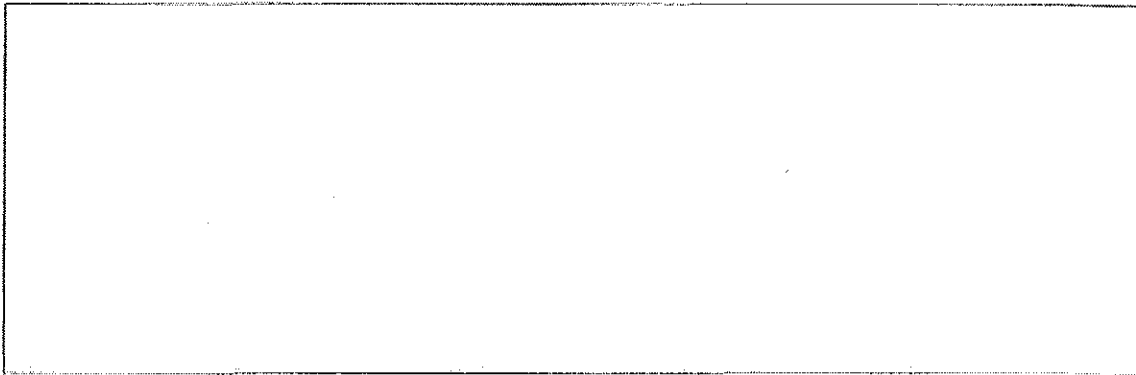
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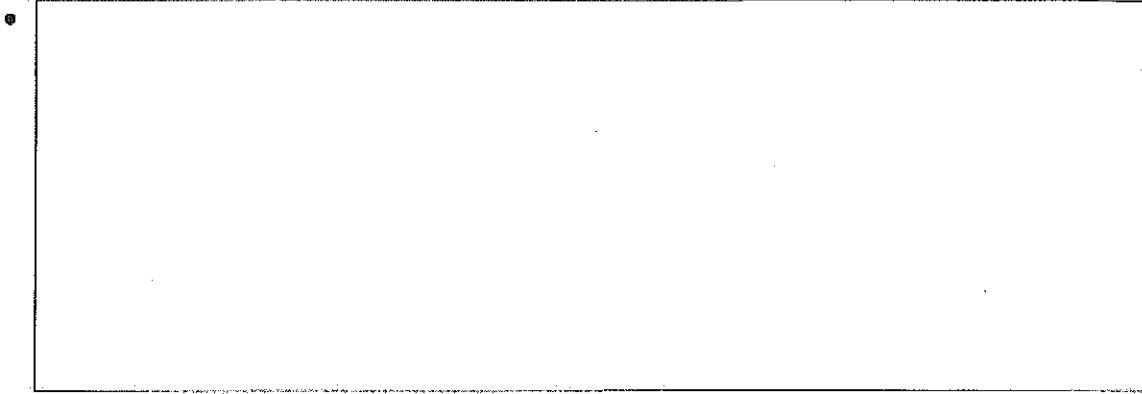
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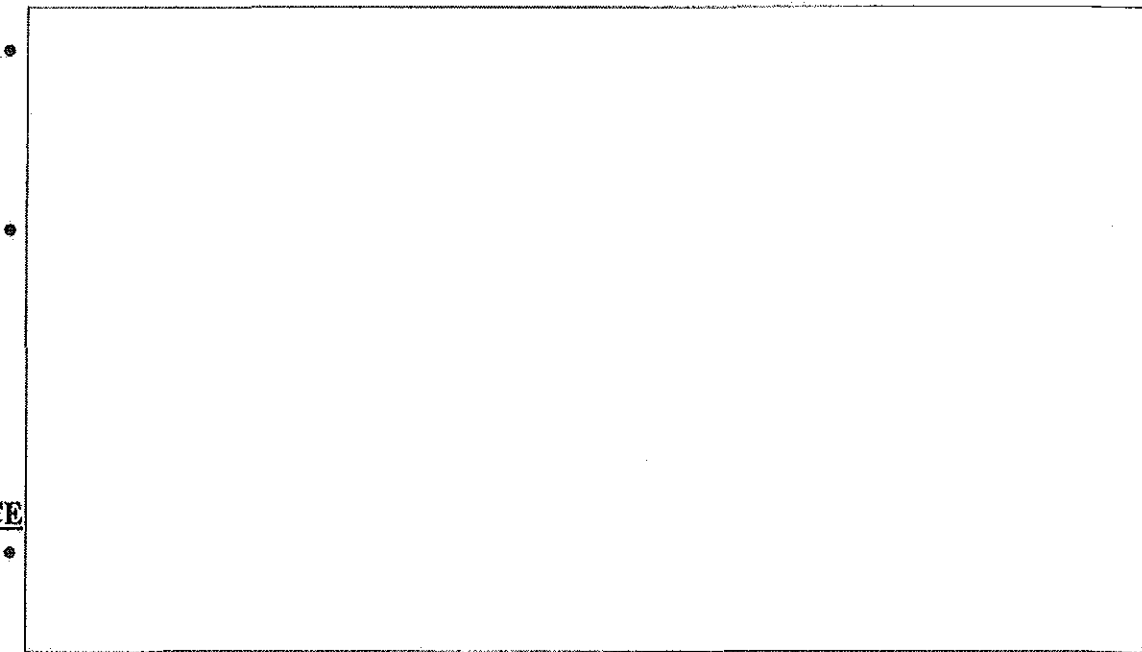
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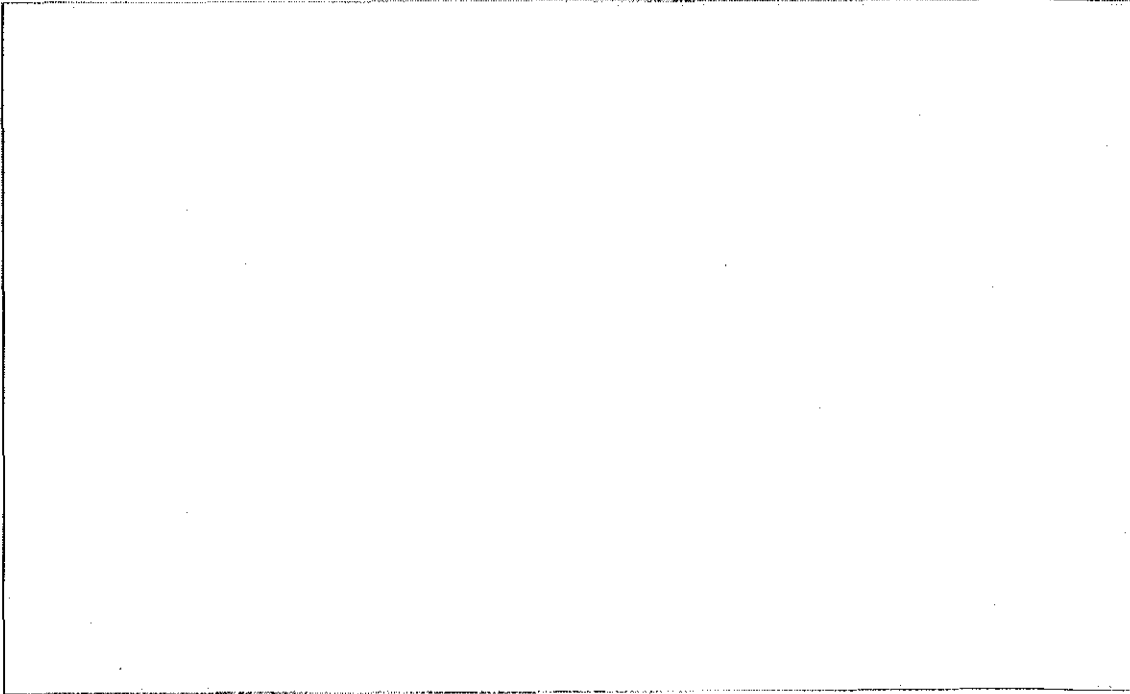
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From: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 6:54 PM
To: Snipes, Christopher K; Bennett, Virginia L (Athens)
Cc: Cockrell, John D (Athens); Jaberg, David E (Athens)
Subject: RE: More Flotillas? [CONFIDENTIAL, Record]

Per an exchange on the low side, we gave the Greeks a heads up.

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From: Snipes, Christopher K
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 5:53 PM
To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Bennett, Virginia L (Athens)
Cc: Cockrell, John D (Athens); Jaberg, David E (Athens)
Subject: FW: More Flotillas? [CONFIDENTIAL, Record]

FYI – more flotilla fun.

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From: Kim, Yuri J
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 11:48 AM
To: Berns, David B; [redacted] Howard, Jeremiah H; Baily, Jess L; EUR-SE-DL; NEA-IPA-DL; Fernandes, Anthony C; Wilmer, Kami A; Waller, Robert P.; Stafford, Edward G; Hallett, Stephanie L; Blome, Donald A
Cc: Goldberger, Thomas H; Silverman, Robert J; Levin, Jan X; [redacted] Eussen, Matthew M
Subject: RE: More Flotillas? [CONFIDENTIAL, Record]

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From: Berns, David B

Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 4:23 PM

To: [redacted]; Kim, Yuri J; Howard, Jeremiah H; Baily, Jess L; EUR-SE-DL; NEA-IPA-DL; Fernandes, Anthony C; Witmer, Kamil A; Waller, Robert P.; Stafford, Edward G; Hallett, Stephanie L; Blome, Donald A

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Cc: Goldberger, Thomas H; Silverman, Robert J; Levin, Jan X; [redacted]; Eussen, Matthew M

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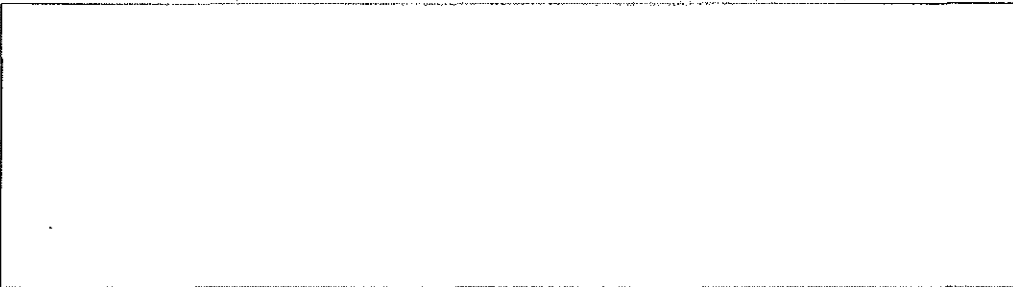
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Subject: RE: More Flotillas? [CONFIDENTIAL, Record]



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From: Godfrey, Anthony F. [mailto:]
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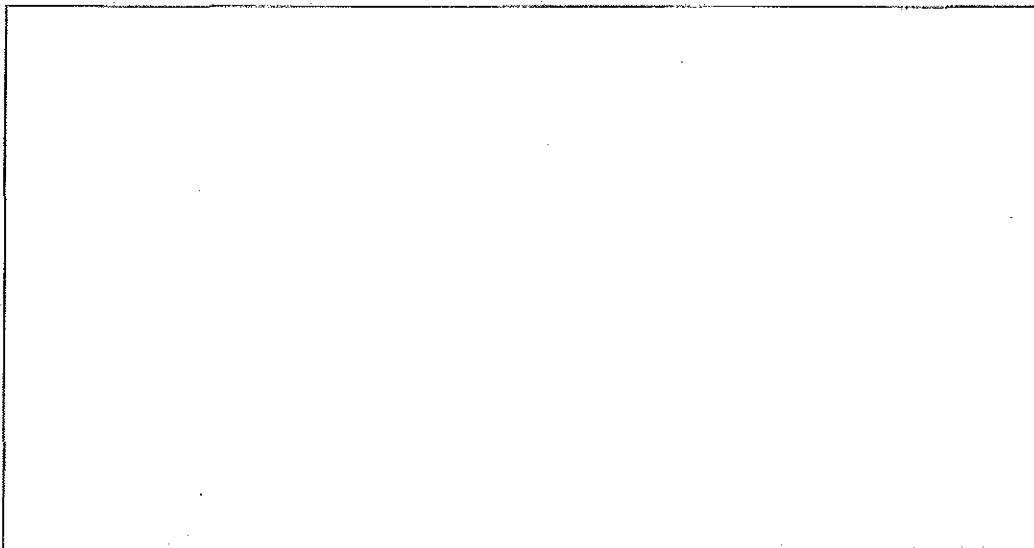
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Thanks, Ed. So to confirm, []
[] Look forward to the readout from
your meeting with Haldun. Take care, Anthony.

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From: Stafford, Edward G [mailto:]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 2:47 AM
To: Kim, Yuri J; Godfrey, Anthony F.; Howard, Jeremiah H
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Subject: RE: More Flotillas? [CONFIDENTIAL, Non-Record]

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Ed S.

p.s. please remember to include Ton Fernandes on any/all messages regarding Turkish Maritime issues.

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Cc: Baily, Jess L; EUR-SE-TU-DL; Stafford, Edward G
Subject: RE: More Flotillas? [CONFIDENTIAL, Non-Record]

Ed's shop has lead on this. He can send you latest, which is on the unclass side.

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From: Godfrey, Anthony F. [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 10:11 PM
To: Kim, Yuri J; Howard, Jeremiah H
Cc: Baily, Jess L; EUR-SE-TU-DL
Subject: More Flotillas? [CONFIDENTIAL, Non-Record]

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Hi -- anything new on the rumors of the new flotilla? Lots of interest, as you can imagine...

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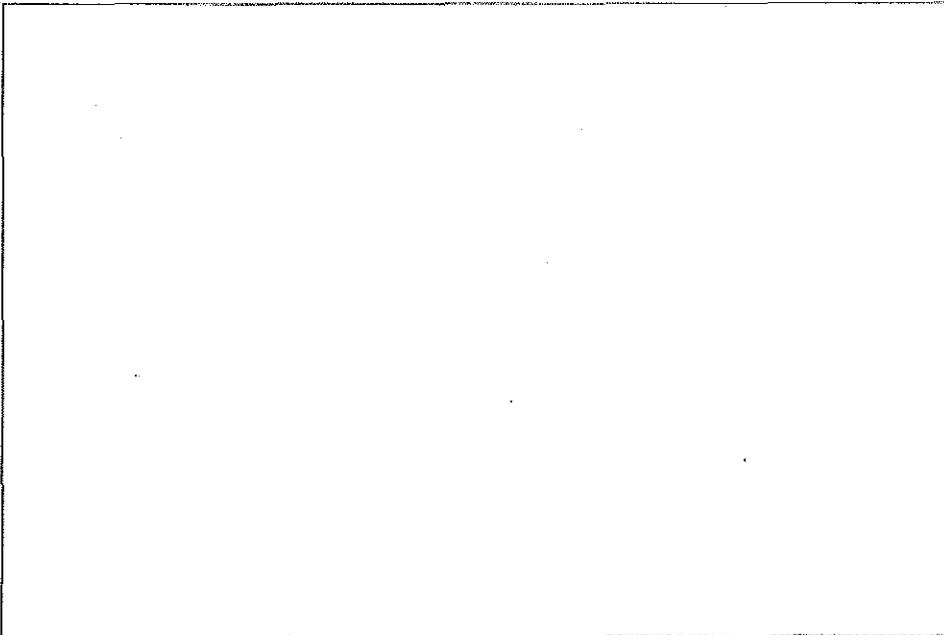
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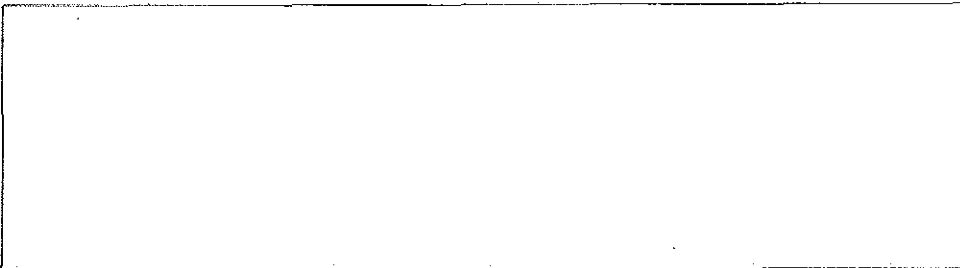
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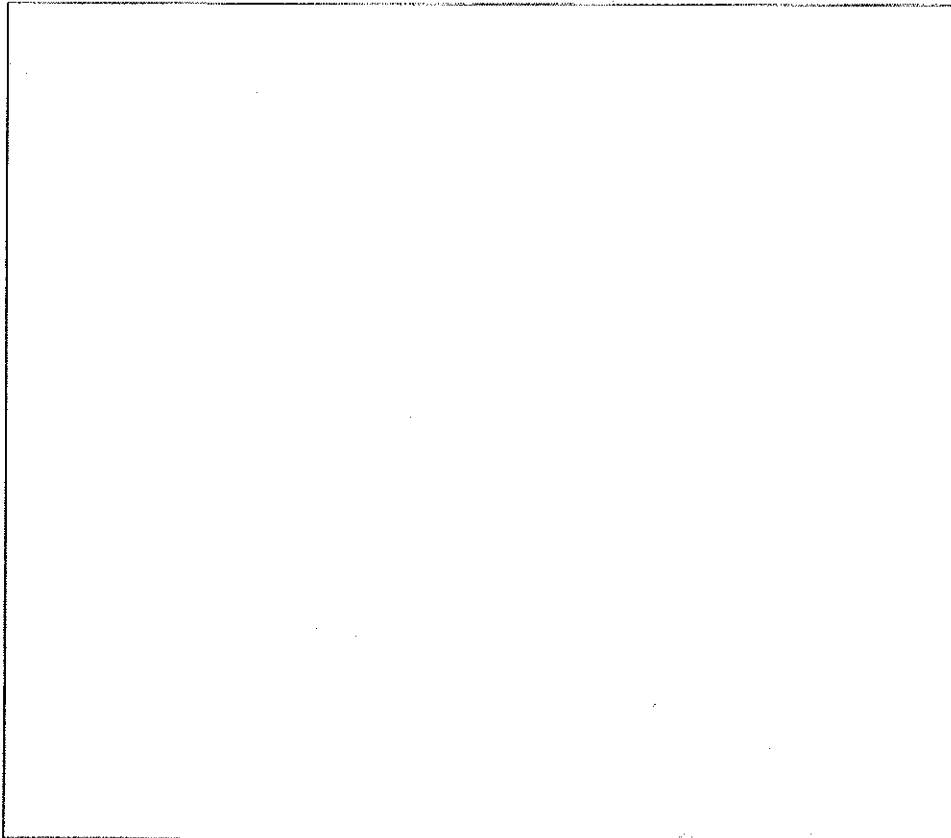
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- **(C/NF) Turkey: Erdogan Says Turkish Navy will Protect Turkish Ships in Mediterranean:** [redacted] PM Erdogan's remarks, as reported by Al Jazeera: "There is no doubt that the Turkish military ships are responsible to protect its own ships. The priority step is this. And there are humanitarian aids that we will make there. And those humanitarian assistances will not be attacked as it happened to Mavi Marmara." The statement increases tensions with Israel and feeds speculation that the Turkish navy would escort a new flotilla. Post notes that [redacted]

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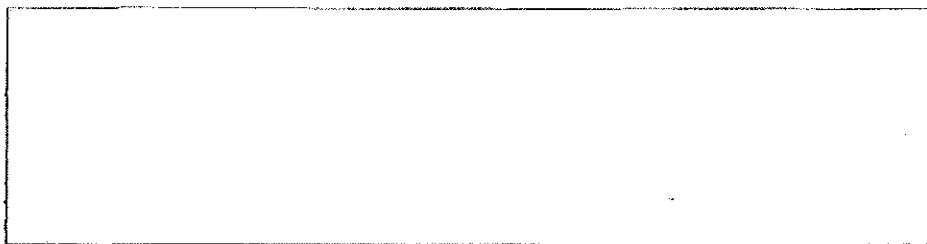
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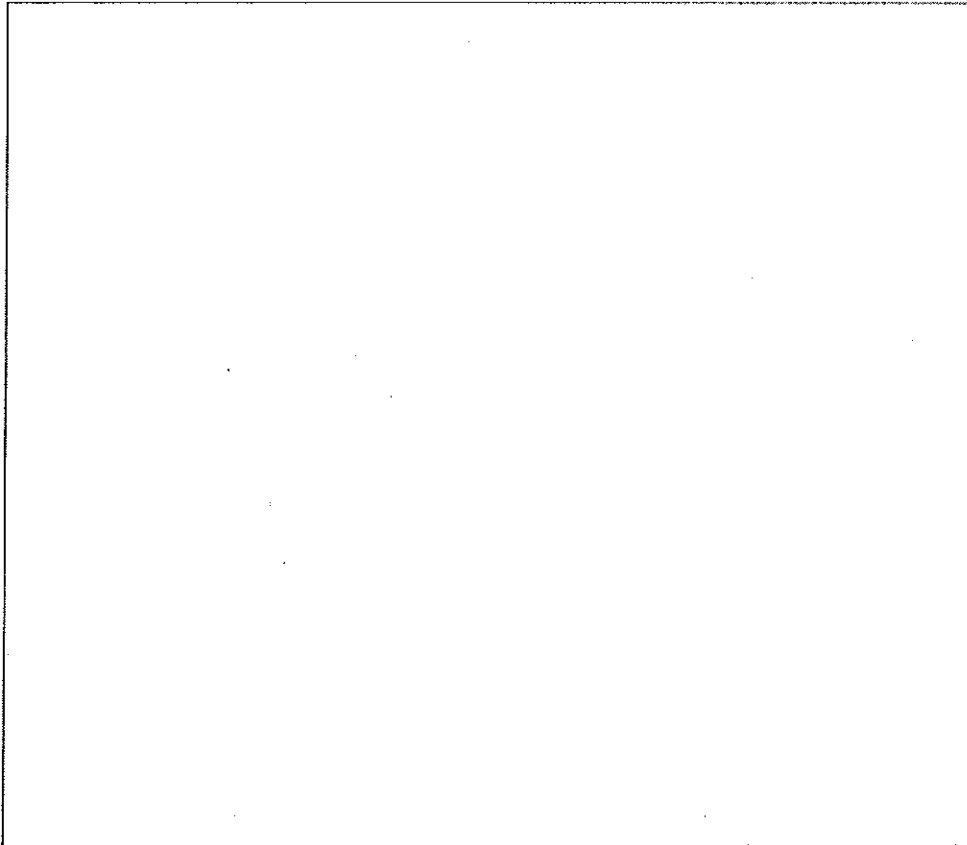
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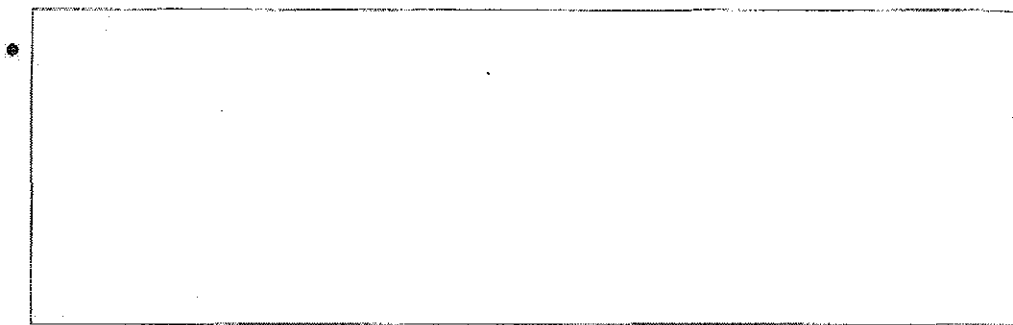
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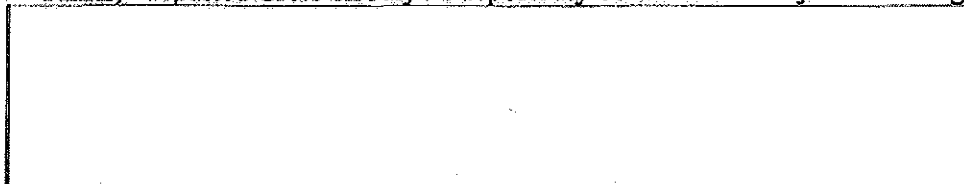
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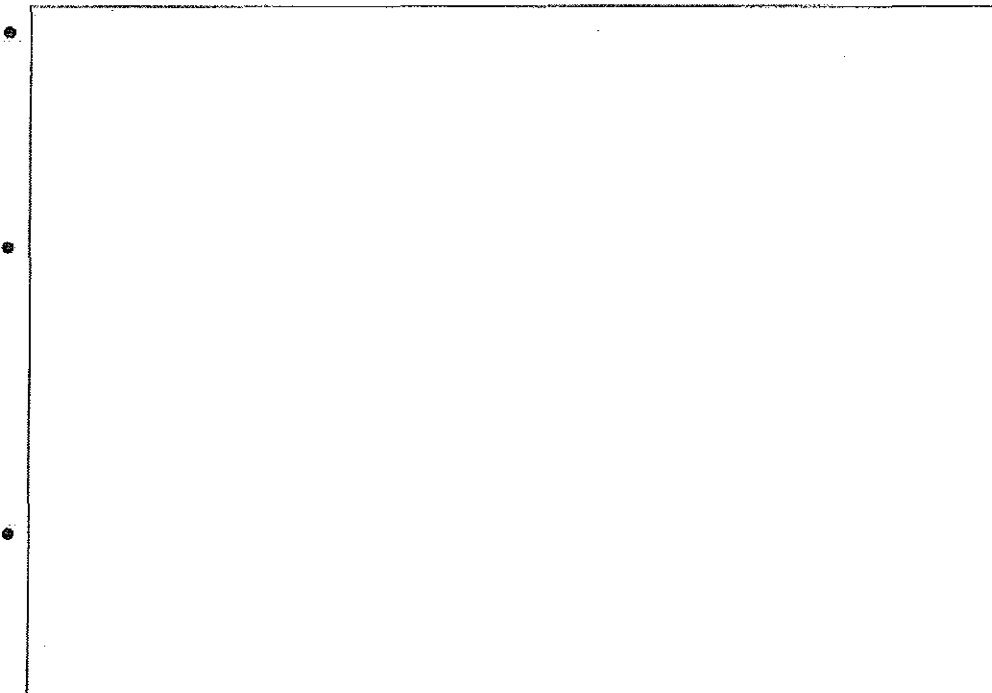
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- **(C) Turkey: New Flotilla Ship Headed to Turkey:** The ship, the "Tahrir," departed Crete on July 28 reportedly bound for Turkey. According



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Subject: Greece Bans Departure of Flotilla Vessels to Gaza, Offers to Deliver Aid

- 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). [REDACTED]

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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.

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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

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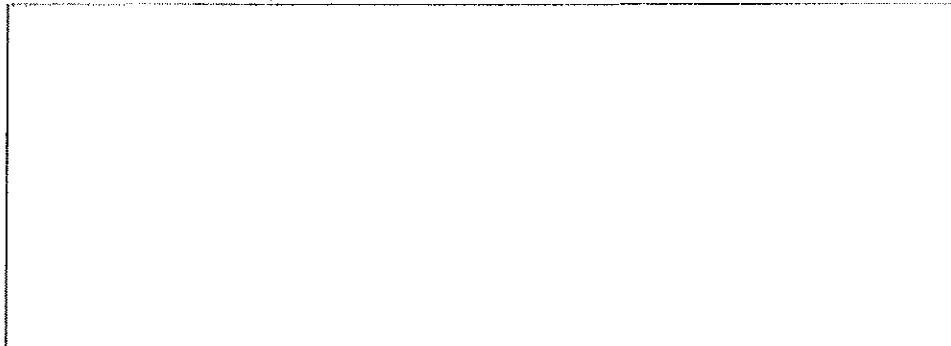
hours in the station and were released. They were never placed under arrest.

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 decried both the Greek government's intent and Abbas' alleged backstabbing collusion with the Greeks.

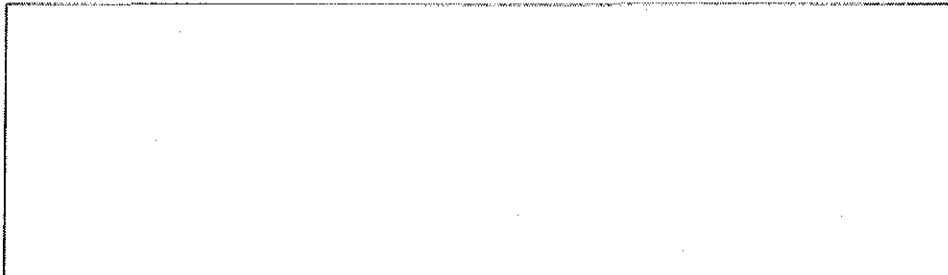
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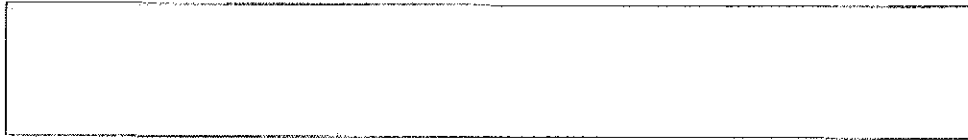
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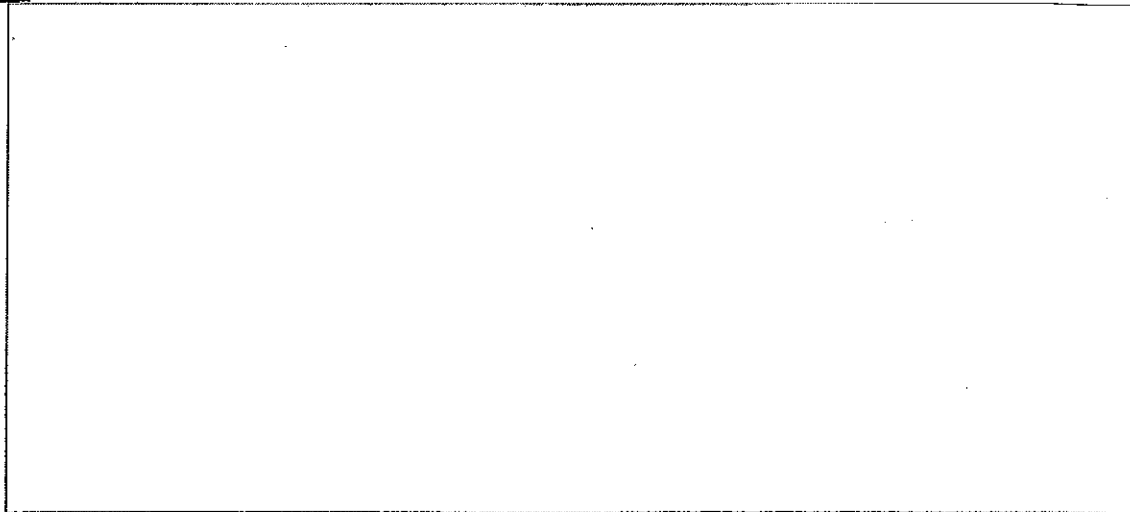
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• **(S/NF) Turkey: FM Suggests "New Formula" to Avert Flotilla Crisis:** Mainstream Turkish press reported June 6 that FM Davutoglu recommended flotilla organizers evaluate whether Egypt's opening of the Rafah Border Crossing and Israel's views of a new Palestinian government will improve the situation for Gazans before launching an anniversary flotilla. Davutoglu also encouraged Israel to lift the Gaza blockade when the new Palestinian government is in place. Despite these new ideas, Davutoglu reiterated Turkey's longstanding demands for an apology and compensation as prerequisites for repairing relations with Israel.

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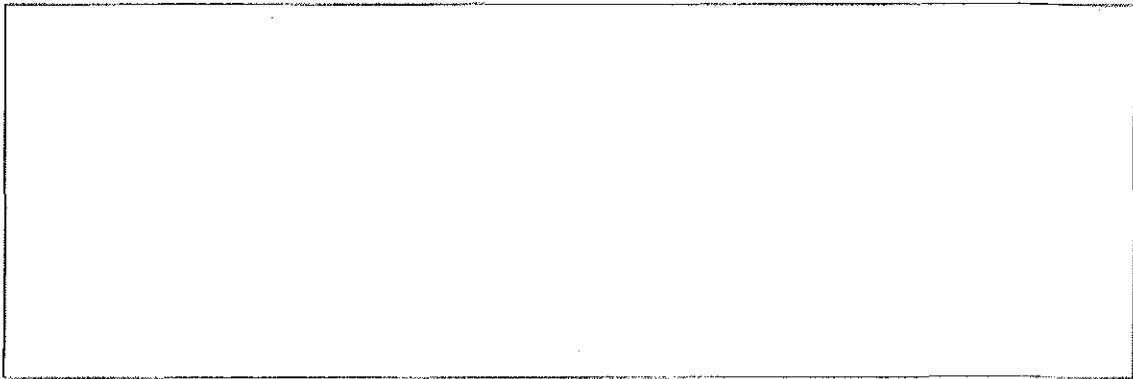
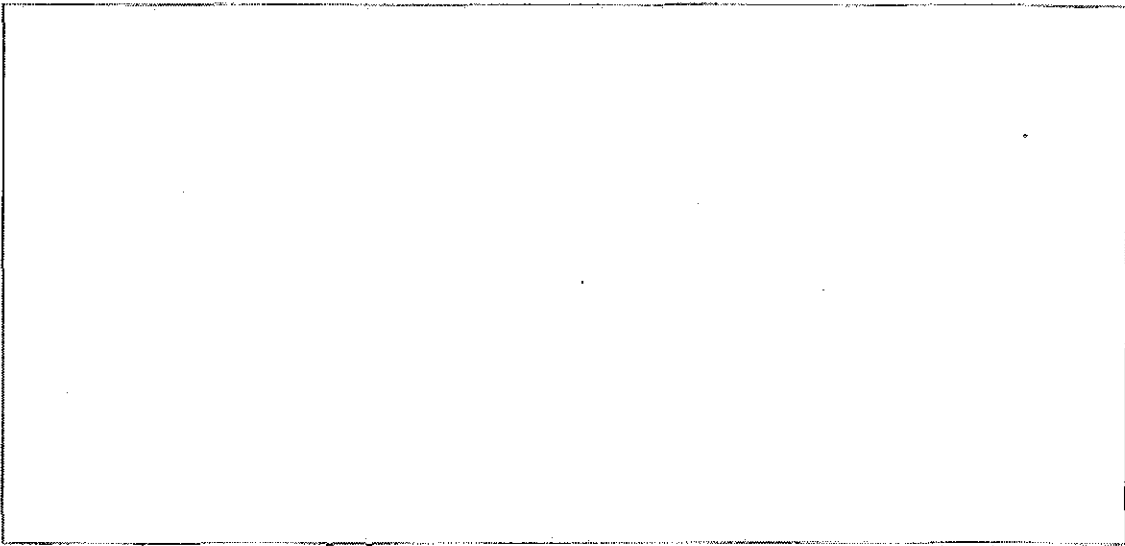
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Subject: RE: FW: Scensesetter for NEA A/S Feltman's Visit to Athens - May 21

Thanks. We'll pass it to him.

Jeremy Cornforth
Chief of the Political/Economic Section
U.S. Embassy Beirut

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Jeremy - We may have missed A/S Feltman there, but thought I would forward this to you just in case. We'll have a hard copy waiting here at the Embassy as well. Regards, Dan

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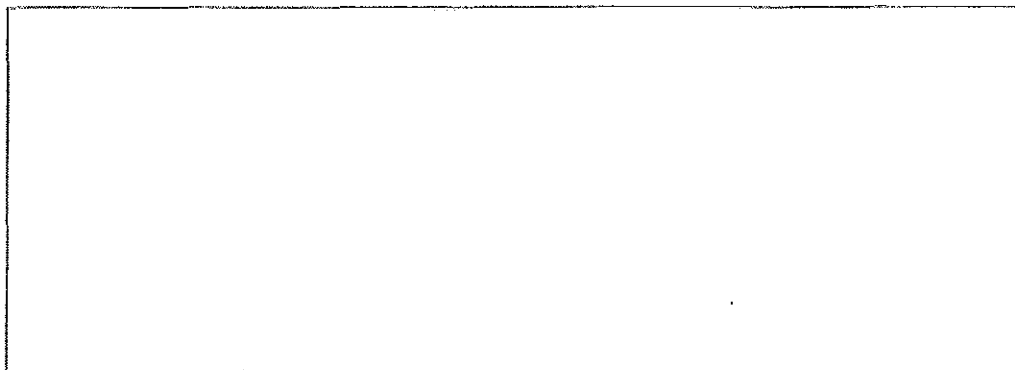
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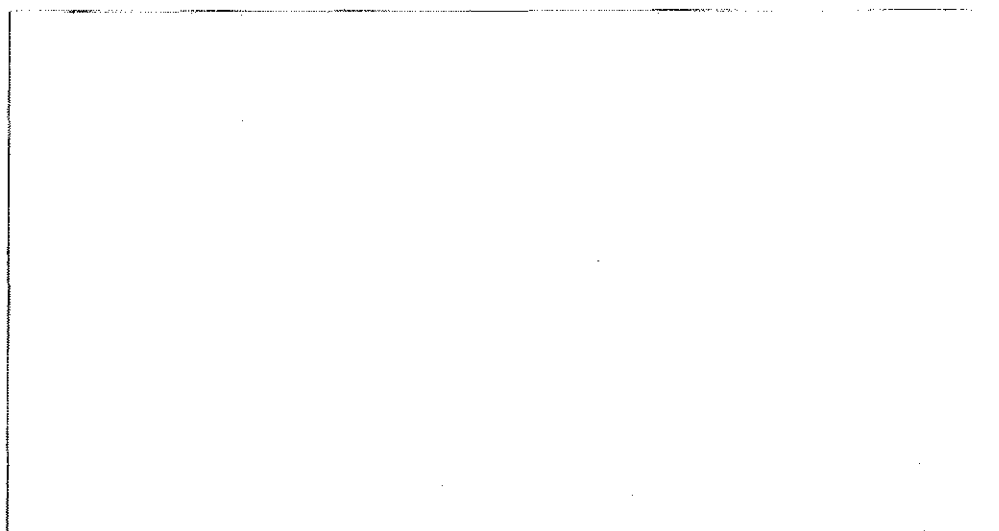


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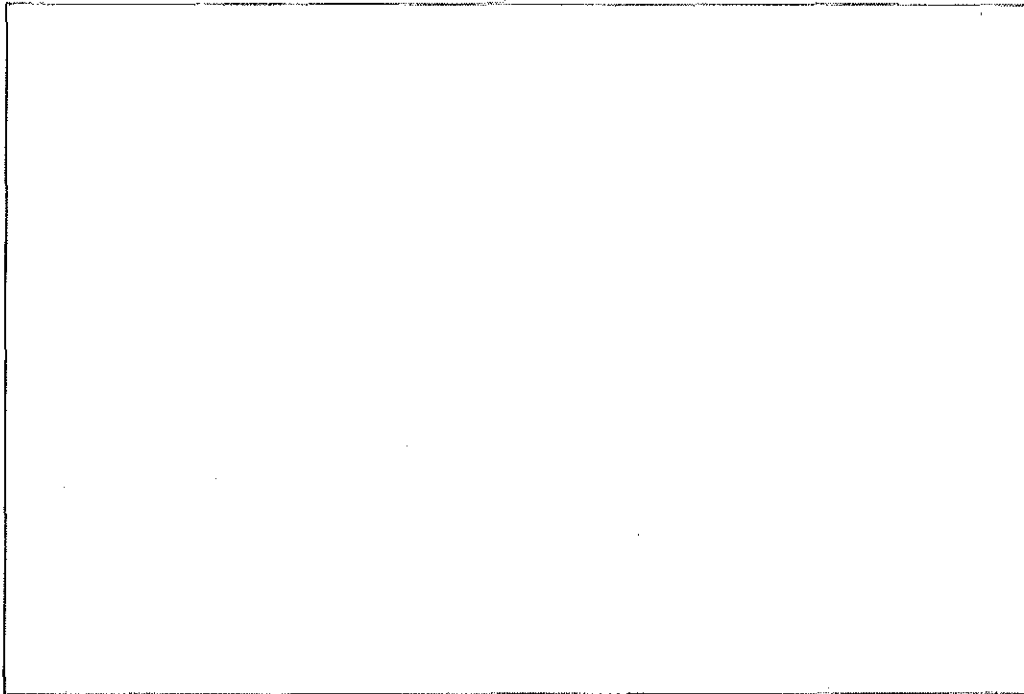


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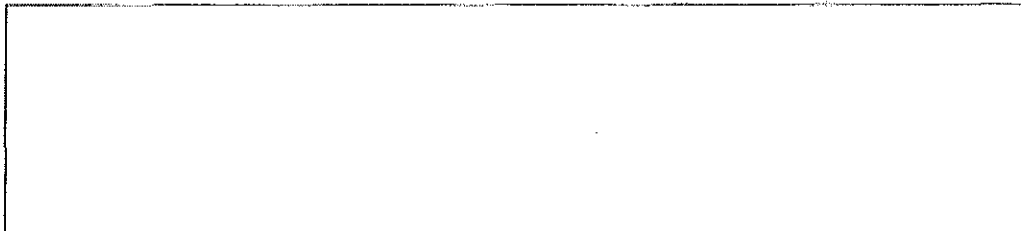
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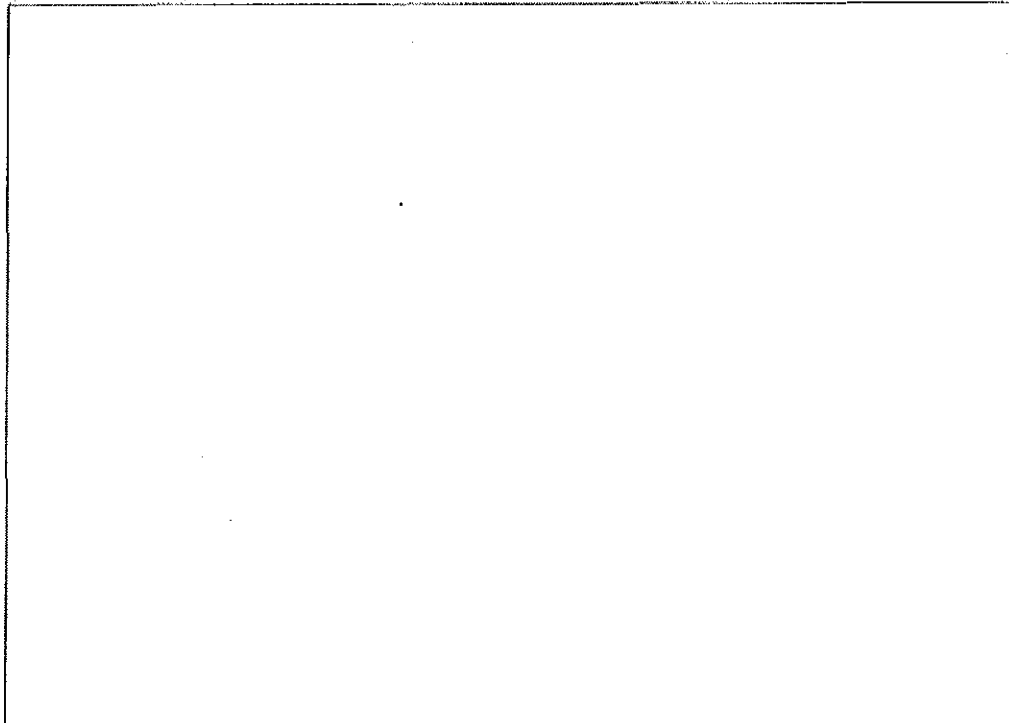
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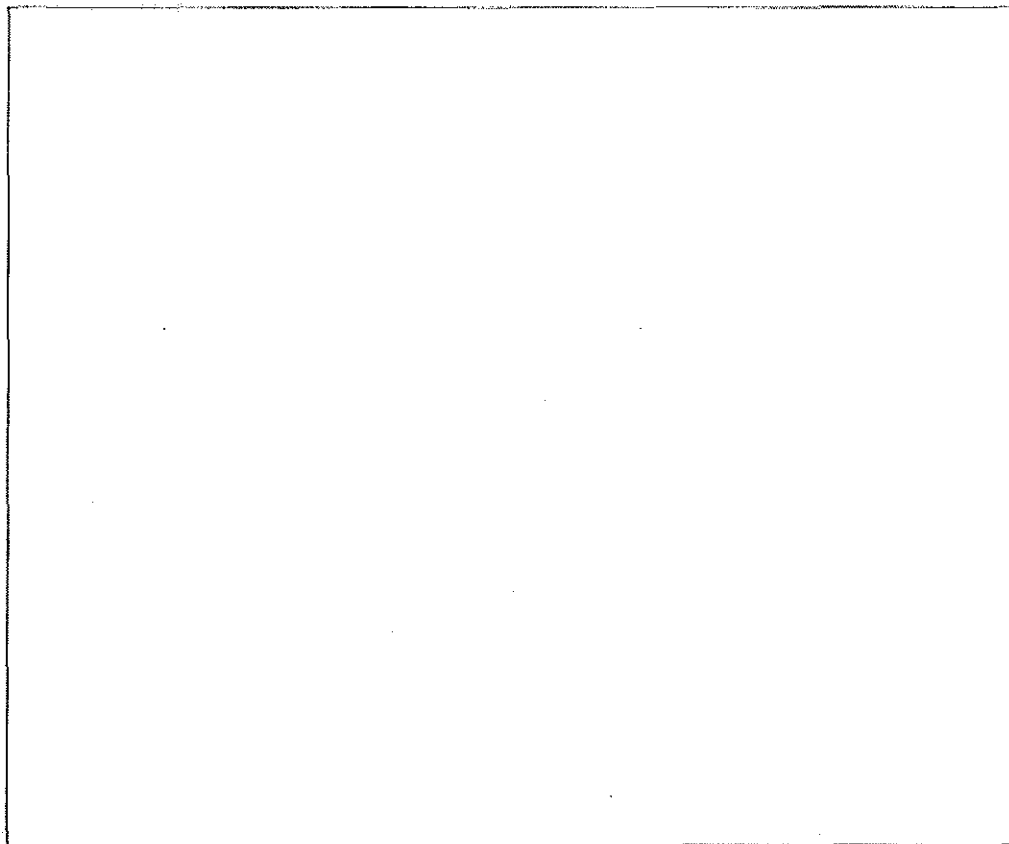
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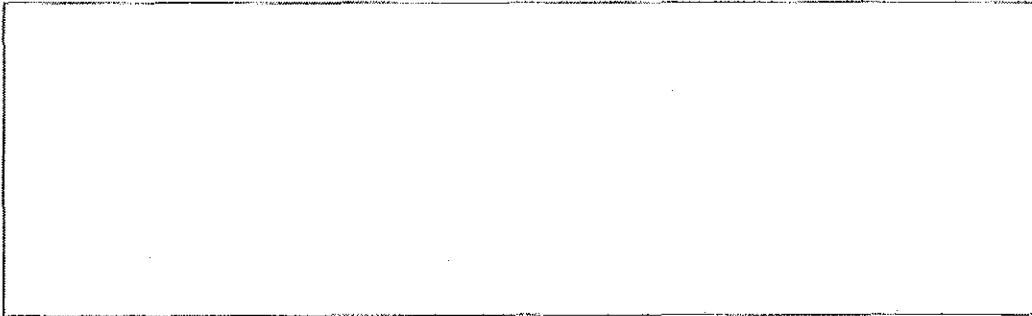
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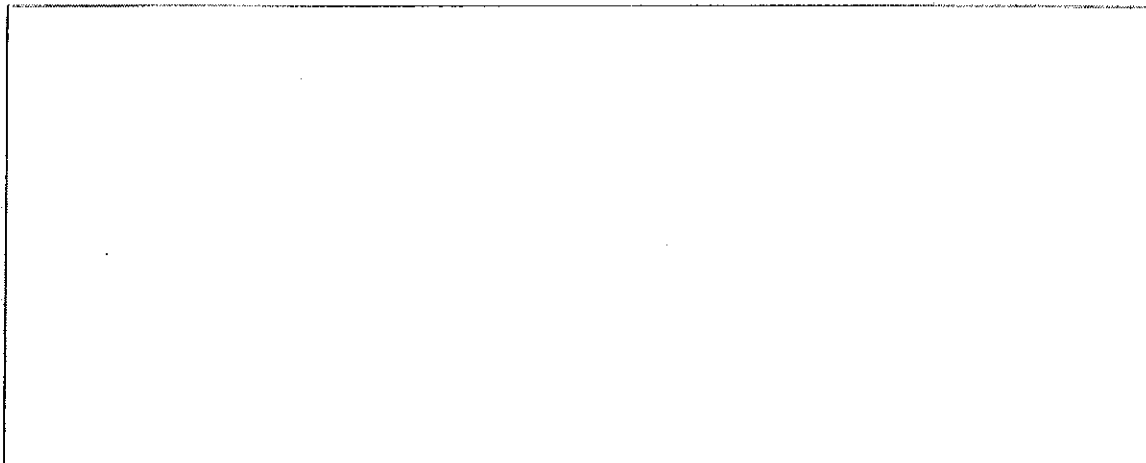
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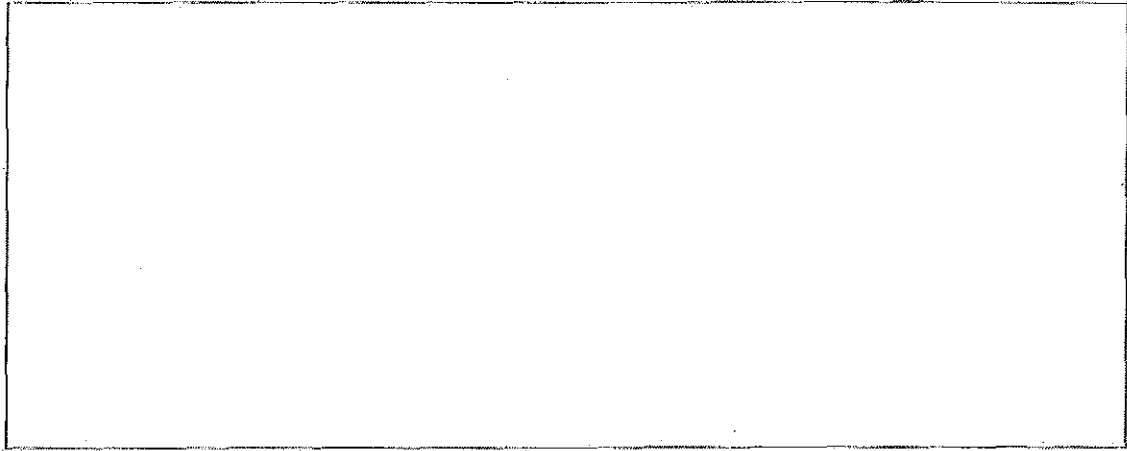


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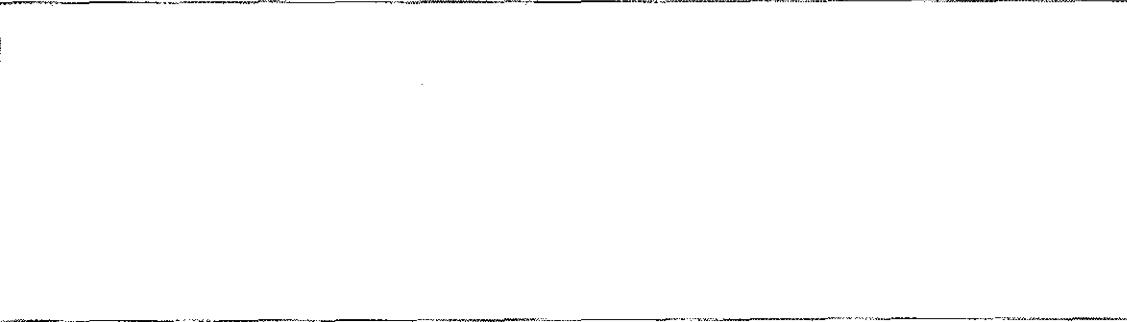
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- **(C) French Group Announces Plan to Participate in Gaza Flotilla:** A private French group announced May 10 their plans to depart from Marseille at the end of June to join the "flotilla for Gaza." Organizers claim some elected French officials and notable personalities from the world of sports and the performing arts will join them. [redacted] B1

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[redacted] On May 10, the MFA released an official statement advising against participation in the flotilla due to the security risks involved.

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The Greek media had speculated that the GoG was exploiting strained relations between Turkey and Israel following the Gaza flotilla. During his August 16 press conference, Papandreou emphasized that "relations between Greece and Israel are not competitive with other bilateral or multilateral cooperation." The next day, Alternate FM Droutsas emphasized on Greek TV that improving Greek-Israel bilateral relationship is unrelated to each country's relationship with Turkey.

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RISE IN ANTI-SEMITISM WORLDWIDE

1. (U) Official and public Greek reactions to the Gaza flotilla incident were critical of Israel's actions and policy, but we are aware of only one incident by a lone student whose actions were anti-Semitic.

2. (C) Immediately following the Gaza flotilla incident, Alternate Foreign Minister Droutsas issued a statement condemning "the disproportionate use of violence" against the flotilla activists and calling the blockade against Gaza "unacceptable and politically counterproductive" (available at www.mfa.gr/www.mfa.gr/articles/en-US/31052010_KL2008.htm). PM Papandreou also commented to the press that, "The violence that was exercised during today's action by the Israeli armed forces against the international humanitarian aid mission with destination Gaza cannot be excused."

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3. (U) For days following the incident, newspapers and television broadcasts provided extensive coverage, with some calling Israel's action a violation of international law, state terrorism, a deliberate massacre, etc. Protests occurred throughout the country, including a demonstration of 1,500 people outside of the Israeli Embassy in Athens. The Israeli Embassy in Athens has told us that flotilla organizers in Greece have conducted a public diplomacy campaign in many Greek cities, speaking and meeting with citizens and officials.

4. (U) Post is only aware of one subsequent event that crossed the line to anti-Semitism. A few days after the flotilla incident, a male university student attempted to spray paint a swastika onto a Jewish Holocaust monument in the northeastern city of Komotini. He claimed his actions were a "protest against the unfair death of activists who were on a peace boat to Palestine." He was caught in the act, arrested and charged with vandalism; he will be tried in September.

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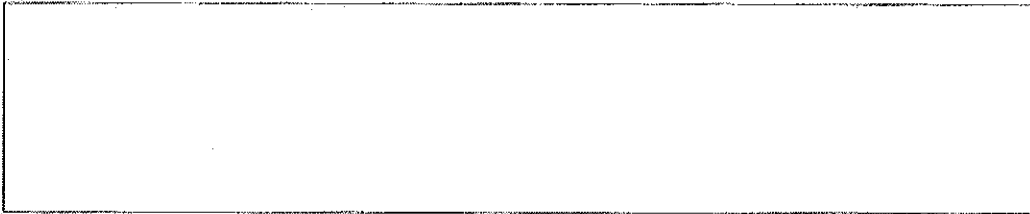
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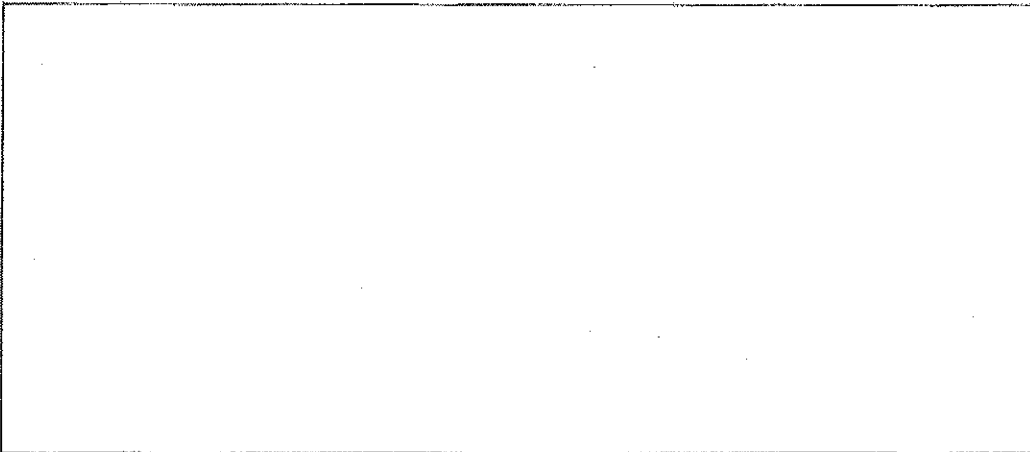
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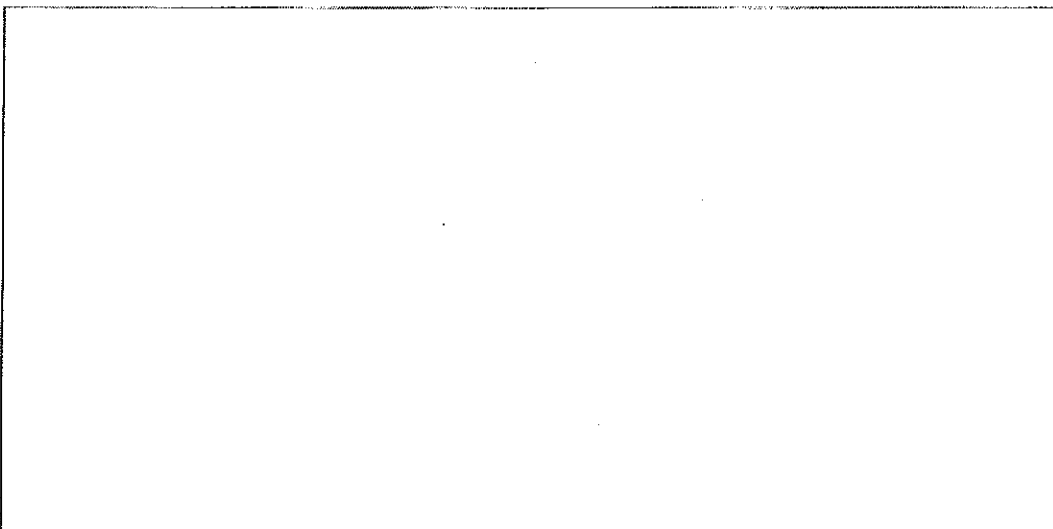
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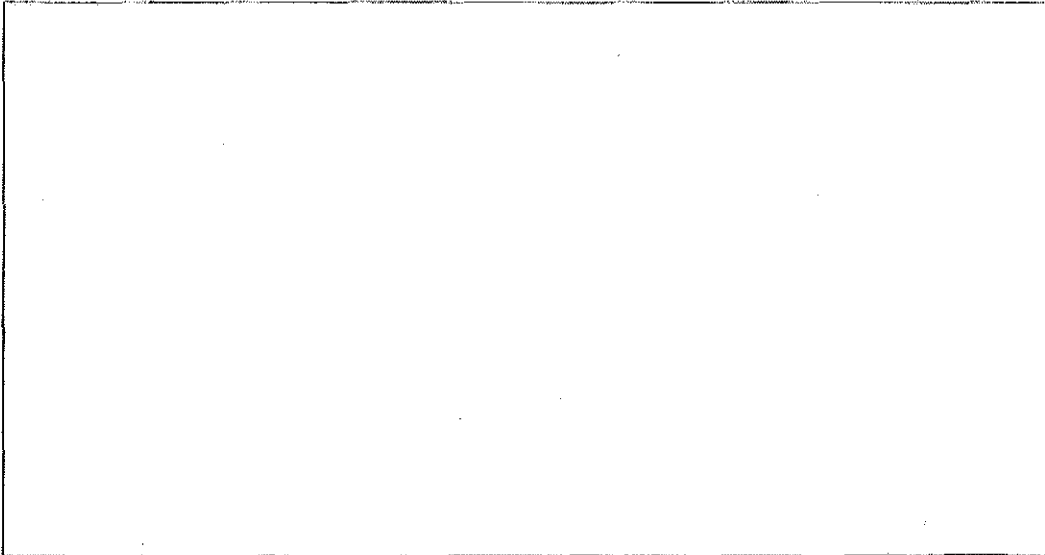
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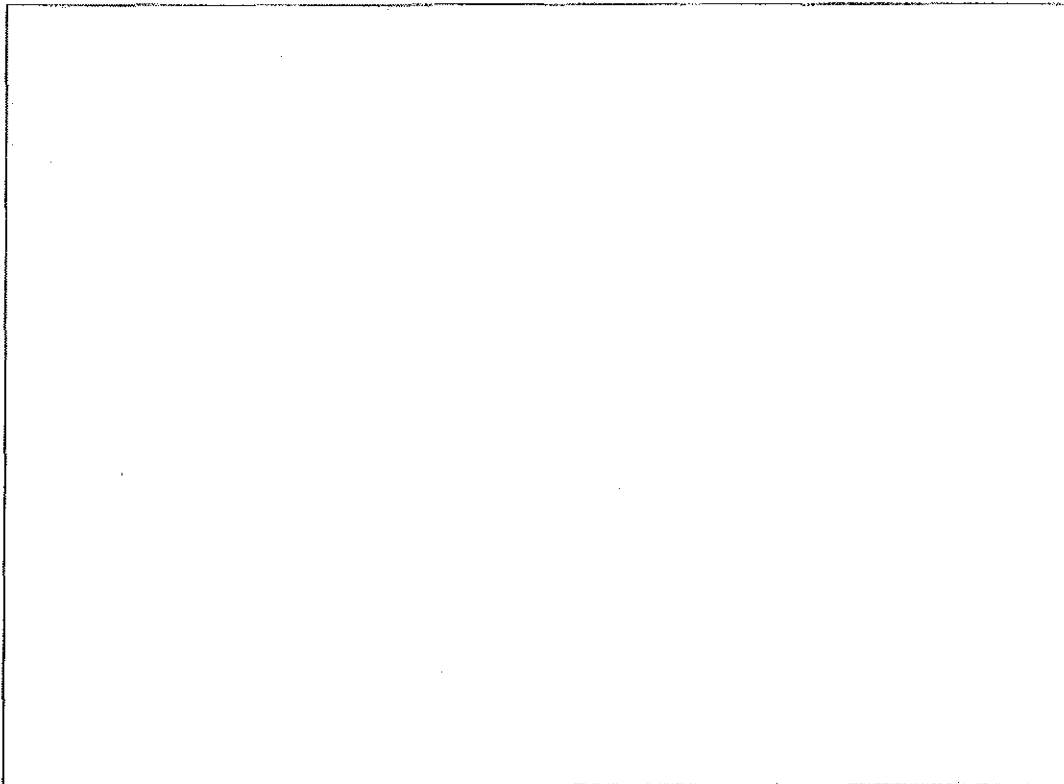
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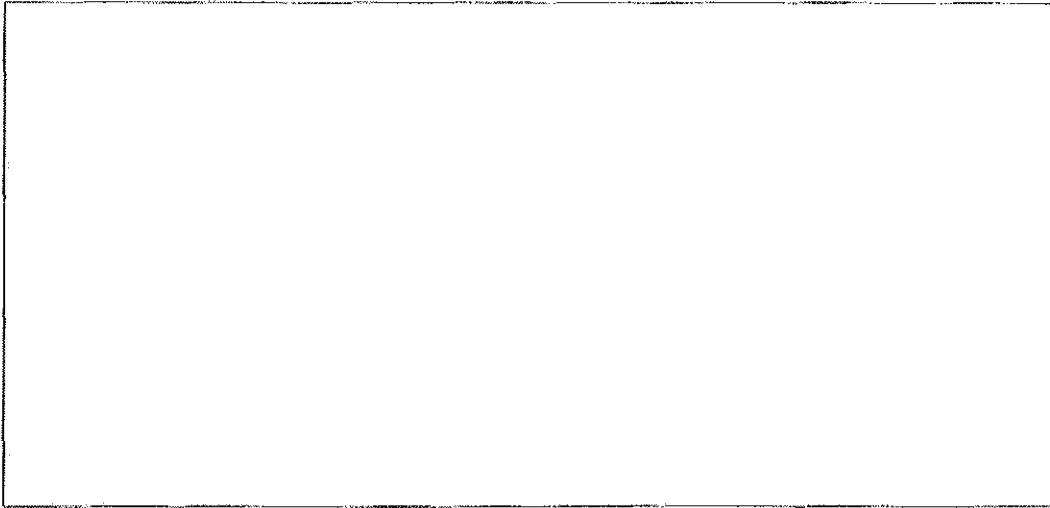
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Please see my high-slide e-mail on actions the GOL is taking to prevent the ship's departure.

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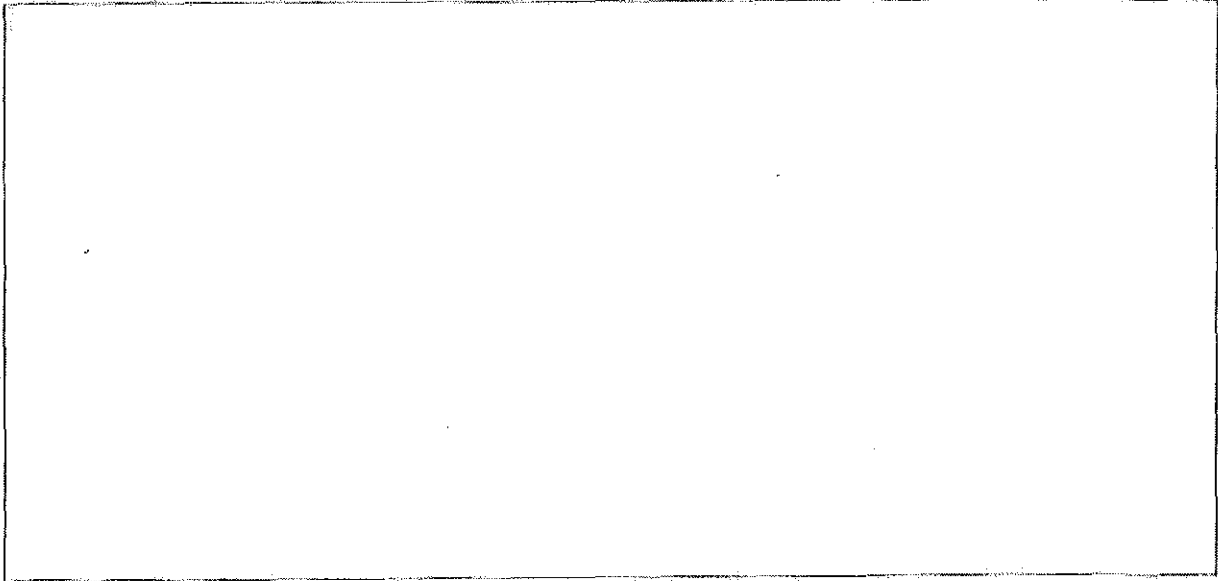
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PHILELEFTHEROS (Maria Psatha) reports from Athens that Freedom Flotilla II will attempt to reach Gaza by the end of the year. The organizers announced that vessels from Greece, Turkey, Sweden, England, Ireland, Spain, France, Italy, Switzerland, the U.S.A., and Latin American countries will be part of the flotilla. Activists from these and other countries will be on board. Cyprus and its ports will not be involved.



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STATUS OF THE RACHEL CORRIE

1. (U) The IDF boarded the RACHEL CORRIE in international waters approximately 20 miles from Gaza. An Israeli spokeswoman said the boarding was by sea, rather than by helicopter, and took just five minutes. (YNET)
2. (U) The RACHEL CORRIE was towed by two Israeli naval vessels and arrived in the port of Ashdod five hours after the takeover. (AFP)
3. (SBU) The 19 passengers and crew are being held at a facility in Holon near Tel Aviv, according to the Irish consul. The consul believes the passengers are primarily from Ireland, Malaysia, and the Philippines; one might be British and one Cuban. There were no American citizens aboard. On June 6, the CORRIE's passengers and crew will be taken to the Ben Gurion Airport detention facility and offered immediate repatriation. Those who do not accept will have 72 hours to appeal, and post comments they will likely be repatriated at the end of that time.
(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)
4. (SBU) Israel Radio reports there are 500 tons of cement on board. Israeli MOD officials are assessing whether it can be delivered by the UN. While the distribution could be done by UN Relief and Works Agency or the International Committee of the Red Cross, neither has agreed to do so at the current time, and Hamas has said it will not permit distribution.
(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

5. (U) Israel: The Israeli Foreign Ministry said that Israel would continue to enforce the blockade as long as Hamas leaders refuse to meet conditions for international acceptance, including a renunciation of violence and the recognition of Israel. (AP)
6. (U) Turkey: An autopsy report for the May 31 victims will be sent to the prosecutor's office in Istanbul in the next two months to be used as evidence against Israel in a possible court case. (AP)
7. (U) Egypt: President Mubarak has ordered the passenger terminal with Gaza to open daily, rather than sporadically. (AP)
8. (U) Malaysia: The Malaysian Foreign Affairs Ministry issued a press release demanding that Israel ensure the safety of all activists removed from the RACHEL CORRIE. The foreign minister plans to escort the Malaysian detainees involved in the May 31 raid from Turkey to Kuala Lumpur June 6. (kln.gov.my)

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9. (U) Northern Ireland: Deputy First Minister McGuinness described the latest Israeli intervention as a raid and said, "The RACHEL CORRIE should have been allowed to proceed to Gaza without Israeli aggression. This is an attack on an Irish flagged vessel and it demands a strong response by the Irish government." (bbc.co.uk)

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE RESPONDS

10. (U) Representative Kucinich (D-OH) called for Washington to impose diplomatic and financial consequences on Israel, citing the importance of maintaining good relations with Turkey and Iraq. He also called for an independent investigation of the incident. (AFP)

PROTESTS

11. (U) UK/Cyprus: The Free Gaza Movement announced it will relocate to London after closing its Cyprus headquarters due to the country's decision to ban the departure of any Gaza-bound ships. It plans to send as many as three more ships in coming months and reports that four captains already have volunteered for the missions. (AP)

12. (U) Israel: Thousands of Israeli activists marched in Tel Aviv to protest Israeli policies, including the recent raids on Gaza-bound ships. During the protest, a smoke grenade was hurled at protestors outside the Tel Aviv Museum, but no one was injured. (YNET)

13. (U) Turkey: Approximately 5000 protestors gathered in Istanbul for a demonstration organized by the Foundation for Humanitarian Relief (IHH), a key organizer of the flotilla intercepted on May 31. (timesonline.co.uk)

14. (U) UK: The Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign organized a protest in Edinburgh that attracted nearly 3000 people, including a May 31 raid survivor. The captain of the RACHEL CORRIE is Scottish. (bbc.co.uk)

15. (U) UK: Thousands of protestors in London marched from Downing Street to the Israeli Embassy. (timesonline.co.uk)

16. (U) Sweden: Swedish dockworkers are launching a blockade of Israeli ships and goods from June 15 to 24. (AP)

17. (U) Minimized considered.

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Statement on the Gaza Flotilla by National Security Council Spokesman Mike Hammer

The Government of Israel has stated its desire to avoid a confrontation and a repeat of Monday's tragic events on the *Mavi Marmara*. It remains a U.S. priority to provide assistance to the people of Gaza. In the interest of the safety of all involved, and the safe transmission of assistance to the people of Gaza, we strongly encourage those on board the *Rachel Corrie* and other vessels to sail to Ashdod to deliver their materials to Gaza.

We are working urgently with Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and other international partners to develop new procedures for delivering more goods and assistance to Gaza, while also increasing opportunity for the people of Gaza and preventing the importation of weapons. The current arrangements are unsustainable and must be changed. For now, we call on all parties to join us in encouraging responsible decisions by all sides to avoid any unnecessary confrontations and to ensure the safety of all involved.

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Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R; Carouso, James A; Allison, Alicia P; Markley, Timothy W; Valentine, Maria D
Subject: Gaza

Terry,

Attached please find Christofias' remarks to the media re: Gaza after a meeting held yesterday with Inland Revenue Services employees. No official statement has come out of the Presidency.

Best,

Juliette



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PRESIDENT CHRISTOFIAS DENOUNCES ISRAELI ASSAULT AGAINST FLOTILLA

CYPRUS NEWS AGENCY has reported that President Christofias said that the Government of Cyprus has denounced the Israeli assault against the flotilla of activists carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza, expressing the belief that Israel would be condemned by the international community for the death of so many people.

"No one is happy, first of all with the continuing blockade that followed the attack against Gaza in December 2008, which had catastrophic results for the Palestinians," he said, adding that "the ongoing blockade violates international law and challenges everyone's human rights."

Therefore, he underlined, "the position of principle of the Government of Cyprus is known: the killing of people is condemnable for any one of us; the loss of life of civilians constitutes a criminal act."

"The Government of Israel must retreat because it will be condemned by the whole world. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus cannot afford not to denounce these acts."

Invited to say whether he had any contacts with any of his counterparts or other officials of EU member states, President Christofias said that "the EU has already reacted," but that he hadn't held any telephone communication on this issue. "However," he added, "I am sure that other international organizations and the UN will react."

Christofias denied press reports that the decision of the Government not to allow the flotilla to use the ports of Cyprus en route to Gaza was because of hydrocarbon reserves in the Eastern Mediterranean and the setting of the Cyprus-Israel boundaries of their Exclusive Economic Zones. "No one can stop people's imagination," he said.

Invited to comment on the vital interests the Government of Cyprus has evoked regarding the ban of the use of the Cyprus ports, Christofias said, "we have not evoked them, but there are vital interests: the occupation of Cyprus, the problems we constantly face regarding Turkey's acts towards a number of countries, including Israel, regardless of the fact that Turkey is in confrontation with Israel

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now."

