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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 6:18 AM
To: Malik, Paul (Athens); Ross, Daniel E (Athens); Bouzis, Evangelia M (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
Subject: For Short Fuse Clearance: Athens Update Summary

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All,

Could you clear this summary?:

(SBU) Key Points:

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- On July 1 the Ministry of Citizen Protection released a notice to Gaza flotilla participants prohibiting the departure of ships with Greek and foreign flags from Greek ports to the maritime area of Gaza.
 - Despite the ban, the American flagged ship "Audacity of Hope" and the Canadian ship "Tahrir" were stopped by the Hellenic Coast Guard as they attempted to leave Greek ports near Piraeus and eastern Crete, respectively.
 - Embassy Athens provided standard consular services to the American citizens involved in the flotilla before and after the "Audacity of Hope" was returned to port. The AmCit captain is the only American facing charges right now.
- The Greek government proposed to assume the transport of humanitarian aid to Gaza, in cooperation with the United Nations.
 - Gaza flotilla organizers have so far not accepted this offer.

Matt/Kate:

Could you clear the attached AU item, per Kate's draft?:

(SBU) Consular Services Provided to AmCit Gaza Flotilla Participants: American Citizens Services Chief spoke with the captain of the "Audacity of Hope" twice over the July 4 weekend and visited him the morning of July 5. He was transferred to a police station near the port, where he could have access to his belongings and be more comfortable. According to the captain, Greek authorities also moved him because of the large call volume to the station crashed the switchboard. ACS chief also spoke on several occasions to the Group's Greek attorney. There are currently no Gaza Flotilla protesters in custody and none were ever arrested. They were taken from in front of the embassy and the Ambassador's residence to the local police station for identification and were then released. They were in the station under two hours. The embassy is receiving a large number of calls and e-mails, asking the USG to put pressure on Greece to allow the flotilla to proceed to Gaza.

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 5:46 AM
To: Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
Subject: RE: Request for Athens Update Item

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Kate – If you can send something quick, we would be grateful. Regards, Dan L.

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From: Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 12:39 PM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: RE: Request for Athens Update Item

Ugg! Sorry Dan. I just saw this. Can you do a late edition? Kate

Kate Brandeis | Athens American Citizen Services | (30) 210-720-2427

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 10:51 AM
To: McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
Subject: Request for Athens Update Item

Matt/Kate – Sorry to bother you at a busy time, but could you do a short one para update on the AmCits involved in the Gaza Flotilla? It would be great to have a recap of all the actions CONS took on their behalf over the weekend and today for Athens Update. We aim to have items ready to send around 12:30 p.m., if possible. Regards, Dan L.

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 4:19 AM
To: Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Subject: RE: Letter from Members of the USA Boat to Gaza

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Leah - Oops. Can you call Charlie and get the original? Thanks, Dan L.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 11:18 AM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: RE: Letter from Members of the USA Boat to Gaza

Dan,

FYI, Bottom line of page one is cut off on the scanned version.

Leah

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-----Original Message-----
From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 11:17 AM
To: Brandeis, Charles D (Athens)
Cc: Martin, Leah A (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Subject: RE: Letter from Members of the USA Boat to Gaza

Charlie - That's ok, we have the scanned version. Regards, Dan L.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Brandeis, Charles D (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 11:12 AM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Cc: Martin, Leah A (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Subject: RE: Letter from Members of the USA Boat to Gaza

You guys want the letter?

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 11:05 AM
To: Brandeis, Charles D (Athens)
Cc: Martin, Leah A (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens)

Subject: RE: Letter from Members of the USA Boat to Gaza

Charlie - Thanks for this. Regards, Dan L.

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

From: Brandeis, Charles D (Athens)

Sent: Sunday, July 03, 2011 6:39 PM

To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens);

Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Hicks, Joseph T (Athens)

Subject: FW: Letter from Members of the USA Boat to Gaza

At 1800 this evening a group of eight people from the Gaza flotilla presented the attached two page letter to the Brinks guard supervisor at the Kokali Street gate. The letter calls for U.S. officials to defend their right to sail out of Greece. The second page states, "The U.S. Consul General in Athens previously confirmed on June 24 that the U.S. Boat to Gaza and its American citizen guests have a right to sail out of Greek waters."

June 24 is that Friday when Kate met with the group and it appears they are now interpreting their meeting accordingly. I'm holding the letter in my office and will provide it to POL on Tuesday morning if interested. Charlie

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

From: Brandeis, Charles D [mailto:BrandeisCD@state.gov]

Sent: Sunday, July 03, 2011 6:28 PM

To: Brandeis, Charles D (Athens)

Subject: Letter from Members of the USA Boat to Gaza

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From: Tanton, Michael T (Athens)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 4:52 AM
To: ATHENS-ALL EMBASSY
Subject: Demonstration Currently Taking Place Outside of Embassy

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All,

Be advised we have closed the main gate to the Vas Sophias Entrance. There are 20-25 protestors outside right now. They are protesting for the free Gaza and free passage of the flotilla. Please use either Dory or Kokkali to enter and exit at this time.

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 9:25 AM
To: Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Subject: FW: Flotilla Update

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FYI. Regards, Dan L.

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From: Jakobson, Nicholas W
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 4:23 PM
To: NEA-IPA-DL; EUR-SE-DL; NEA-Egypt; PM-CPMS; SES-O; Vasquez, Edgar J; Grubb, Jason B; Levin, Jan; Silverman, Robert J; Walles, Jacob; Sutphin, Paul R; Richter, Kim B; Worman, Patrick F; Zurcher, Kenneth M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Masilko, Barbara J (USUN); Marchese, Gregory M; Blome, Donald A; Waters, John R; Pilz, Amanda C; Miller, Walter R; 'Prem_G_Kumar@nss.eop.gov'; 'Melissa.Russell'; Jakobson, Michael N; Bilge, Kerem S; CA-OCS-Duty; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Rodriguez, Hugo F; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Greene, Elisa; George, Leah; Daniels, Cherrie S; Slakey, Monica M; Rudman, Mara; Reed, Julia G; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Bitar, Maher B; Norman, Marc E; Nardi, Margaret H; Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Bass, Warren; Ried, Curtis R (USUN)
Subject: Flotilla Update

Embassy Athens -- Per two Gaza flotilla websites, passengers on the U.S. Boat to Gaza, *The Audacity of Hope* invited Greek and international media to inspect the boat on June 30, 2011 at 3:00 pm in Piraeus, Greece. The passengers note that they were inspected by Greek officials on Monday, June 27, but have not yet received notification of their findings. Gale Courey Toensing, a passenger on the American boat said to the media today, "Our voyage is totally transparent and we have nothing to hide. All we want to do is sail to Gaza with our cargo of letters from Americans to the people of Gaza. We are sulfur-free and ready to sail." Due to vandalism discovered Monday on the propeller of the Swedish-Greek vessel Juliano, flotilla participants have organized guard duty rosters for each ship that is due to sail for Gaza. The Juliano was towed for repairs to a shipyard at another port and should be ready to sail on July 1 pending another assessment by Greek officials. The Canadian ship, which an anonymous complaint also labeled unfit to sail, has been reinspected and received clearance as seaworthy.

JERUSALEM (AP) - Organizers of a Gaza-bound flotilla say Israel has sabotaged a second ship.

An activist told Israel's Army Radio that the engine of an Irish ship was damaged.

Earlier this week, activists said Israel damaged the propeller of a Swedish ship in the Greek port of Piraeus.

Israel has not commented on the allegations.

About 10 ships are due to set sail this week from Greece. It's unclear if the damaged boats will delay things.

Israel imposed a naval blockade after Hamas militants overran the Palestinian territory in 2007.

It says it will not allow the flotilla to reach Gaza.

Last year, an Israeli raid on a similar flotilla killed nine activists on a Turkish vessel. Each side blamed the other for the violence.

ISRAEL RADIO NEWS 8:00 AM Hebrew Report

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* *Flotilla ships*: Organizers of the Gaza flotilla have accused Israel of sabotaging the ships and said that they would guard the ships currently anchored in Greece and Turkey. One organizer said the group erred by not making plans to secure the boats. Members of Ireland's For Gaza organization will hold a press conference in Dublin. Earlier, organizers accused Israel of sabotage against the Swedish ship *Juliano*.

Sabotage and Delay

Yedioth Ahronoth (p. 6) by Menahem Gantz (Athens) – Did Israel sabotage one of the flotilla ships currently docked in a Turkish port? Last night there were reports that the Irish ship *Saoirse* is not seaworthy and will not be able to set sail in the coming days. A variety of sources told *Yedioth Ahronoth* that "without question this was sabotage, serious sabotage that was committed in Turkey's territorial waters."

Members of the group that was supposed to set sail from the Turkish port checked the ship carefully, eventually confirming their suspicion that the incident was deliberate sabotage. It is not clear what the exact nature of the mishap was, but sources said yesterday that it was serious enough to prevent the Irish ship from taking part in the flotilla. Twenty-two people were scheduled to sail on the *Saoirse*.

Flotilla spokespeople refused to confirm or deny the reports, but at the beginning of the week they pointed an accusing finger at Israel, claiming that "highly trained professionals" had attacked the boats in order to prevent the flotilla from getting under way. This followed a report on Monday that the propellers on the Swedish-owned vessel *Juliano* had been mysteriously sabotaged while anchored in Athens.

"The longer we are held up Israel believes it will be able to dampen our motivation and our spirit, but they are mistaken," said Thomas Sommer-Houdeville, the French spokesman for the flotilla and one of the senior members of the International flotilla to Gaza. "There are several parliamentarians here, from several European capitals, journalists and activists, and not one of them will back down. I hope that we'll set sail soon." But as much as Thomas and his colleagues may hope, it is unlikely the flotilla will set sail this week. It will likely be pushed off to next week.

Apart from the mysterious mishaps on the ships, the flotilla has encountered other difficulties as well. The general strike and riots in the streets of Athens, as well as other legal and administrative problems, have pushed the flotilla off. In the meanwhile activists continue to hold meetings and other gatherings, mainly in order to interest the media and to keep activists primed for a clash with IDF soldiers before they lose interest and abandon the ships.

Thomas invites me to tour the *Louise Michel*, named for the French revolutionary, a legendary figure for the French left wing. "The IDF says there are chemical agents here. You're welcome to look for them," he said before introducing me to the captain and crew members. Although the Israeli claim referred to the French ship *Dignity*, there is no question that the presence of an Israeli journalist could serve the propaganda agenda for flotilla organizers. [Several French journalists] were invited to record and report on the Israeli visiting the peace-lovers' ship and seeing for himself that there were no weapons on board.

The flotilla to Gaza was thought up by more than one person, but it is questionable whether it would have come to pass in its current format, or the format it used last year, without the involvement of Swedish-Israeli Dror Feiler (60). After the last flotilla Feiler was banned from entering Israel for 10 years. "I'm not a religious man so I can't identify with the concept of *shahid*, but I am certainly prepared to sacrifice myself for the values I believe in," Feiler said yesterday. He was with his 88-year-old mother, Pnina, who travelled from Israel to accompany her son on the flotilla.

The elder Feiler did not flinch when she heard her son say was prepared to give his life for the Palestinian people. "[In Hebrew] we call this 'sanctifying God's name.' This is exactly the same thing," said Feiler, who was born in Poland and immigrated to Palestine in 1938. "We came to Israel despite the fact that we weren't Zionists," she clarified. Asked whether she is a Zionist now, she answered with a sharp "no."

And what if the Palestinians you're fighting for betray you and kill you, the way they did to your friend Juliano Mer? "It could happen," said Dror Feiler. "But at least I'll know I acted in accordance with my principles."

Is there anything positive you could say about Israel, without reservations?

"Nope. It's in my nature to have reservations about everything," he said.

Netanyahu to Greek Prime Minister: Stop the Flotilla

Yedioth Ahronoth (p. 7) by Itamar Eichner -- Israel has asked the Greek authorities to prevent the departure of the flotilla from the Greek ports to the Gaza Strip. "We made it clear to the Greeks that it is inconceivable that while Turkey realizes the damage that the flotilla could cause it, and stopped its departure from Turkish territory, Greece, which is Israel's close friend, will enable the flotilla ships to set sail from its ports," said a high-ranking political official last night.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu spoke on the matter to his counterpart, Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou, who is very troubled these days by the acute crisis and the severe riots that are taking place in his country—but understands well the volatile potential of the flotilla waiting in his ports. Netanyahu asked Papandreou to take action similarly to the president of Cyprus, who issued a presidential order that barred the departure of the flotilla from Cypriot ports.

The Greeks announced that after checking the legal aspects of the matter, it became clear that they were legally unable to stop the flotilla. At most, they said, they could delay its departure on various technical pretexts—but they could not prevent the ships from setting sail.

Meanwhile, the port officials in Greece have been given instructions to harass the organizers of the flotilla: Every mishap or error in registration—causes delays in granting the permits necessary for departure. The Greeks are also searching closely for every malfunction in the flotilla ships that are in their territory, including shortages of safety equipment, fire extinguishers, first aid kits and the like.

The bureaucratic delays that the Greeks are causing to the flotilla ships are not satisfactory to Israel, as is the courteous reply regarding the “legal inability” to stop the flotilla. Officials in Jerusalem made it clear to Athens that this means that the current flotilla to Gaza would be the “Greek flotilla,” and this is incompatible with the mutual interests of the two countries. “This is a flotilla of provocative terrorist elements,” political officials told their Greek colleagues, “and its departure at this time could gravely damage the chances of renewing the peace process.”

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 7:19 AM
To: Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Subject: FW: Organizers: Israeli pressure to halt Gaza flotilla (AP)

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From: Tubbs, Stefanie A
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 2:01 PM
To: Buzbee, John R; Jakobson, Nicholas W; EUR-SE-DL; NEA-Egypt; PM-CPMS; SES-O; Vasquez, Edgar J; Grubb, Jason B; Levin, Jan; Silverman, Robert J; Wallis, Jacob; Sutphin, Paul R; Richter, Kim B; Worman, Patrick F; Zurcher, Kenneth M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Masilko, Barbara J (USUN); Marchese, Gregory M; Blome, Donald A; Waters, John R; Pilz, Amanda C; Miller, Walter R; 'Prem_G_Kumar@nss.eop.gov'; Russell, Melissa H; Jacobson, Michael N; Bilge, Kerem S; CA-OCS-Duty; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Rodriguez, Hugo F; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Greene, Elisa; George, Leah; Daniels, Cherrie S; Slakey, Monica M; Rudman, Mara; Reed, Julia G; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Bitar, Maher B; Norman, Marc E; Nardi, Margaret H; Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens); Levinson, Jesse S; Grubb, Jason B; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Appleton, Richard H; McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Cohen, Jonathan R; Allison, Alicia P; Stewart, Nan E
Subject: FW: Organizers: Israeli pressure to halt Gaza flotilla (AP)

Colleagues,

Forwarding the newsticker below for your awareness.

Have a great day,

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Stefanie Tubbs

From: OpsNewsTicker
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 6:58 AM
To: NEWS-EUR; NEWS-NEA; NEA-IPA-DL
Cc: SES-O_Shift-I; SES-O_Shift-II; SES-O_OS
Subject: Organizers: Israeli pressure to halt Gaza flotilla (AP)

ATHENS, Greece - (AP) Organizers of an international flotilla to blockaded Gaza say Israel is pressuring Greece to halt the ships' departure.

American activist Ann Wright told a news conference on Monday that Israel is mounting a "tremendous diplomatic offensive" to prevent the flotilla from setting sail.

Organizers urged the Greek government in a statement not to "become complicit in Israel's illegal actions by succumbing to this pressure."

Organizer Vangelis Pissias said the flotilla is ready to leave in a few days, but gave no specific departure date.

Just over a year ago, a similar mission ended with the deaths of nine Turkish activists in clashes with Israeli naval commandos who intercepted them.

News Tickers alert senior Department officials to breaking news. This item appears as it did in its original publication and does not contain analysis or commentary by Department sources.

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 7:17 AM
To: Doyle, Robert F
Subject: RE: Comment for Secretary's Brief

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Rob -- You may have already seen the short item below:

(SBU) Gaza Anniversary Flotilla Update: "Freedom II -- Stay Alive," the group organizing the flotilla to Gaza, announced via their website and Twitter accounts that they will hold a press conference in Athens on June 27 ahead of their scheduled departure from the Greek ports of Piraeus, Corfu, and Crete "within the next few days" to Gaza. In a letter to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, also posted on their webpage, the organizers announced that delegations from 20 countries will board 12 boats for Gaza. Vagelis Pisas, speaking for the Freedom II group, told reporters that flotilla participants leaving from Greek ports will rendezvous at an unspecified area of the Aegean to meet up with boats that have already departed from France and Spain to head to Gaza. Pisas also noted two Greek cargo ships will be carrying medical supplies, cement, and an ambulance to donate to the Palestinian medical emergency service.

Regards,
Dan L.

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From: Doyle, Robert F
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 2:14 PM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Cc: Mallik, Paul (Athens); Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: RE: Comment for Secretary's Brief

Thanks for the comments below, as well as the insight to the Gaza Flotilla press conference.

All the best,

Rob Doyle
Watch Officer
State Department Operations Center
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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 1:45 AM
To: Doyle, Robert F

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 7:11 AM
To: Malik, Paul (Athens); Bouzis, Evangelia M (Athens); Ross, Daniel E (Athens)
Subject: RE: For Clearance: Today's Summary

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From: Malik, Paul (Athens)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 1:38 PM
To: Bouzis, Evangelia M (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Ross, Daniel E (Athens)
Subject: Re: For Clearance: Today's Summary

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From: Bouzis, Evangelia M (Athens)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 06:13 AM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Malik, Paul (Athens); Ross, Daniel E (Athens)
Subject: RE: For Clearance: Today's Summary

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 1:08 PM
To: Malik, Paul (Athens); Ross, Daniel E (Athens); Bouzis, Evangelia M (Athens)
Subject: For Clearance: Today's Summary

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- The group organizing the flotilla to Gaza, announced via their website and Twitter accounts that they intend to depart from the Greek ports of Piraeus, Corfu, and Crete "within the next few days."
 - The organizers noted on their webpage that delegations from 20 countries will board 12 boats for Gaza.

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2011 5:29 AM
To: Malik, Paul (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens)
Cc: Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Subject: Re: Flotilla Update...
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Paul - That would be great. Last I heard no vessels were departing this weekend. Regards, Dan L

From: Malik, Paul (Athens)
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2011 05:23 AM
To: Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens)
Cc: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Subject: RE: Flotilla Update...

Am sending this from the office, since my blackberry is now only receiving but not transmitting emails. Aaargh.

POL has the lead on the flotilla issue, but I can try to reach out to shipping contacts about sailing times, etc.

*Paul R. Malik
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From: Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 7:35 PM
To: Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens); Malik, Paul (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens)
Subject: Fw: Flotilla Update...

