(U) DISCUSSION

(U) On 11 July 2010 the first version of AQAPs English-language Inspire Magazine became available on multiple extremist Web sites and forums. A The document is 67 pages long and includes articles on bomb making, what to expect in jihad, as well as a variety of articles and interviews with prominent extremist members including Osama Bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and Anwar al-Awlaki. Despite the variety of topics discussed, the inaugural version of the magazine makes only five references to the maritime domain that indicate knowledge of both significant maritime current events as well as the importance of strategic maritime straits in the region to the US economy.

- (U) In an interview of Shaykh Abu Basir, the head of AQAP, he references the strategic importance of the Arabian Peninsula and asks for Allah to continue to grant them “effective operations against the transgressing Americans.” Furthermore, Abu Basir stated, “Because of the greed of the Americans, they have vital interests in the Arabian Peninsula. The passage ways of commerce pass through its waters and oil is stolen from it. So this place is a vein of life for the Americans.”

- (U) A short news flash section mentions the BP oil spill in the Gulf Coast. The news flash specifically cites the financial losses incurred by BP as well as the inability to contain the leak.

- (U) The magazine makes two references to the Israeli response to the Gaza aid flotilla and the violent actions of Israeli forces aboard the vessel.

- (U) The magazine calls for Muslims to “expel the polytheists from the Arabian Peninsula, by killing all of the crusaders working in embassies or otherwise, and to declare war against the crusaders in the land of the Prophet Muhammad-peace be upon him-on the ground, sea, and air.”

(U) Although only a minimal maritime nexus exists, the release of Inspire Magazine could effectively reach a new audience and prompt homegrown extremists to conduct attacks in the United States; such attacks may potentially include maritime targets. The use of well-written English in addition to quality structure and graphic designs will likely resonate with Westerners who previously were not able to access these types of documents. Furthermore, the involvement of Anwar al-Awlaki lends credibility to the magazine as well as features an American citizen to whom new (or potentially new) recruits could relate.

(UFUO) In addition to reaching an expanded audience, several of the magazine’s articles suggest AQAP may “lower the bar” for attacks and increase support for acts similar to the Fort Hood shooting. The magazine urges Western Muslims to strike fear in Americans and make them question the government’s ability to provide protection.

- (U) Abu Basir advises Muslims in the West that there are many forms of attack outside the AQAP modus operandi that can be deemed a success. “A man with his knife, a man with his gun……by burning down forests and buildings, or by running over them with your cars and trucks.”

A (U) The magazine was first posted on 30 June 2010 by the Al-Malahim Establishment for Media Production; however, the version posted had been corrupted by a virus and subsequently removed or users were advised not to download the copy. The source of the virus is unknown.
ISRAEL - FLOTTILLA INCIDENT:

(U) PIR: 3.3 Geo-Strategic Developments. Coast Guard intelligence components monitor threats to US interests from governmental collapse or regional instability including effects of international naval incidents.

(U) Israeli police questioned, on 01 June, hundreds of international activists arrested aboard Turkish-backed aid ships bound for Gaza in a naval operation that left nine people dead and sparked international outcry. The UN Security Council met in an emergency session to discuss Israel’s storming of the flotilla, with most members of the 15 nation body calling for a thorough investigation. “This is tantamount to banditry and piracy,” Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu told the council. “It is murder conducted by a state.” Most of those who died in the incident were Turks, according to a senior Israeli officer. Some 700 activists were being held in and around Israeli’s port of Ashod. Israeli Internal Security Minister Yitzhak Aharonovich said most detainees would be free to go once they had undergone a process of checks and interrogations lasting about an hour. Exceptions would be those suspected of involvement in violence. They would face prosecution, the minister said (Source: Reuters, Israeli Faces Questions as it Grills Gaza Activists, 31 May 10).
(U) Lebanon: Ship will not Head for Gaza  
PIR: 10.1 Worldwide Event Tracking (U)  
(U) According to open press reporting, a ship carrying female activists and aid will no longer head to Gaza via Cyprus from Lebanon after Cyprus announced it would not allow the vessel to sail from its ports. Female activists had planned to take aid to Palestinians in Gaza aboard their vessel, the M/V MARIAM, which was due to set sail from Lebanon’s northern port of Tripoli for Cyprus on 22 August. Israel has warned Gaza that it will not allow ships to reach Gaza, controlled by the militant Palestinian group Hamas since 2007. Cypriot police stated the arrival and departure of ships to or from Gaza through Cyprus ports was prohibited, prompting the Lebanese transport minister to revoke permission for the ship to sail there. Spokesperson for the MARIAM, Rima Farah, stated the trip was not canceled indefinitely, but that “it was stalled because we face a reality which imposes that.”  
Lebanon does not authorize ships to sail directly to Gaza because it is in a formal state of war with Israel, which controls Gaza waters. Cyprus was used as a launch pad for activists to reach Gaza by sea from 2008 until mid-2009. Authorities issued a ban last year, citing the island’s national interests. Under intense international pressure after its lethal seizure of the Turkish MAVI MARMARA ship in May, Israel eased its blockade on Gaza. Israel says it has the right to use “all necessary means” to bar ships from reaching Gaza.  
Source Document: Reuters, 21 Aug 10, (U) Lebanon Ship will not Head for Gaza on Sunday: Organizers
(U) Venezuela: Chavez Threatens to Break Relations with Colombia