"When the Israeli attack on Gaza took place in December, we took a position that was clearer and tougher than the positions of many Arab countries, and we did so consciously. From there on," he said, "when the Republic of Cyprus runs the risks it was running, and calls and asks those who were undertaking the initiative to break the blockade to avoid using the Cypriot ports, I believe, having in mind the history of the position of the Republic of Cyprus and mine personally, that they should have respected us. Unfortunately, they did not respect us and I am sorry about that. They could have sailed from ports of other countries that would have given them permission."

Replying to repeated questions whether the Government of Cyprus or he personally were aware of the determination of the Israelis to attack the flotilla, and therefore the policy of the Government changed in order to protect the activists, he said that he could not have known this and that "the Government has not changed any policy."

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From: Stewart, Nan E
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:55 AM
To: Netos, Eleftherios E; Allison, Alicia P; Hanrahan, Richard F; Panico, Christopher J.
Cc: Riley, Robert J
Subject: RE: Situation Report No.5 - Gaza Flotilla (SBU)

Folks,

To our knowledge, Greta Berlin is a person, not a ship. She indicated in an e-mail today that they (the group) may depart Cyprus because of the problems getting out of here, but she was referring to people not a ship. n

From: Netos, Eleftherios E
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 1:34 PM
To: Stewart, Nan E; Allison, Alicia P; Hanrahan, Richard F; Panico, Christopher J.
Cc: Riley, Robert J
Subject: Fw: Situation Report No.5 - Gaza Flotilla (SBU)

Nan, Alicia, Richard, Chris:

Anything new on the presence/absence of the Challenger II in Famagusta. There are several reports citing two more vessels on the way and all cite the Rachel Corrie, but not the other ship allegedly taking part . . . I see Embassy Ankara's Turkish Press Scanner reports the Greta Berlin is in the RoC and expected to leave this week, but as we know, the RoC has said it will not let any ships leave from its ports to participate.

Thanks,

Terry

From: Shelstad, Jeffrey
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Sent: Wed Jun 02 06:14:05 2010
Subject: Situation Report No.5 - Gaza Flotilla (SBU)

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT No. 5
Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group MGGZ01

Wednesday, June 2, 2010
0600 EDT

STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

(SBU) Eleven AmCit detainees plan to, or have already signed, voluntary deportation forms provided by the Israeli Ministry of Interior. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

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STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

- (U) Israel's inner security cabinet voted to deport remaining prisoners within 48 hours. A government statement issued late June 1 stated that "the detainees would be expelled immediately according to the procedures set by law," said a government statement issued late June 1. *(AFP)*
- (U) Turkey sent three planes to Israel to repatriate approximately 350 detained activists. *(AFP)*

ISRAEL MIGHT CONSIDER WOUNDED AS COMBATANTS

(SBU) Approximately 50 wounded detainees of various nationalities are currently being treated by the Government of Israel as suspects, and thus may not be allowed to leave the country. The GOI might want to file court cases against these individuals, but this course of action is subject to the attorney general's discretion. *(MGGZ01/NEA-FO e-mail)*

RETURN OF ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC FAMILY MEMBERS FROM TURKEY

(U) Approximately 50 people related to Israeli consulate and embassy staff in Turkey are returning to Israel, a senior official told Israeli public radio. *(AFP)*

INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

- (SBU) Moscow condemned Israel's action against the MAVI MARMARA, asserting that the "Use of weapons against civilians and detaining ships in the open sea without any legal reason constitutes obvious and gross violations of generally accepted international standards." Embassy Moscow notes Russia likely will use this incident to push for Israel to lift the Gaza blockade. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Moscow e-mail)*
- (SBU) NATO SYG Rasmussen released a statement June 1 expressing "deep regret over the loss of lives and the other casualties resulting from the use of force" and urging the UN and the EU to conduct "a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation into the incident." He also called for "the immediate release of the detained civilians and ships held by Israel." *(MGGZ01/USNATO e-mail)*
- (U) India condemned Israel for "indiscriminate use of force" and asserted that "lasting peace and security in the region can be achieved only through peaceful dialogue." *(Xinhua)*
- (U) Lebanese President Sleiman discussed the incident with Turkish President Gul and reportedly agreed to coordinate efforts to "counter Israel's actions." *(nowlebanon.com)*
- (U) The Irish government called on Israel to allow an Irish-registered aid ship, the RACHEL CORRIE, to continue its voyage to Gaza. Late June 1, PM Cowen warned of "serious consequences" if any detained Irish citizens were harmed, and called for their immediate and unconditional release. *(bbc.co.uk)*
- (U) The Malaysian Cabinet tabled a parliamentary motion strongly condemning Israel's raid. FM Aman departed for Jordan to seek the release of the 12 Malaysians. *(Xinhua)*
- (SBU) Nicaragua suspended diplomatic ties with Israel June 1 to protest Israel's raid on the MAVI MARMARA, President Ortega's office said. Embassy Managua notes that Nicaragua has no diplomatic presence in Israel but has an embassy in Cairo. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Managua e-mail, elpueblopresidente.com)*
- (U) Iranian FM Mottaki expressed solidarity with the "martyrs" killed during the raid and added that the incident "opened some possibility" to put pressure on Israel to lift the blockade of the Gaza Strip and thereby allow the passage of medicine and humanitarian assistance. *(AFP)*
- (U) French FM Kouchner said that the raid was "a very grave mistake" and "extremely damaging to the image of Israel itself." Kouchner advocated for an international investigation and said "there should not be impunity." *(AP)*

For more information on the Gaza Flotilla, please see the Ops Portal at the following link:
http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza_Flotilla_2010

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From: Allison, Alicia P
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:44 AM
To: Allison, Alicia P
Subject: statement

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Office of the Spokesman
May 31, 2010

STATEMENT BY PHILIP J. CROWLEY,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Free Gaza Flotilla

The United States deeply regrets the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident today aboard the Gaza-bound ships. We are working to ascertain the facts, and expect that the Israeli government will conduct a full and credible investigation.

The United States remains deeply concerned by the suffering of civilians in Gaza. We will continue to engage the Israelis on a daily basis to expand the scope and type of goods allowed into Gaza to address the full range of the population's humanitarian and recovery needs. We will continue to work closely with the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, along with international NGOs and the UN, to provide adequate access for humanitarian goods, including reconstruction materials, through the border crossings, while bearing in mind the Government of Israel's legitimate security concerns. However, Hamas' interference with international assistance shipments and work of nongovernmental organizations, and its use and endorsement of violence, complicates efforts in Gaza. Mechanisms exist for the transfer of humanitarian assistance to Gaza by governments and groups that wish to do so. These mechanisms should be used for the benefit of all those in Gaza.

Ultimately, this incident underscores the need to move ahead quickly with negotiations that can lead to a comprehensive peace in the region.

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From: Schellhammer, Michael W.
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 3:31 AM
To: Cohen, Jonathan R; Allison, Alicia P
Cc: Stewart, Nan E; Sherlock, Shawn H
Subject: RE: Demarche re Challenger

Jonathan --

I just received some clarification from last night. We had a couple points which were literally lost in translation.

The Challenger II is on the GROUND in Limassol, broken, and not going anywhere. Last night my contact kept saying that it was "offshore" and not in Cyprus's territorial waters, by which he meant it is literally OFFSHORE, as in out of the water.

The Challenger III is in the water at Limassol new port, but without crew and is chained to the pier by Port & Marine Police.

Apologies for the confusion. Will send an update at mid-day.

Mike

From: Cohen, Jonathan R
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 8:16 AM
To: Allison, Alicia P; Schellhammer, Michael W
Subject: FW: Demarche re Challenger

Fyi about demarche headed our way (and thanks again Mike!)

From: Riley, Robert J
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 1:31 AM
To: Cohen, Jonathan R
Cc: Baily, Jess L; Netos, Eleftherios E
Subject: Demarche re Challenger

Jonathan -- Thanks for all your and post's help tonight. FYI, demarche will not go out until tomorrow, so you won't have it until late in day. All understand you can essentially write your reply already. Folks just want to get the request and resolution in front channel and no one is expecting duplicate action. Many thanks, Bob

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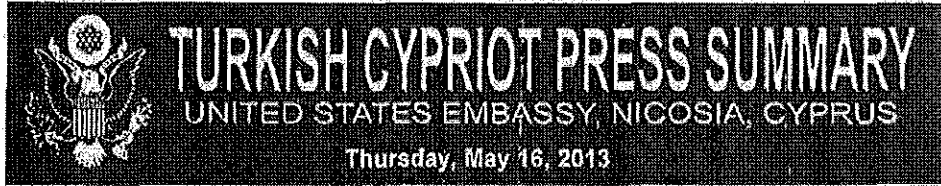
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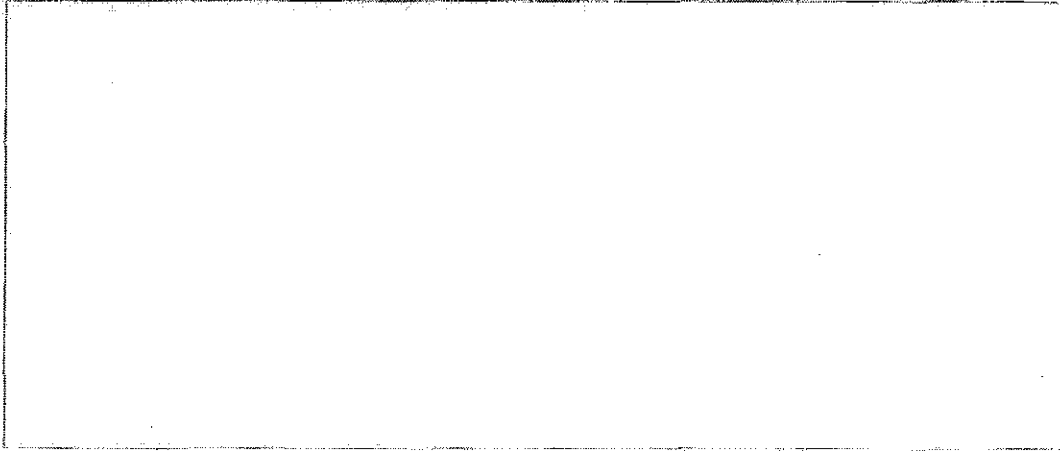
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REACTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL'S ATTACK

HAVADIS: About 500 EMU students held a demonstration protesting Israel's attack on humanitarian boats, including the Mavi Marmara (Blue Marmara), on the way to Gaza, which resulted in the killing of 9 civilians on the boat (some newspapers report the number of deaths to be 19). Students carried banners saying, "Damn Israel," "Damn the PKK and Its Collaborator USA" and "Martyrs Don't Die, Nation WON'T Divide." Students also burned Israeli flags.

HABERDAR reports that the exact number of deaths is not known, and adds that it is between ten to twenty; nine of those who died were Turks.

AFRIKA reports that as always, the White House did not condemn Israel, and just stated that they feel deeply sorry for the losses and injuries. The paper also criticized the UK for not condemning Israel, but for stating that Israel needed to watch its actions.

T/C politicians also condemned the attack on the humanitarian boats as well as a terrorist attack in Iskenderun, Turkey which killed six soldiers.

"President" Dervis Eroglu said that the killing of civilians was unacceptable and urged the UN to stop Israel. "PM" Irsen Kucuk said that the attack showed that Israel did not care about international law.

Former "president" Rauf Denktas described Israel's attack as savage, and said it was unacceptable.

CTP leader Ferdi Soyer described the attacks as "fascist," and stressed they were unacceptable whatever the reason Israel gives.

Turkish FM Ahmet Davutoglu condemned Israel harshly and described the attacks as "piracy." Turkey also withdrew its Ambassador from Israel and urged Israel to apologize to Turkey.

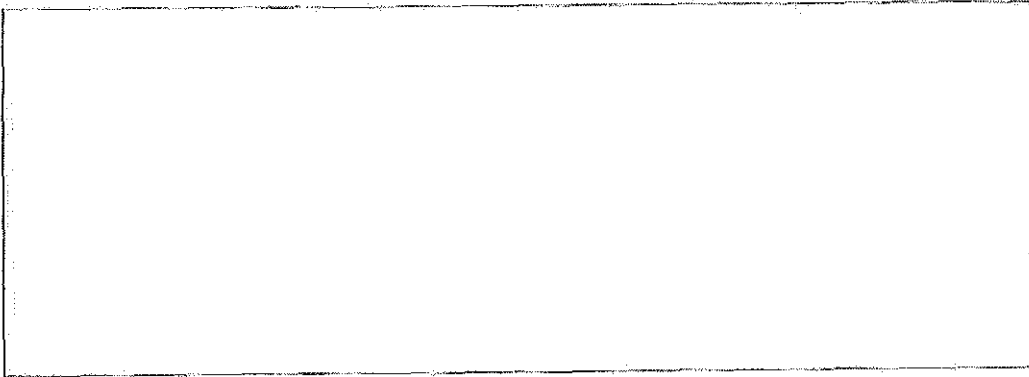
"President" Eroglu and "PM" Irsen Kucuk sent condolence messages to Turkish PM Tayyip Erdogan and President Abdullah Gul regarding the terrorist attack in Iskenderun.

KIBRIS (May 29) reported that a humanitarian boat on the way to Gaza, which was not given permission to dock at Limassol, took shelter in Famagusta. The boat was a U.S. flagship with an Irish crew. On board were two German MPs, as well as other European MPs. It was reported that after being serviced in Famagusta, the boat would join the Mavi Marmara and other humanitarian boats, which left from ports in Greece, Turkey and other European countries.

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ISRAEL STORMS FLOTILLA BOUND FOR GAZA

ALL media outlets have reported that Israeli marines have stormed the flotilla bound for Gaza in international waters killing 19 activists. An unknown number were wounded. The flotilla was aiming to break the Israeli blockade of Gaza and deliver aid to Palestinians in Gaza.

Many countries have voiced shock and outrage at the bloody end to the international campaigners' bid to break the blockade. Turkey has accused Israel of "state terrorism" in international waters.

The EU has demanded an independent inquiry and an end to the Gaza embargo.

CYPRUS CONDEMNS ISRAELI ASSAULT

President Christofias said that the Government of Cyprus denounced the Israeli assault against the flotilla of activists carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza, expressing the belief that Israel would be condemned by the international community for this assault.

"No one is happy, first of all with the continuing blockade that followed the attack against Gaza in December 2008, with catastrophic results for the Palestinians," he said, adding that "the ongoing blockade violates International Law and challenges everyone's human rights."

He also denied reports that the decision of the Government not to allow the flotilla to use the ports of Cyprus had anything to do with the exploitation of hydrocarbon reserves in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Acting Government Spokesman Titos Christofides said on Friday that the decision of the government to forbid the sailing of ships from Cyprus to Gaza was taken with a view to serve the vital interests of the country.

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DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN NICOSIA

About 300 Palestinians demonstrated near the Israeli Embassy in Nicosia last night. They threw rocks at the Police, who were preventing them from reaching the Embassy. Four people were arrested.

WHY CYPRUS DIDN'T ALLOW FLOTILLA TO USE ITS PORTS?

POLITIS (Soteris Paroutis and Andreas Riris) wrote on Saturday that the reason the Government of Cyprus did not allow the flotilla to use Cypriot ports was due to the possibility of a joint exploitation of hydrocarbon reserves with Israel. A huge reserve of hydrocarbon has been found in Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) block number 12, which is next to an Israeli block. Two thirds of the reserve is located in Cyprus' block and one third in Israel's. US *Noble Energy* has secured block 12. Cyprus will try to reach an agreement with Israel in an effort to set the boundaries of the EEZ of the two countries.

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FOREIGN MINISTER KYPRIANOU CONTACTS ISRAELI COUNTERPART

Foreign Minister Marcos Kyprianou said that Cyprus recognized the right of Israel and its people to live in conditions of security, and condemned the launching of missiles from Gaza against Israeli citizens. He stated, however, that he considered that the blockade on Gaza was not the solution, and that the flow of humanitarian aid should not be obstructed.

Kyprianou contacted Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs Avigdor Lieberman on Monday, and met the Head of the General Delegation of Palestine in Cyprus, Khalid Najjar, yesterday, expressing sorrow over the loss of human lives in the Israeli assault against the flotilla carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza.

He said Cyprus supported the termination of the blockade on Gaza, especially concerning humanitarian aid, adding that the Republic was awaiting an in depth, objective investigation into the assault. Kyprianou expressed hope that the

incident would not affect the proximity talks, noting that the successful outcome of the talks would contribute towards stability.

AKEL CONDEMNS ISRAELI ASSAULT

AKEL Secretary General Andros Kyprianou called on the international community, the UN and the EU "to condemn the new barbaric and inhumane Israeli crime." Speaking at a rally organized by AKEL and its organizations PEO, (labor union) EDON, (youth wing) POGO (womens organization) and EKA (farmers group) at Eleftheria square in Nicosia to condemn the Israeli assault against the flotilla that attempted to break the blockade of Gaza, Kyprianou called on the international community to "deal substantially with the suffering of the Palestinian people."

In a resolution that was approved by the demonstrators and addressed to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, AKEL "strongly condemns the new Israeli cruelty, this time against activists attempting peacefully to deliver humanitarian aid to occupied Gaza."

DISY LEADER SAYS MIT AGENTS ON BOARD PASSANGER SHIP TO GAZA

DISY Chairman Nicos Anastasiades said that, "taking into consideration supreme national interests, the Government made the right decision to ban the use of the Cypriot ports by the activists." He said that DISY did not disagree with the decision of the Government because "there was information that on board the passenger ship were MIT agents --the Turkish Secret Service." At the same time Anastasiades condemned the Israeli acts saying that, "It was a barbaric massacre of a peaceful effort to lift the isolation of the Palestinians living in Gaza." He also noted that no one was justified to exploit these efforts and to compare them to the "so called isolation of the T/Cs."

TWO MORE SHIPS HEADING TOWARDS GAZA

PHILELEFTHEROS writes that two more ships are heading towards Gaza in an effort to break the blockade. Israel has warned that it would prevent them from reaching Gaza. One of the ships is the *MV Rachel Corrie*, named after American

activist Rachel Corrie who was killed by an Israeli excavator in 2003 while she was trying to prevent the demolition of a Palestinian house.

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ISRAEL CANCELS FERRY SERVICES TO FAMAGUSTA

ALITHIA (Panayiotis Tsangaris) writes that Israel has stopped all negotiations regarding ferry services between Haifa and Famagusta. Israel has decided not to allow the ferry services because the port of Famagusta is not legal and is not under the control of the Republic of Cyprus.

In the meanwhile, labor unions and other Israeli organizations called on the Israeli citizens to avoid visiting Turkey. They encourage the Israelis to visit Cyprus and the Greek islands.

ALL PAPERS refer to the crisis between Israel and Turkey after the raid against the flotilla aiming to break the blockade of Gaza. They also note that under international pressure, Israel has freed most of the activists, who accused the Israeli authorities of torturing them.

G/C-T/C POLITICAL PARTIES CONDEMN ISRAELI ACTS AGAINST FLOTILLA

G/C and T/C political parties, which attend bicomunal meetings hosted by the Slovak embassy, condemned the violence used by the Israeli government against the flotilla in international waters, which was carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza.

In a joint communiqué issued after their meeting yesterday, the parties said they were pleased to hear the decision that the negotiating process on the Cyprus problem will continue from the point where it was interrupted, and encouraged Cyprus President Demetris Christofias and Turkish Cypriot leader Dervis Eroglu to find an early solution on the basis of the agreed framework of bizonal, bicomunal federation, with a political equality as it is defined in the relevant Security Council resolutions.

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GREEK AND CYPRIOT INITIATIVE TO INCREASE FLOW OF AID TO GAZA

President Christofias has undertaken the initiative to investigate ways to increase the flow of humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip in cooperation with Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou. To this end, Foreign Minister Marcos Kyprianou traveled to Israel as a presidential envoy for a series of meetings. Kyprianou met with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Avigdor Lieberman, Minister of Defense Ehud Barak and representatives of the Palestinian Authority.

On Saturday, Kyprianou visited Jordan where he met with his Jordanian counterpart and the Chairman of the Palestinian authority Mahmoud Abbas. On Monday he will visit Cairo.

ISRAEL STOPS ANOTHER SHIP TRYING TO BREAK THE BLOCKADE OF GAZA

Israeli navy boarded the "*Rachel Corrie*" on Saturday to enforce a blockade of Gaza and arrested all activists, who did not resist. Among those arrested was Nobel Peace Laureate **Mairead Maguire**. The boat ignored Israeli orders to divert to Ashdod port where Israel had offered to unload the cargo and deliver it to Gaza after inspecting it.

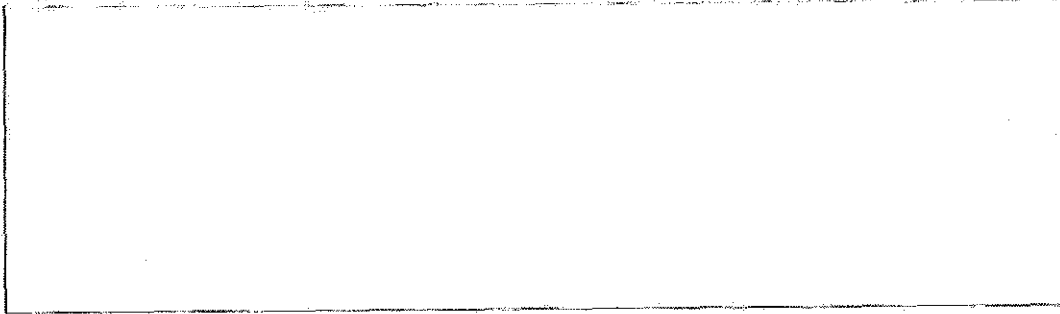
ALITHIA notes that in its communication with "*Rachel Corrie*," the Israeli authorities used the previous name of the boat, "*Linda*."

G/C PRESS SUMMARY JUNE 8, 2010

GAZA MOVEMENT TO CLOSE ITS CYPRUS HEADQUARTERS

The "Free Gaza Movement" has decided to close its headquarters in Cyprus by the end of the week, in an effort not to cause any problems to the Government of Cyprus. The move follows Nicosia's refusal to allow activists to use the island's ports last week when they attempted to break the Israeli blockade of Gaza.

ISRAELI YACHTS AND SHIP TO PROTEST TURKISH OCCUPATION



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From: Hanrahan, Richard F
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 11:28 AM
To: Sherlock, Shawn H; Allison, Alicia P; Stewart, Nan E; Schellhammer, Michael W
Cc: Ogle, Karen L
Subject: FW: Ankara Query

Ankara wants to confirm that the Madi Marmara never entered Cypriot territorial waters. Am I correct that it did not?

Richard

From: Ogle, Karen L
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 1:40 PM
To: Hanrahan, Richard F
Subject: Ankara Query

Hello Rich: I figured at some point we'd have to cross paths on the flotilla issue. I was wondering if the ship, Madi Marmara ever actually docked or entered Cyprus? We know it left Antalya to meet the rest of the ships, but can you confirm if it ever entered Cypriot territorial waters? CA has asked us to do the CRDA, and of course we will, but we're just trying to get the facts straight for our notes.

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From: Schellhammer, Michael W
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 5:54 AM
To: Cohen, Jonathan R; Allison, Alicia P; Sherlock, Shawn H; Stewart, Nan E; Langan, William B
Subject: Current status of Challenger craft

The Challenger II remains damaged, on the land, at Limassol new port. Repairs can take up to a month.

The Challenger III remains chained to the pier, in the water at Limassol new port, without a captain or crew. I assume that the police chained the boat to the pier.

The Port and Marine Police continue to observe both closely. No change to Cyprus policy - Cyprus does not intend to let any FG craft operate from ports or territorial waters.

Mike

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From: Cohen, Jonathan R
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2010 12:04 PM
To: 'fourbancic@'; Allison, Alicia P; Woods, William H; Schellhammer, Michael W
Subject: Fw: A new Gaza Blockade Runner on the way

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For discussion tomorrow am.

From: Grubb, Jason B
To: Cohen, Jonathan R; Silverman, Robert J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Parker, Andrew C; Cyril, Todd A
Cc: Tel Aviv POL Section; NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-SEMEP-DL; Schellhammer, Michael W; Palm, Robert H
Sent: Sun Sep 26 11:49:53 2010
Subject: Re: A new Gaza Blockade Runner on the way

Israeli press is reporting that a 33-foot catamaran named "Irene" from the UK-based group "Jews for Justice" may have set sail from Turkish controlled northern Cyprus ert Gaza...

From: Cohen, Jonathan R
To: Silverman, Robert J; Grubb, Jason B; Goldberger, Thomas H; Parker, Andrew C; Cyril, Todd A
Cc: Tel Aviv POL Section; NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-SEMEP-DL; Schellhammer, Michael W
Sent: Sun Sep 26 17:37:18 2010
Subject: Re: A new Gaza Blockade Runner on the way

Bob- to check into the Cyprus side of this (and this is the first we've heard and very surprising given previous assurances and policy declarations) we need to know the NAME of the boat.

In the meantime, we'll get some lines out to Cypriot port folks in case they have anything.

Please get name of yacht from Israelis and pass to us. Thanks,
Jonathan

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From: Silverman, Robert J
To: Grubb, Jason B; Goldberger, Thomas H; Parker, Andrew C; Cohen, Jonathan R; Cyril, Todd A
Cc: Tel Aviv POL Section; NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-SEMEP-DL
Sent: Sun Sep 26 10:45:25 2010
Subject: A new Gaza Blockade Runner on the way

[redacted] who arrived back in town today from holiday in Croatia, called with info from the MFA sit room. A yacht set sail today from Limossal in Cyprus intending to reach Gaza. Sometime tomorrow morning the yacht should reach Israeli naval blockade line in international waters.

The yacht passengers are roughly half Israelis, and many of the others are diaspora Jews (e.g. [redacted] an AmCit and Holocaust survivor). We expect the vessel to be in contact with the Israeli Navy. Per [redacted] they don't have humanitarian supplies, and [redacted] believes the Navy will tow them to Ashdod.

Three follow-up requests:

Todd [redacted] said his thought about towing was just his guess, neither he nor MFA is in touch with Navy. We should be in touch to see what the plan is. I would like to know.

Jonathan Cohen - I asked [] why the Cypriots let the yacht head for Gaza, just out of curiosity. He didn't know. Jonathan, any thoughts on this?

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Jason - I mentioned to [] that you are our flotilla chief and will follow up tomorrow. He said you should feel free to call [] in the first instance, but also him for updated info (tomorrow [] is out).

Robert Silverman
Political Counselor
US Embassy Tel Aviv, Israel
Tel: +972 (3) 519-7684

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Goushe, Saffie

From: Wallis, Jacob
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 1:01 PM
To: Silverman, Robert J; Sindle, James M; Jacoby, Julia I; Goldberger, Thomas H; Tsou, Leslie M; Evans, Jennifer R; Shampaine, Nicole D; Riggs, Susan J; Schellhammer, Michael W; Schlicher, Ronald L; Sutphin, Paul R; Allison, Alicia P; Woods, William H; Stewart, Nan E; Scarlatelli, Adam W; Riley, Robert J; Baily, Jess L; Wells, Alice G; Daughton, Thomas F (Beirut); Schedlbauer, Amy W; Cornforth, Jeremy A; Grubb, Jason B
Subject: RE: Israeli Defense Ministry Statement on "MARIAM"
Categories: Working



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From: Silverman, Robert J
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 11:15 AM
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YNET 16:58 , 08.20.10

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Roni Spfer

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Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 1:29 AM
To: Allison, Alicia P; Chue, Jason; Langan, William B
Cc: Schellhammer, Michael W; Cohen, Jonathan R
Subject: FW: Message for Ms. Greta Berlin re Free Gaza Sailing

FYI, nan

From: Irish [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2010 4:59 PM
To: Stewart, Nan E; Franklin Lamb
Subject: Re: Message for Ms. Greta Berlin re Free Gaza Sailing

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Hi Nan. It's good to hear from you. We do not have a passenger list of the women on board and are not sure there are any Americans. I have copied our colleague, Franklyn Lamb, who may be able to answer your question.

Thank you. Greta

On Wed, Aug 18, 2010 at 3:54 PM, Stewart, Nan E <StewartNE1@state.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Berlin,

I am with the U.S. Embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus. You might recall that we corresponded earlier at the time of the last sailing of vessels attempting to break the Gaza blockade. You've also communicated in the past with Richard Hanrahan from this office. Richard has left Nicosia for his onward assignment.

As before, we are very interested to know if there are or will be American citizens onboard the ship or ships that we hear are scheduled to depart from Tripoli, Lebanon on Saturday, August 21. Any information you might be able to provide would be very helpful.

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Best regards,

Nan Stewart

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RELEASED IN PART B6**Goushe, Saffie**

From: Chue, Jason
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 10:05 AM
To: Allison, Alicia P
Cc: 'John Rhatigan'
Subject: FW: Press release from Free Gaza Movement, June 4 2010

Alicia – Even after leaving Post, John Rhatigan is helping us with info! Attached is background on the Rachel Corrie and allegations of Israeli sabotage, from the Free Gaza Movement organizers. Notable sentence: "So we are going to make sure the Rachel Corrie is well protected and that Israel is put on notice that anything that happens to her, the passengers and the crew will rest with Israel. As a result of these threats, we're going to pull Rachel Corrie into a port, add more high-profile people on board, and insist that journalists from around the world also come with us." – Jason

From: John Rhatigan [redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 2:46 PM
To: Chue, Jason
Cc: Dickstein, Juliette A; [redacted]
Subject: FW: Press release from Free Gaza Movement, June 4 2010

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Hi JC,

I figured you're probably following this issue. Once in a while I get an email from these people; I think Kyriakos does as well, since my name was added to a list I filled out at one of their press conferences we attended together. We never actually mentioned we were from the Embassy, btw - hence the [redacted] email. Anyway, thought I should send this along, and if I get anything else, I'll send that as well...

JR (JJ)

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "angela@icahd.org" <angela@icahd.org>
To: angela@icahd.org
Sent: Thu, June 3, 2010 8:07:56 PM
Subject: fw: Press release from Free Gaza Movement, June 4 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Cyprus, June 4, 2010) On Tuesday, Colonel Itzik Tourgeman told the Knesset Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee on Tuesday that two more ships are on their way to try and break the naval blockade of Gaza. The head of research in the operations division said, "The ships have not reached their target as of today because covert action was taken against them." <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/Flash.aspx/187299>

We had suspicions about our two boats, Challenger 1 and 2 and their mechanical problems as they sailed toward the flotilla, but we were not going to say anything unless we could prove it. Turns out we didn't have to prove it. Israeli mouthpieces did.

The Guardian ran a piece the same day, saying,

Israel gave strong indications today that its forces had secretly sabotaged some of the ships bound for Gaza as part of the freedom flotilla.

Matan Vilnai, the deputy defence minister, was asked on Israel Radio whether there had not been a smarter alternative to direct assault. He answered that "all possibilities had been considered," adding: "The fact is that there were less than the 10 ships that were due to participate in the flotilla."

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An unnamed Israel Defence Force source who briefed the Knesset's foreign affairs and defence committee on the widely criticised armed interception of the flotilla at sea, also spoke of "grey operations" being mounted against the flotilla."

We were lucky that our two captains were superbly trained and able to offload the passengers safely.

So we are going to make sure the Rachel Corrie is well protected and that Israel is put on notice that anything that happens to her, the passengers and the crew will rest with Israel. As a result of these threats, we're going to pull Rachel Corrie into a port, add more high-profile people on board, and insist that journalists from around the world also come with us.

And sabotage happens with more than deeds. It also happens with words. In today's Haaretz, Barak Ravid reported,

"A diplomatic solution seems imminent to allow the humanitarian aid vessel the Rachel Corrie to dock without incident at the Ashdod Port. According to European diplomats and senior Foreign Ministry officials in Jerusalem, quiet messages have been exchanged over the past few days between Israel and the group operating the ship, to allow it to dock."

This, too, is sabotage in writing. We called Haaretz and the reporter. He did not return our call.

We have no intention nor would we ever have any intention of ever docking in Ashdod.

Contact: Greta Berlin 00 357 99 18 72 75

Mary Hughes, 00 357 96 38 38 09

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"We have got to understand that they dream our dreams and we dream theirs." The late Rachel Corrie, when aged ten.

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter" Martin Luther King.

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Goushe, Saffie

From: Netos, Eleftherios E
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:51 AM
To: Urbancic, Frank C; Cohen, Jonathan R; Ellckson-Brown, James; Adams, Jessica L; Dickstein, Juliette A; Allison, Alicia P; Stewart, Nan E; Hanrahan, Richard F
Subject: FW: Statement by the Secretary General of NATO on Israeli operation against ships bound for Gaza

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From: Baez, Alejandro X
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:49 AM
To: EUR-RPM-DL; 'Bradley, Tobin J.'; McElDowney, Nancy E; [REDACTED] CIV, OSD-POLICY; Jeffrey, James F; B3.DOD-CP; Sherwood-Randall, Elizabeth D.
Cc: USNATO POL; Ross, Rebecca; USNATO ODA Directors; Julazadeh, David J; Szczepanik, Jeffrey P; Harrison, Paul Q;
Subject: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Statement by the Secretary General of NATO on Israeli operation against ships bound for Gaza

01 Jun. 2010

Press Release: (2010) 074

Statement by the Secretary General of NATO on Israeli operation against ships bound for Gaza

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

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

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

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Goushe, Saffie

From: Stewart, Nan E
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:00 AM
To: Allison, Alicia P
Subject: FW: Thank you for asking for the passenger list

Alicia,

FYI, n

From: Irish [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 6:43 PM
To: Stewart, Nan E
Cc: [redacted] Hanrahan, Richard F; Netos, Eleftherios E
Subject: Re: Thank you for asking for the passenger list

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Thank you Nan. We will not be leaving from Cyprus thanks to the Cypriot government's refusal to let us board passengers out of their 12 mile limit. So we will probably leave Cyprus and work somewhere else.

We have appreciated your concern and thank you for staying in touch with us.

Best regards,

Greta Berlin

On Tue, Jun 1, 2010 at 6:40 PM, Stewart, Nan E <StewartNE1@state.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Berlin and Mr. Kysia,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am the new consular chief at the U.S. Embassy in Nicosia. I work with Consul Richard Hanrahan, with whom you have previously interacted.

I offer my personal sincere condolences on your loss of friends and colleagues. The United States deeply regrets the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident aboard the Gaza-bound ships.

We appreciate very much your openness in dealing with us in the past, and hope that we may be able to continue contacting you with respect to the safety and welfare of American citizens. We have received reports that two additional ships may be en route to Gaza: the Irish-flagged "Rachel Corrie," and the U.S.-flagged "Challenger II." We're wondering if you might be able to confirm these reports, and advise if there are American citizens aboard? The information we have is that the "Rachel Corrie" has departed Malta and should arrive at its destination on late Wednesday or Thursday. The information also states that the "Challenger II" was in Cyprus for repairs; we have heard that one of your ships went to Famagusta for repairs. Would that be

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the "Challenger II?" If not, can you confirm that the "Challenger II" is participating, and its whereabouts at this time?

Any information you could provide us at this time would be most appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best regards,

Nan Stewart

Consul

U.S. Embassy Nicosia

E-mail: stewartnel@state.gov

From: Irish [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 2:21 PM
To: Hanrahan, Richard F
Subject: Re: Thank you for asking for the passenger list

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Dear Mr. Hanrahan: Thank you so much for your inquiry regarding sailing to Gaza at the end of May. We are not sailing from Cyprus but from many other ports in the Mediterranean.

Would you let me know where I can access the Privacy Act Waivers? Is it possible to download them from the State Department website? Thank you. Best regards. Greta Berlin

On Thu, May 13, 2010 at 12:00 PM, Hanrahan, Richard F <HanrahanRF@state.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Berlin,

According to recent press reports Free Gaza ships may again attempt to travel to Gaza from Cyprus. I would be very grateful if you would provide me a list with the names and dates of birth of any passengers who are U.S. citizens, and encourage them to sign Privacy Act waivers.

Sincerely,

Richard Hanrahan

U.S. Consul

U.S. Embassy

Nicosia, Cyprus

From: Irish [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, April 04, 2010 7:44 PM
To: Hanrahan, Richard F
Subject: Thank you for asking for the passenger list

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Dear Richard: I have just received your request about passengers who are going to go on the flotilla. I do have a couple of questions for you.

1. We are not leaving from Cyprus this time but from Greece, Turkey, Sweden and Ireland.
2. Do we still send the names to you or do we contact the U.S. Consulate/Embassy in the countries where the passengers embark?

Thank you for your concern. We'd like to also state that the only threat in the area is Israel's response to a human rights mission. We do hope you let them know that their brutal responses to American citizens will not be tolerated.

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Goushe, Saffie

From: Stewart, Nan E
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 7:05 AM
To: Allison, Alicia P
Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R
Subject: RE: BBC Article on Free Gaza Movement - Organizer of the Gaza Flotillas

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Categories: Working

Alicia, that was my impression as well. I'll be happy to send an e-mail to see what I can find out. n

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From: Allison, Alicia P
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 12:04 PM
To: Stewart, Nan E
Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R
Subject: Fw: BBC Article on Free Gaza Movement - Organizer of the Gaza Flotillas

Nan: just for situational awareness fyi - I was under the impression FG was no longer Cyprus-based? Is that your impression? Let's chat.this aft

From: Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul)
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 04:07 AM
To: Allison, Alicia P
Subject: FW: BBC Article on Free Gaza Movement - Organizer of the Gaza Flotillas

Hi Alicia,

Great seeing you a few weeks ago in Istanbul. Has the Embassy dealt much with the Cyprus based NGO The Free Gaza Movement? Some in Washington seem to think the Istanbul based IHH organized the last ill fated Gaza Flotilla but it was actually the Free Gaza Movement. Another flotilla is being planned by the Movement around May 31.

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Below is an interesting BBC article on The Free Gaza Movement.

Please say hi to

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Best, Sal

Link to BBC article with photos:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/10202678>

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The Free Gaza Movement, the group behind the Gaza aid flotilla, is a broad coalition of human rights activists and pro-Palestinian groups that has been trying to break Israel's blockade of Gaza since 2008.

It is a registered charity based in Cyprus and is endorsed by international figures, including South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mairead Corrigan Maguire.

But in recent years Israeli intelligence agencies say it has grown to include dangerous Islamic organisations with terrorist links.

The six-ship flotilla was carrying 10,000 tonnes of medicine, construction materials and education supplies - the movement's largest operation to date.

There were more than 650 passengers, among them representatives of the Malaysian-based Perdana Global Peace Organisation, the Greece and Sweden-based Ship to Gaza group, and the large Turkish charity, IHH.

The Mavi Marmara, the lead ship stormed by Israeli troops, was operated by IHH, a group banned by Israel in 2008.

IHH raises some of its money from Islamic religious groups and has strong sympathy among Turkey's Islamist-rooted ruling party.

IHH, founded in 1992, is now active in 120 countries and has been present in recent disaster areas including Haiti.

The Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center (ITIC) - an Israel-based non-governmental organisation which has close ties to the Israeli Defense Forces - does not dispute the organisation's legitimate philanthropic activities.

But the ITIC says the Turkish charity is an overt supporter of Hamas - an Islamic militant group that seized power in Gaza in 2007, and is branded by Israel, the EU and US as a "terrorist organisation".

The ITIC says it also has evidence the IHH has helped provide weapons and funds for "Islamic terrorist elements in the Middle East".

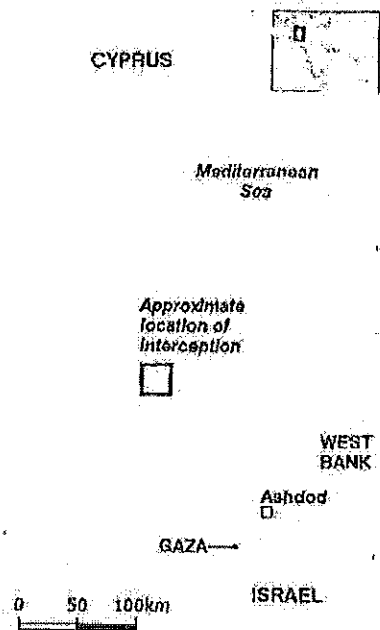
But Greta Berlin, a director of the Free Gaza Movement, said the claim that IHH has links to radical Islamist groups was "utterly scurrilous".

She said those on board the Mavi Marmara were unarmed civilians trying to get aid to Gaza.

She told the BBC News website that the Israelis acted illegally in international waters and now "they are trying to blacken the reputations of all of us".

Permanent sea lane

Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Daniel Ayalon described the Free Gaza Movement mission as an "outrageous provocation".



"The organisers are well-known for their ties with global Jihad, al-Qaeda and Hamas," said Mr Ayalon. "They have a history of arms smuggling and deadly terror."

He said weapons were found onboard and used against the soldiers. Israel insists its commandos acted in self-defence, while enforcing a legal blockade of Gaza.

The Free Gaza Movement states its mission is "to overcome this brutal siege through civil resistance and non-violent direct action, and establish a permanent sea lane between Gaza and the rest of the world".

It attempted to make its first deliveries to Gaza in summer 2008, and tried again in 2009.

The earliest aid deliveries were allowed to reach Gaza but later attempts were intercepted.

Despite the deadly consequences of its latest aid mission, the Free Gaza Movement says it is already considering sending "a second wave" of boats to Gaza.

Salvatore A. Amodeo

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From: Sindle, James M
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 12:27 PM
To: Netos, Eleftherios E; Riley, Robert J
Cc: Marsh, Denise M; Goodman, Ilan A; Allison, Alicia P; Stewart, Nan E; Hanrahan, Richard F
Subject: RE: Two Additional Ships Heading to Gaza

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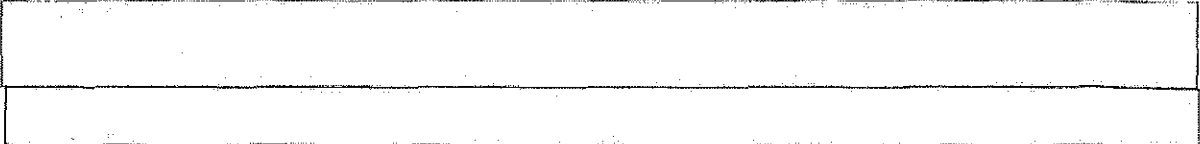
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From: Netos, Eleftherios E
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 12:15 PM
To: Sindle, James M
Cc: Riley, Robert J; Marsh, Denise M; Goodman, Ilan A; Allison, Alicia P; Stewart, Nan E; Hanrahan, Richard F
Subject: RE: Two Additional Ships Heading to Gaza

Jim,

Embassy Nicosia (looped in above) has reached out to two Cyprus-based Amcits affiliated with the Free Gaza Movement. They confirm earlier reports that Free Gaza will not be operating out of Cyprus due to the RoC's refusal to permit vessels participating in this flotilla to leave from its ports.



Thanks,

Terry **REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer**

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From: Sindle, James M

Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:32 AM

To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group

Cc: Riley, Robert J; Marsh, Denise M; Goodman, Iian A; Silliman, Douglas A; Wiener, Sharon A (Istanbul); Leary, Thomas M; Dayton, Win (Istanbul); Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Ankara-POL-DL; Ogle, Karen L; Keen, Daniel G; Tomlinson, Christina (Istanbul); Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul); Cetin, Metin (Istanbul); Appleton, Richard H; Ogle, Karen L; Combs, James D; Gilmore, Bradley T; Allison, Alicia P; de OtaIvaro, Laura H; Grubb, Jason B; Howe, Geoffrey G; Chue, Jason; Greene, Elisa; Parker, Andrew C; Sievers, Marc J; Grubb, Jason B; Levin, Jan; Waters, John R

Subject: Two Additional Ships Heading to Gaza

Colleagues:

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

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

Many Thanks,

Jim Sindle

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From: Astillero, William P
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 9:11 AM
To: [redacted] Clark, Kristofer L
Cc: Allison, Alicia P; Ellickson-Brown, James
Subject: RE: State 69987 delivered

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Mike,

We appreciate your swift action on this issue. We look forward to Cyprus' response.

v/r,

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Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 9:00 AM
To: Clark, Kristofer L
Cc: Astillero, William P; Allison, Alicia P; Ellickson-Brown, James
Subject: State 69987 delivered

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ALCON -

U.S. Embassy Nicosia delivered demarche in referenced cable, Subject: ARMS/SECURITY TEAMS ABOARD U.S. FLAGGED MERCHANT VESSELS, to the Cyprus Department of Merchant Shipping on 8 Jul 10.

Suspense for Cyprus to respond is 28 Jul 10. However, as the Post action officer/POC (below) will be TDY until 29 Jul 10, we will send the post response as soon as possible.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

v/r

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From: Gorman, Miguel R
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:43 AM
To: D'Hoedt, Sandrine A; Johnson Mala, Jeannine E; Herdrickx, Marijke ; EUR-ERA-DI.; USEU-PA-PRESS DL; 'ashley.miller'; 'Daniel.Mullaney'; 'David.Shark'; 'Jamie.McCampbell'; 'Kurt.Edwards'; 'Louis.santamaria@mail.doc.gov'; 'Deglain, Roland G'; 'Debra.herke@fas.usda.gov'; 'Kurt.seifarth@fas.usda.gov'; 'Gerda.vandercammen@fas.usda.gov'; 'Hilde.brans@fas.usda.gov'; 'Karlin.bendz@fas.usda.gov'; 'Tania.debalder@fas.usda.gov'; 'Barrie.williams@fas.usda.gov'; 'Yvan.polet@fas.usda.gov'; 'Lesley.vanderkreeft@fas.usda.gov'; 'susana.getman@mail.doc.gov'; 'stephane.vrignaud@mail.doc.gov'; 'Popovic, Breda'; 'Sidhu, Apar S; Briganti, Jeanne M; 'roland.deglain'; 'pa-germany@lists.usembassy.de'; 'Murray, Christopher W; Young, Andrew; Winnick, Seth; Dwyer, Stuart A; 'Maryalice.Locke@FAA.gov'; 'Landsman, Scott D; Crenwelge, Colleen E; Allegrone, Kathleen H; 'val.huston@mail.doc.gov'; 'Sainz, Francisco D; 'Kristina.A.Kvien@nsc.eop.gov'; 'Elbow, Susan M; Walklet-Tighe, Megan; Thompson-Jones, Mary; 'Carrie, Amy; Vance, John C; BRU USEU-ECON; BRU USEU-POL; BRU USEU-PA; 'isabelle.maelcamp@mail.doc.gov'; 'Koehler, Marc D; Olsen, Briana L; Waluszewski, Hanna C; 'Gren, Jennie M; 'jmalala'; 'Leslie.Yang@USTR.EOP.GOV'; 'David.Weiner@ustr.eop.gov'; 'Lopez, Diana V; 'christina.brown@mail.doc.gov'; 'maryruthcoleman@'; 'gjergj.malo@faa.gov'; 'Myev, Victor; Reilly, Patrick K; 'Boduszynski, Monica A; 'john.fay@mail.doc.gov'; 'Richard.kolodner@dhs.gov'; 'Selinger, Thomas B; 'Fulton, Laurie S; 'White, Ashley M; 'McManis, S Lee; '@usdelmc.army.mil'; 'john.florio@do.treas.gov'; 'Parker-Burns, Susan M; B3 DOD-CP B6
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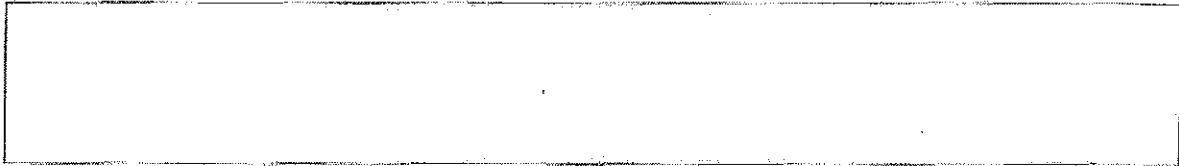
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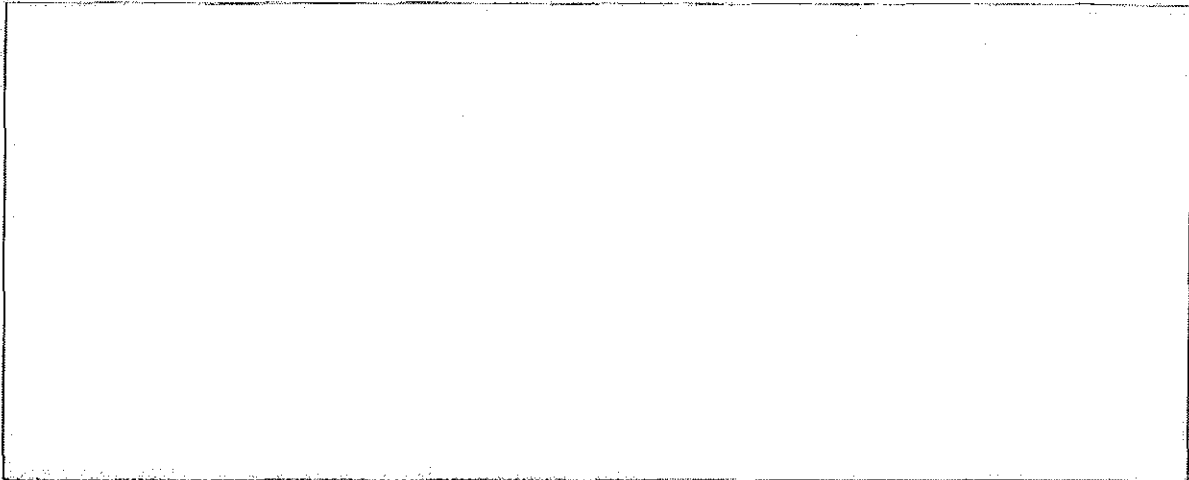


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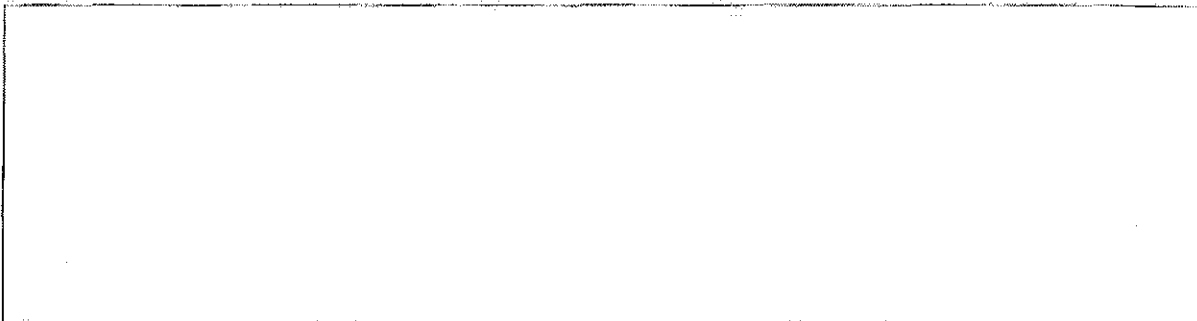
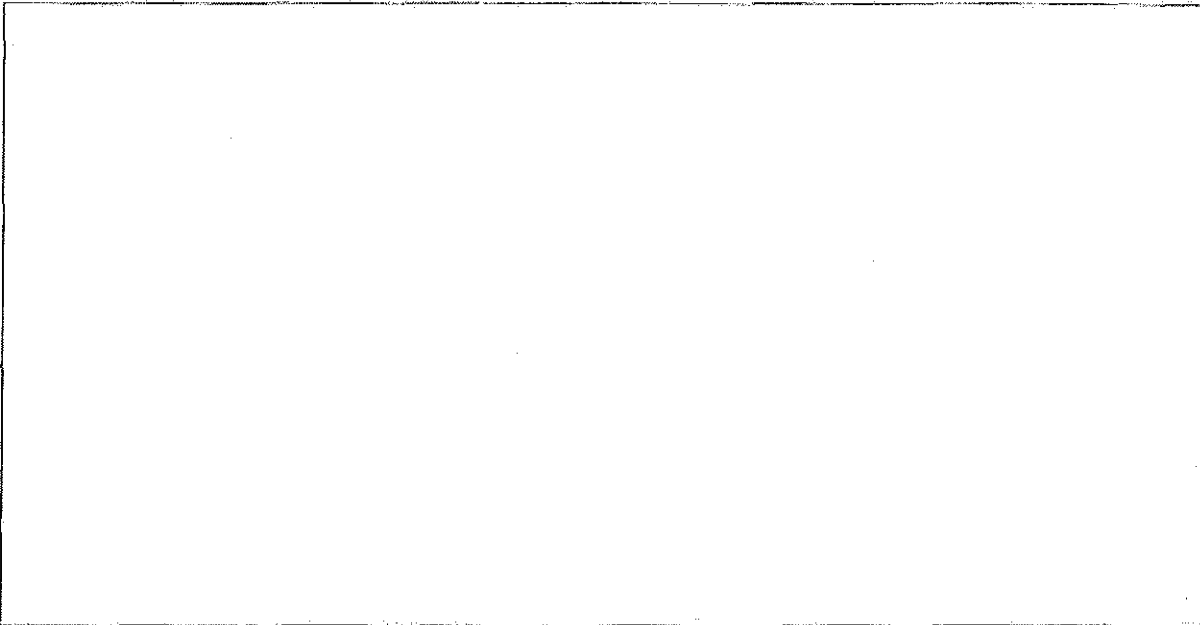
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Israel blocking contact with flotilla detainees: sister

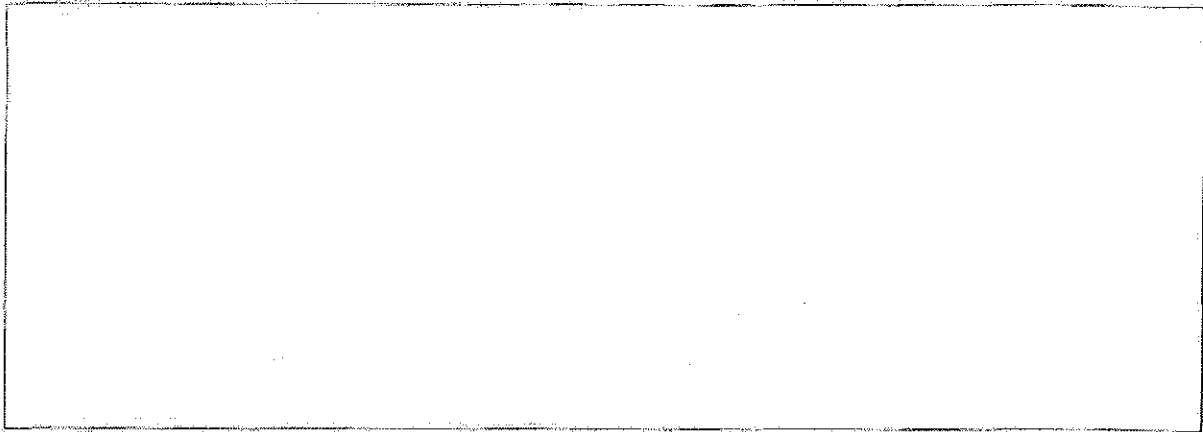


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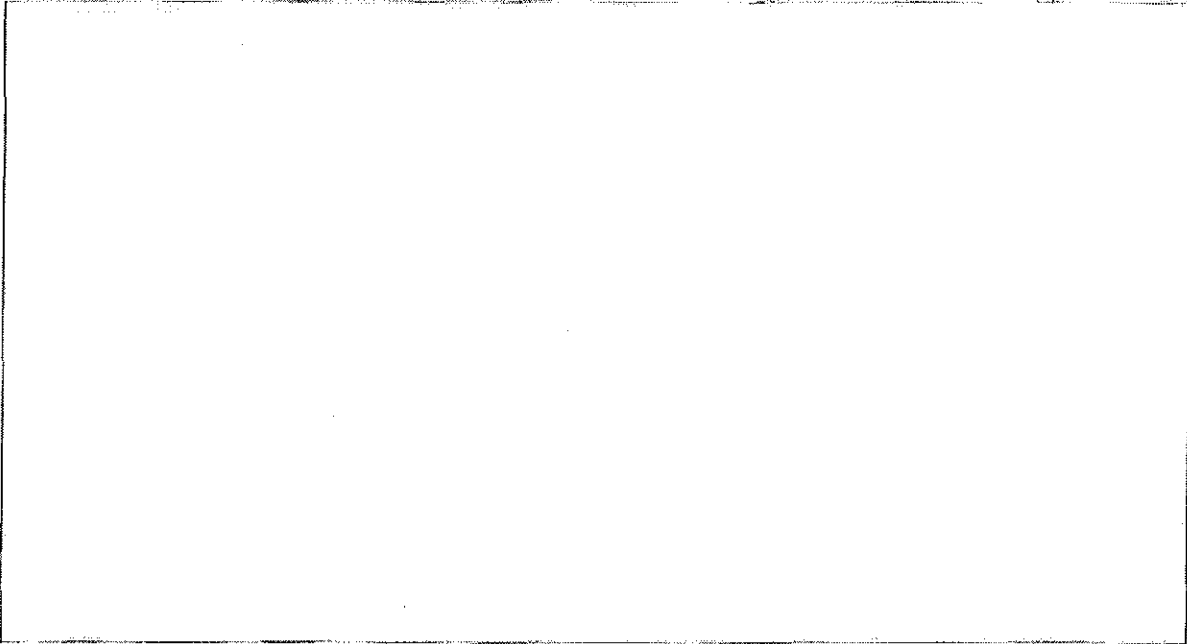
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Israel blocking contact with flotilla detainees: sister

BRUSSELS, June 2, 2010 (AFP) - Israel is preventing relatives from getting news from the hundreds detained after troops attacked a Gaza aid flotilla, the sister of a Belgian detainee told anti-Israeli protesters in Brussels Wednesday. Some 350 demonstrators, many carrying Turkish flags, protested outside EU headquarters in Brussels, shouting slogans such as "Israel assassin, Europe accomplice" and "permanent intifada until liberation." [...] Fatima El Mourabiti is one of four Belgians still believed to be being dealt with by the Israelis following the deadly commando raid in international waters [...]. EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton told Palestinian premier Salam Fayyad in Brussels on Tuesday that Europe will intensify its efforts to get Israel to lift its Gaza blockade.



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(EU) EU/ISRAEL: Europe "rushed to judgment" following recent incidents off Gaza, Israel says Brussels, 08/06/2010 (Agence Europe) - "European Officials Rushed to Judgment and Condemned Israel's Attempts to Stop Illegal Flotilla," headlined The Israel Project (TIP), directing readers to official sources for further clarification. The EU is criticised for being "quick to condemn" Israel's campaign, whereas "US leaders, more cautious, backed Israel as the fuller story emerged". According to TIP, "at least three among the dead set out to become martyrs". Most of the criticism was directed at French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who said he "condemns the disproportionate use of force" and his Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner, who said, "Nothing can justify the use of such violence, which we condemn". UK Foreign Secretary William Hague is also criticised for calling on Israel "to act with restraint and in line with international obligations", practically demanding an inquiry: "It will be important to establish the facts about this incident, and especially whether enough was done to prevent deaths and injuries". The Irish and Belgians are not spared by the criticism either: Irish Foreign Minister Micheál Martin for saying that "the reports of up to 15 people killed and 50 injured, if confirmed, would constitute a totally unacceptable response by the Israeli military" and Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Steven Vanackere who also spoke of "the disproportionate use of force". Israel claims that it had the right to impose a naval blockade on Gaza. (...) TIP refutes the claim that Israel is preventing humanitarian aid from getting to Gaza and provides detailed information. Overall, "over one million tons of humanitarian supplies were delivered by Israel to the people of Gaza in the past 18 months - that's equal to nearly one ton of aid for every man, woman and child in Gaza".

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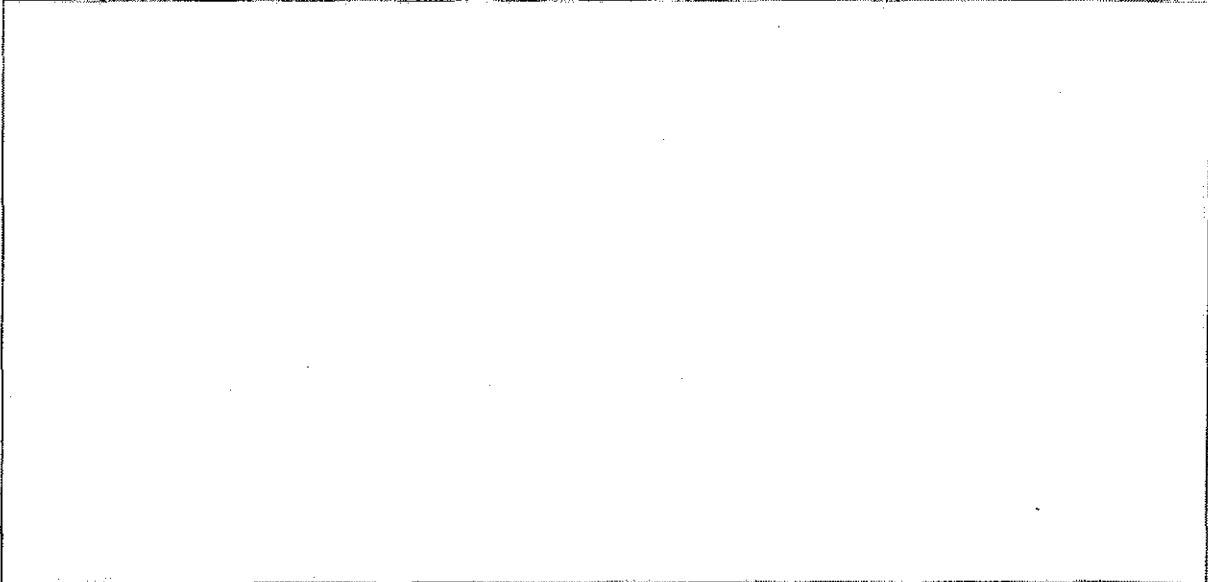
EU condemns deadly assault against international peace flotilla sailing to Gaza and calls for unconditional lifting of blockade and inquiry

Brussels, 31/05/2010 (Agence Europe) - [...] Speaking in Warsaw on Monday, EU High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy Catherine Ashton said in a press conference that she had spoken to Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman to express "our deepest concern about the tragedy" and call for "an immediate inquiry into the circumstances" surrounding the attack. She also stated the "importance of opening the crossings for humanitarian aid to go through, to ensure that ordinary people have a better existence" than that which she saw when she visited Gaza. Ashton also offered her condolences to the families of the victims and stated that coordination would continue with EU ambassadors throughout the day. Several member states have already recalled their ambassadors. In a press release published on Monday morning, European Parliament President Jerzy Buzek expressed his outrage. "Despite repeated calls for all involved to act with restraint and responsibility, the interception of the convoy in international waters has resulted in many casualties. This is an unjustified attack, which has claimed at least a dozen lives," he said. [...] During a press conference in the European Parliament on Monday 31 May, Véronique de Keyser (S&D, Belgium), returning from a Parliamentary mission to Gaza, one of the tasks of which was to assess the scale of the consequences of the blockade, went further in calling for the EU, not just to ask for, but to "bring about the end of the blockade by whatever means necessary". She denounced Israel's disproportionate action, stated that "here a red line has been crossed" and said she feared a "logic of concerted escalation" threatening the peace process. She added, "We want an independent international inquiry. We want results from EU ambassadors, using all available means, including sanctions, if necessary". She argued that "an investigation by Israel is not enough". [...] The GUE/NGL Group strongly condemned the "unacceptable practices" against vessels manned by unarmed civilians and called for the EU to "respond immediately to such impunity". They called for "the immediate suspension of the association agreement with Israel and a debate at Parliament's next session with High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy, Ms Ashton".

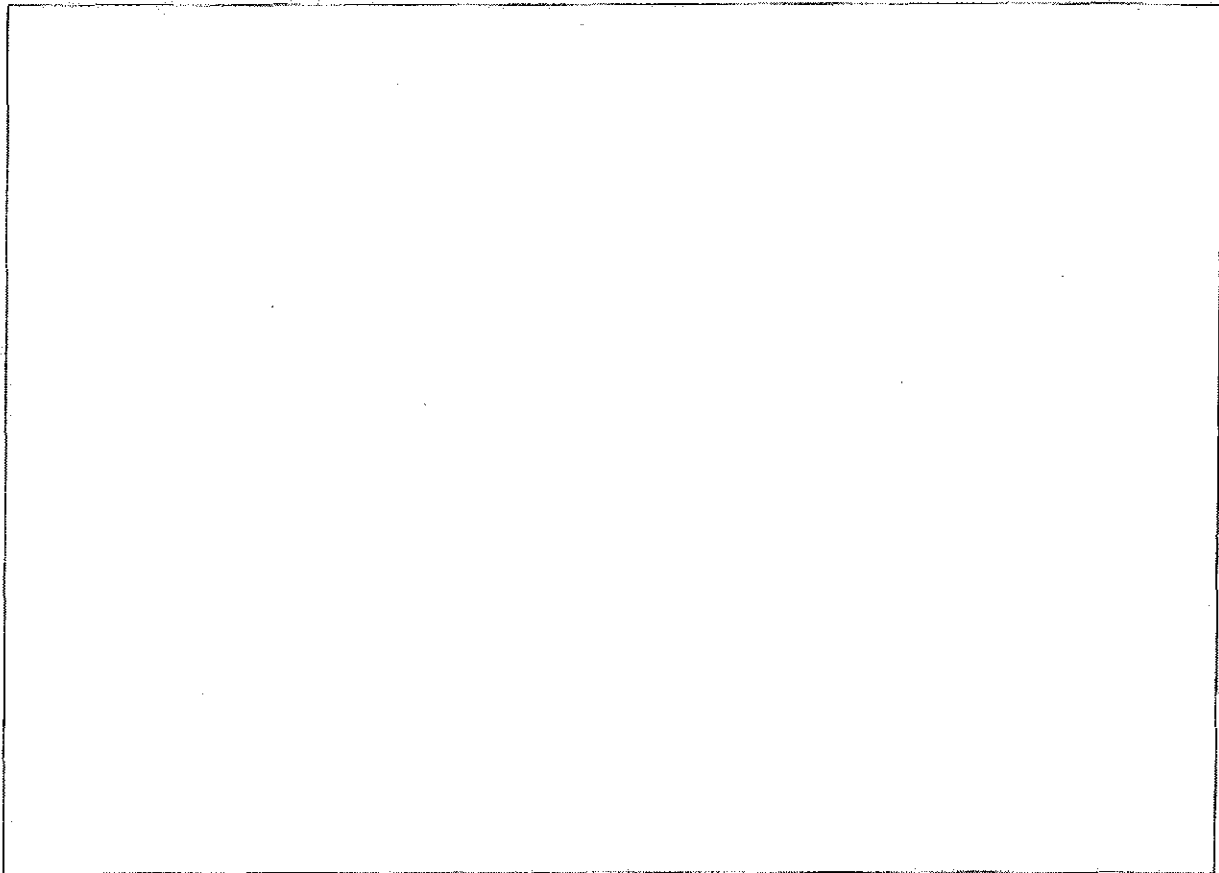
EU demands inquiry into Israeli military action

BRUSSELS, May 31 (Reuters) - The European Union called for an immediate inquiry into deaths aboard aid ships seized by Israel's navy on Monday and urged Israel to allow the free flow of humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip. "The EU condemns the use of violence that has produced a high number of victims among the members of the flotilla and demands an immediate, full and impartial inquiry into the events and the circumstances surrounding them," EU High Foreign Policy Representative Catherine Ashton said in a statement. She spoke after an emergency meeting of member states' envoys to Brussels to discuss the incident, in which at least 10 people were killed after six ships tried to break Israel's blockade of the Islamist-controlled Palestinian territory. "The EU does not accept the continued policy of closure. It is

unacceptable and politically counterproductive. We need to urgently achieve a durable solution to the situation in Gaza," Ashton said.