Fyi, it looks like our group have scheduled a press conference for Monday. Paul, OCS is asking if we can find out scheduled departure times and manifests. Just passing it along, not sure if your contacts would have that info. K

From: Mendel, Teresa S
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 12:27 PM
To: Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Stewart, Nan E
Subject: Flotilla Update...

Keeping you in the loop on the information provided by Tel Aviv.

Nan- No indications that they will go into port in Cyprus but wanted you to be aware of the events.

Teresa

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From: Richter, Kim B
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 10:09 AM
To: Mendel, Teresa S; Brooks-Lindsay, Joanie
Subject: FW: Flotilla Update...

The latest from Tel Aviv.

At present, the GOI and our naval intelligence are tracking 10 ships that could potentially join the next flotilla – although in all likelihood, only 6-7 ships will participate as several ships are either not seaworthy or have been taken out of the game (the Mavi Marmara, for example). According to various Gaza Flotilla websites, flotilla activists have scheduled a press conference to take place in Athens on Monday, June 27, at 12:00 pm – the thinking is that a majority of the ships currently located in a port near Athens will depart shortly after the press conference. The GOI has told us that a few ships (NFI) may depart from more remote Greek islands, and therefore may get underway over the weekend. But the current assumption is that all flotilla participating ships will rendezvous at an unknown location south of Cyprus, and then proceed to Gaza. As such, we do not anticipate any attempt over the weekend to test the blockade – more likely is a rendezvous near Cyprus on June 28/29, followed by a dash to Gaza. There does remain the possibility that the flotilla ships will attempt a "piece-meal approach" instead of an organized effort. The closest potential flotilla participant ship remains the M/V Finch, which is currently located in El Arish – although the Finch has consistently experienced technical difficulties. POL remains in constant contact with MFA Flotilla Coordinator Gary Koren, will coordinate with DAO and update the Front Office of any flotilla developments over the weekend.

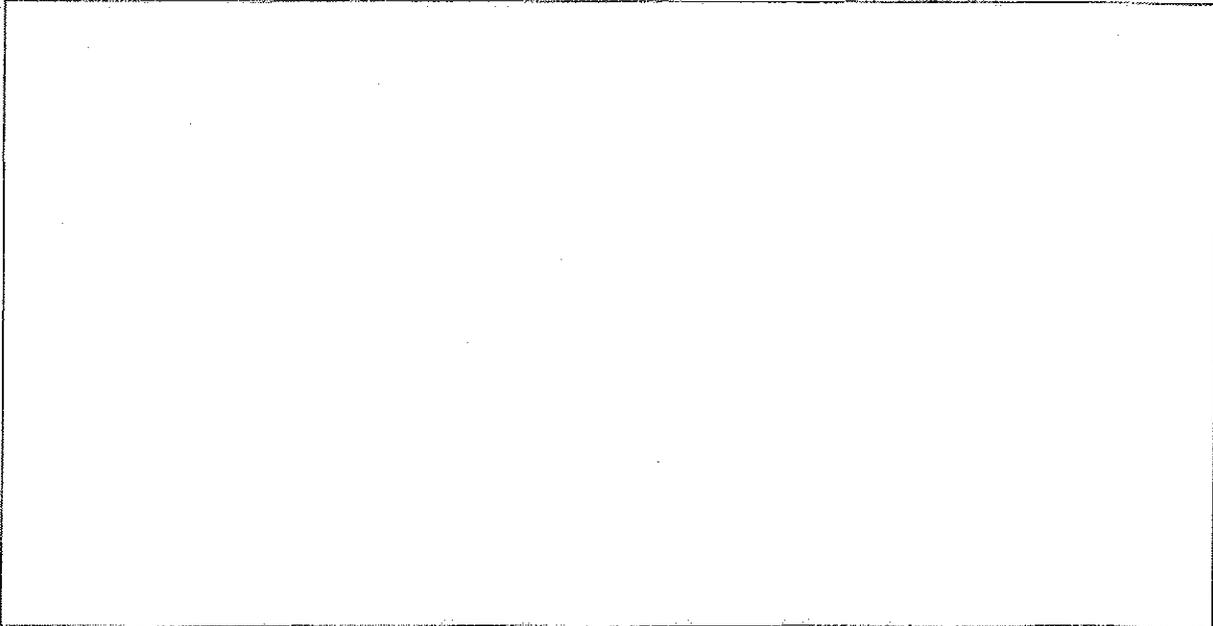
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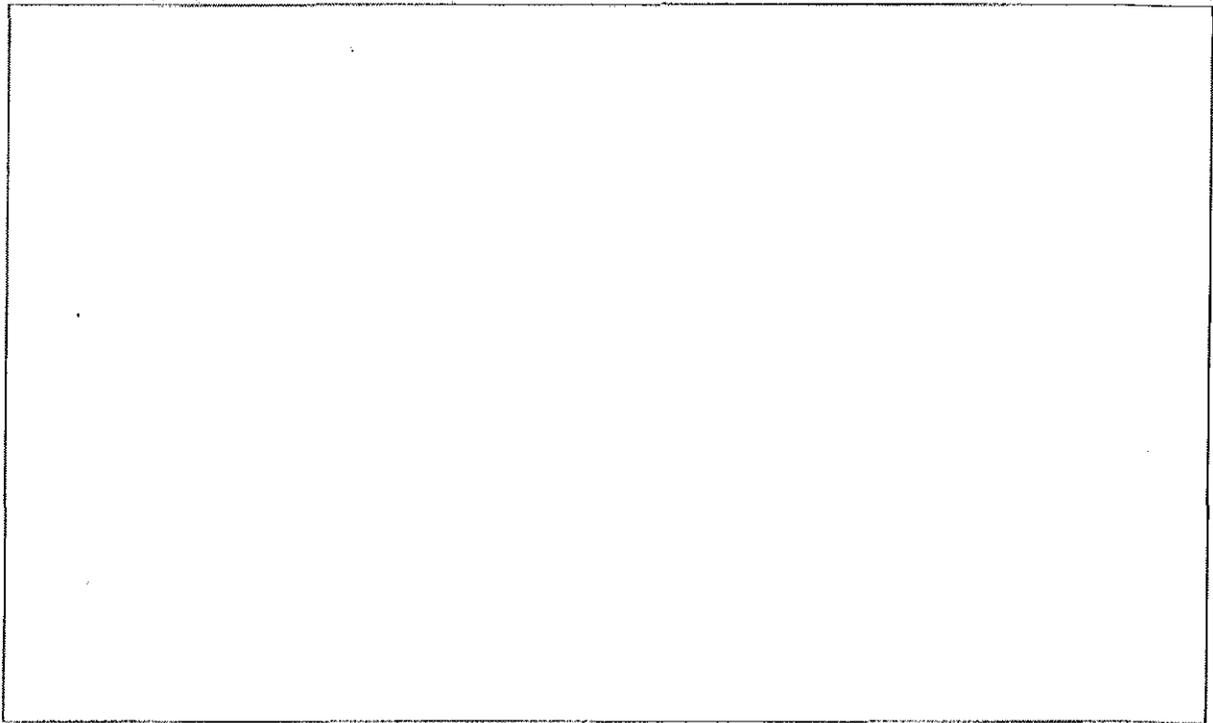
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On 1 April, Turkey's mainstream secular dailies continue to focus on talks with KGK leader Abdullah Ocalan, particularly the withdrawal of KGK militants from Turkey and the wise men project. Some columnists turn their attention to the impact of normalization of ties between Turkey and Israel on foreign policy.



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Turkish- Israeli Normalization/ Impact on Foreign Policy

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In a 480-word commentary entitled "Right Time To Return to 'Zero Problems'" in *Taraf*, Semih Idiz views the advantages of the normalization of ties with Israel following the Israeli apology for the 2010 flotilla incident. Diplomatic circles that look at the "big picture" believe that Turkey's regional influence will increase, maintains Idiz, adding that Israeli apology provides an opportunity for Ankara to return to "zero problems with neighbors" policy. The serious economic collapse that Greek Cypriots are undergoing lays the foundation for a new "peace move," which, for sure, will positively impact on Turkey-EU relations, Idiz notes. He also says that the "positive conjuncture" for efforts to normalize ties with Armenia has appeared and that a regionally more influential Turkey can also increase its chances to contribute to the reconciliation between Azerbaijan and Armenia. Recalling that Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu is said to be a "visionary," Idiz concludes: "We will see together how Erdogan and Davutoglu will use the new emerging opportunities on behalf of Turkey. (Istanbul Taraf Online in Turkish -- Website of liberal daily; URL: <http://www.taraf.com.tr>)

A 521-word editorial by Murat Yetkin in *Hurriyet Daily News* relates the telephone call between Secretary of State John Kerry and Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu on 30 March. The "fragile situations" in Iraq and Syria were discussed over the telephone, Yetkin writes. Noting the major issues that were discussed, Yetkin points out that the whole regional balance might change as Turkey's relations "get back on track" with Israel following the latter's 22 March apology over the 2010 flotilla incident in which nine Turkish citizens were killed by Israeli soldiers. (Istanbul Hurriyet Daily News Online in English -- Website of pro-secular daily, more moderate than the Turkish version and addressing a foreign audience, owned by Dogan Media Group; URL: <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/>) (filed as EUL2013040129633994)

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Jordan Times: After Israeli apology, Turkey dreams of new tourism boom

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(Jordan Times) - class="style-group-2-headline-bd-24" style="text-align: justify;">ISTANBUL — The air-clearing apologies were both made and accepted.

Now, Turkey's tourism industry is holding its breath and hoping that Israel's apology for a deadly 2010 raid on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla will translate into a new love affair that will bring Israeli holidaymakers back to its beach resorts.

"After the apology, I think we'll reach 500,000 [Israeli] tourists this year," said Timur Bayindir, the president of the Association of Hotel Owners in Turkey (TUROB), convinced that any grudges between the two allies were erased thanks to last week's diplomatic breakthrough.

And he is not the only one who is optimistic.

"The cooperation between the two countries will resume as before," Basaran Ulusoy, the president of the Association of Travel Agencies in Turkey (TURSAB), told mainstream daily Sabah.

Prior to the spat, Turkey-Israel relations were warm, and vacationers from Israel were a common sight along the Turkish Mediterranean coastline. Among the 558,000 tourists that visited Turkey in 2008, one out of every 13 was Israeli, making it their top holiday destination.

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But relations soured in 2009, when Israel unleashed its devastating 22-day Operation Cast Lead on Gaza.

Turkey was infuriated.

It accused Israel of using disproportionate force in the conflict that cost the lives of 1,400 Palestinians — half of them civilians — and 13 Israelis, 10 of them soldiers.

The criticism did not go down well in Israel, where trade unions called for a boycott of Turkey. The number of Israeli tourists in Turkey fell to 312,000 that year.

A year later, relations between the two states hit rock bottom. Israeli commandos staged a botched pre-dawn raid on the six-ship flotilla to Gaza headed by Turkey's Mavi Marmara, in which nine Turkish nationals are killed.

In response, Ankara expelled Israel's ambassador to Turkey and suspended their military cooperation. And angry Turkish mobs took to the streets and burned Israeli flags.

That was when Israeli holidaymakers really began to turn their backs on Turkey.

In 2010, the number of Israeli tourists plummeted to 110,000, in 2011 to 79,000, and last year it only slightly rebounded to 84,000.

The March 22 apology made by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan — and brokered by US President Barack Obama — may reverse the trend.

"Before the apologies, we pushed very hard [for] Greece and Bulgaria, but since last week we try to do our best to push Turkish products," Eyal Kashdan said, the chief executive of Flying Carpet Travel, one of the market leaders in promoting Israeli tourism in Turkey.

"Actually, clients prefer the [Turkish] products, the hotels of Turkey... because of the luxury of the hotels and the all-inclusive system, and they feel that the Turkish cuisine is similar to the Israeli cuisine," he told AFP.

Still, he does not go as far as to say the Turks can now expect a boom in Israeli tourism. At least not yet. "I think the clients need more time to feel better with the [Turkish] hospitality," he said.

His reservations are echoed by Daniel Zimet, president of the Zimet Marketing Communications agency which promotes Turkey in Israel.

"Israelis shall be ensured 100 per cent that there is nothing to worry about when going to Turkey," he said, adding that Erdogan is still walking a fine line in regards to doubts cast on whether the Israeli commanders of the flotilla raid still risk judicial proceedings in Turkey.

"It's still a way to go before things will be totally clarified between the two nations."

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I wasn't able to find an issued statement by Ban Ki Moon.
Cheers,
Jenny

New York, 27 May 2011 - Statement Attributable to the Spokesperson of the Secretary-General on Letters by the Secretary-General about Possible Flotillas to Gaza

The Secretary-General has sent a letter to Governments of countries around the Mediterranean Sea. In these letters, the Secretary-General indicated that he was following with concern media reports of potential flotillas to Gaza. He expressed his belief that assistance and goods destined to Gaza should be channelled through legitimate crossings and established channels. He recalled the statements of the Quartet on 21 June 2010 and the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee on 13 April 2011 in this regard.

The Secretary-General called on all Governments concerned to use their influence to discourage such flotillas, which carry the potential to escalate into violent conflict. He further called on all, including the Government of Israel, to act responsibly and with caution to avoid any violent incident.

The Secretary-General reiterated that, while he believed that flotillas were not helpful in resolving the basic economic problems in Gaza, the situation there remains unsustainable. He urged the Government of Israel to take further meaningful and far-reaching steps to end the closure of Gaza, within the framework of Security Council resolution 1860 (2009). In particular, he underlined that it was essential for the operation of legitimate crossings to be adequate to meet the needs of Gaza's civilian population. (Source: [UN](#))

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flotillas to Gaza that can provoke unnecessary confrontations. The Secretary-General calls on all Governments concerned to use their influence to discourage such flotillas, which carry the potential for escalation. He further calls on all to act responsibly to avoid any violent incident. (Source: UNSCO)

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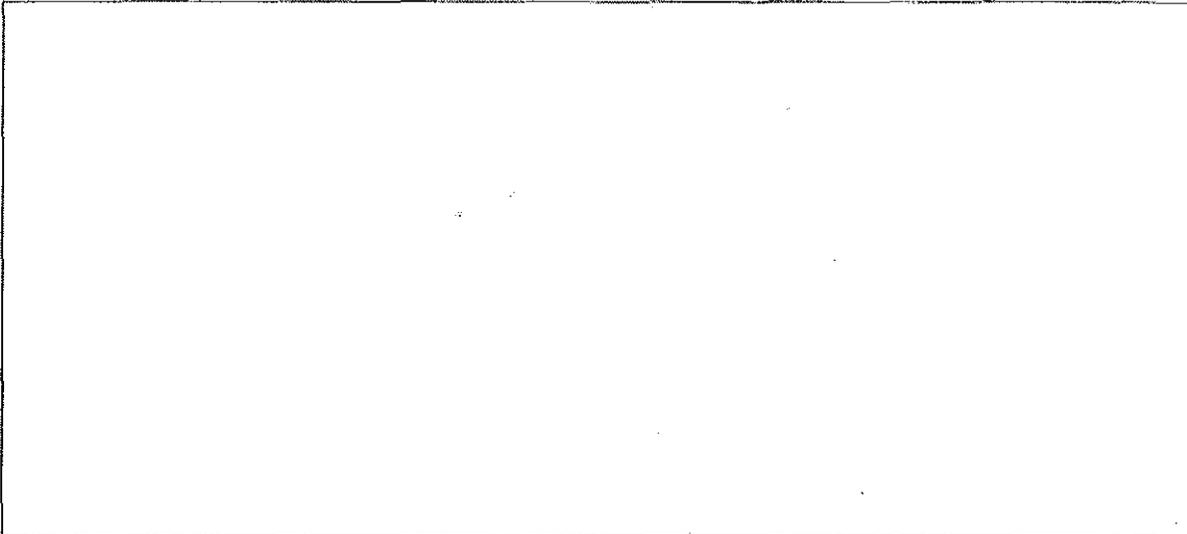
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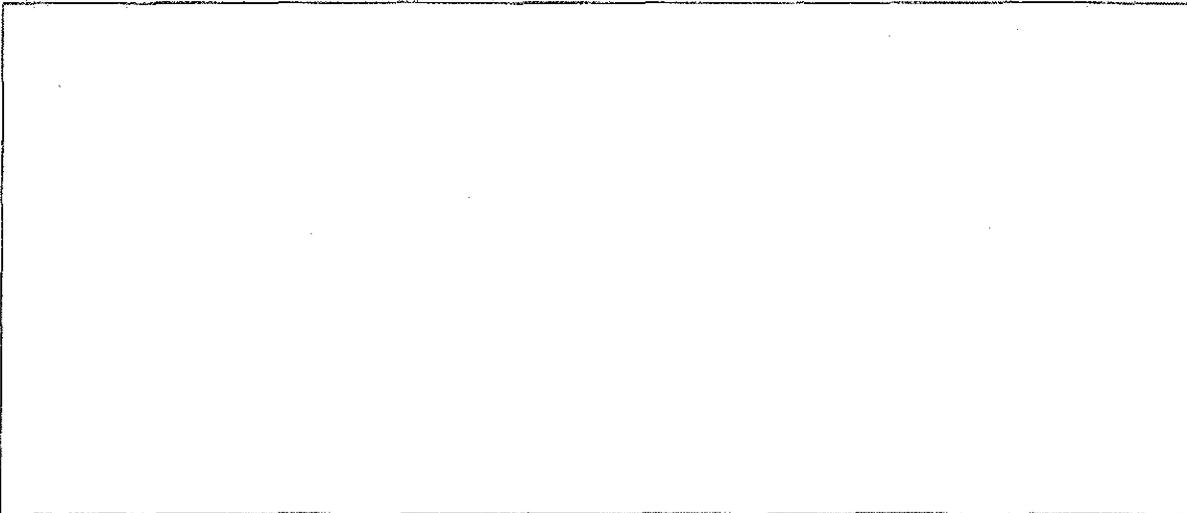
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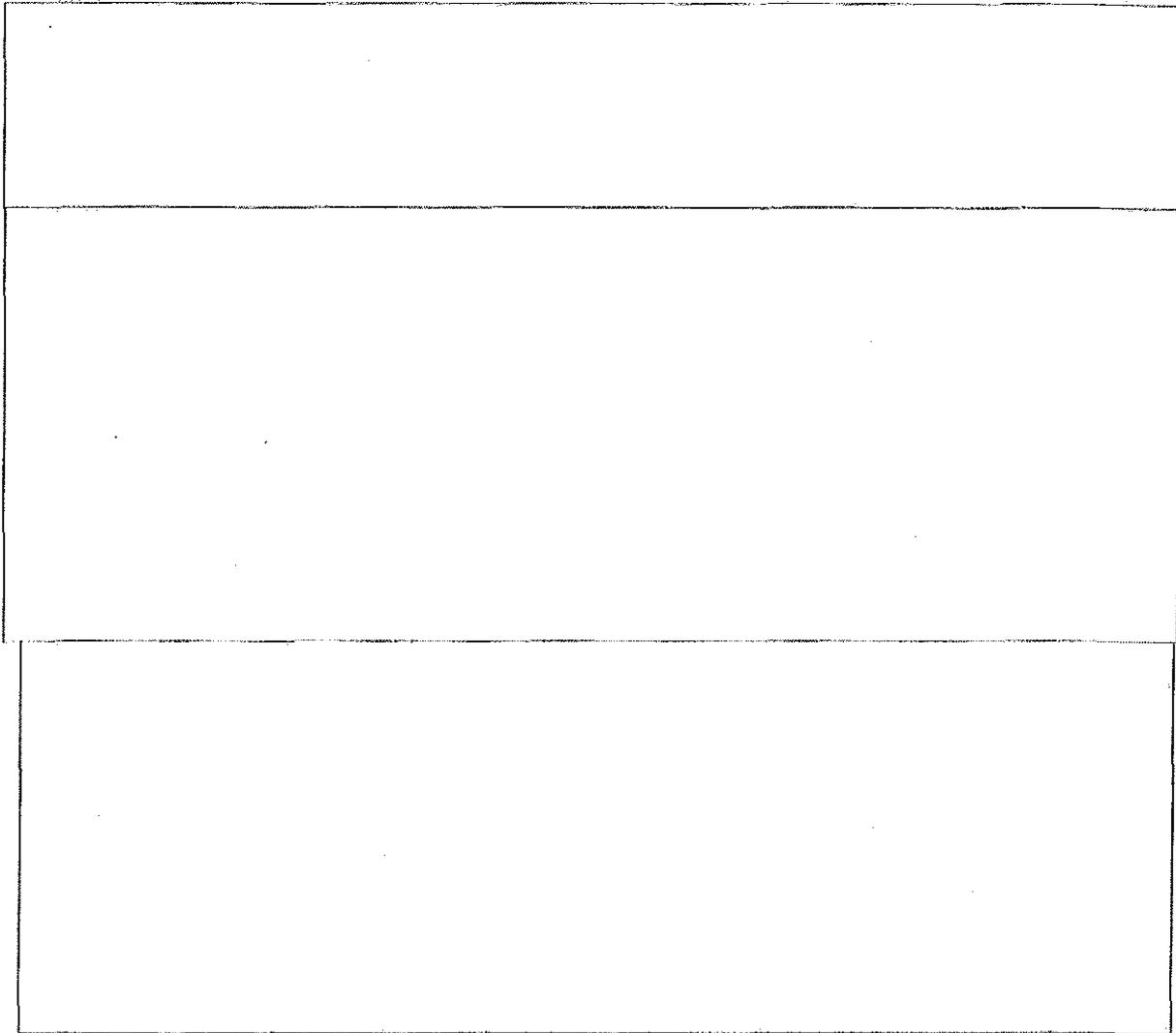
"Gaza Blockade Should Be Lifted" (*Haberturk, Yeni Safak, Hurriyet*)