PIR 3.0: High Interest Persons, Groups or Activities – Geo-Strategic Developments (U)

(U) Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez announced on 16 July that he could break relations with Colombia, immediately, after the recent accusations arriving from the government of Colombia about the alleged presence of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia and National Liberation Army guerrilla leaders in Venezuelan territory. “If they continue with their lunacy I will break relations with Colombia and that would make it harder to reestablish relations with the new government” Chavez stated. Speaking directly of President Uribe, Chavez stated “I make a call to Colombian intelligence. He is a mob leader, full of hate. We are on alert and we will not let that hateful president to fault Venezuelan sovereignty.”

Source Document: Caracas el Universal Online, 16 Jul 10

(U) Israel: Gaza Flotilla Organizer Indicates More Convoys to Gaza Land

PIR 3.0: High Interest Persons, Groups or Activities – Geo-Strategic Developments (U)

(U) The Turkish activist organization the Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH) that organized the flotilla of aid ships bound for Gaza in May 2010 announced on 16 July, that the group will continue efforts to bring supplies to Gaza, not only by sea, but “land convoys will head for Gaza” as well. IHH leader Bulent Yildirim, speaking at an Istanbul conference attended by Muslim activists and litigators, said that “more flotillas will head to Gaza in the coming months, and additional convoys by land. This, together with many more surprises that we will reveal soon.” Following the deadly raid on the Turkish ship MAVI MARMARA, Israel decided to ease the conditions off a three-year blockade on Gaza. Israel imposed the siege in 2007 after Hamas took control over the Gaza Strip. Though some restrictions have been lifted, Israel decided to maintain the naval blockade on the territory.

Source Document: Beirut al-Manar TV Online, 17 Jul 10
(U) The US Coast Guard Intelligence Highlights informs the Commandant and his staff of global events, activities, and issues. To create it, the Commandant's Intel Plot screens recent Coast Guard, other agency, and open source reports and analysis against the Commandant's Priority Intelligence Requirements (PIRs). Additionally, Coast Guard intelligence components use this feed to develop products, review other agency dissemination, and initiate requests for information. Analysis and conclusions in this product do not necessarily reflect official positions of the Coast Guard or the Department of Homeland Security. Questions concerning the content should be addressed to the appropriate supporting intelligence staff.

(U) Recent Turkish/Israeli tension stems back to an Israeli Special Forces raid on Gaza Freedom Flotilla participant M/V MAVI MARMARA, the lead vessel in a group six. The ship was part of the Turkish Non-Governmental Organization Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla attempting to reach Gaza and allegedly deliver humanitarian supplies. The issue gained momentum again in 2011 when a leaked copy of a United Nations (UN) report on the assault was published in open press. A UN panel determined the raid was "excessive and unreasonable" but legal and stated Israeli commandos faced "organized and violent resistance from a group of
passengers.” After Israel failed to comply with Turkish demands of apologizing for the incident, Turkey imposed sanctions on Israel and is now preparing to deploy three warships to the Eastern Mediterranean to defend ships carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza.

(U) The Turkish Navy's most capable surface vessels include eight OLIVER PERRY-class frigates, four BARBAROS-class frigates, and six D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES-class corvettes. This complement of vessels combines for a respectable anti-surface, anti-air, and anti-submarine warfare force.
Israel: Taking Charge of Post-Crisis Environment

(PIR 10.4: Piracy and Maritime Crime - Coastal State Response) (U)
(On 07 June, Israeli Defense Force (IDF) Chief of the General Staff Ashkenazi ordered a formal inquiry into the naval raid on the M/V MAVI MARMARA. IDF's probe seeks to derive tactical/operational conclusions from the raid. On 09 June, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu will convene a separate commission to investigate the incident. According to Israeli press, at least one American will be included on the commission. Netanyahu's probe will address circumstances of the flotilla raid, legality of Israel's naval and land blockade of the Gaza Strip, and whether the Navy used proportionate force. Notably, the Iranian Red Crescent Society announced two Iranian aid ships will set sail for Gaza by 11 June. Israel responded that it would not permit an Iranian ship to dock in Gaza. (b)(1) [1.4 (c)] IDF will continue interdictions of vessels which seek to break the blockade of Gaza.