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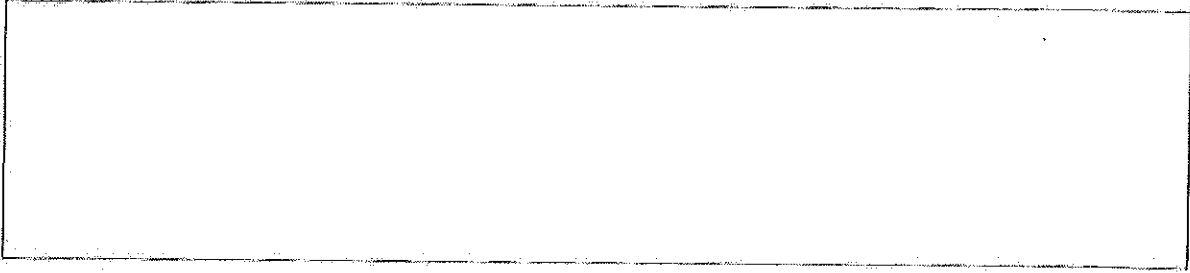


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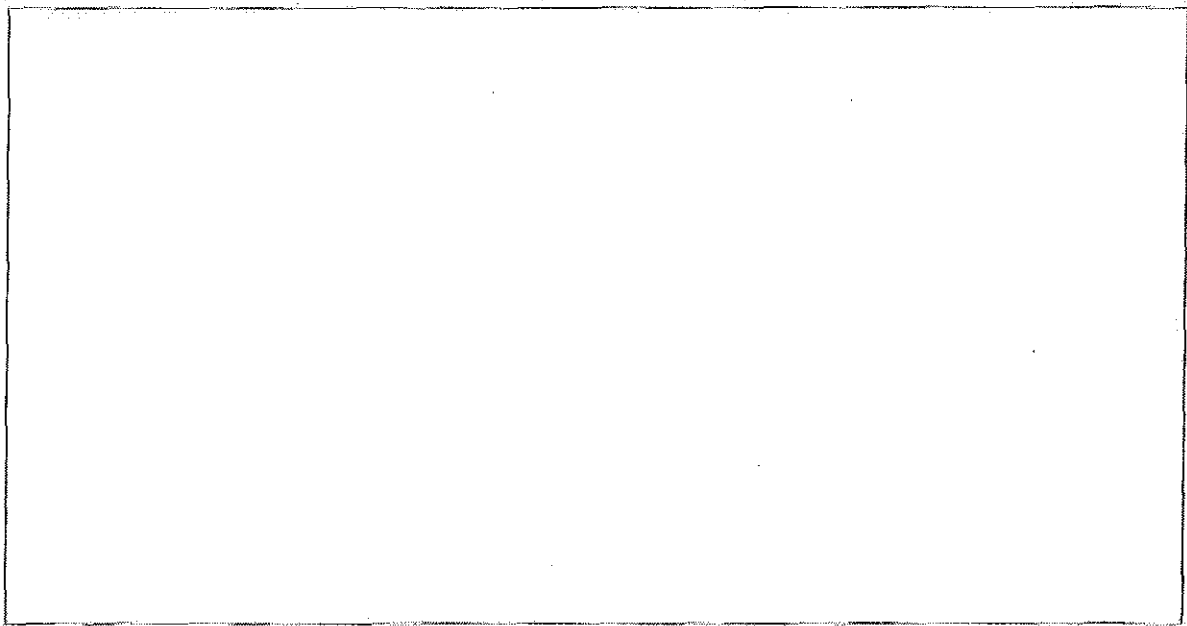
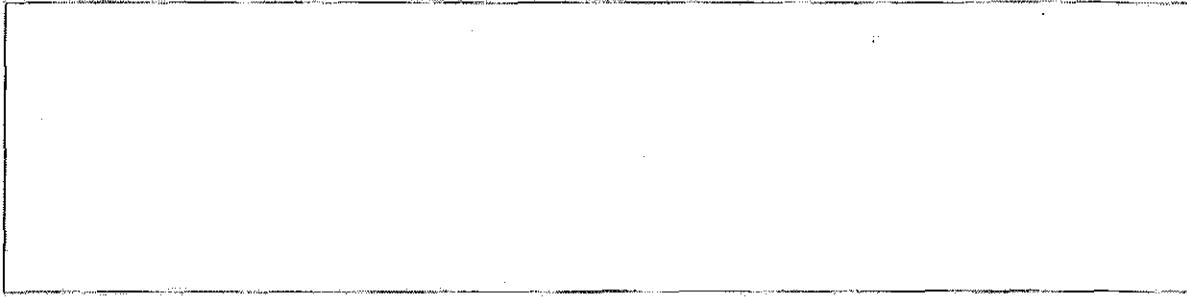
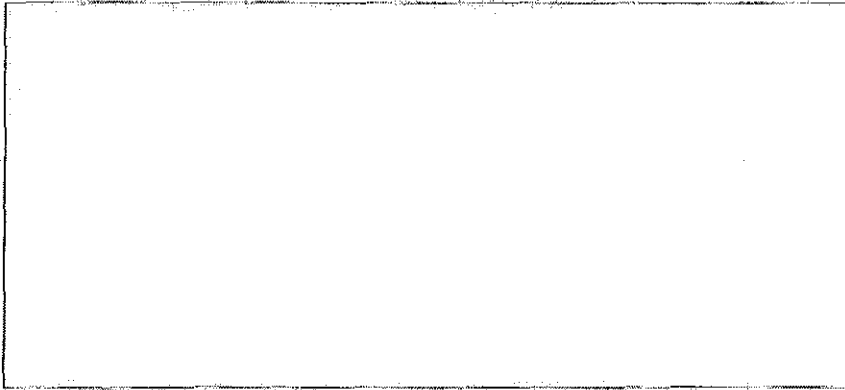
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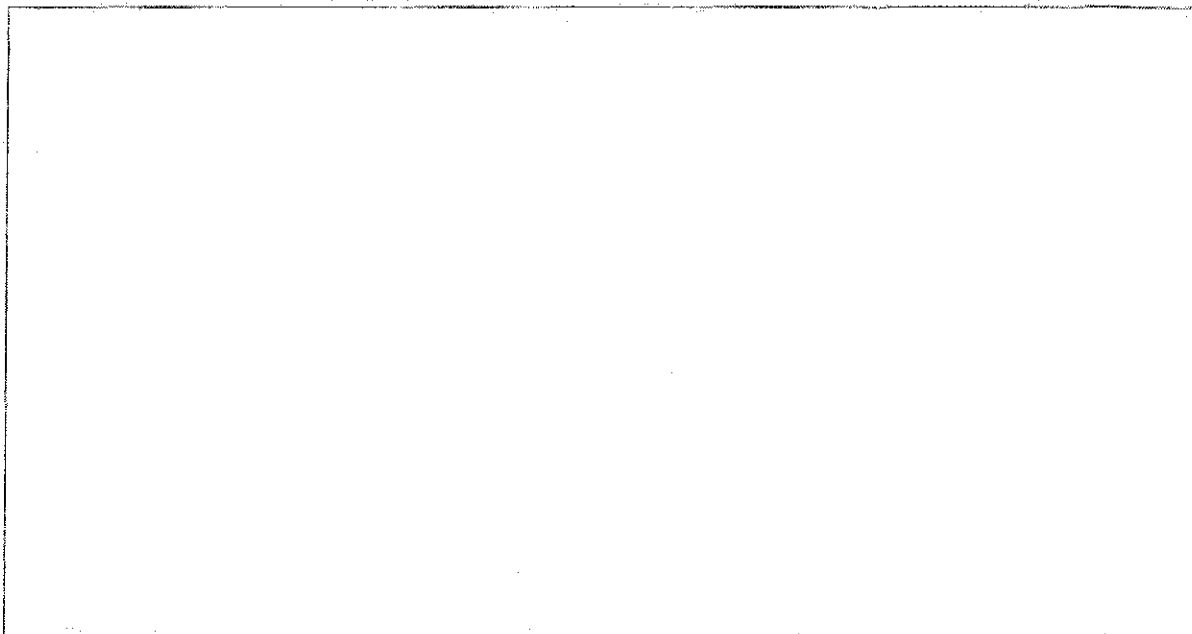
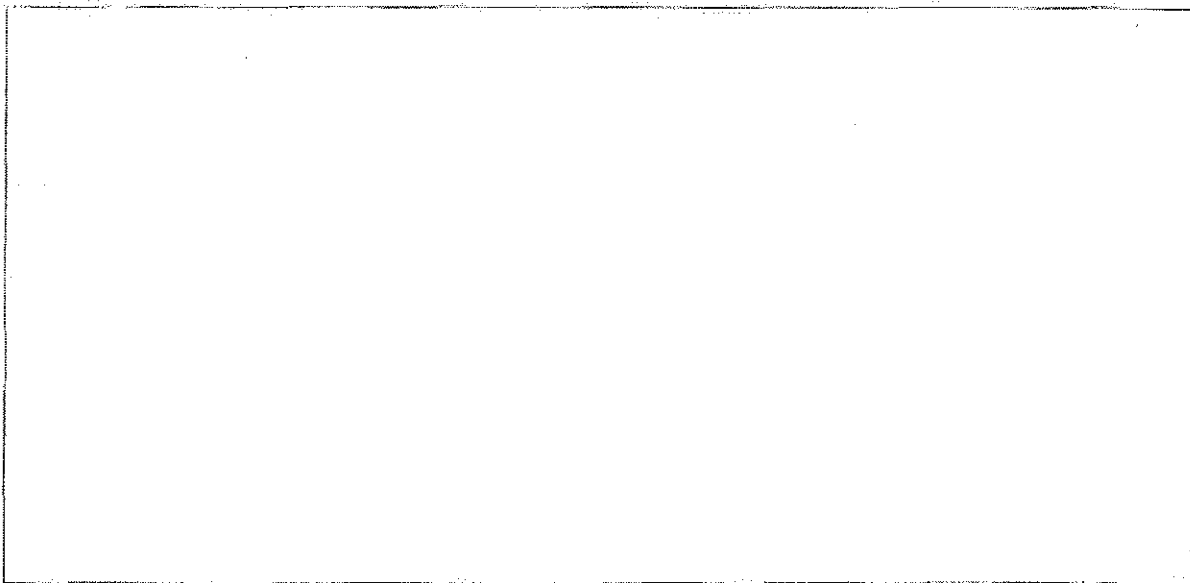
EU/ISRAEL: Member states hope for relaxation of Gaza blockade "in next few days" - EU, ready to play role, is examining "options"

Brussels, 14/06/2010 (Agence Europe) - EU foreign ministers have urged Israel to put an end to the blockade of Gaza and to agree to the "immediate, sustained and unconditional opening" of crossings to allow humanitarian aid, goods and people to move in and out of Gaza. "The situation in Gaza remains unsustainable"; the blockade imposed by Israel is "unacceptable and politically counter-productive," EU member states say in conclusions adopted by the Foreign Affairs Council in Luxembourg on Monday 14 June. Any solution to lighten the suffering of the people of Gaza must, however, address "Israel's legitimate security concerns" and include "a complete stop to all violence and arms smuggling into Gaza", ministers say. The EU stands ready to contribute to the implementation of a mechanism that ensures "full and regular access" to Gaza by land and, if possible, by sea, ministers state, too. [...] In their conclusions, ministers also condemn the use of violence in the Israeli raid on the humanitarian flotilla bound for Gaza. They also reiterate the EU call for an "immediate, full and impartial inquiry into these events" and the circumstances surrounding them. The EU says that to command the confidence of the international community this inquiry "should include credible international participation". The Israeli government has announced that a former Israeli Supreme Court judge, Jacob Turkel, will lead the Israeli commission of inquiry into the events of the raid on the flotilla. Israel intends to invite two international figures - Nobel Peace Prize winner David Trimble and Canada's former chief military prosecutor, retired Brigadier General Ken Watkin - to take part as observers in the investigation.

Israel approves inquiry into Gaza flotilla attack

JERUSALEM (AP) June 14 2010- The European Union on Monday called Israel's closure of Gaza "unacceptable" and offered to play a role in opening the borders, as Israel appointed three Israeli experts and two foreign observers to a commission to investigate its deadly raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla. [...] The most notable dissent has come from President Barack Obama, who called the Gaza closure unsustainable. The U.S. pressure resonates more with the Israelis because of their close alliance with Washington. International envoy Tony Blair also weighed in with a call to ease the blockade and said there were indications Israel was prepared to consider doing that. [...] A U.N. spokesman said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon doesn't reject the Israeli investigation but still wants an international inquiry. In Washington, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the Israeli move was "an important step forward" in meeting Security Council demands. "We believe that Israel certainly, as a government, has the institutions and certainly the capability to conduct a credible, impartial and transparent investigation," he said. In rejecting an international inquiry, Israel argued that the United Nations and other global bodies have a long history of bias against Israel. From the Israeli point of view, the outcome of its inquiry appeared dictated by its mandate. First, the panel will examine the justification and legality of the Gaza blockade, then look at how Israeli actions to enforce the closure conform with international law. Lastly, a government statement said, it will examine "actions taken by those who organized -- and participated in -- the flotilla, and their identities." Israel claims the pro-Palestinian activists who attacked naval commandoes with iron rods, clubs and knives were well-trained mercenaries eager for a fight. Flotilla organizers insist the Israelis opened fire first. Speaking after the Cabinet vote, Israeli Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu told members of his Likud Party that "difficult days lie ahead," but that forming the commission was the best of a series of poor options. "I want to make it clear that the flotilla to Gaza was not a one-time event. We are in the midst of a tough and continuous struggle against the state of Israel," he said.



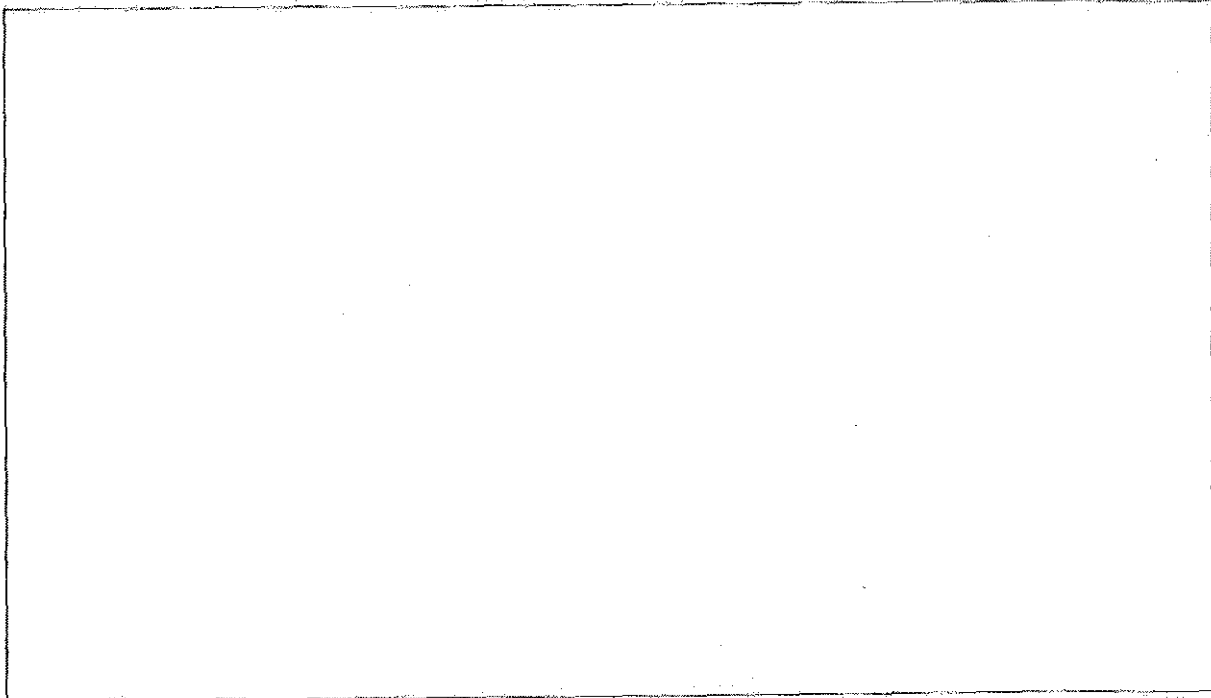
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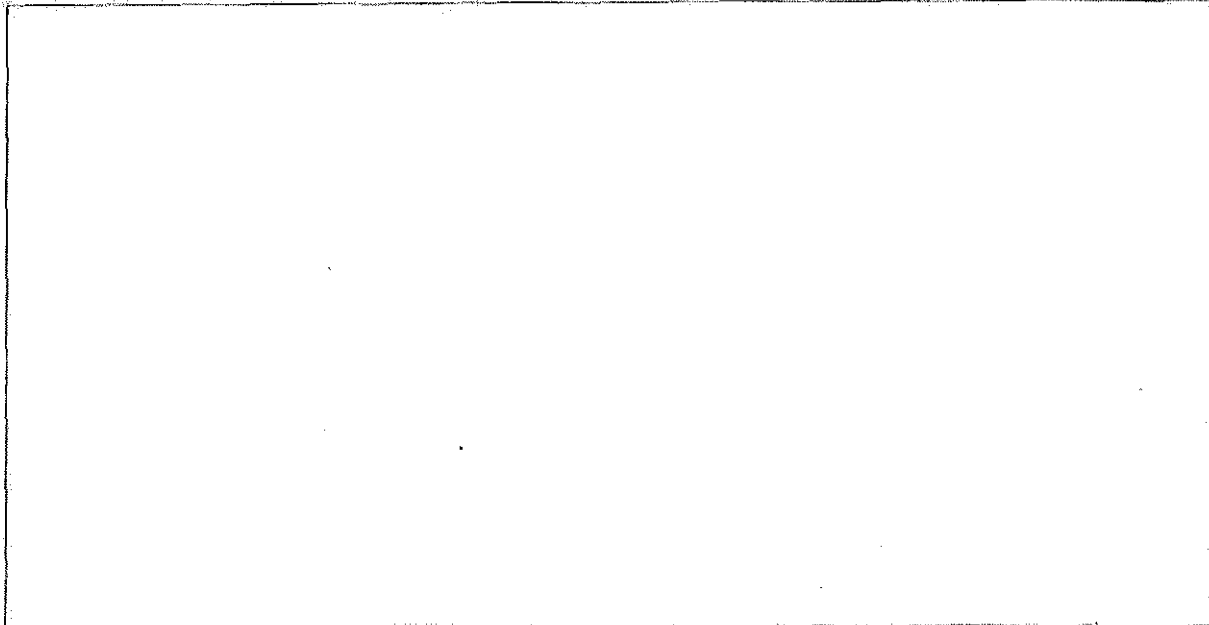
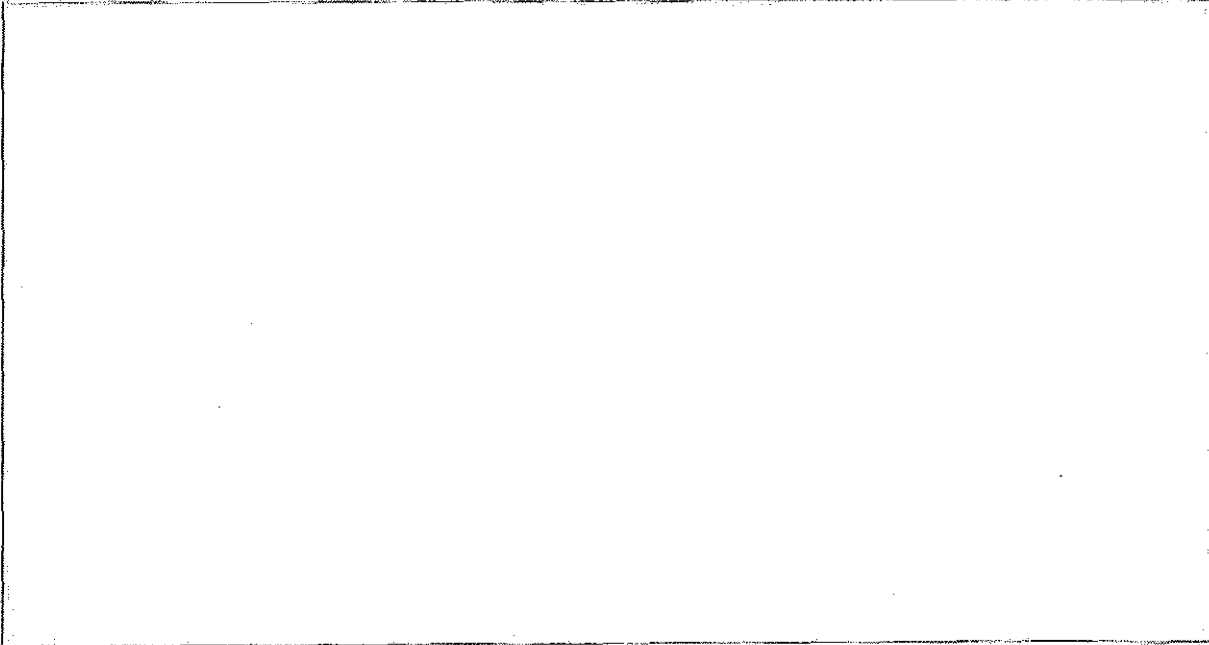


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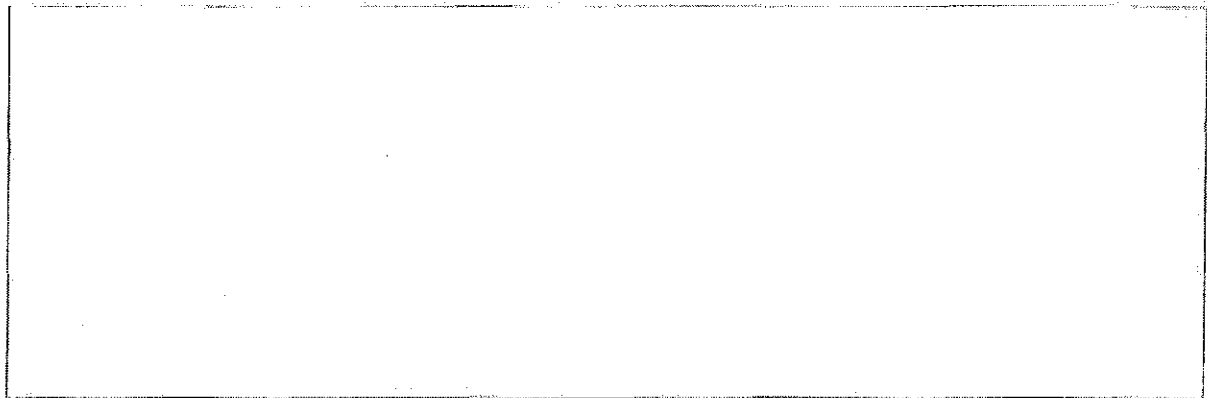
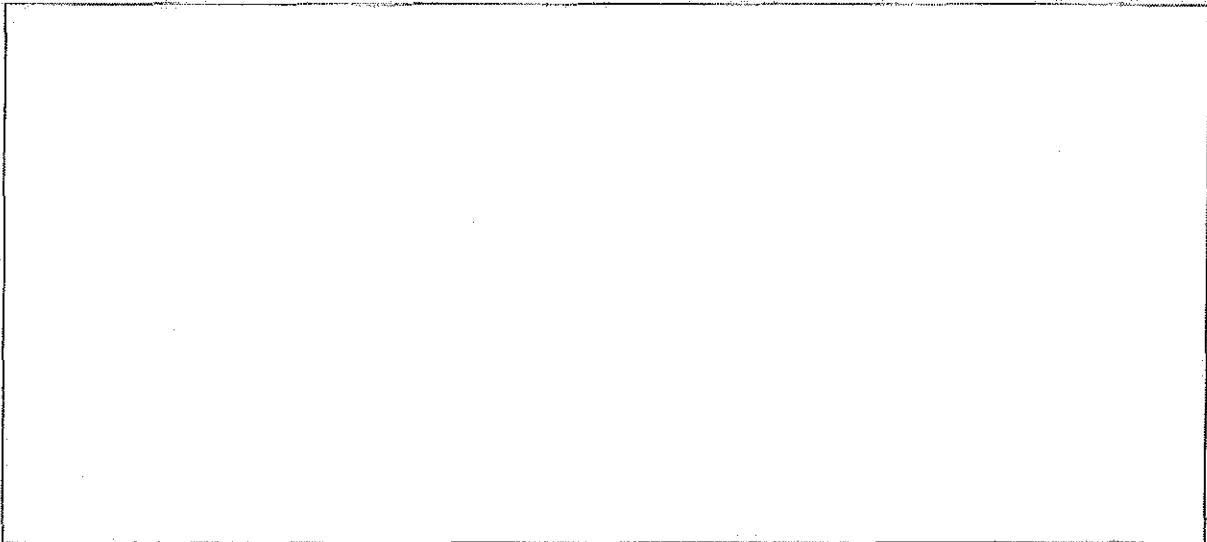
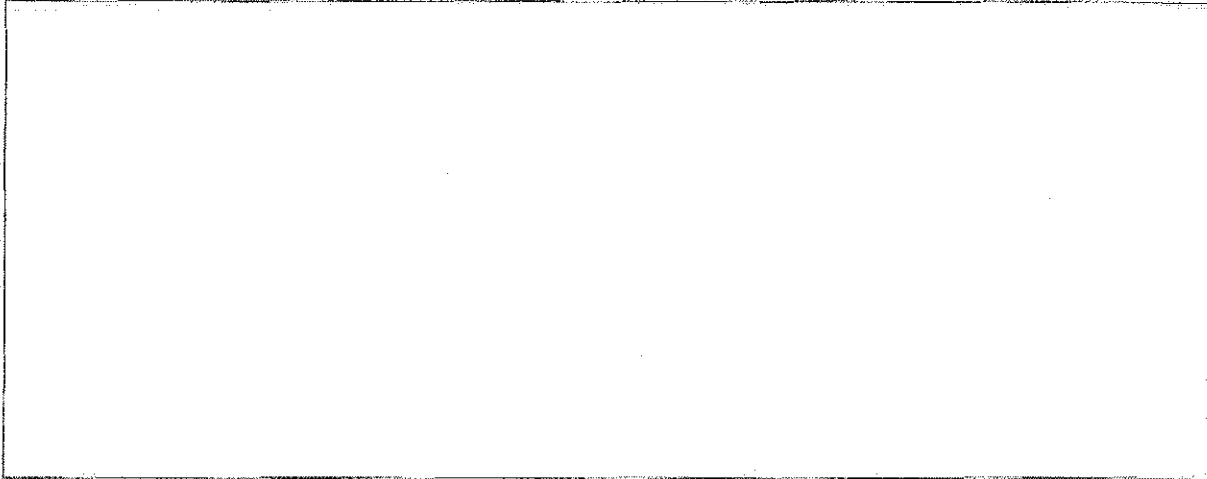


Ambassador from Arab League feels "humiliated" by EU declaration on Gaza

Brussels, 15/06/2010 (Agence Europe) - The ambassador from the Arab League to the EU, Abdelwahab Derbal, said that he had experienced "a feeling of humiliation" during his reading of the EU's declaration on Gaza, adopted on Monday 14 June. He said that this "lacked respect for the victims of Gaza". Derbal said that the European declaration is "in perfect harmony with the joint declaration of the three European ministers for foreign affairs" (Kouchner, Moratinos and Frattini, published in Le Figaro on 11 June), entitled, "Gaza after the tragedy", which, according to Derbal, "defends the aggressor and not the victim". The commission of inquiry, as recommended by the EU in its declaration, will be a kind of smokescreen, according to the Arab League ambassador. He pointed out that a commission of inquiry worthy of respect had to be "neutral and the aggressor should not be part of it ... It must be international

because the problem is, by definition, international". Finally, he said that "the EU should not contribute to reducing the Palestinian question, which is a problem regarding people and the state, to just a question of humanitarian aid and charity. European blindness must not continue in this direction".

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US lawmakers blast 'disgraceful' Turkey over Iran, Israel

WASHINGTON (AFP) 16 June — US lawmakers slammed "disgraceful" Turkey on Wednesday over its ties to Iran and charged Ankara had the "blood" of nine Turks killed in an Israeli raid on a Gaza-bound aid ship on its hands. "There will be a cost if Turkey stays on its present heading of growing closer to Iran and more antagonistic to the state of Israel," warned Representative Mike Pence, the number three House Republican [...]. "As far as I'm concerned, Turkey is responsible for the nine deaths aboard that ship, it is not Israel's troops that are responsible," said Democratic Representative Shelley Berkley [...]. Berkley said she had turned Turkish officials away from her office this week and would continue to do so "until I see and change in policy" and vowed to fight against Turkey's accession to the European Union [...]. "They don't deserve to be a part of the EU until they start behaving more like the European nations and a whole lot less like Iran," she said.

EU to reserve judgment on Israeli probe into Gaza naval raid

BRUSSELS (AP) Jun 16 - The EU says it will reserve judgment on the probe into the deadly raid on the flotilla trying to break the blockade of Gaza, after Israel rejected calls for an international inquiry but allowed two foreign observers to participate. Ashton described Israel's decision to set up an independent commission as a "step forward." But she noted the EU will follow the work of the panel "before drawing further conclusions." "The EU has long called for an end to the Israeli blockade. But Ashton said "the political parameters have changed, the circumstances now are different." Israeli officials said Wednesday they will soon significantly ease the Gaza blockade.

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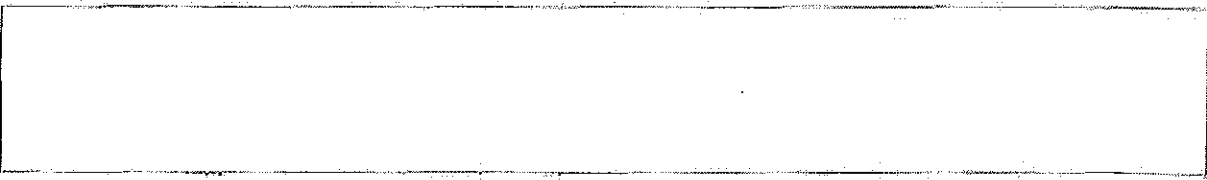
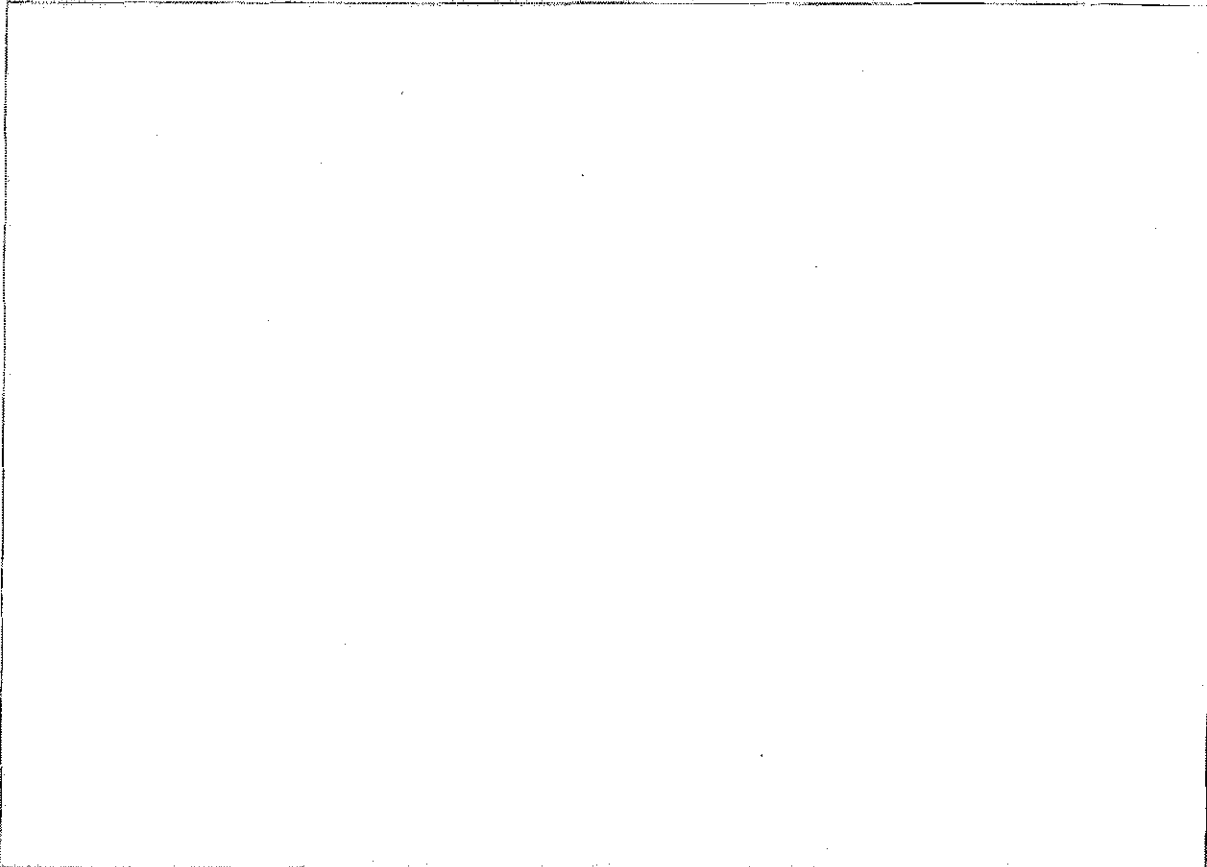
STRASBOURG (AFP) Jun 16 - The EU may send a naval mission towards Gaza to help control the transit of goods if Israel lifts its blockade of the Palestinian territory, the bloc's foreign affairs chief said Wednesday. Catherine Ashton said there may be a "maritime option for a CSDP (Common Defence and Security Defence Policy) mission," adding however that such an option would be "more complex" than

helping monitor land crossings into Gaza [...] Ashton added that the EU border mission at the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt, which has been largely inactive since 2005, "could be reactivated" and Europe is ready to support the opening of other land crossings [...] However she admitted that "it will not be easy to find an agreed way to lift the blockade." Also at the EU parliament pro-Palestinian groups announced that they plan to send another aid flotilla for Gaza next month, similar to the one involved in the deadly Israeli attack.

Turkish flotilla organisers to send more Gaza ships

BRUSSELS, June 16 (Reuters) - A Turkish pro-Palestinian group said on Wednesday it will send another aid flotilla to Gaza next month [...] The Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Aid (IHH) told members of the European Parliament it had assembled six ships for the next flotilla and put out an appeal for others to join [...] Richard Howitt, a British member of the European Parliament who organised IHH's press conference at the parliament in Strasbourg, said the European Union had an obligation to ensure respect for humanitarian law and access for the next flotilla. "If this terrible tragedy tips the balance so that the international community finally insists on full and unhindered humanitarian access to Gaza, then some good can still come out of it," he said, referring to the deaths in the last convoy.

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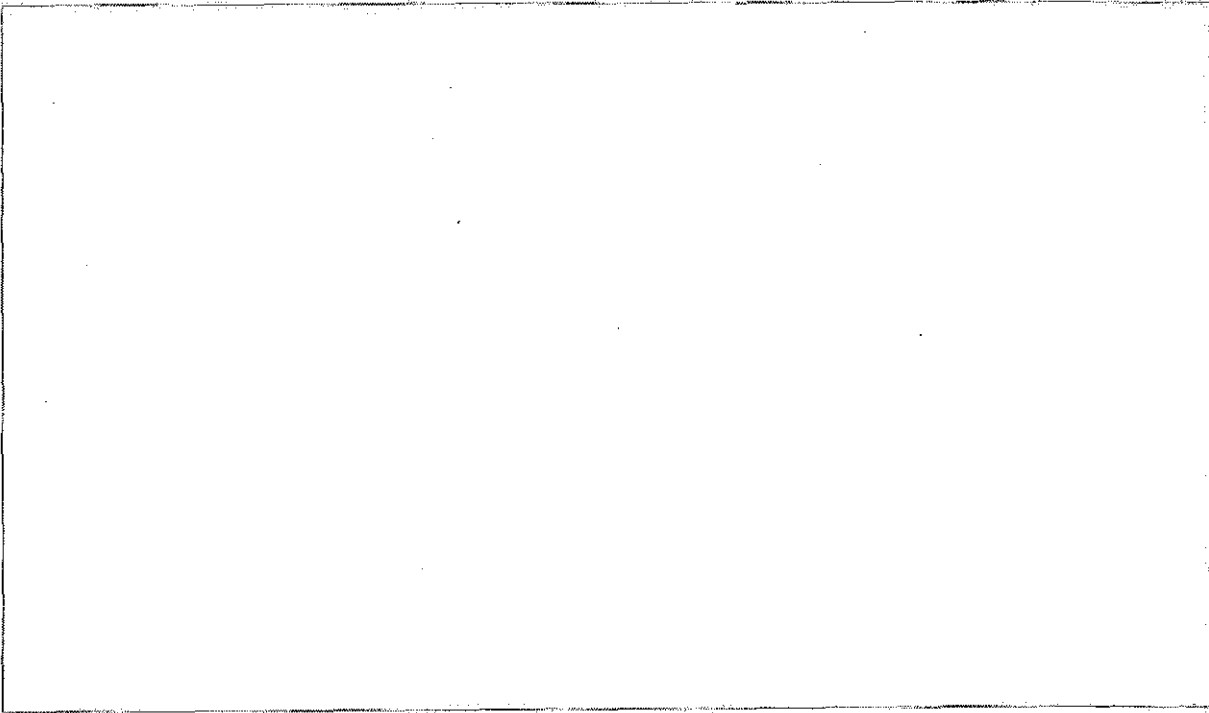


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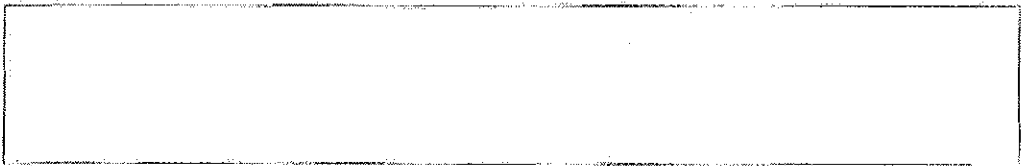
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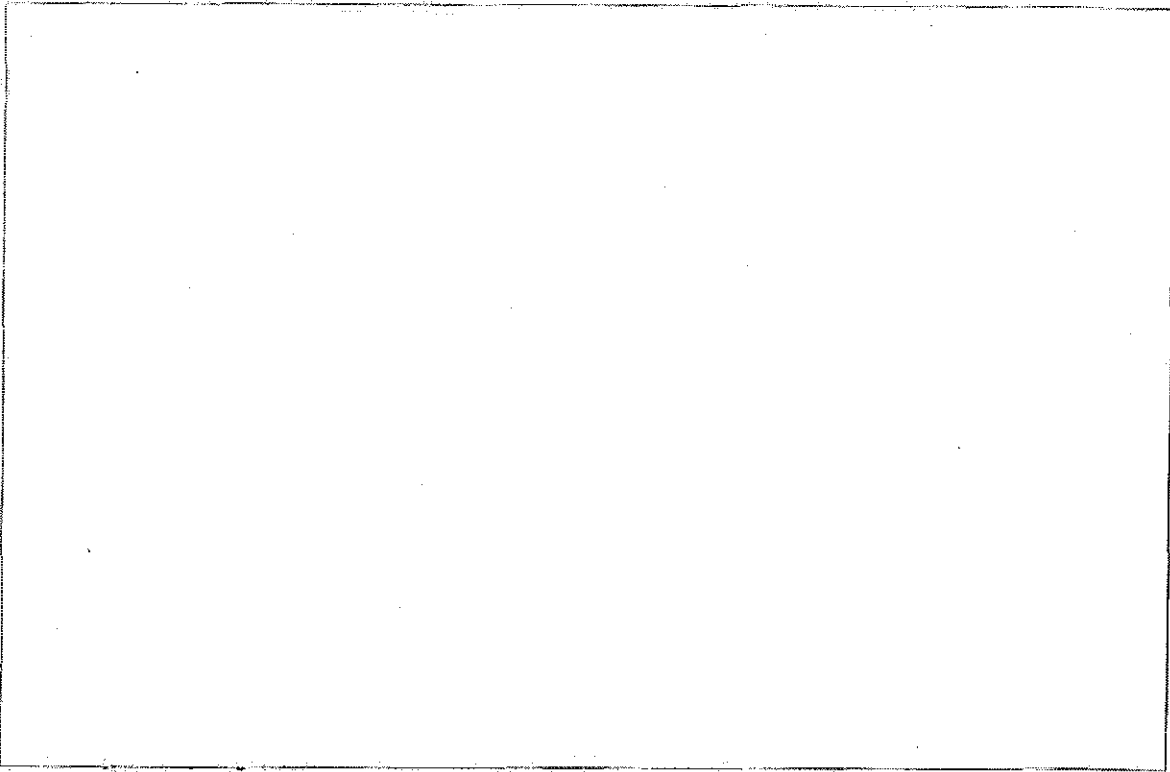
JERUSALEM (AP, June 17) - Israel agreed Thursday to ease its three-year-old land blockade of the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip, hoping to quell international outrage over its deadly raid on a flotilla bound for the Palestinian territory. In one of the major changes, Israel will allow in more desperately needed construction materials for civilian projects, provided those projects are carried out under international supervision, government and military officials said. Israel has barely allowed in goods such as cement and steel, fearing Hamas militants could use them to build weapons and fortifications. The policy has prevented rebuilding thousands of homes and other buildings damaged in Israel's war with Hamas last year. An Israeli military official told The Associated Press all foods would be allowed in to the impoverished territory, effective immediately. Authorities had previously allowed a short and constantly changing list of foods in, but the list has been growing incrementally in recent months. Israel is maintaining its naval blockade intended to keep weapons shipments out of the hands of Hamas. "This is a step in the right direction," said Cristina Galach, spokeswoman for the European Union presidency. However, Hamas was not satisfied. "We want a real lifting of the siege, not window-dressing," said Hamas lawmaker Salah Bardawil.

EU greets plan to ease Gaza blockade with 'great interest'

BRUSSELS, June 17, 2010 (AFP) - EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton reacted with "great interest" to Israel's decision Thursday to ease its blockade of the Hamas-run Gaza Strip, offering Europe's support with the process. "We're looking with great interest to what the Israeli cabinet has said this morning," the EU high representative for foreign and defence matters said on the margins of an EU summit in Brussels. She added that there should no longer be "a list of goods that are allowed into Gaza" but a list of proscribed items -- arms and other materials which could have military uses -- "so we open up many more products so that ordinary people can get on with their lives." However Ashton stressed that Israel must also hold a credible enquiry into the events of May 31 when Israeli commandos attacked an aid flotilla heading for the blockaded Gaza strip, leaving nine Turkish activists dead. The decision by Israel's security cabinet to lift the Gaza blockade came in the wake of mounting international calls to ease the misery of the four-year action against the impoverished Palestinian territory in the wake of the deadly raid. Under the plan, Israel will "liberalise the system by which civilian goods enter Gaza (and) expand the inflow of materials for civilian projects that are under international supervision," the government said in a statement. But it also stressed that Israel would "continue existing security procedures to prevent the inflow of weapons and war material." Ashton stressed that Israel's announcement remains a decision "in principle." She said she hoped the Israeli government can now follow up "very quickly with the detail which we should look at with interest and hope that we can push forward, offer our support and ensure that the people of Gaza actually can now move towards getting a normal life."

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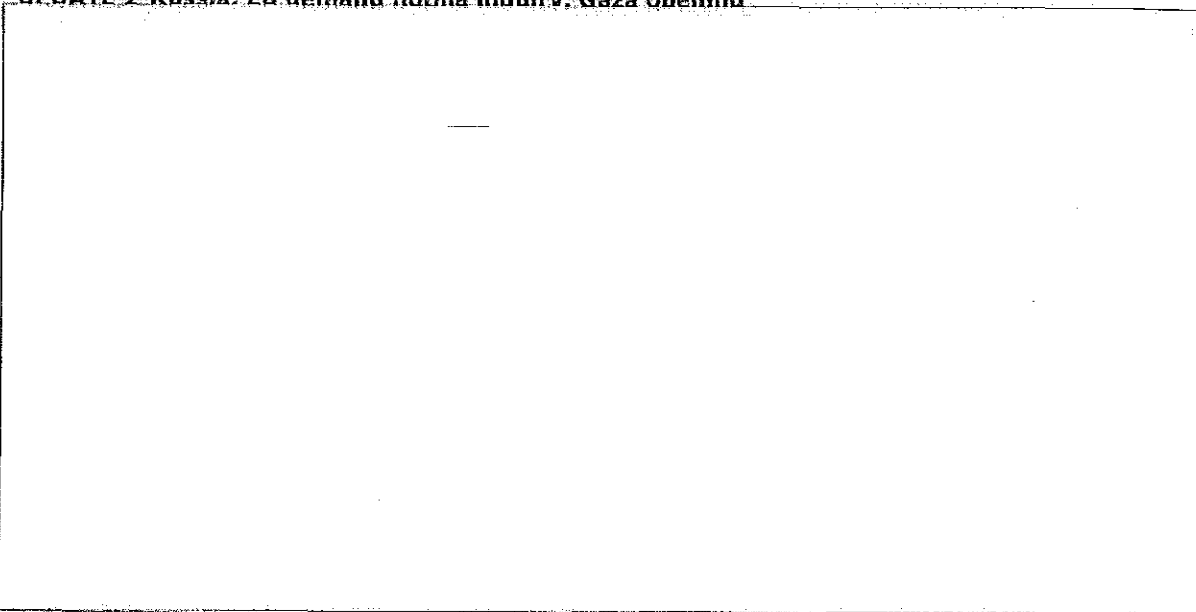
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EU ready to intensify efforts to lift Gaza blockade: Ashton

BRUSSELS, June 1, 2010 (AFP) - Europe will intensify its efforts to get Israel to lift its Gaza blockade, following the attack on an aid flotilla, EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton told the Palestinians Tuesday. She gave the assurance to Palestinian premier Salam Fayyad, during telephone talks Tuesday, the day after Israeli troops stormed the Gaza-bound aid flotilla and left nine people dead, an EU spokesman said. Her message was that "the blockade of Gaza should end" and "she's willing to step up efforts in this respect and to discuss with (EU) member states how to work further in this direction," spokesman John Clancy said. Ashton also stressed the importance of the role of the Palestinian Authority in normalising the situation in the Gaza Strip, which is run by the Hamas Islamist group. To that she would welcome a visit to Gaza by Palestinian Authority president Mahmud Abbas, according to Clancy. [...] Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Tuesday ordered the opening of the Rafah border crossing to allow humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip.

EU, UN condemn attack on Gaza aid convoy

BRUSSELS, 1 JUNE (European Voice) - The EU's member states have called for an "immediate, full and impartial inquiry" into Israel's assault on a naval convoy delivering aid to the Gaza Strip, according to a statement issued by Catherine Ashton, the Union's foreign policy chief, after a meeting of EU security ambassadors in Brussels yesterday (31 May). The statement goes beyond the "immediate inquiry by Israel" that Ashton had demanded earlier yesterday, before the member states had discussed the issue. Individual member states, including Sweden, which had citizens on board the Gaza-bound flotilla, wanted stronger language condemning Israel's actions. "The humanitarian situation in Gaza remains a source of grave concern," the statement said. "The EU does not accept the continued policy of closure. It is unacceptable and politically counterproductive. We need to urgently achieve a durable solution to the situation in Gaza." [...] Early this morning, the 15 members of the United Nations Security Council issued a statement condemning the violence and loss of life. The negotiations dragged on into the middle of the night, with diplomats from the United States - Israel's closest ally - and Turkey trying to bridge their differences. Among the sticking points was whether the UN Security Council should explicitly call for an "international" investigation or merely for an "independent" inquiry, the wording that was agreed on in the end.

(EU) EU/ISRAEL/GAZA: Indignation and calls for strong response from EU

Brussels, 01/06/2010 (Agence Europe) - Following the Israeli military operation against the "Peace" flotilla which was headed for Gaza, the sense of outrage is increasing. There have also been calls for a strong response from the EU to Israel. "I am deeply shocked," said French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner. "Nothing can justify violence on this scale," he stated, adding that "these events are a reminder to us that the current situation in Gaza is untenable and that an urgent response is needed". "We will do whatever has to be done to prevent this tragedy from leading to any further escalation of violence," he said. In the European Parliament, French Socialist MEP Kader Arif said that the attack was "morally unacceptable" and called for a "firm reaction". The Parliament will very shortly have to decide whether to enhance relations with Israel, in its commercial chapter, noted Arif, who has responsibility for this matter for the Socialist Group. "I will stick to the position expressed by my group in 2008 at the time of the tragic Israeli military intervention in Gaza: so long as international law is not respected, or the blockade on Gaza lifted, or a real commitment to peace given, I will oppose closer relations," he said. Tokia Saïfi (EPP, France), speaking on behalf of the EMPA (Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly) political, security and human rights committee, said that "it is not by acting in this way that Israel will shift dialogue towards peace and bring about a lasting resolution of the conflict in the Middle East".

Flottille: l'Iran dénonce les "actes barbares" d'Israël

BRUXELLES, 1 juin 2010 (AFP) - L'Iran, par la voix de son ministre des Affaires étrangères Manouchehr Mottaki, a de nouveau dénoncé mardi l'assaut militaire israélien contre la flottille d'aide pro-palestinienne, en parlant d'"actes barbares". "Des innocents ont été tués, assassinés par les actes barbares d'Israël", a déclaré le ministre dans un discours prononcé au Parlement européen à Bruxelles, où il était invité. "Cela montre que l'Iran a raison en ce qui concerne la nature de ce régime", a ajouté le chef de la diplomatie iranienne au sujet de l'Etat hébreu. Peu auparavant en Iran, le guide suprême, l'ayatollah Ali Khamenei, avait qualifié l'attaque israélienne contre la flottille chargée d'aide humanitaire pour Gaza de "preuve que le sionisme est le nouveau visage, en plus violent, du fascisme", selon la télévision d'Etat.M. Mottaki a commencé à être interrogé dans l'après-midi à huis clos par la commission des Affaires étrangères du Parlement européen. A son arrivée, une dizaine de députés européens conservateurs, italiens surtout mais aussi britanniques, ont protesté contre sa venue à l'entrée de la salle en dénonçant les violations des droits de l'Homme en Iran, a constaté un journaliste de l'AFP. Ils ont brandi des photos de Neda, cette jeune Iranienne tuée par balles en juin 2009 lors de la répression à Téhéran des manifestations anti-Ahmadinejad. Son sort avait beaucoup ému la communauté internationale et fait d'elle une icône de la contestation. L'un des élus européens, le Britannique Struan Stevenson, a lancé au ministre iranien "pas de meurtrier au Parlement!" et "régime fasciste". "Votre présence est une honte", a-t-il encore dit. Les élus ont été bousculés par le service de sécurité du Parlement pour permettre à M. Mottaki de pénétrer dans la salle.

Gaza flotilla assault: The world unites in condemnation of Israel's actions: Key strategic relationship with Turkey damaged - Netanyahu's planned visit to White House cancelled

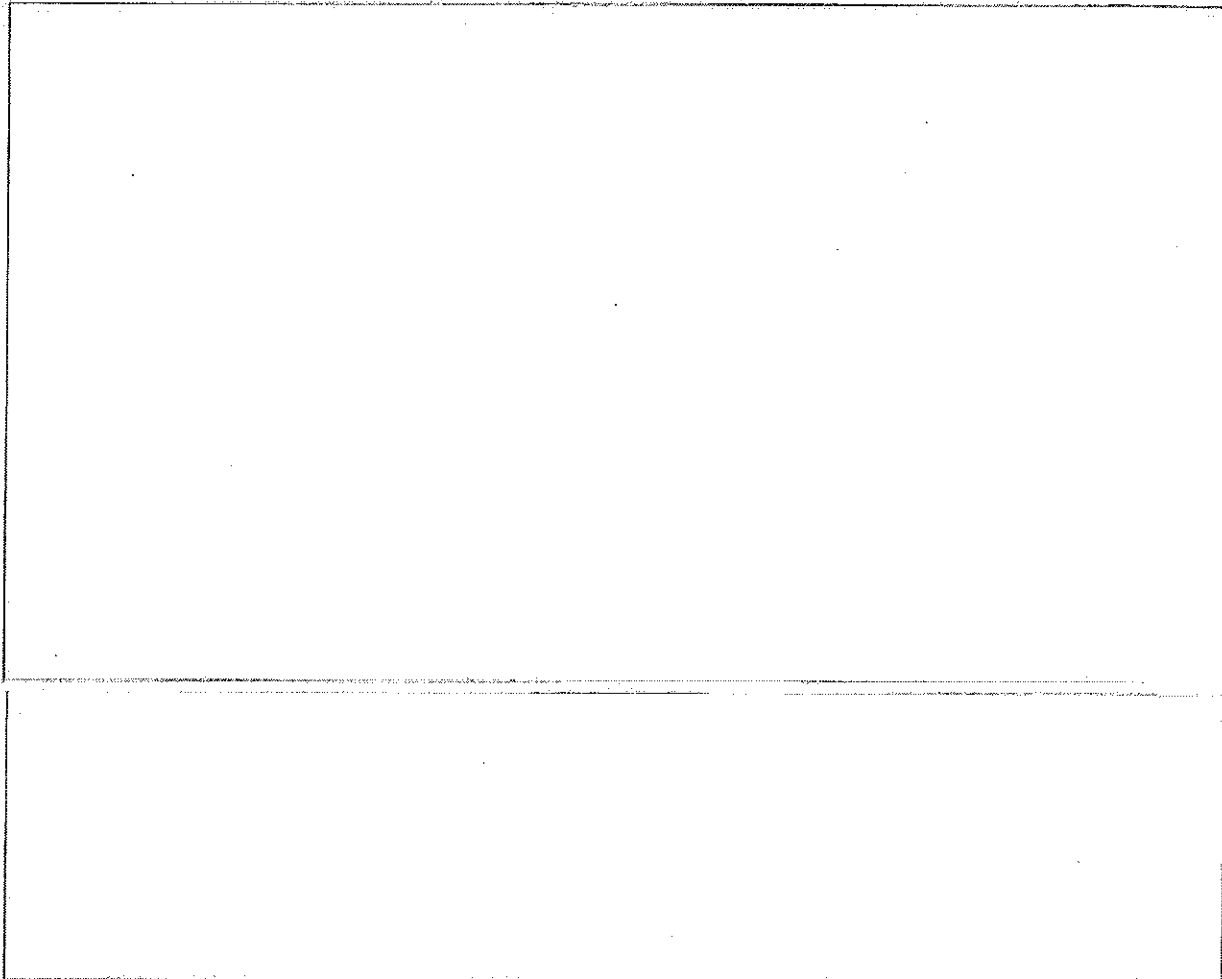
The Guardian (June 1, 2010) Israel's calculated gamble in sending commandos to raid the Mediterranean flotilla looked likely last night to exact a high price, leaving it increasingly isolated internationally and diplomatically and losing the vital public relations war in the Middle East. The first and biggest casualty of what appeared to many as a rash act of night time derring-do was Israel's relationship with what used to be its key strategic, regional and Muslim ally, Turkey. Anger erupted on the streets of Istanbul and Ankara, with Israeli flags burned as thousands took to the streets and marched on the Israeli consulate. The Netanyahu government is advising Israelis to stay away from Turkey. Turkey's prime minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, described the Israeli raid as "an act of inhumane state terrorism", while the foreign ministry spoke of "an act of piracy" and of "irreparable damage" to relations between Ankara and Tel Aviv. Three of the six ships flew the Turkish flag, the convoy was organised by a Turkish charity, and several hundred of those on board the ships were Turks. "We had a very good relationship with Israel, but we have had all kind of difficulties in the past," said a senior diplomat in Ankara, Selim Yenel. "This tops them all." (...) The fury on the streets was mirrored by high-level rage. Ankara recalled its ambassador from Israel. Erdogan rushed home from a trip to Latin America to deal with the fallout. "Israel has targeted innocent civilians," said the foreign ministry in Ankara. "It has shown yet again that it does not care about human lives or peace initiatives." Noting that the dawn raid occurred in international waters, Ankara hinted at demanding legal redress. The Turks convened an emergency meeting of generals and security ministers and called off military exercises with Israel, as did Greece. The United Nations security council was expected to meet last night in New York over the incident. "I heard the ships were in international water. That is very bad," said Ban Ki-moon, the UN secretary-general. The Obama administration, while

regretting the death toll, reserved judgment on apportioning blame. "The United States is currently working to understand the circumstances surrounding this tragedy," said White House spokesman William Burton. The Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, cancelled plans to visit Obama at the White House today.

UPDATE 2-Russia, EU demand flotilla inquiry, Gaza opening

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia, June 1 (Reuters) - Russia and the European Union condemned on Tuesday Israel's use of deadly force in the storming of an aid flotilla and urged the opening of crossings into Gaza. In a joint declaration during a Russia-EU summit in the southern Russian city of Rostov-on-Don, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton demanded a "full and impartial inquiry". "The death of people is irreparable and absolutely unjustified," Russian President Dmitry Medvedev told a news conference with EU leaders. EU President Herman Van Rompuy called the deaths "inexplicable". "We regret the loss of life, condemn the use of violence and demand an immediate, full and impartial investigation," he said. "I appeal for a durable solution to be found to the situation in Gaza," Van Rompuy said, referring to the enclave run by Hamas Islamists. Their joint declaration added: "The EU and Russia call for immediate opening of crossings for the flow of humanitarian aid, commercial goods and people to and from Gaza." The remarks were a show of solidarity between the European Union and Moscow, which has traditionally supported the Palestinians but has also cultivated closer ties with Israel in recent years. Along with the United States and United Nations, Russia and the EU are members of the international "quartet" seeking Middle East peace. In separate statements on Monday, both had condemned Israel's use of force and criticized the blockade on Gaza.

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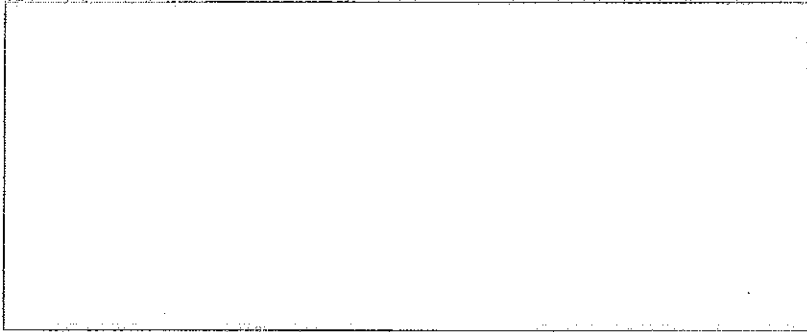


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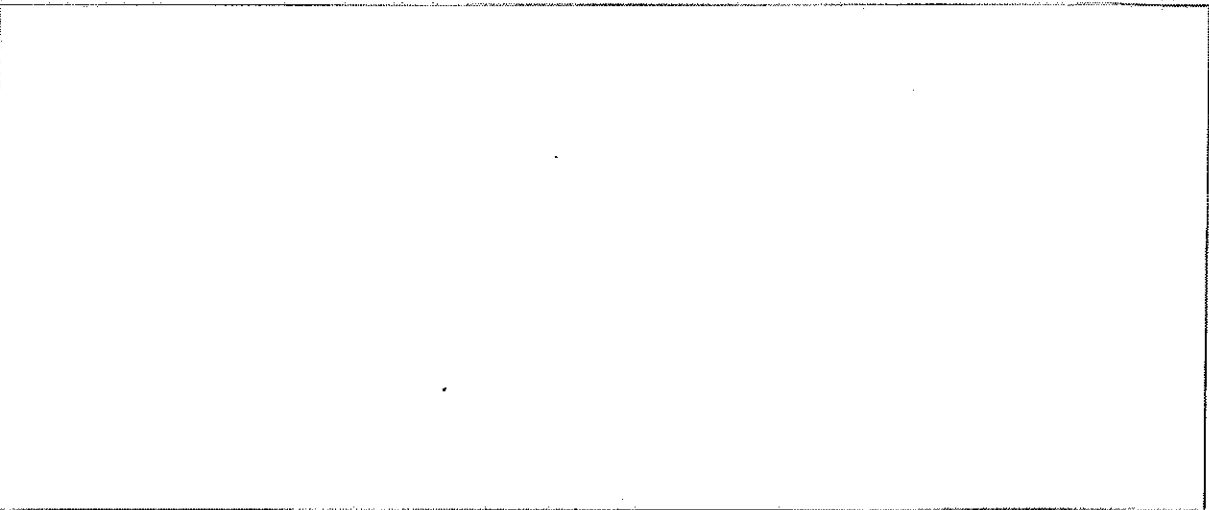
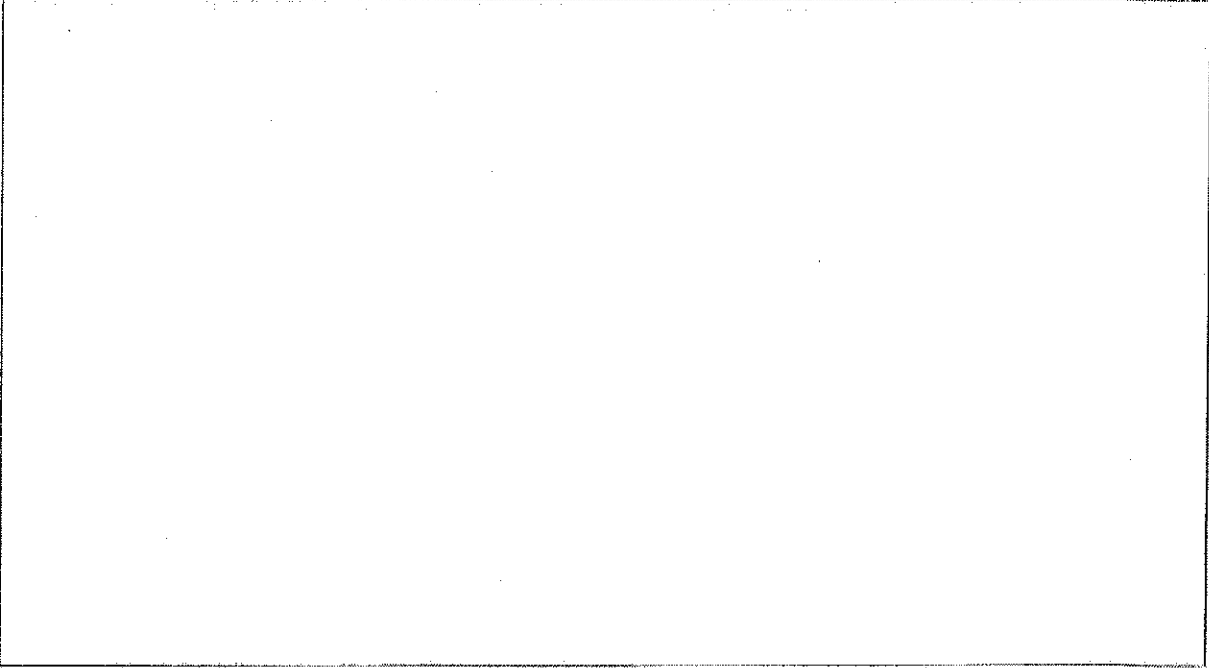
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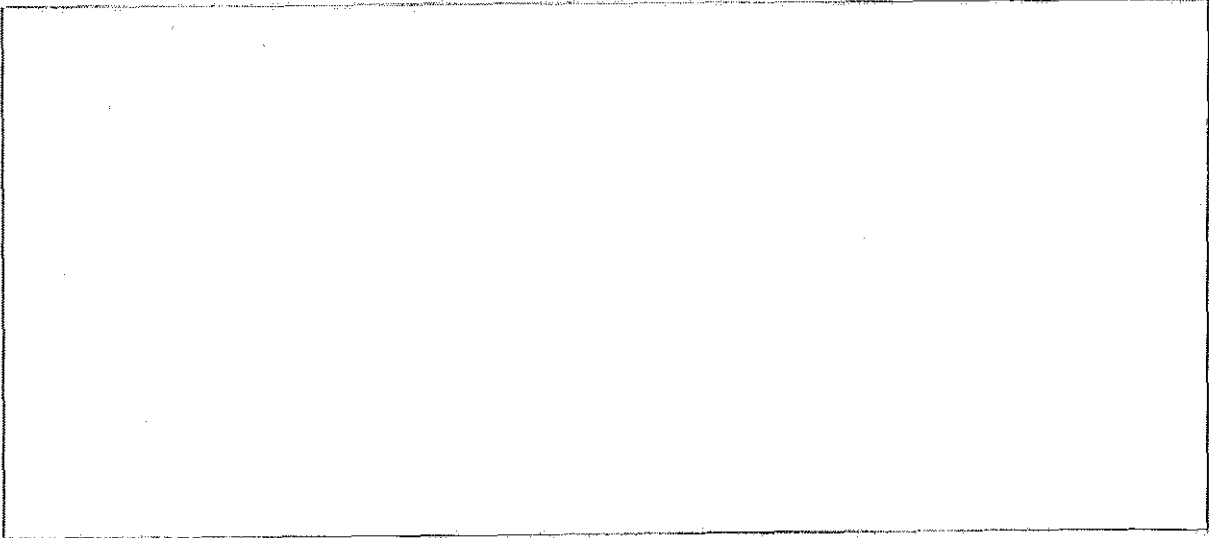
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EU/MIDDLE EAST: Liebermann invites EU ministers to visit Gaza

Brussels, 28/06/2010 (Agence Europe) - EU foreign ministers have been invited to visit Gaza, Israeli Social Affairs Minister Yitzhak Herzog stated on Sunday 27 June. He said that EU ministers could, in this way, see for themselves that the bleak picture painted from the outside does not correspond to the reality on the ground in Gaza. The minister confirmed what Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini said in Rome on Thursday, following a meeting with Avigdor Lieberman. Lieberman issued an invitation to EU ministers to visit the territory, currently under Israeli blockade, to see that there is no humanitarian crisis, it was reported in the international press, which sees this invitation above all as a way of putting a de facto end to the diplomatic blockade on the Palestinian enclave. The accuracy of this view may be tested in the coming days as a new "peace flotilla" is preparing to leave from Lebanon. Israel's reaction will be closely monitored.

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Folks,

To our knowledge, Greta Berlin is a person, not a ship. She indicated in an e-mail today that they (the group) may depart Cyprus because of the problems getting out of here, but she was referring to people not a ship. n

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Nan, Alicia, Richard, Chris:

Anything new on the presence/absence of the Challenger II in Famagusta. There are several reports citing two more vessels on the way and all cite the Rachel Corrie, but not the other ship allegedly taking part . . . I see Embassy Ankara's Turkish Press Scanner reports the Greta Berlin is in the RoC and expected to leave this week, but as we know, the RoC has said it will not let any ships leave from its ports to participate.

Thanks,

Terry

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STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

(SBU) Eleven AmCit detainees plan to, or have already signed, voluntary deportation forms provided by the Israeli Ministry of Interior. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

- (U) Israel's inner security cabinet voted to deport remaining prisoners within 48 hours. A government statement issued late June 1 stated that "the detainees would be expelled immediately according to the procedures set by law," said a government statement issued late June 1. (AFP)
- (U) Turkey sent three planes to Israel to repatriate approximately 350 detained activists. (AFP)

ISRAEL MIGHT CONSIDER WOUNDED AS COMBATANTS

(SBU) Approximately 50 wounded detainees of various nationalities are currently being treated by the Government of Israel as suspects, and thus may not be allowed to leave the country. The GOI might want to file court cases against these individuals, but this course of action is subject to the attorney general's discretion. (MGGZ01/NEA-FO e-mail)

RETURN OF ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC FAMILY MEMBERS FROM TURKEY

(U) Approximately 50 people related to Israeli consulate and embassy staff in Turkey are returning to Israel, a senior official told Israeli public radio. (AFP)

INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

- (SBU) Moscow condemned Israel's action against the MAVI MARMARA, asserting that the "Use of weapons against civilians and detaining ships in the open sea without any legal reason constitutes obvious and gross violations of generally accepted international standards." Embassy Moscow notes Russia likely will use this incident to push for Israel to lift the Gaza blockade. (MGGZ01/Embassy Moscow e-mail)
- (SBU) NATO SYG Rasmussen released a statement June 1 expressing "deep regret over the loss of lives and the other casualties resulting from the use of force" and urging the UN and the EU to conduct "a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation into the incident." He also called for "the immediate release of the detained civilians and ships held by Israel." (MGGZ01/USNATO e-mail)
- (U) India condemned Israel for "indiscriminate use of force" and asserted that "lasting peace and security in the region can be achieved only through peaceful dialogue." (Xinhua)
- (U) Lebanese President Sleiman discussed the incident with Turkish President Gul and reportedly agreed to coordinate efforts to "counter Israel's actions." (nowlebanon.com)

- (U) The Irish government called on Israel to allow an Irish-registered aid ship, the RACHEL CORRIE, to continue its voyage to Gaza. Late June 1, PM Cowen warned of "serious consequences" if any detained Irish citizens were harmed, and called for their immediate and unconditional release. *(bbc.co.uk)*
- (U) The Malaysian Cabinet tabled a parliamentary motion strongly condemning Israel's raid. FM Aman departed for Jordan to seek the release of the 12 Malaysians. *(Xinhua)*
- (S) Nicaragua suspended diplomatic ties with Israel June 1 to protest Israel's raid on the MAVI MARMARA, President Ortega's office said. Embassy Managua notes that Nicaragua has no diplomatic presence in Israel but has an embassy in Cairo. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Managua e-mail, elpueblopresidente.com)*
- (U) Iranian FM Mottaki expressed solidarity with the "martyrs" killed during the raid and added that the incident "opened some possibility" to put pressure on Israel to lift the blockade of the Gaza Strip and thereby allow the passage of medicine and humanitarian assistance. *(AFP)*
- (U) French FM Kouchner said that the raid was "a very grave mistake" and "extremely damaging to the image of Israel itself." Kouchner advocated for an international investigation and said "there should not be impunity." *(AP)*

For more information on the Gaza Flotilla, please see the Ops Portal at the following link:
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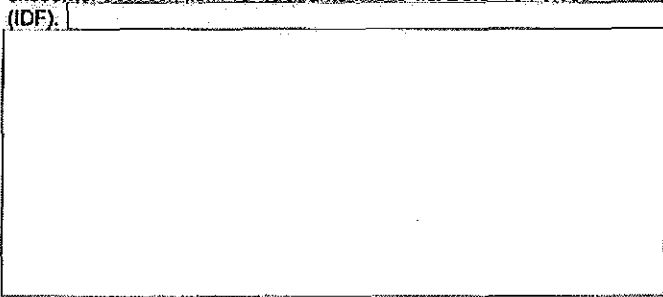
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1. (U) This is an action request. All action addressees are asked to use paragraph 3 points at their discretion, depending on whether there are individuals or vessels from host countries participating in flotillas bound for Gaza, or as they otherwise 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, Cairo 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).



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GENERAL TALKING POINTS

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.

The United States remains deeply concerned by conditions created by Hamas's takeover in Gaza, but we note that the humanitarian situation has significantly improved over the last year, including through large increases in the range and scope of goods and materials moving in, an increase in international project activity, and the gradual expansion of exports. We will continue to work with Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and others to do more to ensure that the needs of the people of Gaza are being met.

Recent seizures by Israel and Egypt of advanced military systems, weapons, and ammunition bound for terrorist groups in Gaza, as well as ongoing rocket and mortar attacks from Gaza against Israeli civilians, highlight the continuing problem of the smuggling of illicit arms or goods that could be used to produce arms to Gaza. This underscores the need for security inspection of cargo bound for Gaza. Israel has a right to take appropriate measures to ensure that arms smuggling to terrorist groups is not taking place. We therefore strongly urge groups seeking to send humanitarian assistance to Gaza to use existing non-provocative and non-confrontational mechanisms to ensure delivery of aid to Gaza and to allow for a security inspection of the goods being transferred. 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.

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.

(Note for demarche posts: In the past, humanitarian assistance to Gaza has also been delivered through the port of El-Arish, Egypt. Embassy Cairo (see para 8) is requested to confirm with the Egyptian transitional authorities that this mechanism will be available for cargo from this flotilla. Posts should not/not discuss this potential channel with host governments until the current Egyptian authorities confirm it will be available.)

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.

(FOR ALL POSTS EXCEPT TEL AVIV)

—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 on how it might intercept flotilla vessels, and restraint in dealing with civilians aboard those vessels.

END TALKING POINTS

GAZA COUNTER ARMS SMUGGLING INITIATIVE POINTS

4. (SBU) FOR EMBASSIES ATHENS, BERLIN, COPENHAGEN, THE HAGUE, NICOSIA, OSLO, OTTAWA, LONDON, PARIS, ROME:

—Your country is a participant in the Gaza Counter Arms Smuggling Initiative (GCASI) along with the United States and others. As we have already noted, the recent Israeli and Egyptian arms seizures and the elevated levels of rocket and mortar attacks against Israeli civilians demonstrate the need to stop arms smuggling to Gaza. The April 7 attack by Hamas against a school bus with an anti-tank missile was a particularly heinous act of terrorism.

—GCASI participants should seize this moment to take concrete steps to prevent these flotilla ships from circumventing the existing mechanisms for scanning goods entering Gaza. We also encourage your country to consider proposing to the Norwegian chair concrete, practical steps for stopping smuggling at the June 27-28 GCASI meeting in Oslo. While we appreciate the information sharing that has thus far taken place at previous GCASI meetings, the recent escalation along the Gaza-Israeli border underscores the need for GCASI to be more active and effective.

CAPITAL-SPECIFIC POINTS

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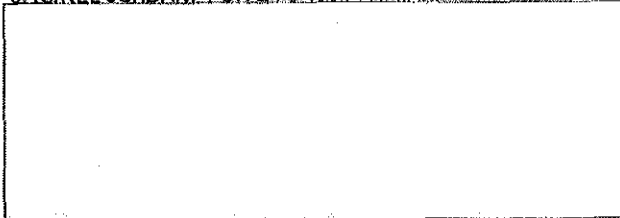
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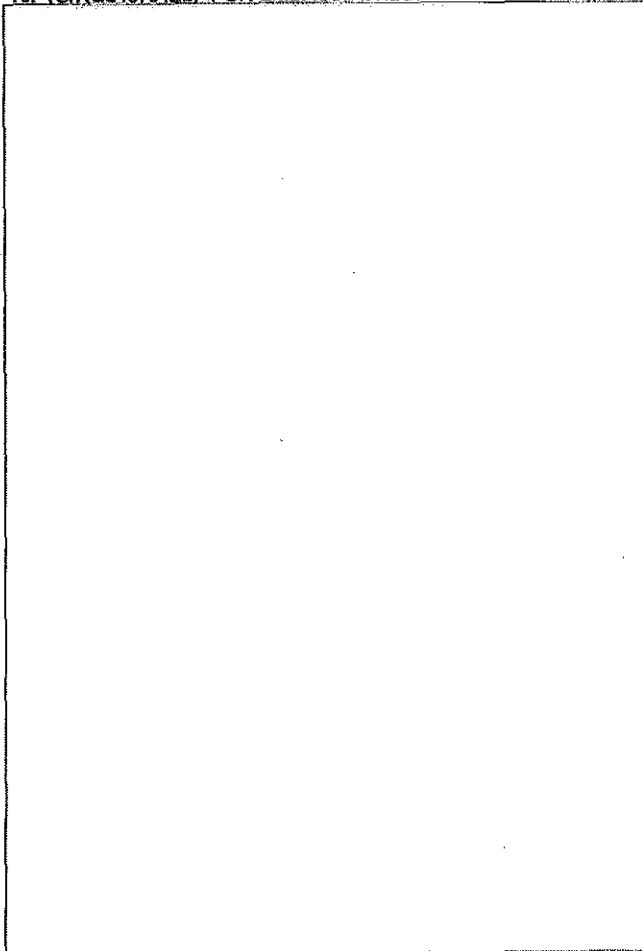
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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

11. (SBU) 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 information or argumentation to meet our objectives.

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Signature: CLINTON

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From: Stewart, Nan E
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:00 AM
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From: Irish [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 6:43 PM
To: Stewart, Nan E
Cc: Hanrahan, Richard F; Netos, Eleftherios E
Subject: Re: Thank you for asking for the passenger list

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Thank you Nan. We will not be leaving from Cyprus thanks to the Cypriot government's refusal to let us board passengers out of their 12 mile limit. So we will probably leave Cyprus and work somewhere else.

We have appreciated your concern and thank you for staying in touch with us.

Best regards,

Greta Berlin

On Tue, Jun 1, 2010 at 6:40 PM, Stewart, Nan E <StewartNE1@state.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Berlin and Mr. Kysia.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

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Any information you could provide us at this time would be most appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best regards,

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From: Irish [mailto:]
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2010 4:59 PM
To: Stewart, Nan E; Franklin Lamb
Subject: Re: Message for Ms. Greta Berlin re Free Gaza Sailing

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Hi Nan. It's good to hear from you. We do not have a passenger list of the women on board and are not sure there are any Americans. I have copied our colleague, Franklyn Lamb, who may be able to answer your question.

Thank you. Greta

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Dear Ms. Berlin,

I am with the U.S. Embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus. You might recall that we corresponded earlier at the time of the last sailing of vessels attempting to break the Gaza blockade. You've also communicated in the past with Richard Hanrahan from this office. Richard has left Nicosia for his onward assignment.


As before, we are very interested to know if there are or will be American citizens onboard the ship or ships that we hear are scheduled to depart from Tripoli, Lebanon on Saturday, August 21. Any information you might be able to provide would be very helpful.

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Thank you Nan. We appreciate that you are concerned about us. Hopefully that will translate back to Washington, and someone will do something about Furkan Dogan, an American who was assassinated by Israel on the last flotilla.

We are still a Cyprus-based charity and will remain that, but, thanks to the Cypriot government cowering under the covers and playing footsie with Israel, we are no longer allowed to leave from Cyprus. Fortunately, not all countries feel the same way.

Sorry if I'm a bit cynical at the moment but we lost one of our dearest and most remarkable young men, killed in Gaza last Friday, allegedly by some unheard-of-before Islamic group. We want to know who was behind the murder.

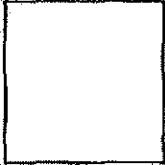
If anything changes, you can be sure I will let you know.

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Best regards, Greta

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Dear Greta,

We have communicated previously regarding the activities of the Free Gaza Movement. We had heard that you had relocated your headquarters to another country but recently saw press reports naming Cyprus as your base. These reports mention that you have some upcoming activities planned. As always, we are concerned about the safety and well-being of any American citizens who might be involved. Can you advise if you have sailings planned? We greatly appreciate any information you can provide.