During a press conference in Istanbul, Mavi Marmara passengers said without the lifting of the Gaza blockade, they are not going to discuss the compensation issue and will not retract their lawsuits against Israeli military personnel involved in the Gaza flotilla incident.



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Top U.N. refugee official sounds alarm on Syria

Posted By Josh Rogin ▣ Friday, March 22, 2013 - 4:42 PM

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In Amman Friday, U.S. President **Barack Obama** and Jordan's King **Abdullah II** discussed the growing international refugee crisis due to the Syrian civil war. Back in Washington, the U.N.'s top refugee official spent the week pressing officials and lawmakers to do more to respond to the calamity.

"What we are facing now, today, obviously is an urgent need for international community to help in humanitarian assistance to catch up to the challenges that we are facing as the countries bordering Syria," Abdullah said standing alongside Obama in Amman. "And not only do we need to look at the ability to stockpile humanitarian supplies to the Syrian people inside the country, but also to be able to assist those that have fled."

Jordan has 460,000 Syrian refugees, about 10 percent of the country's overall population, and the Zaatari refugee camp is now Jordan's fifth-largest city. Obama announced Friday that the United States will provide Jordan with \$200 million to help alleviate the pressure caused by the refugee crisis.

"This will mean more humanitarian assistance and basic services, including education for Syrian children so far from home, whose lives have been upended," Obama said. "And the international community needs to step up to make sure that they are helping to shoulder this burden."

In Washington, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees **Antonio Guterres** met with administration officials and lawmakers for several days this week in an effort to build more support for those fleeing the violence in Syria. There

are now more than 1 million Syrian external refugees total and the numbers are spiraling upward, he said in an interview with *The Cable*.

"The U.S. can play a very important role by leading by example and at the same time, in its diplomatic contacts with many countries, helping to create the conditions for those in need of protection to get it, for borders to remain open, for people to be granted refugee status, and to see their rights respected," he said.

While in town, Guterres met with Deputy Secretary of State **Bill Burns**, Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration **Anne Richard**, National Security Staff officials **Gayle Smith** and **Steve Pomper**, and Sens. **Bob Casey (D-PA)**, **Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)**, **Carl Levin (D-MI)**, **Patrick Leahy (D-VT)**, and Rep. **Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)**. He also met with staffers from the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee, and the offices of Sens. **Marco Rubio (R-FL)** and **Lindsey Graham (R-SC)**.

"The key message was that not only Syria is today a dramatic humanitarian emergency with staggering escalation of the conflict and dire humanitarian consequences, but more than that, the Syrian conflict represents a serious risk for regional and even global peace and security," he said. "So, this justifies a wake up in the international community, a much stronger commitment to find a solution even if that solution has been difficult to achieve, but also to increase the solidarity with the refugees and the other victims."

Guterres said that the growing instability of neighboring countries like Lebanon and growing pressures on countries like Jordan are raising the risk of instability that would have cascading effects for regional and world security, furthering heightening the need for increased aid.

"That is not only a matter of generosity but it is vital to protect the interests and the security of the United States of America," he said.

The scale of the crisis and the long-term fallout means that existing humanitarian budgets are not sufficient to respond to the Syria situation while also addressing other crises around the world. Therefore, Guterres is calling on countries such as the United States to create special budgets for Syrian humanitarian aid this year. He said he was encouraged by his meetings on Capitol Hill on the issue.

There is a gap in the regional refugee program between the needs and the money received of about \$700 million for just the first half of 2013, Guterres said. Three Gulf countries have pledged \$300 million each, and if those pledges come through, that would at least meet needs until the second half of this year.

Some have criticized the U.N. for working in regime-controlled areas inside Syria and with NGOs that have some level of cooperation with the Syrian government. Guterres said that there are victims in both regime- and rebel-controlled parts of Syria and that the U.N. is committed to helping them all.

"To support those victims living in horrible conditions has nothing to do with supporting the regime," he said. "And the people displaced in government controlled areas are not necessarily government supporters."

Guterres also testified at a March 19 Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing that also featured testimony by Richard, USAID Assistant Administrator Nancy Limbourg, and experts including Human Rights Watch's Tom Malinowski.

Malinowski testified that the aid provided by the United States was not enough and was not recognizable because it was not branded, leading the refugees to wrongly conclude that America was on the side of the Syrian regime. He said the U.S. government should defer to aid providers on whether the aid should be branded, but added that the best thing the U.S. can do is work to stop the killing as soon as possible.

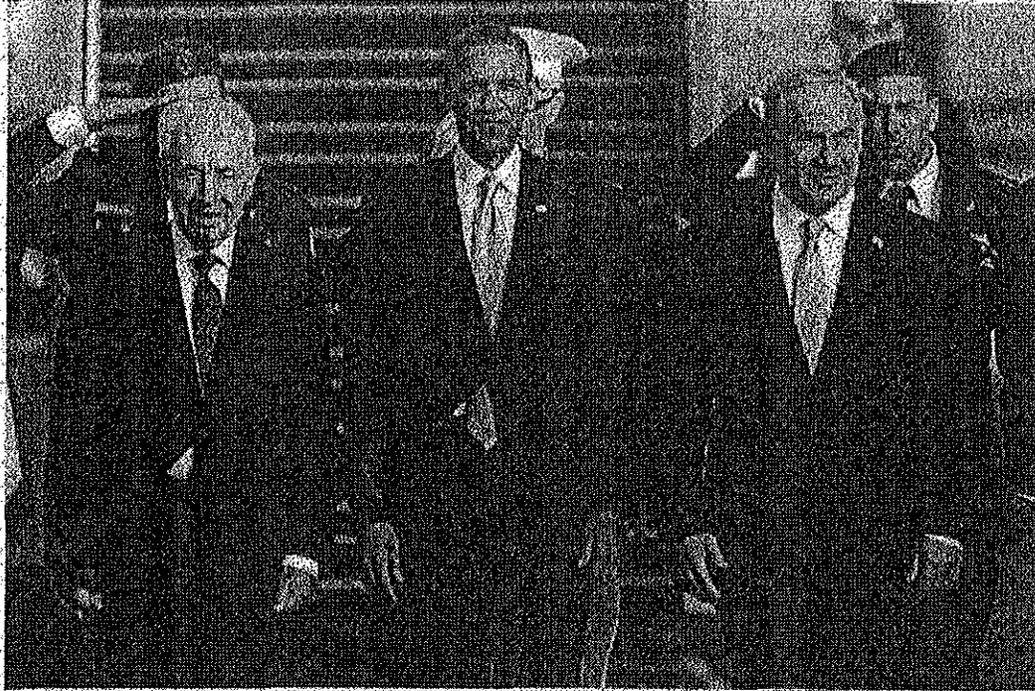
"Some aid was crossing, some of which I know the United States was paying for. Literally no person I met among the ordinary people in the north knew that the United States was providing that. And everybody asks, you know, 'Why isn't the international community here? Why aren't they helping us?'" Malinowski said. "And that anger was directed particularly at the United States, partly because they knew I was American, but I think partly because they just see the United States as the driving force in world affairs, the most powerful country. They believe we can do a lot more."

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Inside Bibi's apology to Turkey

Posted By Josh Rogin ■ Friday, March 22, 2013 - 2:41 PM



In a makeshift trailer set up on the tarmac at Israel's Ben Gurion airport, President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu called Turkish Prime Minister Recep Erdogan and Netanyahu apologized for the nine deaths that resulted from the boarding by Israeli soldiers of a Turkish ship, the Mavi Marmara.

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Netanyahu's office issued a press release late Friday following the 30-minute call, which took place just before Obama boarded Air Force One for his flight to Jordan. Israel-Turkey diplomatic relations have been severed ever since the 2010 incident, in which the Mavi Marmara led a flotilla bound for Gaza meant to break the Israeli naval blockade. After repeated warnings, Israeli soldiers forcibly boarded the ship and were met by passengers wielding homemade weapons. In addition to the nine passenger deaths, more than a dozen other passengers and several Israeli soldiers were injured in the clash.

Obama and Netanyahu had spoken about the need to repair Israel-Turkey relations in their bilateral meetings and Netanyahu made the first step in the Friday phone call. Netanyahu told Erdogan that he regretted the deterioration of relations between the two countries. Netanyahu also said he had seen Erdogan's recent comments in a Dutch newspaper, where Erdogan said his claim that Zionism was a "crime against humanity" was misinterpreted.

"[Netanyahu] made clear that the tragic outcome of the Mavi Marmara incident was not intended by Israel and that Israel regrets the loss of human life and injury," Netanyahu's office said in the release. "In light of Israel's investigation into the incident which pointed to a number of operational mistakes, the Prime Minister expressed Israel's apology to the Turkish people for any mistakes that might have led to the loss of life or injury and agreed to conclude an agreement on compensation/nonliability."

Netanyahu also told Erdogan that Israel has substantially lifted restrictions on what goods were allowed to enter Gaza and the two leaders agreed to continue to work on how to improve humanitarian conditions for residents of the Palestinian territories, the release stated.

Israeli and Turkish officials said after the call that diplomatic relations had been restored and each country would return its ambassador to the other. Obama released a statement after the call praising the development between the two leaders.

"The United States deeply values our close partnerships with both Turkey and Israel, and we attach great importance to the restoration of positive relations between them in order to advance regional peace and security," Obama said. "I am hopeful that today's exchange between the two leaders will enable them to engage in deeper cooperation on this and a range of other challenges and opportunities."

A senior Obama administration official briefed reporters about the circumstances surrounding the call on the plane en route to the president's stop in Amman, Jordan, and said that the White House has been trying to work with both Israel and Turkey to get them to mend fences for a long time.

"It's been difficult, but that's why this call that took place today was important, because it was a sign that both of them -- the two prime ministers said that to each other -- value their own relationship between Turkey and Israel," the official said.

Netanyahu initiated the call, brought up the flotilla incident, and apologized, the official said, and Erdogan said he appreciated the remarks and accepted the apology on behalf of Turkey. Erdogan also said "that he cherished the longstanding relationship between Turkey and Israel, between Jewish people and Turkey, and that he also wanted to have a better relationship," the official said.

Obama got on the line toward the end of the call, greeted Erdogan, and suggested they talk more in the near future. But Obama's participation in the call was minimal. Asked if Obama facilitated the call, the official said, "The timing of the call speaks for itself."

The White House doesn't want to take too much credit for the breakthrough, but the senior administration official said the warming of Israel-Turkey relations has been an administration goal for a long time.

"I think it would be accurate to say the president has been making this point to both leaders for going on a couple years now. So I think it's well known by both Turkey and Israel the importance we place on seeing these two close friends of ours have normalized relations," the official said.

But did Obama actually press Netanyahu to make the call?, one reporter asked. The official would say only that the two leaders had been discussing the issue over the last couple of days.

"I think [Obama] discussed the importance of Turkey and Israel working to repair their relationship, and the two of them in their discussions agreed on that, and Prime Minister Netanyahu placed a call," the official responded.

As for why the call took place in a trailer on the tarmac at the airport, the official explained that it was the only time the three leaders could get together on the phone.

The administration is presenting the call as a small but significant sign that Israel-Turkey relations are headed in the right direction. "We believe that the call today is an important step towards the normalization of that relationship," the official said.

UPDATE: Friday afternoon in Jordan, Obama explained the circumstances surrounding the apology call. Here's what he said:

With respect to the conversation that took place between Prime Minister Netanyahu and Prime Minister Erdogan, I have long said that it is in both the interests of Israel and Turkey to restore normal relations between two countries that have historically had good ties. It broke down several years ago as a consequence of the flotilla incident. For, you know, the last two years I've spoken to both Prime Minister Netanyahu and Prime Minister Erdogan about why this rupture has to be mended, but they don't have to agree on everything in order for them to come together around a whole range of common interests and common concerns.

During my visit it appeared that the timing was good for that conversation to take place. I discussed it with Prime Minister Netanyahu, and both of us agreed that the moment was right. And fortunately, they were able to begin the process of rebuilding normal relations between two very important countries in the region.

You know, this is a work in progress. It's just beginning. As I said, there are obviously going to still be some significant disagreements between Turkey and Israel not just on the Palestinian question but on a range of different issues. But they also have a whole range of shared interests and they both happen to be extraordinarily strong partners and friends of ours, and so it's in the interest of the United States that they begin this process of getting their relationship back in order. And I'm very glad to see that it's happening.

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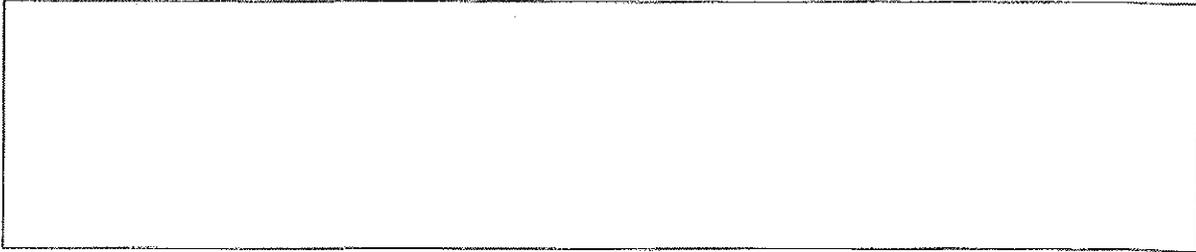
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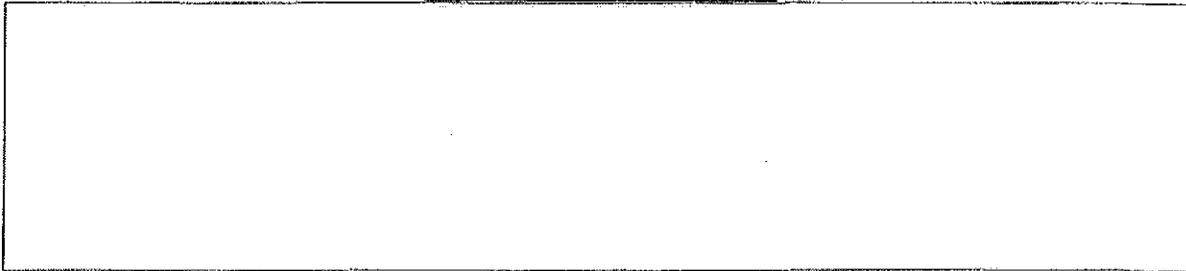
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A senior Turkish official said Israel and Turkey have begun negotiations on compensation for families of victims of the 2010 flotilla incident. (AFP)



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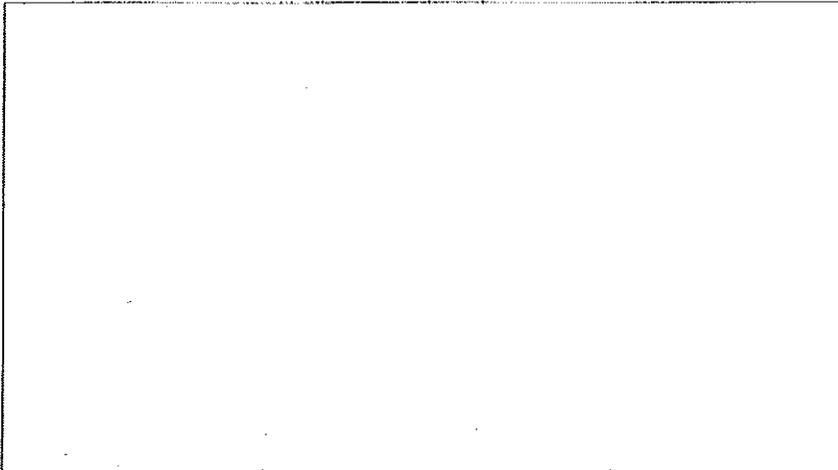
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3. Report by Shayma Munir views the Israeli apology to Turkey for the attack on a Turkish flotilla "not as triumph for the Turkish diplomacy as much as it is triumph for the language of common interests." The writer is surprised at the Palestinian welcome of that conciliatory move, although "it did not offer anything to Gaza." The report expects Turkey to "undertake the same task which Egypt undertook earlier by putting pressure on HAMAS to ensure the pacification which Israel demanded as a condition for lifting the siege on Gaza." It states "It is in Israel's interest to refrain from embarrassing Erdogan in front of the Palestinians, so that he will act as mediator instead of Egypt." (p 7; 800 words)