Source Document: Secretary of Defense/Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Intelligence Update, 09 Jun 10 (U) (Israel: Taking Charge of Post-Crisis Environment)
MIDDLE EAST

Israel: "Free Gaza" Flotilla to Provoke Navy"

Source: (U) Intelligence community product, no source data provided.

Summary: (U/MNF) On 25 May, a flotilla of civilian ships will attempt to break the Israeli "blockade" and deliver humanitarian supplies to the Gaza Strip. The Turkish non-governmental organization Humanitarian Aid Foundation is leading the effort. Nine ships carrying approximately 600 passengers and 5,000 tons of supplies are en route. On 11 May, the Israeli Deputy National Security Advisor confirmed the Israeli Naval Force (INF) will intercept the flotilla and direct them to Ashdod port, Israel, "as gently as possible." Several journalists are to travel with the flotilla, as well as citizens from over 24 nations, including France, the United Kingdom and Russia. Egyptian officials are reportedly concerned the flotilla will reroute to Egypt in order to avoid the INF.

(b)(1) [1.4 (c), (d)]
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Sources:
**Malaysia: Counter-Piracy**

PIR 10.4: Piracy and Maritime Crime - Coastal State Response (U)

**Israel: Inquiry Clears Government, Navy In Gaza Raid**

PIR 3.2: High Interest Persons, Groups or Activities - LE Concerns - Organized smuggling, crime, activities, or lack of effective maritime governance (U)

(U) According to the press, an Israeli inquiry cleared the Israeli government and Navy of wrongdoing in the 31 May 2010 seizure of the Turkey-flagged M/V MAVI MARMARA, which resulted in nine deaths. In its 245-page report, the Turkel Commission, an Israeli advisory committee, stated the passengers were at fault for the violence. The Defense Intelligence Agency comments the commission's findings will probably strain Tel Aviv and Ankara rapprochement talks. Turkey is publicly denouncing the findings, while Ankara continues to demand an Israeli apology for the raid and provide compensation for the victims.

Source Document: Chief of Naval Operations, Morning Intelligence Summary, 24 Jan

**Haiti: Cholera Fatality Rate Gradually Declining**

PIR 12.2 Humanitarian Crisis-Disaster Recovery, Response & Relief - Domestic Crisis-Natural Disaster (U)

Non-responsive
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Subject: Special Notice for Local Notices to Mariners (LNM)/NAVcen Website
Attachments: GazaNoticeFinal.docx

Importance: High

Districts:
The attached Special Notice is being issued in response to a request by the National Security Staff. The notice has been cleared through the State Department and CG Legal. Please publish the Special Notice in your next LNM.

NAVcen:
Please add the notice or a link to the NAVcen website.

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Peter:

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ABBREVIATIONS

A through H

ACOE - Army Corps of Engineers
ADRFIT - Buoy Adrift
AICW - Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway
Al - Altering
B - Buoy
BKW - Breakwater
bl - Blast
BNM - Broadcast Notice to Mariner
bu - Blue
C - Canadian
CHAN - Channel
CGD - Coast Guard District
C/O - Cut Off
CONT - Contour
CRK - Creek
CONST - Construction
DBN/Dbn - Daybeacon
DBD/DBD - Dayboard
DEFAC - Defaced
DEST - Destroyed
DISCON - Discontinued
DMGD/DMGD - Damaged
eclipse
EST - Established Aid
ev - every
EVAL - Evaluation
EXT - Extinguished
F - Fixed
fl - flash

I through O

I - Interrupted
ICW - Intracoastal Waterway
IMCH - Improper Characteristic
INL - Inlet
INOP - Not Operating
INT - Intensity
ISL - Islet
ISO - Isophase
kHe - Kilohertz
LAT - Latitude
LB - Lighted Buoy
LBG - Lighted Bell Buoy
LHB - Lighted Horn Buoy
LGB - Lighted Gong Buoy
LONG - Longitude
LNM - Local Notice to Mariners
LT - Light
LT CONT - Light Continuous
LTR - Letter
LWB - Lighted Whistle Buoy
LWP - Left Watching Properly
MHz - Megahertz
MISS/MSNG - Missing
Mo - Morse Code
MSL - Misleading
N/C - Not Charted
NGA - National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
NO/NUM - Number
NOS - National Ocean Service

P through Z

PRIV - Private Aid
Q - Quick
R - Red
RACON - Radar Transponder Beacon
Ra ref - Radar reflector
RBN - Radio Beacon
REBUILT - Aid Rebuilt
RECOVERED - Aid Recovered
RED - Red Buoy
REFL - Reflective
RFL - Range Front Light
RELIGHTED - Aid Relit
RELOC - Relocate
RES - Rear Station
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RIV - River
s - seconds
SEC - Section
SHL - Shoaling
sl - silent
SIG - Signal
SNL - Sound
SPH - Single Point Mooring Buoy
SS - Sound Signal
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STRUCT - Structure
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TEMP - Temporary Aid Change
TMK - Topmark
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

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