Sincerely

Nan E. Stewart

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Modified by user: ZUCKERMANE				
Critical Field Change: Subject State of Birth New Value: [redacted] Old Value: No Previous Value				
Critical Field Change: Subject Country of Birth New Value: USA - United States Of America Old Value: No Previous Value				
Welfare/Whereabouts Service Closed	Status Update	System	TANUS, GEORGE	14-Sep-2012
Welfare/Whereabouts Service was closed on 8/22/2008 3:00:00 AM by TANUSGX Welfare/Whereabouts Service was closed by TANUSGX on 9/14/2012 10:45:29 AM				
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Birth Date Age Passport Number Place of Birth
[Redacted]

Welfare and Whereabouts Service Details

Case Name (Owning Post - Status) Reason for Service
Free Gaza Movement

Comments
Subject is one of the peace activists on board the Free Gaza boat sailing from Cyprus to Gaza.

Missing Person

Last Contact Last Sighting

Comments

Emergency Message

Originator Received - Delivered

Message Distribution Posts

Victim's Assistance

Crime Details

Victim Type Purpose of Visit

Extent of Injury - Investigation Status Hospital Information

U.S. Residence Law Enforcement

Judicial Contact Law Enforcement/ Judicial Action

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Medical Assistance

<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Attending Physician</u>	<u>Insurance Information</u>
<u>U.S. Medical Provider</u>	<u>Local Medical Provider</u>	<u>Known Medications</u>
<u>Medical Escort</u>	<u>Release Date</u>	
<u>Diagnosis</u>		

Medical Evacuation

<u>Evacuation</u>	<u>Destination</u>
<u>Carrier</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>Payment Source</u>
<u>Itinerary</u>	

Medical Health

Information Source of Treatment

Details of Treatment

Judicial Assistance

<u>Case Name</u>	<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Deposition</u>
<u>Subpoena and Service of Process</u>		<u>Host Country Clearance</u>
<u>Status Inquiry</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>	

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Extradition

<u>Case Name</u>	<u>Initiating Court</u>	<u>Requesting U.S. Agency</u>
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Embassy Inquiry

<u>Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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Provisional Arrest Information

Dates:

<u>Arrest</u>	No Arrest	<u>Court Decision</u>	No Court Decision
<u>Notification</u>	No Notification	<u>Extradition</u>	No Extradition
<u>Due Date</u>	No Due Date	<u>Request Sent</u>	No Request Sent
<u>Notification of Extraditability</u>	No Notification of Extraditability		

<u>Charges</u>	<u>Request Dipnote Number</u>
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Evidence Sent to State

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description of Evidence</u>
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Federal Benefits

<u>Assistance Date</u>	<u>Benefit Type</u>
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Denial of Freedom to Travel

<u>Nature of Denial</u>	<u>Prohibiting Travel</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Protest Information</u>
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<u>Attorney Representing Client</u> No Attorney	<u>Actions Taken</u>
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Contacts

<u>Name Organization Phone</u>	<u>Relationship Type Description</u>
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Proof Of Citizenship

<u>Document Type</u>	<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Place of Issue</u>

Proof Of Identification

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Privacy Act

<u>Taken Date By</u>	<u>Delivery Method Level Statement</u>	<u>Waiver Type Granted</u>

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Welfare and Whereabouts Service Status

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From: Pisani, Kristen L
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To: Royster, Steven B
Subject: FW: Free Gaza Movement
Attachments: Image002.jpg

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From: Cohen, Jonathan R
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2011 2:30 PM
To: Stewart, Nan E
Cc: Allison, Alicia P
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement



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Thanks,
Jonathan

SBU
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From: Stewart, Nan E
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2011 2:15 PM
To: Cohen, Jonathan R
Cc: Allison, Alicia P
Subject: Free Gaza Movement

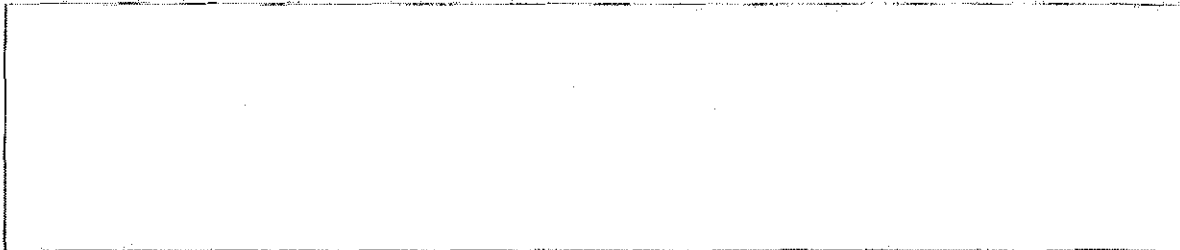
Jonathan,

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I just spoke with Alicia, who indicated that your and the Ambassador were interested in opening lines of communication with the Free Gaza folks again. I'm happy to do so.

I thought I would send something along the lines of:

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Sincerely"

Nan E. Stewart
Consular Chief
U.S. Embassy Nicosia, Cyprus
Telephone: (357) 2239-3307
E-mail:

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Country Team Meeting Notes – June 1, 2010
Note taker: Anita Aguasvivas

Ambassador Frank Urbancic, Jr.

- (SBU) In your conversations be aware of the sentiment concerning the Israeli actions with the Gaza flotilla and feed in comments to Alicia and the POL section. Whatever you can contribute will be helpful in what we send to Washington.

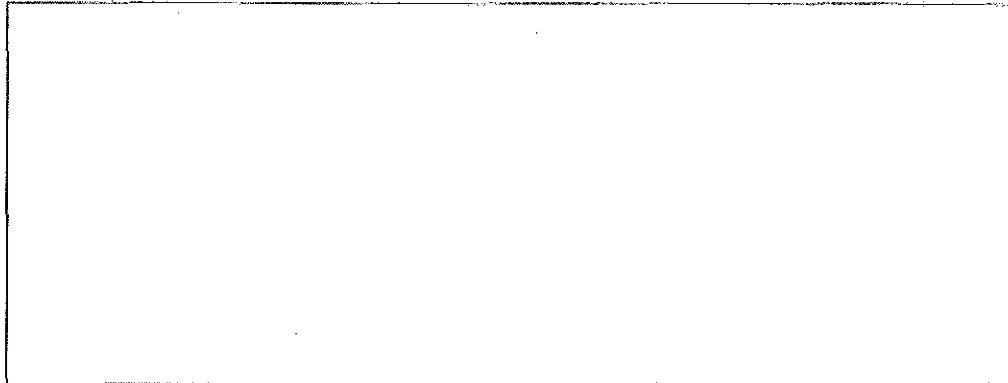
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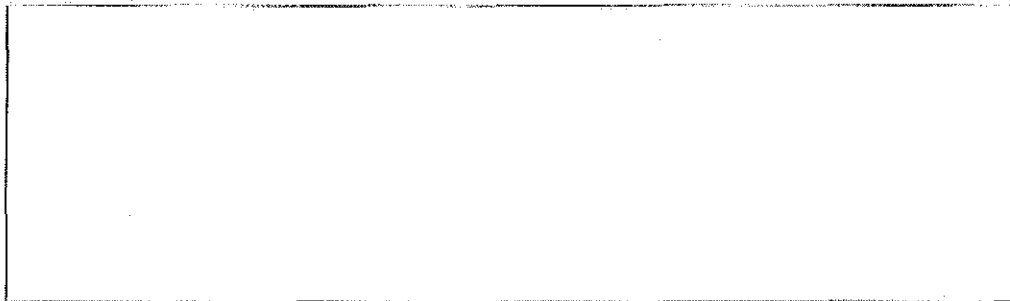
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Political (Alicia Allison)



- (SBU) Please review official White House/State statements on Free Gaza incident for your information, though PAS takes lead on press inquiries.



Econ (Jim Carouso)



Public Affairs (Juliette Dickstein)

- (U) Gaza situation is the overwhelming media item.

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USAID (Alan Davis)

Nothing to Report

Management (Warren Hadley)

[Redacted]

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Force Protection Detachment

[Redacted]

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Defense Attaché

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B3 DOD-CP

Nothing to Report

RSO (Shawn Sherlock)

- (U) A demonstration was held at Israeli Embassy of approximately 200 people resulting in some injuries. There were also demonstrations in Athens, all stemming from the recent Gaza situation.

Consular (Nan Stewart)

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MSG (Chris Ivanov)

[Redacted]

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DEA (Artemis Papadakis)

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Nothing to Report.

Regional Affairs (Stephanie Slaymaker)

[Redacted]

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OSC (Doug Gill)

Nothing to Report

CLO (Lisa Ramber)

[Redacted]

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DCM Jonathan Cohen

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- (SBU) Thank you to DAO and FPD for working the Gaza flotilla issue. There are currently 2 US flag vessels in Limassol, but reports are they are unlikely to go anywhere in the near future.

[Redacted]

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Regional Affairs (Matt Sweeney)

- (U) Nothing to report.

DAO [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

NR

Management (Warren Hadley)

- (U) Nothing to report.

Public Affairs (Juliette Dickstein)

- (U) Nothing to report.

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Consular (Nan Stewart)

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Political (Chris Panico)

- (U) Nothing to report.

USAID (Alan Davis)

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DEA (Erin Phraao)

- (U) Nothing to report.

OSC (Mitch Cutler)

POL (Alicia Allison)

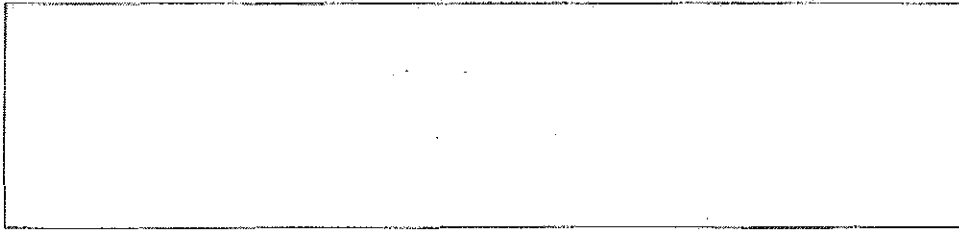
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Country Team Meeting Notes – June 22, 2010
Note taker: Devin Miller

Ambassador Frank Urbancic, Jr.

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- (SBU) Embassy Nicosia is watching carefully events related to ongoing efforts to break the Gaza blockade.

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Political (Chris Panico)

Econ (Jim Carouso)

Public Affairs (Jim Ellickson-Brown)

USAID (Alan Davis)

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Management (Ron Hernandez)

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Force Protection Detachment

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Defense Attaché

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DEA (Erin Phrao)

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NR

Regional Affairs (Matt Sweeney)

- (U) Nothing to report.

OSC (Mitch Cutler)

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Consular (Nan Stewart)

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RSO (Shawn Sherlock)

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CLO (Lisa Ramber)

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The Ambassador's Meeting with Cypriot FM Kyprianou

Bilateral/Miscellaneous

- **Overseas Cypriots:**
- **Christofias Remarks:**
- **UNGA/Smithsonian/October 1 Events:**
- **Franchise/Fulbright:**
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Policy Issues

• **Israel:**

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• **Iran:**

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• **Kosovo:**

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• **Gaza Boats:** I was glad to see that ROC continues to do the right thing in terms of boats aiming to reach Gaza.

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Talks

• [Redacted]

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Gousha, Saffie A

From: Plsani, Kristen L
 Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 11:05 AM
 To: Henderson, Alexander C; May, James H
 Subject: FW: M/V Estelle
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From: Coffey, Lindsay M
 Sent: Friday, October 19, 2012 4:18 PM
 To: Plsani, Kristen L;
 Subject: M/V Estelle

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All,

We've been following another possible Gaza flotilla for the past couple of days. This cable out of Tel Aviv suggests that the S/V Estelle claimed it was going to Larnaca when it left Greece, but will instead pass through Egyptian waters en route to Gaza. We haven't seen/heard anything here to suggest that the boat is actually going to Larnaca, but I wanted to double check to see what you might be hearing on the ground.

Thanks,
 Lindsay

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MRN: 12 TEL AVIV 3100
 Date/DTG: Oct 18, 2012 / 181550Z OCT 12
 From: AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
 Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
 E.O.: 13526
 TAGS: PREL, CASC, PHUM, KPAL, KWBG, SW, CA, GR, SP, IS
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 Subject: Blockade Runner S/V Estelle Approaching Gaza

1. (SBU) According to the Israeli MFA, the "Swedish Boat to Gaza," the Estelle (Finnish flagged, IMO: 5108883), was located southeast of Crete on October 18 and progressing on a course for Gaza, rather than its stated destination of Larnaca, Cyprus. The earliest estimate for the boat's arrival in Gazan territorial waters is in the late evening of October 19. According to the Israeli MFA, there are no known AmCits onboard, but a number of passengers joined illegally by alighting off the coast of Crete without going through Greek customs and immigration checks. The MFA estimates that the ship is consuming about 1.7-2 tons of fuel per day with a capacity of 17 tons (revised upward from earlier estimates of 1 ton per day). The ship was fully loaded with 17 tons of fuel upon its departure from Naples on October 6 and should have run out of fuel by now. The MFA believes this bolsters social media reports that the ship took onboard supplies and fuel while off the Cretan coast.

2. (SBU) The MFA confirms that the IDF will interdict and board the ship, if it is clear that it is attempting to approach the Gaza coast, but will also offer for the materials to be shipped into Gaza once the items are screened. The largest operational question is route. While the ship declared that it would travel to Larnaca, Cyprus, Cyprus has a standing ban on allowing ships to depart with an intent to go to Gaza. The MFA told us October 18 that two alternate routes, direct to

Gaza and along the Egyptian coast, are more likely, with the current vessel track on <http://www.marinetraffic.com> putting the vessel through Egyptian waters before attempting to enter Gaza.

3. (SBU) While the MFA believes the whole act is intended as a provocation, it also believes that the passengers do not intend to respond to an interdiction with violence but "peaceful resistance," i.e., ignoring hails and orders to heave to. While they have attempted to secure a complete passenger manifest, the illegal boarding in Crete made this difficult. According to social media websites, the MFA believes that as many as seven national parliamentarian members, from Canada (one), Greece (two), Sweden (two), and Spain (one-two), may be on board. The MFA will continue to update us as they learn more.

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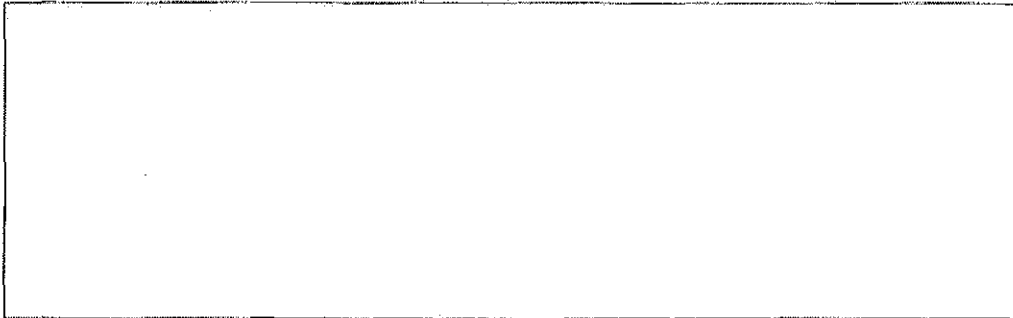
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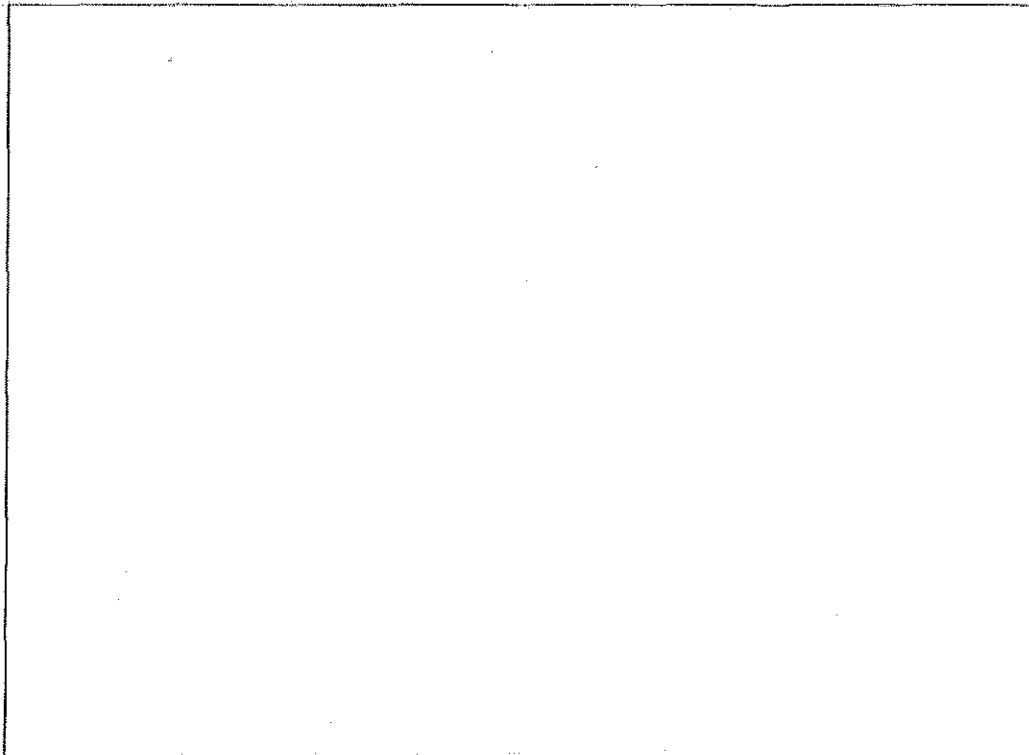
Country Team Meeting Notes – March 30, 2010
Note taker: Jason Chue

Ambassador Frank Urbancic, Jr.



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- (C) The Free Gaza Movement will once again be launching trips to Gaza via Cyprus. The DCM asked the Acting Consular Chief to find out whether any American citizens are on board and to coordinate with our consular colleagues in Tel Aviv to notify all Americans traveling to the region of the limits of consular assistance.

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Public Affairs (Jim Ellickson-Brown)

Management (Warren Hadley)

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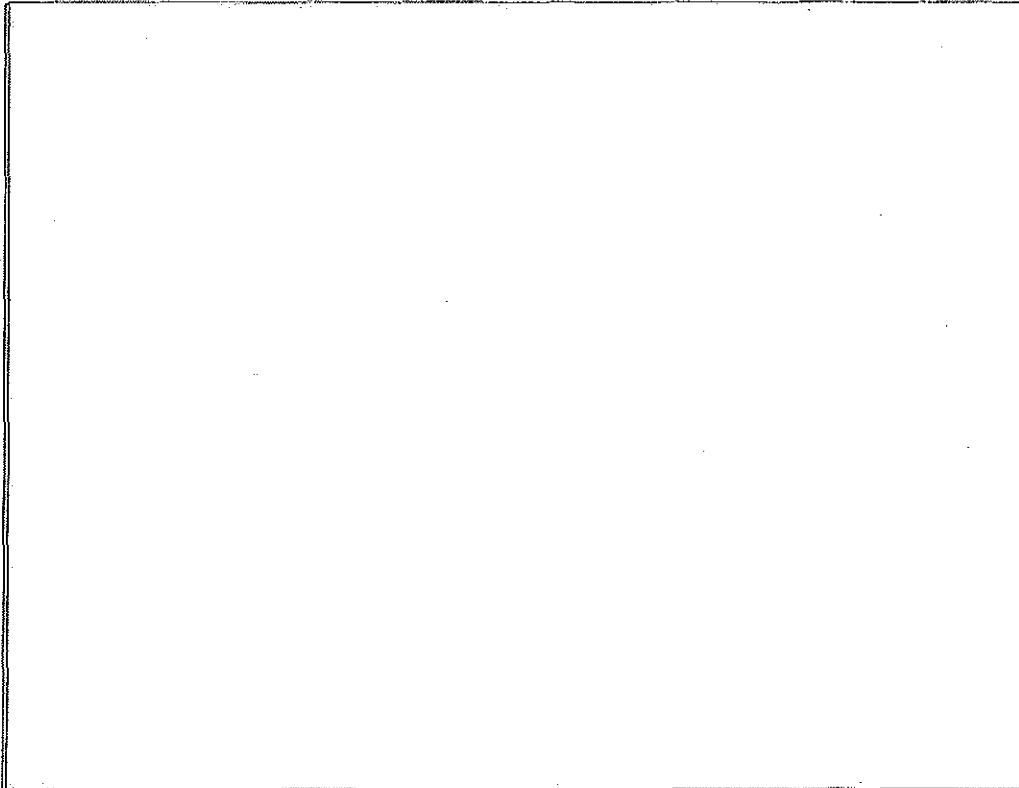
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USAID (Elizabeth Kassinis)

- (U) Nothing to report.

Political (Alicia Allison and Chris Panico)



NR

Consular (Richard Hanrahan)

- (U) Nothing to report.

DEA (Amra Ljubovic Langan)

- (U) Nothing to report.

RSO (Shawn Sherlock)

- (U) Nothing to report.

Regional Affairs (Matt Sweeney)

- (U) Nothing to report.

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1. The Turkish daily "Milliyet" reported Deputy PM Cemil Cicek as saying he and PM Erdogan observed signs of serious torture on Turkish activists wounded during the Israeli Defense Force's interdiction of the Mavi Marmaris. Erdogan and Cicek had visited the wounded activists in hospital.

2. A June 5 protest in Istanbul's Caglayan square attracted several thousand people. Turkish National Police (TNP) have told us to expect a large protest in downtown Ankara on Sunday, June 6, at 16:00. TNP expects 20,000 protestors; the protest's Islamist NGO organizers claim they will draw at least 80,000 people.

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1. (SBU) Summary. Prime Minister Erdogan admonished Israel, saying "Thou shalt Not Kill," and defended Hamas as a group that is defending its land.

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-- Prosecutors are examining witness testimony and autopsy reports to determine whether there is a basis to press charges against Israeli officials.

-- The IHH is seeking "martyr" status for the deceased passengers so they will receive additional benefits from the GOI.

-- In Adana, a funeral for one of the passengers drew large crowds and anti-Israel statements, but no violence. In Istanbul, the media focused on returned wounded passengers, one of whom voiced support for Hamas.

-- Turkish religious leader Fethullah Gulen issued a statement critical of the GOI and the IHH actions in the clash. End summary.

GOI Still Smarting, Considering Legal Options

2. (U) Speaking at a World Environment Day celebration in Konya on June 4, PM Erdogan rebuked Israel's use of deadly force on the passengers of the Mavi Marmaris, citing the condemnation in the sixth of the Old Testament's Ten Commandments: "Thou Shalt Not Kill" in English, Turkish, and Hebrew. Erdogan also said he did not regard Hamas as a terrorist organization. "They are defending their land."

3. (U) The press reported that the prosecutor in Istanbul's Bakirkoy Office has opened an investigation into the attack on the Mavi Marmaris, with assistance from the prosecutor's office in Ankara, to determine whether there is a basis for charges against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Defense Minister Ehud Barak and Chief of General Staff Gabi Ashkenazi in a Turkish court. The prosecutor in Istanbul plans to use testimony gathered from wounded passengers on the IHH Flotilla ships and autopsy reports of the deceased U.S. and Turkish citizens as evidence in the case. If there is sufficient evidence, the prosecutor could charge the Israeli officials with murder, injury, taking hostages, attacking Turkish citizens on the open seas, and piracy.

Turks Continue to Mourn, Focus on Flotilla

4. (U) On June 4 CNN Turk reported that Yavuz Dede, Vice President of the IHH, delivered a petition to the Prime Ministry requesting that the GOI declare the nine people who died on the Mavi Marmaris "martyrs." According to Turkish law, their status as "martyrs"

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would entitle their families to welfare payments, housing assistance, and state scholarships for their children.

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5. (SBU) In Adana, the media reported that on June 3 the body of Cetin Topcuoglu -- one of the nine people killed during the Gaza flotilla incident -- was brought by his wife from Istanbul to Adana. A letter written by Topcuoglu to a local radio station before he joined the flotilla asked for people to pray for him to become a martyr. After bringing her husband's body from Istanbul to Adana, Cigdem Topcuoglu, said, "Hopefully, we, my son and I, will take our places in the next flotilla to follow". Topcuoglu's funeral on June 4 at the Sabanci Central Mosque in Adana drew between 30,000-40,000 people, including the provincial police director, governor, members of parliament, mayors and other officials. The ceremony was quiet and non-violent. Several times demonstrators chanted anti-Israeli slogans but no anti-American slogans. The most common chant by the crowd was "The Islamic movement cannot be stopped." While men made up the majority of the crowd, there were thousands of women as well, almost half of which were -- unusual for Turkey -- fully veiled in black.

6. (U) In Istanbul, the media interviewed wounded passengers who were still in hospitals. At least one of the wounded voiced solidarity with Hamas and urged Hamas to continue its struggle. The reporter highlighted that the American citizen who was killed had five wounds which allegedly were shot from a distance of less than 45 cm from his body. There are reportedly more than 20 wounded passengers still in hospitals, five in critical condition. The press reported that two more wounded individuals from the flotilla arrived in Turkey today. Another funeral will be held on the Asian side of the city for a deceased passenger on June 5, and protests may follow the funeral. On June 4, a non-violent crowd of approximately 100 demonstrators marched to within one kilometer of the U.S. consulate, but did not approach it. The crowd was reportedly shouting anti-Israel statements and carrying banners and flags.

7. (U) Renowned Turkish religious leader Fethullah Gulen, who lives in the United States, released a statement to the Wall Street Journal that criticized both Israel and the IHH in the flotilla incident. Pro-Gulen newspaper Zaman stressed the importance of conducting an international investigation, and opined the forensic medical exams given to the released volunteers were the first step in such an investigation. Other religiously-affiliated newspapers emphasized the "martyrdom" of the victims of the attack on their front pages.

8. (U) All major newspapers, news channels and wire services carried the statement by NSC Spokesman Mike Hammer, which said, among other things, "The current arrangements [in Gaza] are unsustainable and must be changed." Turkish media interpreted this statement to mean "the siege over Gaza cannot be sustained."

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



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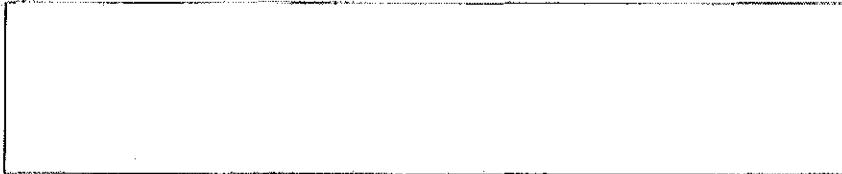
-- All but five of the Turkish IHH passengers returned to Turkey, and the GOT does not believe repatriating them will be a problem. The Ambassador conveyed USG condolences to the family of the deceased American citizen.

-- The GOT denied rumors that Turkish warships are accompanying the next ship in the IHH flotilla.

-- Conservative religious groups appear to be organizing most of the protests, while officials of the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) claim to have attended protests to appeal for calm. End Summary.

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MOST TURKS BACK IN TURKEY

3. (SBU) Acting U/S Cevikoz expressed gratitude for U.S. engagement in securing the release of detainees and reported that all of those detained were returned to Turkey, with the exception of five who had been too seriously injured to be moved on June 3. Two additional "air ambulances" had arrived in Israel in the early morning hours of June 4, but it was likely that one of the five was still not stable enough to transport. The daughter of the man who was still too injured to be moved had been transported to Israel and would remain with her father, supported by the Turkish Embassy, Cevikoz said. The Ambassador contacted the family of the Turkish-American dual national who was killed in the attack and conveyed its condolences. His body was returned to his hometown of Kayseri and a funeral was planned for June 4.

TURKISH NAVY NOT/NOT ACCOMPANYING FLOTILLA

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

MORE PROTESTS EXPECTED

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

6. (C) In Adana, there was a funeral for one of the deceased Mavi Marmaris passengers who was from Adana on June 4. Consulate Adana security sources reported large crowds outside the city's central Sabanci mosque, but gave no numerical estimates of size.

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

8. (C) Mission sources and a polling company indicate that many of the groups organizing the protests in Ankara, Adana and Istanbul are conservative religious groups. In Istanbul a prominent businessman and a respected journalist said they believed the Saadet (Felicity) Party (SP) was behind the flotilla, and claimed that one of the men who died in the flotilla unsuccessfully ran for office under SP in the last elections, and told family members before departing that he intended to become a martyr on the trip.

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

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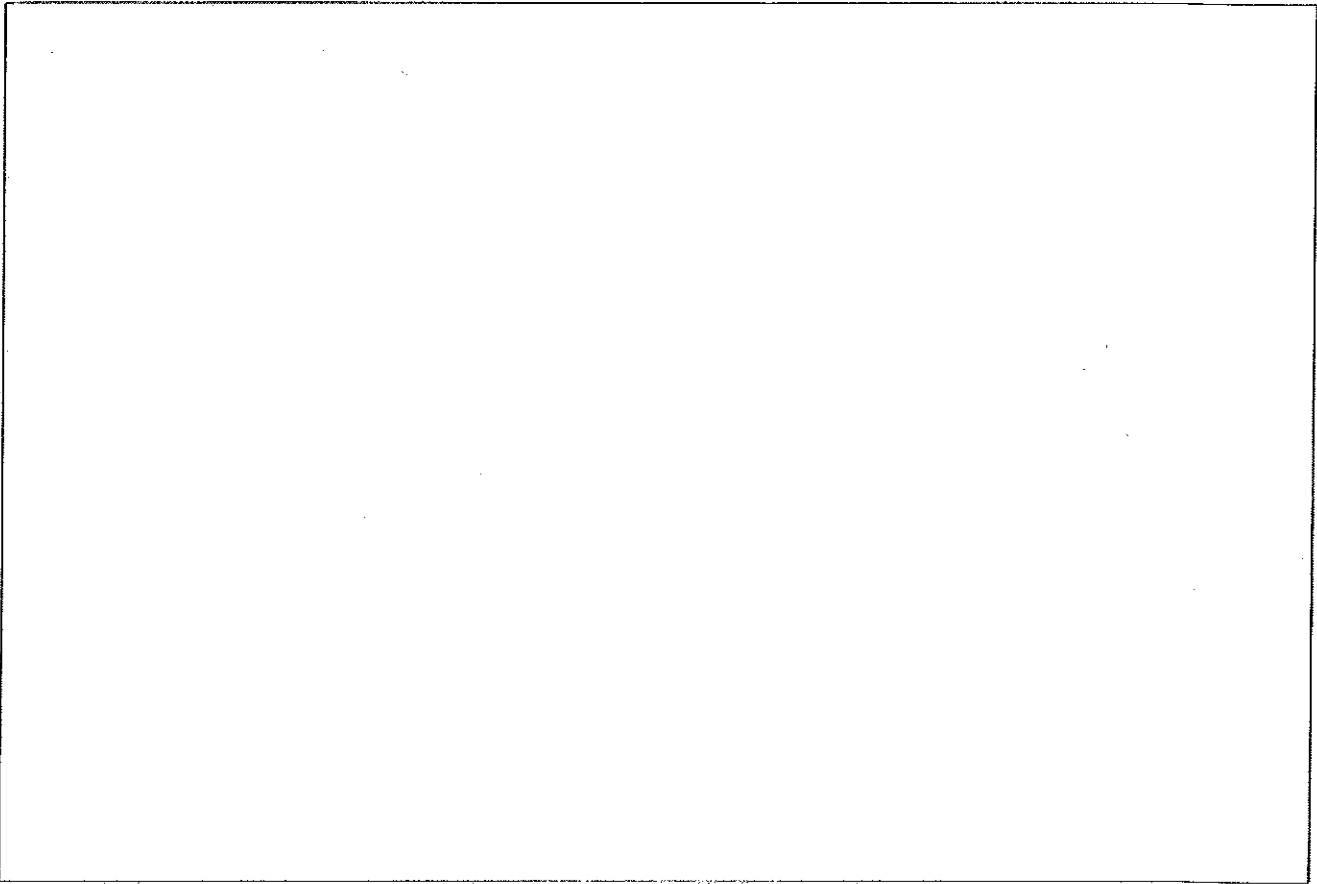
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Please see JoAnn's excellent comments and work from these to comment or add further thoughts. Thanks.

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See attached for discussion at the WH this afternoon. Let's please try to have thoughts/reactions compiled by late morning. Please keep close hold. Thanks, Stephen

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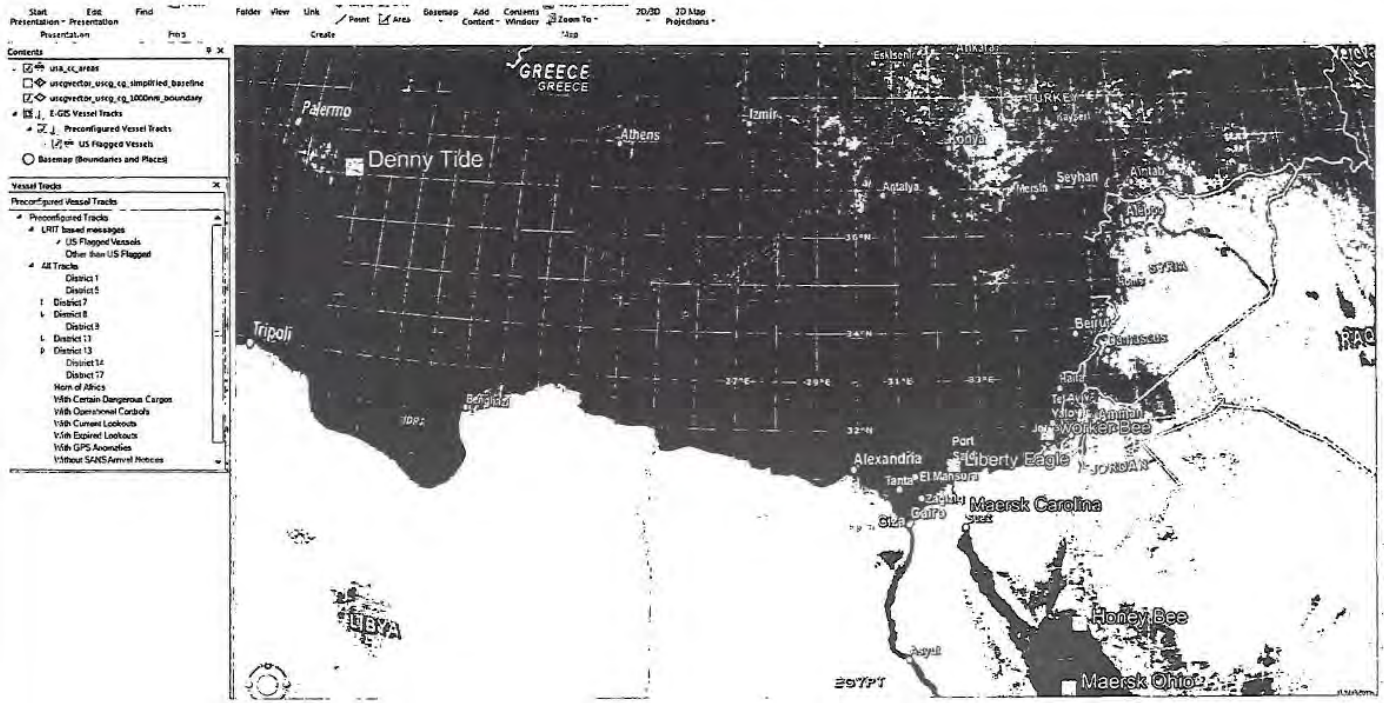
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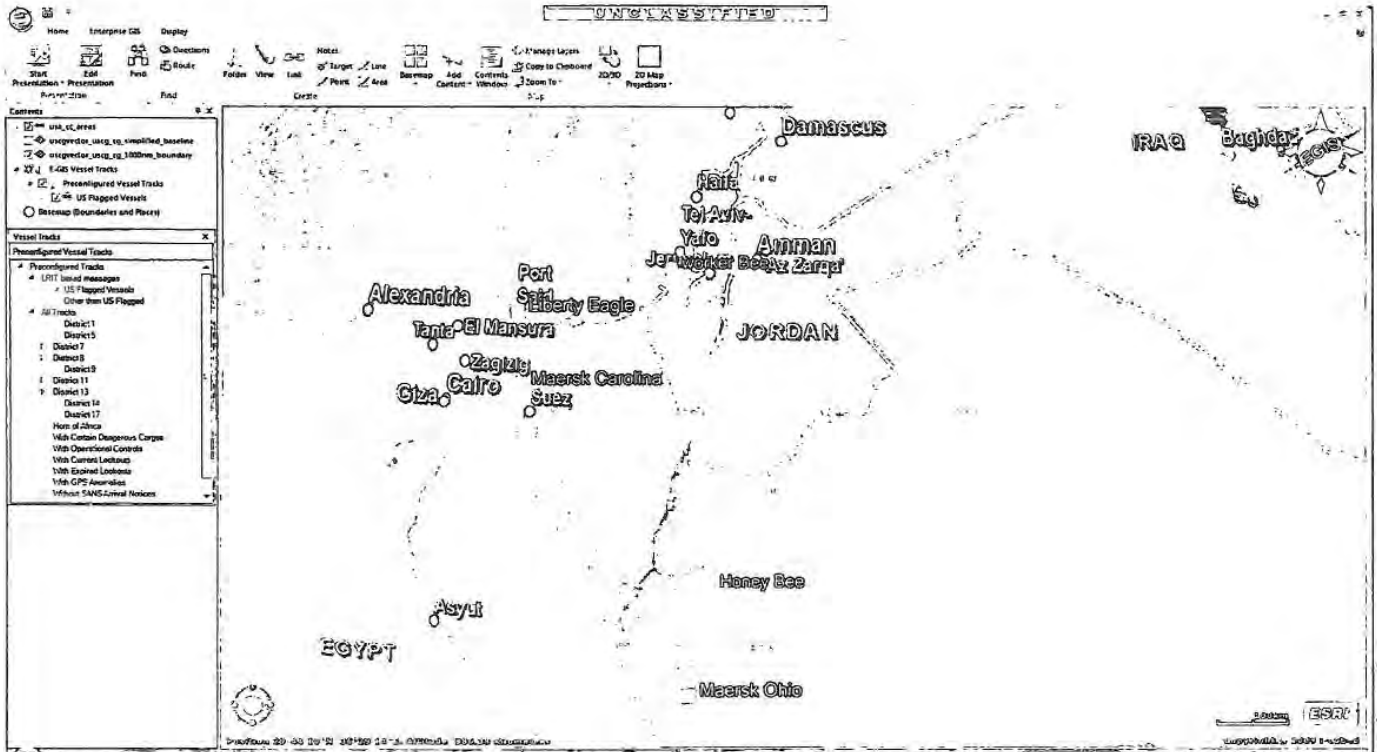
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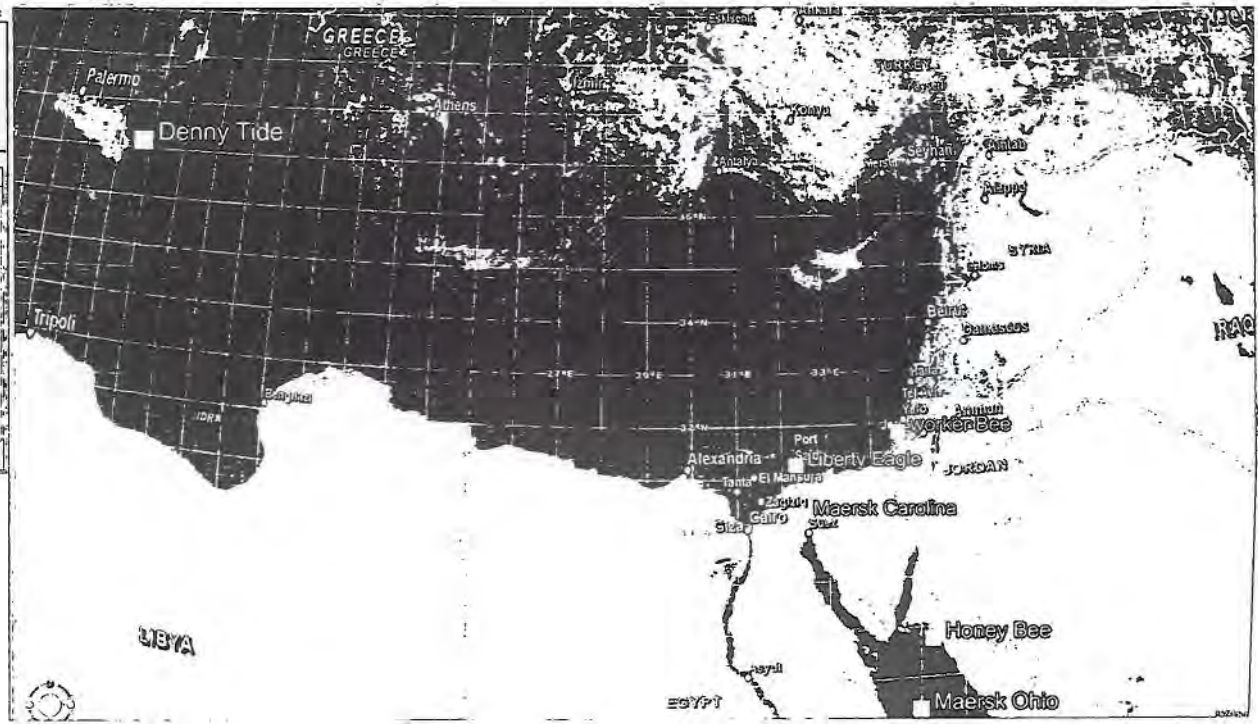
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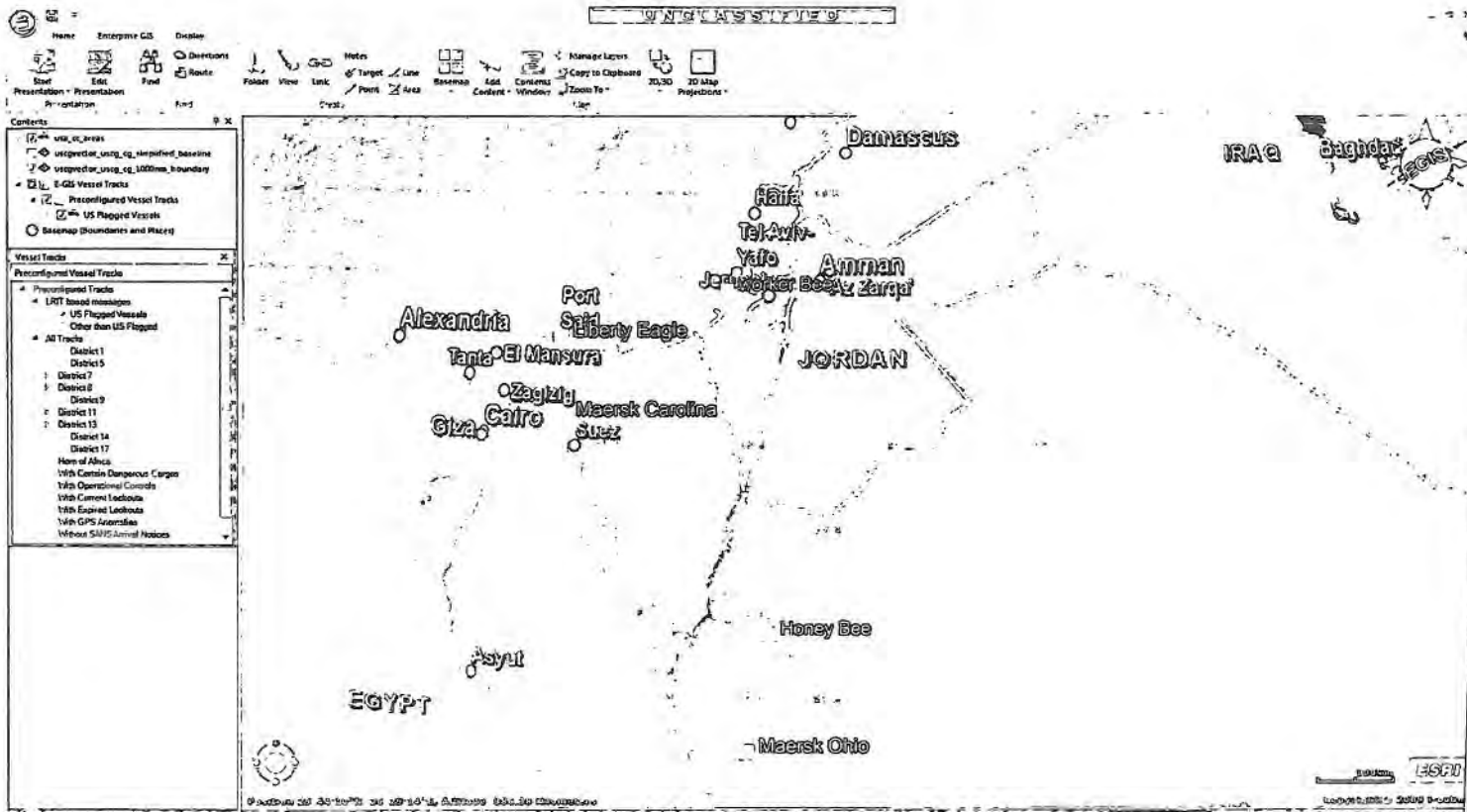
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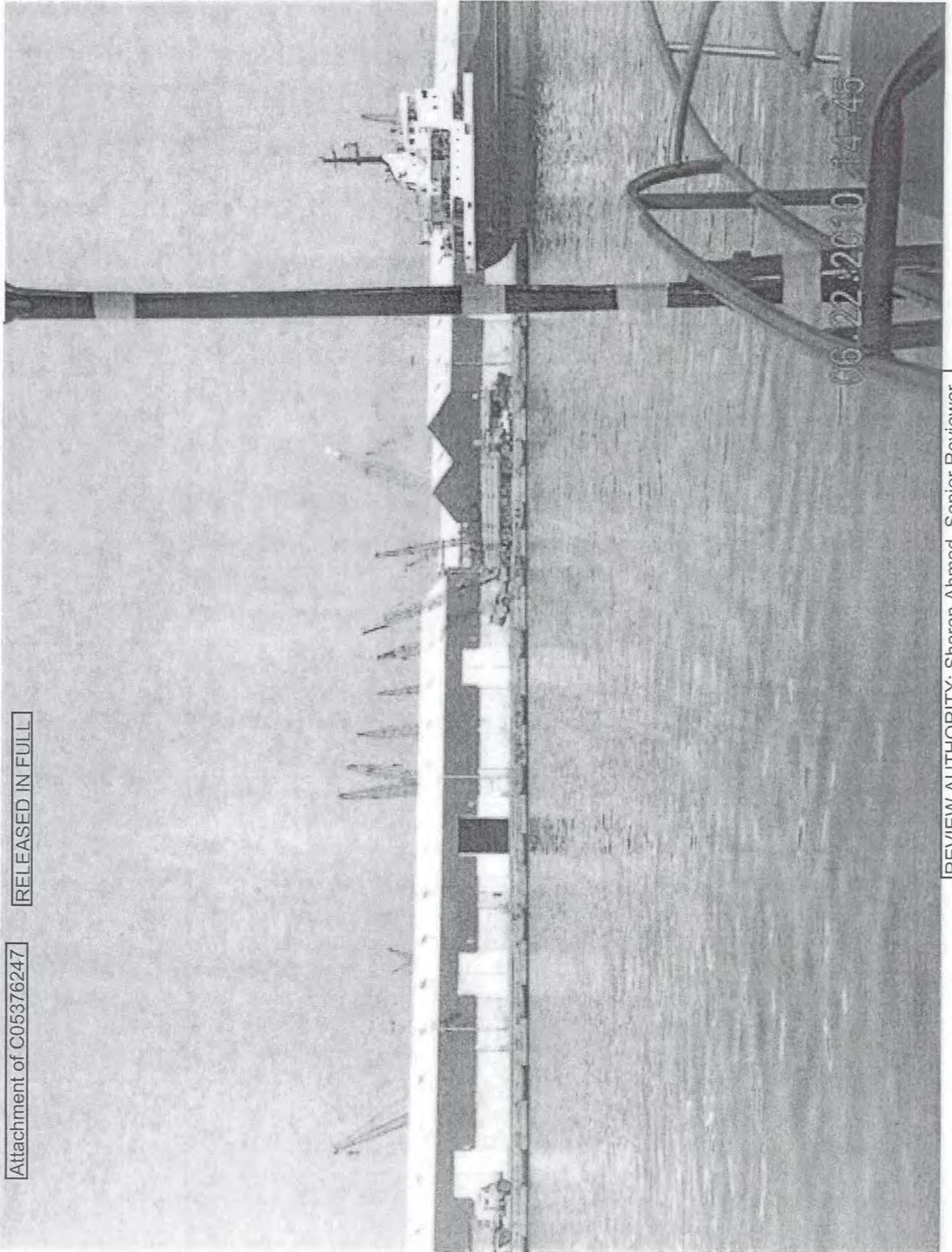


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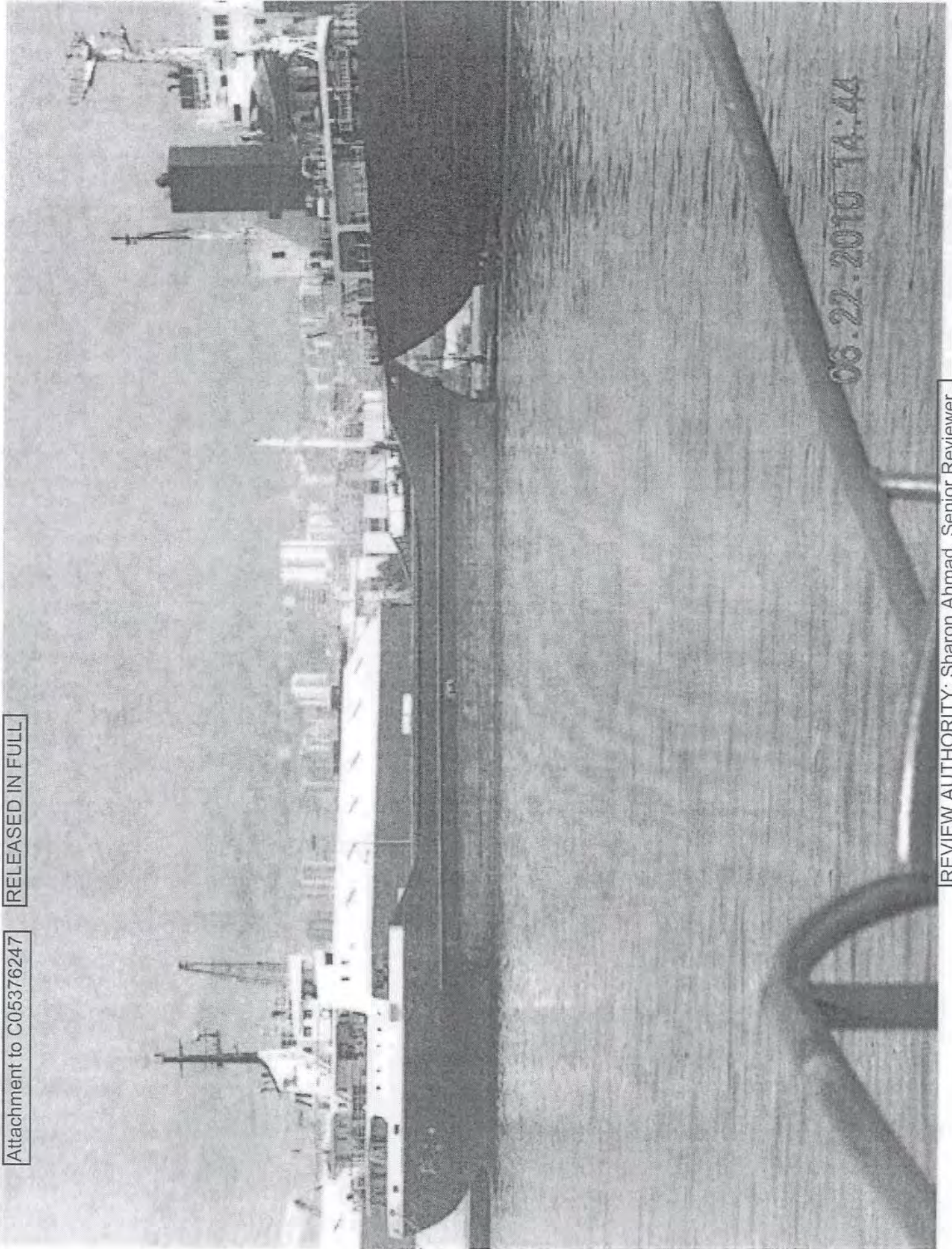


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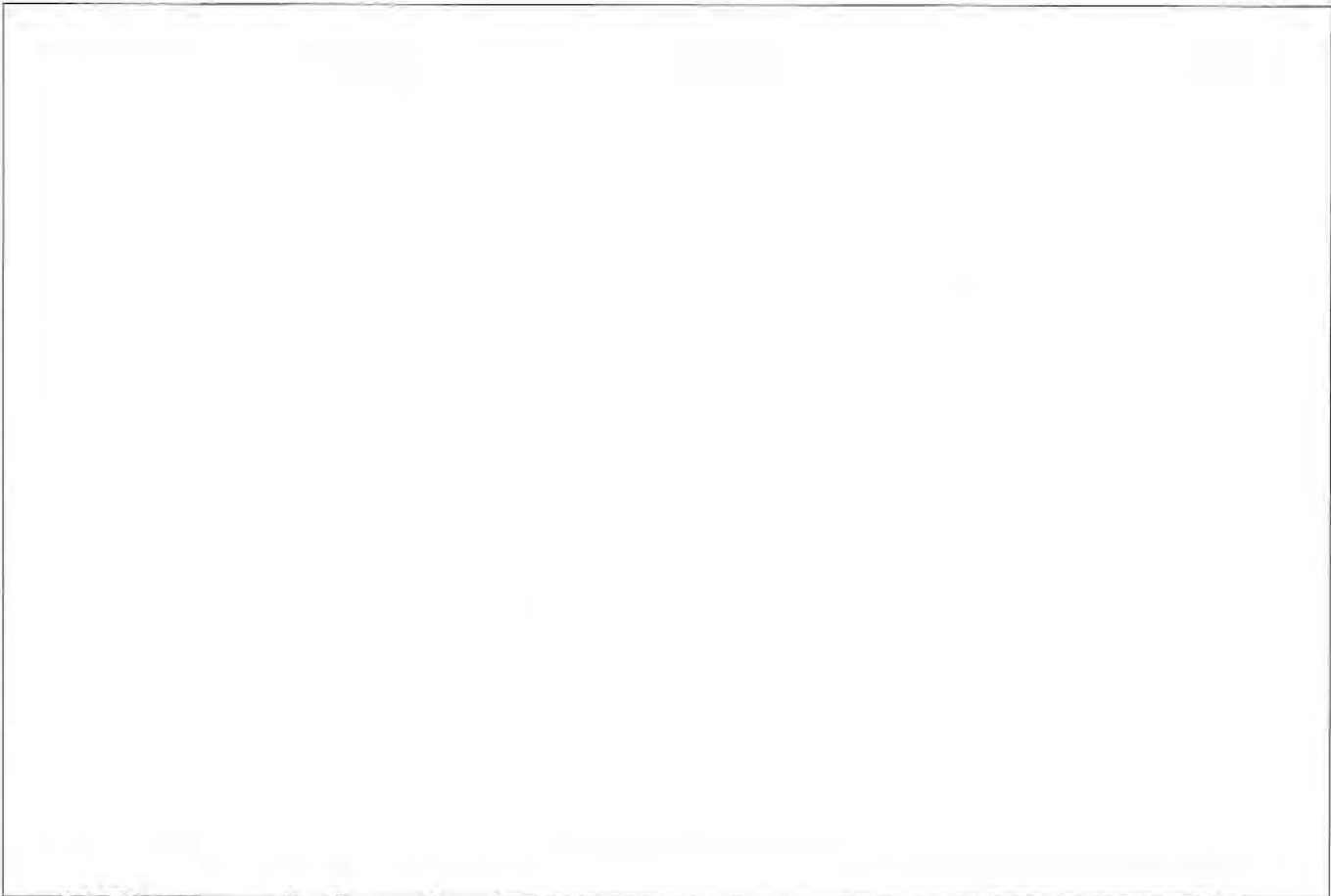
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Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 4:47 PM
To: Townley, Stephen G
Subject: Fw: MFA flotilla: TU Parliament For Aff Comm Chief Murat Mercan on Next Steps

From: Baumert, Kevin A
To: Koh, Harold Hongju; Sullivan, David J; Donoghue, Joan E
Cc: Schwartz, Jonathan B; Pomper, Stephen E
Sent: Mon May 31 16:34:48 2010
Subject: RE: MFA flotilla: TU Parliament For Aff Comm Chief Murat Mercan on Next Steps

Harold,
Thanks. Many of us are tracking this. I'm adding Jon and Steve Pomper here, and pasting below a recent email from Steve that summarizes where I think we are, though new wrinkles seem to be always emerging.
Thanks, Kevin

>>Here is a quick summary of where we seem to be on the grabbag of issues relating to the Israeli action off of Gaza (please jump in/correct as appropriate):

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[Redacted]

Not sure how much input I will be able to get from

Jim/Chuck today but will try.

Steve

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To: Sullivan, David J; Baumert, Kevin A; Donoghue, Joan E
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Do you guys agree?
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From: Gordon, Philip H
To: Koh, Harold Hongju
Sent: Mon May 31 14:03:15 2010
Subject: FW: MFA flotilla: TU Parliament For Aff Comm Chief Murat Mercan on Next Steps

Harold: Making sure you have all this. In earlier conf call Tom Donilon asked that you chop on the Israeli legal args.
Phil

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Linda; Dolan, JoAnn; Schwartz, Jonathan B
Subject: RE: MFA flotilla: TU Parliament For Aff Comm Chief Murat Mercan on Next Steps

Jim, all

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According to attachment and in several statements, GOI believes that they are in armed conflict with Hamas in Gaza and have the right to enforce blockade, including interdicting ships in international waters that intend to break that blockade. [redacted] B5



Looping in OSD and L to this chain.

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 Subject: Re: MFA flotilla: TU Parliament For Aff Comm Chief Murat Mercan on Next Steps

Isr Amb Oren told D-Steinberg that Israel would release/deport all the people forthwith. Did not address plans for the ships.

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Sent: Mon May 31 13:27:49 2010
Subject: Re: MFA flotilla: TU Parliament For Aff Comm Chief Murat Mercan on Next Steps

Aside from stressing as Amb Tan did to Phil Gordon need for Am 'condemnation' of Israel Mercan-who can speak usually better for AKP leadership and Erdogan than MFA, Told Codel Delahunt and me that of particular importance for Turks is immediate release of Turkish ships and all personnel. He asserted and we need to look at, that under international law enforcing a blockade does not convey the right to seize people/property. [redacted]

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Sent: Mon May 31 19:27:09 2010
Subject: RE: MFA flotilla briefing

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All,
[redacted]

[redacted] stressed link between IHH organization and Muslim Brotherhood. Clear action on part of individuals on MAVI MARMARA to incite violence. Beat first wave of soldiers who arrived on board via Fast Rope. Several Rhibs and 3 Blackhawks were used in action against MAVI MARMARA. Took approximately an hour for INF forces (Flotilla 13(Navy Seals)) to gain control of the vessel. All 6 boats were boarded at approximately the same time(0400-0500L) in international waters. Violence isolated to MAVI MARMARA. Medical attention rendered to all injured.

- As of 1700L 3-4 of the vessels are in port Ashdod. MAVI MARAMRA to arrive soon.
- All IDF forces are monitoring for reaction, but currently no heightened activity on borders or in Gaza. Some minor incidents involving Israeli Arabs within Israel (stone throwing). Israeli Arab protests and strike expected tomorrow. IDF continuing to monitor situation to determine reactions.
- Several meetings and conversations with Turkish officials have taken place. There is concern for safety of Israeli representatives in Turkey.
- Air exercise that has been taking place in Crete with Greeks has been stopped by the Greeks and the IAF assets have been asked to leave.
- GOI and IDF focused on getting the facts out. Multiple video clips depicting violence against IDF forces being released. They will review the operation internally.
- No decision on reaction to any additional vessels that may attempt to head to Gaza.
- We are awaiting response on CHALLENGER I Flag and any status of AMCITs.

- At this time, unclear if any riot related gas, etc was used.

V/R,



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Subject: RE: MFA flotilla briefing

Ma'am, Sir,



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"There was a significant event this morning, we don't have all the details, and we are still in the event. We will continue to update you."

[Redacted] a prepared, written statement beginning with the assertion that the Gaza Strip is ruled by a hostile enemy, HAMAS, that does not recognize the State of Israel. HAMAS encourages and executes hostile activity against Israel and is currently holding an Israeli citizen, Gilad Shalit, against international convention.

The naval blockade was established prevent smuggling that supports terrorist activity.

The Free Gaza flotilla was organized by the Turkish IHH which is belligerent towards Israel and supports the Muslim Brotherhood.

Israel tried different avenues to prevent the flotilla from launching to include communications with the ships' owning countries and companies to no avail. Israel expressed willingness to transfer any non-contraband supplies via established land procedures and Israel continues to look for ways to ameliorate the human conditions in Gaza. Israel assesses that there is no Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza.

When the organizers of the flotilla showed no desire to divert to Ashdod when requested by the Government of Israel (GoI), the GoI made the decision to board the ships in strict accordance with international law and with a desire to minimize damage to the ships and injury to passengers.

Boarding of the ships.

During boarding of the ship Mavi Marmara, Israel Navy (INF) Personnel encountered "severe physical violence" including knives, clubs and firearms. 1 INF weapon was seized by passengers. Due to a clear and present danger to INF personnel, the INF initiated contact

using riot control systems (NFI) then transitioned to live fire. The injured in the event, both Israeli and foreign, have been transferred to "4-5 hospitals."

Short term future actions.

Provision of Medical attention to the wounded.

Non-contraband supplies, after inspection and processing, will be transferred to Gaza.

An IDF investigation will be initiated.

The GoI continues to see HAMAS as a terrorist group. (Note: this seemed out of place in the context of the current topic of the briefing).

Israel is taking action to prevent escalation of the situation.

Israel will "respond heavily" to any entity seeking to provoke escalation.

Legal Aspects

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[redacted] that a separate briefing would be provided on the legal aspects of the operation. This was the attachment provided on [redacted] earlier summary. A copy is attached as well to this email.

Questions from the assembled group.

What are the nationalities of the casualties?

No information yet, should have details in "a few hours." This information will be transmitted via "diplomatic" channels, not military.

Where are the ships?

2 ships are at Ashdod, to include the Challenger I (as of 1415). The Challenger has US citizens, European citizens and at least one Israeli citizen. The Mavi Marmara should arrive to Ashdod between 1700-1800.

What will happen to passengers?

Passengers will have 2 options. Accept immediate extradition or be jailed by Israeli authorities. By "tonight," all personal details should be known.

Any information on nationalities?

Information will be passed to the Ambassador.

What time and where did boarding occur?

Between 0500-0600, 70 NM from Israel in international waters. All 6 ships were boarded. Only on the Mavi Marmara was serious violence encountered. One other minor incident occurred on a second ship. All casualties were on the Mavi Marmara.

Was permission granted to board the ships?

Unknown at this time.

What weapons were encountered?

One INF sailor was seriously wounded by rifle or pistol fire. 2 pistols were seized from dead passengers. One INF weapon was seized by the passengers during boarding.

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What international reaction has occurred?

HAMAS has declared 3 days of mourning. Turkey has recalled its Ambassador. Israeli Ambassador to Turkey was summoned to the Turkish Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and was passed a "serious message."

[redacted] spoke with UNIFIL, and MFO to coordinate for de-escalation efforts in Lebanon and Egypt.

The INF assesses that there were Jordanians on the ships, but no details were given. If there are Syrian or Lebanese citizens on the ships, then they will be transferred via the Red Cross and UN to their respective countries.

The MoD and IDF sent messages to the Palestinian Authority and the Israeli Arab Community to not escalate the situation. At least one Palestinian passenger may have been wounded.

[redacted] pointed out that there has been no US reaction as of yet.

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Casualties?

10-14 passengers severely wounded or killed, all on the Mavi Marmara. A total of 30 passengers now at 4-5 Israeli hospitals.

10 INF wounded, 1 seriously, one moderately

Why were the ships boarded in international waters?

[redacted] started by saying the organizers were warned that the GoI would respond to any provocation and the Free Gaze flotilla was meant only as a provocation. He then said he would not get into operational details, but the INF intercepted at 70 NM in accordance with international law as the flotilla made it clear that its intention was to violate the Israeli exclusion zone.

Did the INF know what was on board?

Only through press accounts, but INF assessed contraband items such as concrete, and iron.

Intentions for the ships?

The ships will remain at Ashdod until further notice.

Very Respectfully,

[redacted signature box]

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Subject: RE: MFA flotilla briefing

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[redacted] Many of the details briefed have already been provided via other means. Specific

Highlights -

- Ongoing Operation
- Two Ships in Ashdod to include the CHALLENGER I
- M/V MAVI MARMARA expected in port between 1700L and 1800L
- All ships will be in port by later today
- 10-14 Civilians Seriously Injured or Killed
- 30 Civilians Wounded
- 10 IDF wounded to include 1 serious and 1 with "medium" wounds
- Turkish Ambassador to Israel recalled
- Interaction occurred approx 70 NM from coastline. IDF confident in International Law because of intent by flotilla to breach the blockade. (See Attached Slides)

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From: Rudman, Mara (Jerusalem)

Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 2:46 PM

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Cc: [redacted]

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Subject: RE: MFA flotilla briefing

This may largely repeat at this point what is out in other places and/or others have heard from me, but just to assure that various reporting lines have same info, this is from [redacted] who also spoke with the UN's Serry, among others, this am.

[redacted] reported that when Israeli soldiers boarded the main deck of the main ship, they met with what he described as clearly planned active/armed resistance, including live fire. Military who boarded were attacked with knives, sharpened metal and wood instruments, etc. He said the military who boarded were attacked by dozens; He indicated that some of the soldiers were stabbed and slashed. Made clear situation was one in which actions taken were in self-defense.

Current estimates of those killed from flotilla 14-15 "maybe more". He said all injured being moved to Israeli hospital - by helicopter. He said ships coming into Ashdod (some reports have them coming into Haifa). At Ashdod, he and others will meet the ships. There, they will need to ID the bodies; move the people either to return them to home countries rapidly and/or detain; ID the cargo and as planned initially, move as much of into Gaza as promptly as possible.

Earlier this morning he and [redacted] made the following calls/contacts:

--Turkish FM and MoD [redacted] Erakat, Fayyad, and Hussein al Sheikh [redacted]. He felt the calls w the Turks given the situation were OK, but the concern clearly is Erdogan and how he will handle. With Pals, Erakat in particular, they discussed extent to which levels of rhetoric could be kept in check. With Fayyad they discussed primarily need for security cooperation, keeping things calm. Concern about how this will be affected by status of Israeli Arab Islamic leader on board the flotilla.

(PIC seems to be on track/going forward. Some events may be affected by it.)

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Subject: Re: MFA flotilla briefing

Our Consular people are in contact with MFA and Ashdod to get info on amcits as soon as it's available. UN had been approached by COGAT last week to help in forwarding cargo from ships in Ashdod. Serry is trying to send a couple of observers to Ashdod, has told cogat that assisting deliveries of humanitarian goods, much of which is destined for Hamas, is problematic but he'll see. Barak just gave a press conference, and appears to have spoken to Davotuglu this am.

Sent from my BlackBerry

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From: Levin, Jan

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To: Operations Center; Jeffrey, James F; Cunningham, James B; Sievers, Marc J; Parker, [redacted]

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Sent: Mon May 31 13:20:31 2010

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Subject: MFA flotilla briefing

MFA DG Yossi Gal and IDF Col. [redacted] briefed foreign ambassadors at 12:30 local time today.

Highlights - Identification of dead and wounded taking time. MFA will reach out proactively to Embassies as IDs are done, with location and status of citizens. The uninjured will be processed and escorted to airport for deportation. Unclear how long this will take.

-- Most violence occurred on ship Mavi (Blue) Marmara. As far as is currently known, all injuries occurred on this ship.

-- Col. [redacted] told Ambassador that activists on Mavi Marmara were prepared for boarders and were armed. Unclear if they had firearms in advance or took them from IDF boarding party. One IDF soldier nearly beaten to death with metal bar. Activists also had knives.

-- Events took place in international waters. Israel asserted it had the legal right to intercept in intl waters because there is a military blockade under the law of armed conflict between Israel and Hamas.

Ambassador Cunningham requests that Embassy Tel Aviv clear Dept guidance on this issue, thank you.

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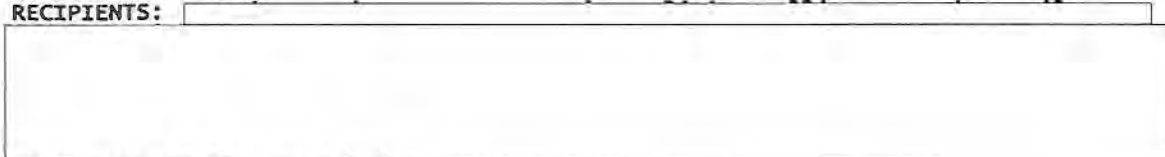
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Goushe, Saffie

From: [redacted] B6
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 3:24 PM
To: Baumert, Kevin A; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
(OES-OPA); [redacted]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza
Attachments: Med US flag list.xls; med1.jpg; med2.jpg

Kevin / Bud,

Attached are a few attachments with current LRIT information for US vessels in the vicinity of Gaza/Med. It will take approximately 3-4 hours for us to implement a geographical boundary to provide you with an automated and more frequent reporting rate, and auto-generated excel spreadsheet, for US vessels in the desired area. We are also working to send you a US vessel fleet satellite AIS snapshot.

V/R,

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

From: baumertka@state.gov [mailto:baumertka@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 1:37 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[redacted] -- Your assistance is very much appreciated. The information I have, which I emphasize is somewhat sketchy, is that 2 vessels are proceeding from a port in Greece to Gaza, with a possible refueling stop in Cyprus. I will pass on additional information that I may receive, and we have asked EMB Athens to obtain any additional identifying information that they can uncover about the vessels.

Many thanks.
Kevin

Kevin A. Baumert
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Office of the Legal Adviser for Oceans, Environment and Science (L/OES)
1-202-647-1646 (office)
1-202-341-2074 (mobile)

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

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 12:45 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Baumert, Kevin A; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Charles Daris, Senior Reviewer

[Redacted]

Thank you Sir! I will wait to hear from Kevin on the desired geographical boundaries. We can provide an automated e-mail excel spreadsheet attachment (at a one/two/three hour interval transmission - with the desired information)...I will require desired e-mail addresses. The report interval is selectable at 6 hour/3 hour/1 hour/30 minute/15 minute intervals. Standing by.

Very Respectfully,

[Redacted]

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

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 12:39 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]; 'baumertka@state.gov'; [Redacted];
Wel [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Thanks very much [Redacted]. A spreadsheet would probably be best. I'll invite Kevin Baumert to be a little more specific about the query that would best suit the USG needs, but I think it would be essentially framed as:

US-flagged vessels equipped with LRIT;

Located between XX N, YY N, XX E, and YY E (Eastern Med from the Southernmost point of Greece to the Easternmost coast of the Med);

At present, during the last 24 hours, and for the next 72 hours (at 4 hour intervals).

Best Regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Cc: [Redacted]; 'baumertka@state.gov'; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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Bud,

I am standing by to assist with this request and we can certainly provide any information on US vessels IVO Gaza. Please contact me when you have a moment and we can deliver on your request...I just require some additional information from you on the actual geographical area and interval or term of the request. We can provide the information real-time via eGIS (if those who desire the information have requested and have the software installed on their desktops), or we can generate an excel spreadsheet and e-mail the information to those who desire it (at a one/two/three hour automated interval). I look forward to attempting to directly assist with this effort/request.

V/R,



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

From: Darr, Charles
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:48 AM
To: Weller, Alex
Cc: [redacted]; baumertka@state.gov
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Thank you very much Alex. I have copied in Kevin Baumert, so that we might be able to link up and timely provide whatever data is available via the LRIT architecture. I also appreciate that these vessels may or may not be fitted with and/or emitting via LRIT equipment.



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

From: Weller, Alex
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:32 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Our NDC at OSC Martinsburg, WVA, should be receiving 6-hour position reports for LRIT for US flag ships equipped with LRIT in the Med, including those within 6-hours of Gaza, from which intell analysis should be able to derive the names, from which we would derive IMO #s, after

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which we can poll them, to get exact locations. I would think a call by State (or us) to the intell coordination center would start that ball rolling.

By copy to Kevin an [redacted], I'm letting them know of the request.

The reference to them as "yachts" suggests, though, that they may not be equipped with LRIT.

[redacted]

Attorney Advisor (GS-15)
Maritime & International Law (CG 0941)
U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters
2100 Second St. S.W. Stop 7121
Washington, D.C. 20593

[redacted]

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

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:17 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[redacted]

Are we able to poll for the location of all US LRIT equipped vessels near Gaza? If so, how heavy of a lift is this?

[redacted]

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

From: Baumert, Kevin A [mailto:baumertka@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:14 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: Darr, Charles; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Many thanks.