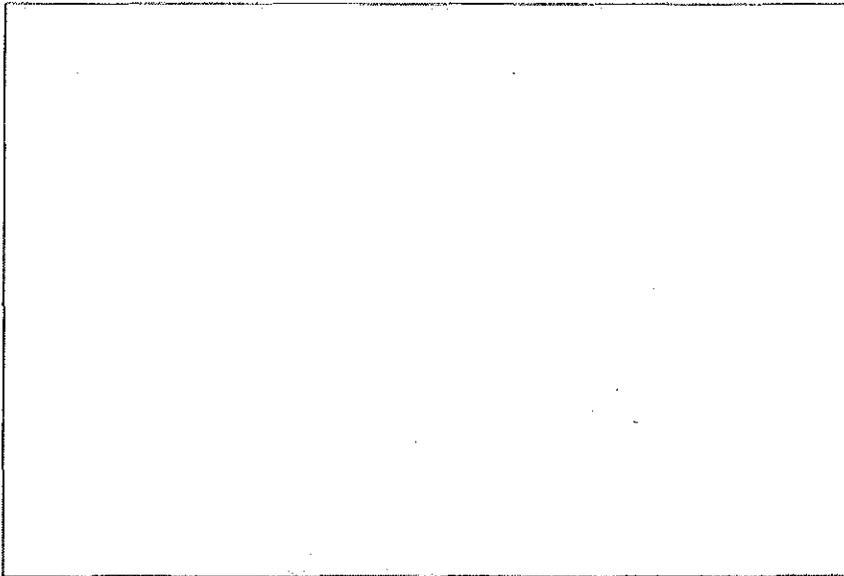


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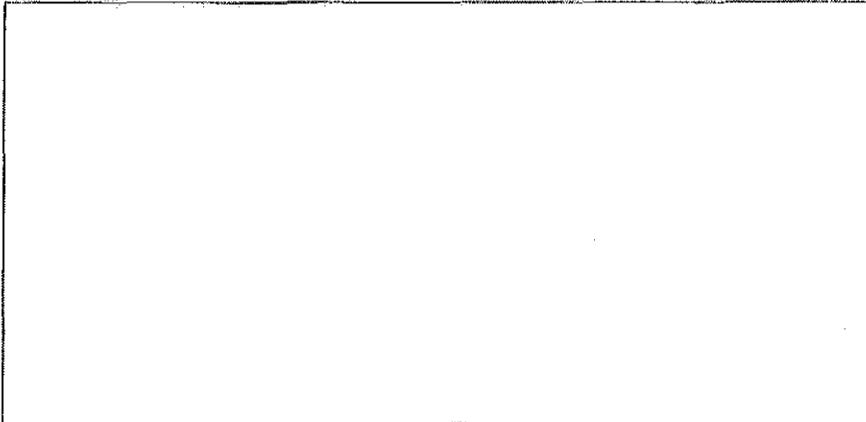
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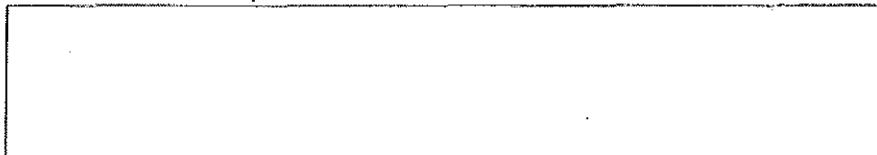


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8. Article by Makram Muhammad Ahmad discusses the Israeli-Turkish conciliation, which the writer views as "the most significant achievement of Obama's visit to the region." The writer believes that "Israel is the biggest winner in that conciliation." However, he doubts that things will return to normal between the two main NATO members, because of Turkey's "growing interests and political role in the Arab world." He states that these interests "make Turkey more careful to pursue balanced relations with Israel and Arabs that sympathize with the Palestinian right and refuse collusion with or bias to Israel." (p 12; 600 words)



2. Report by Halah al-Isawi discusses Obama's visit to the region. The writer states "Obama did not carry any plan to reactivate and resume the peace process." She says his two basic accomplishments were the Israeli-Turkish reconciliation and the US-Israeli agreement to "put off war with Iran." (p 14; 800 words)



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5. Article by Nabil Zaki states "Obama's only accomplishment during his visit to the region was to end the dispute between Israel and Turkey," and that "the Palestinian issue was nothing but a marginal issue during Obama's meeting with Netanyahu." The writer accuses Obama of "falsifying history to justify occupation and Judaization." (p 22; 700 words; processing)

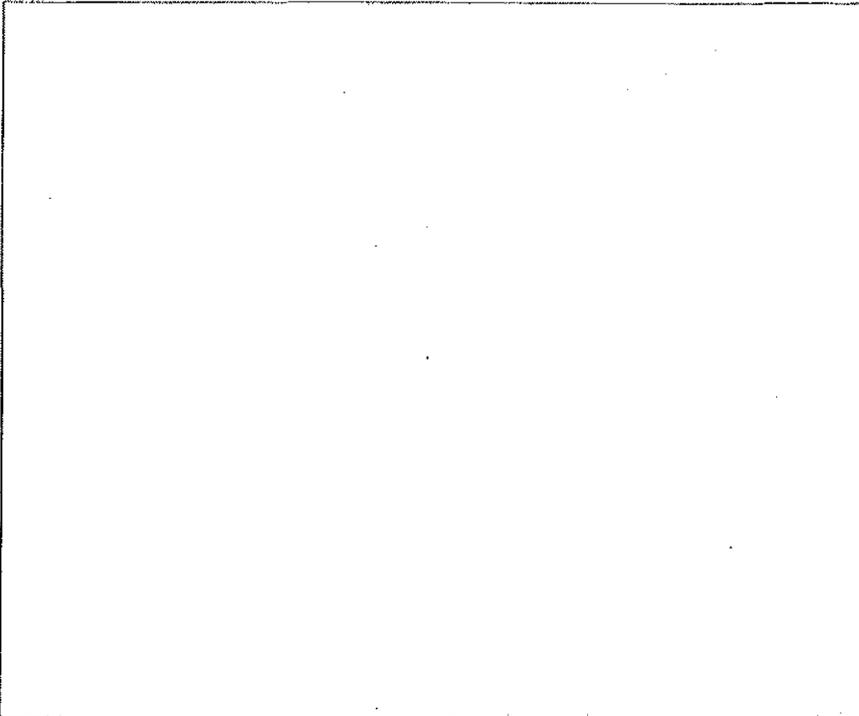
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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu apologized Friday to Turkey's president for the Israeli commando attack on a Gaza-bound flotilla three years ago that killed eight Turks, two U.S. senior administration officials told reporters traveling with President Barack Obama in the Middle East.

The deaths occurred on May 31, 2010, when Israeli forces intercepted an aid flotilla that was attempting to break an Israeli blockade of Gaza. Israel was inspecting all goods entering Gaza to make sure they did not contain any weapons that could be used by Hamas militants.

In September 2010, the U.N. Human Rights Council concluded that Israeli forces committed serious violations of international law in the mid-sea interception, saying some of the deaths of some of the activists were "consistent with ... an arbitrary and summary execution."

Israel maintained that its troops were defending themselves from attacks by those on the boat.

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Questions and Answers: Israeli deadly raid on aid flotilla

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TITLE: Questions and Answers: Israeli deadly raid on aid flotilla
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(BBC News Online \ Middle East) - Nine people were killed, and dozens wounded, when Israeli troops boarded a flotilla of ships carrying aid for Gaza on 31 May 2010. It was the ninth attempt since 2008 to break an Israeli and Egyptian blockade of the Gaza Strip by sea, but the first that resulted in bloodshed. The findings of a UN inquiry on the raid are expected to be officially published soon but have apparently been leaked. How did the confrontation begin?

The six ships were boarded in international waters, about 130km (80 miles) from the Israeli coast. Commandos landed on the largest ship, the Turkish-owned Mavi Marmara, by descending on ropes from helicopters. They were attacked by the activists on board and opened fire.

This is disputed. The activists say the commandos started shooting as soon as they hit the deck. Israeli officials say the commandos opened fire only after being attacked with clubs, knives and a gun which was taken from them. Video released by the Israeli military stops just before the shooting begins. A UN inquiry was apparently unable to determine at exactly which point the commandos used live fire.

They were all Turkish, including one who had a dual Turkish-US nationality. All were travelling on the large lead ship in the flotilla, the Mavi Marmara.

It wanted to deliver aid to Gaza, breaking an Israeli and Egyptian blockade on the territory. The ships were carrying 10,000 tonnes of goods, including school supplies, building materials and two large electricity generators. The activists also said they

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wanted to make the point that, in their view, the blockade was illegal under international law.

A group called The Free Gaza Movement, an umbrella organisation for activists from numerous countries, and a Turkish group called the IHH (Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief).

The Israeli government says the IHH is closely linked to Hamas, which it views as a terrorist group, and is a member of another organisation, the Union of the Good, which supports suicide bombings.

However, the Turkish government regards the IHH as a legitimate charity, and had urged Israel to let the flotilla through.

Israel prevents a large range of goods from reaching Gaza, in order to put pressure on the Hamas government. These include cement and scaffolding, which it says can be used to make launchers for rockets.

Following international outcry over the raid, Israel eased its blockade somewhat, allowing in most consumer goods that have nothing to do with stated security concerns. Egypt reopened its Rafah border crossing. The naval blockade of Gaza - which extends three nautical miles off the coast - remains in place.

Israel also wanted to check that the ships did not contain deliveries of weapons or cash. It offered to allow the flotilla to land in an Israeli port, and to deliver by road any goods that passed its checks.

Some previous flotillas had been allowed to reach Gaza, others were turned round and sent back.

There was widespread condemnation of the violence. The UN Security Council issued a statement calling for a "prompt, impartial, credible and transparent" inquiry into the raid.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon urged Israel to lift the Gaza blockade.

In September 2010 a UN Human Rights Council report said Israel's military broke international laws, that the action by commandos, which left nine dead, was "disproportionate" and "betrayed an unacceptable level of brutality". Israel rejected the report as "biased" and "one-sided".

Israel and Turkey held their own inquiries into the raid, submitting the findings to an international panel set up by the UN. The findings were conflicting.

Turkey's report, drawn up by government officials, accused Israeli commandos of "excessive, brutal and pre-meditated" conduct. It concluded their action boarding the Mavi Marmara was "unlawful" and breached human rights. Results of post-mortem examinations had earlier suggested a total of 30 bullets were found in the bodies of the dead activists, including one who had been shot four times in the head. The Turkish panel also deemed the Gaza blockade "unlawful".

An Israeli inquiry, headed by Judge Jacob Turkel, with five Israeli members and two international observers, delivered its report in January. It found the actions of the navy and Israel's blockade of Gaza were legal under international law and but offered some criticism of the planning of the military operation. It also referred to "the regrettable consequences of the loss of human life and physical injuries".

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon announced an investigation into the raid back in

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August 2010. The former New Zealand Prime Minister, Geoffrey Palmer, was appointed to preside over a four-member panel that included an Israeli and a Turkish member.

Publication of the report has been repeatedly delayed, apparently to allow Israel and Turkey to continue reconciliation talks.

A leak of the report published by the New York Times says Israel used "excessive force" in its raid but that the naval blockade was legal and legitimate to stop weapons reaching militant groups.

The UN also found that Israeli commandos were met with "organised and violent resistance" when they boarded the Mavi Marmara, according to the paper.

Israel is said to feel vindicated by the report while Turkey is disappointed.

The deep rift between these two former allies has worsened.

Following the leak of the Palmer report, Turkey expelled the Israeli envoy and suspended military cooperation. It had insisted on an Israeli apology by the time the report was published. Israeli officials say the report does not demand a full apology, establishing only that Israel should express regret and pay reparations.

In the immediate aftermath of the flotilla raid, Turkey had already withdrawn its ambassador from Israel and Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan called for Israel to be punished for its "bloody massacre". Joint military exercises were cancelled.

Behind-the-scenes diplomacy and Turkey's decision to send planes to help fight fires in northern Israel last November only temporarily improved relations slightly.

Less than a week after the deadly confrontation on board the Mavi Marmara, another vessel - the Irish-owned MV Rachel Corrie - tried to sail into Gaza. It was intercepted by Israeli troops, with no apparent confrontation. Other boats were later diverted to the Egyptian port of el-Arish.

One year after the raid, plans were announced for another aid flotilla to set sail for Gaza. This time the IHH did not take part. More than 300 protesters on 10 ships, from North America and Europe, were due to join.

The Israeli military was under orders to prevent them from reaching the Palestinian territory.

Greece prevented several vessels from setting sail from its waters. Some crews claimed their ships were sabotaged to stop them joining the flotilla. Israel dismissed this as "ridiculous".

Another initiative by pro-Palestinian activists was the so-called "flytilla". Hundreds planned to fly to Israel's Ben Gurion airport and declare their intention to visit the occupied West Bank for peaceful activities. Most were stopped from boarding their planes in European cities or were deported.

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Xinhua 'Analysis': Rapprochement Reveals Alignment Between Turkey, Israel in Regional Politics

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News Analysis: Rapprochement reveals alignment between Turkey, Israel in regional politics

ANKARA, March 23 (Xinhua) – The U.S.-brokered normalization of ties between Turkey and Israel following the latter's belated apology for a naval raid three years ago means a greater alignment of both countries' goals in the Mideast against the backdrop of fast-paced developments in the region.

Turkey severed diplomatic and security ties with Israel after eight Turks and a Turkish American aboard a Gaza-bound aid flotilla were killed in May 2010 during a violent confrontation with Israeli commandos.

Ankara waited until Friday to get an apology from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who made a phone call to his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan, during which the two leaders agreed to normalize bilateral relations.

"This indicates that we have entered a new phase in Syria where both Turkey and Israel have the same interest in seeing the embattled President Bashar al-Assad to depart from power," said Mehmet Seyfettin Erol, professor of international relations at Ankara-based Gazi University.

"The United States also shares the same goal in Syria which is to have stable government following the current Syrian regime," he added.

It is noteworthy that Netanyahu's apology came shortly after U. S. President Barack

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Obama departed Israel after an official visit.

Erol believes in the larger picture, Washington needs both Turkey and Israel, its staunch allies in the Mideast, to pursue its goals ranging from Syria and Iraq to Iran. "That is why it was important for Ankara and Tel Aviv to mend the fences."

"This agreement will change the political balances of the whole region and will have implications on cases like Syria, Iran, Iraq and possibly Cyprus," said Murat Yekin, columnist at Radikal daily.

Obama immediately expressed his appreciation over the restoration of positive relations between Turkey and Israel, saying the step will advance regional peace and security.

"I am hopeful that today's exchange between the two leaders will enable them to engage in deeper cooperation on this and a range of other challenges and opportunities," Obama said.

What comes next is explained by Turkish analyst Zeynep Gurcanli, head of Ankara-based Diplomatic Correspondents' Association.

She said the upgrade in ties with the exchange of ambassadors will follow the compensation deal for the victims of the flotilla attack and non-liability agreement for Israeli soldiers involved in the incident.

"Turkey will also remove its veto on Israeli participation into NATO military drills," she said, stressing that similar decisions can be taken in other international platforms where Turkey blocked Israeli advances.

Gurcanli added that high-level exchanges between Turkey and Israel will start soon depending on whether Israel will ease restrictions on goods entering Palestinian territories, especially the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Israel's bow to a long-standing demand by Ankara reflects that the Jewish state is concerned over isolation amid political upheavals in the region and as Washington gears up for new a push for the Palestinian-Israeli peace process.

Turkey, a close friend of Palestinians, can contribute to the process if it has normalized ties with Israel, Erol said.

"Turkey will support all international and regional efforts to find fair, enduring and comprehensive solution based on 'two-state' vision to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," Erdogan's office said in a statement following the apology.

Meanwhile, analysts like Nasuhi Gungor, who writes for Star Daily, cite Turkey's rising profile in global politics in recent years as a reason for Israel to compromise.

Ibrahim Kalin, Erdogan's chief foreign policy advisor, said "this [apology] is a major victory for diplomacy."

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Statement Attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General on the restoration of relations between Israel and Turkey

The Secretary-General welcomes that the Governments of Israel and Turkey have agreed to restore normal relations between them, and appreciates the role of US President Obama in reaching this positive outcome. Assisting Israel and Turkey in restoring their good relations had been a core objective of the Secretary-General's efforts in the aftermath of the May 2010 flotilla incident. Today's announcement is an important and hopeful signal for the stability of the region.

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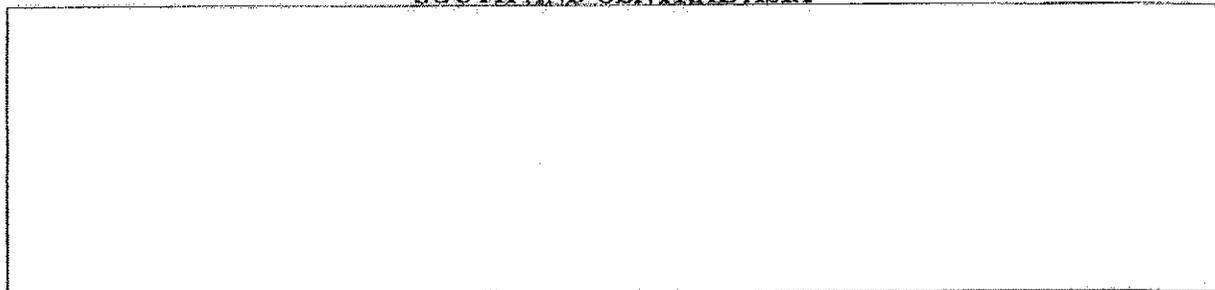
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The commission tasked with examining Israel's response to the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident will release the second part of its report, which will focus on whether Israel can investigate itself for alleged war crimes. (*Jerusalem Post*)

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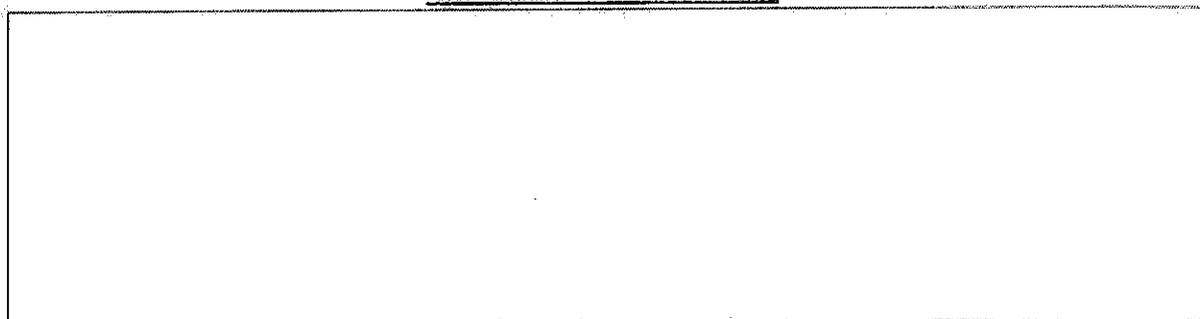


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Today's Zaman: Turkish minister says any gas project with Israel requires Erdogan's approval

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15 February 2013 /TODAY'S ZAMAN, Istanbul

(Today's Zaman) - Turkey's energy minister has said any joint project between Turkish companies and Israel requires the approval of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Taner Yildiz told Turkey's CNBC-E news channel in an interview that some conditions must be established to carry Israeli gas to Turkey, without elaborating on the type of conditions.

He said if these conditions, which will be put forward by Erdogan, are not met, Turkey won't begin any gas project with Israel. It was not clear whether the energy minister was referring to state deals with Israel or if this also included private companies.

Yildiz's remarks come at a time when Zorlu Group, one of Turkey's biggest holdings, is working hard to lobby Israeli authorities to approve a possible gas sale to Turkey despite icy relations between the two nations.

Israel's Haaretz claimed on Thursday that the Zorlu Group is planning to build an undersea pipeline from Israeli-owned offshore gas rigs to Turkey's south coast, which will be shortest and cheapest gas pipeline project Turkey has ever been part of.

The daily reported that the Turkish conglomerate has been working in recent

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months to convince the Israeli government and Israel's Leviathan gas field partners to approve energy exports to Turkey.

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Turkey downgraded its relations with Israel following a raid by the latter on the Mavi Marmara, a ship that was part of an international aid flotilla that was attempting to breach an Israeli blockade of Gaza. Turkey said that relations between the two countries would only return to normal if Israel offered a formal apology for the resulting killings and paid compensation to the families of the victims. Israel has only expressed regret, saying that its soldiers had acted in self-defense. Months-long diplomatic efforts to mend relations have failed to produce an agreement.

Turkey imposed sanctions on Israel but commercial ties with the country are not affected. Turkey did not impose a trade embargo on Israel but suspended ongoing defense projects and purchases from Israeli defense firms.

Turkish contractors have undertaken more than 100 projects in Israel so far, worth a total of nearly \$600 million. The largest Turkish investment in Israel is in the electric power plants the Zorlu Group is in the process of constructing. The group of companies has undertaken to build four power plants in Israel thus far.

Zorlu's plan is to lay an undersea pipeline from the Leviathan field 130 kilometers off Haifa to Turkey's south coast. The pipeline would deliver between 8 billion and 10 billion cubic meters of gas annually. The Zorlu Group has assets worth \$1 billion in Israel.

It is still unclear how Turkish authorities will react to a possible pipeline between Israel and Turkey as Turkey vowed to boost naval patrols in the eastern Mediterranean last year in a deepening diplomatic feud with Israel and Greek Cyprus over gas finds.

Erdogan said last year that Turkey would make its presence felt in the eastern Mediterranean at a time when Israel is looking to exploit the two offshore gas fields and partner with Greek Cyprus to build energy facilities.

The Leviathan gas drill, 130 km (80 miles) off the port of Haifa, is the world's biggest deepwater gas find in the past decade. Israel could earn at least \$150 billion in gas revenues.

Turkey does not recognize the Greek Cypriot government and has complained bitterly about its energy deals with Israel. Lebanon has accused Israel of breaking international law by exploring for gas without an agreement on the maritime border between the two countries, which are formally at war.

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19:00 Flotillas to Gaza and other ad hoc organizations such as "Solidarity Association to Palestinian People – Intifada," "Gaza Freedom Flotilla," and the Anti-War Nationalist Movement will demonstrate at Syntagma Square.

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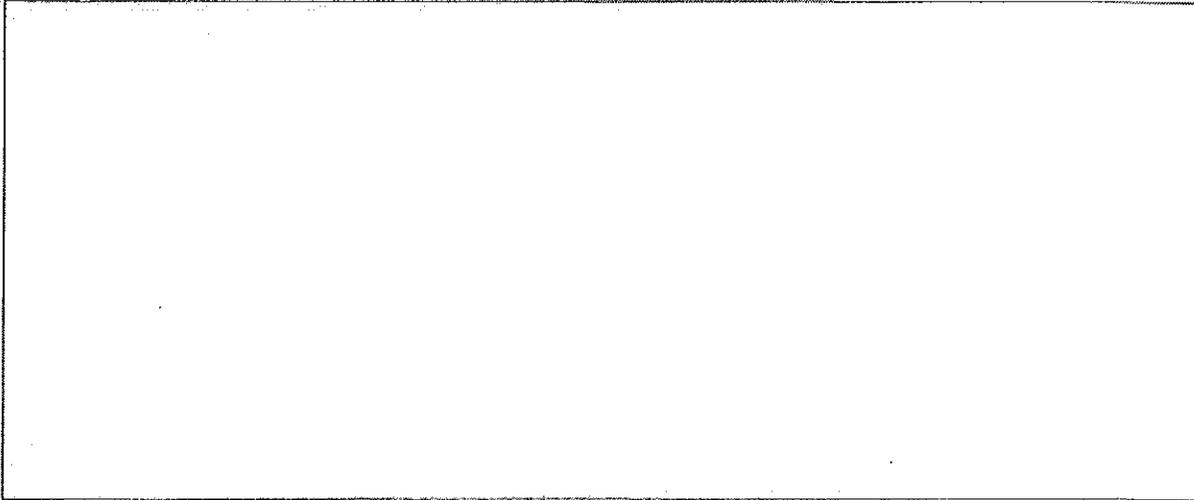
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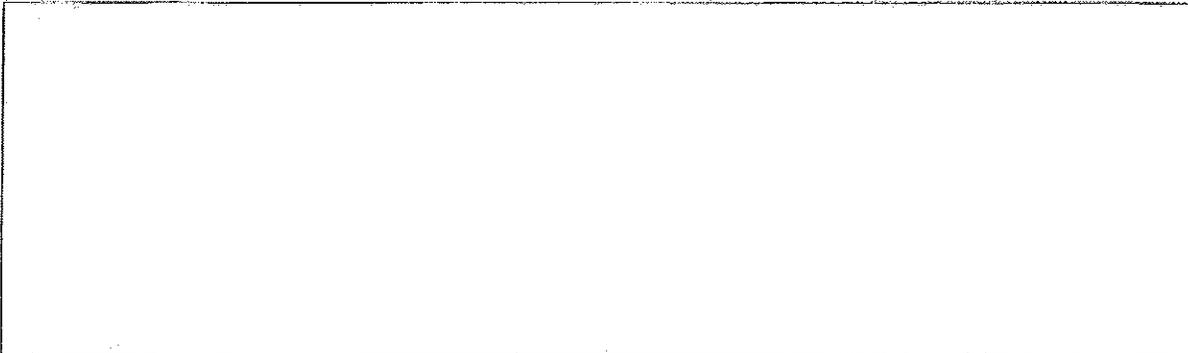


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New Gaza flotilla: *Kathimerini* (independent, influential) carried a *REUTERS* article on two motor vessels (Canadian Flag MV Tahrir and U.S. Flag MV Saoirse) with 25 activists from the U.S., Canada, and Ireland that sailed from Turkey towards Gaza with humanitarian assistance cargo. Report said that Israel has stressed that it will exhaust all its margins to prevent the two ships from approaching Gaza. A similar report appeared prominently in *Eleftherotypia* (left of center, pro-PASOK).



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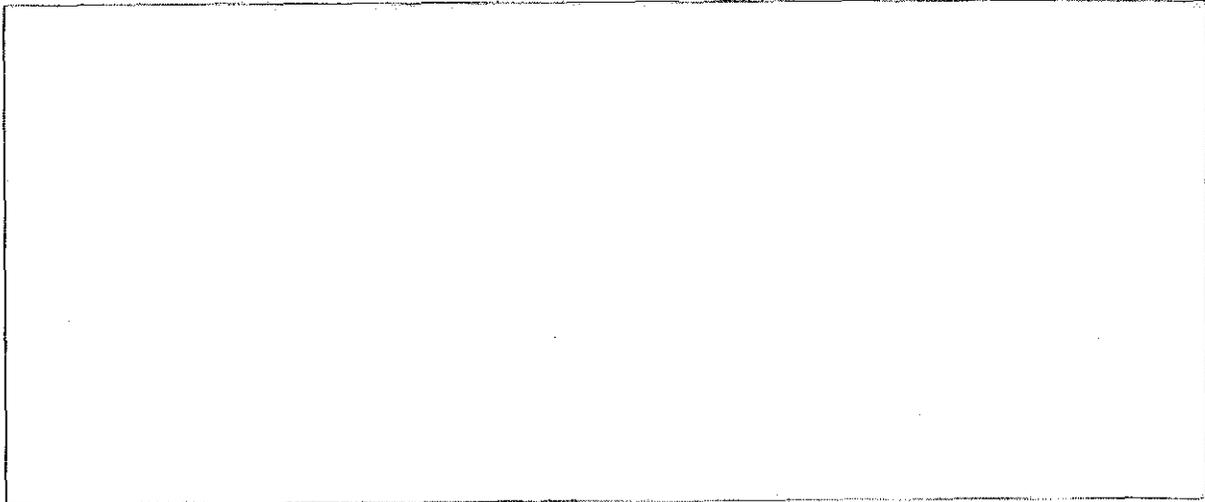
Gaza flotilla: Eleftherotypia (left-of-center, pro-PASOK) reports that "the American captain of the 'Audacity of Hope,'" was released yesterday as he could not be tried in Greece since he should not have been indicted on the basis of Greek legislation. His advocate said that his ship was under a U.S. flag and fully navigable. In a different story, paper says a French ship named "Dignite al Kamara" sailed off Corsica "defying repeated Israeli threats."

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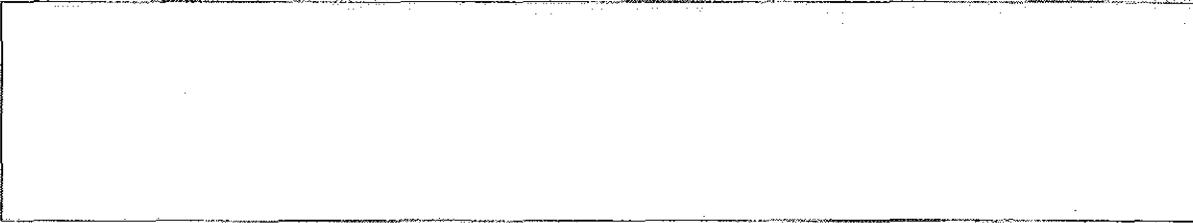
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How the U.S. plays in the Greek media:

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Gaza flotilla: Eleftherotypia (left-of-center, pro-PASOK) inside headline: "American activist Ann Wright: 'Greeks pointed arms at us as if they were Israeli commandos...'" The story reports on the passengers of the American ship, saying they include "a former CIA analyst," five military veterans and others. Wright, a "retired Colonel of the U.S. Armed Forces," who is reported to have retired because she disagreed with President Bush's invasion of Iraq, says that "the U.S. cooperation with the Israeli and Greek authorities became obvious when the harbor police turned their guns

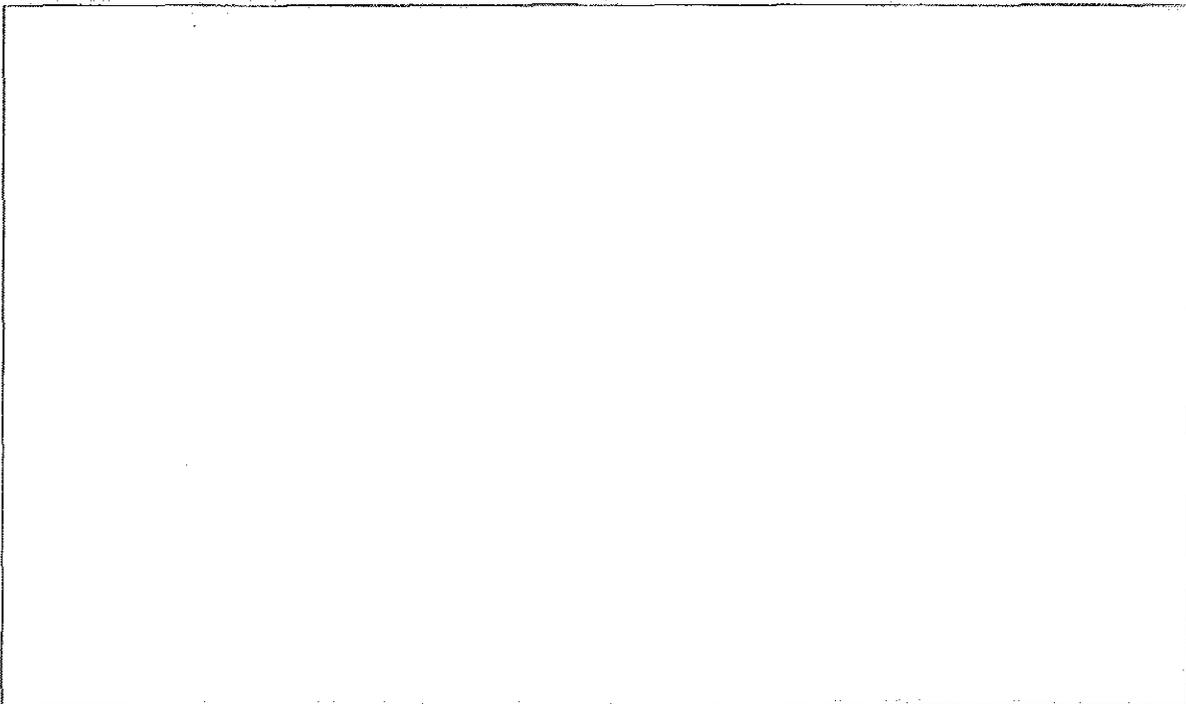
against us. It was an aggressive action against unarmed citizens. The harbor police must certainly do their checking. But they should never turn their guns against passengers....I am sorry for the Greek people because its government had to adopt such a stance. This happens when a country loses its national sovereignty. Israelis and Americans forced [PM] Papandreou to stop the departure of citizens fighting for a better world," she is quoted saying to the paper.



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Other Issues:

Topics: The Economy.



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Sent: Saturday, March 23, 2013 6:16 AM
Subject: Turkey Media Summary Update: March 23, 2013

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Interesting detail about the phone call

(Hurriyet)

Interesting details have come out about the phone call between Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. It turned out that the phone call lasted half an hour and took place in a military container, and President Obama talked to Erdogan for a while too. Netanyahu uttered the Hebrew word "itznatlut" (to apologize) during the phone call. He apologized to the Turkish people on behalf of Israel for the Mavi Marmara and operational mistakes and said that Israel is ready for an agreement to compensate the families of the victims.

<http://www.hurriyet.com.tr/gundem/22876115.asp>

Apology Summit in the VIP Lounge

(Milliyet)

Aslı Aydintasbas writes in her column that the Israeli apology is a result of three-week long breathtaking diplomatic efforts, despite it seeming like a surprise. The subject was first mentioned by John Kerry during his recent visit to Ankara. When a formula was produced, Davutoglu cut short his visit to Poland and flew to Ankara to catch Erdogan who had just returned from Denmark.

<http://dunya.milliyet.com.tr/vip-salonunda-ozur-zirvesi/dunya/dunyayazardetay/23.03.2013/1683930/default.htm>

Erdogan will come to Gaza (Hurriyet)

Ismail Haniye, prime minister of the Palestinian Government in Gaza, welcomes the Israeli apology to Turkey. Haniye said he believes Israel will keep her promise to Turkey and lift the embargo against Gaza.

<http://www.hurriyet.com.tr/planet/22878687.asp>

Former Israeli foreign minister Avigor Lieberman reacts to the apology (all newspapers)

Lieberman said giving the apology is a mistake, and will damage Israel's image.

<http://www.hurriyet.com.tr/planet/22877003.asp>



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Harsh Warning from Kerry to Iraq (*Cumhuriyet*)

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Apology Opens New World For Israel And Turkey, Israeli President Says (*Hurriyet*)

"Look, we live in the same world, the same age with the same priorities. There is a new world. We cannot approach the new world with an old mind," Israeli President Shimon Peres told daily *Hürriyet* in an interview in Jerusalem after Israel apologized to Turkey and agreed to pay compensation over the 2010 Mavi Marmara killings. Asked if Israel's apology meant a rapprochement, Peres said: "It is not a matter of rapprochement. It is more than that; we have to pave a better way for our children. ..." The president also underlined the centuries-old friendship between the two countries. "Turkey was the first to recognize Israel from the Muslim world. Since the 15th century, Turkey was a shelter for the Jewish people. I can think about 1,000 reasons why Turkey and Israel should be friends." The president also hinted at soon meeting and shaking hands with his Turkish counterpart, Abdullah Gül. Asked if Israel was against a possible visit by PM Erdoğan to Gaza, Peres said it would not be a problem but added that the strip's rulers, Hamas, were against peace. Peres also said he believed Ankara could contribute to peace talks between his country and Palestine. The president also commented on Erdoğan's recent clarification of earlier remarks in which he equated Zionism with fascism. "Look, let's be honest. The Jewish people went through a Holocaust. Six million Jews were killed, among them 1.5 million children. We did not seek war, we did seek friendship. Zionism is a humanistic movement ... So I understand those words were corrected because nobody can change realities," he said.

Israel Says Syria's Chemical Weapons Main Reason For Apologizing To Turkey (*All Media*)

Concerns that Syria's stockpile of chemical weapons could reach militant groups bordering Israel and Turkey was the motivating factor in restoring relations with Ankara after a three year rift, Israel's prime minister said. Benjamin Netanyahu wrote on his Facebook page Saturday that Israel and Turkey, which border Syria, need to communicate with each other over the Syrian crisis. "The fact that the crisis in Syria intensifies from moment to moment was the main consideration in my view," Netanyahu wrote.