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

From: [redacted]@uscg.mil [mailto:[redacted]@uscg.mil]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:09 AM
To: Baumert, Kevin A; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

That is certainly possible and the CG would not normally know that. However, they likely would be equipped with AIS and/or LRIT, either of which might provide position, identity, and flag information. If we get some more facts, we can assist with considering potential options.

[redacted]

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From: baumertka@state.gov [mailto:baumertka@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:05 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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Gents - FYI, phones here (and at NSC and DOD) are ringing with calls from the Israelis about possible US flagged vessels trying to "breach" the Israeli blockade into Gaza.

Is it conceivable that there are US flagged yachts in the med?

Thanks,

Kevin

From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 10:36 AM
To: Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; [redacted]
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Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas

Kevin - We are still trying to get confirmation from Greece on the 2 ships. They are yachts and may actually be U.S. registered. If they are American vessels, are there any steps we can take (contact by U.S. Navy or other authority, charges they may face or loss of license etc) if these boats do try to enter a closed port in a closed military zone? What do we do when a foreign navy intercepts a U.S. flagged vessel that is attempting to enter such a zone?
Wes

From: Baumert, Kevin A
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 3:41 PM
To: Reisser, Wesley J
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

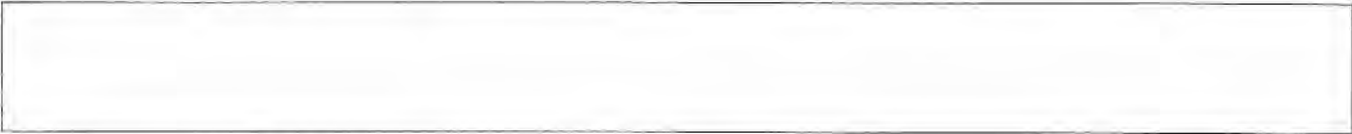
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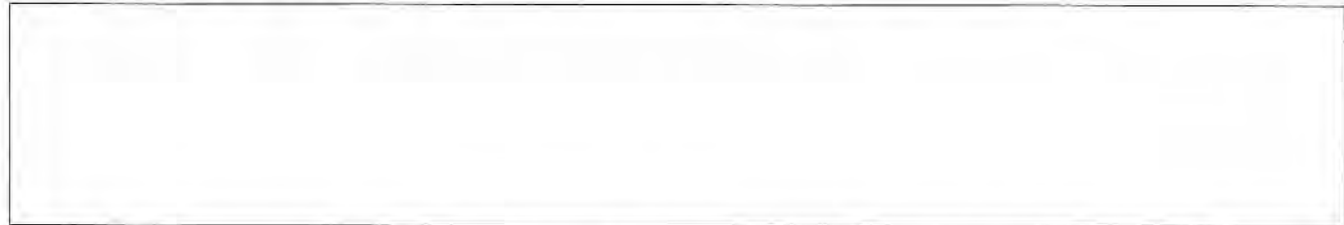


Thanks,

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Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza
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The Greece desk, copied above, will hopefully have info from Athens as to whether the boats are actually American or soon.

Thanks!
Wes

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Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 11:06 AM
To: [redacted] Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Burnett, David R; Baron, Desiree A; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; [redacted]; Chere, John E
Cc: Reisser, Wesley J; Goldberger, Thomas H
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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V/R,



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 Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 5:51 PM
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 Cc: Reisser, Wesley J; Goldberger, Thomas H
 Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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R/

[REDACTED]

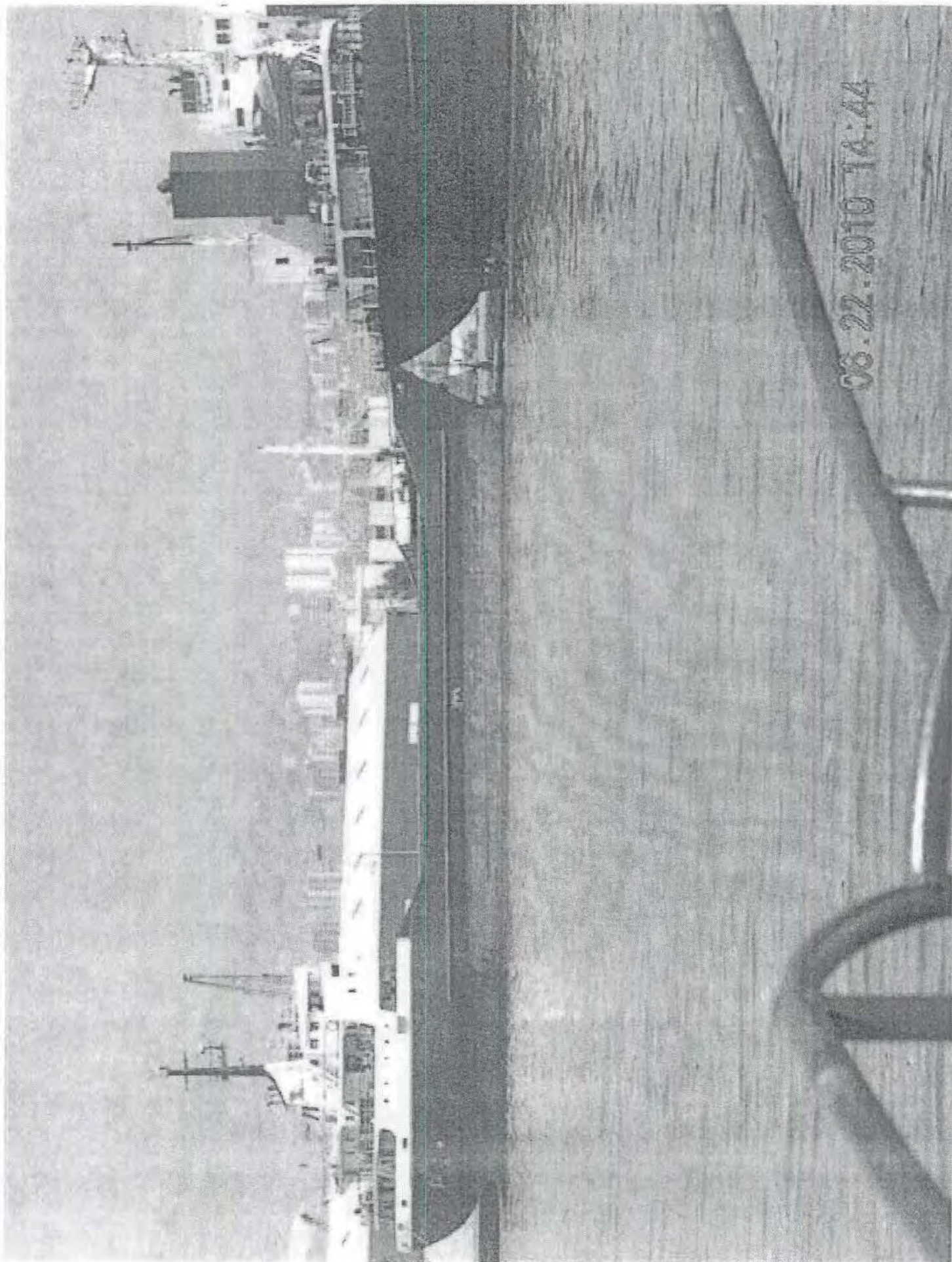
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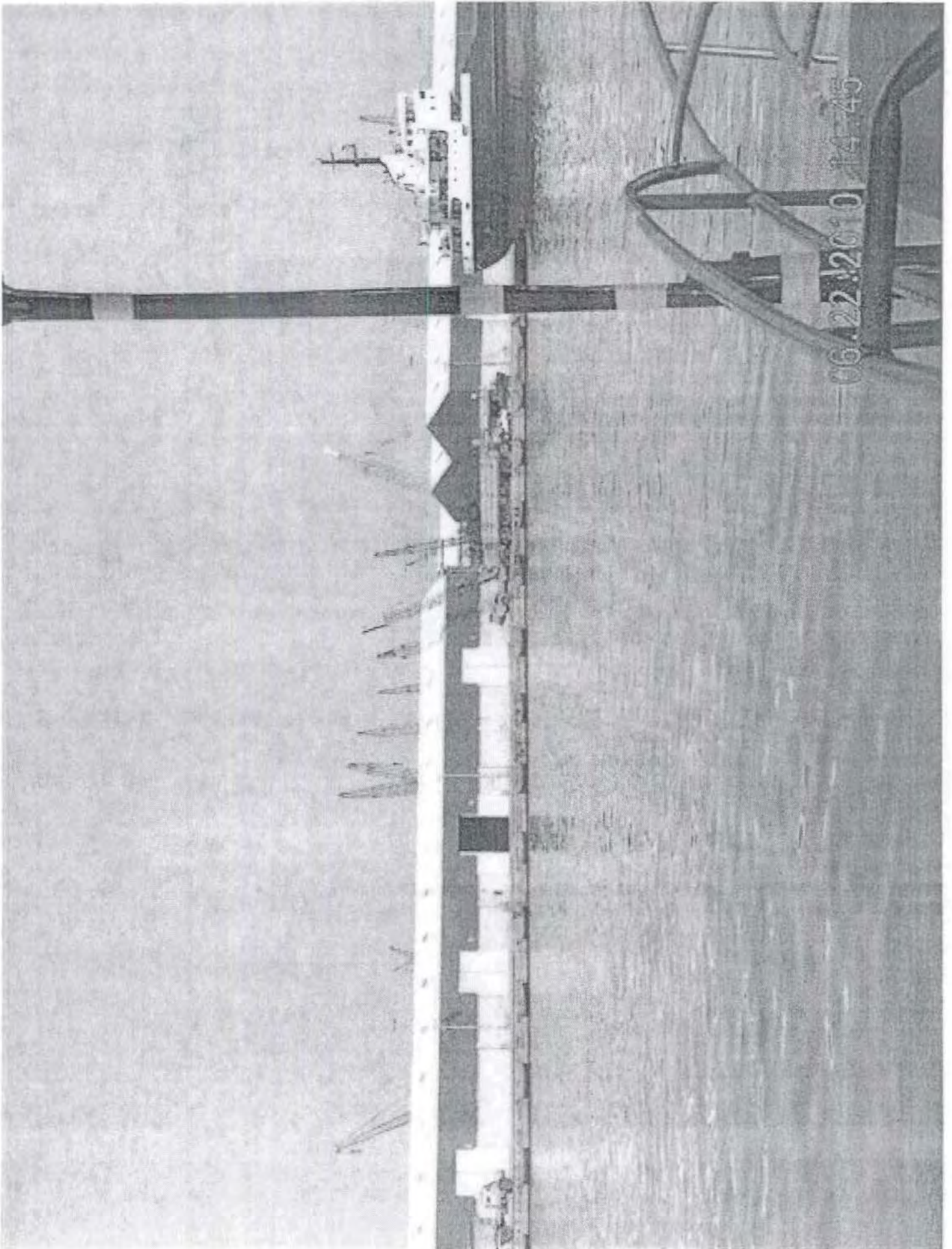
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Goushe, Saffie

From: Carouso, James A
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2010 1:23 AM
To: Allison, Alicia P; [redacted] Urbancic, Frank C B3 DOD-PII
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza
Attachments: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

From: Baumert, Kevin A B3 DIA/NRO/NGA
B3 DOD-PII
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2010 12:05 AM
To: Netos, Eleftherios E; Hanrahan, Richard F; Reisser, Wesley J
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; [redacted]; Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H; Carouso, James A; Stewart, Nan E; Allison, Alicia P; [redacted]; Mendel, Teresa S
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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I've conveyed to USCG that we now think that these are not US flagged vessels (as suspected). [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Thanks,
Kevin
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From: Netos, Eleftherios E B3 DOD-PII
B3 DIA/NRO/NGA
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 4:37 PM
To: Hanrahan, Richard F; Reisser, Wesley J; Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; [redacted]; Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H; Carouso, James A; Stewart, Nan E; Allison, Alicia P; [redacted]; Mendel, Teresa S
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Richard, [redacted]:

Many thanks for sharing this very useful information. (Looping in CA's Teresa Mendel.)

Regards,

Terry

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From: Hanrahan, Richard F
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 4:28 PM
To: Netos, Eleftherios E; Reisser, Wesley J; Baumert, Kevin A

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Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; [redacted] Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H; Carouso, James A; Stewart, Nan E; Allison, Alicia P; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

All,

I just got off the phone with [redacted] the FPD Special Agent in Cyprus. He informed me that the Cypriot authorities will not allow any of the Free Gaza ships to enter any ROC port. He also believes it is unlikely that they would be allowed within the 12nm territorial sea.

Richard

From: Netos, Eleftherios E
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 8:11 PM
To: Reisser, Wesley J; Baumert, Kevin A
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Kevin – Our [redacted] is working it as best he can, as is Emb Athens. Is there any specific info Coast Guard needs (make, model etc)? These are yachts, not merchant ships, so they don't have as many identifiers according to the [redacted] [redacted] is the big boats have.

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Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:15 AM
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Just connected with Coast Guard. If we can provide more facts on the vessels in question, they can assist with identifying options. Thanks, Kevin

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Someone needs to identify the vessels. That is a central fact here that I don't believe there is clarity on. [redacted] B5

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[redacted]

Thanks,
Kevin

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The Israeli Embassy has contacted us about this, and they have been contacted by the Greek Ambassador here, who has stated these ships are flying U.S. flags (although he did not tell the Israelis if the boats are American or Greek registered).

[redacted]

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Thanks!
Wes

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In case anyone is interested, below is a lengthy email chain regarding the "Free Gaza" ships that may or may not be sailing to the Levant today...

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 5:19 PM
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Thanks. [redacted]

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[redacted]

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Frank - Our Embassy in Athens is contacting Greek authorities to find out the actual port of registration of these two ships. [redacted]

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Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

The Israel Navy has sent me the Blog below from a AMCIT, Ann Wright, participating that indicates the two vessels are US Flagged. [redacted]

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Break the Israeli siege of Gaza or attack at sea, detention camps and deportation

BY ANN WRIGHT
| MAY 26, 2010

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By the time you read this, we will be on the high seas of the Mediterranean (we hope the seas will not be too high).

Our two U.S. flagged Free Gaza boats, will join two other passenger ships, a 600 passenger ship from Turkey sponsored by the Turkish humanitarian organization, Insani Yardim Vakfi (IHH) and a 50 passenger ship from Athens sponsored by the European Campaign Against the Siege and the Greek/Swedish Ships to Gaza campaign, to sail to the shores of Gaza to break the Israeli naval blockade of the 1.5 million citizens in Gaza.

Four cargo ships from Ireland, Greece, Algeria and Turkey, will carry a total of 10,000 tons or 2 million pounds of construction materials for the housing of 50,000 made homeless during the 22 day Israeli attack on Gaza that killed 1440 Palestinians and wounded 5,000.

Many of us would like to see our boat renamed "The Audacity of Hope" as that is what we want to see from the Obama administration-- courage to challenge the Israeli government on the siege of Gaza. It would be a really brave, bold move as every U.S. presidential administration since the formation of the State of Israeli in 1948 has blindly given free-rein to Israel in whatever actions it wishes to undertake no matter if the actions are a violation of international law. The carte blanche given to Israel by the United States has been dangerous for Israel's national security as well as for the national security of the United States.

Probable reaction of Israeli Navy Ships-Bow shots, ramming or boarding

In less than 48 hours, the Israeli Navy will probably fire U.S. made ammunition and rockets in international waters over the bows of two U.S. flagged boats and one Greek boat with U.S. citizens aboard as well as citizens from 13 other countries and over the bows of the Turkish 600 passenger ship.

Ironically, on one passenger ship will be Joe Meaders, a U.S. citizen who is a survivor of the Israeli air and naval attack on a United States Navy ship, the USS Liberty, in 1967 killed 34 U.S. sailors and wounded 173. The Israeli government has never acknowledged, much less apologized for, the deaths of these sailors, nor the destruction of the USS Liberty.

According to Israeli media (<http://www.jpost.com/Israel/Article.aspx?id=176491>), the Israeli military is preparing for our arrival off the shores of Gaza. The Israeli navy has been practicing its plan for preventing us from docking in Gaza, a plan that probably includes demanding by radio that the ships change course away from Gaza, firing weapons in front of the ships, ramming the ships and sending well-armed boarding parties onto the ships.

Israelis prepare a detention camp

As our 8 ship flotilla prepares to depart Greece and Turkey to break the Israeli naval blockade of Gaza, the Israeli military is preparing a detention camp for the flotilla's 700 delegates from 20 countries who are passengers on four of the ships.

Those passengers include Hedy Epstein, an 85 year old holocaust survivor, Parliamentarians from Germany and Ireland, two former diplomats from the United States, a retired U.S. Army Colonel, authors, journalists, activists, businesspersons and clergy.

Additionally, the military has identified a warehouse in the Ashelod area, just over Gaza's northern border that will be used to detain the 700 passengers on the 8 ships.

Taking a page from the New York City police who put over 1500 persons into a filthy, unclean warehouse on a pier in New York City during the 2004 Republican convention, the Israeli government no doubt will make the surroundings as difficult as possible for us.

The Israeli government has extensive experience in warehousing dissent, as over 10,000 Palestinians are in Israeli jails and prisons, including juveniles who are arrested regularly in nighttime raids in villages of the West Bank.

20 passengers on the May, 2009 Free Gaza boat trying to break the siege were imprisoned for 10 days before they were deported from Israel. They included Nobel Peace Laureate Mairead Maguire and former U.S. Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney.

Wish us luck as we challenge the Israeli, Egyptian, European Union and United State's unlawful siege and collective punishment of 1.5 million Palestinians in Gaza!

What will you do to help break the siege of Gaza?

About the Author:

Ann Wright is a 29 year US Army/Army Reserves veteran who retired as a Colonel and a former US diplomat who resigned in March, 2003 in opposition to the war on Iraq. She served in Nicaragua, Grenada, Somalia, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Sierra Leone, Micronesia and Mongolia. Wright made three trips to Gaza in 2009 and helped organize the Gaza Freedom March that in December, 2009 brought 1350 persons from 44 countries to Cairo, Egypt in an attempt to break the siege of Gaza. She is the co-author of the book "Dissent: Voices of Conscience." (www.voicesofconscience.com)

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From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 3:11 PM
To: Parker, Andrew C; Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Burnett, David R; Adams, Julie D; Greene, Elisa; Richter, Kim B; Mendel, Teresa S; [REDACTED]
Cc: Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

These are the boats that Athens is aware of. Note that they do not include Challenger 1 & 2, which they are trying to track down and reportedly are flying American flags. No confirmation on the actual port of registry yet for those two boats.

From: Frowick, George H
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 7:25 AM
To: Goodman, Ilan A; Taylor, Victoria J; Reisser, Wesley J; Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Scarlatelli, Adam W
Cc: Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H; McCarthy, Deborah A; Cockrell, John D; Malik, Paul; McKeever, Matthew X; Davison, Kees C; 'OPALKA, SCOTT J'
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

We are trying to get through to Piraeus harbor authorities. IN the meantime, our Consular Section received a few days ago a fax of the crewlists for the ships that purport to be in the flotilla leaving Greece. None is U.S. flagged or crewed, but none is named Challenger I or Challenger II.

The names/nationalities of the ships we have are:

1. (unreadable) Ocean/Marshall Islands Capt. Dane, Crewed by Filipinos and two Ukrainians
2. Novorossysk Star/Malta, Capt Israeli, crewed by Bulgarians, Israelis, Russians, Romanians, a Moroccan and a Filipino
3. Kyklades/Panama – Capt. Greek, crew Ukrainian, Egyptian, Sri Lanka, Ghana, etc.
4. (Resire?) Kallavan/Marshall Islands. Capt and crew are Turkish.
5. Ocean Star/Malta Capt. and crew Ukrainian
6. Shenandoah Highway/Panama – Capt. Bulgarian, crew Bulgarian and Filipino

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From: Goodman, Ilan A
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 1:19 AM

To: Goodman, Ilan A; Taylor, Victoria J; Reisser, Wesley J; Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Scarletelli, Adam W
Cc: Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H; McCarthy, Deborah A; Frowick, George H; Cockrell, John D; Malik, Paul; McKeever, Matthew X; Davison, Kees C
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Embassy Athens colleagues:

[Redacted]

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Additionally, Embassy Tel Aviv would greatly appreciate if Embassy Athens can help determine which of the ships are carrying AmCits. I believe CA has already reached out on this.

[Redacted]

"It is definitely worth pursuing more factual information as to which vessels are actually doing what. I suspect they are not US flagged vessels, and might not even be Greek flagged (may just be Greek owned, but who knows).

[Redacted]

Thanks,
Ilan

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Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 1:35 PM
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Cc: Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H; McCarthy, Deborah A; Frowick, George H; Cockrell, John D
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

I'm looping in Embassy Athens, who should be able to help out.

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From: Taylor, Victoria J
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 12:08 PM
To: Reisser, Wesley J; Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Scariatelli, Adam W; Goodman, Ilan A
Cc: Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Hi Wesley, I'm adding in Greece Desk officers Adam and Ilan.

VT

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Turkey Desk and Regional Economic Affairs
Office of Southern European Affairs (EUR/SE)
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Fax: 202-647-5087
TaylorVJ@state.gov

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From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 12:07 PM
To: Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Taylor, Victoria J
Cc: Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Can EUR help us confirm with the Greeks if two of the boats mentioned by our DATT in Tel Aviv are legitimately American flagged vessels or are they registered as Greek ships?

From: [redacted] B3 DOD-PII
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 11:06 AM
To: [redacted] Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Burnett, David R; Baron, Desiree A; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa;
[redacted]
Cc: Reisser, Wesley J; Goldberger, Thomas H
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Correction from Israel Navy –
Vessels departed Greece and are currently on the way to Cyprus.
V/R.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 5:51 PM
To: Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Burnett, David R; Baron, Desiree A; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; [redacted]

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[Redacted]

Cc: Reisser, Wesley J; Goldberger, Thomas H
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

The Israel Navy is inquiring about two vessels –Challenger I and Challenger II that they believe have departed Cyprus as a part of the Flotilla and reportedly are now flying American Flags. They have asked if there is any way to confirm this. I will reach out to our POCs in Cyprus, but appreciate any insight folks may have on this topic. [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

R/ [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: Reisser, Wesley J

Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 5:06 PM

To: Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Sindle, James M; Struwe, Rebecca L; Richter, Kim B; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Mendel, Teresa S; Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Burnett, David R; Baron, Desiree A; Adams, Julie D; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; Waters, John R; Rogan, Thomas G; Towry, Debra J; Hanania, Vera V; Weinfeld, Nili I; Lewis, Glenn K; Beran, Sarah; Greengrass, Sara D; Kaplan, Dean; Walker, Carolee B; Finver, Frank J; [Redacted]; Manring, Nicholas J; Tyson, Paul H; Maggi, Robert W; [Redacted]; Falls, Eric G; Reed, Julia G; Davison, Kees C; Ogle, Karen L; Keen, Daniel G; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Parra, Yolanda A; Dilworth, Alison E; Osman, Amany A; Netos, Eleftherios E; Taylor, Victoria J; Riley, Robert J; Dayton, Win (Istanbul); Marsh, Denise M; Baily, Jess L; Tomlinson, Christina (Istanbul); Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul); Parker, Andrew C; Silliman, Douglas A; Rosenstock, Matthew S

Subject: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

(SBU) Courtesy Embassy Tel Aviv, a message on how the navy intends to handle this:

"The Israel Navy has expressed to me that they intend to respond to this situation as peaceful as possible; however they have been directed by the GOI to prevent the vessels from arriving in Gaza. Their intention is to ensure the ships arrive in Ashdod, process the individuals to be deported and deliver any legitimate humanitarian aide to Gaza via land. It should be noted, that GOI has made it clear that although they have directed a peaceful response, those participating are viewed as individuals deliberately attempting to provoke the Israel Navy and appropriate action to prevent arrival in Gaza will be taken."

Wesley J. Reisser, Ph.D.

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Goushe, Saffie

From: [redacted] **B3 DOD-PII**
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2010 6:16 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Lebanese Gaza flotilla update, August 17, 2010: Transport Minister gives permission for Mariam to depart for Cyprus

Yeah...some don't share well with others...I was not aware.

We'll keep you posted with what we know.

V/R,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Sent: Wed Aug 18 12:52:03 2010
Subject: FW: Lebanese Gaza flotilla update, August 17, 2010: Transport Minister gives permission for Mariam to depart for Cyprus

This is what we got copied on yesterday...

[redacted]

[redacted]

Senior Defense Official/Defense Attache
USDAO Nicosia, Cyprus

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2010 8:48 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Lebanese Gaza flotilla update, August 17, 2010: Transport Minister gives permission for Mariam to depart for Cyprus

Thought you'd want to be part of this –

[redacted]

From: Daughton, Thomas F (Beirut)
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2010 9:45 PM
To: Walles, Jacob; Schedlbauer, Amy W; Sindle, James M; Jacoby, Julia I; Goldberger, Thomas H; Tsou, Leslie M; Evans, Jennifer R; Shampaine, Nicole D; Riggs, Susan J; Silverman, Robert J; Cohen, Jonathan R; [redacted]
Cc: Cornforth, Jeremy A
Subject: Lebanese Gaza flotilla update, August 17, 2010: Transport Minister gives permission for Mariam to depart for Cyprus

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Charles Daris, Senior Reviewer

Hizballah's Al-Manar reported tonight that Lebanese Transportation Minister Ghazi Aridi had given permission for the *Mariam*, a ship intending to break the Gaza blockade, to sail from the Lebanese port of Tripoli to Cyprus. We contacted [redacted] who confirmed that Aridi issued the necessary papers at 1700 today. [redacted] said the ship's sponsors will hold a press conference here on Thursday, August 19, and that they plan to sail on Sunday, August 22.

Minister Aridi confirmed to us late this evening that he issued permission today for the *Mariam* to sail to Cyprus. Inspectors from the ministry have fully inspected the ship and the ship's owners have finally managed to produce all of the legally required paperwork. In addition, they finally indicated Cyprus on their application instead of leaving the destination blank, so Aridi had no option but to approve the application, he said. Aridi added that he warned the organizers that if they pledge to sail to Gaza during their press conference, he will revoke their permit because it is illegal to sail to an Israeli-occupied port. Aridi surmised that the organizers must still receive docking clearance from Cyprus before departing. (Note: There is no indication that Aridi has given permission for the *Julia*, the other boat identified as being prepared by the flotilla organizers, to depart. The *Julia* reportedly has seaworthiness problems that it has been unable to overcome.)

We will follow up with the offices of the prime minister and president tomorrow morning.

Thomas F. Daughton
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.
U.S. Embassy - Beirut, Lebanon
Tel: [961] 454-2600

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RELEASED IN PART B5,B3 DOD-PII

Goushe, Saffie

From: Baumert, Kevin A
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 5:05 PM B3 DOD-PII
To: Netos, Eleftherios E; Hanrahan, Richard F; Reisser, Wesley J
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; Goodman, Ilan A; Scarletelli, Adam W; Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H; Carouso, James A; Stewart, Nan E; Allison, Alicia P; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza
Attachments: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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I've conveyed to USCG that we now think that these are not US flagged vessels (as suspected). [redacted]

[redacted]
SBU/NOFORN).

[redacted]

Thanks,
Kevin
L/OES

From: Netos, Eleftherios E
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 4:37 PM B3 DOD-PII
To: Hanrahan, Richard F; Reisser, Wesley J; Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; Goodman, Ilan A; Scarletelli, Adam W; Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H; Carouso, James A; Stewart, Nan E; Allison, Alicia P; [redacted]; Mendel, Teresa S
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Richard, [redacted]:

Many thanks for sharing this very useful information. (Looping in CA's Teresa Mendel.)

Regards,

Terry

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From: Hanrahan, Richard F
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 4:28 PM
To: Netos, Eleftherios E; Reisser, Wesley J; Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; Goodman, Ilan A; Scarletelli, Adam W; Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H; Carouso, James A; Stewart, Nan E; Allison, Alicia P; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

All, REVIEW AUTHORITY: Charles Daris, Senior Reviewer

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I just got off the phone with [REDACTED] the FPD Special Agent in Cyprus. He informed me that the Cypriot authorities will not allow any of the Free Gaza ships to enter any ROC port. He also believes it is unlikely that they would be allowed within the 12nm territorial sea.

Richard

From: Netos, Eleftherios E
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 8:11 PM
To: Reisser, Wesley J; Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; Goodman, Ilan A; Scarletelli, Adam W; Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H; Carouso, James A; Stewart, Nan E; Allison, Alicia P; Hanrahan, Richard F
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Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Kevin – Our DAO is working it as best he can, as is Emb Athens. Is there any specific info Coast Guard needs (make, model etc)? These are yachts, not merchant ships, so they don't have as many identifiers according to the DATT in Tel Aviv as the big boats have.

From: Baumert, Kevin A
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:15 AM
To: Baumert, Kevin A; Reisser, Wesley J
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; Goodman, Ilan A; Scarletelli, Adam W; Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H; Netos, Eleftherios E
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Just connected with Coast Guard. If we can provide more facts on the vessels in question, they can assist with identifying options. Thanks, Kevin

From: Baumert, Kevin A
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:00 AM
To: Reisser, Wesley J
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; Goodman, Ilan A; Scarletelli, Adam W; Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H; Netos, Eleftherios E
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Someone needs to identify the vessels. That is a central fact here that I don't believe there is clarity on.

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[Redacted]

Thanks,
Kevin

From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 10:56 AM
To: Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; Goodman, Ilan A; Scarletelli, Adam W; Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H; Netos, Eleftherios E
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Kevin - [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Wes

From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 10:36 AM
To: Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; Goodman, Ilan A; Scarletelli, Adam W; Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Kevin - We are still trying to get confirmation from Greece on the 2 ships. They are yachts and may actually be U.S. registered.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Wes

From: Baumert, Kevin A
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 3:41 PM
To: Reisser, Wesley J
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; Goodman, Ilan A; Scarletelli, Adam W; Holmstrom, Todd C
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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Thanks,
Kevin

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To: Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; Goodman, Ilan A; Scarlatelli, Adam W; Holmstrom, Todd C
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Kevin – We have a whole bunch of ships headed towards Gaza right now to “break the Israeli blockade.” The Israeli Navy will probably interdict them this weekend, board the ships, haul them to port and deport all of the foreign nationals (they did this last summer). However, we have a slight hitch this time in that two of the boats, after leaving Greece, are now supposedly flying American flags rather than Greek ones. Embassy Athens is looking into this to find out if the boats are registered in Greece or the U.S.

The Israeli Embassy has contacted us about this, and they have been contacted by the Greek Ambassador here, who has stated these ships are flying U.S. flags (although he did not tell the Israelis if the boats are American or Greek registered).

[Redacted]

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Thanks!
Wes

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[Redacted]
Cc: Reisser, Wesley J; Goldberger, Thomas H
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Goushe, Saffie

From: [redacted] B3 DOD-PII
 Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2010 8:26 AM
 To: [redacted]@jac.eucom.mil
 Cc: [redacted]; Langan, William B; [redacted] Owen, Dan S;
 [redacted]@jac.eucom.mil
 Subject: RE: SITREP: Lebanese Flotilla as of COB June 23

Sir:

FYI; Latest information from the State Department (pasted below) indicates that the Lebanese authorities have doubts whether or not there is an actual vessel "Mariam."

MRN: 10 MDA 39240
 Date/DTG: Jun 24, 2010 / 241050Z JUN 10
 From: Cornforth, Jeremy A
 Action: Daughton, Thomas F (Beirut) ROUTINE; Cohen, Jonathan R ROUTINE;
 Daniel_B_Shapiro@nss.eop.gov ROUTINE; Hagar_H_Hajjar@nss.eop.gov ROUTINE;
 Sievers, Marc J ROUTINE; Cunningham, James B ROUTINE; Lawson, Christine M ROUTINE;
 Catalano, Elisa ROUTINE; Shampaine, Nicole D ROUTINE; Riley, Richard H ROUTINE; Evans,
 Jennifer R ROUTINE; Urbancic, Frank C ROUTINE; Walles, Jacob ROUTINE; Schlicher, Ronald
 L ROUTINE; Feltman, Jeffrey D ROUTINE; Jeffrey, James F ROUTINE; Silliman, Douglas A
 ROUTINE; Godfrey, Anthony F ROUTINE
 E.O.: 12958
 TAGS: PREL, EWWT, PBTS, PHUM, KPAL, IS, LE
 Captions: SENSITIVE
 Reference: A) 10 MDA 39106
 Subject: SITREP: Lebanese flotilla as of 1345 Beirut time on June 24

(SBU) President and PM downplay flotilla progress: President Michel Sleiman told the Ambassador this morning that he was working closely with Prime Minister Saad Hariri and Transportation Minister Ghazi Aridi on the issue of ships planning to sail from Lebanon to Gaza. Sleiman 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." PM Hariri also underscored to the Ambassador today that "nothing is happening" with regards to the MV *Julia*.

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(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. [redacted] 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

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Charles Daris, Senior Reviewer

dubbed the *Naji al-Ali*.

Thanks,

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[redacted]
Assistant Army Attache, US Embassy
Nicosia, Cyprus

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2010 12:33 PM
To: [redacted]@jac.eucom.mil'
Cc: [redacted]; Langan, William B; [redacted]; [redacted]; Owen, Dan S;
[redacted]@jac.eucom.mil'
Subject: Re: SITREP: Lebanese Flotilla as of COB June 23

Sir,
Headed to office now following arrival of USN ship here. Someone from our office should contact you. Photos originally from an open source, so I have no issue, but we are working under some specific direction from headquarters.
V/R,

[redacted]
Assistant Naval Attache
USDAO Tel Aviv
E-mail: [redacted]
Office: [redacted]
Cell: [redacted]

From: [redacted]@jac.eucom.mil>
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Langan, William B; [redacted]; [redacted]; Owen, Dan S; Stein, [redacted]
[redacted]@jac.eucom.mil>; [redacted]@jac.eucom.mil>
Sent: Thu Jun 24 09:49:16 2010
Subject: RE: SITREP: Lebanese Flotilla as of COB June 23

Good morning [redacted]-
It would be great if I had a REL UK photo of M/V MARIAM to feature in our Theater Synchronization Brief in 6 hours.
The earlier photos were marked NOFORN. Do you had a S REL UK photo you can please send me...any LAN will work?

[redacted]
[redacted]

JAC Director of Intelligence

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2010 7:07 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]; Langan, William B; [redacted]; Owen, Dan S
Subject: FW: SITREP: Lebanese Flotilla as of COB June 23

EUUKMOIAS0003N.jac.eucom.mil made the following annotations

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Sir:

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FYI, here is the latest State Department SITREP from US Embassy Beirut.

[REDACTED]
Assistant Army Attache, US Embassy
Nicosia, Cyprus

From: SMART Core [mailto:svcSMARTBTSRctSPrec@state.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2010 7:30 PM

To: Daughton, Thomas F (Beirut); Cohen, Jonathan R; Daniel_B._Shapiro@nss.eop.gov; Hagar_H._Hajjar@nss.eop.gov; Sievers, Marc J; Cunningham, James B; Lawson, Christine M; Catalano, Elisa; Shampaine, Nicole D; Riley, Richard H; Evans, Jennifer R; Urbancic, Frank C; Walles, Jacob; Schlicher, Ronald L; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Jeffrey, James F; Silliman, Douglas A; Godfrey, Anthony F

Cc: Sison, Michele J; Cornforth, Jeremy A; Bauer, Paul (Beirut); [REDACTED] AOC SESO CMS; AOC SESO CMS DEPDIR; AOC SESO DEPDIR; AOC SESO Director; AOC SESO DS; AOC SESO EAO; AOC SESO EDITOR; AOC SESO Mil Rep; AOC SESO OS; AOC SESO SWING; AOC SESO SWO; AOC SESO WO; AOC2_SESO CMS; AOC2_SESO Deputy Director; AOC2_SESO Director; AOC2_SESO DS; AOC2_SESO EAO; AOC2_SESO Editor; AOC2_SESO MilRep; AOC2_SESO OS; AOC2_SESO SWO; Bartish, Tiffany M; Choi, Dahm; CMS Duty; Copley, Yanira; Doner, Susan L; Dorn, Christopher H; Finnegan, Joseph P; Goldberg, Joshua W; Leedy, Jean B; Matier, Paul T; Premont, Bridget M; Roy, Kenneth M; Shelton, Deretta F; Zareski, Karen B; Bitter, Rena; Pascual, Michael T; Beer, Jeremy H; Revell, Sara M; Sickles, Brittney A; Brown, Justin P; Casteel, Ezra A; Deyo, Justin A; Hsiang, Margaret E; Johnson, Andrew Kim; McNeil, Matthew C; Morgan, Jack A; Packer, Adam D; Pearce, Jennifer; Polley, Mary E; Roberts, Kristin; Rudnitski, Jennine R; Shelstad, Jeffrey; Simmons, Krista M; Valdez, Pablo M; Withers, Anne M; Banks, Dana; Beekman, Philip M; Crosby, Colin T; McGovern, Bridget (Helen-Mary); Parrs, Walter; Rodriguez, Hugo F; Sanders, Robert P; Slattery, Phillip T; Thomas, Robert W; Abdalla, Alyce N; Acosta-Licea, Dulce M; AOC2_SESO WO; Berenberg, Alex M; Chakravorty, Anamika; Dalrymple, Angela V; Duffy, Sarah A; Holmes, Stephanie E; Lee, Andrew T; Marsh, Victor L; Rathod, Rona R; Smith, Alexis L; Snipes, Christopher K; Stancer, Wendy; User100, Test; Wegmann, Stephanie M; Whittington, Tracy; Zurcher, Kenneth M; Watch Information; Prem_G._Kumar@nss.eop.gov; Jackson, Mollie J; [REDACTED]; Netos, Eleftherios E; Riley, Robert J; Baily, Jess L; Schedlbauer, Amy W; Ried, Curtis R (USUN); Abraham, Nisha M; Coley, Lea M; Doutrich, Jack T; Frelich, Karlene H; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Groeblacher, Julia; Holmstrom, Todd C; Jacoby, Julia I; Knopf, Payton L; Lentz, Andrew N; Mayo, Iris J; Reisser, Wesley J; Riley, Le'Shawnda V (OIG); Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA); Sindle, James M; Sisso, Ilanit; [REDACTED]@js.pentagon.mil; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Richter, Kim B; Mendel, Teresa S

Subject: SITREP: Lebanese Flotilla as of COB June 23

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(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). [redacted] 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 [redacted] 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; AMCIT ISSUES:* We sent [redacted] to meet today with [redacted] [redacted] the main organizer of the *Mariam* effort. [redacted] confirmed that [redacted] is leading the *Mariam* ship, and 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 [redacted] [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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Goushe, Saffie

From: Cohen, Jonathan R B3 DOD-PII
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 1:11 AM
To: Allison, Alicia P; [redacted] Stewart, Nan E; Sherlock, Shawn H
Cc: Urbancic, Frank C; Langan, William B
Subject: FW: HEADS UP Navy reports Challenger II has departed Limassol Cyprus

Dear all – last night's work...

[redacted]

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That said, [redacted] if you could get a status update from your contacts mid-day that would be great. B3 DOD-PII

Many thanks,
Jonathan

From: Cohen, Jonathan R
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:42 PM
To: Netos, Eleftherios E
Subject: Re: HEADS UP Navy reports Challenger II has departed Limassol Cyprus

As suspected, RoC Port Authorities confirm that Challenger III is in Limassol port with damage that will take a month to fix. GoC will not allow it to sail. There is no captain, no crew and no passenger on board - authorities are keeping close eye on it.

Challenger II IS NOT and WAS NOT in Limassol Port - ops officer at port informs that it was damaged at sea and remains outside Cypriot territorial waters awaiting repairs. It will be repaired offshore. Marine police tell us it is not in condition to sail and think it isn't going anywhere for the time being.

They reiterated that the GoC is applying a stringent policy of no permission to sail to Gaza from here. We said good and thanks.

Hope this helps. Best we could do tonight - will seek updates in the am.

Please pass to Bob and others tracking this.

JC

From: Netos, Eleftherios E
To: Cohen, Jonathan R
Sent: Thu Jun 03 14:56:06 2010
Subject: FW: HEADS UP Navy reports Challenger II has departed Limassol Cyprus

Jonathan,

We have just received word from the USN that the Challenger II has departed Limassol. We realize that it is approaching 10:00 p.m. in Cyprus, but can post please check with RoC port authorities to see if they can confirm this departure?

Thanks,

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Charles Daris, Senior Reviewer

Terry

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From: Netos, Eleftherios E
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:45 PM
To: Riley, Robert J
Cc: Baily, Jess L
Subject: FW: HEADS UP Navy reports Challenger II has departed Limassol Cyprus

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From: Sindle, James M
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:28 PM
To: EUR-SE-DAR-DL
Subject: FW: HEADS UP Navy reports Challenger II has departed Limassol Cyprus

FYI...

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:24 PM
To: Maggi, Robert W; Sindle, James M; Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Countryman, Thomas; Maxwell, Raymond D; Goldberger, Thomas H; Huggins, William D; O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); PM-Counter-Piracy-DL; Kirshner, Amy Coletta; 'Owen.Doherty@dot.gov'
Subject: RE: HEADS UP Navy reports Challenger II has departed Limassol Cyprus

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The vessel CHALLENGER II was one of two (the other is DIMITRIS-K) in port Limassol. Navy staff informed me that CHALLENGER II is underway from Limassol.

R, [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Senior Naval Advisor
Pol-Mil Bureau/Int'l Security Ops
U.S. Department of State

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From: Maggi, Robert W
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:54 PM
To: Sindle, James M; Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Countryman, Thomas; Maxwell, Raymond D; Goldberger, Thomas H; Huggins, William D; Frederick, Jeffrey D; O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); PM-Counter-Piracy-DL; Kirshner, Amy Coletta; 'Owen.Doherty@dot.gov'
Subject: HEADS UP Navy reports Challenger II has departed Limassol Cyprus

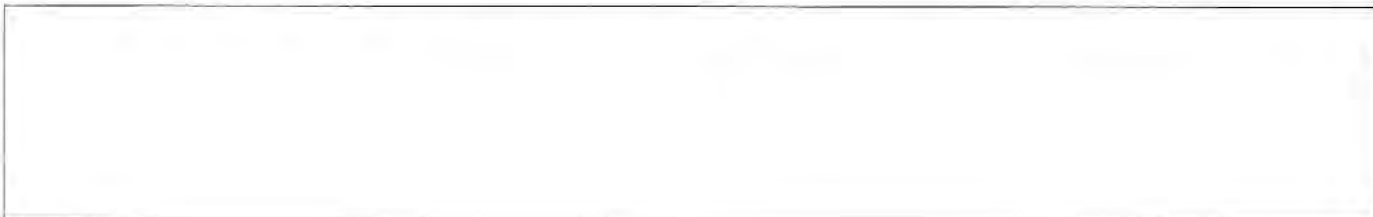
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We are trying to confirm  

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From: Baumert, Kevin A
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:58 AM
To: Maggi, Robert W; Sindle, James M
Cc: Countryman, Thomas; Maxwell, Raymond D; Goldberger, Thomas H; Huggins, William D; 
Subject: RE: Challenger II and Gaza

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Thanks,
Kevin
L/OES

From: Maggi, Robert W
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:33 AM
To: Sindle, James M
Cc: Countryman, Thomas; Maxwell, Raymond D; Goldberger, Thomas H; Huggins, William D; 
Subject: Challenger II and Gaza

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Jim,



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Thanks
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From: Maggi, Robert W
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:10 PM
To: Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: PM-Counter-Piracy-DL; Countryman, Thomas; Maxwell, Raymond D; [redacted] O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); [redacted] Sindle, James M; Goldberger, Thomas H
Subject: U.S. flagged vessels

Kevin etal, great job, thanks!!!
Worth the read from bottom to top!!
Best
turk

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; [redacted] O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); [redacted] Kirshner, Amy Coletta; Polizzotto, Susan; [redacted]@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; [Redacted]; [Redacted] O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); [Redacted]; Kirshner, Amy Coletta; Polizzotto, Susan

Subject: RE: U.S. flagged vessels in the second wave of the GAZA Flotilla

Kevin,

As we continue to proceed, I think it would be helpful to know...

[Redacted]

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Thanks,

Jim Sindle
Pol-Mil Officer
Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs
U.S. Department of State

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Classified: SindleJM@state.sgov.gov

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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; [redacted]; [redacted]
[redacted] O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); [redacted] Kirshner, Amy Coletta
Subject: RE: U.S. flagged vessels in the second wave of the GAZA Flotilla

[redacted]

Thanks, Kevin

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From: Maggi, Robert W
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 11:49 AM
To: Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: PM-Counter-Piracy-DL; Countryman, Thomas; Sindle, James M; Maxwell, Raymond D; [redacted]; [redacted]
[redacted] O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); [redacted] Kirshner, Amy Coletta
Subject: FW: U.S. flagged vessels in the second wave of the GAZA Flotilla

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Kevin, thanks!

[redacted]

Best
turk

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From: Baumert, Kevin A
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 9:36 AM
To: Sindle, James M; Polizzotto, Susan; [redacted] (OES-OPA); [redacted]; O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); [redacted]
[redacted]
Subject: RE: US flagged vessels

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From: Baumert, Kevin A
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 12:08 AM
To: Thessin, James H
Cc: Townley, Stephen G; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Harris, Robert K; Sullivan, David J; Pomper, Stephen E; Guarin, Marc F
Subject: US flagged vessels

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Jim – in case this comes up tomorrow, here is the situation as I understand it [redacted]

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In terms of the facts –

- There are two vessels – Challenger I and Challenger II – that have been involved in this incident and are believed to be U.S. flagged vessels. Challenger I is believed to have been part of the flotilla that was intercepted on Monday by the IDF, although there were no violent confrontations with this vessel. Challenger II is believed to have had mechanical difficulties and may be intended to breach the blockade in the coming days (estimates range from Wed to Saturday).
- We are not certain that the vessels are properly registered in the United States. Greek port authority documentation showed both vessels as having Delaware registration numbers. Coast Guard is still checking whether those registrations are still valid; we should know tomorrow. IDF reported at various times that these vessels were actually flying Greek and St. Vincent flags (after earlier suggesting we take action because they were U.S. flagged). This also raises some doubt as to their nationality.
- It appears there are 12-20 persons on each vessel; Challenger II does not appear to include any AMCITs (again, based on Greek port docs). Cargo - humanitarian or otherwise – is not known. The two vessels are pleasure craft (yachts) that apparently do not tend to make international voyages. They are not equipped with identification/tracking gear, which makes locating them more difficult.

[redacted]

In terms of the law –

[redacted]

[redacted]

Thanks,

Kevin

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Goushe, Saffie A

From: Pisani, Kristen L
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 11:04 AM
To: May, James H; Henderson, Alexander C
Cc: Schofer, Andrew J
Subject: FW: EUCOM LNO to CENTCOM Executive Summary for 21 October 2012 (as of 211800Z October) [S//NF]
Attachments: image001.emz; image003.emz; image005.emz; oledata.mso; 21 Oct 2012 OSINT Syria Crisis Tracker.doc; 121020_1800Z_Syria_Situation_Update_jjd.ppt

Another one for FOIA but this is an interagency communication.

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From: [redacted]@dia.smil.mil]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 9:15 AM
To: Koenig, John M
Cc: Schofer, Andrew J; Second E-mail - Alex; Pisani, Kristen L; Espinoza, Jorge A; Jager, [redacted]
Christopher W
Subject: FW: EUCOM LNO to CENTCOM Executive Summary for 21 October 2012 (as of 211800Z October) [S//NF]

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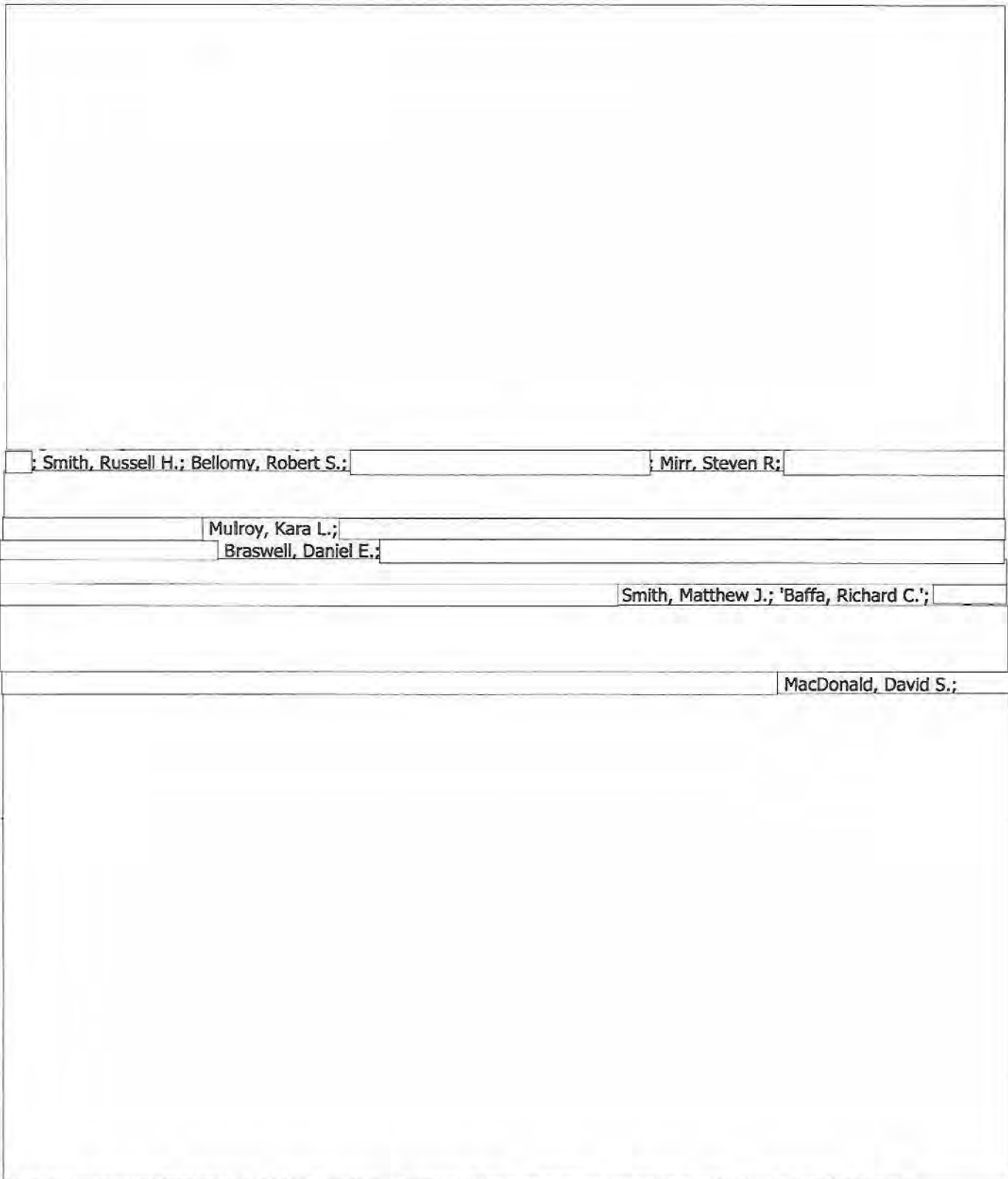
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Bill

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2012 9:06 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
[redacted]



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Mulroy, Kara L.;			
Braswell, Daniel E.;			
		Smith, Matthew J.; 'Baffa, Richard C.;	
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A. (U) TURKEY:

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C. (C) Israel: Navy Boards S/V Estelle: According to press reports, the Israeli navy boarded the Finnish-flagged S/V Estelle 30 nm off the coast of Gaza on Saturday morning after the Estelle attempted to breach the Israeli blockade of Gaza and deliver humanitarian aid. The Israeli Navy confirmed the boarding and reported no injuries, but provided few details. Comment: *The Estelle will be taken to the port of Ashdod and have her cargo unloaded, which reportedly includes cement and medical supplies. Cement likely will not be allowed to enter Gaza, but medical supplies likely will be allowed to enter. The lack of violence in the boarding was due in part to Israeli lessons learned from the deadly 2010 interception of the Mavi Marmara, as well as the non-violent stance of those on the Estelle.*
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Law, Rosemary C

From: Dorn, Christopher H
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 11:19 AM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: FW: FW: (CO) GAZA FLOTILLA AFTERMATH - SITREP 1
Attachments: (CO) TEL AVIV 1218.txt

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From: Levin, Jan X
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 11:02 AM
To: NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; NEA-IPA-DL; Operations Center
Cc: 'pkumar@nsc.eop.sgov.gov'; 'dshapiro@nsc.eop.sgov.gov'
Subject: FW: (CO) GAZA FLOTILLA AFTERMATH - SITREP 1

All:

This just went out from Embassy Tel Aviv. Thanks.

Jan Levin

Acting Political Counselor

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Sindle, James M
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 1:39 PM
To: NEA-SEMEP-DL; Schwedt, Miriam L; Riggs, Susan J; Parrs, Walter; Abell, J Andrew; Specht, Linda; Ullner, Jason H; Hayes, Molly E; Wells, April S; Grimm, Brian M; Kabra, Patricia K; Wright, J Larry; Weinstein, Ivan S; Marcus, Robert B; Deretic, Zoja; Wahl-Tuco, Lillian C; Selinger, Thomas B; Schrank, Alexander D; Goodman, Ilan A; Scarlatelli, Adam W; Surampudi, Rakesh X; Hackworth, Jason; Bofill, Mariju L; Paradise, David T; Quick, Delia D; Epping, Jerome N; Mann, Winston E; Jakobson, Nicholas W; Tyson, Paul H; Bachman, Brian D; Foley, Philip A; Worman, Patrick F; Zurcher, Kenneth M; Jacobson, Linda; Baumert, Kevin A; Bass, Warren; Catalano, Elisa; Schrepel, Dawn M; Rand, Dafna H; Levin, Jan X; Rosenstock, Matthew S; 'Kumar, Prem G.'
Cc: MacWilliams, Benjamin WG
Subject: URGENT SHORT FUSE CLEARANCE REQUEST: DEMARCHE ON GAZA "ANNIVERSARY" FLOTILLA
Attachments: Gaza Flotilla II Demarche Cable v2.docx
Importance: High

Colleagues:

Please find attached for your clearance a demarche cable to posts urging their support to prevent the upcoming Gaza "anniversary" flotilla. This is a due out from an interagency meeting. **Because of the possible government shutdown and the date this is due to the NSS, your clearances are kindly requested by COB today.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Also, please cc' Ben MacWilliams (on the cc line) on your responses.

Best Regards,

Jim Sindle
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Law, Rosemary C

From: Levin, Jan X
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:22 PM
To: NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: FW: (CO) MFA BRIEFING ON OPERATIONAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT
Attachments: (CO) TEL AVIV 1240.txt

This just out of Embassy Tel Aviv. Thanks.

Jan Levin, A/PolCouns

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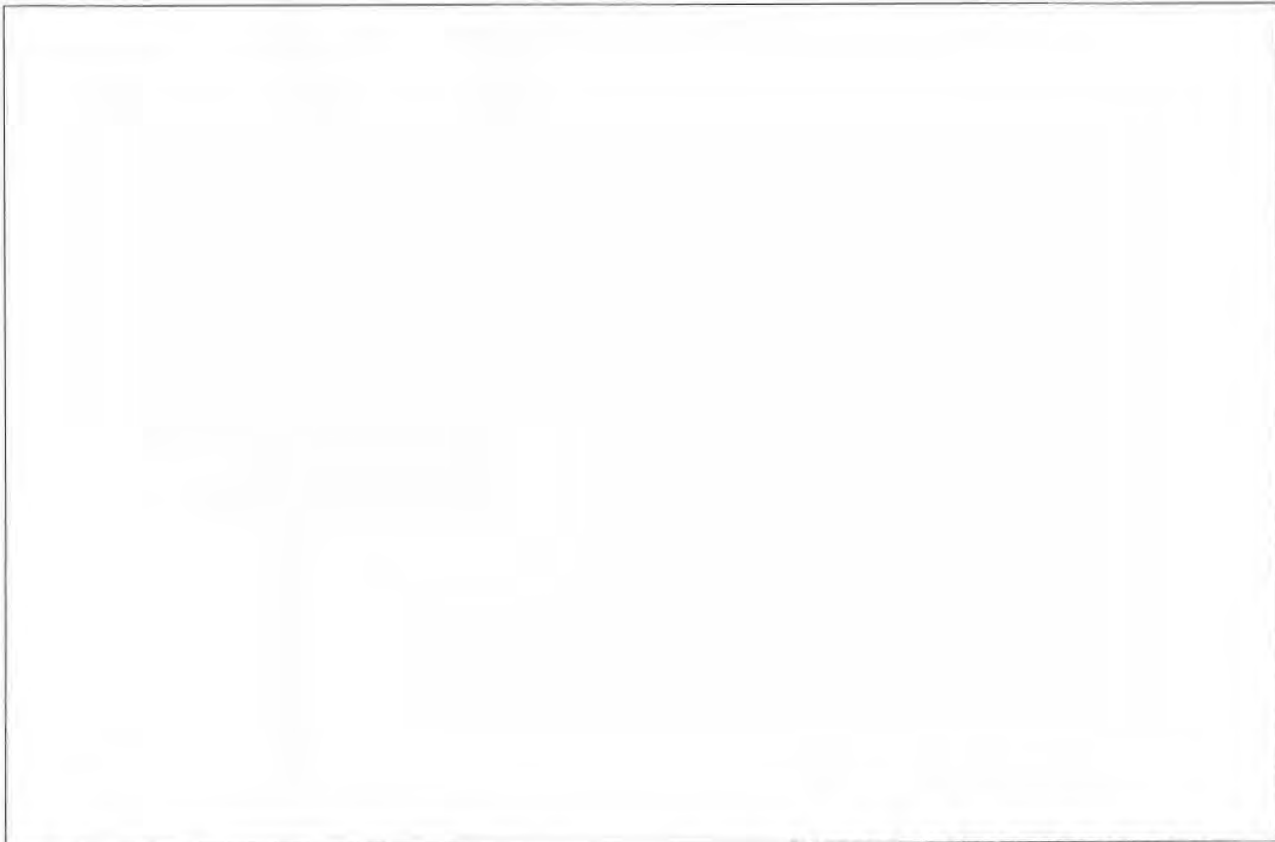
From: Miller, Asa G
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2012 4:12 PM
To: Caudill, David R
Cc: Mann, Winston E
Subject: ISRA-511490, [redacted] Leahy Nomination

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David:

Thanks again for stopping by today. Below is what we would like to relay to Post regarding this matter:

Greetings:



Please advise if you have any questions

regarding this matter.

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Mr. Asa G Miller
DRL MLGA
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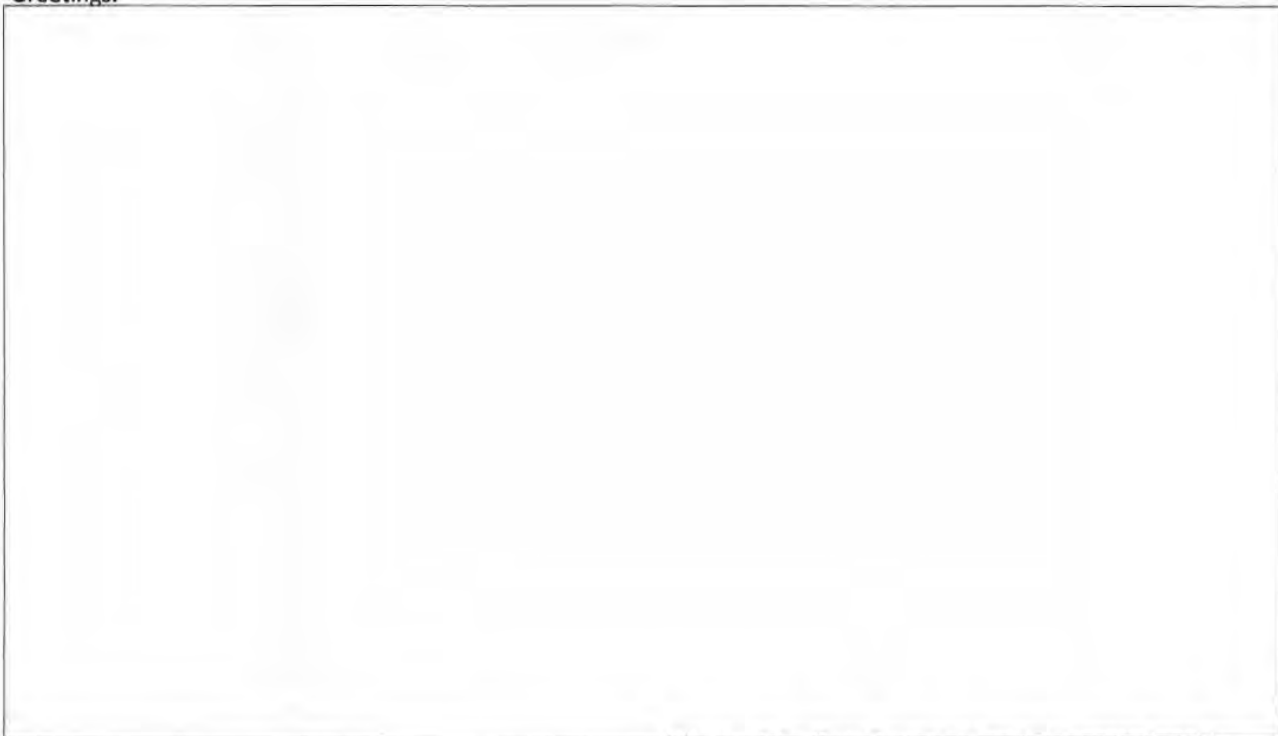
From: Miller, Asa G
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2012 2:58 PM
To: Mann, Winston E
Subject: ISRA-511490, [redacted] Leahy Nomination

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Winston—

Thought I'd give you first crack at this before I sent to David...

Greetings:



Please advise if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Mr. Asa G Miller
DRL MLGA
202-647-3088

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McCann, Tim I

From: Khanna, Melanie J
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 2:05 PM
To: IO-HR-DL; Nossel, Suzanne F; Martin, Julie B; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Sicade, Lynn M (DRL); Busby, Scott W; 'Powell, Catherine'
Cc: Donahoe, Eileen C; Geneva HRC 17; Griffiths, Douglas (Maputo)
Subject: draft flotilla reso
Attachments: [Untitled].pdf

The Turks will table a flotilla resolution, and the draft they've shared with others so far is attached (apologies that it scanned upside down-easiest to read if you print). As you can see, there are hardly any changes as compared with the prior 2 resolutions on implementation of the FFM conclusions. The Turkish delegate told me this morning that they are including OP 4 about the SYG taking the FFM conclusions into consideration because it is "logical" to them that he should consider both the Geneva FFM and Palmer to the extent he is considering a further response of some kind. They've also chosen the 20th session for the next follow up so as to give a substantial breathing period to see if the Israelis come towards them on apology and compensation issues. Turkish colleague said to me "of course we know you will vote no" and they expect us to be alone in doing so.

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The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Considering that the promotion of respect for the obligations arising from the Charter and the other instruments and rules of international law is among the basic purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Taking into consideration the relevant provisions of international humanitarian and human rights law,

Emphasizing the importance of the safety and well-being of all civilians, including humanitarian personnel,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 14/1 of 2 June 2010, in which the Council decided to dispatch an independent international fact-finding mission to investigate violations of human rights law and international humanitarian law resulting from the Israeli attacks on the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian assistance,

Recalling also Human Rights Council resolution 15/1 of 29 September 2010 and 16/20 of 25 March 2011, in which the Council endorsed the conclusions contained in the report of the independent international fact-finding mission, called upon all concerned parties to ensure the immediate implementation of the conclusions contained in the report of the fact-finding mission and requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to report on the status of implementation of those conclusions,

Welcoming the establishment by the Secretary-General of a panel of inquiry and recalling that its work has not been completed,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;
2. *Regrets* the non-cooperation of the occupying Power, Israel, with the independent international fact-finding mission on the Gaza flotilla incident;
3. *Calls upon* concerned parties to ensure the immediate implementation of the conclusions contained in the report of the fact-finding mission;
4. ~~*Encourages* the panel of inquiry established by~~ *Requests* the Secretary-General to **take into consideration the conclusions contained in the report of the fact-finding mission, as well as the follow-up reports of the High Commissioner complete its work without delay;**
5. *Requests* the High Commissioner to submit a report on the status of the implementation of paragraph 3 above to the Human Rights Council at its twentieth ~~seventeenth~~ session;
6. *Decides* to follow up the implementation of the present resolution at its twentieth ~~seventeenth~~ session.

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Martin, Julie B
Cc: Geneva HRC 17
Subject: flotilla final
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Attached is the flotilla resolution as introduced on the floor today and adopted by 36-8-1. The 8 abstainers were: Cameroon, Hungary, Poland, Moldova, Korea, Slovakia, Ukraine, and Zambia. Gabon did not vote; Libya is suspended. Please pass on to anyone else interested. Thanks,

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The Human Rights Council,

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Considering that the promotion of respect for the obligations arising from the Charter and the other instruments and rules of international law is among the basic purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Taking into consideration the relevant provisions of international humanitarian and human rights law,

Emphasizing the importance of the safety and well-being of all civilians, including humanitarian personnel,

Recalling Human Rights Council resolution 14/1 of 2 June 2010, in which the Council decided to dispatch an independent international fact-finding mission to investigate violations of human rights law and international humanitarian law resulting from the Israeli attacks on the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian assistance,

Recalling also Human Rights Council resolution 15/1 of 29 September 2010 and 16/20 of 25 March 2011, in which the Council endorsed the conclusions contained in the report of the independent international fact-finding mission, called upon all concerned parties to ensure the immediate implementation of the conclusions contained in the report of the fact-finding mission and requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to report on the status of implementation of those conclusions,

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1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;
2. *Regrets* the non-cooperation of the occupying Power, Israel, with the independent international fact-finding mission on the Gaza flotilla incident;
3. *Calls upon* concerned parties to ensure the immediate implementation of the conclusions contained in the report of the fact-finding mission;
4. ~~*Requests the Secretary-General to take into consideration the conclusions contained in the report of the fact-finding mission, as well as the follow-up reports of the High Commissioner;*~~
- 4rev. *Takes note* that the Panel of Inquiry established by the Secretary General is expected to complete its work soon;
- 4bis. *Requests* the High Commissioner to bring to the attention of the Secretary-General the conclusions contained in the report of the fact-finding mission, as well as the follow-up reports;
- 5rev. *Requests* the High Commissioner to submit a concluding report on the status of the implementation of paragraph 3 above to the Human Rights Council at its twentieth session;
6. *Decides* to follow up the implementation of the present resolution at its twentieth session.

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Subject: flotilla lobbying

I lobbied UK, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Japan at working level. UK said they will vote yes or possibly abstain if Turks don't make changes they've requested. Japan said they were considering abstaining but won't vote no. Others said they don't have final position-difficult ongoing discussions w/in EU. ECD is making calls at Amb level.

I talked to Amb Yaar to assure him we were doing outreach here and elsewhere.

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Subject: Flotilla update

Action on the resolution will likely be kicked to Friday as negotiations w/the EU continue. UK reports they are seeking both a reference to the NY investig and a commitment that this will be the last resolution. UK predicts some changes will be taken but EU will still split because some are definitely yes and some are firm on abstention. A split makes it possible that Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia could go no and Moldova could follow, but that's relatively remote, and none of those have confirmed no with me or with Israel. Slovakia has confirmed only that they won't support the reso.

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Dear colleagues

It is to inform that open-ended informal consultations on the OIC resolution entitled "Follow-up the report of the Independent International Fact Finding Mission on the incident of the Humanitarian Flotilla" are scheduled **tomorrow i.e. 10 June 2011 (Friday) at 0900 hours in Room 27.**

All interested delegations are encouraged to attend.

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Best regards

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Carlton please add to the HRC interactive. Thank you.

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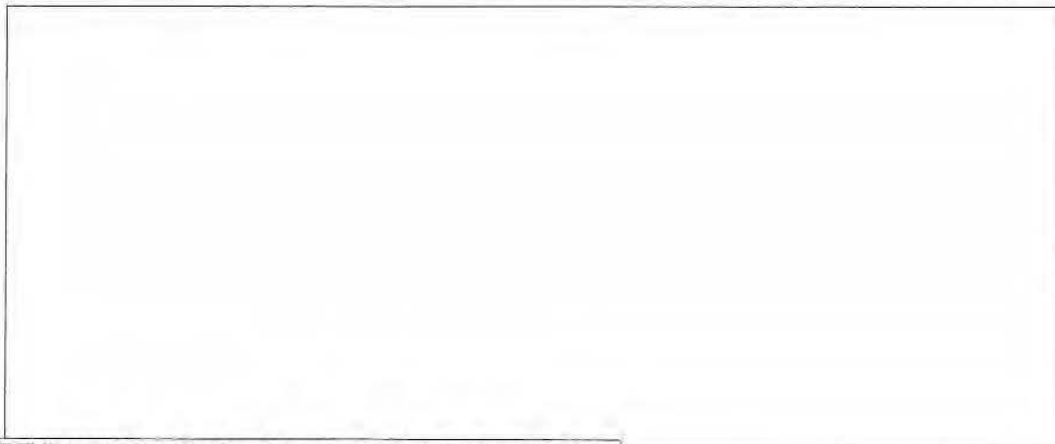
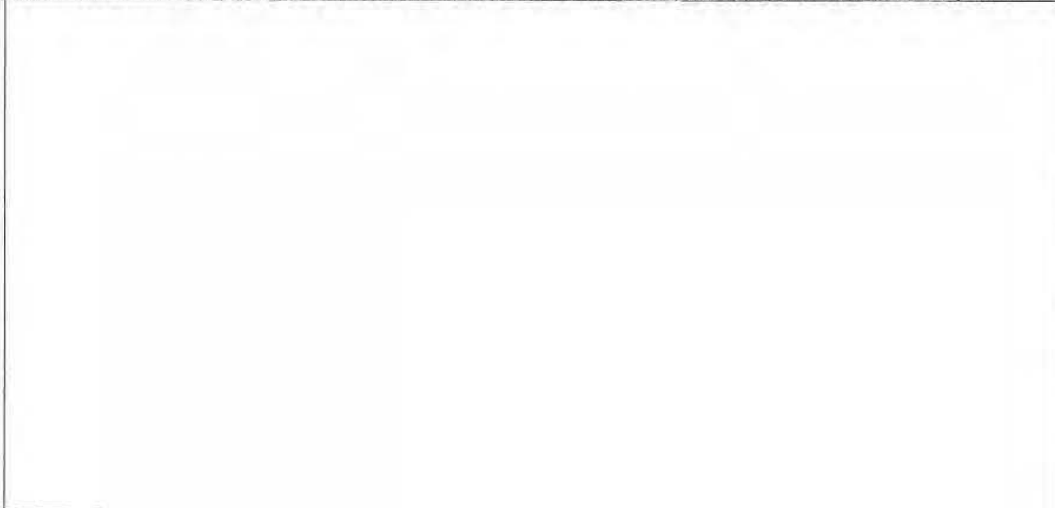
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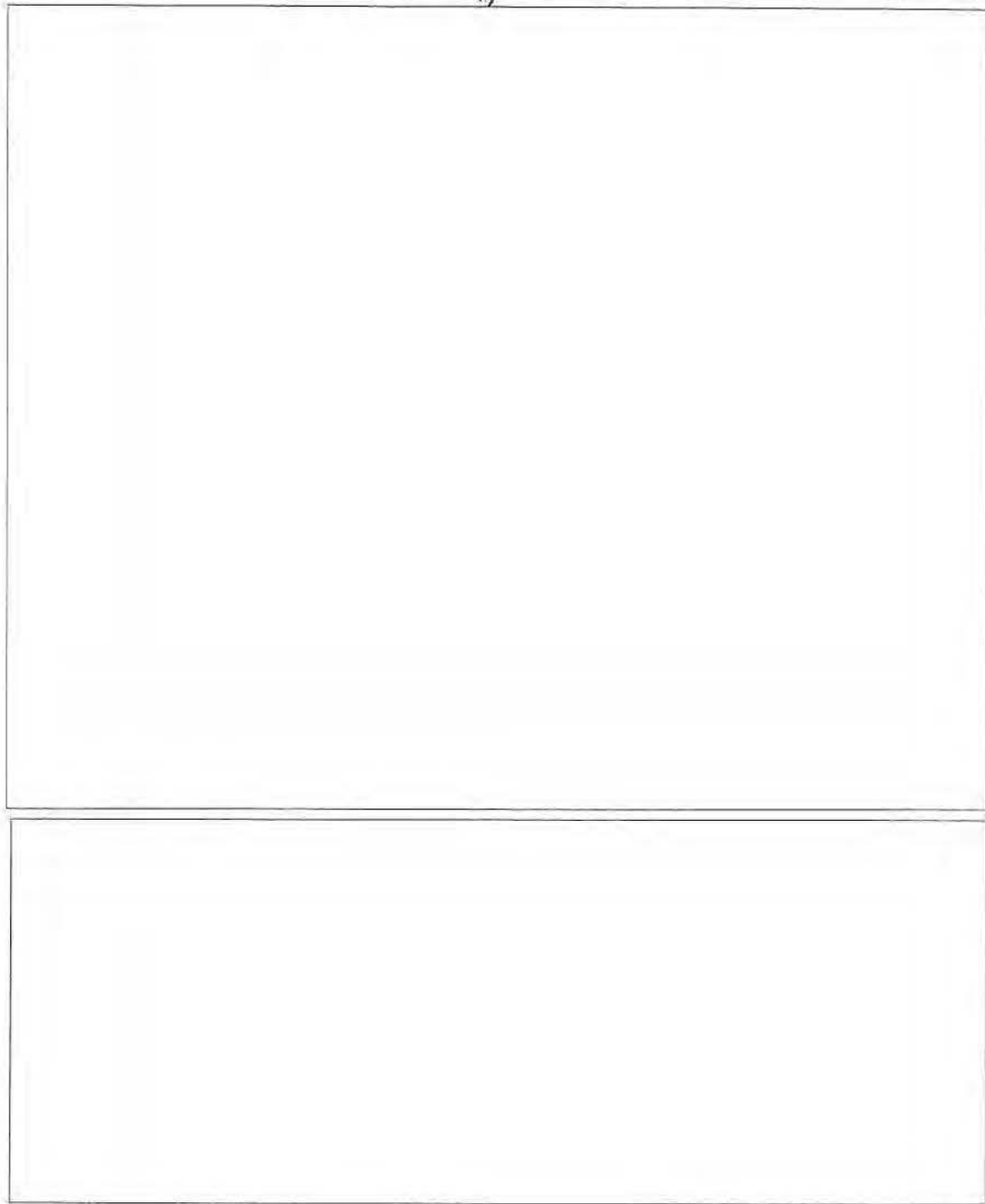
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On Israel-related issues, there will not be a resolution related to the Goldstone report at this session; however, it is possible that Turkey or another country may run another follow-up resolution related to last year's flotilla incident—an issue that could be further inflamed by a possible second flotilla. The High

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Commissioner will present another report on the flotilla issue, as required by previous HRC resolutions. The United States will present interventions under Item 7 (the standing agenda item on Israel) and in response to the High Commissioner's flotilla report. We will oppose any follow-up resolutions requesting follow-up on the flotilla.