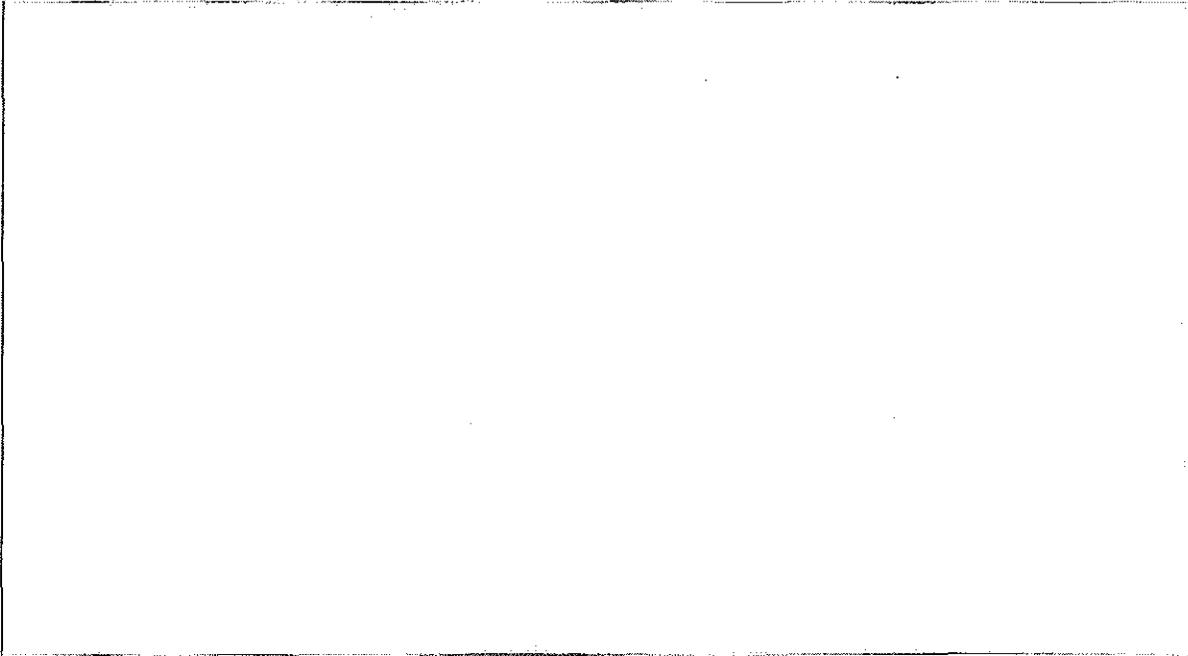
Erdoğan Says No Normal Ties With Israel Unless Promises Kept (*All Media*)

PM Erdoğan said on Sunday that normalization in ties with Israel will not take place until Israel properly implements the conditions promised in the apology deal. "When implementation [of Israel promises] takes place, there will be normalization [in ties]. But if implementation is not carried out, they should not take offense. We are saying it very open and clear," Erdoğan told a cheering crowd in Eskişehir on Sunday. In order to mend ties, Ankara had three demands of Tel Aviv: an official apology from Israel for the Mavi Marmara raid, reparations for the families of the passengers killed on the ship and the lifting of the blockade on Gaza. On

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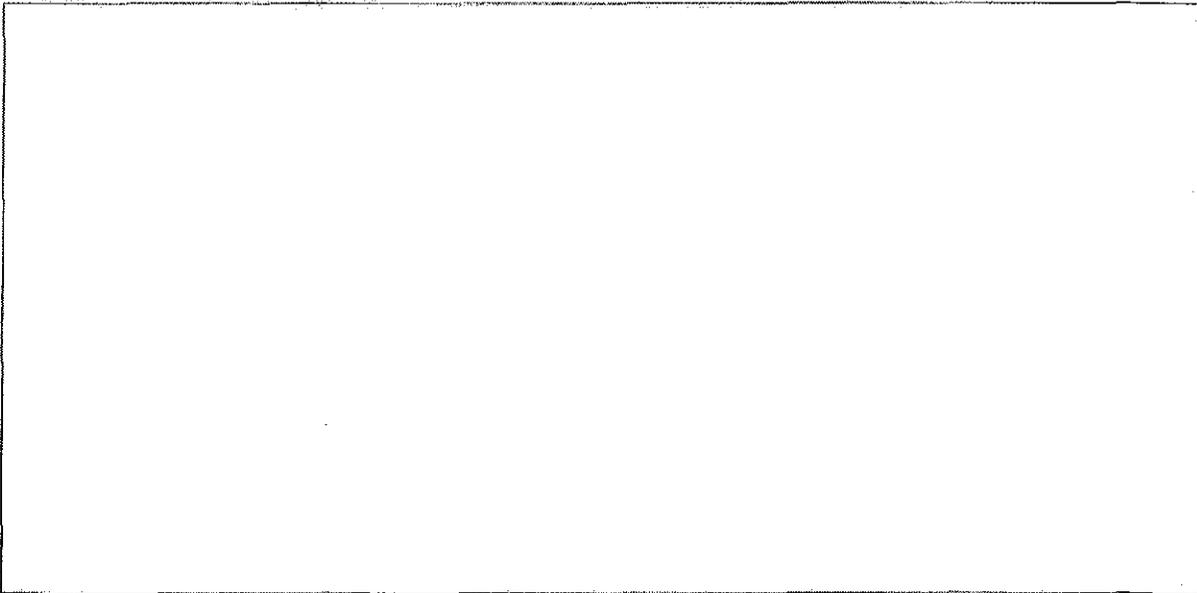
Sunday, however, an Israeli official said Israel did not commit to ending its Gaza blockade as part of reconciliation with Turkey and could clamp down even harder on the Palestinian enclave if security is threatened.

Assassination Warning from Embassy (*Milliyet*)



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Olympics Commission Meets President, Begins Inspections (*Milliyet*)



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Ambassador Ricciardone's Comment on Israeli Apology (CNNTurk)

Speaking about Israel's apology to Turkey, Ambassador Ricciardone said "Both leaders have taken this beautiful step. They showed that they are great statesmen. This is important. It will increase cooperation in the region for the normalization of relations and for peace."

<http://www.cnntrk.com/2013/dunya/03/26/buyukelci.ricciardoneden.ozur.yorumu/701668.0/index.html>

Erdogan on Israeli Apology (All media)

During his address at his party group meeting at Parliament, PM Erdogan said "From the start, Turkey was clear on three conditions about the Mavi Marmara incident: apology, compensation and end of the sanctions on Palestine. We wanted them all and never took a step back. We also discussed this issue with the U.S. Secretary of State during his visit to Turkey. We received text as Obama was traveling to the Middle East. We did not accept some points in that text. We said no. We are not only protecting Turkish citizens but also our Palestinian brothers. They should also be taken into consideration. Obama called me from the airport with Netanyahu. I heard Netanyahu's voice but insisted on talking with Obama by saying that I missed his voice. And then we finalized this issue with Obama as a witness. First the U.S., then the Israelis made their statements. Everything is written, we also have phone records. And then we made our statement. Netanyahu stated that he accepts all our conditions. Shortly I will pay a visit to the region and will have the chance to see if they keep their promises."

First Step for Compensation (Hurriyet, Haberturk, Sabah)

Turkey and Israel made first contact to start talks to formalize compensation to the families of the Mavi Marmara victims. Israeli Justice Minister Tzipi Livni and FM Davutoglu agreed to start technical talks at the level of senior foreign ministry officials in the coming days. *Haberturk* notes Israeli diplomats are coming for talks at the beginning of April. <http://www.hurriyet.com.tr/planet/22897721.asp>

Turkey Sent Arms to Syria with CIA Help (CNNTurk, Milliyet)

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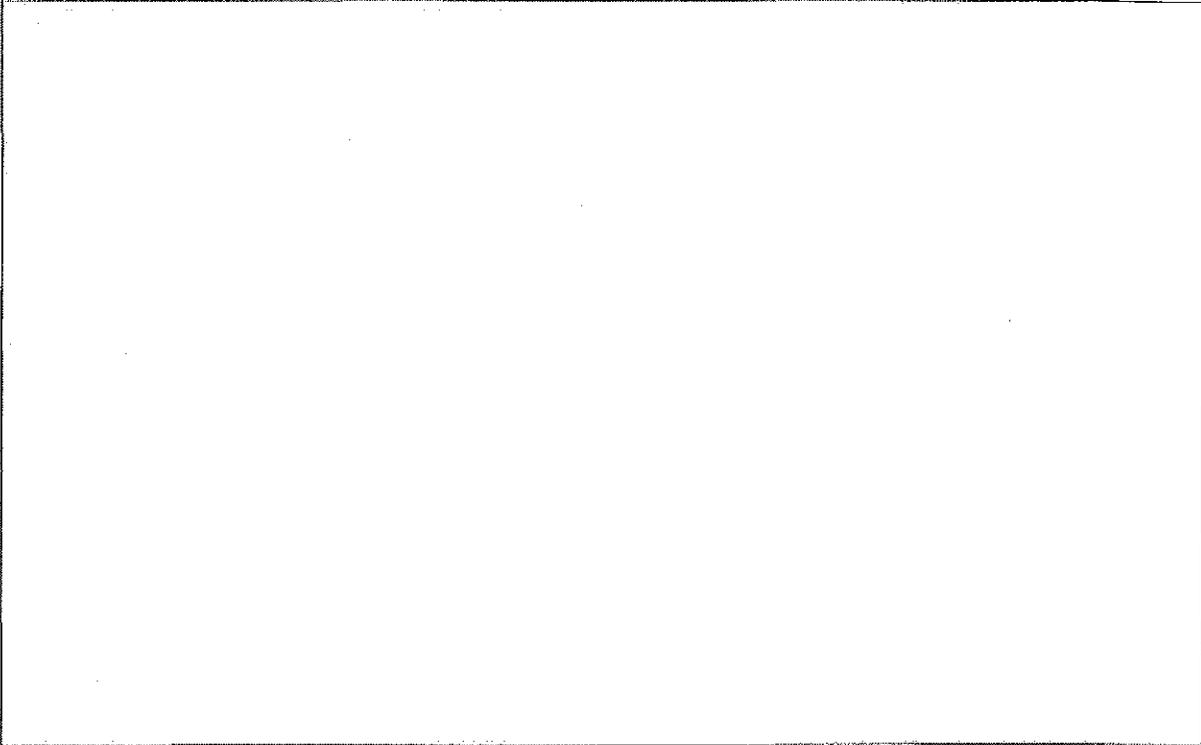
Israeli Apology on Ankara Municipality Billboards (Sabah, Vatan, NTV)

The Ankara Municipality placed billboards along city streets to thank PM Erdogan for his role in the Israeli apology to Turkey for the Mavi Marmara raid. The billboards, addressing Erdogan, read: "Israel apologized to

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Turkey. Dear Prime Minister, we are grateful that you let our country experience this pride." Meanwhile, *NTV* reports the billboards drew reactions from Israeli media. <http://www.ntvmsnbc.com/id/25431260/>

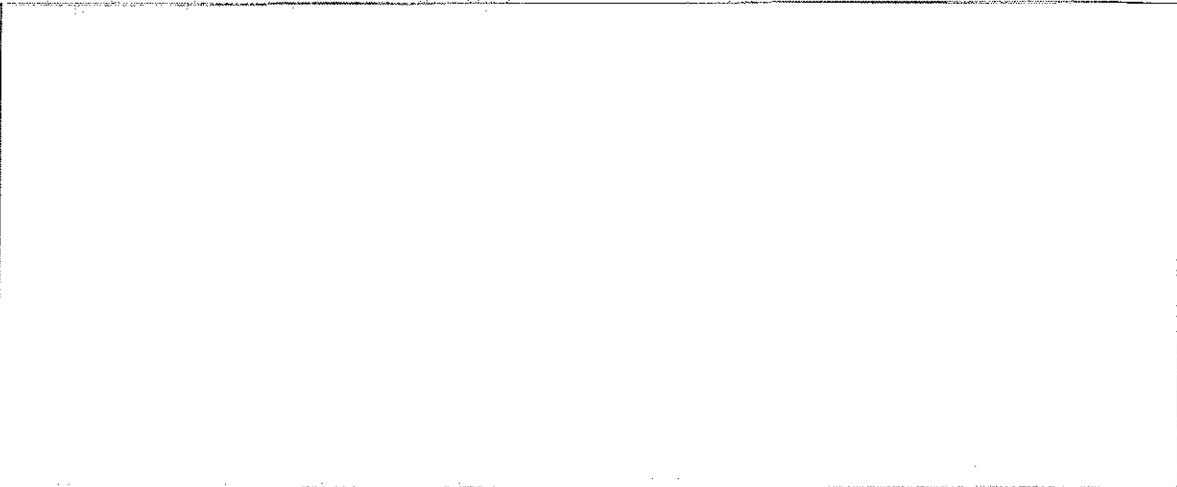
Caglayan: "Erdogan Sent a Letter to Obama" (*Vatan*)

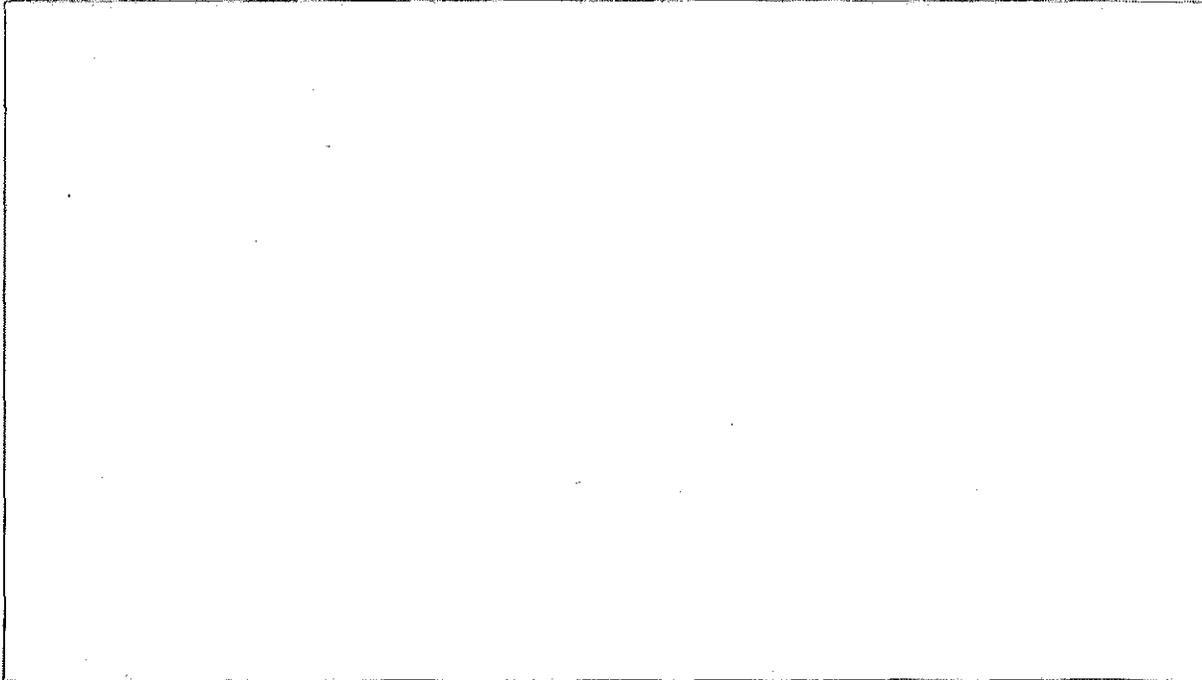


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Commentaries:

Kurdish Peace Scenarios in Ankara (*Radikal*)





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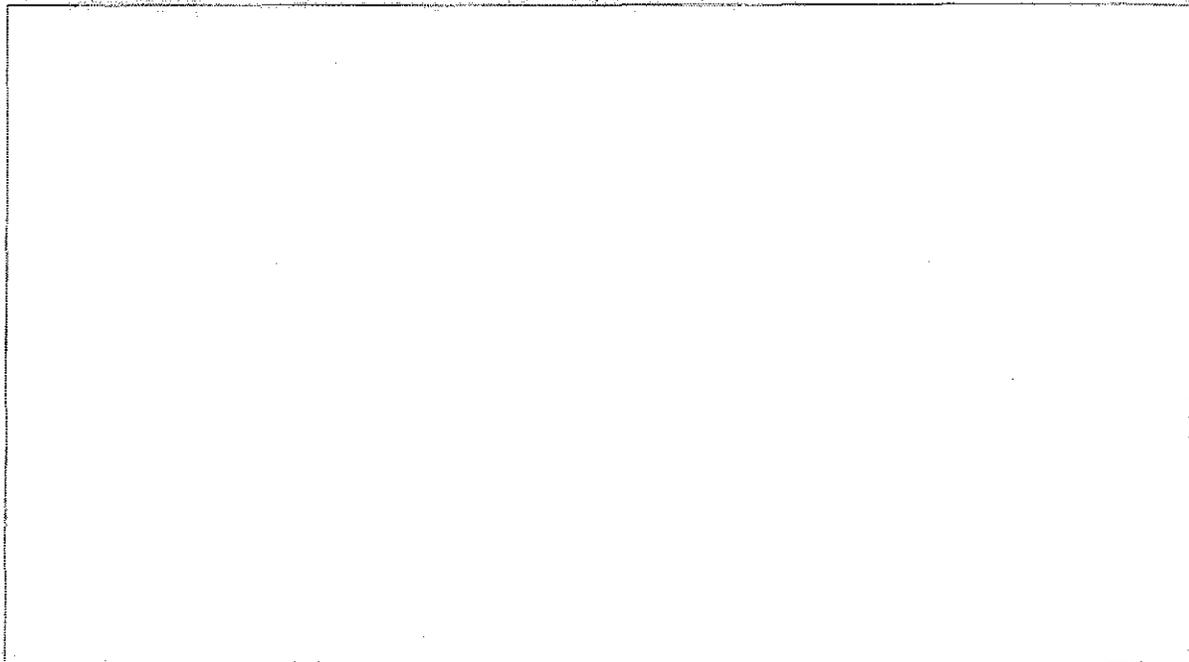
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I Missed Obama's Voice: PM Erdogan (*All Media*)

While recounting his phone conversation with Netanyahu, which was also briefly joined by U.S. President Barack Obama, Erdogan said he first heard Netanyahu but insisted that he wanted to speak to Obama first. "I said, 'I missed Mr. Obama's voice. I want to talk to him first.' Then, Israel apologized. we have therefore accomplished this process under Obama's witness," Erdogan said, adding this phone conversation has also been recorded alongside with written statements issued from all three sides. "We have made the process safe" he added. "The Israeli apology to Turkey over the Mavi Marmara incident changed equation in the Middle East peace process as the bilateral deal obligates Israel to cooperate with the Turkish government over this process, the PM said during yesterday's group meeting. He said all his regional interlocutors, including Khaled Mashaal of the Hamas, admit that a new era has begun in the Middle East what they all call after Turkish victory on Israeli apology. Erdogan repeated that they will closely follow the implementation of this deal and he would visit Gaza and West Bank in April in order to witness the blockade imposed by Israeli government. "Turkey will continue to do its best for the reconstruction of Gaza and for overcoming humanitarian problems," he said, underlining that Turkey's approach towards Israel will depend on Israeli fulfillment of its commitments.

Patriots Need To Shield Rebel Zones: SNC To U.S. (*All Media*)

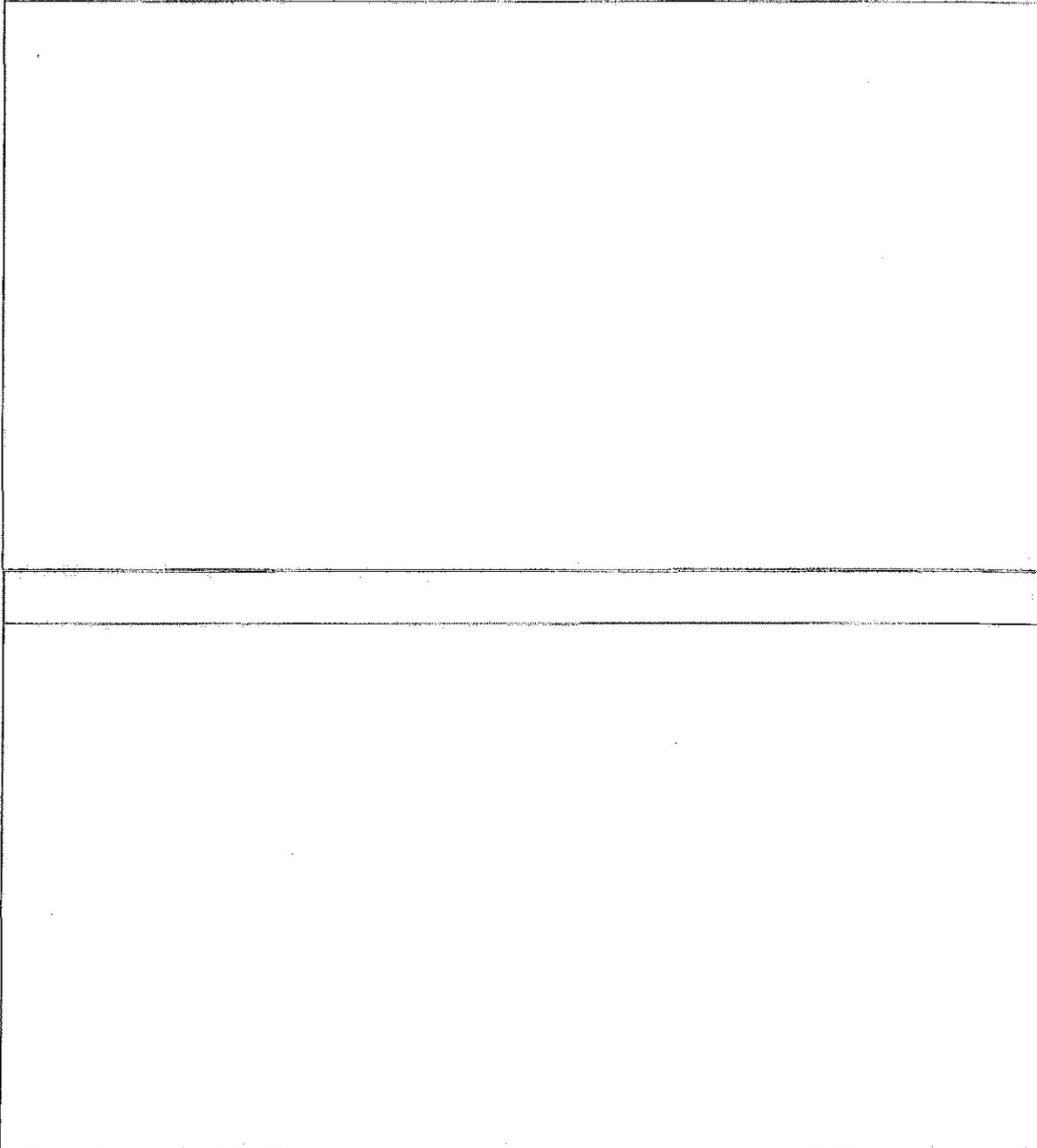


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Israel's Compensation Surprise (*Vatan*) **REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer**

Following the official apology, Israeli Justice Minister Livni called Turkish FM Davutoglu and suggested establishing a compensation commission. Representing Turkey during next week's meetings will be Turkey's former Ambassador to Israel Feridun Siniroglu. An Israeli newspaper, sourcing a Turkish diplomat, claimed that the compensation will be a million dollars per family, instead of the suggested 100 thousand dollars.

Turks Banned From Neo-Nazi Trials (*Milliyet*)



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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 3:19 AM
To: Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Subject: Greek coastguard intercepts Gaza-bound Canadian ship (Reuters)

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FYI.

From: OpsNewsTicker
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 11:50 AM
To: NEWS-EUR; NEWS-NEA
Cc: SES-O_OS; SES-O_Shift-II
Subject: Greek coastguard intercepts Gaza-bound Canadian ship (Reuters)

ATHENS (Reuters) - The Greek coastguard on Monday intercepted a Canadian ship which had set sail for Gaza carrying medicine and pro-Palestinian activists who had defied a ban by the Athens government, an activist said.

The boat, named "Tahrir", had left a port in Crete, a Reuters witness said. Greek authorities have said that ships carrying activists destined for Gaza with aid for Palestinians were prohibited from leaving Greek ports.

The activist told Reuters that the crew of nearly 50 people comprised mostly Canadians. There were no further details immediately available.

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From: Vu, Anny T
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 11:43 AM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: Ops Request for Information: Demonstrations in Athens

Mr. Lawton:

Please accept our apologies again for bothering you on the Fourth of July but we are now seeing Twitter feeds that six American boat members have just been detained by Greek police while sitting on a bench across from the residence of the U.S. Ambassador. We would greatly appreciate any information you have on the matter.

Would it also be possible for the Operations Center to get an update on the Embassy security posture when you have a moment?

Please feel free to respond via e-mail (high or low side) or by calling the Operations Center at (202) 647-1512 and asking for the Emergency Action Officer. Thank you for taking the time to review our request.

Many thanks and kind regards,

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 11:52 PM
To: Howell, Loye E
Cc: CA-OCS-Duty; Snipes, Christopher K; SES-O_Shift-III; SES-O_Shift-I; Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Brandeis, Charles D (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Subject: Re: Ops request: confirmation of hearing for Audacity of Hope Captain
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Loye - Yes, my understanding is that there is a hearing for Captain Klusmire today. Others at the Embassy, cc'ed here, may have additional details. Regards, Dan

From: Howell, Loye E
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 08:14 PM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Cc: CA-OCS-Duty; Snipes, Christopher K; SES-O_Shift-III; SES-O_Shift-I
Subject: Ops request: confirmation of hearing for Audacity of Hope Captain

Mr. Lawton,

The US Boat to Gaza Facebook page is reporting that the Audacity of Hope Captain, John Klusmire, is scheduled to be at a hearing at 12:00pm Athens time on Tuesday, July 5. It also states there are 2 Greek lawyers serving as his defense council.

Are you able to confirm whether Mr. Klusmire is scheduled for a hearing? Do you have any further information or update on the situation?

Thanks very much.

Kind Regards,

Loye Howell
State Department Operations Center
HowellLE@state.gov
202 647 1512

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 5:32 AM
To: Hill, Ralan L
Cc: SES-O Shift-I; Martin, Leah A (Athens); Malik, Paul (Athens)
Subject: Re: POC for Gaza flotilla departure

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Ralan - I am currently in the U.S., but I am cc'ing some folks in Athens who may be in a position to help. Regards, Dan

From: Hill, Ralan L
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 04:43 AM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Cc: SES-O Shift-I
Subject: POC for Gaza flotilla departure

Sir,

I know you're busy with the Secretary's visit. However, we received conflicting reports that Gaza Flotilla boat, the French-flagged Dignite, has left port heading south. We'd like to confirm those reports.

I'll be calling out to Athens shortly. Can you tell us who the best POC would be?

Thank you,

Ralan Hill
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State Department Operations Center
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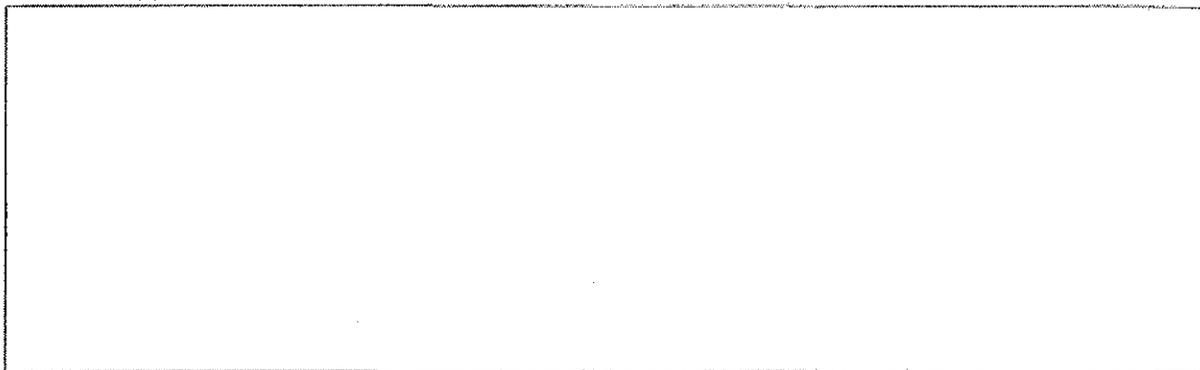
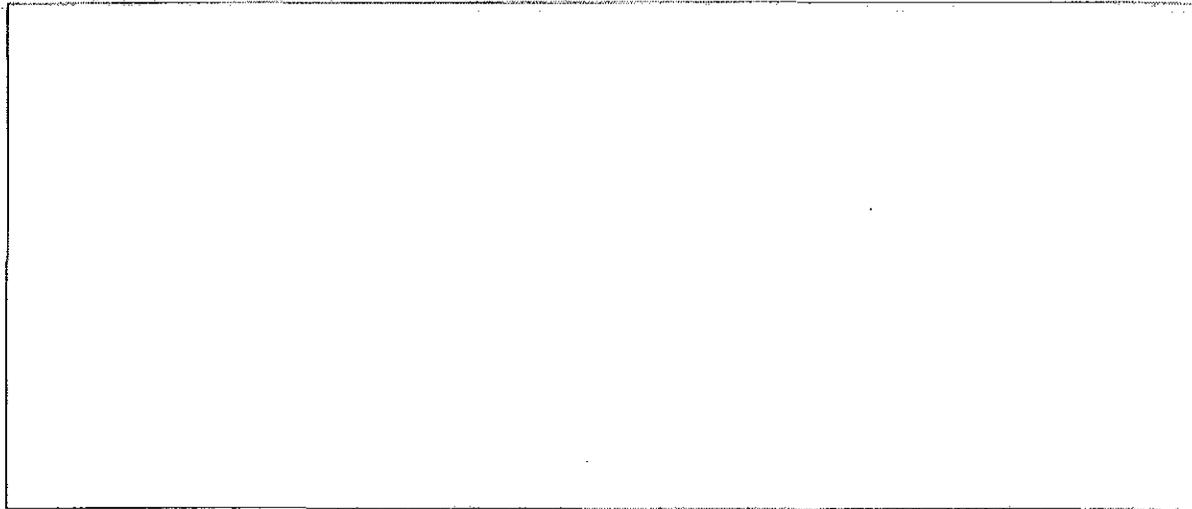
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- On July 1 the Ministry of Citizen Protection released a notice to Gaza flotilla participants prohibiting the departure of ships with Greek and foreign flags from Greek ports to the maritime area of Gaza.
 - Despite the ban, the American-flagged ship "Audacity of Hope" and the Canadian ship "Tahrir" ship reportedly attempted to leave Greek ports near Piraeus and eastern Crete, respectively, and were stopped by the Hellenic Coast Guard.
 - Embassy Athens provided standard consular services to the American citizens involved in the flotilla before and after the "Audacity of Hope" was returned to port. The AmCit captain is the only American facing charges right now.
- The Greek government has proposed to assume the transport of humanitarian aid to Gaza, in cooperation with the United Nations.
 - Gaza flotilla organizers have so far not accepted this offer.

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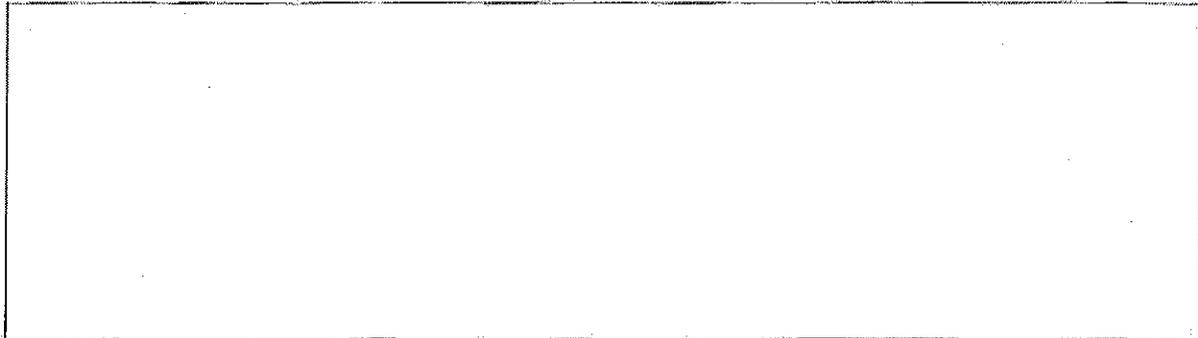
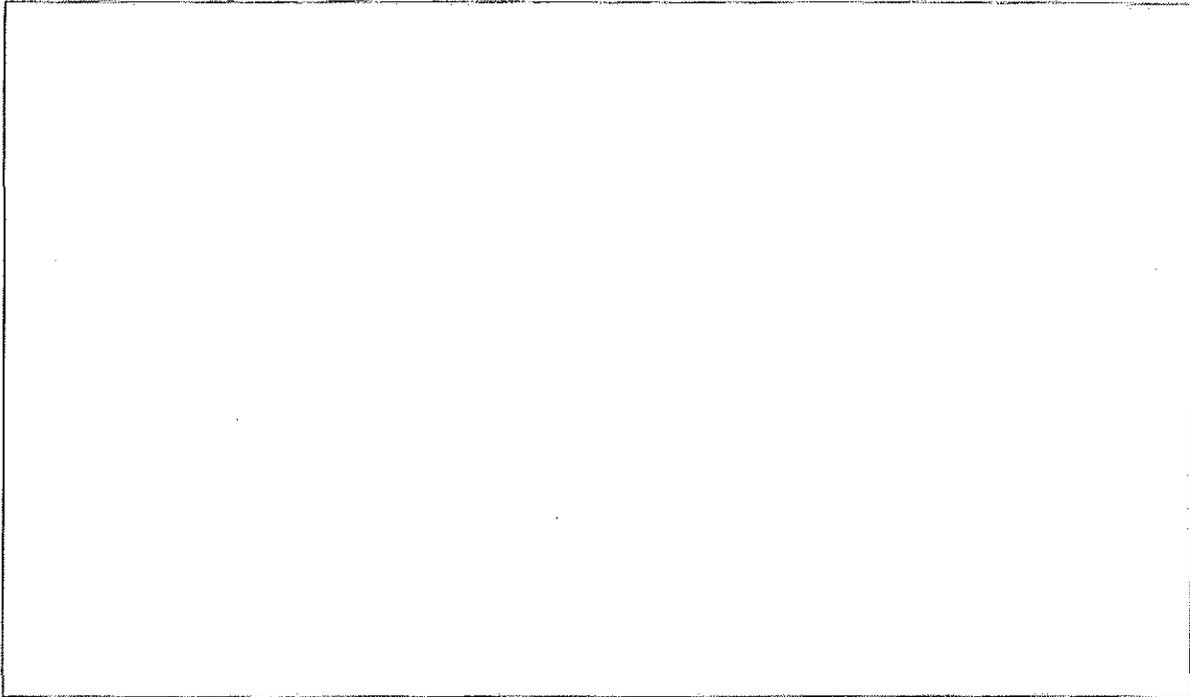
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(U) Following Ban on Departure of Flotilla Vessels to Gaza, Greece Offers to Deliver Humanitarian Aid: On July 1 the Ministry of Citizen Protection released a notice to flotilla participants that "the departure of ships with Greek and foreign flags from Greek ports to the maritime area of Gaza has been prohibited today. By orders of the Hellenic Coast Guard Head Quarters to all local Hellenic Coast Guard Authorities, all appropriate measure are taken for the implementation of the said decision." Despite the ban, the American flagged ship "Audacity of Hope" and the Canadian ship "Tahrir" were stopped by the Hellenic Coast Guard as they attempted to leave Greek ports near Piraeus and eastern Crete, respectively. 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 assume 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 initiative. In the statement, the MFA reiterated that it forbade departure from Greek ports primarily to protect human life and stressed Greece's concurrent view that the naval blockade of Gaza should be lifted.

(SBU) Consular Services Provided to AmCit Gaza Flotilla Participants: American Citizens Services Chief spoke with the captain of the "Audacity of Hope" twice over the July 4 weekend and visited him the morning of July 5. He was transferred to a police station near the port, where he could have access to his belongings and be more comfortable. According to the captain, Greek authorities also moved him because of the large call volume to the station crashed the switchboard. ACS chief also spoke on several occasions to the Group's Greek attorney. There are currently no Gaza Flotilla protesters in custody and none were ever arrested. They were taken from in front of the embassy and the Ambassador's residence to the local police station for identification and were then released. They were in the station

under two hours. The embassy is receiving a large number of calls and e-mails, asking the USG to put pressure on Greece to allow the flotilla to proceed to Gaza.



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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 4:09 AM
To: Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Cc: Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Subject: FW: Justice for Gaza and Flotilla Crew

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FYI. Regards, Dan L.

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From: Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 11:01 AM
To: Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Subject: FW: Justice for Gaza and Flotilla Crew

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From: Tsiboukis, Vassilis G (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 10:47 AM
To: Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Subject: RE: Justice for Gaza and Flotilla Crew

FYI, So far we have received 396 protest messages.
Thank you,
Vassilis

Vassilis Tsiboukis
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From: Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 9:32 AM
To: Tsiboukis, Vassilis G (Athens)
Subject: RE: Justice for Gaza and Flotilla Crew

Please store in a folder, but for now only forward those that appear to have a link to someone here in the flotilla—i.e. are in the nature of a consular communication.

Thks, Stuart

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From: Athens American Embassy
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 9:25 AM
To: Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Subject: FW: Justice for Gaza and Flotilla Crew

Stuart, the messages we received since Sunday are more than 150. Do you want me to store them in a folder?

And do you want to read more of them.

Please advise.

Vassilis

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Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 8:45 AM
To: Athens American Embassy
Subject: Justice for Gaza and Flotilla Crew

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July 4th, 2011

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United States Embassy in Athens

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I request that you assist the members of the American Vessel, Audacity of Hope, in their endeavor to reach Gaza safely and to be able to deliver the letters that they have planned to give the citizens of Gaza.

I understand that there may be some United States citizens jailed or detained by the Greek Government. I request that you assist these passengers or crew members in any way possible to be freed and rejoin the mission to Gaza, and most especially to help in every way possible to let the United States ship to sail to Gaza.

The world is expecting that the United States, Greece, and Israel will allow these humanitarian items to reach the citizens of Gaza who live trapped and occupied by Israel. This night as we celebrate the American Independence it is time for justice for the Palestinian in Gaza,

Respectfully yours,

[redacted]

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 3:10 AM
To: Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Cc: Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Subject: FW: Updated guidance

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Leah -- You can draw on the press guidance at the bottom of this chain for your cable. Regards, Dan L.

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From: Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 8:43 AM
To: O'Brien, Valerie C
Cc: Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: RE: Updated guidance

Here it is...