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> Subject: Intervention by Turkey
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> The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations Office in Geneva
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- > honour to transmit a Verbal Note on the above mentioned subject.
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva and relevant United Nations institutions, and has the honour to enclose herewith the speech delivered as a concerned country by the Permanent Representative of Turkey H.E. Ambassador Oguz Demiralp under the general debate on Item/7 regarding the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the status of implementation of the conclusions contained in the report of the independent international fact-finding mission on the incident of the humanitarian flotilla.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva and relevant United Nations institutions the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 14 June 2011

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INTERVENTION BY TURKEY

Mr President,

While several important developments in the Middle East continue to unfold and inevitably occupy its agenda, the Human Rights Council remains rightfully seized of an emblematic case: the flotilla raid.

Emblematic, because the breach of international law has never been so clearly established.

Emblematic, because human rights violations have been undeniably blatant and flagrant.

Emblematic, because the international community and international civil society have been unanimous in condemning this act of illegal and excessive use of state power on civilians, peaceful protesters from more than 30 countries.

Emblematic, because it is a condensed catalogue of major human rights violations in one episode, from extra-judicial killings to illegal occupation and blockade, and denial of humanitarianism.

Let's not forget: the Israeli conduct was not only disproportionate to the occasion, but demonstrated levels of totally unnecessary, unjustified and incredible violence. Nine human beings were killed in the darkness of night in international waters while carrying a message of hope and humane solidarity to Palestinians suffering under illegal blockade in Gaza.

In the face of this emblematic case, the Council had taken the right course of action. It called a special session, it tasked a mission of experts to look into the case and it endorsed conclusions reached by the experts. It has not failed to invite the country concerned to implement the said conclusions, hoping that the justice will be done without further delay.

All these steps were taken last year, between June and September; and a whole year elapsed since the inauspicious flotilla raid!

Unfortunately, we still have to deal with this case. Why? Because Israel did nothing to heal the bleeding wound.

Israel has taken no effective step to redress the situation. The families of the victims and the civil society are still seeking justice while perpetrators of the raid have been treated as heroes.

In an astonishing defiance to the principles of impunity and accountability, Israel has also refused to cooperate with the Council. None of the conclusions of the impeccable report of the experts has been implemented by Israel. Instead of trying to meet the expectations of the Human Rights Council and the international community, Israel persists in its tactics to delay justice and to distort truth. To this end, some people do not hesitate to misrepresent the confidential panel put into place by the UN Secretary General.

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The New York Panel is neither a substitute for nor a duplicate of the Human Rights Council. It is expected to produce results at political level. Human rights aspect is to be pursued where it belongs, that is to say in Geneva. However, we observe that some people have come to Geneva and started going from one door to another in order to whisper misleading rumors about the confidential work in New York. They desperately attempt to transform a late night horror movie into a fairy tale where Israeli commandos would be angels descending from the sky. They also claim that blockade in Gaza is legal. How this inhumane blockade can be considered legal and legitimate while the occupation is entirely illegal? Those futile initiatives are not only a breach of confidentiality but also constitute disrespect to the UN Secretary General. I wonder: how can such people expect to deserve the trust and confidence of Turkey?

The failure of Israel to address the issue on the basis of the rule of law and to cooperate with the Council is unacceptable to anybody with a minimum sense of justice and sensitivity with regard to human rights.

However, this is not something unexpected from Israel. The negative attitude of Israel towards the Human Rights Council is on the record. The non-cooperation file of Israel is voluminous. So far Israel's claim has been that the Council was picking on Israel while overlooking other situations. It is not anymore possible to use this false argumentation. The Council is day by day proving its capacity to deal with different situations which are being brought to its consideration. Now we face the opposite picture. The Council, or more particularly, those who are ready to ignore the wrongdoings of Israel under any circumstances, have to prove that they do not apply double standards in the field of human rights. This can only be done by following the cases relating to Israel with perseverance. Therefore, Mr. President, this emblematic case is also a test case for the efficacy of the actions taken by the Human Rights Council. We are confident that the Council will not fail.

Thank you.

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McCann, Tim I

From: Wang, Margaret L
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 4:23 PM
To: Townley, Stephen G; Blaha, Charles O; Tat, Osman N; Mansfield, Anna M; Addis, Casey L; Schive, Miriam S; Mariz, John C
Subject: Possible procedure for setting up urgent debate? FW: URGENT!!! HRC Action re: Gaza Aid Flotilla

Hi - Stephen asked earlier about possible procedural considerations in setting up an urgent debate: For reference in case it is useful, here is an old e-mail chain on the origins of the flotilla special sitting.

From: Mariz, John C
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 5:32 PM
To: Cassayre, Mark J; Nossel, Suzanne F; IO-HR-DL; DRL-MLGA-M; Legal-HRR-DL; Geneva HRC; Griffiths, Douglas M; [redacted] Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Salih, Lana L; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Connelly, Maura; Goldberger, Thomas H; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Perina, Alexandra H
Subject: Re: URGENT!!! HRC Action re: Gaza Aid Flotilla

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Folks, [redacted]
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From: Cassayre, Mark J
To: Nossel, Suzanne F; IO-HR-DL; DRL-MLGA-M; Legal-HRR-DL; Geneva HRC; Griffiths, Douglas M; [redacted] Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Salih, Lana L; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Connelly, Maura; Goldberger, Thomas H; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Perina, Alexandra H
Sent: Mon May 31 11:02:08 2010
Subject: Re: URGENT!!! HRC Action re: Gaza Aid Flotilla

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All: [redacted]
[redacted]

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From: Nossel, Suzanne F
To: Cassayre, Mark J; IO-HR-DL; DRL-MLGA-M; Legal-HRR-DL; Geneva HRC; Griffiths, Douglas M; [redacted] Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Salih, Lana L; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Connelly, Maura; Goldberger, Thomas H; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Perina, Alexandra H
Sent: Mon May 31 09:29:20 2010
Subject: Re: URGENT!!! HRC Action re: Gaza Aid Flotilla

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Adding NEA. [redacted]

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From: Cassayre, Mark J
To: Nossel, Suzanne F; IO-HR-DL; DRL-MLGA-M; Legal-HRR-DL; Geneva HRC; Griffiths, Douglas M; 'Busby, Scott W.' [redacted] Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Salih, Lana L; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M
Sent: Mon May 31 09:21:03 2010
Subject: URGENT!!! HRC Action re: Gaza Aid Flotilla

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NEED GUIDANCE

"SPECIAL SITTING" of HRC to occur Tuesday (tomorrow) afternoon on the Israeli boarding of flotilla.

Israel reported to us that the Arab League/OIC is considering possible action this session related to the attack on the Gaza aid flotilla. [redacted]

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McCann, Tim I

From: Blaha, Charles O
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 11:15 AM
To: Donahoe, Eileen C; Geneva HRC; Reisser, Wesley J; Honigstein, Michael D; Lapenn, Jessica; Suleman, Arsalan
Subject: update on flotilla reso from [redacted]

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[redacted] spoke to capital last night about flotilla reso and says Turkey will probably run it, although the decision is not yet definite.

[redacted] noted (I think channeling [redacted] [redacted]) that Israel has done nothing to address the situation, has charged no one, has paid no compensation.

Turkey is still awaiting the HC's report called for in the last resolution. [redacted] said this is supposed to be the concluding report.

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McCann, Tim I

From: Khanna, Melànie J
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 10:07 AM
To: Nossel, Suzanne F; Lapenn, Jessica; Geneva HRC 17; Griffiths, Douglas M
Cc: Donahoe, Eileen C
Subject: Fw: Syria

Fyi from Ronny. [Redacted]

From: Aharon Leshno Yaar [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, June 04, 2011 03:57 AM
To: Donahoe, Eileen C; Khanna, Melànie J
Subject: Syria

Dear Eileen and Melanie,

A year ago this week our HRC held an urgent meeting - in the middle of a regular session - to discuss the flotilla incident. 9 civilians were killed in the incident.

[Redacted]

Ronny

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From: Kharina, Melánie J
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 5:13 PM
To: Geneva HRC 17; Martin, Julie B; Sicade, Lynn M (DRL); Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Nossel, Suzanne F; IO-RHS-Human Rights-DL; Doutrich, Jack T; Bass, Warren; Levin, Jan; Griffiths, Douglas (Maputo); Busby, Scott W.; Powell, Catherine
Subject: HRC--flotilla

At the Israelis' request ECD and I met today with Israeli Amb Yaar and Arthur Lenk, visiting from the MFA Legal Adviser's office. Arthur Lenk has been serving as deputy to the Israeli member on the Palmer Commission in NY, and he's here this session to help inform certain delegations about what's been going on in NY. Key points as conveyed to us:

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Ambassador Donahoe will seek to engage the Turks directly to find out their latest thinking and to reiterate our well known preference for no more flotilla resolutions here.

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Melanie J. Khanna
Legal Adviser
U.S. Mission to the U.N. and
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Carlino, John R

From: Zahner, Luke V
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2008 2:08 PM
To: Carlino, John R
Cc: Davis, Jeannette E
Subject: FW: New Free Gaza boat to depart Larnaca today with AMCITs (incl. former Rep. McKinney)

Dear John,

I don't know if anyone in Nicosia can assist with this, but we are having a very difficult time finding out if there are AMCITs on this latest Free Gaza boat scheduled to set sail from Larnaca this afternoon. Either our calls aren't being returned, or we are told they don't know. All we do know is what the press release says about former U.S. Rep. Cynthia McKinney being on board. Do you know if anyone in Nicosia has been in touch with the organizers or has any idea about who's aboard?

Thanks in advance, best regards,

Luke Zahner
Consular Officer
U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem

From: Zahner, Luke V
Sent: Monday, December 29, 2008 9:53 AM
To: Marchese, Gregory M; Davis, Jeannette E; Rogan, Thomas G; Crawford, Jonathan J; Lapenn, Jessica; Hop, Neil W; Grantham, Chris W; Schweitzer-Bluhm, Micaela A
Cc: Kaplan, Dean; Weinfeld, Nili I; Husseini, Mohammad A; Smith, Angie C; Robinson, Rebecca A; Greene, Elisa; Sorensen, Jay M; Carlino, John R
Subject: New Free Gaza boat to depart Larnaca today with AMCITs (incl. former Rep. McKinney)

The Free Gaza movement is launching another ship today from Larnaca, in protest of the Israeli action in Gaza. I am still working to get a manifest, but former Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney is on board, according to their press release below. Also, there appear to be other AMCITs on the boat this time around.

I'm cc'ing Nicosia as a heads up as well.

Nili, can we try to track down the manifest?

Thanks,

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PRESS RELEASE - Dignity Leaves for Gaza: Challenges World to "Stop this Madness!"

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday 29th December 2008

Dignity Leaves for Gaza: Challenges World to "Stop this Madness!"

For more information, please contact:

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(Larnaca, Cyprus 29 December 2008) - There is a time when silence is complicity and inaction is unacceptable. On Saturday, December 27, Israel began Operation "Cast Lead," a military onslaught against the civilian population of the Gaza Strip that has - so far - massacred more than three-hundred men, women, and children, and seriously injured over a thousand.

In response to Israeli butchery, the Free Gaza ship, the DIGNITY, will depart Larnaca Port at approximately 5pm (UTC), on Monday, December 29, bound for besieged Gaza. The ship is on an emergency mission carrying in physicians, human rights workers and over three tons of desperately needed medical supplies donated by the people of Cyprus. Coordinating with the Gaza Ministry of Health, the doctors will be immediately posted to overburdened hospitals and clinics upon their arrival.

We are not asking Israel for "permission" to go, and we will not stop until the DIGNITY lands in Gaza. We are answering urgent calls from hospitals and health care workers in Gaza by taking in three physicians who will stay and work in Gaza for several weeks. We will hold Israel responsible for the safety of our passengers and our cargo of emergency medicine.

Even before the present Israeli blitzkrieg, Karen Koning Abu Zayd, head of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), asserted that, "Gaza is on the threshold of becoming the first territory to be intentionally reduced to a state of abject destitution, with the knowledge, acquiescence and - some would say - encouragement of the international community."

Ewa Jasiewicz, a Free Gaza organizer living in Gaza, agreed with Abu Zayd, saying: "Where is the United Nations? Where is the Arab League? Where is the outrage against Israeli cruelty and Egyptian complicity? Every hospital in Gaza is already overwhelmed. Israel is committing war crimes here in Gaza, and words of condemnation are no longer enough. The world must act now to stop this madness."

The Free Gaza Movement continues to do what the governments of the world will not do - take direct action to defend the health, lives, and dignity of 1.5 million Palestinians under siege in the Gaza Strip.

This catastrophe is still unfolding, and humanitarian needs in Gaza are quite literally devastating. The world can no longer stay silent as the Palestinian people are deliberately massacred, starved and humiliated. We have to create a new consciousness that turns the practice of human rights from rhetoric into reality. Palestinians have an inalienable right to live, and the undeniable right to a life with dignity.

The passengers on this Free Gaza emergency delegation include:

* International humanitarian and human rights workers from Cyprus, Australia, Ireland, Great Britain, Tunisia, and the United States.

* Doctors going to Gaza to volunteer in local hospitals, including Dr. Elena Theoharous, surgeon and Member of Parliament from Cyprus.

* Journalists going to Gaza to report on the massacre, including Al-Jazeera reporter Sami al-Haj, a former detainee at Guantanamo Bay.

* The Hon. Cynthia McKinney, former U.S. Congresswoman and Green Party presidential candidate.

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The Free Gaza Movement, a human rights group, sent two boats to Gaza in August 2008. These were the first international boats to land in the port in 41 years. Since August, four more voyages were successful, taking Parliamentarians, human rights workers, physicians, and other dignitaries to witness the effects of Israel's draconian policies on the civilians of Gaza.

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Carlino, John R

From: Richter, Kim B
 Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 3:49 PM
 To: Carlino, John R
 Subject: FW: Free Gaza Movement boat arrives without incident in Gaza

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From: Zahner, Luke V
 Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 8:40 AM
 To: Marchese, Gregory M; Rogan, Thomas G; Davis, Jeannette E
 Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Hussein, Mohammad A; Myers, Daniel R (Jerusalem); Grantham, Chris W; Lapenn, Jessica; Richter, Kim B; Greene, Elisa; Sorensen, Jay M; Schweitzer-Bluhm, Micaela A
 Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement boat arrives without incident in Gaza

The Free Gaza Movement's fourth voyage arrived in Gaza this afternoon, with (to the best of our knowledge) just one AMCIT on board. The one AMCIT, Dion Nussenbaum, is there as a reporter for McClatchy covering the trip.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dignity to Gaza: "We're Back!" - Fourth Successful Voyage Breaks Through Siege of Gaza

(GAZA, 9 December 2008) - The Free Gaza Movement ship "Dignity" successfully broke through the Israeli blockade for the fourth time since August, arriving in Gaza Port at 2:45pm, Tuesday 9 December. The ship carried one ton of medical supplies and high-protein baby formula, in addition to a delegation of international academics, humanitarian and human rights workers. Three earlier missions made landfall in Gaza in August, October, and November through the power of non-violent direct action and civil resistance. The Free Gaza ships are the first international ships to reach the Gaza Strip in over 41 years.

Ewa Jasiewicz, a Free Gaza organizer, journalist, and solidarity worker, pointed out that, "Tomorrow is International Human Rights Day, and it's high time the world turned its rhetoric on human rights into reality. We mounted this mission to give our solidarity to the people of Palestine and to highlight the strangulating conditions Israel causes in besieged Gaza.

The inhumane effects of this siege threaten to stunt an entire generation - both in terms of physical and mental growth due to malnutrition, terrorization by bomb attacks, incursions and the use of sonic booms - but also in terms of the generation of students which have won places at academic institutions around the world but cannot fulfill them, and those undermined on the ground in Gaza by a lack of food, medicine, electricity, materials, and the peace and space to make use of them in."

For over two years, Israel has imposed an increasingly severe blockade on Gaza, dramatically increasing poverty and malnutrition rates among the 1.5 million human people who live in this tiny, coastal region. The World Bank recently warned that the entire banking system in Gaza may soon collapse resulting in "serious humanitarian implications." Already, over eighty percent of Gazan families are dependent on international food aid in order to feed their children.

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Lubna Masarwa, another Free Gaza organizer and the current delegation's leader, pointed out that, "The Palestinians of Gaza don't need charity.

What they need is effective political action that changes their lives and ends the Occupation. We can't bring electricity to Gaza on our boats. We can't import freedom of movement or safety. But we can get into Gaza and we are intent to keep coming. We will come again and again and again until the world breaks its silence and we shatter this siege once and for all."

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SUBJECT: ARREST, CASE OF [redacted]

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- 1. NAME: [redacted]
- 2. SEX: Female
- 3. DPOB: [redacted]
- 4. PASSPORT: [redacted]
- 5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: U.S.A.
USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: U.S.A.
- 6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS: [redacted]

7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: June 30, 2009, Ashdod Port, Israel

8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: Normal

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9. CHARGES: Immigration Violation

10. PLACE OF DETENTION: Subject is a dual Israeli/Amcit, and was separated from the other three Amcits when the Israeli Navy turned over all passengers to the MOI for processing and detention. Post has been unable to determine subject's location or even if subject is currently being detained, and has been working with the GOI to confirm details.

11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Unknown

12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: Unknown

14. ATTORNEY: Ms. Gaby Lasky, tel: 972-54-441-8988.

15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: Not yet obtained.

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16. NOK: Husband, [redacted] (see septel)

17. NOTIFICATION: On 06/30/09, a representative of the Free Gaza

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ovement contacted Post to advise that subject and three other Amcits were detained at sea by the Israeli Navy. Also notified by Israel Navy through DAO.

3. OTHER AMERICANS ARRESTED: Three other Amcits were detained;

(see [redacted] (see [redacted] reports).

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1. REMARKS: On 06/29/09, subject boarded the Free Gaza boat "Spirit of Humanity" containing 3 tons of medical aid, children's toys, and rehabilitation and reconstruction kits for twenty family homes. Also aboard the boat were twenty-one multinational human rights activists from eleven different countries, including four Amcits. The passengers included Nobel laureate Mairead Maguire and former U.S. congresswoman Cynthia McKinney. According to media reports, Cypriot officials allowed the boat to leave Larnaca Port because the captain stated his destination as Port Said, Egypt. However, on 06/30/09, the boat was intercepted at sea by Israeli Naval Forces enroute to Gaza. Subsequently, the boat was boarded, seized and towed to the Ashdod Port, where it docked at approximately 21:00 local time, and the passengers were taken into custody by MOI officials.

As soon as Post is able to confirm subject's place of detention, Post will arrange a Consular visit to her.

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- 1. NAME: [redacted]
- 2. SEX: Female
- 3. DPOB: [redacted]
- 4. PASSPORT: [redacted]
- 5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: United States Of America
USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: U.S.A.
NATIONALITY OF PASSPORT USED TO ENTER COUNTRY OF ARREST: U.S.A.
- 6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS: [redacted]
- 7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: June 30, 2009, Ashdod Port, Israel
- 8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: Normal
- 9. CHARGES: Immigration Violation
- 10. PLACE OF DETENTION: Ben Gurion Airport Immigration Detention Center
- 11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Pending Deportation
- 12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: A hearing is scheduled for July 01, 2009 at the Ben Gurion Immigration Detention facility, Ministry of the Interior.

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- 14. ATTORNEY: Yes. Ms Gaby Lasky, tel: 972-54-441-8988.
- 15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: Subject signed a PAW to include parents, [redacted] family, friends, members of Congress, media, and the general public.
- 16. NOK: Parents: [redacted]

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7. NOTIFICATION: On 06/30/09, a representative of the Free Gaza Movement contacted Post to advise that subject and three other Amcits were detained at sea by the Israeli Navy. Also notified by Israeli Navy through DAO.

8. ACCESS: On 07/01/09, Post's Dutyoff/Conoff visited subject at the Ben Gurion Immigration Detention Center.

9. OTHER AMERICANS ARRESTED: Three other Amcits were detained:

10. MISTREATMENT: None.

11. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: Green folder containing personal papers

12. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS: Later today.
SENTENCE: Deportation is expected

13. REMARKS: On 06/29/09, subject boarded the Free Gaza boat "Spirit of Humanity" containing 3 tons of medical aid, children's toys, and rehabilitation and reconstruction kits for twenty family homes. Also aboard the boat were twenty-one multinational human rights activists from eleven different countries, including four Amcits. The passengers included Nobel laureate Mairead Maguire and former U.S. congresswoman Cynthia McKinney. According to media reports, Cypriot officials allowed the boat to leave Larnaca Port because the captain stated his destination as Port Said, Egypt. However, on 06/30/09, the boat was intercepted at sea by Israeli Naval Forces enroute to Gaza. Subsequently, the boat was boarded, seized and towed to the Ashdod Port, where it docked at approximately 21:00 local time, and the passengers were taken into custody by MOI officials.

On 07/01/09, Post's Dutyoff/Conoff met with subject for approximately fifteen minutes at the BG detention facility. Subject was alert, in good health and spirits, and remained calm and friendly throughout the visit. Subject requested to be allowed to return to Cyprus before flying back to the U.S., as a second preference, she asked to be able to fly via NYC.

Subject, along with [redacted] is due to be deported to the U.S. later today.

14. CONTACTING NOK OR OTHERS: Subject did not request Embassy assistance in contacting friends and family.

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SUBJECT: ARREST, CASE OF [redacted]

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- 1. NAME: [redacted]
- 2. SEX: Female
- 3. DPOB: [redacted]
- 4. PASSPORT: [redacted]
- 5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: None
USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: U.S.A.
NATIONALITY OF PASSPORT USED TO ENTER COUNTRY OF ARREST: U.S.A.
- 6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS: [redacted]
- 7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: June 30, 2009, Ashdod Port, Israel
- 8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: Normal
- 9. CHARGES: Immigration Violation
- 10. PLACE OF DETENTION: Ben Gurion Airport Immigration Detention Center
- 11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Pending Deportation
- 12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: A hearing is scheduled for July 01, 2009 at the Ben Gurion Immigration Detention facility, Ministry of the Interior.
- 14. ATTORNEY: Yes. Ms. Gaby Lasky, tel: 972-544-418-988.
- 15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: On 07/01/09, subject signed a PAW to include family and friends.
- 16. NOK: Children: [redacted]

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7. NOTIFICATION: On 06/30/09, a representative of the Free Gaza Movement contacted Post to advise that subject and three other Amcits were detained at sea by the Israeli Navy. Also notified by Israeli Navy through DAO.

8. ACCESS: On 07/01/09, Post's Dutyoff/Conoff visited subject at the Ben Gurion Immigration Detention Center.

9. OTHER AMERICANS ARRESTED: Three other Amcits were detained:

[Redacted]

10. MISTREATMENT: None.

11. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: None.

12. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS: Later today.
SENTENCE: Deportation is expected.

1. REMARKS: On 06/29/09, subject boarded the Free Gaza boat "Spirit of Humanity" containing 3 tons of medical aid, children's toys, and rehabilitation and reconstruction kits for twenty family homes. Also aboard the boat were twenty-one multinational human rights activists from eleven different countries, including four Amcits. The passengers included Nobel laureate Mairead Maguire and former U.S. congresswoman Cynthia McKinney. According to media reports, Cypriot officials allowed the boat to leave Larnaca Port because the captain stated his destination as Port Said, Egypt. However, on 06/30/09, the boat was intercepted at sea by Israeli Naval Forces enroute to Gaza. Subsequently, the boat was boarded, seized and towed to the Ashdod Port, where it docked at approximately 21:00 local time, and the passengers were taken into custody by MOI officials.

On 07/01/09, Post's Dutyoff/Conoff met with subject for approximately ten minutes at the BG detention facility. Subject is visibly tired but in good spirits. Her only stated concern is about arrangements for her trip home. Subject signed a Privacy Act Waiver for family and friends only.

Subject, along with [Redacted] is expected to be deported to the U.S. later today.

13. CONTACTING NOK OR OTHERS: Subject did not request Embassy assistance in contacting friends and family.

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Carlino, John R

To: c
Subject: FW: Free Gaza update #7: [redacted]

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From: Bond, Michele T
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2009 5:38 AM
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; [redacted] Greene, Elisa; Zahner, Luke V; Sorensen, Jay M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Featherstone, Robert J; Moreno, Luis G; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; SES-O_OPS-WatchTeam; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Zuckerman, Eve; Paley, Abram W; Sakran, Johnny; Stott, Erinn C; Marwaha, Brianne C; McCusker, Breeann M; Holmstrom, Todd C; Harutunian, Ruben; Tuttle, Stewart D; Vincent, Wendy M; Sievers, Marc J; Burnett, David R; [redacted]; Parker, Andrew C
Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Rogan, Thomas G; Marchese, Gregory M; Dilworth, Alison E; Carlino, John R; Dunne, John H; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria
Subject: Re: Free Gaza update #7: [redacted]

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Who is paying for the flights, the travelers or the GOI?

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From: Bernier-Toth, Michelle
To: [redacted] Greene, Elisa; Zahner, Luke V; Sorensen, Jay M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Featherstone, Robert J; Moreno, Luis G; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; SES-O_OPS-WatchTeam; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Zuckerman, Eve; Paley, Abram W; Sakran, Johnny; Stott, Erinn C; Marwaha, Brianne C; McCusker, Breeann M; Holmstrom, Todd C; Harutunian, Ruben; Tuttle, Stewart D; Vincent, Wendy M; Sievers, Marc J; Burnett, David R; Schlereth, Frank G; Parker, Andrew C
Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Rogan, Thomas G; Marchese, Gregory M; Dilworth, Alison E; Carlino, John R; Dunne, John H; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria
Sent: Sun Jul 05 18:27:15 2009
Subject: Re: Free Gaza update #7: [redacted]

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Thanks, Jay. You've done great work and we all appreciate it.

Will you guys be contacting rep [redacted]'s friends and family, or would you like us to do so tomorrow?

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Best,
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Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Rogan, Thomas G; Marchese, Gregory M; Dilworth, Alison E; Carlino, John R; Dunne, John H

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

Sent: Sun Jul 05 18:18:09 2009

Subject: Free Gaza update #7: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were transferred from the Givon detention center to the detention center at Ben Gurion airport on Sunday, July 5, around 10 p.m. According to Shirlee Rayssin-Sasson, they will all depart Tel Aviv for the U.S. tomorrow (Monday) on the following flights:

[REDACTED] Flight LY11 to Washington DC, departing Tel Aviv at 16:00 local time, Monday, July 6, and arriving in DC around midnight East Coast time

[REDACTED] Flight LY11 to Boston, departing Tel Aviv at 16:00 local time, Monday, July 6, and arriving in Boston around midnight East Coast time

[REDACTED] Flight CO85 to Newark, departing Tel Aviv at 11:40 local time, Monday, July 6, and arriving in Newark at 16:50 East Coast time

Ms. Rayssin-Sasson could not explain why the DC and Boston flights have the same flight information but two different arrival cities. El Al's website shows flight LY 011 departing in Tel Aviv and arriving in New York; perhaps [REDACTED] will catch connecting flights in New York.

I spoke with [REDACTED] separately between 23:00 and midnight on Sunday, July 5. All were in good health and are looking forward to returning home. All are very appreciative of our work in Tel Aviv and Stateside.

[REDACTED] states that her green folder with her personal papers has not been returned to her. If possible, she would appreciate having it returned. She asks that we contact her parents and [REDACTED] to let them know her flight details. She says that her parents and [REDACTED] are included in her PAW. She asks that we ask [REDACTED] to pick her up at the airport and to call her son and pass on her flight details. No other requests.

[REDACTED] used my phone to call her daughters [REDACTED] and give them her flight details, explaining to them about the confusion re: LY 11. She also asked me to contact her husband, [REDACTED] with that information. She was reading the Wally Lamb novel I delivered on Friday. No other requests. I called [REDACTED] while waiting to speak with [REDACTED] and passed on the information.

[REDACTED] appeared wearing one of the T-shirts we brought the detainees and holding his place in one of the books I brought on Friday. He showed me a court order in Hebrew stating that he is allowed to return to the U.S. with all his belongings. He had wanted to leave me his laptop to deliver to his wife, who is reportedly still in Israel, but the detention center staff told him that he is required to take it back to the States with him. As I did not have PAW forms with me, he hand-wrote the following: "I, [REDACTED] give permission to the U.S. Embassy to give information to my wife, [REDACTED]" No other requests. As we were saying goodbye, he told me that we may see him again in four weeks, as Free Gaza is trying to obtain another boat. He did not know what dates they plan to sail or from what country.

When we have more information about [REDACTED] flights, we should contact their families / friends and share the details. For [REDACTED] we should contact her daughters and husband. For [REDACTED] we should contact her parents and [REDACTED]

No further information at this time.

Jay Sorensen

-- On Sun, 7/5/09, Greene, Elisa <GreeneE@state.gov> wrote:

From: Greene, Elisa <GreeneE@state.gov>
 Subject: Free Gaza update #6: [REDACTED]
 To: "Greene, Elisa" <GreeneE@state.gov>, "Zahner, Luke V" <ZahnerLV@state.gov>, "Sorensen, Jay M" <SorensenJM@state.gov>, "Goldberger, Thomas H" <GoldbergerTH@state.gov>, "Featherstone, Robert J" <FeatherstonerJ2@state.gov>, "Moreno, Luis G" <MorenoLG@state.gov>, "Bernier-Toth, Michelle" <Bernier-TothM2@state.gov>, "Bond, Michele T" <BondMT@state.gov>, "Hickey, Mary E" <HickeyME@state.gov>, "Hankins, Sarah E" <HankinsSE@state.gov>, "SES-O OPS-WatchTeam" <SES-O_WatchTeam@state.gov>, "Hunter, Jo-Ann L" <HunterJL@state.gov>, "Mattern, Daniel S" <MatternDS@state.gov>, "Zuckerman, Eve" <ZuckermanEX@state.gov>, "Paley, Abram W" <PaleyAW@state.gov>, "Sakran, Johnny" <SakranJX@state.gov>, "Stott, Erinn C" <StottEC@state.gov>, "Marwaha, Brianne C" <MarwahaBC@state.gov>, "McCusker, Breeann M" <McCuskerBM@state.gov>, "Holmstrom, Todd C" <HolmstromTC@state.gov>, "Harutunian, Ruben" <HarutunianR@state.gov>, "Tuttle, Stewart D" <TuttleSD@state.gov>, "Vincent, Wendy M" <VincentWM@state.gov>, "Sievers, Marc J" <SieversMJ@state.gov>, "Burnett, David R" <burnettdr@state.gov>, "Schlereth, Frank G" <SchlerethFG@state.gov> [REDACTED]
 "Parker, Andrew C" <ParkerAC@state.gov>
 Cc: "Weinfeld, Nili I" <WeinfeldNI@state.gov>, "Rogan, Thomas G" <RoganTG@state.gov>, "Marchese, Gregory M" <MarcheseGM@state.gov>, "Dilworth, Alison E" <DilworthAE@state.gov>, "Carlino, John R" <CarlinoJR@state.gov>, "Dunne, John H" <DunneJH@state.gov>
 Date: Sunday, July 5, 2009, 5:05 AM

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The Givon Beth Din (Court) and the law offices of Gaby Lasky both advised this morning that [REDACTED] are currently in immigration hearings which started at approximately 9am Tel Aviv time and are due to be finished within the next hour. An attorney (named Limor from Gaby Lasky's firm) is in attendance. The hearings are held one person at a time. The likely result is deportation. I will continue to check status and advise when the hearings have finished and a determination has been made.

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On Saturday, [REDACTED]'s friend, [REDACTED] called to check on her status. The dutyoff provided current information. [REDACTED] also called the dutyoff to check on the status of her husband, [REDACTED] (her tel [REDACTED]). The dutyoff provided very basic information but, as [REDACTED] did not list his wife, [REDACTED] on his PAW, the dutyoff did not go in to detail about [REDACTED]'s situation. elisa

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From: Greene, Elisa
 Sent: Friday, July 03, 2009 11:20 AM
 To: Zahner, Luke V; Sorensen, Jay M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Featherstone, Robert J; Moreno, Luis G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; SES-O OPS-WatchTeam; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Zuckerman, Eve; Paley, Abram W; Sakran, Johnny; Stott, Erinn C; Marwaha, Brianne C; McCusker, Breeann M; Holmstrom, Todd C; Harutunian, Ruben; Tuttle, Stewart D; Vincent, Wendy M; Sievers, Marc J; Burnett, David R; [REDACTED] Parker, Andrew C
 Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Rogan, Thomas G; Marchese, Gregory M; Dilworth, Alison E; Carlino, John R
 Subject: Free Gaza update # 5: [REDACTED]

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Jay Sorensen just finished a consular access visit at Givon Immigration Detention Center, spending 2 hours with the 3 Amcits. Again, detention conditions are good. Jay distributed books and clothing but was not given permission to distribute food or any toiletries (but the 3 Amcits had already had access to clean clothing, fresh and abundant food, and toiletries). An immigration judge intended to conduct an immigration hearing Thursday afternoon but due to lack of attorney present, the hearing was postponed until Sunday. This means that the earliest they would be departing would be Sunday night. All 3 are eager to depart but realize it might

be as late as mid-next week. No new PAWs.

[redacted] Jay passed on message to [redacted] to call her 2 daughters ([redacted]) and the grandchildren (as per sep email from CA), and [redacted] said she did not believe it was necessary for the USG to contact her family directly. [redacted] was surprised by [redacted]'s email to CA requesting she/we contact the family because [redacted] has been in direct contact with them already. [redacted]

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[redacted] [redacted] told Jay that she wanted the USG (in particular, POTUS) to clarify in public the USG position on the GOI Gaza blockade. She also requested that POTUS travel directly to Gaza to see the conditions there for himself. Jay said she would pass on the requests. [redacted] made no further requests to contact friends/family.

[redacted] spoke to his wife, [redacted] yesterday (Thursday), and again said she was in JRSM with a cousin. He did not provide contact # but said she was fine. He did not request we contact family/friends on his behalf.

The 3 were appreciative of the visits and, particularly, of the Stephen King books Jay donated from her private collection. Apart from the above, the 3 made no other requests.

After the visits, I spoke with Yigal Tzarfati, Head of Consular Affairs, GOI MFA, to provide a status update on the 3 Amcits, to express our interest in attending the immigration hearing on Sunday, and to advise him that we are interested in facilitating the departure from Israel of the 3 Amcits as early as possible. He assured me that the GOI is not interested in holding them longer than necessary and said that if we required assistance we should make contact with him again on Sunday.

We have no additional information at this time. We will provide another update if/when we have additional information. elisa

From: Greene, Elisa

Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2009 7:08 PM

To: Zahner, Luke V; Sorensen, Jay M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Featherstone, Robert J; Moreno, Luis G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; SES-O OPS-WatchTeam; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Zuckerman, Eve; Paley, Abram W; Sakran, Johnny; Stott, Erinn C; Marwaha, Brianne C; McCusker, Breeann M; Holmstrom, Todd C; Harutunian, Ruben; Tuttle, Stewart D; Vincent, Wendy M; Sievers, Marc J; Burnett, David R;

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Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Rogan, Thomas G; Marchese, Gregory M; Dilworth, Alison E; Carlino, John R

Subject: RE: Free Gaza update # 4: [redacted]

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Eve just finished her consular access visits with [redacted] Men and women are in separate living/sleeping quarters, but they are allowed to mix for 4 hours per day (2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon). Conditions were very good. 4-6 to a cell (large room) with bunk beds, a bathroom, water, and regular food. Clean. Exercise/washing yard. She said that the three were very nice and had no complaints about their treatment. Another Free Gaza detainee (female, from the UK) has a mobile phone that she has been lending to the Amcits, so they have been able to contact friends/family.

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They were handed a document in English and asked to sign. [redacted] plan to sign but [redacted] does not intend to sign. [redacted] wishes to return to Cyprus and refused to sign the document until his camera equipment (which he valued at \$10K) was returned by the GOI. [redacted] do not want to return to Cyprus; they instead wish to go back to the US (DC and Boston, respectively). Given authorities advised that even if they sign the document immediately, they will still not be returned to the U.S. until Sunday, at the

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earliest. The document they were given stated the following: *"Request to Leave the State of Israel. I, the undersigned, Mr(s). _____, holder of passport number _____, after being informed by the Israeli Immigration Authorities that I am about to be deported from Israel hereby irrevocably formally request out of my own free will to leave Israel. I hereby confirm the fact that I have been informed my rights to appeal to the head of Border Control and/or the Minister of Interior in an attempt to change the deportation decision but I have decided to waive this and to leave Israel without being formally deported. Signed....."*

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Lasky (attorney) +972-54-441-8988; generally to: family only. Form DS-5505 was used, as per CA guidance. Eve has the hard copy; she will scan to the ACS Activity Log on Monday.

Request to CA/OCS/ACS: _____ specifically asked that we contact the 5 individuals above to relay status update. Could you please contact these individuals on our behalf to relay this information?

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_____ spoke to his wife, _____ who is (according to him) staying with a cousin in Jerusalem. _____ couldn't remember the phone number of the cousin.

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Eve gave the Amcits the Post One phone number in the event of an emergency.

Additional update to follow after Jay's visit tomorrow. We have no further information for now.

Thanks, elisa

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From: Greene, Elisa

Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2009 5:25 PM

To: Zahner, Luke V; Sorensen, Jay M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Featherstone, Robert J; Moreno, Luis G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; SES-O_OPS-WatchTeam; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Zuckerman, Eve; Paley, Abram W; Sakran, Johnny; Stott, Erinn C; Marwaha, Brianne C; McCusker, Breeann M; Holmstrom, Todd C; Harutunian, Ruben; Tuttle, Stewart D; Vincent, Wendy M; Sievers, Marc J; Burnett, David R;

Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Rogan, Thomas G; Marchese, Gregory M; Dilworth, Alison E; Carlino, John R

Subject: RE: Free Gaza update # 3: _____

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We just spoke to Ms. Rayssin-Sasson, who advised that since the 3 Amcits refused to sign the deportation agreements by 4pm Tel Aviv time, they will definitely not be deported until some time on Sunday (exact time or flight details unknown at this point). Eve Zuckerman is currently with the Amcits in Givon Immigration Detention Center in Ramle, visiting the three. We were unable to secure permission for her to enter with her mobile phone so we will only be back in touch with her once she exits Givon. The conditions in Givon are standard to prison conditions throughout Israel (excellent, in my opinion). More details on prison conditions when Eve finishes her visit.

We will continue to follow and monitor this case over the weekend. The Israeli weekend is Friday and Saturday, with only skeletal emergency staff working over the weekend (particularly on Shabbat, which runs Friday sunset through Saturday sunset). Our duty officer and ACS Unit are standing by over the weekend to provide updates, field calls, and monitor the status. Please route calls outside of business hours through Post One (972-3-519-7551) and then on to the Embassy duty officer. As soon as we have additional information

regarding the deportation or any other status change, we will provide it in an update.

Jay Sorensen, ACS Vice Consul, is planning on visiting subjects at Givon tomorrow (Friday). She will bring reading material, toiletries, snacks, and some clothing (all from ACS staff personal donations). We will then send an update after the visit.

Thanks, elisa

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From: Zahner, Luke V
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2009 1:21 PM
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Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Rogan, Thomas G; Marchese, Gregory M; Potter, Russell H
Subject: RE: Free Gaza update # 2: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is in the West Bank now. She gave an interview on Al Jezeera from Ramallah yesterday, and when we reached friends of hers via cellphone, they confirmed she went there from Ashdod yesterday to try to rally legal support for the others who are still being held.

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From: Greene, Elisa
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2009 12:27 PM
To: Sorensen, Jay M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Featherstone, Robert J; Moreno, Luis G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; SES-O_OPS-WatchTeam; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Zuckerman, Eve; Paley, Abram W; Sakran, Johnny; Stott, Erinn C; Marwaha, Brianne C; McCusker, Breeann M; Holmstrom, Todd C; Harutunian, Ruben; Tuttle, Stewart D
Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Zahner, Luke V; Rogan, Thomas G; Marchese, Gregory M; Potter, Russell H
Subject: Free Gaza update # 2: [REDACTED]

On the matter of [REDACTED] we are currently trying to locate her whereabouts. As reported below, subject was last seen by the Israeli Navy when they dropped her off at 12noon on July 1 at the Ashdod Central Bus Station. July 1 morning media reports stated that [REDACTED] family in the Galilee had not heard from her. It appears [REDACTED]'s husband, [REDACTED] has not been in touch with [REDACTED] either. We are working with the media to locate the family in the Galilee to see if they have additional information on [REDACTED]'s current whereabouts and will ask [REDACTED] if he has spoken to his wife when we visit him this afternoon. Will advise. Thanks, elisa

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Eve; Paley, Abram W; Sakran, Johnny; Stott, Erinn C; Marwaha, Brianne C; McCusker, Breeann M; Holmstrom, Todd C; Harutunian, Ruben; Tuttle, Stewart D
Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Zahner, Luke V; Rogan, Thomas G; Marchese, Gregory M; Potter, Russell H
Subject: Free Gaza update: [redacted]

This email is an update of the actions we have taken since Jay Sorensen, ACS Vice Consul, visited the Amcits yesterday afternoon, July 1. Attached are the PAWs signed by the 3 Amcits, which were taken by Cons Vice Consul Daniel Mattern, at 2am on July 1.

Yesterday afternoon, between 5pm and 7pm (following Jay's visit), the Amcits were moved from the Ben Gurion Airport Immigration Detention Facility to the Givon Immigration Detention Facility in Ramle (south of the airport). The Israel Prison Authority confirmed for us last night at 9pm that all three Amcits were being held at Givon.

The Ops Center, IPA, and CA/OCS/ACS called me a number of times between 7pm and midnight to request additional information and updates, which I provided. They also spoke to the duty officer, Abram Paley, twice, around 12:30am, for further updates.

At 11pm, I spoke twice to a man named [redacted] (sp?), who said he was [redacted]'s [redacted]. He was requesting flight and deportation information. I told him we did not have exact information at the time but that I would call [redacted] subject's mother (as per the PAW), when I had additional information.

This morning we spoke with Shirlee Rayssin-Sasson (tel 972-50-620-4164), the Immigration Liaison for Foreign Missions with the Ministry of the Interior, to determine status of the 3 Amcits remaining in immigration detention awaiting deportation to the U.S. Ms. Rayssin-Sasson stated that the 3 Amcits have thus far refused to sign the deportation agreement and therefore the GOI is unable to deport/remove them from Israel at this time. She will check again later today to see if they have changed their minds and we will advise further.

According to Israeli regulations, once foreigners are asked to sign a deportation agreement and refuse to sign, the GOI must hold them for 3 days in a detention facility. At the end of the 3 days, the foreigners will either be forcefully removed from Israel via deportation or can purchase their own tickets and voluntarily depart. If, during the ensuing three days, the foreigners decide to sign the deportation agreement, they can then be deported immediately.

This morning we also called the Amcits' attorney in Israel, Ms. Gaby Lasky (sp?) (tel 972-54-441-8988). Ms. Lasky is attempting to come to an agreement with the GOI on 2 matters and said that the 3 Amcits will refuse to sign any deportation agreements until these 2 requests are met: (1) for their luggage/personal belongings to be delivered to either the Givon Detention Facility or the BGA Detention Facility; and (2) for the Amcits to fly directly to Cyprus, paid for by the GOI.

This morning upon request from CA, we called [redacted] the spouse of [redacted] to provide an update on her situation and travel plans. As we weren't able to speak directly to him, we left a message for him to contact us back.

We have secured permission to visit the Amcits later today in Givon and will do so today, at approximately 2pm. We will provide an update after the visit.

Thanks, elisa

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Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 5:50 PM
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Cc: Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Marchese, Gregory M; Zuckerman, Eve; Paley, Abram W; Mattern, Daniel S; Zuckerman, Eve; Sakran, Johnny
Subject: RE: Free Gaza update: visit with [REDACTED]

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In response to inquiries from the Department, I just spoke with Mrs. Sasson, the immigration officer responsible for deportations. She said that the Americans – and some of the others who had been on the FGM vessel – had not signed forms accepting that they would be deported. Under Israeli law, a person cannot be deported for three days unless they voluntarily agree. Whether the Americans did not understand this requirement or were advised by their attorney not to sign we do not know. The attorney is not answering her cell phone. The immigration officer says “we would be more than happy to send them back” and she promised that they will have the opportunity to sign in the morning. However, deportation includes a ten year ban on entering Israel in the absence of a special waiver, which might explain their possible reluctance to sign. The three Amcits visited by conoff Jay Sorensen this afternoon said they were ready to return, so it seems like it should be possible to resolve this discrepancy tomorrow. Our officers will contact the lawyer in the morning and will visit the Amcits at Givon detention center near Ramle to consult. Mrs. Sasson asked that she be informed of the visit so she can smooth the way. We will apprise the Department of any developments.

Regards,
 Andy Parker

From: Sorensen, Jay M
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 5:28 PM
To: Greene, Elisa; Goldberger, Thomas H; Featherstone, Robert J; Moreno, Luis G; Weinfeld, Nili I; Zahner, Luke V; Rogan, Thomas G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E
Cc: Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Parker, Andrew C; Marchese, Gregory M; Zuckerman, Eve; Paley, Abram W; Mattern, Daniel S; Zuckerman, Eve; Sakran, Johnny
Subject: Free Gaza update: visit with [REDACTED]

I met with [REDACTED] this afternoon at the detention center at Ben Gurion. [REDACTED] was not available, as the detainees were in the process of being moved to another detention center at Givon. Both [REDACTED] are in good health and spirits, although they are more than ready to go home.

[REDACTED] said that they are not well informed about what will happen next. [REDACTED] did not know until I mentioned it that the group is being moved to Givon; [REDACTED] said she had heard that “from someone.” They did not know exactly when they will be allowed to leave Israel or what their return route will be.

They report that they met with attorneys from Gaby Lipsky’s law firm for 10-15 minutes this afternoon, around 14:00. They would like to be deported to Cyprus, although [REDACTED] would also be satisfied returning to JFK or D.C.

[REDACTED] asked us to call her parents and ask them to contact her bank. She is worried that her social security number and bank information may be compromised because a green folder is missing from her

belongings. [redacted] asked us to call her children and let them know that she is all right. We called [redacted]
[redacted]'s parents and [redacted]'s children immediately upon return to the office.

I did not see [redacted] but [redacted] and the detention center staff said they would be sure to let him know that his wife has been released.

Regards,
Jay

From: Greene, Elisa
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 4:32 PM
To: Goldberger, Thomas H; Featherstone, Robert J; Moreno, Luis G; Weinfeld, Nili I; Zahner, Luke V; Rogan, Thomas G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E
Cc: Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Parker, Andrew C; Marchese, Gregory M; Zuckerman, Eve; Paley, Abram W; Sorensen, Jay M; Mattern, Daniel S; Zuckerman, Eve; Sakran, Johnny
Subject: RE: W/W - IDF Free Gaza Interdiction - [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] is a dual Israeli-Amcit. Israel Navy advised Post that she was held at Ashdod port until noon today when she was released and dropped off at the Ashdod central bus station. They have no additional info on where she is now. Jay Sorensen, the ACS Vice Consul, is currently with subject's husband, [redacted], and the 2 other detained Amcits [redacted] and is relaying this information to her husband. Release cable for [redacted]
[redacted] to be sent shortly.

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From: Goldberger, Thomas H
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 4:21 PM
To: Featherstone, Robert J; Moreno, Luis G; Weinfeld, Nili I; Zahner, Luke V; Rogan, Thomas G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E
Cc: Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Marchese, Gregory M; Zuckerman, Eve
Subject: RE: W/W - IDF Free Gaza Interdiction - [redacted]
[redacted]

Is she an Israeli National?

From: Featherstone, Robert J
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 2:50 AM
To: Moreno, Luis G; Weinfeld, Nili I; Zahner, Luke V; Rogan, Thomas G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; Goldberger, Thomas H
Cc: Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Marchese, Gregory M; Zuckerman, Eve
Subject: W/W - IDF Free Gaza Interdiction - [redacted]
[redacted]

We will continue to check with Jerusalem police and prison officials in the event that [redacted] is transferred here.

At Tel Aviv' request, we are furnishing Israeli ID number separately to assist in tracking through the IDF system.

From: Moreno, Luis G
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 9:17 AM
To: Weinfeld, Nili I; Zahner, Luke V; Rogan, Thomas G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; Goldberger, Thomas H
Cc: Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Marchese, Gregory M; Featherstone, Robert J; Zuckerman, Eve
Subject: RE: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits - quick read out

So where is she?

Luis G. Moreno
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From: Weinfeld, Nili I
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 9:12 AM
To: Zahner, Luke V; Rogan, Thomas G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; Goldberger, Thomas H
Cc: Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Moreno, Luis G; Marchese, Gregory M; Featherstone, Robert J; Zuckerman, Eve
Subject: RE: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits - quick read out

So far it seems that [redacted] is not in Congen's district:

We contacted both the IPS (Israel Prison Service or "SHABAS" in Hebrew) and INP (Israel National Police): IPS did not have [redacted] in their records, checking both according to Amcit's names *plus her Israeli ID number* (we have it on file). INP contact Hanita Grant said that since the Free Gaza Boat was intercepted by the Israeli navy, the IDF would have to be contacted re- Amcit's detention location.

Best,
Nili

Nili Weinfeld, Special Consular Services, Tel. 972-2-622-7227, Mobile 972-54-666-0658, email weinfeldni@state.gov |

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From: Zahner, Luke V
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 8:15 AM
To: Rogan, Thomas G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; Goldberger, Thomas H
Cc: Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Moreno, Luis G; Marchese, Gregory M; Weinfeld, Nili I; Featherstone, Robert J
Subject: RE: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits - quick read out

FYI - Congen is working to arrange a visit to [redacted] in Jerusalem.

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From: Moreno, Luis G

Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 6:10 AM

To: Mattern, Daniel S; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Schlereth, Frank G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Carlino, John R;

Zahner, Luke V; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E;

[redacted] Paley, Abram W; Goldberger, Thomas H

Cc: McCusker, Breeann M; Hunter, Jo-Ann L

Subject: Re: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits - quick read out

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Outstanding work, Daniel. Thanks to you and the entire team.

From: Mattern, Daniel S

To: Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Schlereth, Frank G; Moreno, Luis G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Carlino, John R;

Zahner, Luke V; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E;

[redacted] Abram W; Goldberger, Thomas H

Cc: McCusker, Breeann M; Hunter, Jo-Ann L

Sent: Wed Jul 01 03:30:37 2009

Subject: RE: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits - quick read out

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Despite numerous attempts - from many angles and through many contacts - to gain access to the port facilities at Ashdod, I was denied access and at 10:30 p.m. drove to Ben Gurion Airport where I was promised access to the American citizens after approximately 1 a.m.

At 1:45 a.m. on 1 July 2009 I finally gained access to the Ben Gurion Airport detention facility, run by the immigration and deportation office of the Interior Ministry. Before arriving at the detention center, the "Free Gaza" passengers and crew underwent a "short process" at the immigration and deportation main office in Holon, south of Tel Aviv. They spent approximately 2 hours here after the drive up from Ashdod before being driven to the airport in small vans.

I spoke with three AmCits: [redacted] A fourth AmCit, and a dual Israeli national, [redacted] is being treated as an Israeli, her [redacted] told me. She has been separated and taken to a different facility in Jerusalem. I was unable to ascertain where she is being held.

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All had had something to eat and drink and said they were being treated okay.

I spoke to [redacted] for about 15 minutes. She was alert, in good health and spirits, and remained friendly throughout the interview. She did not discuss politics. She told me that a green folder of personal papers had been removed from her luggage and she asked for our help in their return. She also asked to be allowed to be returned to Cyprus in order for her to fly back to the U.S. As a second preference, she asked to be able to fly through JFK Airport. [redacted] signed the privacy act waiver without hesitation. I gave her a notebook and some pens.

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I spoke next to [redacted] for about 10 minutes. He was in good health, tired, but in good spirits. He mentioned the detention of two citizens of Bahrain and one from Yemen and expressed concern for their welfare since both countries do not have representation in Israel. The Yemeni man is an Al Jazeera cameraman, he said. [redacted] said he would prefer to return to Cyprus for his onward journey. Most important: He said that his digital video and photography equipment as well as a Mac laptop had been confiscated by the Israeli navy. He very much would like these items returned. He said he would even accept a written guarantee of their eventual return. Regarding his wife, he gave me the contact information of their lawyer Gaby Lasky (+972-544-418-988) and expressed concern that her Israeli citizenship would be stripped, preventing her from

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returning to see family in Israel. [redacted] signed the privacy act waiver without hesitation.

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I next spoke to [redacted] for less than 10 minutes. She is the oldest of the AmCits and was visibly tired but in good spirits. Her only concern was how she was going to arrange for her trip home (cost, etc.). She said she was looking forward to returning to the U.S. [redacted] signed the privacy act waiver without hesitation.

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Daniel S. Mattern

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From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 1:39 AM
To: Greene, Elisa; [redacted]; Moreno, Luis G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Carlino, John R; Zahner, Luke V; Mendel, B3 DOD-FGI
Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; [redacted] Paley, Abram W;
Goldberger, Thomas H
Cc: McCusker, Breeann M; Mattern, Daniel S; Hunter, Jo-Ann L
Subject: RE: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits

The 21 FGM sailors/crew have not yet arrived at the airport detention facility. Immigration liaison says they should arrive soon, but they have been held up at an immigration processing facility in Holon, just south of Tel Aviv and not far from the airport. They will be held overnight at the airport detention facility, questioned further in the morning, then returned without choice to their country of nationality, according to the GOI immigration officer. Our duty officer is at the airport facility and still expects to have contact with the four Americans tonight. He will advise the Ops Center by phone when he has contact.

From: Greene, Elisa
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 10:46 PM
To: Parker, Andrew C; [redacted]; Moreno, Luis G; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Carlino, John R; Zahner, Luke V; B3 DOD-FGI
Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; [redacted] Paley, Abram W
Cc: McCusker, Breeann M; Mattern, Daniel S; Hunter, Jo-Ann L
Subject: RE: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits

Daniel Mattern, dutyoff, and Embassy driver, Eran Barr, are currently en route from the Ashdod Port to Ben Gurion Airport, where they will wait at the detention facility for the arrival of the 4 Amcits. I just spoke with the facility's commander, Martin, who said he would ensure that Daniel and Eran be allowed access to the facility and to our Amcits. (Facility tel # 03-979-5305.) Those Amcits are:

[redacted]

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From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 10:11 PM
To: [redacted]; Moreno, Luis G; Greene, Elisa; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Carlino, John R; Zahner, Luke V; Mendel, B3 DOD-FGI
Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; [redacted]
Cc: McCusker, Breeann M; Mattern, Daniel S; Hunter, Jo-Ann L

Subject: RE: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits

I just finished talking with Mrs. Sasson (050-620-4164) the immigration service consular liaison officer for deportations and repatriations. She agreed that port access is not possible. She says the Americans will be transferred later this evening to the immigration detention facility at the airport and that we can have access to them at that time. She will be there herself. Probably around 1:00 a.m. I will ask our duty officer to go to that location.

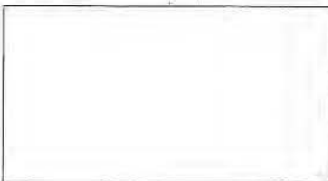
Andy

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 9:59 PM
To: Moreno, Luis G; Greene, Elisa; Parker, Andrew C; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Carlino, John R; Zahner, Luke V; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; [redacted]
Cc: McCusker, Breeann M; Mattern, Daniel S; Hunter, Jo-Ann L
Subject: Re: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits

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I have been informed by the Israel Navy that the individuals are now in Ashdod and have been turned over to immigration officials. It is out of the hands of the Israel Navy. They did say unofficially that it would probably be about two hours before they are moved. Israel Navy spoke to MFA official Gilad Cohen who did not authorize them to allow our officer access to Ashdod port.

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From: Moreno, Luis G
To: Greene, Elisa; Parker, Andrew C; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Carlino, John R; Zahner, Luke V; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; [redacted]
Cc: McCusker, Breeann M; Mattern, Daniel S; Hunter, Jo-Ann L
Sent: Tue Jun 30 21:08:34 2009
Subject: Re: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits

Please insist and keep insisting for consular access, the sooner the better. Thanks.

From: Greene, Elisa
To: Parker, Andrew C; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Carlino, John R; Zahner, Luke V; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; [redacted]
Cc: McCusker, Breeann M; Mattern, Daniel S; Moreno, Luis G; Hunter, Jo-Ann L
Sent: Tue Jun 30 21:00:35 2009
Subject: RE: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits

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Boat is still in Israeli waters and has not yet arrived in the Port of Ashdod. We are in communication with the GOI re updates and consular access to the 4 Amcits. Some time during the night after their arrival in Ashdod, the GOI plans on transferring the Amcits to the Ben Gurion Airport Immigration Detention Facility (run by Ministry of the Interior), where they will be detained until their deportation from Israel. elisa

From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 6:55 PM
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Carlino, John R; Greene, Elisa; Zahner, Luke V; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E
Subject: RE: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits

Just as an interim note, we are awaiting further information from the GOI on when the vessel will arrive in Ashdod (expected in the next two hours) and when and where our Tel Aviv duty officer can have consular access.

Andy

From: Bernier-Toth, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 6:46 PM
To: Carlino, John R; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Zahner, Luke V; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Bond, Michele T; Hickey, Mary E
Subject: RE: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits

Thanks, Randy. M

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 11:42 AM
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Zahner, Luke V; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E
Subject: Free Gaza - Two Non-Sailing Amcits

Michelle,

Two Amcits who were reported as intending to sail with Free Gaza on its initial Thursday, June 25 departure date but apparently did not sail today are [redacted] Those may be the two additional Amcits you heard about. All reporting today indicates that they are not on the boat. At one point [redacted] was described as the captain of the boat, but apparently [redacted] is the captain.

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Terry,

The only [redacted] I find listed among the passengers is [redacted] who is described by Free Gaza as [redacted]

-- Randy

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Carlino, John R

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2009 8:00 AM
To: Carlino, John R
Subject: FW: Free Gaza update #7: [redacted]

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From: Sorensen, Jay M
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2009 7:51 AM
To: Bond, Michele T; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; 'jaycutza@yahoo.com'; Greene, Elisa; Zahner, Luke V; Goldberger, Thomas H; Featherstone, Robert J; Moreno, Luis G; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; SES-O_OPS-WatchTeam; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Zuckerman, Eve; Paley, Abram W; Sakran, Johnny; Stott, Erinn C; Marwaha, Brianne C; McCusker, Breeann M; Holmstrom, Todd C; Harutunian, Ruben; Tuttle, Stewart D; Vincent, Wendy M; Sievers, Marc J; Burnett, David R; [redacted] Parker, Andrew C
Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Rogan, Thomas G; Marchese, Gregory M; Dilworth, Alison E; Carlino, John R; Dunne, John H; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria
Subject: RE: Free Gaza update #7: [redacted]

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According to the Ben Gurion detention center staff, GOI is paying.

From: Bond, Michele T
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2009 5:38 AM
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; 'jaycutza@yahoo.com'; Greene, Elisa; Zahner, Luke V; Sorensen, Jay M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Featherstone, Robert J; Moreno, Luis G; Hickey, Mary E; Hankins, Sarah E; SES-O_OPS-WatchTeam; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Mattern, Daniel S; Zuckerman, Eve; Paley, Abram W; Sakran, Johnny; Stott, Erinn C; Marwaha, Brianne C; McCusker, Breeann M; Holmstrom, Todd C; Harutunian, Ruben; Tuttle, Stewart D; Vincent, Wendy M; Sievers, Marc J; Burnett, David R; Schlereth, Frank G; Parker, Andrew C
Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Rogan, Thomas G; Marchese, Gregory M; Dilworth, Alison E; Carlino, John R; Dunne, John H; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria
Subject: Re: Free Gaza update #7: [redacted]

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Who is paying for the flights, the travelers or the GOI?

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Carlino, John R

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To: Parker, Andrew C; Zahner, Luke V; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Rogan, Thomas G
Cc: Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; Grimes, Demetrios A; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Vincent, Wendy M; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Marwaha, Brianne C; Greene, Elisa; Hankins, Sarah E; Schlereth, Frank G; Cohen, Jonathan R; Hadley, Warren X
Subject: One Free Gaza Boat Departs Cyprus

The smaller of the two Free Gaza boats, apparently the 66-foot Greek-flagged Arian, departed Larnaca port at 7:30 a.m. local time this morning with 14 passengers. The boat's declared destination is Port Said, Egypt. Port authorities were not able to provide a passenger manifest, so I cannot confirm whether any Amcits are aboard. I'll see what else I can learn.

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Carlino, John R

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To: Carlino, John R; Parker, Andrew C; Zahner, Luke V; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Rogan, Thomas G
Cc: Platakis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; Grimes, Demetrios A; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Marwaha, Brianne C; Greene, Elisa; Hankins, Sarah E; Schlereth, Frank G; Cohen, Jonathan R; Hadley, Warren X
Subject: 6 am 6/30 Haaretz: Activists say Israel Navy intercepted Gaza aid boat

Last update - 06:09 30/06/2009

Activists say Israel Navy intercepted Gaza aid boat

By Reuters

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The Israel navy intercepted activists sailing to Gaza with aid on Tuesday, surrounding their boat and telling them to turn back, activists said.

The vessel with 21 people on board was in international waters when it was told to turn back, members of the U.S.-based Free Gaza Movement on the boat and in Cyprus told Reuters.

The Israel Defense Forces declined to comment.

"There is a patrol boat around us and we were told that if we did not turn back they would open fire," said Derek Graham, an Irish activist.

"We are continuing our course to Gaza," he said.

He was speaking via satellite telephone from a small ferry boat which had departed from Cyprus on Monday. Among the activists were an Irish Nobel peace laureate and a former U.S. Congresswoman.

In Cyprus, the group also said it had communication from the boat that unless it turned back it would be fired upon.

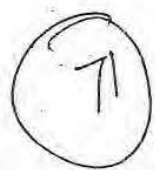
Israel tightened a blockade on Gaza in 2007 after the Islamist group Hamas took control of the enclave, home to some 1.5 million people.

The Israel navy patrols Gaza coastal waters. It had intercepted activists of the same group sailing into Gaza on two previous occasions.

shalom,

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To: Parker, Andrew C; Zahner, Luke V; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Rogan, Thomas G
Cc: Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; Grimes, Demetries A; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Vincent, Wendy M; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Marwaha, Brianne C; Greene, Elisa; Hankins, Sarah E; Schlereth, Frank G; Cohen, Jonathan R; Hadley, Warren X
Subject: Four Amcits Listed as on the Free Gaza Boat

The website lists the following Amcits among the passengers:

Huwaida Arraf
Cynthia McKinney
Adam Shapiro
Kathy Sheetz

Free Gaza Boat "Spirit of Humanity" Departs Cyprus

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HOPE FLEET

Monday, 29 June 2009 10:07 Last Updated on Monday, 29 June 2009 10:16 Written by Free Gaza Team

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(LARNACA, 29 June 2009) - The Free Gaza boat the "Spirit of Humanity" departed Cyprus at 7:30am on Monday, 29 July. Twenty-one human rights and solidarity workers representing eleven different countries were aboard. The passengers include Nobel laureate Mairead Maguire and former U.S. congresswoman Cynthia McKinney. The ship also carries three tons of medical aid, children's toys, and rehabilitation and reconstruction kits for twenty family homes.

Over 2,400 homes were destroyed in Gaza during the Israeli massacre in December/January, 490 of them by F-16 airstrikes, as well as 30 mosques, 29 educational institutions, 29 medical centers, 10 charitable organizations, and 5 cement factories.

Each kit carries a small amount of supplies for a single family, representing sectors of civil society currently being blockaded by Israel: Agriculture, Building & Reconstruction, Education, Electricity, Health, and Water & Sanitation. Although over 4 billion dollars in aid was promised to Gaza in the aftermath of the Israeli onslaught, little humanitarian aid and no reconstruction supplies have been allowed in.

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Carlino, John R

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2009 8:58 AM
To: Parker, Andrew C; Zahner, Luke V; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Rogan, Thomas G
Cc: Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; Grimes, Demetries A; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Vincent, Wendy M; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Marwaha, Brianne C; Greene, Elisa; Hankins, Sarah E; Schlereth, Frank G; Cohen, Jonathan R; Hadley, Warren X
Subject: Free Gaza May Sail on June 29

Officials at the port in Larnaca told us this morning that they are reviewing the registries of the two Free Gaza boats and evaluating the results of their safety and sea-worthiness inspections. Apparently, one of the boats is Cypriot flagged and the other Greek flagged. At this point, the port authorities predict there is extremely little likelihood that either boat will be cleared to sail until Monday at the earliest.

Randy

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2009 8:08 AM
To: Parker, Andrew C; Zahner, Luke V; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Netos, Eleftherios E; Rogan, Thomas G
Cc: Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; Grimes, Demetries A; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Vincent, Wendy M; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Marwaha, Brianne C; Greene, Elisa; Hankins, Sarah E; Schlereth, Frank G; Cohen, Jonathan R; Hadley, Warren X
Subject: From the Free Gaza Website

HOPE FLEET

Thursday, 25 June 2009 20:59 Last Updated on Friday, 26 June 2009 00:02 Written by Free Gaza Team

(25 June 2009, LARNACA) - This is not the statement we in the Free Gaza Movement intended to release today. We had hoped to announce that our two ships, the Free Gaza and the Spirit of Humanity, departed from Larnaca Port on a 30-hour voyage to besieged Gaza, carrying human rights activists who have travelled to Cyprus from all across the world for this journey, 3 tons of medical supplies, and 15 tons of badly needed concrete and reconstruction supplies.

Nobel peace laureate Mairead Maguire, returning for her second trip to Gaza aboard one of our ships, said "[The people of Gaza] must know that we have not and will not forget them."

That was our hope, but that is not what happened.

Instead, our ships were not given permission to leave today due to concerns about our welfare and safety. Our friends in Cyprus tell us that the voyage to Gaza is too dangerous, and they are worried we will be harmed at sea.

Cyprus has been a wonderful home for the Free Gaza Movement over these last 10 months. Cypriots know first hand the terrible consequences of occupation. They too know what it is to suffer from violence, injustice, and exile. Since our first voyage to break through the siege of Gaza, the Cypriot authorities have been extremely helpful and understanding of our goals and intentions.

The journey to Gaza is dangerous. The Israeli navy rammed our flagship, the Dignity, when we attempted to deliver medical supplies to Gaza during their vicious assault in December/January. Israel has previously threatened to open fire on our unarmed ships, rather than allow us to deliver humanitarian and reconstruction supplies to the people of Gaza.

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The risks we take on these trips are tiny compared to the risks imposed every day upon the people of Gaza.

The purpose of nonviolent direct action and civil resistance is to take risks - to put ourselves "in the way" of injustice. We take these risks well aware of what the possible consequences may be. We do so because the consequences of doing nothing are so much worse. Anytime we allow ourselves to be bullied, every time we pass by an evil and ignore it - we lower our standards and allow our world to be made that much harsher and unjust for us all.

In addition to the concerns expressed by our Cypriot friends today, the American consulate in Nicosia warned us not to go to Gaza, stating that:

"...[T]he Israeli Foreign Ministry informed U.S. officials at the American Embassy in Tel Aviv that Israel still considers Gaza an area of conflict and that any Free Gaza boats attempting to sail to the Gaza Strip will "not be permitted" to reach its destination."

Former U.S. Congresswoman & presidential candidate Cynthia McKinney responded to this warning by pointing out that, "The White House says that cement and medical supplies should get into Gaza and that's exactly what we are attempting to take to Gaza."

"Instead of quoting Israel policy to us," McKinney continued, "...the U.S. should send a message to Israel reiterating the reported White House position that the blockade of Gaza should be eased, that medical supplies and building materials, including cement, should be allowed in. The Free Gaza boats should be allowed to reach their destination, traveling from Cyprus territorial waters, through international waters, and straight into Gaza territorial waters."

"The State Department has chosen to advise us to take the Israeli notification seriously. Our question is, 'Can we take President Obama seriously?' Will he stand by his own words and allow us to provide relief for Gaza or will he back down?"

Tomorrow we will deliver a waiver, signed by all going to Gaza, that we absolve Cyprus of all responsibility for our safety. We would like to tell our friends here in Cyprus that though we understand and appreciate their concerns, we will not back down to Israel's threats and intimidation.

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Carlino, John R

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2009 7:18 AM
To: Parker, Andrew C; Vincent, Wendy M; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Richter, Kim B; Netos, Eleftherios E; Hankins, Sarah E; Greene, Elisa; Crawford, Jonathan J
Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R; Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; Codron, Sharona; Grimes, Demetries A; Moreno, Luis G; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bernier-Toth, Michelle
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Boat Returning to Cyprus

The Free Gaza Movement boat Spirit of Humanity arrived at the port of Larnaca, Cyprus at approximately 7:45 p.m., January 15.

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Carlino, John R

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 3:55 PM
To: Parker, Andrew C; Vincent, Wendy M; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Richter, Kim B; Netos, Eleftherios E; Hankins, Sarah E; Greene, Elisa; Crawford, Jonathan J
Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R; Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; Codron, Sharona; Grimes, Demetries A; Moreno, Luis G; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bernier-Toth, Michelle
Subject: Free Gaza Boat Returning to Cyprus

The Cyprus media has reported that the Free Gaza boat Spirit of Humanity was intercepted at sea by the Israeli navy and is returning to Cyprus. Officials at the Larnaca port expect the boat to arrive there around 7:00 p.m. this evening.

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Carlino, John R

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 11:00 AM
To: Parker, Andrew C; Zahner, Luke V; Vincent, Wendy M; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Richter, Kim B; Netos, Eleftherios E; Hankins, Sarah E; Greene, Elisa
Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R; Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; Codron, Sharona; Grimes, Demetries A; Moreno, Luis G; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bernier-Toth, Michelle
Subject: Free Gaza Boat Departed Larnaca at 9:45 a.m.

Larnaca port officials confirmed that the Free Gaza boat Spirit of Humanity departed the port at approximately 9:45 a.m. this morning.

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Carlino, John R

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 9:51 AM
To: Parker, Andrew C; Zahner, Luke V; Vincent, Wendy M; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Richter, Kim B; Netos, Eleftherios E; Hankins, Sarah E; Greene, Elisa
Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R; Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; Codron, Sharona; Grimes, Demetrios A; Moreno, Luis G; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bernier-Toth, Michelle
Subject: AFP Article on Free Gaza

We'll provide a confirmation when the boat actually departs.

Gaza aid boat prepares to sail again after repairs

12 hours ago

LARNACA, Cyprus (AFP) — A boat taking much-needed medical aid for casualties of Israel's offensive against Hamas in Gaza will set sail again from Cyprus on Wednesday after suffering mechanical trouble during an earlier attempt this week, organisers said.

Last year a bid by the Free Gaza Movement seeking to break Israel's blockade on Gaza ended on December 30 when an Israeli navy vessel was in collision with the vessel, in what passengers said was a deliberate ramming.

Referring to the first sailing this week, Huwaida Arraf, a coordinator for the US-based Free Gaza Movement, told AFP: "There was a problem with the main generator and this has been replaced, so we are ready to go and a new departure date is set for 9 am (0700 GMT) tomorrow (Wednesday) morning."

The Greek-registered 22-metre (70-foot) island-hopping vessel left the Cypriot port of Larnaca on Monday with four MPs from Belgium, Greece and Spain, seven doctors and several journalists on board.

Some three hours into the journey the boat suffered mechanical trouble and returned to port. Due to the delay, the two Greek MPs and some doctors will not be travelling with the reduced party.

A group of pro-Palestinian activists, European MPs and doctors, will still be among the 25 passengers to sail for Gaza aboard the "Spirit of Humanity" from the east Mediterranean island.

Israel's transport ministry had issued a statement calling the attempt to reach Gaza "provocative and risky."

The vessel will be packed with tonnes of basic medical supplies such as bandages, IV bags, antibiotics and other medicines for Gaza hospitals.

"We have to try to break the siege of Gaza and, at the same time, condemn what's going on," Spanish MP Joan Josep Nuet told AFP. "These medicines are very important for Gaza but there's a possibility Israel will try to stop us."

He described as "beyond horrific" what has been happening to Gaza's civilians, particularly its children, since Israel unleashed its war on the Islamist movement Hamas on December 27.

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The overall death toll from the conflict on the Palestinian side has risen to at least 940, including 280 Palestinian children. A further 4,350 people have been wounded, according to the Palestinian emergency services.

On the Israeli side, 10 soldiers and three civilians have been killed in combat or by rocket attacks since the Jewish state began its offensive.

Arraf said it would take about 24 hours to reach port in Gaza, where the boat would offload its cargo and passengers. "We are leaving in the morning so we don't arrive in Gaza during the night."

Last month's attempt was the first unsuccessful mission to Gaza since such trips began from Cyprus in August 2008. The organisation said it has received death threats warning it against entering Gaza.

Israel has maintained a blockade of the impoverished territory, home to 1.5 million Palestinians, for more than 18 months.

Since its offensive began, Israel has sealed off the Gaza Strip from all but limited humanitarian aid.

Cyprus supports this latest trip and has urged Israel to allow the vessel safe passage.

Free Gaza seeks to highlight the debilitating effect of Israel's stranglehold on the Hamas-ruled territory.

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Carlino, John R

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 4:29 PM
To: Parker, Andrew C; Zahner, Luke V; Vincent, Wendy M; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Richter, Kim B; Netos, Eleftherios E; Hankins, Sarah E; Greene, Elisa
Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R; Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; Codron, Sharona; Grimes, Demetrios A; Moreno, Luis G; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); Zeroubavely, Sandra S
Subject: Free Gaza - Possible Sailing Late Morning January 14

Authorities at the Larnaca port anticipate that the Free Gaza Movement boat Spirit of Humanity will be ready to depart Cyprus by mid or late morning tomorrow, January 14.

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Carlino, John R

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 8:08 AM
To: Parker, Andrew C; Zahner, Luke V; Vincent, Wendy M; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Richter, Kim B; Netos, Eleftherios E; Hankins, Sarah E; Greene, Elisa
Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R; Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; Codron, Sharona; Grimes, Demetries A; Moreno, Luis G; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); Zeroubavely, Sandra S
Subject: Free Gaza Boat Returns to Cyprus

Officials at the Larnaca port confirmed to us Cypriot media reports that the Free Gaza boat Spirit of Humanity experienced mechanical problems and returned to the Larnaca port. The boat arrived between 10:30 and 11:00 p.m. last night and currently is undergoing repair. Port authorities expect it to launch again for Gaza when the repairs are completed.

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Carlino, John R

From: Scarletelli, Adam W
Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2008 4:26 PM
To: Carlino, John R
Subject: FW: Gaza and ACS issues in TLV consular district

John - more fyi. Adam

From: Grant, William K
Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2008 3:09 PM
To: Herbol, Denise; Zahner, Luke V; Greene, Elisa; Davis, Jeannette E
Cc: Herbol, Denise; Sison, Michele J; Lawson, Christine M; Smith, Kirk G
Subject: RE: Gaza and ACS issues in TLV consular district

In our contact with members of the group yesterday, including the one Amcit, Cynthia McKinney, they did not provide information about their plans. We heard secondhand from Lebanese authorities that the group planned to stay in Lebanon 1-2 nights and hoped to transmit their supplies to Gaza "overland" (NFI). We also heard that the Dignity, which is moored in Tyre, needs at least a week's worth of repairs.

Bill Grant
DCM Beirut

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From: Vincent, Wendy M
Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2008 8:29 AM
To: Greene, Elisa; Grant, William K; Herbol, Denise; Zahner, Luke V; Davis, Jeannette E; Richter, Kim B; Knobel, Brooke E
Cc: Herbol, Denise; Sison, Michele J; Lawson, Christine M; Smith, Kirk G; Parker, Andrew C
Subject: RE: Gaza and ACS issues in TLV consular district

Went looking for the Good fence last weekend with my visiting relatives—no longer there!
Military area now.

Shalom,
Wendy Vincent
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From: Greene, Elisa
Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2008 3:22 PM

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Carlino, John R

From: Koss, Andrew C
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 12:08 PM
To: Smith, Kirk G; Sievers, Marc J; Vincent, Wendy M; Davis, Jeannette E; Knobel, Brooke E; Zahner, Luke V; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Greene, Elisa; Carlino, John R; Sison, Michele J; Herbol, Denise; Reynolds, Chancey L
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Boat May Be in Distress

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From: Smith, Kirk G
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 12:03 PM
To: Sievers, Marc J; Vincent, Wendy M; Davis, Jeannette E; Knobel, Brooke E; Zahner, Luke V; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Greene, Elisa; Carlino, John R; Sison, Michele J; Herbol, Denise; Koss, Andrew C; Reynolds, Chancey L
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Boat May Be in Distress

I think that would be useful. There's got to be a sat phone or something onboard. Of course, they should also have marine radios. Our DAO is looking into that here.

Kirk

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Kirk G. Smith
Consul
U.S. Embassy Beirut

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From: Sievers, Marc J
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 11:56 AM
To: Vincent, Wendy M; Smith, Kirk G; Davis, Jeannette E; Knobel, Brooke E; Zahner, Luke V; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Greene, Elisa; Carlino, John R; Sison, Michele J; Herbol, Denise; Koss, Andrew C
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Boat May Be in Distress

Our PAO, Andy Koss, can provide the contact info of the CNN office in Tel Aviv if needed.

From: Vincent, Wendy M
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 11:51 AM
To: Smith, Kirk G; Davis, Jeannette E; Knobel, Brooke E; Zahner, Luke V; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Greene, Elisa; Carlino, John R; Sison, Michele J; Herbol, Denise
Cc: Sievers, Marc J
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Boat May Be in Distress

Good question. In their press release – they listed these contacts:

For More Information, Please Contact:

(Gaza) Donna Wallach, +972 59 883 6420 / cats4jazz@gmail.com

(Gaza) Andrew Muncie, +972 59 883 6309 / muncie88@hotmail.com

For photos of the damage, see:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/29205195@N02/sets/72157607231701711/>

Shalom,
Wendy Vincent
Deputy Consul General/NIV Chief
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From: Smith, Kirk G
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 11:48 AM
To: Vincent, Wendy M; Davis, Jeannette E; Knobel, Brooke E; Zahner, Luke V; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Greene, Elisa; Carlino, John R; Sison, Michele J; Herbol, Denise
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Boat May Be in Distress

Wendy,

Does anyone have a way of contacting the boat directly? If the CNN correspondent phoned his counterpart in Israel, it stands to reason that we should be able to communicate with the boat.

Kirk

Kirk G. Smith
Consul
U.S. Embassy Beirut

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From: Vincent, Wendy M
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 11:07 AM
To: Davis, Jeannette E; Knobel, Brooke E; Zahner, Luke V; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Greene, Elisa; Smith, Kirk G; Carlino, John R
Subject: FW: Free Gaza Boat May Be in Distress

From: Sievers, Marc J
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 11:03 AM
To: Vincent, Wendy M; Burnett, David R
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Boat May Be in Distress

I received the following from Navy Attache Demetries Grimes, who spoke to the Israeli Navy duty officer. I have already phoned this in to State Ops, please forward to whoever may need to see it.

At about 0500 this morning, the Israeli Navy intercepted the boat in Israeli waters near Gaza. The boat refused to response to navy requests that it identify itself. The boat then rammed the Israeli navy vessel, apparently as it sought to evade them, and was damaged. The boat refused to respond to Israeli navy offers to provide assistance, but the CNN

reporter on board phoned the CNN correspondent in Israel, who then phoned the MFA and communicated their situation. The Israeli navy is escorting the boat to the northern limits of Israel's territorial waters. It appears that it will then sail to Lebanon.

From: Vincent, Wendy M
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 9:59 AM
To: Sievers, Marc J; Burnett, David R
Subject: FW: Free Gaza Boat May Be in Distress

FYI (Kirk Smith is in Beirut)
Shalom,
Wendy Vincent
Deputy Consul General/NIV Chief
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From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 9:52 AM
To: Zahner, Luke V; Smith, Kirk G
Cc: Kaplan, Dean; Weinfeld, Nili I; Hussein, Mohammad A; Smith, Angie C; Robinson, Rebecca A; Greene, Elisa; Sorensen, Jay M; Vincent, Wendy M; Parker, Andrew C; Davis, Jeannette E; Crawford, Jonathan J; Hop, Neil W; Grantham, Chris W; Schweitzer-Bluhm, Micaela A; Ordeman, Leslie T; Kim, Dae B; Mendel, Teresa S; Richter, Kim B; Miller, Scott; Ellickson-Brown, James
Subject: Free Gaza Boat May Be in Distress

Luke and Kirk,

We are receiving conflicting information here in Cyprus about the status of the Free Gaza boat Dignity. Our first information reflected what Luke reports below – the boat is steaming toward Lebanon with no serious damage. More recently, the port authorities in Larnaca informed us that they received a radio call from the boat stating that the engines are not functioning and the boat is taking on some water. It is unable to make headway under its own power. The boat requested that Cyprus authorities inform their counterparts in Beirut of this and relay the Dignity's request for assistance. Larnaca asked that we inform U.S. Embassy Beirut of this development.

Randy

From: Zahner, Luke V
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 8:55 AM
To: Davis, Jeannette E; Crawford, Jonathan J; Hop, Neil W; Grantham, Chris W; Schweitzer-Bluhm, Micaela A
Cc: Kaplan, Dean; Weinfeld, Nili I; Hussein, Mohammad A; Smith, Angie C; Robinson, Rebecca A; Greene, Elisa; Sorensen, Jay M; Carlino, John R; Vincent, Wendy M; Parker, Andrew C
Subject: Dignity apparently being redirected to Lebanon

Just an update – apparently, the Dignity, after being rammed and stopped by the Israeli Navy, was granted permission to proceed to Lebanon before it ran out of fuel. So it seems now that they are proceeding to a port there instead. No injuries were reported in the ramming incident.

We are reaching out to the AMCITs with the International Solidarity Movement who are still in Gaza – I believe there are three that are registered/known to us. Generally, they have turned down U.S. assistance and indicate a desire to stay put, but we are still reaching out to make sure.

LZ

From: Zahner, Luke V
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 7:10 AM
To: Zahner, Luke V; Marchese, Gregory M; Davis, Jeannette E; Rogan, Thomas G; Crawford, Jonathan J; Lapenn, Jessica; Hop, Neil W; Grantham, Chris W; Schweitzer-Bluhm, Micaela A
Cc: Kaplan, Dean; Weinfeld, Nili I; Hussein, Mohammad A; Smith, Angie C; Robinson, Rebecca A; Greene, Elisa; Sorensen, Jay M; Carlino, John R; Vincent, Wendy M
Subject: New Free Gaza boat rammed by Israeli naval vessel -

According to a CNN cameraman on board the Dignity, an Israeli naval boat rammed the Dignity and accused them of supporting terrorist activities. The boat is still in the eastern Med, not looking like it will get through.

Cynthia McKinney, according to the passenger list released late last night, is the only AMCIT on board.

We are monitoring things closely.

Sent from Blackberry

From: Zahner, Luke V
To: Marchese, Gregory M; Davis, Jeannette E; Rogan, Thomas G; Crawford, Jonathan J; Lapenn, Jessica; Hop, Neil W; Grantham, Chris W; Schweitzer-Bluhm, Micaela A
Cc: Kaplan, Dean; Weinfeld, Nili I; Hussein, Mohammad A; Smith, Angie C; Robinson, Rebecca A; Greene, Elisa; Sorensen, Jay M; Carlino, John R
Sent: Mon Dec 29 09:53:09 2008
Subject: New Free Gaza boat to depart Larnaca today with AMCITs (incl. former Rep. McKinney)
The Free Gaza movement is launching another ship today from Larnaca, in protest of the Israeli action in Gaza. I am still working to get a manifest, but former Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney is on board, according to their press release below. Also, there appear to be other AMCITs on the boat this time around.

I'm cc'ing Nicosia as a heads up as well.

Nili, can we try to track down the manifest?

Thanks,

LZ

PRESS RELEASE - Dignity Leaves for Gaza: Challenges World to "Stop this Madness!"

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday 29th December 2008

Dignity Leaves for Gaza: Challenges World to "Stop this Madness!"

For more information, please contact:

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(Larnaca, Cyprus 29 December 2008) - There is a time when silence is complicity and inaction is unacceptable. On Saturday, December 27, Israel began Operation "Cast Lead," a military onslaught against the civilian population of the Gaza Strip that has - so far - massacred more than three-hundred men, women, and children, and seriously injured over a thousand.

In response to Israeli butchery, the Free Gaza ship, the DIGNITY, will depart Larnaca Port at approximately 5pm (UTC), on Monday, December 29, bound for besieged Gaza. The ship is on an emergency mission carrying in physicians, human rights workers and over three tons of desperately needed medical supplies donated by the people of Cyprus. Coordinating with the Gaza Ministry of Health, the doctors will be immediately posted to overburdened hospitals and clinics upon their arrival.

We are not asking Israel for "permission" to go, and we will not stop until the DIGNITY lands in Gaza. We are answering urgent calls from hospitals and health care workers in Gaza by taking in three physicians who will stay and work in Gaza for several weeks. We will hold Israel responsible for the safety of our passengers and our cargo of emergency medicine.

Even before the present Israeli blitzkrieg, Karen Koning Abu Zayd, head of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), asserted that, "Gaza is on the threshold of becoming the first territory to be intentionally reduced to a state of abject destitution, with the knowledge, acquiescence and - some would say - encouragement of the international community."

Ewa Jasiewicz, a Free Gaza organizer living in Gaza, agreed with Abu Zayd, saying: "Where is the United Nations? Where is the Arab League? Where is the outrage against Israeli cruelty and Egyptian complicity? Every hospital in Gaza is already overwhelmed. Israel is committing war crimes here in Gaza, and words of condemnation are no longer enough. The world must act now to stop this madness."

The Free Gaza Movement continues to do what the governments of the world will not do - take direct action to defend the health, lives, and dignity of 1.5 million Palestinians under siege in the Gaza Strip.

This catastrophe is still unfolding, and humanitarian needs in Gaza are quite literally devastating. The world can no longer stay silent as the Palestinian people are deliberately massacred, starved and humiliated. We have to create a new consciousness that turns the practice of human rights from rhetoric into reality. Palestinians have an inalienable right to live, and the undeniable right to a life with dignity.

The passengers on this Free Gaza emergency delegation include:

- * International humanitarian and human rights workers from Cyprus, Australia, Ireland, Great Britain, Tunisia, and the United States.
- * Doctors going to Gaza to volunteer in local hospitals, including Dr. Elena Theoharous, surgeon and Member of Parliament from Cyprus.
- * Journalists going to Gaza to report on the massacre, including Al-Jazeera reporter Sami al-Haj, a former detainee at Guantanamo Bay.
- * The Hon. Cynthia McKinney, former U.S. Congresswoman and Green Party presidential candidate.

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The Free Gaza Movement, a human rights group, sent two boats to Gaza in August 2008. These were the first international boats to land in the port in 41 years. Since August, four more voyages were successful, taking Parliamentarians, human rights workers, physicians, and other dignitaries to witness the effects of Israel's draconian policies on the civilians of Gaza.

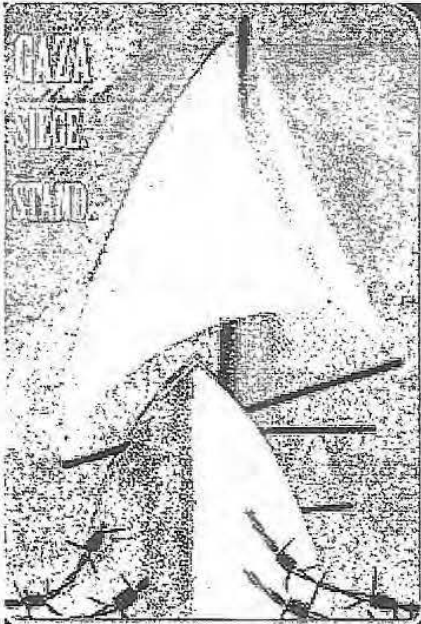
RELEASED IN FULL**Carlino, John R**

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Subject: Latest press release - FGM boat Dignity en route to Tyre/Sur, Lebanon

Here's the latest press release, just out, from the Free Gaza Movement, with an update on the status of the Dignity. Apologies for redundancies. Please just delete if you already have this.

Our understanding, from press accounts, is that the boat is heading towards the port of Sur/Tyre in southern Lebanon. They don't have enough fuel to make it back to Larnaca, according to the press reports we've been tracking this morning.

LZ

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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(Larnaca, Cyprus, 10:00 am) On Tuesday, December 30, at 5 a.m., several Israeli gunboats intercepted the Dignity as she was heading on a mission of mercy to Gaza. One gunboat rammed into the boat on the port bow side, heavily damaging her. The reports from passengers and journalists on board say that she is taking on water and appears to have engine problems. When attacked, the Dignity was clearly in international waters, 90 miles off the coast of Gaza.

The gunboats also fired their machine guns into the water in an attempt to stop the mercy ship from getting to Gaza.

As the boat limps toward Lebanon, passengers have been in contact with the Lebanese government, who say the captain has permission to dock and are willing to lend assistance if needed. Cyprus sea rescue has also been in touch, and offered assistance as well. The Dignity clearly flies the flag of Gibraltar, is piloted by an English captain and has a passenger manifest that includes Representative Cynthia McKinney from the U.S. The Israeli Government Press Office director was faxed the passenger list and press release last night, after Dignity set sail. **The attack was filmed by the journalists, and crew and passengers will report on Israel's crime at sea on arrival in Lebanon.**

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On board the boat are doctors traveling to this impoverished slice of the Mediterranean to provide badly-needed relief at the hospitals there. The crew and passengers were also hoping to take wounded out for treatment, since the hospitals are totally unable to cope. In addition, the Dignity was carrying 3 tons of medical supplies at the request of the doctors in Gaza.

The three physicians on board who were sailing to Gaza are: Dr. Halpin (UK), an experienced orthopaedic surgeon, medical professor, and ship's captain. He has organized humanitarian relief efforts in Gaza on several occasions with the Dove and Dolphin. He is traveling to Gaza to volunteer in hospitals and clinics as is Dr. Mohamed Issa (Germany), a pediatric surgeon from Germany. Dr. Elena Theoharous, MP (Cyprus), is a surgeon and Member of the Cypriot Parliament. She is traveling to Gaza to assess the ongoing conflict, assist with humanitarian relief efforts, and volunteer in hospitals.

Yet Israel thumbs its nose in the face of international maritime law by attacking a human rights boat in international waters, thereby putting all of these human rights observers at risk. At no time was the Dignity ever close to Israeli waters. They clearly identified themselves in advance of the attack, which was willful and criminal.

The Dignity is still in international waters, 40 miles off Haifa. Everybody on board is safe at the moment as the boat slowly makes its way to safety in Lebanon. Meantime, worldwide protests against Israel's disproportionate aggression and war-crime attacks on Gazan civilians are gathering momentum, including citywide across the USA, with multiple demonstrations in main cities.

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Carlino, John R

From: Zahner, Luke V
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 10:22 AM
To: Carlino, John R; Schweitzer-Bluhm, Micaela A
Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Hussein, Mohammad A; Smith, Angie C; Robinson, Rebecca A; Greene, Elisa; Sorensen, Jay M; Vincent, Wendy M; Parker, Andrew C; Davis, Jeannette E; Crawford, Jonathan J; Hop, Neil W; Grantham, Chris W; Ordeman, Leslie T; Kim, Dae B; Mendel, Teresa S; Richter, Kim B; Miller, Scott; Ellickson-Brown, James; Smith, Kirk G
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Boat May Be in Distress

According to Al Jazeera, the Israeli Navy has begun to leave their "escort" of the Dignity as it is now entering Lebanese waters, damaged but apparently under its own steam – so it sounds like it is NNW of Haifa/Acre now.

Rep. Cynthia McKinney was just interviewed live on Al Jazeera, and said that the Israeli gunships stopped the boat in international waters near Gaza, and that one of the engines broke down but has been fixed. The boat is about four hours away from the port of Sur in southern Lebanon, and is operating under its own steam.

The Israeli spokesman told Al Jazeera that the Free Gaza boat was acting provocatively and if they want to help the Palestinians, they should send the shipment of medical supplies to Ashdod to be forwarded on to Gaza.

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From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 9:52 AM
To: Zahner, Luke V; Smith, Kirk G
Cc: Kaplan, Dean; Weinfeld, Nili I; Hussein, Mohammad A; Smith, Angie C; Robinson, Rebecca A; Greene, Elisa; Sorensen, Jay M; Vincent, Wendy M; Parker, Andrew C; Davis, Jeannette E; Crawford, Jonathan J; Hop, Neil W; Grantham, Chris W; Schweitzer-Bluhm, Micaela A; Ordeman, Leslie T; Kim, Dae B; Mendel, Teresa S; Richter, Kim B; Miller, Scott; Ellickson-Brown, James
Subject: Free Gaza Boat May Be in Distress

Luke and Kirk,

We are receiving conflicting information here in Cyprus about the status of the Free Gaza boat Dignity. Our first information reflected what Luke reports below – the boat is steaming toward Lebanon with no serious damage. More recently, the port authorities in Larnaca informed us that they received a radio call from the boat stating that the engines are not functioning and the boat is taking on some water. It is unable to make headway under its own power. The boat requested that Cyprus authorities inform their counterparts in Beirut of this and relay the Dignity's request for assistance. Larnaca asked that we inform U.S. Embassy Beirut of this development.

Randy

From: Zahner, Luke V
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 8:55 AM
To: Davis, Jeannette E; Crawford, Jonathan J; Hop, Neil W; Grantham, Chris W; Schweitzer-Bluhm, Micaela A
Cc: Kaplan, Dean; Weinfeld, Nili I; Hussein, Mohammad A; Smith, Angie C; Robinson, Rebecca A; Greene, Elisa; Sorensen, Jay M; Carlino, John R; Vincent, Wendy M; Parker, Andrew C
Subject: Dignity apparently being redirected to Lebanon

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior

Just an update – apparently, the Dignity, after being rammed and stopped by the Israeli Navy, was granted permission to proceed to Lebanon before it ran out of fuel. So it seems now that they are proceeding to a port there instead. No injuries were reported in the ramming incident.

We are reaching out to the AMCITs with the International Solidarity Movement who are still in Gaza – I believe there are three that are registered/known to us. Generally, they have turned down U.S. assistance and indicate a desire to stay put, but we are still reaching out to make sure.

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From: Zahner, Luke V
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 7:10 AM
To: Zahner, Luke V; Marchese, Gregory M; Davis, Jeannette E; Rogan, Thomas G; Crawford, Jonathan J; Lapenn, Jessica; Hop, Neil W; Grantham, Chris W; Schweitzer-Bluhm, Micaela A
Cc: Kaplan, Dean; Weinfeld, Nili I; Hussein, Mohammad A; Smith, Angie C; Robinson, Rebecca A; Greene, Elisa; Sorensen, Jay M; Carlino, John R; Vincent, Wendy M
Subject: New Free Gaza boat rammed by Israeli naval vessel -

According to a CNN cameraman on board the Dignity, an Israeli naval boat rammed the Dignity and accused them of supporting terrorist activities. The boat is still in the eastern Med, not looking like it will get through.

Cynthia McKinney, according to the passenger list released late last night, is the only AMCIT on board.

We are monitoring things closely.

Sent from Blackberry

From: Zahner, Luke V
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Cc: Kaplan, Dean; Weinfeld, Nili I; Hussein, Mohammad A; Smith, Angie C; Robinson, Rebecca A; Greene, Elisa; Sorensen, Jay M; Carlino, John R
Sent: Mon Dec 29 09:53:09 2008
Subject: New Free Gaza boat to depart Larnaca today with AMCITs (incl. former Rep. McKinney)
The Free Gaza movement is launching another ship today from Larnaca, in protest of the Israeli action in Gaza. I am still working to get a manifest, but former Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney is on board, according to their press release below. Also, there appear to be other AMCITs on the boat this time around.

I'm cc'ing Nicosia as a heads up as well.

Nili, can we try to track down the manifest?

Thanks,

LZ

PRESS RELEASE - Dignity Leaves for Gaza: Challenges World to "Stop this Madness!"

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday 29th December 2008

Dignity Leaves for Gaza: Challenges World to "Stop this Madness!"

For more information, please contact:

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(Larnaca, Cyprus 29 December 2008) - There is a time when silence is complicity and inaction is unacceptable. On Saturday, December 27, Israel began Operation "Cast Lead," a military onslaught against the civilian population of the Gaza Strip that has - so far - massacred more than three-hundred men, women, and children, and seriously injured over a thousand.

In response to Israeli butchery, the Free Gaza ship, the DIGNITY, will depart Larnaca Port at approximately 5pm (UTC), on Monday, December 29, bound for besieged Gaza. The ship is on an emergency mission carrying in physicians, human rights workers and over three tons of desperately needed medical supplies donated by the people of Cyprus. Coordinating with the Gaza Ministry of Health, the doctors will be immediately posted to overburdened hospitals and clinics upon their arrival.

We are not asking Israel for "permission" to go, and we will not stop until the DIGNITY lands in Gaza. We are answering urgent calls from hospitals and health care workers in Gaza by taking in three physicians who will stay and work in Gaza for several weeks. We will hold Israel responsible for the safety of our passengers and our cargo of emergency medicine.

Even before the present Israeli blitzkrieg, Karen Koning Abu Zayd, head of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), asserted that, "Gaza is on the threshold of becoming the first territory to be intentionally reduced to a state of abject destitution, with the knowledge, acquiescence and - some would say - encouragement of the international community."

Ewa Jasiewicz, a Free Gaza organizer living in Gaza, agreed with Abu Zayd, saying: "Where is the United Nations? Where is the Arab League? Where is the outrage against Israeli cruelty and Egyptian complicity? Every hospital in Gaza is already overwhelmed. Israel is committing war crimes here in Gaza, and words of condemnation are no longer enough. The world must act now to stop this madness."

The Free Gaza Movement continues to do what the governments of the world will not do - take direct action to defend the health, lives, and dignity of 1.5 million Palestinians under siege in the Gaza Strip.

This catastrophe is still unfolding, and humanitarian needs in Gaza are quite literally devastating. The world can no longer stay silent as the Palestinian people are deliberately massacred, starved and humiliated. We have to create a new consciousness that turns the practice of human rights from rhetoric into reality. Palestinians have an inalienable right to live, and the undeniable right to a life with dignity.

The passengers on this Free Gaza emergency delegation include:

* International humanitarian and human rights workers from Cyprus, Australia, Ireland, Great Britain, Tunisia, and the United States.

* Doctors going to Gaza to volunteer in local hospitals, including Dr. Elena Theoharous, surgeon and Member of Parliament from Cyprus.

* Journalists going to Gaza to report on the massacre, including Al-Jazeera reporter Sami al-Haj, a former detainee at Guantanamo Bay.

* The Hon. Cynthia McKinney, former U.S. Congresswoman and Green Party presidential candidate.

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Carlino, John R

From: Greene, Elisa
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 1:42 PM
To: Zahner, Luke V; Marwaha, Brianne C; Carlino, John R; Dilworth, Alison E; Parker, Andrew C; Mendel, Teresa S; McNeil, Matthew C; Netos, Eleftherios E; Hankins, Sarah E
Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Featherstone, Robert J; Rogan, Thomas G; Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; [redacted] Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; B3 DOD-PII
Subject: Free Gaza Voyage on June 25th: several Amcits on board, incl former Rep Cynthia McKinney

Looping in several more colleagues to this email chain.
Here's an article (courtesy of John Carlino):

**Activists defy Israel, to send Gaza cement
June 18, 2009**

NICOSIA (Reuters) - Activists campaigning for an end to Gaza's blockade by Israel will sail to the enclave from Cyprus in defiance of the Israeli navy, they said Thursday.
Two boats, including one carrying cement and building supplies -- materials not permitted by Israel -- will sail from Cyprus on June 25, the multi-national Free Gaza Movement said.
"We are taking 15 tons of cement, which is just a token of how much the Palestinians need, because the Israelis won't allow building supplies into Gaza," said Greta Berlin, a representative of the group.
The group started regular shuttles to Gaza from Cyprus in August 2008, but was turned back by the Israeli navy on its last journey in mid-January of this year.
Israel tightened a blockade on Gaza in 2007 after the Islamist Hamas took control of the enclave, a sliver of territory that is home to 1.5 million people.
Israeli forces bombed and then invaded Gaza in late December 2008 in a bid to rout out militants lobbing rockets into Israel, devastating its already battered infrastructure.
Since then, Israel has blocked imports of steel, cement and other goods to the Gazan population, saying Hamas could use many items for military purposes.
(Writing by Michele Kambas, editing by Richard Williams) ■

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From: Zahner, Luke V
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 8:43 AM
To: Marwaha, Brianne C
Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Hunter, Jo-Ann L; Featherstone, Robert J; Rogan, Thomas G; Greene, Elisa
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement Voyage on June 25th

Brianne,

Tel Aviv has responsibility for liaising with the GOI on this, since they control Gazan waters. There have been incidents in the past - one of the Gaza boats was rammed by the Israeli military when it tried to approach Gaza during the hostilities in December-January (no casualties, just damage to the boat which limped on to Lebanon for repairs), and some Free Gaza members have been detained by the Israeli navy while escorting fishermen off the Gazan coast. They have been brought to green-line Israel and eventually deported by the GOI.

There isn't much that can be done once they are in Gaza to guarantee security, hence the travel warning. Also important, once they enter on the boat, they cannot depart through a land border - they must go out the way they come in. In spite of warnings from us to this effect, almost every boat results in some

Americans (and others) trying to depart via Erez or Rafah. Maybe they can get through Rafah on their own, but Erez via Israel is not possible, and it is important to stress this to them before they let the boat leave without them.

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From: Marwaha, Brianne C
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2009 9:48 PM
To: Zahner, Luke V; Featherstone, Robert J; Rogan, Thomas G
Cc: Weinfeld, Nili I; Hunter, Jo-Ann L
Subject: FW: Free Gaza Movement Voyage on June 25th

FYI

From: Susan Kerin [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2009 2:15 PM
To: Hankins, Sarah E; Marwaha, Brianne C
Cc: ; ;
Subject: Free Gaza Movement Voyage on June 25th

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Good afternoon Sarah and Brianne,

I hope that you are both doing well. As you can see from the press release below, the Free Gaza movement will be sailing again next week from Cyprus to Gaza. Several Americans will be on board including former Representative Cynthia McKinney.

I have cc'ed [] and Huwaida Arraf who are the international organizers for Free Gaza. You should feel free to coordinate/communicate with them directly regarding any additional details of the voyage that the State Department would be interested in knowing more about. Huwaida is also the delegation leader for the voyage. There will be several more voyages throughout the summer.

While I know that officially, the State Department has set policies regarding public responses on Americans entering into Gaza, I remain grateful for anything that might be done behind the scenes, particularly regarding the safety of the passengers. If you have any additional suggestions that I can pursue on this, please just let me (or Huwaida and [] know. And, of course, I hope that all is well down on C Street...Susan

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For Immediate Release
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(Larnaca, 18 June 2009) On June 25th, the Free Gaza movement will set sail on its eighth mission to break Israel's horrific siege and collective punishment of 1.5 million Palestinians in the Gaza strip.

"The Israelis violated international law by ramming my boat carrying medical supplies to Gaza. Therefore, I never got to Gaza. Especially after Operation Cast Lead, I want to go to Gaza, and if I'm lucky, one day, I'll also get to visit a free

Palestine," said former Representative Cynthia McKinney, one of the passengers coming back.

Along with McKinney, 36 others will board the FREE GAZA , a fishing boat, and the SPIRIT OF HUMANITY, a small ferry loaded with building supplies such as cement, only a token of what is needed in Gaza, but a prelude to larger shipments the Free Gaza movement expects to take throughout the summer.

Mairead Maguire, the Nobel Peace Prize winner from Ireland is also going back, "I am going to Gaza to show my love and support for the people of Gaza who continue to suffer under Israeli siege and occupation, yet whose spirit of nonviolent resistance inspires all who believe in equality, freedom and justice," she stated.

"It is crucial that we continue sending boats to Gaza to challenge Israel's criminal closure on the Strip," said Huwaida Arraf, delegation leader of the June 25th voyage. "Gaza does not need our charity but needs us to stand up against the forces that continue to deliberately deny an entire people their human rights. International donors pledged over \$4 billion to rebuild Gaza, and yet none of them are doing anything about the fact that Israel is not allowing any building supplies into Gaza, not to mention thousands of other items such as anesthetic, oxygen and cancer treatments, chlorine to treat the water supply, even paper, books, toys for children as well as tea and coffee."

This voyage will be the first attempt to challenge Israel's naval blockade on the Gaza Strip since an Israeli gunship brutally rammed the DIGNITY in December, and nearly sank the SPIRIT OF HUMANITY with all on board in January. This 8th trip will also be the first of a series of boats we intend to send to Gaza as part of our Summer of Hope campaign.

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The Free Gaza Movement, a human rights group, sent two boats to Gaza in August 2008. These were the first international boats to land in the port in 41 years. Since August, four more voyages were successful, taking Parliamentarians, human rights workers, and other dignitaries to witness the effects of Israel's draconian policies on the civilians of Gaza. On December 30, their boat, the DIGNITY was rammed three times while 90 nautical miles out, in international waters, on its way to deliver emergency medical supplies to the people of Gaza, while they were under the infamous attack by Israel.

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Carlino, John R

From: Consular, Nicosia
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 11:26 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Spirit of Humanity

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Dear Mary,

Thanks for your response. This morning I was able to see the passenger list, along with the brief bios, that you posted on the website. Please be assured that a good number of State Department officials, both here in the eastern Mediterranean region and back in Washington, are monitoring the progress of the Spirit of Humanity as closely as we can. It is always helpful when we can receive information directly from those of you involved.

Regards,
Randy Carlino

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

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 1:13 PM
To: Consular, Nicosia
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Passengers on the Spirit of Humanity

Dear Randy,

The passenger list has changed since the one issued January 12th. The only US citizen aboard the SPIRIT OF HUMANITY which sailed from Larnaca nearly three hours ago is [redacted]

Best regards,
Mary for Free Gaza

On Wed, Jan 14, 2009 at 1:25 AM, Consular, Nicosia
<consularnicosia@state.gov> wrote:

> For Mary Hughes [redacted]
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> Mary [redacted]
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> Can you tell me if the passenger list for the Spirit of Humanity is the same
> as it was on January 12? More specifically, are any United States citizens
> in addition to [redacted] aboard? I ask because the U.S. State
> Department is concerned about the safety of all U.S. citizens while they are
> abroad.
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> **REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior
Reviewer**
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> I would appreciate any information about United States citizens that you are
> authorized to provide me.
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> Sincerely,
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> Randy Carlino
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> U.S. Consul

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Carlino, John R

From: Bernier-Toth, Michelle
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 1:04 AM
To: Carlino, John R; Rogan, Thomas G; Goldberger, Thomas H; Hankins, Sarah E
Cc: Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Richter, Kim B
Subject: FW: Call from Free Gaza Movement
Importance: High

FYI. The Spirit of Humanity will sail again. M

From: Pacheco, Martha A
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 6:02 PM
To: Richter, Kim B; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria
Cc: Gooding, David L; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Hickey, Mary E; CA-Crisis-Mgt
Subject: Call from Free Gaza Movement
Importance: High

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[redacted] of the Free Gaza Movement called at 5:05 from tel [redacted] El Cerrito, California to inform the State Department that a boat with humanitarian aid will leave Cyprus tomorrow around 11:00 am- noon Cyprus time for Gaza, even though a previous boat was attacked by the Israeli Navy, and the Israeli Navy said they will not let the boat through. When asked, he specified that he estimated the boat would take less than 24 hours to reach its destination, and it was likely to encounter the Israeli Navy tomorrow evening Washington DC time.

When I asked, he said people in the Free Gaza Movement have been talking to Embassy Nicosia from the delegation there, he specified [redacted]

Also, [redacted]

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Carlino, John R

From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2009 6:08 PM
To: Carlino, John R; Zahner, Luke V; Vincent, Wendy M; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Richter, Kim B; Netos, Eleftherios E; Hankins, Sarah E; Greene, Elisa
Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R; Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; Codron, Sharona; [redacted] B3 DOD-PII
[redacted] Moreno, Luis G; Power, Daniel J (Tel Aviv); Zeroubavely, Sandra S
Subject: RE: 3:45 Departure Copnfirmred for Free Gaza Boat

Israeli MFA has just provided us an updated passenger manifest as provided to them. It shows 34 people on board, including:

United States	1	[redacted]
Greece	14	including the Captain,
United Kingdom	7	
Jordan	1	
Italy	3	
Belgium	2	
Sweden	1	
Germany	1	
Spain	2	
Iraq	1	
France	1	

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The "Land Team" is identified as 9 people, including 3 Amcits: [redacted]

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From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2009 5:46 PM
To: Zahner, Luke V; Vincent, Wendy M; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Richter, Kim B; Netos, Eleftherios E; Hankins, Sarah E; Greene, Elisa
Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R; Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; Codron, Sharona; Parker, Andrew C; [redacted] B3 DOD-PII
Subject: 3:45 Departure Copnfirmred for Free Gaza Boat

Larnaca port authorities confirm that the Free Gaza boat Spirit of Humanity departed Cyprus at 3:45 p.m. this afternoon.

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2009 3:09 PM
To: Zahner, Luke V; Vincent, Wendy M; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Richter, Kim B; Netos, Eleftherios E; Hankins, Sarah E; Greene, Elisa
Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R; Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T
Subject: 3:30 Departure Time for Free Gaza Boat

Larnaca port officials tell us that the Free Gaza boat Spirit of Humanity now is schedule to depart Cyprus at approximately 3:30 p.m., January 12 (8:30 a.m. EST).

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

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Carlino, John R

From: Consular, Nicosia
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2009 8:22 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: A Request for Information about your Passengers

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[REDACTED]

As I think you know, the U.S. State Department is concerned about your safety, and that of all U.S. citizens, while you are abroad. To help us monitor the welfare of U.S. citizens participating in the current Free Gaza Movement effort to take humanitarian supplies to Gaza, I am asking you to provide me -- with their permission -- the names of the other U.S. citizens who will be sailing with you on the Spirit of Humanity this afternoon.

The United States Embassy in Tel Aviv has asked me to relay to you a warning from the Israeli Defense Force that any vessel attempting to cross the off-limits line will be boarded and those on board arrested. Please ensure that the other passengers on the Spirit of Humanity are aware of this warning.

The U.S. State Department would consider me remiss if I did not also remind you of the Travel Alert issued by the State Department on January 6 for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. In its most relevant portions, the Travel Alert reads: "No official U.S. Government travel is permitted within the Gaza Strip. Due to the ongoing conflict and limited ability of the U.S. Government to assist American citizens in the Gaza Strip, the Department of State urges American citizens, including journalists and aid workers, to avoid all travel to the Gaza Strip. . . . American citizens remaining in Gaza should consider notifying the Consulate General in Jerusalem at the address below of their whereabouts in the event they wish to participate in possible future evacuations of foreign nationals from the Gaza Strip.

During office hours, call 02-628-7137
For after hours emergencies, call 02-622-7250
Email JerusalemACS@state.gov

I look forward to hearing from you before you sail this afternoon.

Sincerely,
Randy Carlino
U.S. Consul

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B5**Carlino, John R**

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2009 8:02 AM
To: Goldberger, Thomas H; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Cohen, Jonathan R
Cc: Hale, David M; Hankins, Sarah E; Parker, Andrew C; Holmstrom, Todd C; Moreno, Luis G; Netos, Eleftherios E; Mendel, Teresa S; Richter, Kim B; Zahner, Luke V; Vincent, Wendy M; Dilworth, Alison E; Greene, Elisa; Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T
Subject: Free Gaza Boat Now Schedule to Depart at Noon, Monday, January 12

Both the Free Gaza website and local news media report that the Free Gaza boat now is scheduled to depart Cyprus around 12:00 p.m., noon, (5 a.m. EST) on Monday, January 12. Press reports describe the boat as a 66- to 70-foot Greek fishing vessel, the Arion, which has been renamed "Spirit of Humanity." Cypriot television reported that Cypriot authorities warned Free Gaza representatives about the danger involved in their proposed trip and strongly advised them not to sail. However, the 30-some passengers, who apparently include a number of European parliamentarians, insisted on sailing, and Cypriot authorities ultimately decided that since the boat is seaworthy they will allow it to sail.

I will attempt to relay the IDF warning that any boat attempting to cross to off limits line will be boarded and the passengers arrests.

Randy

From: Goldberger, Thomas H
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 10:41 PM
To: Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Cohen, Jonathan R; Carlino, John R
Cc: Hale, David M; Hankins, Sarah E; Parker, Andrew C; Holmstrom, Todd C; Moreno, Luis G
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Boat to Sail From Cyprus on January 11

From: Hankins, Sarah E
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 2:32 PM
To: NEA-IPA-DL
Subject: FW: Free Gaza Boat to Sail From Cyprus on January 11

FYI.

From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 1:59 PM
To: Carlino, John R
Cc: Greene, Elisa; Hankins, Sarah E; Richter, Kim B; Zahner, Luke V; Vincent, Wendy M; Reidhead, Van E
Subject: Re: Free Gaza Boat to Sail From Cyprus on January 11

Randy,

DcM wanted me to convey the IDF warning that any vessel attempting to cross the off limits line will be boarded and those on board arrested. If you are able to convey this info to those involved we thank you.

Andy

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From: Parker, Andrew C
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Sent: Sat Jan 10 12:53:23 2009
Subject: FW: Free Gaza Boat to Sail From Cyprus on January 11

Randy,
Clearly the Free Gaza people have their own agenda, but you may want to convey the IDF announcement of January 3, 2009 of a naval blockade of Gaza extending 20 NM off shore.

<http://dover.idf.il/IDF/English/Announcements/09/01/0305.htm>

The link below will take you to our current travel information:

<http://israel.usembassy.gov/consular/acs/TravelInformation.aspx>

Andy

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From: Carlino, John R
To: Zahner, Luke V; Vincent, Wendy M; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Richter, Kim B; Netos, Eleftherios E; Cohen,

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Carlino, John R

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 10:37 AM
To: Zahner, Luke V; Vincent, Wendy M; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; Richter, Kim B; Netos, Eleftherios E; Cohen, Jonathan R; Greene, Elisa; Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; Hankins, Sarah E
Cc: NICOSIA CONSULAR
Subject: Free Gaza Boat to Sail From Cyprus on January 11

Port authorities at Larnaca tell us they have been informed that a Free Gaza Movement boat is scheduled to arrive there around 3:00 p.m. (8:00 a.m., EST), Saturday, January 10. The boat tentatively is scheduled to depart Cyprus for Gaza on the afternoon or evening of Sunday, January 11.

Free Gaza representatives informed Larnaca authorities that the boat's passengers will include three U.S. citizens:

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted] were among the passengers on the first Free Gaza boat to sail from Cyprus to Gaza in August 2008. At this time, Larnaca officials have no further indentifying information for the third Amcit, [Redacted]

Larnaca authorities advise that the boat's passenger list could change by the time it sails.

Regards,
Randy

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Carlino, John R

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 3:10 PM
To: Greene, Elisa; Parker, Andrew C
Cc: Sievers, Marc J; Richter, Kim B; Kinder, John O
Subject: FW: Free Gaza boats

Folks, the port officials in Larnaca provided us on the QT the information below about [redacted] [redacted] They tell us that he decided not to sail to Gaza but instead remained on Cyprus when the boat sailed.

Randy

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

From: Kyriacou, Helen X
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 3:01 PM
To: Carlino, John R
Subject: RE: Free Gaza boats

His [redacted]

Helen

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

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 2:53 PM
To: Greene, Elisa
Cc: Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Zuckerman, Eve; Parker, Andrew C; Kyriacou, Helen X
Subject: RE: Free Gaza boats

Elisa,
Unfortunately, I don't have any additional identifying info on [redacted] I'll see what we can get. Helen, would you do the honors?
Randy

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

From: Greene, Elisa
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 11:52 AM
To: Carlino, John R
Cc: Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Zuckerman, Eve; Parker, Andrew C
Subject: RE: Free Gaza boats

Thanks, Randy. Do you have [redacted]'s dob or any other biodata? Thanks, elisa

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Carlino, John R

From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 2:42 PM
To: Sievers, Marc J; Reidhead, Van E; [redacted] Goldberger, [redacted] B3 DOD-PII
Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Koss, Andrew C
Cc: Carlino, John R; Greene, Elisa
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement 4th voyage in progress

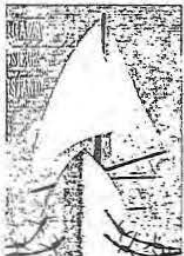
Marc,
Our consul in Nicosia told us that local port authorities believe one U.S. citizen, [redacted] will be on the boat. B6

Andy

From: Sievers, Marc J
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 2:33 PM
To: Reidhead, Van E; [redacted] Parker, Andrew C; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Koss, Andrew C B3 DOD-PII
Subject: FW: Free Gaza Movement 4th voyage in progress

FYI, not clear if there are any Amcits on board. Note press piece on the Qatari ship in the attachments.

From: Angela Godfrey-Goldstein [mailto:angela@icahd.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 10:48 AM
To: angela@icahd.org
Subject: Free Gaza Movement 4th voyage in progress



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
'Free Gaza' Ship to Break Through Israeli Blockade for the Fourth Time

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(LARNACA, 8 December 2008) - The Free Gaza Movement announces that it sent a delegation from Cyprus to Gaza aboard their blockade-busting ship, the Dignity, last night, at 11.30pm, Monday, 8 December, due to arrive in Gaza at 3 pm Tuesday 9th December. Free Gaza Movement has successfully challenged the siege on three previous occasions this year, landing missions in Gaza in August, October, and November. Free Gaza ships are the first to dock in Gaza Port in over 41 years.

Israel maintains absolute control over Gaza's borders and airspace, and has imposed an increasingly brutal blockade on its 1.5 million civilians for over two years, drastically increasing poverty and malnutrition rates. Over 700 students are currently trapped in Gaza, while Israel denies their right to attend universities abroad.

In a statement released by Drs. Jonathan Rosenhead and Mike Cushman, of the London School of Economics, the academics said they were pleased to be traveling to Gaza aboard the Dignity, and that, "This siege is an affront to any idea of academic freedom or human rights. We, working for a British university, have the freedom to teach and study, this must be a universal right, not at the discretion of an occupying power. How

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can anyone justify preventing young people from fulfilling their potential and learning how to serve their community more fully?"

In addition to the British academics, this fourth voyage includes a British surgeon traveling to Gaza to volunteer in local hospitals for the next several weeks, as well as international human rights workers and journalists. The ship will also be carrying in one ton of medical supplies and high-protein baby formula. In recent days, Israel has forcibly intervened to prevent other such missions from reaching Gaza.

Lubna Masarwa, one of the Free Gaza organizers, stated that, "Gaza doesn't need charity. What Gaza needs is sustained political action aimed at overcoming this vicious siege. We have no intention of turning around, and so we're confident that we will reach Gaza. We are unarmed civilians carrying desperately needed supplies to other unarmed civilians. It would be obscene for Israel to use violence to stop us."

The passengers on board the Dignity include:

- ☐ British academics on a fact-finding mission to document the devastating affects Israel's siege has had on the educational sector in Gaza
- ☐ A British surgeon traveling to Gaza to volunteer in local hospitals for the next several weeks
- ☐ A Palestinian man who has been denied the right to return to his family in Gaza
- ☐ International human rights workers
- ☐ International journalists from Al-Jazeera TV and McClatchy Newspapers

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Carlino, John R

From: Kyriacou, Helen X
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2008 1:54 PM
To: Carlino, John R
Subject: RE: More Gaza boats

Randy,

The boat will leave this evening around 11 pm. Only one American,
The rest are other nationalities.

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Helen

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

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2008 9:02 AM
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Hickey, Mary E; Rogan, Thomas G
Cc: NICOSIA CONSULAR; Cohen, Jonathan R
Subject: RE: More Gaza boats

I have no idea. After the initial sailing, the Free Gaza Movement folks have discontinued notifying me when they arrive on Cyprus. We try to find out.

Helen,

Can you call the Larnaca port officials and see if they have a passenger list for these two boats? Also, when do the boats intend to sail?

Thanks, Randy

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

From: Bernier-Toth, Michelle
Sent: Saturday, December 06, 2008 9:38 PM
To: Hickey, Mary E; Rogan, Thomas G; Carlino, John R
Subject: Fw: More Gaza boats

Tom, Randy - do we know if there are any amcits on board?
MEH, just fyi...

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Michelle Bernier-Toth
Director, CA/OCS/ACS

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From: Goldberger, Thomas H
To: NEA-IPA-DL; Hale, David M; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Somerset, Ann D (NEA/PPD)
Sent: Sat Dec 06 10:43:48 2008
Subject: Fw: More Gaza boats

early warning notice...

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

From: Sievers, Marc J

To: Goldberger, Thomas H; Moreno, Luis G; Cunningham, James B

Cc: Burnett, David R; Parker, Andrew C

Sent: Sat Dec 06 09:07:46 2008

Subject: More Gaza boats

[redacted] called to say there are two more boats in Cyprus preparing to sail to Gaza. One is Qatari with humanitarian supplies and the other is another NGO boat. Both reportedly have Amcits on board. Livni has called the Qatari for min and offered to allow the humanitarian supplies off-load in Ashdod with a promise they would be transported to Gaza, but she also made clear the Israeli navy will not allow the boat to land in Gaza. Less clear about the second boat. According to John, both are still docked in Cyprus.

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From: Greene, Elisa
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2008 8:27 AM
To: Carlino, John R; Mendel, Teresa S
Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R; NICOSIA CONSULAR; Dilworth, Alison E; Netos, Eleftherios E; Vincent, Wendy M; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Zuckerman, Eve
Subject: RE: Free Gaza participant

Please see this morning's cable traffic or check out the cable attached. [redacted] is still in Gaza. We'll let you know when [redacted] is deported but it probably won't happen until early next week. We haven't printed her emergency passport yet.



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Sent: Friday, November 21, 2008 8:13 AM
To: Mendel, Teresa S; Vincent, Wendy M
Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R; NICOSIA CONSULAR; Dilworth, Alison E; Greene, Elisa; Netos, Eleftherios E
Subject: Free Gaza participant

Thanks, Teresa.

I have not met [redacted], but her sister [redacted] was my primary contact with the Free Gaza Movement in August and September. On September 5 [redacted] informed me by email that [redacted] were "waiting for the FGM (Free Gaza Movement) boat(s) to return to Gaza Strip so that we can return to Cyprus to catch our flights home. We want to stay here until the boats arrive." I understand that a Free Gaza boat arrived on October 29. I don't know if it ever departed or if [redacted] is still in the Gaza Strip.

I would appreciate a heads up from Tel Aviv when [redacted] is deported.

Regards,
Randy

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From: Mendel, Teresa S
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2008 8:19 PM

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To: Carlino, John R
Subject: Free Gaza participant

Just a heads up, no action required..

Amcit [REDACTED], who has been in Gaza since August as part of a *Free Gaza* voyage was detained for violating Israeli fishing laws. Authorities have determined she will be deported back to Cyprus.

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TAGS: CASC, PHUM, KPAL, KIRF, IS [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ARREST: [REDACTED]

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1. NAME: [REDACTED]

2. SEX: Female

3. DPOB: [REDACTED]

4. PASSPORT: [REDACTED]

5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: None
USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: U.S.A.
NATIONALITY OF PASSPORT USED TO ENTER COUNTRY OF ARREST: U.S.A.

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

7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: Approximately 9am on November 18, 2008;
Israeli Waters off the coast of the Gaza Strip.

8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: Normal

9. CHARGES: IV

10. PLACE OF DETENTION: MASSIYAHU PRISON, Immigration Detention
Facility, Wing 10 (Women's Wing), RAMLE

11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Hearing in Progress

12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: Wednesday, November 19, 2008

13. POSSIBLE SENTENCE: Deportation

14. ATTORNEY: Leah Tsemei and Anwar Abu Lafi

15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: Blanket waiver, signed 19 Nov 2008

16. NOK: [REDACTED]

17. NOTIFICATION: CONSUL WAS NOTIFIED BY: MFA and by British

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Consul on Nov 18, 2008.

18. ACCESS: VISITED ON November 19, 2008 at Masiyahu Prison, Ramle.

21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: 3 notebooks, 1 cellular telephone
- LOCATION: INP

22. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS:
- PLED Not Guilty TO CHARGE OF IV

24. REMARKS:

ConOff and ConAsst spoke to subject at length; ConOff also spoke to subject's attorney Mr. Abu Lafi. Subject completed DS-11 and PAW forms. Subject appeared to be in good health and has no medical issues or complaints about her treatment. She has been on a hunger strike since her arrest to protest the arrest of 15 since-released Palestinian fisherman and the seizure of their 3 fishing boats. Subject arrived in Gaza Aug. 23, 2008, on a Free Gaza Movement boat.

ConOff attended subject's hearing at a Detention Review Tribunal, held in a room within the detention facility. Also present were Judge Ruth Greenberg, Mr. Abu Lafi, subject, and two prison guards.

During the hearing, subject was given the opportunity to speak in English, followed by several questions presented by the judge in English and subject's answers, and ending with a statement made by the attorney in Hebrew. Subject expressed outraged at being ?kidnapped at gunpoint? by INF sailors. She told the court that she would prefer to be deported to Gaza or Cyprus. She requested her mobile phone and notebooks be returned to her. Subject stated that her American passport was in Gaza.

The judge said she understood the three fishing boats from which subject, an Italian and a Brit were taken were fishing beyond Gazan waters. The judge asked subject if she heard the INF commander instruct the boats to return to Gazan waters; subject replied that she did not hear these instructions. Subject argued, with raised voice, that the INF violated international law by telling the Gazan fishermen where they could fish. The court noted that the INF had seized the three fishing boats but had released the Palestinian fishermen.

The judge stated she would rule on 20 Nov 2008 on the legality of the arrest and her possible deportation. Hearings for the other two foreigners were scheduled to take place on November 20, 2008.

Post spoke to Massiyahu Prison officials on 20 Nov 2008, who advised that a deportation order has been issued for subject and for the other two foreigners arrested. A deportation date has not yet been set.

Subject's attorneys also represent the other two foreigners arrested [redacted] a British national; and [redacted] [redacted] an Italian).

Post will keep the Department apprised of further developments.

COMMENT: It is unlikely the GOI will return subject to Gaza, as she requested. On 01 June 2002, subject was also arrested in Israel and started a hunger strike in protest of her arrest at that time. She was released on 19 June 2002. No mention of

subject's prior arrest was made during her hearing. END COMMENT.

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Subject: RE: Free gaza - call from don debar

MFA reports that the ship will arrive at the port of Ashod within 2 hrs. or so. From there, the AmCits and others will be transferred to the airport for deportation at the earliest opportunity. We will attempt to gain access to the Amcits either at the port (probably not doable) or more likely at the airport.

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We have spoken to the organizers several times, and only know of the four AMCITs we put into ACS+ already.

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Thanks. We've seen reports that there are six Amcits on board...who are the other two?
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The latest communication from the vessel, 21 miles off Gaza:

Three miles from turning point, three hours from Gaza. Israeli navy sent 2 to 8 ships, now one starboard, one port, no communication.
3 minutes ago from web

Five miles away from turning point, 23 miles from Gaza afterwards. Two Israeli ships back trailing them. No move from Israeli navy yet.
22 minutes ago from web

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MFA just called to emphasize the fact that the ship will not be allowed in under any circumstances, I repeated my concern about U.S. citizens on board, and that the Secretary was personally following this. MFA is "well aware" of both. We are getting zip from the Israeli Navy and by my calculation, something is bound to happen quite soon.

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They have a phone campaign going to contact the Embassy, Consulate, and Israeli government offices. I think they divided up phone lists and are having different people calling different offices. We (and the duty officers -- Daniel, I am duty officer here through tomorrow) should anticipate more calls.

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Dear Michelle: Thanks for this information. I just saw your message now but the Duty Officer (Daniel Mattern) took a call from Sarah Hankins via the Ops Center at 3am TLV time with similar info. We're on it. There are 4 Amcits on board this vessel:



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Regards, elisa

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I received (via ops) a call from don debar, a reporter from pacifica news service and a former staffer for former cong. Cynthia mckinney. He wanted to make sure that we knew that the israeli navy had circled the free gaza boat, and "what would we do if they sank it and killed the people on board." I told him off the record (see, I do listen to ca/p) that we have, each time free gaza sails, emphasized to the idf our concern for the safety of amcits on board and were monitoring the current sailing. This seemed to satisfy him. Confirmed with ops that tel aviv has been alerted to the situation.

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MFA has just informed me that the 4 Amcits, along with the others, will be turned over to the Immigration Police and for lack of a better word, they will be "deported" as soon as possible. MFA said that they would be looking into the issue of consular access.

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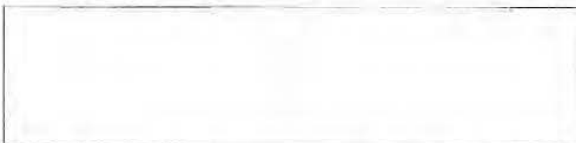
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Michelle,

Everything I've seen on the Free Gaza website or received in email from Free Gaza activist Greta (Hughes) Berlin indicates that only four Amcits are on board.



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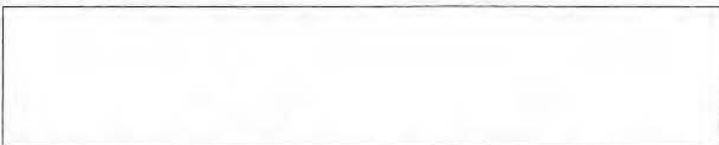
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Randy

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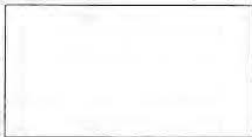
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Carlino, John R

From: Consular, Nicosia
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 12:14 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Thank You

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Greta,

Thank you for providing the information about the American citizens aboard the boat. I try to follow your progress via the "tweets" and remain concerned about the safety of all on board. As I'm sure you are aware, U.S. Government policy is considerably beyond my authority, however, I do relay your messages to more senior State Department officers.

Regards,
Randy Carlino
U.S. Consul

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Carlino, John R

To: Davis, Monique
Subject: RE: Those of You at Sea# (Free Gaza boat AmCits)

From: Davis, Monique
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 9:40 AM
To: Carlino, John R
Cc: Hanrahan, Richard F
Subject: FW: Those of You at Sea# (Free Gaza boat AmCits)

Here are the names of the Amcits on the Free Gaza boat. Thank you, Monique

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Carlino, John R

From: Consular, Nicosia
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2009 10:41 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Your Request of President Obama

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Dear Ms. Maguire:

This is to acknowledge our receipt of your email below and to reiterate the concern of the United States Government for the safety and welfare of the passengers and crew of the Free Gaza boats, especially the United States citizens among you.

As I am confident you know, President Obama has no authority to instruct the officials of another sovereign nation to take action. Further, it would be inappropriate for any U.S. official here on Cyprus to intervene with Cypriot authorities concerning matters that are clearly within their unilateral jurisdiction, such as clearing vessels to sail from Larnaca for Gaza. However, I will bring your request to the attention of more senior State Department officials.

Sincerely,
Randy Carlino
U.S. Consul

From: MAIREAD MAGUIRE [mailto:[Redacted]]
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 9:25 PM
To: Consular, Nicosia
Cc: Irish
Subject:

dear Friends,
I am here in Larnaca, with Free Gaza Movement friends awaiting to go into Gaza by boat.
We have medicines, cement and toys for the children.

Willl you please ask President Obama to do all he can to see we are allowed to travel to Gaza tomorrow (Friday) carrying the needed materials to the people but above all fulfilling our promise to not forget the people of gaza and to return with our free gaza friends to our friends in gaza.

Thank you for your help in this matter.
Sincerely,
Mairead Maguire
Nobel Peace Laureate

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

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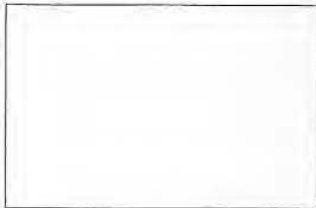
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Carlino, John R

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Subject: Free Gaza Will Not Sail on June 25 B3 DOD-PII

Officials at the Larnaca port inform us that neither of the two Free Gaza boats will sail today. (They may be having difficulty obtaining a license to carry passengers into international waters – port authorities hinted at this but did not tell us that outright). One of the boats may sail tomorrow.

Port officials tell us that if a boat does sail tomorrow, probably six Americans will be aboard:



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This is exactly the list of Amcits that Luke Zahner obtained two days ago.

We'll let you know when we learn of further developments.

Randy

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Subject: Nicosia E-Mail to Free Gaza B3 DOD-PII
Importance: High

A few minutes ago I sent the e-mail below to the address listed on the Free Gaza website. The website announces they plan to depart Cyprus at 10:00 this morning. We try to confirm their departure and the names of any U.S. citizens making the trip.

Here's what the website says:

Wednesday, 24 June 2009 15:11 Written by Free Gaza Team

PRESS ADVISORY
24 June 2009

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

The Free Gaza Movement will depart Larnaca Port for the Gaza Strip at 10am on Thursday 25 June. We are sending two ships, the Free Gaza and the Spirit of Humanity, with 3 tons of medical supplies, 15 tons of cement, and human rights workers and journalists from 14 countries, including Nobel laureate Mairead Maguire and former U.S. Congresswoman and presidential candidate Cynthia

McKinney. This will be our first attempt to challenge Israel's naval blockade on Gaza by sea since the Israeli Navy brutally rammed our boat, DIGNITY in December, and nearly sank the SPIRIT OF HUMANITY with all on board in January.

We will be holding a press conference at Larnaca Port between 9am and 10am, prior to our departure.

For more information, please contact Greta Berlin or Ramzi Kysia at +357 99 081 767, friends@freegaza.org This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it

From: Consular, Nicosia
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 7:58 AM
To: 'friends@freegaza.org'
Subject: The Risks in Your Sailing to Gaza
Importance: High

For Greta Berlin, Ramzi Kysia, and other United States citizens,

Please be aware of the risks involved in your planned sailing from Larnaca to Gaza this morning.

As I am sure you know, the U.S. Department of State issued a Travel Warning for Israel, the West Bank and Gaza that remains in effect. This warning reads in part: "The State Department strongly urges that American citizens refrain from all travel to the Gaza Strip. This recommendation has been in effect since the deadly roadside bombing of a U.S. Embassy convoy in Gaza in October 2003. It applies to all Americans, including journalists and aid workers. American citizens should be aware that as a consequence of a longstanding prohibition on travel by U.S. Government employees into the Gaza Strip, the ability of consular staff to offer timely assistance to U.S. citizens there is extremely limited."

On Monday, June 22, the Israeli Foreign Ministry informed U.S. officials at the American Embassy in Tel Aviv that Israel still considers Gaza an area of conflict and that any Free Gaza boats attempting to sail to the Gaza Strip will "not be permitted" to reach its destination.

I encourage you to take the State Department's Travel Warning and the Israeli notification seriously.

Sincerely,
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U.S. Consul

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Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement Plans to Sail on June 25

B3 DOD-PII

Here is the list we have received, and entered into ACS+, [redacted] is not, to the best of our knowledge, on the manifest.

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[redacted]

The source for this is the Free Gaza Movement. [redacted] was on one of the first trips, [redacted] is a long-term leader of the organization, and [redacted] needs no introduction! The others we are not familiar with.

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Dear Randy, [redacted]
Is [redacted] on this next boat? So far we have the following Amcits on this boat (possible):

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[redacted]

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Anyone else?

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[redacted] was originally on the manifest, but we were informed she is now off of it. If that changes, we will let you know.

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The only information I have is that [redacted] says she will be on the boat. I have no information about [redacted]

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I don't know if I will be able to pass the Israeli information directly to the Amcits who are planning to sail. They have not checked in with me since the first trip, last August. I'll do what I can. I did have periodic email contact with [redacted] through January of this year.

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[redacted] was scheduled to sail on the first trip and was the one who took the initiative to contact me while the group was on Cyprus. However, she became ill and didn't go.

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The Israel MFA has "officially" informed us that Gaza is still considered an area of conflict and that the "Free Gaza" sea vessel with cement on board scheduled to leave for Gaza within a week, will "not be permitted" to reach its' destination. The MFA was informing us of this because they are aware of Amcits on board the vessel. According to the MFA, the vessel is currently sailing between Greece and Cyprus. They asked that we directly pass this information to the Amcits on board.

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Supposedly several, including [redacted] Maybe also [redacted]
[redacted] I'll send a related email chain.

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From: Bernier-Toth, Michelle
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 2:53 PM
To: Carlino, John R; Parker, Andrew C; Vincent, Wendy M; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; McNeil, Matthew C; Richter, Kim B; Netos, Eleftherios E; Hankins, Sarah E; Greene, Elisa

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Cc: Platukis, Peter B; Miller, Andrew T; Codron, Sharona; [redacted] Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement Plans to Sail on June 25

Do we know if any Amcits will be on the ships?

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 1:51 AM
To: Parker, Andrew C; Vincent, Wendy M; Dilworth, Alison E; Mendel, Teresa S; McNeil, Matthew C; Richter, Kim B; Netos, Eleftherios E; Hankins, Sarah E; Greene, Elisa
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Subject: Free Gaza Movement Plans to Sail on June 25

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Activists defy Israel, to send Gaza cement

June 18, 2009

NICOSIA (Reuters) - Activists campaigning for an end to Gaza's blockade by Israel will sail to the enclave from Cyprus in defiance of the Israeli navy, they said Thursday.

Two boats, including one carrying cement and building supplies – materials not permitted by Israel – will sail from Cyprus on June 25, the multi-national Free Gaza Movement said.

"We are taking 15 tons of cement, which is just a token of how much the Palestinians need, because the Israelis won't allow building supplies into Gaza," said Greta Berlin, a representative of the group.

The group started regular shuttles to Gaza from Cyprus in August 2008, but was turned back by the Israeli navy on its last journey in mid-January of this year.

Israel tightened a blockade on Gaza in 2007 after the Islamist Hamas took control of the enclave, a sliver of territory that is home to 1.5 million people.

Israeli forces bombed and then invaded Gaza in late December 2008 in a bid to rout out militants lobbing rockets into Israel, devastating its already battered infrastructure.

Since then, Israel has blocked imports of steel, cement and other goods to the Gazan population, saying Hamas could use many items for military purposes.

(Writing by Michele Kambas, editing by Richard Williams) ■

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Carlino, John R

From: Dahm, Amy
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 12:15 PM
To: Carlino, John R
Cc: Macris, Gregory P; Panico, Christopher J
Subject: FW: A chance meeting at the airport with Free Gaza

Dear Randy,

Greg suggested I pass this information to you.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

Regards,
Amy

From: Macris, Gregory P
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 12:13 PM
To: Dahm, Amy
Cc: Panico, Christopher J
Subject: RE: A chance meeting at the airport with Free Gaza

Thanks. Please pass this information to Consular.

From: Dahm, Amy
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 12:12 PM
To: Macris, Gregory P
Cc: Panico, Christopher J
Subject: A chance meeting at the airport with Free Gaza

Dear Greg,

While standing in the Olympic Airlines line (Olympic was experiencing technical difficulties checking people in) at Larnaca airport this morning with my friend Elise, I bumped into [redacted] an American working with Free Gaza. [redacted] was with the Free Gaza activists for the initial entry to Gaza and on the second trip with the fishing boats (when the Israelis fired on them, I believe). He said he was on his way to Athens for meetings and then on to Brussels for a briefing of the European Parliament.

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He showed us his red-covered Palestinian passport, which he called a "great honor" to receive, and a copy of a fax from an Israeli official demarcating the Gazan waters and saying that humanitarian assistance to Gaza was acceptable. He mentioned that he and his group are planning a second trip with some physicians and human rights lawyers. What I found of particular interest is that [redacted] mentioned that he (and I assume others) want to try to establish a ferry service from Larnaca to Gaza.

[redacted]

Thought you should know.

Regards,
Amy

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Carlino, John R

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2008 10:27 AM
To: Netos, Eleftherios E; Hankins, Sarah E; Zareski, Karen B; Sorensen, Jay M; Cherry, Elizabeth H; Goodman, Ilan A; Ciaccia, Sarah J; Susak, Ivan
Cc: Richter, Kim B; Kinder, John O; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Zuckerman, Eve; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Sherlock, Shawn H; Rhatigan, John V; Davis, Jeannette E; Zahner, Luke V; Weinfeld, Nili I; Holmstrom, Todd C; [redacted] Goldberger, Thomas H; [redacted] Cohen, Jonathan R; Parker, Andrew C; B3 DOD-PII Dilworth, Alison E; Hermann, Richard C
Subject: Free Gaza Boats Arrive Gaza

For those of you who did not follow the Free Gaza Website over the weekend, the two boats arrived at the port near Gaza City on Saturday, August 23, apparently in the early hours of the afternoon. From the various website interviews and postings, at least two of the Amcits remained on Cyprus – Hedy Epstein and Ramsey Kysia. Huwaida Shapiro (aka Huwaida Arraf-Shapiro) was prominent among the Amcits who arrived on the boats. I'm not certain of the number of other Amcits who sailed on the boats or who they are. As many as 14 Amcits may have arrived in Gaza on the two boats.

Randy

From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2008 10:23 AM
To: Netos, Eleftherios E; Hankins, Sarah E; Zareski, Karen B; Sorensen, Jay M; Cherry, Elizabeth H; Goodman, Ilan A; Ciaccia, Sarah J; Susak, Ivan
Cc: Richter, Kim B; Kinder, John O; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Zuckerman, Eve; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Sherlock, Shawn H; Rhatigan, John V; Davis, Jeannette E; Zahner, Luke V; Weinfeld, Nili I; Holmstrom, Todd C; [redacted] B3 DOD-PII Goldberger, Thomas H; [redacted] Cohen, Jonathan R; Parker, Andrew C; Dilworth, Alison E; Hermann, Richard C; B3 DOD-PII
Subject: Free Gaza Boats Depart Cyprus

Cypriot officials at the Port of Larnaca informed us that the two Free Gaza Movement boats departed Cyprus a few minutes before 10:00 a.m. this morning (approximately 0655Z).

To the best of my knowledge, 13 U.S. citizen activists boarded the boats here. Last week, one of the activists told me that three other U.S. citizens were traveling on the boats from Crete to Cyprus. The attached list provides the names and Privacy Act Waiver information of the 13 Amcit activists who registered with Embassy Nicosia. Also included on the list is the name of one Amcit activist, [redacted] whose mother informed Cosulate General Jerusalem that he was on one of the boats when it departed Crete.

Regards,
Randy

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Carlino, John R**RELEASED IN PART
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From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2008 6:41 PM
To: Rhatigan, John V; Vincent, Wendy M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Moreno, Luis G; Rosenstock, Matthew S; Netos, Eleftherios E; [redacted] Hankins, Sarah E; Richter, Kim B; Kinder, John O
Cc: Rogan, Thomas G; Sorensen, Jay M; Grantham, Chris W; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Zuckerman, Eve; Freitas, Christopher; DeLeon, Maria J; [redacted] Mendel, Teresa S; Hadley, Warren X; [redacted] Greene, Elisa; Davis, Jeannette E; Zahner, Luke V; Reidhead, Van E; Vrooman, Peter; Tuttle, Stewart D; Hunt, Baxter
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement: The Consular Side

B3 DOD-PII

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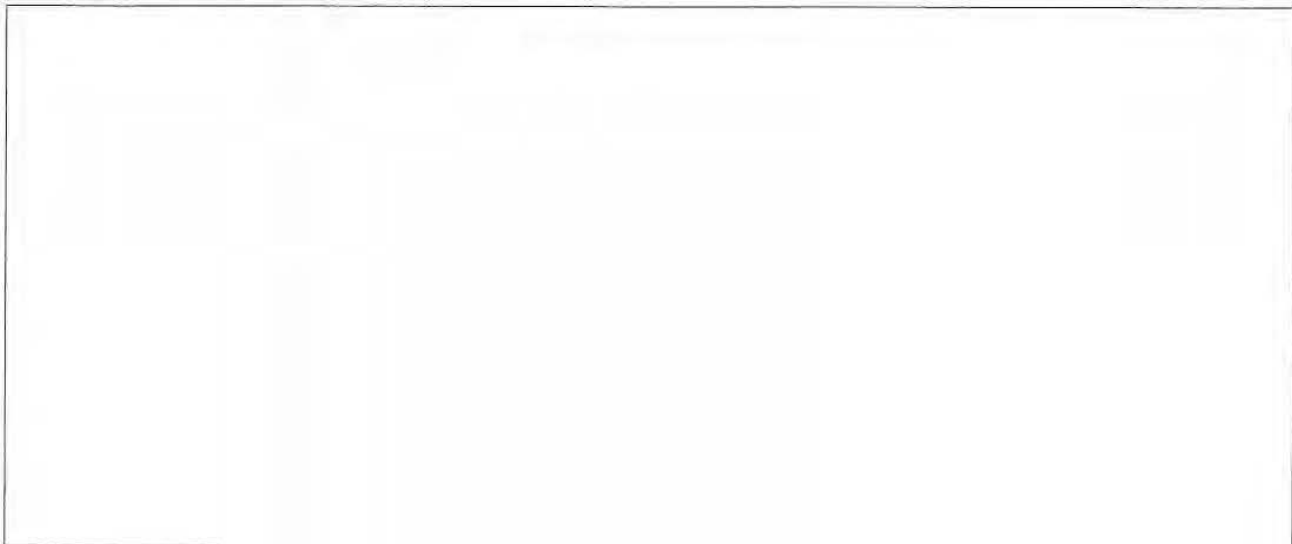
Thanks, John.

This afternoon, nine Amcits members of the Free Gaza Movement came to Embassy Nicosia to register as Amcits with the consular section. During the process, they handed me a paper with four printed questions and asked for my response. All questions were in the vein of "Does the your/my government support the actions of the Free Gaza Movement?" I declined to answer each question, saying that I had not been informed of the USG's position regarding the questions or even if the USG has a position on the issue.

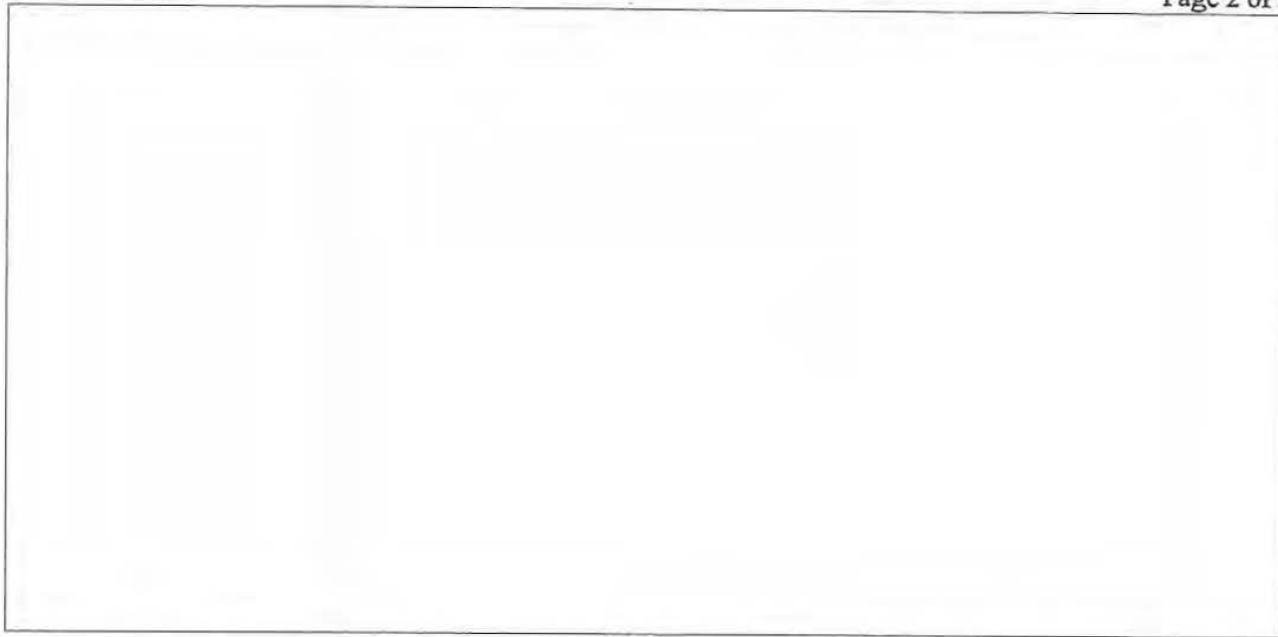
In addition to the printed questions, they asked if the Embassy could inspect their boats and certifying that while in Cypriot waters the vessels contained no arms or ammunition. I said the Embassy has no resources or mechanism to conduct such an inspection or make such a certification. They asked how they would be received by US authorities when they return to the United States. They said that their lawyers assured them they were violating no US or international laws. I said that I am not a lawyer and could not speculate on how US authorities would respond to their actions when they returned to the United States. They also asked what organization of the USG would protect or assist them if they require assistance while at sea or if intercepted by Israeli authorities. One man asked specifically if the US 6th Fleet would assist them. I said that while the USG is concerned about their safety and welfare, I could not tell them what assistance the USG would provide. I emphasized that the 6th Fleet almost certainly would not take action on their behalf and that I have no idea where 6th Fleet assets might be located. One man requested that any USG assistance be organized by Embassy Cairo, and I said I would relay that request if it represented the group's preference. They declined to make the request on behalf of the group as a whole. I reiterated that I could not speculate on what type of assistance, if any, the USG would provide should they become distressed at sea or afterwards.

Seven of the nine Amcits apparently plan to sail on the two ship, while one will remain on Cyprus as part of a support team here and another will return to the United States as part of a support team there.

Planning to sail on the boats are:



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Until the group sails from Cyprus, they can be contacted at 357-99-194-722.

Once the group sails, a point of contact for them will be [redacted] of the US support group (home phone: [redacted])
(cell: [redacted]).

Please accept my apologies for the recall of a premature transmission of this e-mail.

Regards,
Randy

From: Rhatigan, John V

Sent: Monday, August 04, 2008 4:51 PM

To: Rhatigan, John V; Vincent, Wendy M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Moreno, Luis G; Rosenstock, Matthew S; Netos, Eleftherios E; [redacted] Carlino, John R; Hankins, Sarah E; Richter, Kim B; Kinder, John O

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Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement: 4 Water Boundaries and Free Gaza's 4 Possible Scenarios

B3 DOD-PII

Dear All,

Earlier today, I attended the "Free Gaza" press conference at the Journalist's Union here in Nicosia. The PC was led by a panel of 3: group co-founder American Greta Berlin, Israeli professor of anthropology and coordinator of the Israeli Committee against House Demolitions Jeff Halper and Palestinian President of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee Monir Deeb.

Berlin began the PC, and explained that the group of 40 consisted of volunteers from 17 different countries ranging in age from 22-83. The group, in fact, has one member who is a holocaust survivor. The group will be using 2 boats to try and break the blockade of Gaza: the SS "Free Gaza" and the SS "Liberty," the latter named in honor of a US boat sunk by Israel during the Six Day War. The boats will arrive within the next 4-5 days, at which point the group will depart Cyprus. They expect it that it will then take them about 24 hours before reaching their destination. They advised that they would inform the press when they planned to set off, and expressed the hope that they would be seen off before departing. They welcomed anyone who has a boat to join them if they would like to. The group chose to sail from Cyprus, Berlin noted, because Cypriots understand occupation.

The group feels that their actions would be significant for one of two outcomes, either: 1. they would break through, setting the precedent that Israel cannot stop vessels coming from overseas to Gaza, or 2. they would be stopped in contravention of international law, which would then be an indictment of Israel.

According to Berlin, the "Free Gaza" movement has received support in donated funds, hearing aids for children and the boats they plan to use to break the blockade. The group claimed that they raised all money through private donations and have accumulated \$230,000 of the \$330,000 needed so far. They said that about \$2,000 per day is coming in, with donations ranging from as little as \$4 to as much as \$2-3,000 per day. As Deeb explained, the hearing aids will help the Palestinian children who have lost their hearing due to daily rocket fire.

Halper expressed the hope that three messages would be conveyed to the Israeli people:

1. That a political solution exists if: A) the occupation were to end; B) the Palestinians are recognized as indigenous; and C) the Israelis and Palestinians would be willing to live together.
2. The Palestinians are not Israel's enemy.
3. The Israelis have to take responsibility.

After each of the panel members finished speaking, each member of the group sitting in the audience rose to introduce themselves. Out of a group of about 30-35, about 15 hailed from the US, 5 were from the UK, about 2 or 3 were Israelis, about 2 or 3 were Palestinians, one group member hailed from Tunisia and one hailed from Pakistan.

The group then responded to questions. The group stated that the GOI asked the GOC 2 months ago if there was anything the GOC could do to stop the group, to which the GOC replied, "No." The group was asked directly if they were bringing weapons or accepting money from Iran, both of which they denied forcefully. They did note that they would be bringing 500 balloons for the Israeli children.

When asked what the group would do if stopped, Berlin said that they would allow the boat to be searched, with their lawyers present (there will be one lawyer on each boat) so that nothing is planted.

Questions were asked by reporters from the BBC, the Mail on Sunday, the Irish Times, as well as local Politis, Cyprus Mail and Cyprus News Agency. I have attached a copy of the report from the Cyprus News Agency.

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Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement: 4 Water Boundaries and Free Gaza's 4 Possible Scenarios

Dear All,

I just returned from this press conference. It will take me a little bit to draft a readout, but I'll definitely have something put together this afternoon.

John

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From: Vincent, Wendy M

Sent: Monday, August 04, 2008 8:00 AM

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Greene, Elisa; Davis, Jeannette E; Zahner, Luke V; Reidhead, Van E; Vrooman, Peter; Tuttle, Stewart D; Hunt, Baxter
Subject: Free Gaza Movement: 4 Water Boundaries and Free Gaza's 4 Possible Scenarios

Any new updates on the Free Gaza situation? Am curious to know what will be said at press conference this morning in Larnaca--
meanwhile:

Bethlehem - Ma'an - A small shipping vessel will set sail for Gaza from Cyprus on 5 August expecting to be illegally detained as it enters Gazan waters.

The waters off the Gaza Strip are patrolled by Israeli naval vessels, and Israel enforces a "Fishing Limit" that is 6 nautical miles (11.1 km) from the Gaza shore. These restrictions on access and borders are enforced despite the 2005 Israeli "disengagement" from the Gaza Strip.

There will be 60 people aboard the "Free Gaza" vessel including a Holocaust survivor a survivor of the Palestinian Nakba, and members of the international Palestinian diaspora.

The crew intends to travel into the Gaza strip, past the international waters boundary, the 1996 Oslo accords boundary (20 nautical miles from the Gaza coast), the 2002 Bertini agreement boundary (12 nautical miles and 22.2 km from the Gaza coast) and the current "Fishing Limit" imposed by the Israeli navy since October 2006.

Legally, the group says there should be no problem passing each of these lines since Israel disengaged from the Gaza strip in 2005 and should no longer its control airspace and territorial waters.

The initiative hopes to draw attention to the continued de facto occupation of Gaza. In an interview with Ma'an on Saturday, a spokesperson for the group in Israel said that the crew expects to be stopped by the Israeli navy shortly after they cross from international waters into Gazan territorial waters, which according to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, extend 12 nautical miles (22.2 km) from an area's shoreline.

While Israel has not signed the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, they did sign the Bertini Agreement in August 2002 with the UN, which stated that Gazan territory extended the full 12 nautical miles from the shore.

In June 2005, Israel unilaterally "disengaged" from Gaza and withdrew all troops to the 1967 borders. In theory, Gazans control the entire Strip, excluding approximately 650 meters along the eastern border which is called a buffer and "no go" zone.

The trip organizers think one of four things will happen to the ship: it may be stopped as it crosses or approaches the barrier marking the international waters boundary, in which case the crew is prepared to stay on board for at least two weeks in protest of the illegal halt of passage. The second possibility envisioned by the organizers is that the ship will be allowed to pass into the area, and will be stopped in the territorial waters. In this eventuality the crew expects to be arrested, and the ship dragged to shore.

A third possibility is that the ship will be sunk by the navy.

The final option is that the ship actually makes it through to the Gaza port near Gaza City in the north of the Strip.

According to Holocaust survivor and crew member Hedy Epstein, in the event that they can get through to Gaza they will "open the port, fish with the fishermen, help in the clinics, and work in the schools."

What Epstein hopes to do on this journey is to "remind the world that we will not stand by and watch 1.5 million people suffer death by starvation and disease."

Coordinator of the Popular Committee Against the Siege, Palestinian Legislative Council member and lawyer Jamal Al-Khudari said that he hopes the arrival of the ship in Gaza will mean an end to the siege. He emphasized that the ship has a right to enter the local waters and Gazans have the right to host their guests without Israeli intervention.

Opening a port in Gaza would allow residents to export agricultural products, and gain control over the goods and material brought into the region. Currently, all crossing points are controlled by Israel and Egypt. The truce between Hamas and Israel was supposed to see the blockade and restriction on essential goods lifted, but food, medical supplies, cement and fuel are still only trickling in.

The ship was invited to Gaza by the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in the Gaza Strip, the Palestinian Medical Relief Society, the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights and the Gaza Community Mental Health Program, and support for the initiative was provided in part from Carter Center in the US and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

If you are media, please email us to reserve a place on the boat or boats; we intend to have satellite capabilities onboard; we will keep you posted on dates and locations.

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Shalom,
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Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement Planning Press Conference on Cyprus

something else to add to the soup:

<http://www.sunherald.com/prnewswire/v-print/story/717401.html>

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Sent: Friday, August 01, 2008 10:29 AM
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Luis G; Hunt, Baxter
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement Planning Press Conference on Cyprus

Kim, Oliver, et. al.:

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Thanks,

Terry

From: [Redacted]
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The Israeli Navy fleet is on high alert.
Vr, Demetries

[Redacted]

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Found this info on Press Conference from http://athens.indymedia.org/front.php3?lang=el&article_id=899289 -- Wendy

899289 </admin3/edit.php?id=899289> Free Gaza Movement: Press Conference in Cyprus
από Ψ 1:45μμ, Παρασκευή 1 Αυγούστου 2008
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Press Conference in Nicosia, Cyprus, August 4
Κατεβάστε το συνημμένο αρχείο: [press_release_cyprus.pdf](local/webcast/uploads/press_release_cyprus.pdf) <local/webcast/uploads/press_release_cyprus.pdf> (application/pdf)
FGM Date : 08-01-2008
For Immediate Release:
Can unarmed seaborne civilians break the siege of Gaza?
A press conference at The Journalists' House, Nicosia
At RIK / CBC Avenue 12, Nicosia
Monday, 4th August, 2008 at 10.00 a.m.
[Camera crews to come early, please, for set up]
Inaugurating The Free Gaza Movement Sailing to Gaza
DESTINATION: GAZA PORT

In August, unarmed Palestinians, Israelis and internationals will sail directly to Gaza without going through Israeli territory or seeking permission from Israeli authorities. They include an 81-year-old Catholic nun, an 83-year-old Holocaust survivor, Palestinians from

Gaza, 17 nationalities, four major religions and the international press (including Tony Blair's journalist sister-in-law, Lauren Booth). On Monday, August 4, 2008, the Free Gaza Movement publicly introduces its international team that will take volunteers from Cyprus to Gaza in popular solidarity with Palestinian human rights. From that day, any attempt to damage the project will be considered an act of aggression against a nonviolent international human rights mission.

Media places on the boat are taken. Since there are many journalists on a short list, we suggest journalists work together to find a separate press vessel, and we are prepared to help network those interested.

At the press conference in Nicosia (see above address and scheduled time), participants will be available for individual interviews. For more information go to www.freegaza.org <<http://www.freegaza.org>> where the actual voyage can be watched in real time, by video streaming from the satellite broadcasting on board. Since this [non-violent/entirely peaceful] voyage is being funded by private donation, Free Gaza Movement welcomes donations online at its website.

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Cc: Rogan, Thomas G; Sorensen, Jay M; Grantham, Chris W; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Zuckerman, Eve; Freitus, Christopher; DeLeon, Maria J; [redacted] Mendel, Teresa S; Hadley, Warren X; [redacted] Goldberger, Thomas H; [redacted] Greene, Elisa; Davis, Jeannette E; Zahner, Luke V; Reidhead, Van E; Vrooman, Peter; Tuttle, Stewart D; Rosenstock, Matthew S; Moreno, Luis G; Hunt, Baxter
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement Planning Press Conference on Cyprus

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Randy,

We hadn't heard anything regarding this. Kyriacos will look into it and see if we can find out more information.

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Sent: Friday, August 01, 2008 3:21 PM
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Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement Planning Press Conference on Cyprus

Randy,

Many thanks for the heads-up.

Terry

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Sent: Friday, August 01, 2008 8:07 AM
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Subject: Free Gaza Movement Planning Press Conference on Cyprus

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Folks,

[redacted] of the Free Gaza Movement phoned Consular Section Nicosia a few minutes ago asking to come to the Embassy on Monday to register as a visitor. She said she could not come to the Embassy during the morning because the Free Gaza Movement was planning to hold a press conference then. She did not provide details about the location or specific time of the press event.

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John, Do your folks have any information about the Free Gaza press conference on Monday?

Randy

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Carlino, John RRELEASED IN PART B3
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From: Hankins, Sarah E
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2008 4:06 PM
To: Carlino, John R; Netos, Eleftherios E; Zareski, Karen B; Sorensen, Jay M; Cherry, Elizabeth H; Goodman, Ilan A; Ciaccia, Sarah J; Susak, Ivan
Cc: Richter, Kim B; Kinder, John O; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Zuckerman, Eve; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Sherlock, Shawn H; Rhatigan, John V; Davis, Jeannette E; Zahner, Luke V; Weinfeld, Nili I; Holmstrom, Todd C; [redacted] Goldberger, Thomas H; Schlereth, Frank G; Cohen, Jonathan R
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Boats Arrive Cyprus

B3 DOD-PII

1. Israel To Treat Gaza Peace Boats 'like Pirates'

By Carolynne Wheeler

In *The Telegraph* (United Kingdom)

August 19, 2008

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/israel/2579827/Israel-to-treat-Gaza-peace-boats>
REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior
Reviewer

The SS Free Gaza and the SS Liberty, which are sailing from Crete to Cyprus and then on to Gaza after being delayed by a storm, will carry about 40 protesters campaigning against Israel's economic sanctions on the Palestinian territory, including an 84-year-old Holocaust survivor and Lauren Booth, sister-in-law of Tony Blair, who is the international special envoy to the Middle East.

The boats, which will also carry a cargo of balloons, musical instruments and thousands of hearing aids, are expected to approach Gaza early next week.

The territory's land borders have been closed to all but essential humanitarian aid for more than a year, plunging it into deep poverty, and the tiny strip of land is rarely visited by foreign dignitaries. An attempt by Mr Blair last month was aborted at the last minute due to security concerns.

Israeli officials are thought to see the protesters' efforts as a dangerous precedent. The foreign ministry sent a letter advising organisers that Gaza coastal waters are subject to a no-go warning from the Israeli navy and that any attempt to approach would be interpreted as assistance to a terrorist regime.

They have offered help in delivering humanitarian aid via land borders instead.

"From my point of view this is some kind of pirate ship," said Shlomo Dror, a defence ministry spokesman.

"You can demonstrate, that's OK with us. But you are not allowed to break international law."

Gaza has been subject to heavy economic sanctions since the Islamist militant group Hamas violently wrested control there in June 2007. Hamas has refused international demands to recognise Israel and renounce violence.

Though shipments have increased under the terms of a ceasefire with Israel, shortages of many basic goods continue and a United Nations report last month found Gaza now has the world's highest unemployment rate, at 45 per cent.

Organisers from the Free Gaza movement, who raised £150,000 for their mission to challenge the blockade, maintain Israel has no right to stop the boats. But they acknowledge they are likely to be intercepted by the Israeli navy and detained, and have already contacted consular officials and lawyers in Israel.

Defence officials say unauthorised vessels would normally be escorted to official seaports at Ashdod or Haifa.

"We hope that the Israeli government will have some wisdom. To drag us in and arrest us and say somehow we are a danger is absurd," said, Greta Berlin, one of the organisers who is in Cyprus, where the boats are expected to dock before continuing to Gaza over the weekend.

"Of course we're going to make a point. Gaza has the right to have its own seashore ... We intend to break the siege."

Under the 1993 Oslo Accords, Israel retained military control of Gaza's territorial waters but agreed to allow fishing boats within 20

nautical miles. Today fishing is permitted only within about three nautical miles and boats that venture further risk Israeli fire.

The highly controversial journey, announced earlier this summer, has already been delayed several times because of bad weather. Participants, including Ms Booth, say they have received death threats for their efforts.

"An anonymous young man called my home in France as my daughters played hide-and-seek in the garden," Ms Booth wrote on her blog.

"This stranger spoke to my husband, warning him that 'your wife is in great danger. These ships will be blown up.' My husband asked how it was this person had obtained our private home number.

"No response was forthcoming but the illicit threats carried on."

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Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2008 2:25 AM
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Cc: Richter, Kim B; Kinder, John O; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Zuckerman, Eve; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Sherlock, Shawn H; Rhatigan, John V; Davis, Jeannette E; Zahner, Luke V; Weinfeld, Nili I; Holmstrom, Todd C; Grimes, Demetries A; Goldberger, Thomas H; [REDACTED]; Cohen, Jonathan R
Subject: Free Gaza Boats Arrive Cyprus

B3 DOD-PII

The two Free Gaza boats arrived at the main port in Larnaca this morning.

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Subject: Greek Cypriot Press on Free Gaza Movement

Two Greek Cypriot dailies carried short articles on August 19 about the Free Gaza Movement. Summaries are attached.

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Thanks,
Randy

From: Cohen, Jonathan R
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2008 10:50 AM
To: Carino, John R
Subject: RE: Free Gaza group considering taking out scholars

Thanks – the Amb asked that we make sure to inform the Cypriot authorities that some of the Fulbrighters who have US visas have had them revoked and that those folks would not be admitted to the US...notwithstanding the latest report that none of them are travelling on the boats.

Please inform the appropriate people.

Many thanks,
Jonathan

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

From: Carino, John R
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 4:44 PM
To: Cohen, Jonathan R
Subject: FW: Free Gaza group considering taking out scholars

From: Rogan, Thomas G
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 3:46 PM
To: Carino, John R; Rhatigan, John V; Macris, Gregory P
Cc: Netos, Eleftherios E
Subject: FW: Free Gaza group considering taking out scholars

FYI for Cyprus folks. Will include you in future mailings. Sorry for the oversight -- I've lost track of who all the addressees are.

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From: Schweitzer-Bluhm, Micaela A
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 2:44 PM
To: Rogan, Thomas G; Netos, Eleftherios E; Richter, Kim B; Hankins, Sarah E; Davis, Jeannette E; Zahner, Luke V; Sorensen, Jay M; Walles, Jacob
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[redacted] Goldberger, Thomas H; [redacted] Cohen, Jonathan R; Dilworth, Alison E; Hermann, Richard C; Marchese, Gregory M; Lapenn, Jessica; Grantham, Chris W; Operations Center; Smith, Angie C; Holmstrom, Todd C; Cretz, Gene A; Goldberger, Thomas H; Baskey, Alistair C
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- 2) She is not aware that any of the would-be scholars are bound for America, and she does not know any of their names.
- 3) The Cypriot authorities have told the group that any such scholars would be allowed to enter Cyprus and transit on to their destinations abroad, provided that upon arrival they can show they have the necessary visas or permission from the countries they are bound for.
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I told her:

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- 2) There may be individuals in Gaza who have U.S. visas in their passports which have subsequently been revoked. The consulate general has notified all such individuals of their revocations, but in certain cases was not able to physically cancel the visas. Therefore they should be sure to ask any potential departees who show apparently valid U.S. visas whether they have been notified the visas were revoked. Such people would not be allowed to enter the U.S.
- 3) If the group assists anyone in departing Gaza who is not able to travel on to a third country, such people would be stranded outside Gaza, which would be a large problem for those individuals and for the Free Gaza people who assisted them in departing.
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From: Rogan, Thomas G
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2008 12:49 PM
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From: [redacted] B3 DOD-PII
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2008 12:45 PM
To: [redacted] B3 DOD-PII
Cc: [redacted] B6
Subject: RE: [redacted] B3 DOD-FGI

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No mention of any other non-Fulbright U.S. grantees aboard.



MAAN NEWS AGENCY**Free Gaza boats to leave on Thursday, vowing to challenge Israeli blockade again**

Date: 27 / 08 / 2008 Time: 18:15

Gaza – Ma'an – The siege-breaking ships that arrived in Gaza on Saturday will depart for Cyprus tomorrow, but has vowed to return quickly to challenge the Israeli blockade again.

"We have made all arrangements for the activists, and they chose to leave us tomorrow at 9am heading to Cyprus," said Jamal Al-Khudari, the head of the Popular Committee Against the Siege, during a press conference in Gaza City.

The international human rights advocates plan to bring with them 12 to 14 Palestinians who have been denied exit permits by Israel, including students with valid visas or dual citizenship, who have been accepted to universities abroad. They will also bring one Palestinian professor who will return to teaching in Europe and a Palestinian woman who will be reunited with her husband.

The 44 activists have spent the last three days bearing witness to the effects of the Israeli siege on the Gaza Strip, visiting hospitals, private homes and refugee camps, and meeting with Palestinian officials. Several of the activists plan to stay in Gaza in order to monitor the human rights situation.

On Monday the boats accompanied Gazan fishing vessels 13km off shore, passing a 6-mile limit usually enforced by the Israeli military.

The group's two boats, the Free Gaza and the Liberty, landed in Gaza after the Israeli government decided that a high-seas standoff would be bad public relations. The Israeli military has blockaded the Gaza Strip by land, sea and air since June 2007, trapping 1.5 million Palestinians inside and causing shortages of vital goods.

As they do not plan to enter Israel's territorial waters, the activists say they do not expect any interference from the Israeli Navy on their return voyage.

Dr. Vaggelis Pissias, one of the organizers of the Free Gaza Movement, said, "We do not accept that Israel can stop these boats. Palestinians have the same rights as all other peoples. Why is it that the only people in the Mediterranean without access to their own waters are the Palestinians?"

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Carlino, John R

From: Moreno, Luis G
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2009 1:24 PM
To: Carlino, John R
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement -- [redacted]

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Thanks, I appreciate it, you guys and everyone else were really outstanding. The thing is that the Secretary took a personal interest in this and was calling Ops at one point, every ten minutes.

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From: Carlino, John R
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2009 1:13 PM
To: Moreno, Luis G
Cc: Parker, Andrew C
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement -- [redacted]

You have no argument from me on that. As a consular officer, I'm amazed at the time and effort your consular and other folks devoted to those four Americans.

Randy

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Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2009 12:46 PM
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Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement -- [redacted]

Not only followed, lots of folks simply worked their tails off!

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From: Carlino, John R
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To: Greene, Elisa; Marwaha, Brianne C; Sorensen, Jay M; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Zahner, Luke V; Hankins, Sarah E; Zuckerman, Eve; Stott, Erinn C; Vincent, Wendy M; Sievers, Marc J; Parker, Andrew C
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Subject: Free Gaza Movement -- [redacted]

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[redacted] came to Consular Section Nicosia this morning to apply for a new U.S. passport in the name of [redacted]. As evidence that she is entitled to use that name, she presented her Israeli passport, Washington, DC driver license, Aetna insurance card, and several credit cards. She said she wants her U.S. passport to reflect the same name as all her other documents. I canceled her current PPT, which was issued on May 28, 2003 and was valid until 27 May 2013.

When I told her that her new passport would be ready in about ten days and asked if she planned to stay on Cyprus that long, she said probably not, that she travels on and off the island frequently and will use her Israeli passport until the U.S. passport is ready.

She seemed surprised and pleased when I mentioned that we had followed closely the most recent Free Gaza sailing because we were concerned about the safety of the Americans.

[redacted] was in our waiting room with [redacted] but I did not talk to him.

Randy

Telegram

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DEPT FOR CA/OCS/ACS and NEA/IPA

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SUBJECT: FREE GAZA--AMCITS RELEASED FROM ISRAELI DETENTION CENTERS

REF: A) TEL AVIV 1405 B) TEL AVIV 1423 C) TEL AVIV 1421 D) TEL AVIV
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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: One week after their detention (as described in Reftel G), all four Amcits on board the Free Gaza boat "Spirit of Humanity" have been released from Israeli immigration detention. The first one, a dual Israeli-American national, was freed a day after her arrest. The remaining three were finally allowed to board flights to the United States on July 7th. Post monitored this case closely, day and night, throughout the week-long detention and visited the three detained Amcits four times. END SUMMARY.

2. Since June 30th, the MOI had been detaining three Amcits who were on board the Free Gaza boat "Spirit of Humanity" when it was escorted by the Israeli Navy to Ashdod port: [redacted]

[redacted] (see Reftel G for more details). [redacted] spent a week transferring several times between the Ben Gurion Airport Immigration Detention Facility and the Givon Immigration Detention Facility, in Ramle (which is just south of Ben Gurion Airport).

3. ACS staff visited the Amcits a total of four times during their week-long detention: on July 2 and 3 at Givon, and on July 1 and 5 at Ben Gurion. On the final July 5 visit, [redacted] and [redacted] expressed pleasure at the prospect of returning home and thanked our ACS staff for their assistance during the week. All were in good health and spirits. [Note: Conditions in the detention centers were basic but good, with adequate food, access to showers and opportunities to spend time in the courtyard.] They reported that, with the exception of [redacted] folder containing some personal papers, their personal items had been returned to them. [redacted] requested that, if feasible, Post try to have the folder returned to her.

4. On the evening of July 5, the GOI's Immigration Liaison for Foreign Missions at the MOI, Shirlee Rayssin-Sasson, informed Post that the Amcits would be voluntarily deported the next day.

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However, the three departures planned for July 6 were delayed for ill-known reasons. Eventually, [redacted] was deported on July 6 at 16:00 via El Al flight LY 011 to New York, arriving at midnight local time. [redacted] were deported on July 7 at 01:00, via El Al flight LY001 to New York, arriving at 06:00 local time that same day.

The GOI confirms that [redacted] have been "expelled" from Israel and will not be allowed to re-enter for ten years. If any one of them wants to travel to Israel during the next ten years, they will need to seek the assistance of an Israeli attorney, who would then file an appeal on their behalf. If they were to attempt to re-enter Israel or Gaza via sea with the Free Gaza Movement again, they will be detained and expelled again.

[redacted] whose wife is the dual Israeli-American national who was released after one day, mentioned to ACS staff on July 5 that he plans to return in four weeks, after Free Gaza obtains another boat. He did not know either the planned sailing date or the country of departure.

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DEPT FOR CA/OCS/ACS and NEA/IPA

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TAGS: CASC, PHUM, MOPS, EWWT, KWBG, IS
SUBJECT: FREE GAZA--AMCITS STILL DETAINED IN ISRAELREF: A) TEL AVIV 1405 B) TEL AVIV 1423 C) TEL AVIV 1421 D) TEL AVIV
1424 E) TEL AVIV 1425 F) TEL AVIV 1426

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: More than 36 hours after their arrest, three of the four Amcits who were on board the Free Gaza boat "Spirit of Humanity" remain in immigration detention. The fourth, a dual American-Israeli national, was freed less than a day later. Post continues to closely monitor the case and will visit the detained Amcits this afternoon. END SUMMARY.

2. In Larnaca on June 29, 2009 twenty-one human rights activists from eleven different countries boarded the Free Gaza boat "Spirit of Humanity," which was carrying medical and other supplies for Gazans. Of the twenty-one activists, four were Amcits. Cypriot officials allowed the "Spirit of Humanity" to depart Larnaca that day based upon its stated destination, Port Said, Egypt. The second boat the Free Gaza group had planned to use was not permitted to depart.

3. On June 30, 2009, the Israeli Navy intercepted, seized and escorted the boat to, and detained the passengers and crew at an Ashdod port facility. At 21:00 June 30th, Post's duty officer attempted to, and was denied, access to the four Amcits. About 22:30, the Israeli Navy turned three of the Amcits [redacted] over to the Ministry of the Interior (MOI); the Navy held onto the fourth Amcit, [redacted] who is the spouse of [redacted] and an Israeli. The Navy later notified post that [redacted] had been held at Ashdod until noon on July 1; at that time she was released and dropped off at the Ashdod central bus station.

4. The MOI continued to detain the other three Amcits. Before they were transferred to Ben Gurion's immigration detention facility, they, along with the other Free Gaza passengers and crew, underwent a "short process" at the immigration and deportation main office in Holon, which is between QQ01 him that they had been able to have something to eat and drink and that they were being treated well. During their visit with the duty officer, each one of them signed a Privacy Act Waiver (PAW), details of which are in reftels A-C.

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The duty officer spoke to [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] for about 15 minutes. When informed of the secretary's and the Ambassador's personal interest in her welfare, [redacted] appeared to be gratified. She relayed to the duty officer that some personal papers in a folder had been removed from her baggage and requested post's assistance in securing their return. The duty officer then individually spoke with [redacted] for [redacted] minutes. [redacted] expressed his concern about his digital video and photography equipment and his Mac laptop, which he said had been confiscated by the Israeli Navy. Post's Naval Attache is currently looking into the fate of the two Amcits' personal belongings and the boat's cargo of medical and other supplies intended for Gazans.

From 14:00 to 16:30 July 1, an ACS officer was able to visit [redacted] at Ben Gurion Airport's immigration detention facility; both were in good health and spirits. The third Amcit, [redacted] was not available for a visit at this time. During ACS officer's visit, the detainees had been in the process of being moved to the Givon immigration detention facility in nearby Ramle (south of the airport). Between 17:00 and 19:00 that day, [redacted] [redacted] were moved to the Givon immigration detention facility. [redacted] Arshaw's whereabouts were unknown at this time. At 21:00, ACS reached Israel Prison Authority officials, who confirmed that all three Amcits were at Givon.

On the morning of July 2, Post spoke with the GOI's Immigration Liaison for Foreign Missions at the MOI, Shirlee Rayssin-Sasson, for an update on the status of [redacted]. Rayssin-Sasson stated that all three had refused to sign the deportation agreement and that because of their refusals, the GOI is unable to deport them from Israel for three days.

NOTE: According to GOI regulations, a person cannot be deported for three days unless they voluntarily agree. The hitch is that a deportation entails a ten-year ban on entering Israel in the absence of a special waiver. If, at any time during the three-day period, a person decides to sign the deportation agreement, s/he can then be deported immediately.]

Also on July 2, Post spoke with the Amcits' Israeli attorney, [redacted] Lasky. Lasky is attempting to broker an agreement with the GOI that would enable the Amcits to agree to deportation. In addition, they are insisting that their personal belongings be returned and that they fly directly to Cyprus at GOI expense. Post also touched base with [redacted]'s parents and [redacted] who said he was [redacted]. Post was unable to reach [redacted]'s husband, [redacted] and left several messages. [redacted] as far as we know, has not yet been in touch with his wife, who was released yesterday.

Concerned about the manner in which [redacted] was released-by being copped off at the Ashdod Central Bus station, Post and ConGen Jerusalem attempted to discern her whereabouts in order to contact her directly. Through ConGen Jerusalem's calls to her friends, it is learned that [redacted] had gone to the West Bank from Ashdod. Yesterday Al-Jazeera interviewed her in Ramallah; she is now trying to rally public and legal support for the remaining Free Gaza detainees. [redacted] remains unreachable since her own cell-phone may have either been confiscated or is not being answered.

Post is to visit [redacted] for a third time this afternoon. Post may also visit them Friday morning, before Shabbat begins. Also this afternoon, Post learned from

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Rayssin-Sasson that unless the three Amcits sign the deportation agreements by 16:00 local time today, they will not be deported until Sunday (due to Shabbat).

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SUBJECT: ARREST, CASE OF [redacted]

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REF: A) TEL AVIV 01421; B) TEL AVIV 001436

1. NAME: [redacted]

2. SEX: Male

3. DPOB: [redacted]

11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deported and banned from re-entering Israel for period of ten years.

24. REMARKS: On 07/07/09, Post confirmed with the GOI that subject departed Israel on 07/06/09, at 16:00 (local time), via El Al Airlines flight 011 to New York, JFK, ETA 24:00. Post considers this case closed.

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SUBJECT: ARREST, CASE OF [REDACTED]

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REF: A) TEL AVIV 001405; B) TEL AVIV 001436

- 1. NAME: [REDACTED]
- 2. SEX: Female
- 3. DPOB: [REDACTED]

11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deported and banned from re-entering Israel for period of ten years.

24. REMARKS: On 07/07/09, Post confirmed with the GOI that subject departed Israel on 07/07/09 at 01:00 Via El Al flight LY001 to New York, JFK, connecting to Boston, MA, at 11:45 via El Al flight LY8122, ETA 12:55. Post considers this case closed.

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AGS: CASC, PHUM, MOPS, EWWT, KWGB, IS [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: ARREST, CASE OF [REDACTED]

INFO: A) TEL AVIV 001425; B) TEL AVIV 001436

NAME: [REDACTED]

SEX: Female

DPOB: [REDACTED]

JUDICIAL STATUS: Deported and banned from re-entering Israel
for period of ten years.

REMARKS: On 07/07/09, Post confirmed with the GOI that subject
departed Israel on 07/07/09 at 01:00 Via El Al flight LY001 to New
York, JFK, connecting to Wash DC, at 10:25 via El Al flight
68139, ETA 11:55. Post considers this case closed.

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Carlino, John R

From: Hanrahan, Richard F
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2008 6:26 PM
To: Carlino, John R
Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R; Rhatigan, John V; Ellickson-Brown, James
Subject: Free Gaza is back

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Advocates for Gaza Challenge Blockade

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By ISABEL KERSHNER
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JERUSALEM — A boatload of international campaigners challenged the Israeli blockade of Hamas-run Gaza on Wednesday and sailed into a small port there, the third such landing in two months.

Among the 27 activists and crew members of the vessel that sailed from Cyprus were Mairead Maguire, a Nobel Peace Prize winner who led a campaign against violence in Northern Ireland; Mustafa Barghouti, an independent Palestinian legislator from the West Bank; two Israeli citizens; and individuals from various countries including Britain, Italy and the United States.

The voyage, as was the last one, was organized under the auspices of the Free Gaza Movement, a Palestinian advocacy group based in El Cerrito, Calif.

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In late August, the first two boats arrived together in Gaza despite Israeli threats to stop them. Israeli Foreign Ministry officials said at the time that there had been a last-minute decision to let the boats through to avoid a public relations debacle, and not to play into the hands of people they described as provocateurs.

This time, too, Israeli officials had stated that the boat would not be allowed to reach Gaza, yet it was allowed to proceed without hindrance.

"It was decided at the highest levels to allow them to enter," said Yigal Palmor, an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman, without explanation.

Hamas, the Islamist group that took control of Gaza in June 2007, is classified as a terrorist organization by Israel, the United States and the European Union. Israel strictly limits the volume and type of goods entering the area by land, though the economic embargo has eased somewhat since a truce took effect in June.

Still, Israel maintains a policy of isolating the area. The authorities denied entry this week to 120 international academics and health professionals who had applied to attend a conference organized by the Gaza Community Mental Health Program, which offers a range of local services and is supported by the World Health Organization and other international bodies. The conference focused on the state of mental health in Gaza in light of the blockade.

The international experts participated by video conference from Ramallah, in the West Bank.

Before dawn on Wednesday, Israeli forces shot dead a Palestinian man in the village of Yamoun, near Jenin, in the northern West Bank. A spokesman for the Israeli military said that the man, Muhammad Abahre, 67, had fired a hunting rifle at a force that was on a routine operation in the area, and that the soldiers had fired back.

Mr. Abahre's son, Taher, told news agencies that his father, a farmer, was guarding his livestock against rustlers in an enclosure just outside the village when he was shot in the dark.

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August 22, 2008

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MEMORANDUM

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior
Reviewer

TO: The Ambassador

THROUGH: DCM - Jonathan Cohen

FROM: Consular - Randy Carlino *RC*

SUBJECT: Free Gaza Movement Deployment from Cyprus

The Free Gaza Movement (FGM) describes itself as "an international nonviolent resistance project to challenge Israel's siege of Gaza." The FGM hopes to "enter Gaza from international waters at the invitation of Palestinian NGOs but without Israeli authorization, thereby recognizing Palestinian control over their own borders." The FGM selected Cyprus as the location from which to launch an attempt to sail to Gaza with "humanitarian supplies" on two wooden fishing boats.

The movement announced that 40 human rights workers from 17 different countries would sail on the two boats, and activists began arriving on Cyprus at the beginning of August. They include at least 14 U.S. citizens, 13 of whom registered at this Embassy. In a meeting with ten U.S. activists on August 4, I emphasized the extremely limited ability of the U.S. government to assist them once they put to sea or were interdicted by Israeli authorities. The activists are aware that a State Department travel warning advises American citizens to avoid all travel to Gaza.

NEA's relevant press guidance reiterates the recommendation that Americans avoid travel to Gaza and makes explicit the FGM's lack of affiliation with the U.S. Government and the absence of a State Department position regarding the movement's message or objectives.

The two FGM boats arrived at the Larnaca port on August 20 and departed for Gaza shortly before 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 22.

Attachments:

- Listing of participating U.S. citizens
- NEA Press Guidance

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Drafter: Randy Carlino, Cons
Cleared: John Rhatigan, PAS

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NEA Press Guidance
Friday, August 15, 2008

Israel-Palestine: Free Gaza Movement

Q: Does the USG support the Free Gaza Movement? Are American citizens involved? What are you doing to ensure their safety?

- The Free Gaza Movement is unaffiliated with the United States government, and the State Department takes no position with regards to its message or objectives.
- We have heard reports that there are American citizens participating in the planned boat trip to Gaza.
- The State Department travel warning strongly recommends that U.S. citizens avoid all travel to the Gaza Strip and urges American citizens there to depart immediately. The State Department has maintained and renewed these warnings since 2003.
- The travel warning notes that the Department of State has limited ability to offer timely consular assistance to U.S. citizens in the Gaza Strip. We stand ready to assist American citizens through any of the services we regularly provide to our citizens abroad.

If asked: **REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer**

- We are not authorized to share additional information about reported American citizen participants, due to Privacy Act issues.

If Pressed: What is the U.S. position on the humanitarian situation in Gaza?

- We have been clear since Hamas's violent seizure of power in Gaza that we will not abandon the innocent Palestinians in Gaza, and will continue to make every effort to address their humanitarian needs.
- In Fiscal Year 2008, the United States Government provided \$57 million in support of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) 2008 Emergency Appeal for the West Bank and Gaza Strip. This emergency funding will support humanitarian assistance for over one million Palestinian refugees in Gaza and over 700,000 in the West Bank

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Background: Two boats carrying approximately 40 activists from 17 countries, including AmCits, are currently docked in Crete. The Free Gaza Movement's website indicates the boats will sail to Larnaca, Cyprus on 8/15 or 8/16, and then proceed to Gaza. The group has stated that it wishes to draw attention to the Israeli "blockade" of

the Gaza Strip. It aims to create a water passage to Gaza for unrestricted international access, according to organizer Paul Larudee, or "show that Gaza is not free" if the Israeli Navy turns them away. We are in touch with the GOI, which has confirmed that the Navy will not allow the boats into Gaza. We are seeking to determine what actions the Israeli authorities will take to prevent access.

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United States Department of State
Bureau of Consular Affairs
Washington, DC 20520

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This information is current as of today, Tue Aug 19 07:29:46 2008.

ISRAEL, THE WEST BANK AND GAZA

March 19, 2008

This Travel Warning is being issued to update information on the general security environment in Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip, and to remind American citizens of threats to themselves and to U.S. interests in those locations. The Department of State urges U.S. citizens to remain mindful of security factors when considering travel to Israel at this time. In addition, the Department of State urges U.S. citizens to defer travel to the West Bank and to avoid all travel to the Gaza Strip. This warning supersedes the Travel Warning issued July 13, 2007.

The Gaza Strip

Areas of conflict shift rapidly and unpredictably in the Gaza Strip and American citizens should avoid all Gaza travel. Those already in the Gaza Strip should depart immediately. This recommendation, which the State Department has maintained since the deadly roadside bombing of a U.S. Embassy convoy in Gaza in October 2003, applies to all Americans, including journalists and aid workers. No official travel is permitted inside the Gaza Strip at this time.

Hamas, a State Department-designated foreign terrorist organization, violently assumed control over Gaza in June 2007, making worse the already dangerous security situation there. The Gaza Strip is wracked by ongoing violence between Israeli security forces and several Palestinian terror groups. In recent months, extremist factions in the Gaza Strip have specifically targeted Palestinian Christian groups. Militants there have abducted Western citizens, and terrorist organizations have threatened attacks against U.S. interests. The American International School in northern Gaza was the target of an attack on April 21, 2007, and again on January 10 and 12, 2008. Hamas and Islamic Jihad (another designated foreign terrorist organization) have intensified the launching of daily rocket attacks against Israeli towns as far north as Ashkelon. The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) are responding to these attacks with military force.

The security environment is very fluid in the vicinity of the Gaza Strip. Rocket and mortar launches into Israel are unpredictable and occur frequently with little or no notice, resulting in a potentially unsafe situation. Gunfire from Gaza into Israel is a danger. On

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January 15, 2008, a Palestinian sniper killed an Ecuadorian kibbutz volunteer working near the Gaza border. As a result, travel in the surrounding area is strongly discouraged. Due to heightened tensions and violence in and near the Gaza Strip, all U.S. Embassy and Consulate General employees are required to provide 24 hours advance notice of any official travel to the city of Sderot, crossing points into Gaza, and any other areas bordering Gaza. Hamas has recently threatened to carry out suicide bombings in the neighboring Israeli towns.

The West Bank

The security environment in the West Bank remains volatile. Violent demonstrations, kidnappings, and shootings are unpredictable and can occur without warning. The Department of State urges Americans to defer travel to the West Bank at this time.

The IDF continues to carry out security operations in the West Bank, including nightly raids to arrest terrorist suspects that sometimes result in gun battles. Israeli security operations can occur at any time, including frequent raids to arrest terrorist suspects that result in shootings, demonstrations and often violent conflict. This heightens the risk of Americans being caught in the middle of potentially dangerous situations. Some Americans and Europeans involved in demonstrations and other such activities in the West Bank have become involved in confrontations with Israeli settlers and the IDF. The State Department recommends that Americans, for their own safety, avoid demonstrations.

All those who pass through the West Bank should exercise particular care when approaching and transiting Israeli military checkpoints. Travelers should be aware that they might encounter delays and difficulties, and might even be denied passage through a checkpoint.

American citizens should be aware that as a consequence of the current limitations on official travel to the West Bank, and the prohibition on travel by U.S. Government employees to the Gaza Strip, the ability of consular staff to offer timely assistance to U.S. citizens in these locations is extremely limited (particularly in the Gaza Strip).

Travel Restrictions for U.S. Government Personnel

American U.S. Government personnel and their dependents are prohibited from traveling to any cities, towns, or settlements in the West Bank, except when they are on mission-essential business or are traveling for other Mission-approved purposes. For limited, personal travel, U.S. government personnel and family members are permitted to travel through the West Bank only by using Routes 1 and 90 to reach the Allenby/King Hussein Bridge or the Dead Sea coast near Ein Gedi and Masada. They are also permitted to travel north on Route 90 from the Allenby/King Hussein Bridge to the Sea of Galilee. Use of these routes is approved for transit only, with stops permitted only at Qumran National Park off Route 90 by the Dead Sea. Each such transit requires prior notification to the Consulate General's security office and must occur during daylight hours. U.S.

Government personnel and family members are permitted both official and personal travel on Route 443 between Modi'in and Jerusalem without prior notification, during daylight hours only.

General Safety and Security

Israeli authorities remain concerned about the continuing threat of terrorist attacks. A March 2008 shooting in Jerusalem and a February 2008 bombing in Dimona are reminders of the precarious security environment. The threat of such attacks is on-going. American citizens are cautioned that a greater danger may exist in the vicinity of restaurants, businesses, and other places associated with U.S. interests and/or located near U.S. official buildings, such as the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv and the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem. Rocket fire from Lebanon into Israel, except for one recent incident, has ceased since the end of military hostilities between Israel and Hizbollah forces in southern Lebanon in the summer of 2006. Although Israel denied any involvement, the killing of a Hizbollah leader in Syria on February 12, 2008, raises the possibility of Hizbollah attacks against Israel.

American citizens are urged to exercise a high degree of caution and common sense when patronizing restaurants, cafes, malls, places of worship, and theaters -- especially during peak hours. Large crowds and public gatherings should be avoided to the extent practicable. American citizens should take into consideration that discos and nightclubs, as well as public buses, trains and their respective terminals are "off-limits" to U.S. Government personnel.

The State Department urges American citizens to remain vigilant while traveling throughout Jerusalem, especially within the commercial and downtown areas of West Jerusalem and the city center. Israeli security services report that they continue to receive information of planned terrorist attacks in and around Jerusalem. Spontaneous or planned protests within the Old City are possible, especially after Friday prayers. Some of these protests have led to violent clashes. The Old City of Jerusalem is off-limits to U.S. Government personnel and their family members after dark during the entire week and between the hours of 11 am and 2 pm on Fridays.

Entry/Exit Difficulties

The Government of Israel considers American citizens who also hold Israeli citizenship or have a claim to such dual nationality to be Israeli citizens for immigration and other legal purposes. For example, an American citizen child of an Israeli parent will be considered an Israeli citizen by Israeli immigration officials and Israeli law will apply to the child's travel to, and departure from, Israel.

American citizens whom Israeli authorities judge (based on their name or other indicators) may be of Palestinian origin are likely to face additional, and often time consuming, questioning by immigration and border authorities. If judged to have, or judged to have a claim to, residency status in the West Bank or Gaza, such American



citizens may be required by the Government of Israel to use a Palestinian Authority travel document to transit Israel to enter the West Bank or Gaza. Such a determination could be made for American citizens if they or their immediate family members were born in the West Bank or Gaza, currently reside there, or lived there for any appreciable amount of time.

American citizens who hold a Palestinian Authority ID, as well as persons judged by the Israeli authorities to have claim to a Palestinian Authority ID, are subject to Israeli law and regulations that apply to residents of the West Bank and Gaza, regardless of the fact that they hold U.S. citizenship. A Palestinian ID number might be active or inactive. If active, the Government of Israel may stamp the Palestinian Identification Number in the U.S. passport, and the American citizen may be required to obtain Palestinian Authority travel documents prior to departing Israel. In addition, American citizens considered to have or to be eligible for a Palestinian Authority ID who entered Israel via Ben Gurion Airport might be required to depart via the Allenby Bridge to Jordan. Upon arrival, such persons should ask Israeli immigration authorities from where they are required to depart.

The United States Government seeks equal treatment for all American citizens regardless of national origin or ethnicity. American citizens who encounter difficulties are encouraged to contact the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv or the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem at the telephone numbers below.

Americans in Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are strongly encouraged to register with the Consular Sections of the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv or the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. U.S. citizens who require emergency services may telephone the Consulate General in Jerusalem at (972) (2) 622-7250 or the Embassy in Tel Aviv at (972) (3) 519-7575.

Current information on travel and security in Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada, or, from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. For additional and more in-depth information about specific aspects of travel to these areas, U.S. citizens should consult: the Country Specific Information for Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza; and the Worldwide Caution. These along with other Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts and Country Specific Information sheets are available on the Department's Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>. Up-to-date information on security conditions can also be accessed at <http://usembassy-israel.org.il> or <http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov>.

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Carlino, John R

From: Sherlock, Shawn H
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2008 8:18 AM
To: Macris, Gregory P; Carlino, John R
Subject: FW: Free Gaza Movement

FYI only - latest forum post from the Free Gaza web page:

From: Nicoletopoulos, Nick
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2008 7:58 AM
To: Sherlock, Shawn H
Subject: Free Gaza Movement

Shawn,

As you are aware I monitor 2 websites with Anti-American and Anti-Israeli content based here in Cyprus. A ship is set to sail from Cyprus with approximately 20-25 peace protesters for Gaza bypassing the Israeli blockade. latest email in the forum:

Threats and Terror from Mossad against the Free Gaza Movement's efforts to break the Zionist blockade by ship

A wave of death threats and terror has just gotten unleashed against the volunteers on the freedom boats named FreeGaza and Liberty. The nature of the threats, the style of delivery and the kind of intelligence needed to make and deliver those threats reveals the murky depths from which they originate: murderers, assassins and torturers who work for Mossad and other, even shadier, Zionist intelligence and "black bag" operation agencies.

Please read the first-hand account below, detailing how activists are receiving threats that the ships "will be blown up".

As expected, the brave and courageous multi-ethnic internationalist volunteer group on the ships is not giving up; death threats are the best confirmation for activists that we're doing the right thing.

I'm happy to see that the Cyprus IndyMedia Collective has been included in the list of endorsers, joining the ranks of many organizations and individual Palestinian, Israeli and American Jews who act openly against Zionist Apartheid, together with prominent politicians and globally known groups who all support the Free Gaza boat journey to break the blockade. I'd like to ask that we all consider asking officially all of the various groups and organizations we work with to send statements of support to the Free Gaza movement - especially in this moment, when dark and murderous forces assemble to terrorize the volunteers, it's important to show our support in every way possible.

Please have a look at the list of supporters, here:
<http://freegaza.org/index.php?language=EN&module=endorsers>

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For updates and more information on the campaign, here:

<http://freegaza.org/>

Please send statements of support and solidarity, money, or other forms of support (material, legal, medical, etc) to:

friendsofgaza@gmail.com

and

angela@icahd.org

I've included some more contact information and a link to some political concerns at the bottom, after the story by Lauren Booth below.

Thanks,

Petros

from the Belly of the Beast

[http://petros- evdokas.cyprus- org.net/Another- sort-of-Introduc tion.html](http://petros-evdokas.cyprus- org.net/Another- sort-of-Introduc tion.html)

On Board Bulletin, from the FreeGaza

by Lauren Booth

Date : 08-15-2008

(Friday 15th August) Today I was intending to write about about practical developments, here in the waters around the Greek islands. Of setting sail again, of bumpy seas and equally churning stomachs.

However, the subject of today's bulletin has changed to that of, psychological terrorism. Over the the past 72 hours almost a dozen aggressive messages have been received by members of the groups both on board the ships and in Cyprus. In Nicosia where twenty human rights campaigners including Hedy Epstein await to board the Freegaza and the Liberty, anonymous callers have been making threats to the general well being of all concerned.

Some of these texts, calls and answer messages focus on the ships being 'blown up' or 'detroyed killing all on board.' Unnerving enough. But today I can reveal even more pernicious acts of psychological violence on those both reporting and supporting this effort to ease the blockade of Gaza by Israel.

Since Monday, some Palestinian campaigners, (who I will not name here for obvious reasons), have received phone calls made to their mobiles. In an increasing number of cases these threats are being made to family members of the crew who live in the occupied territories. Imagine for a moment hearing a relative report being told 'you will see your uncle soon if xxx continues this action' named uncle having been shot dead by the IDF.

Now, it is my turn. Yesterday afternoon, on the 14th of August 2008, an anonymous young man called my home in France as my daughters played

hide and seek in the garden . This stranger spoke to my husband, warning him that 'your wife is in great danger. These ships will be blown up.' My husband asked how it was this person had obtained our private home number. No response was forthcoming, but the illicit threats carried on.

Who is behind these phone calls? Who benefits by upsetting the families of those onboard the Freegaza and the Liberty? Who would wish to unsettle journalists aboard as unarmed ships set sail towards the waters around Gaza and almost certain interception by Israeli forces? You decide.

I will carry on reporting from the waters around Greece, Cyprus and who knows some day soon, even Gaza.
My husband will carry on recording these malicious calls to my home in France.

A special congratulations and best wishes to Hedy who turns 84 today, many happy returns to a fabulous, human being.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Silence is the bullies' best friend.

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From:
http://freegaza.org/index.php?module=latest_news&id=a46443386513a474174163eeabfd0a63&offset=

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Some concerns and critique:
Can unarmed seaborne civilians break the siege of Gaza?
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kalimerhab_a_HellenoTurkish_Community/message/1845

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"Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it."

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IACOVOU SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SOLUTION WITHOUT THE RETURN OF MORPHOU

Presidential adviser Yiorgos Iacovou said that there are two issues he has to discuss with Talat's advisor Ozdil Nami this week: the first one has to do with the opening of the Limnitis Crossing and the second one has to do with the procedure the two leaders will follow during the direct negotiations. Iacovou told CyBC that the two leaders will begin the negotiations by taking up the issue of governance and power sharing, and noted that the T/C side wants a presidential council with a rotating presidency shared by all members. (Under the Annan plan there were 6 members: 4 G/Cs and 2 T/Cs. The T/Cs want now 9 members: 5 G/Cs and 4 T/Cs). Iacovou added that there would be no a solution without the return of Morphou.

CHRISTOFIAS AND TALAT WILL ADDRESS PACE

President Christofias and T/C leader, Mehmet Ali Talat, will address the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. Christofias will address PACE on September 30, while Talat will address the assembly on October 1.

CYPRUS HIGH JUMPER CRITICIZED THE CYPRUS OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

ALL PAPERS report on the complaints made by Cypriot high jumper Kyriacos Ioannou after he was eliminated during the semi-final stage at the Olympic Games. He said that, because he was injured, he had requested that he be allowed to bring a specific chiropractor with him that was familiar with his injury. Although Ioannou was willing to pay for this chiropractor, his request was not accepted by the Cypriot Olympic Committee. Ioannou pointed out that he needed medical treatment and had to beg the Greek Olympic team for help during the games.

"FREE GAZA" BOATS HAVE LEFT CRETE FOR CYPRUS

PHILELEFTHEROS (Petros Theocharides) writes that the SS "Freedom" and "Free Gaza," which will carry activists to Gaza, have left Crete for Cyprus. The boats will stop on the way to Cyprus at the island of Rhodes. According to Israeli newspapers, the Israeli navy has been ordered to intervene and escort the boats

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into Israeli territorial waters to question the activists. Israel claims that based on the Oslo Accords, it is responsible for Gaza's territorial waters.

ISRAEL CALLED ON ACTIVISTS TO CANCEL THEIR TRIP TO GAZA

CYPRUS MAIL (Stefanos Evripidou) reports that the Israeli Foreign Ministry has called on the 40 "Free Gaza" activists to cancel their trip and let Israel handle all humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip. For their part, the activists claim that they and their family members have received threats and aggressive messages in the last few days warning them that the two boats would be blown up.

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GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS SUMMARY
 UNITED STATES EMBASSY, NICOSIA, CYPRUS
 Tuesday, August 19, 2008

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ACTIVISTS BROKE THE BLOCKADE OF GAZA

On Saturday, the two "Free Gaza" boats with international activists arrived in Gaza. Crowds of cheering Palestinians welcomed them. It was the first time in 41 years that any vessel has made it to Gaza. Earlier in the day, Israel announced that it would allow the activists to enter Gaza "in order to avoid a well-publicized provocation in the middle of the sea." One of the vessels will return to Cyprus tomorrow. There will be 10 Palestinian students on board, each of whom has been admitted to study at a foreign university. In the meantime, one of the activists, Israeli professor Jeff Halper, will try to enter Israel from Gaza through a crossing.

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Carlino, John R

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From: Hanrahan, Richard F
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2008 11:46 AM
To: Carlino, John R
Subject: FW: Contact information for Amcits who remained in Gaza after "Free Gaza" boats departed

FYI

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

From: Dilworth, Alison E
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 8:51 AM
To: Hanrahan, Richard F; Vincent, Wendy M
Subject: RE: Contact information for Amcits who remained in Gaza after "Free Gaza" boats departed

Tks Richard - much appreciated.

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

From: Hanrahan, Richard F
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 3:29 PM
To: Vincent, Wendy M; Dilworth, Alison E
Subject: Contact information for Amcits who remained in Gaza after "Free Gaza" boats departed

Wendy, Alison,

Here is information about the Amcits who remained behind after the "Free Gaza" boats departed.

Cheers,

Richard

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

From: Consular, Nicosia
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 1:39 PM
To: Hanrahan, Richard F
Cc: Carlino, John R
Subject: FW: Your Situation and Plans

Richard - FYI- aa

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

From: jazz cats [mailto:]
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 10:26 PM
To: Consular, Nicosia
Cc: freewatermelon
Subject: Re: Your Situation and Plans

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Hello Randy,
Please see my replies below.

> ----- Forwarded message -----
> From: Consular, Nicosia <consularnicosia@state.gov>
> Date: Tue, Sep 2, 2008 at 12:05 PM
> Subject: Your Situation and Plans

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> To: friendsofgaza@gmail.com

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> For [redacted]

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> [redacted]

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> I tried to phone [redacted] at the number listed on your website for
> him here in Cyprus, but I could not get through. I'm writing on
> behalf of my counterpart at the U.S. Embassy in Cairo. She would like
> to know if you would welcome her attempt to contact the U.S. citizens
> with your group who remain in Gaza and, if so, the best way for her to
> make this contact.

[redacted] is the American citizen in Gaza Strip who has been attempting to leave and
has been denied to leave by the Israeli govt.
and the Egyptian govt. His cell phone is: [redacted]

> Can you let me know how many U.S. citizens remain in Gaza with the
> Free Gaza Movement, who you are, and whether you want to stay there
> for the time being or depart?

[redacted] and myself are the other and only two American citizens still in Gaza
Strip. Both of us are waiting for the FGM (Free Gaza Movement) boat(s) to return to Gaza
Strip so that we can return to Cyprus to catch our flights home. We want to stay here until
the boats arrive.

> I understand from your website that you and [redacted]
> [redacted] elected to remain in Gaza when most other members of
> the group returned to Cyprus. I also have heard that [redacted]
> elected to remain behind. Is this true?

I answered this above, [redacted] had originally remained behind so that he could
accompany a very ill Palestinian woman, [redacted] to enter Israel to go to St. Joseph hospital
for an urgent surgery on her back. The Israelis prohibited both of them from entering Israel.
Since then [redacted] has been trying to exit Gaza Strip through Rafah crossing and the
Egyptian authorities have been denying him entry into Egypt. It is best to contact him for
more details since I have not seen him since he tried leaving through the Erez crossing.

[redacted] and I chose to remain in Gaza Strip and continue our solidarity work with
the Palestinian people along with the other FGM and ISM volunteers.

> I would appreciate any information you could provide. Let me remind
> you, however, that since there is no official U.S. government presence
> in Gaza and since travel there by U.S. officials currently is not
> permitted, our ability to provide American citizens in Gaza timely
> consular assistance is extremely limited. I realize that you already
> know the current State Department Travel Warning for Israel, the West
> Bank and Gaza states, in part: "Areas of conflict shift rapidly and
> unpredictably in the Gaza Strip and American citizens should avoid all
> Gaza travel. Those already in the Gaza Strip should depart
> immediately." Nevertheless, I want to add my personal encouragement
> to you to consider leaving Gaza as soon as possible.

Gaza Strip is a very safe place for us. It is the Israeli soldiers who are dangerous and
threaten our lives and well being and the lives and well being of the Palestinians. All the

Palestinians who see us are VERY happy that we are here and welcome us and invite us in to speak with them and offer us tea and coffee. The State department should encourage the Israeli govt. to end its policy of aggressively attacking Palestinian civilians on the land and on the sea. It is vital that foreigners be here in Gaza Strip and especially American citizens since so much of our tax money goes to Israel to enable them to commit War Crimes, Crimes Against Peace and Crimes Against Humanity on a daily basis on the Palestinian people, a collective punishment that should not be tolerated and should be ended immediately. The area of conflict shifts rapidly because of the invasions of the Israeli armed forces. The State Dept. should strongly admonish the Israeli govt. for these abhorrent policies.

So again I repeat that I am here in Gaza Strip of my own choice and am continuing my volunteer work alongside Palestinians and other volunteers from other nations. [redacted] is here of her own choice too. Neither of us any desire to leave the Gaza Strip through Egypt. We will sail back to Cyprus on FGM boats.

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Regards,

[redacted]

- > Sincerely,
- > Randy Carlino
- > U.S. Consul
- > Embassy Nicosia
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Carlino, John R

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2008 10:39 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: FYI, new Free Gaza trip: Wed Oct 29 Ha'Aretz Article (page 2), See Red Font

Media and the Free Gaza website report the boat arriving safely in Gaza this morning.

[Redacted]

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From: Vincent, Wendy M
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2008 7:37 AM
To: Hankins, Sarah E; [Redacted] rhatigan, John V; Greene, Elisa; Carlino, John R; Richter, Kim B; Kinder, B3 DOD-PII
John O; Zareski, Karen B
Cc: Rogan, Thomas G; Sorensen, Jay M; Grantham, Chris W; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Zuckerman, Eve; Freitas, Christopher; DeLeon, Maria J; [Redacted] Mendel, Teresa S; Hadley, Warren X; [Redacted] Davis, Jeannette E; Zahner, Luke V; Reidhead, Van E; Vrooman, Peter; Tuttle, Stewart D; Hunt, Baxter; Semo, Marjatta M; Foo, Jenny J; Hermann, Richard C; Andrawes, Narguis T; Dilworth, Alison E; Osman, Amany A; Yassa, Magda H; Zaki, Adel Y; Netos, Eleftherios E; Duke, Jon D; 'Sutfin, Nicholas G'; Parker, Andrew C; Holmstrom, Todd C; Potter, Russell H
Subject: RE: FYI, new Free Gaza trip: Wed Oct 29 Ha'Aretz Article (page 2), See Red Font

Israel vows to prevent second protest boat from reaching Gaza shore

By Barak Ravid

Tags: Gaza Strip, protest boat >>

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Israel has decided to prevent an additional group of left-wing activists from reaching Gaza by sea. About 20 passengers, most of them members of the Free Gaza organization, are expected to set sail for the Strip on Wednesday from Cyprus. MK Jamal Zahalka (Balad) will most likely be aboard along with 1976 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mairead Corrigan.

Two months ago, members of the organization sailed from Cyprus to Gaza under the slogan "breaking the blockade." The Prime Minister's Office and Foreign Ministry viewed the move as a provocative propaganda stunt, intended to provoke a confrontation with the IDF. A day before the boat was to arrive at the shores of Gaza, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni and Defense Minister Ehud Barak held a consultation and decided to allow the boat to reach land - and thereby block the activists' plans to create an international incident.

Nevertheless, in discussions held over the past few weeks between the PMO, Foreign Ministry and the IDF, it

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was decided that this time the boat would not be allowed to reach Gaza. "The first time we wanted to prevent a provocation, but if it is to become a routine, then we will have to make it clear we will not allow it," said a senior official in Jerusalem.

Egypt also prevented the sailing of a similar ship a few weeks ago from Alexandria to Gaza.

The Israel Navy will stop the activists' vessel once it reaches Israel's territorial waters, it was decided. If the ship turns around, then the IDF will not use any force. However, if the activists decide to sail on toward Gaza, the IDF will take control of the ship, by force if necessary, and tow it to Ashdod port. The activists will be arrested for illegal entry and will be deported to Cyprus or to their home countries.

The left-wing activists were scheduled to set sail yesterday, but they were delayed by bad weather. If the weather improves, they will leave today.

The ship's passengers are to including a number of journalists, including from international networks such as Al Jazeera.

Shalom,
Wendy Vincent
Deputy Consul General/NIV Chief
US Embassy Tel Aviv
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To: Hankins, Sarah E; [REDACTED] Rhatigan, John V; Greene, Elisa; Carlino, John R; Richter, Kim B; B3 DOD-PII John O; Zareski, Karen B
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Subject: RE: FYI, new Free Gaza trip

AP reports that the boat left Cyprus today. No time given, but based on recent Free Gaza press releases, it should have been around 1500 local.

From: Hankins, Sarah E
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2008 10:35 AM
To: Hankins, Sarah E; [REDACTED] Rhatigan, John V; Greene, Elisa; Carlino, John R; Richter, Kim B; Kinder, John O; Zareski, Karen B
Cc: Rogan, Thomas G; Sorensen, Jay M; Grantham, Chris W; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Zuckerman, Eve; Freitus, Christopher; DeLeon, Maria J; [REDACTED] Mendel, Teresa S; Hadley, Warren X; [REDACTED] Davis, Jeannette E; Zahner, Luke V; Reidhead, Van E; Vrooman, Peter; Tuttle, Stewart D; Hunt, Baxter; Semo, Marjatta M; Foo, Jenny J; Hermann, Richard C; Andrawes, Narguis T; Dilworth, Alison E; Osman, Amany A; Yassa, Magda H; Zaki, Adel Y; Vincent, Wendy M; Netos, Eleftherios E; Duke, Jon D; Sutfin, Nicholas G; Parker, Andrew C; Holmstrom, Todd C
Subject: RE: FYI, new Free Gaza trip

FYI

For Immediate Release Date : 10-26-2008

On Saturday, October 25, 2008, the Free Gaza Movement sent our formal notice to Israel, the Occupying Power in the Gaza Strip, that **we intend to enter the port of Gaza City on October 29**. We expect no interference from the Israeli authorities. Although our message acknowledges Israel's control over Gaza, we do not accept Israel's right to prevent us from sailing into the Gaza Strip. [See attachment for text of the letter].

As part of the message, we invited Aharon Abramovitz, Minister of Foreign Affairs and/or Ehud Barak, Minister of Defense, to join the voyage to witness first hand the devastating effects of Israel's illegal policies on the occupied civilian population of the Gaza Strip (Please leave your weapons at home, we are nonviolent).

Huwaida Arraf, a spokesperson for the Free Gaza Movement said, "Israel is committing war crimes by imposing collective punishment on the 1.5 million people in Gaza. Article 33 of the Fourth Geneva Conventions prohibits their actions. However, since Israel is the Occupying Power and maintains effective control of the area, we have put them on notice that we're coming. Since they grossly abuse their power, we are not asking them for their permission."

Israel continues to exert behind-the-scenes pressure on many of the people who have been assisting the Free Gaza Movement, hoping they can stop the boat before it leaves port. Despite their massive pressure, threats and intimidation last August, Israel ultimately admitted to the world that we were nonviolent and did not constitute any kind of security threat, and our boats sailed safely into the port of Gaza, the first boats filled with Internationals to arrive there in 41 years. Israel is at it again, this time trying to stop us before we leave the port.

"It's ridiculous that Israel is so frightened of us. We are carrying doctors and human rights activists, including Nobel Peace Prize winner Mairead Maguire. We also have medical supplies on board our boat; there is absolutely no reason why they should stand in our way this time either," said organizer Greta Berlin.

Official Notification of Intent to Enter (Attachment sent by email and fax)
October 25, 2008

To: The Israeli Ministry of Defense, Fax: 972-3-697-6717
To: The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Fax 972-2-5303367

From: The Free Gaza Movement

This letter serves as a formal notification to you as the Occupying Power in the Gaza Strip that on October 28, 2008, (weather permitting) we are navigating a vessel from the Port of Larnaca to the port of Gaza City. Our vessel will be flying the flag of Gibraltar, and, as such, falls under the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom.

We will be sailing from Cypriot waters into international waters, then directly into the territorial waters of the Gaza Strip without entering or nearing Israeli territorial waters.

We are carrying 6 cubic meters of urgently needed medical supplies in sealed boxes, cleared by customs at the Larnaca International Airport. There will be a total of 26 passengers and crew on board, among them several physicians. Our boat and cargo will also have received security clearance from the Port Authorities in Cyprus before we depart.

As it will be confirmed that neither we, nor the cargo, nor any of the boat's contents, nor the boat itself constitute any threat to the security of Israel or its armed forces, we do not expect any interference with our voyage by Israel's authorities.

We hereby extend an invitation to Aharon Abramovitz from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Ehud Barak from the Ministry of Defense to join us on board so that they can witness the draconian effects of Israel's policies on the civilian population of the occupied Gaza Strip.

The Steering Committee of the Free Gaza Movement

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From: Hankins, Sarah E

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Subject: FYI, new Free Gaza trip

Sorry to start this whole thing again, but according to the Ma'an news agency, a new Free Gaza boat will sail within one week. Will let you know if we hear anything else. -- Sarah

Bethlehem, 10/22/08 - Ma'an - Within a week, the Free Gaza Movement will once again set sail for the Gaza Strip, according to a statement sent to Ma'an on Wednesday.

The group announced specifics regarding the planned voyage in a press release that set the date, as well: 28 October 2008. The boat will again carry 26 passengers and crew to the port of Gaza, it said.

Among those expected to be onboard are a Nobel Peace Prize winner, five doctors, a member of the Israeli Knesset and a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC).

According to the ship's first mate, Derek Graham, the group has "spent the past month making sure that our boat is better and stronger, because the weather is getting more severe."

"Since we promised the people of Gaza we would return, we wanted to make sure we would return safely," he said in a statement.

Mairead Maguire, who won the 1976 Nobel Peace Prize for her work for peace in Northern Ireland and one of the passengers on board said that the group will "sail to Gaza to show the people we love and care for them."

"What less can we do whilst our governments remain silent and inactive in face of such preventable suffering of the women and children of Gaza and Palestine," Maguire added.

Also expected to set sail is Mustafa Barghouti, a member of the PLC, as well as Jamal Zahalka, a Palestinian member of the Israeli Knesset. Both Palestinians are determined to forge alliances with their countrymen in Gaza, something they have not been able to do "because Israel has closed all land borders to this besieged people," according to the statement.

Those intending to break the siege plan to deliver six cubic meters of medicine, as a gift from the European Campaign to End the on Siege on Gaza.

Dr. Arafat Shoukri, who heads the campaign in Europe, said that the medicine "is just the first consignment of medical supplies we hope to deliver."

"Our choice of medicines has been in response to specific requests from health authorities in Gaza. Many basic items such as cough syrup for children are non-existent in the territory and we are happy to make them available. Our Campaign will also dispatch a number of medical specialists to the Gaza to assist in the worsening humanitarian crisis brought on by the siege," he said.

Another organizer, Greta Berlin, reiterated the goals of the Free Gaza Movement as to include breaking Israel's siege "as often as we can."

"This second trip is just one of many we intend to organize over the next year. We have lawyers, members of Parliament and other professionals already on our passenger lists for upcoming voyages," she said.