Gaza flotilla: We still plan to breach blockade
Posted: Jul 03, 2011 3:55 PM
Updated: Jul 04, 2011 3:36 PM
By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Organizers of a Gaza-bound flotilla said Sunday they have not abandoned their plans to breach Israel's sea blockade of the territory despite a Greek government ban on their vessels leaving the country's ports.

The campaign experienced a major setback when Greece announced its restrictions Friday, and authorities arrested the captain of a boat carrying American activists that tried to leave Greece without permission.

However, coordinators of the flotilla were trying to maintain momentum with small protests in Athens in the face of increasing calls for them to scrap their campaign. On Saturday, the Middle East Quartet of Mideast mediators - the U.S., U.N., EU and Russia - urged governments to discourage Gaza-bound flotillas that could escalate tension in the region.

Several protesters from the American vessel briefly protested outside the U.S. Embassy before leaving. They had originally planned to stay there overnight. They want Washington to pressure Greece to release their American captain, John Klusmire, and allow them to depart for the Gaza Strip.

The U.S. Embassy provided standard consular services to the American citizens in the flotilla "before and after" the interception of their vessel, spokesman Stuart Smith said.

The Obama administration had warned American activists against participating in the flotilla, saying they might be violating U.S. law because Gaza is run by the militant Hamas group, a U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organization.

Greek activist Dimitris Plionis said there would be "some action" at the beginning of the week, but he did not specify what the pro-Palestinian activists were planning to do, presumably because Greek authorities might try to thwart their efforts.

"The ban is there and we have already said that we are still considering to sail," Plionis said. "This story is not finished."

Without elaborating, he noted that "ships are free to go to other locations" besides Gaza.

The comment raised the possibility that organizers have debated whether their vessels could declare they are bound for another destination, and then turn toward Gaza once they are in international waters. The flotilla has planned to carry medicine, construction equipment and other aid to the coastal strip.

Pro-Palestinian groups said hundreds of activists from around the world intend to fly to Israel's airport Friday to protest the country's naval blockade of the Gaza Strip and other policies. By staging large demonstrations at the airport, Israeli media say the activists plan on disrupting flights. Media reported that already tight security at the airport will be beefed up. Police refused to comment on operational preparations.

The groups that called Sunday for the protest are based in Europe and the U.S. They include the International Solidarity Movement, a pro-Palestinian group that often sends activists to the West Bank and Gaza.

Israel says it imposed the blockade in 2007 to stop weapons reaching Hamas, the Islamic militant group that rules Gaza.

Nine activists on a Turkish boat were killed last year in an Israeli raid on a similar flotilla, and Israel eased its land blockade after an international uproar over the incident. But Israel has pledged to thwart any attempt to reach Gaza by sea, and that aid deliveries can occur through its own established channels.

Activists reject that option, saying Israeli restrictions on the Palestinian territory of 1.5 million amount to a human rights violation. Egypt recently lifted its own blockade of Gaza at the Rafah crossing, though cross-border traffic is still slow.

In an acknowledgment of the challenges facing the flotilla, a spokesman for a Turkish group that dispatched the boat that was raided by Israel in 2010 said it was "not impossible" that the vessels would head to Gaza. Huseyin Oruc of IHH, an Islamic aid group that earlier pulled its boat out of this year's flotilla, spoke to The Associated Press in the Greek capital.

IHH has remained involved in flotilla planning. Israel accuses the group of having terrorist links, an allegation its directors strongly deny. IHH, which operates aid projects in many nations, is not on a U.S. list of terror organizations.

Planners had originally talked of sending 15 vessels with up to 1,500 people in the flotilla this year, though that number has dwindled to several hundred activists and fewer than 10 boats.

In a statement, the Greek Foreign Ministry said it had banned the flotilla from sailing out of concern for "the protection and safety of human life," while noting the need to lift the Gaza blockade and improve humanitarian conditions there.

"Greece reiterates its willingness and proposes to undertake the task of transporting the humanitarian aid, with Greek vessels or other appropriate means, through the existing channels" in line with a U.N. request, the ministry said.

Members of the flotilla have accused Greece of succumbing to Israeli pressure to block their plans, which had been held up by administrative delays and legal entanglements prior to the ban on sailing.

Greece, keen to boost international investment and ease its financial crisis, has maintained close relations with Arab countries, but in recent years has forged closer military and economic ties with Israel. The shift came amid a deterioration in the Jewish state's ties with Turkey, Greece's traditional regional rival and a fierce critic of the three-week Gaza offensive launched in late 2008 by the Israeli military.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel singled out Greece last week when he praised a group of foreign countries for helping to block the flotilla. In a speech, he thanked "my friend, the Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou."

On Sunday, Papandreou's office said he had communicated with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who expressed support for the Greek government's proposal to transport the activists' aid to Gaza, which would require Israeli cooperation.

Abbas' Fatah Party and Hamas have been trying to end a four-year-rift that left the Palestinians with two rival governments in the West Bank and Gaza.

Robert Naiman, an American activist, dismissed the Greek offer as an attempt by Greece to deflect criticism over its ban on the flotilla departure.

Amy Teibel in Jerusalem and Demetris Nellas in Athens contributed to this report.

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

From: O'Brien, Valerie C
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 6:12 PM
To: Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Subject: Re: Updated guidance

Thanks, Stuart.

Valerie

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

From: Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 09:22 AM
To: Hilton, Robert B; EUR-Press
Cc: Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: Re: Updated guidance

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From: Hilton, Robert B
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 09:03 AM

To: Smith, Stuart M (Athens); EUR-Press
Cc: Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: RE: Updated guidance

Thanks Stuart.

Robert

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To: EUR-Press
Cc: Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: Updated guidance

Updated guidance below for clearance- part one is amplification of consular services provided; part two is regarding removal of protesters from Embassy early this a.m.. I've also included RSO's background on that.

Draft guidance;

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 3:42 AM
To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Cc: Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: Re: Flotilla

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Sir - Thanks for this. Regards, Dan L

From: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 03:32 AM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: FW: Flotilla

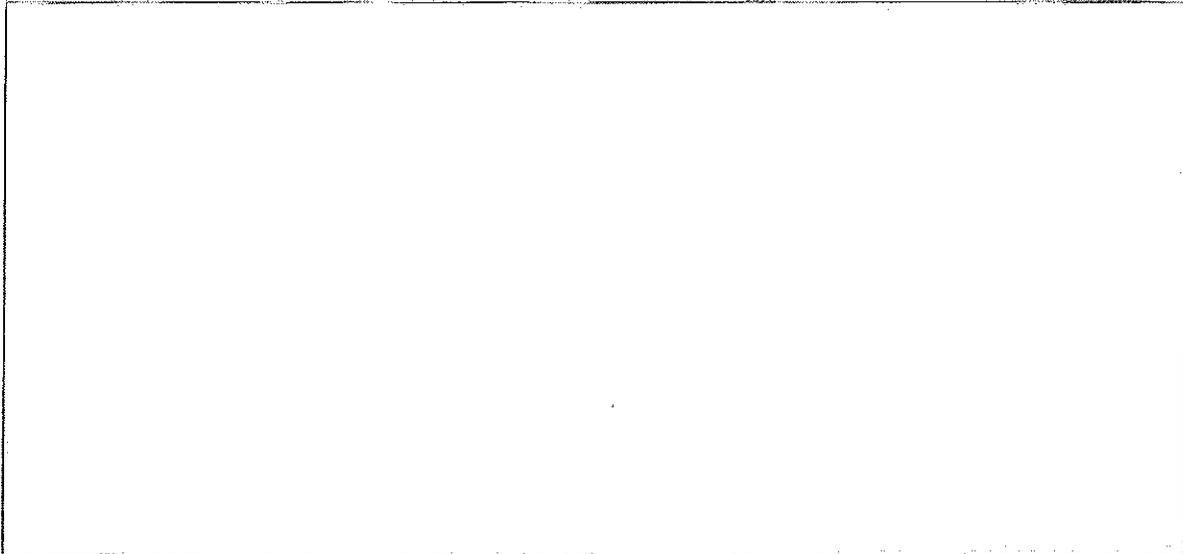
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 10:30 AM
To: Feltman, Jeffrey D; Gordon, Phillip H; Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Subject: Re: Flotilla

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Thanks so much for your prompt reply Jeff - and also to you Phil and Dan.



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See you on Tuesday, Dan.

Best,

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On Sun, Jul 3, 2011 at 12:01 PM, Feltman, Jeffrey D <FeltmanJD@state.gov> wrote:
Hi - greetings from Kuwait, where it's a "balmy" 41 degrees with a lovely sandstorm to add to the joy.

Thanks for your note. All of us have noted with great admiration the courageous and difficult decisions Greece has taken regarding the flotilla.

Warmly,
Jeff

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From:
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2011 04:51 PM

To: Gordon, Philip H; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Subject: Flotilla

Gentlemen,

If I may impose on your July 4 weekend:

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best to you all and enjoy your July 4!

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 12:23 PM
To: Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: Re: Gaza flotilla -- Ops call

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Standing by. Regards, Dan L

From: Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 12:19 PM
To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Cc: McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
Subject: RE: Gaza flotilla -- Ops call

I can set it up.

Thomas Miller
Deputy Chief of Mission
American Embassy
91 Vs. Sophias Ave.
101 60 Athens

From: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 7:19 PM
To: Cockrell, John D (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Cc: McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
Subject: Re: Gaza flotilla -- Ops call

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Cc: McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
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Cc: McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandels, Katherine L (Athens)
Subject: Re: Gaza flotilla -- Ops call

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From: Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 11:58 AM
To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Cc: McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandels, Katherine L (Athens)
Subject: Re: Gaza flotilla -- Ops call

To Athens only: Per the request from [Redacted]
[Redacted] for someone from the Embassy to be at the port; [Redacted]

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John

From: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 11:48 AM
To: Cockrell, John D (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Cc: Goodman, Ian A; Snipes, Christopher K; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S; Katsoulos, Athena; McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandels, Katherine L (Athens)
Subject: Re: Gaza flotilla -- Ops call

I just received a call from Ambassador Zepos. He indicated that the Ministry of Citizens Protection has issued a prohibition in the last two hours prohibiting any ships from leaving Greek ports for Gaza. However, the American ship, "Audacity of Hope," left port either before or just after this ruling. It has been intercepted by the Greek Coast Guard and is now being escorted to port where it will be under surveillance. Zepos said he wanted to make sure we were aware of this and also asked if we could do anything to keep this from becoming a media circus. I said I was not sure what we could do, but would pass this request along.

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From: Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 10:57 AM
To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Cc: Goodman, Ian A; Snipes, Christopher K; Riley, Robert J
Subject: Gaza flotilla -- Ops call

FYI, I just spoke with Ops concerning the Audacity of Hope, the U.S. Gaza flotilla ship at Piraeus. News reports indicated it left port late this afternoon, and Ops called for a status update. I spoke with Joe Hicks, who tracked down some info, which I conveyed via telephone to Ops.

The ship did leave port, without the permission of the Hellenic Coast Guard, which had forbidden the ship to depart due to questions of seaworthiness. The Greek authorities had instructed the vessel not to leave port.

At present, the Coast Guard has instructed the vessel to return to port, and "it is being returned to port," according to the info Joe had. It was NOT boarded by Hellenic Coast Guard. Greeks estimate 25 PAX, including media, on board. -John

Law, Rosemary C

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2011 4:24 PM
To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: Re: Greek request

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[Redacted] Regards, Dan B5

From: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2011 04:17 PM
To: Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: FW: Greek request

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From: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2011 11:17 PM
To: Kaidanow, Tina S; [Redacted]; Walles, Jacob; [Redacted] Sutphin, Paul R; B6
[Redacted] Riley, Robert J
Cc: [Redacted] Russell, Melissa H ; Silverman, Robert J; Gordon, Phillip H
Subject: RE: Greek request

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Robert J; Gordon, Phillip H; Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Subject: Re: Greek request

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From: Simon, Steven [mailto: [Redacted]] B5
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2011 03:04 PM
To: Walles, Jacob; Kumar, Prem G. [Redacted]; Sutphin, Paul R; Harris, Rian B6
[Redacted]; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S
Cc: Ross, Dennis B. [Redacted]; Sherwood-Randall, Liz [Redacted]
[Redacted]; Russell, Melissa H; Silverman, Robert J
Subject: RE: Greek request

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From: Walles, Jacob [mailto:WallesJ@state.gov]
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2011 2:37 PM
To: Kumar, Prem G.; Sutphin, Paul R; Harris, Rian; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S
Cc: Ross, Dennis B.; Simon, Steven; Sherwood-Randall, Liz; Russell, Melissa H; Silverman, Robert J
Subject: Re: Greek request

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From: Kumar, Prem G. [mailto: [Redacted]] B6
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2011 02:26 PM
To: Sutphin, Paul R; Harris, Rian [Redacted]; Walles, Jacob; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S
Cc: Ross, Dennis B. [Redacted]; Simon, Steven [Redacted]; Sherwood-Randall, Liz [Redacted]; Russell, Melissa H; Silverman, Robert J
Subject: Re: Greek request

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From: Sutphin, Paul R <SutphinPR@state.gov>
To: Kumar, Prem G.; Harris, Rian; Walles, Jacob <WallesJ@state.gov>; Riley, Robert J <RileyRJ@state.gov>; Kaidanow, Tina S <KaidanowTS@state.gov>
Cc: Ross, Dennis B.; Simon, Steven; Sherwood-Randall, Liz; Russell, Melissa H <RussellMH@state.gov>; Silverman, Robert J <SilvermanR@state.gov>
Sent: Sat Jul 02 14:06:50 2011
Subject: Re: Greek request

+ EUR DAS Kaidnow and EUR/SE director Bob Riley

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Paul Sutphin
Director, NEA/IPA
Via Blackberry

From: Kumar, Prem G. [mailto: [Redacted]]
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2011 01:30 PM
To: Harris, Rian [Redacted]; Waller, Jacob
Cc: Sutphin, Paul R; Ross, Dennis B. [Redacted]; Simon, Steven [Redacted];
Sherwood-Randall, Liz [Redacted]
Subject: Fw: Greek request

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Thx, Prem

[Redacted]

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On Jul 2, 2011, at 12:46, "Kumar, Prem G." [Redacted] wrote:

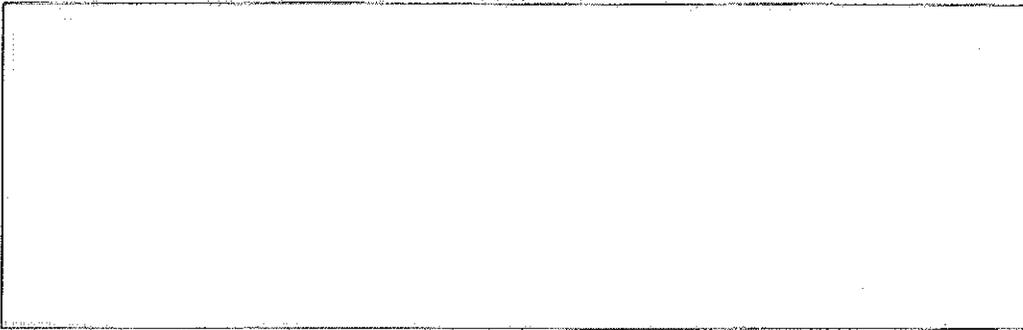
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[Redacted] Thx, Prem

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Subject: Re: Is this story accurate re absence of US Embassy assistance to Audacity of Hope?
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Stuart [redacted]
[redacted] I clear. Regards, Dan L

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From: Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Sent: Sunday, July 03, 2011 04:21 AM
To: Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens); SES-O; Moore, Vincent R (Athens)
Subject: Re: Is this story accurate re absence of US Embassy assistance to Audacity of Hope?

Would appreciate everyone's clearance of attached as an embassy statement so we can get dept clearance as well.

Note that they will have a 2d press conf today and we can anticipate more press play then.

Thks, stuart

[redacted]

From: Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
Sent: Sunday, July 03, 2011 03:10 AM
To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens); SES-O; Moore, Vincent R (Athens)
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From: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Sent: Sunday, July 03, 2011 02:51 AM
To: Smith, Stuart M (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens)
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Subject: Re: Is this story accurate re absence of US Embassy assistance to Audacity of Hope?

Sounds good to me as a statement- [redacted]

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Sunday, July 03, 2011 02:00 AM
To: Smith, Stuart M (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Smith, Daniel B (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Subject: Re: Is this story accurate re absence of US Embassy assistance to Audacity of Hope?

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From: Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Sent: Sunday, July 03, 2011 01:40 AM
To: Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Smith, Daniel B (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Subject: Re: Is this story accurate re absence of US Embassy assistance to Audacity of Hope?

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From: Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Sent: Sunday, July 03, 2011 01:06 AM
To: Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Subject: Fw: Is this story accurate re absence of US Embassy assistance to Audacity of Hope?

Folks,

Got the message below from a former foreign service officer who had served in Athens. [redacted]

[redacted]

Tom

From: [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2011 08:25 PM
To: Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: Is this story accurate re absence of US Embassy assistance to Audacity of Hope?

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Hi Tom: How come the Brits are reportedly assisting their citizens in the flotilla but the US Embassy is reportedly AWOL? Is this story accurate? I thought there was a rather large Consular Section in the Embassy? Did American Services all go on holiday? Where's the Embassy spokesperson - or was the person not interviewed? Or, as usual, are you having to wait for Washington to get press guidance approved?

http://www.ekathimerini.com/4dcql/w_articles/wsite1_1_02/07/2011_396837

And why are the Greeks not allowing the boats to sail? Why did they detain the US captain? How much did the Israeli government pay the Greeks off - or???

I'm pretty sure I know someone from Santa Fe on the Audacity of Hope - and she's a pacifist not a gun-runner. Cheers,
Happy Fourth and best to Lena.

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 1:41 PM
To: Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Subject: Re: positive news. Gaza flotilla -- Ops call

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John - Great work. Regards, Dan L

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Many thanks.

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Cc: McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
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Joe called again. The AOH has agreed, and is returning to port voluntarily.

Most likely the Master will be indicted and the case will go to a prosecutor.

HCG specifically used word indicted, vice arrested, when Joe asked if the captain would be arrested upon arrival to shore.

It appears we can stand down for now. I will notify NEA of this development.

John

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John

From: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 11:48 AM
To: Cockrell, John D (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Cc: Goodman, Ian A; Snipes, Christopher K; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S; Katsoulos, Athena; McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
Subject: Re: Gaza flotilla -- Ops call

I just received a call from Ambassador Zepos. He indicated that the Ministry of Citizens Protection has issued a prohibition in the last two hours prohibiting any ships from leaving Greek ports for Gaza. However, the American ship, "Audacity of Hope," left port either before or just after this ruling. It has been intercepted by the Greek Coast Guard and is now being escorted to port where it will be under surveillance. Zepos said he wanted to make sure we were aware of this and also asked if we could do anything to keep this from becoming a media circus. I said I was not sure what we could do, but would pass this request along.

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
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To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Cc: Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Subject: Fw: Additional Flotilla Update - July 1 Open Source

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Sir - Can we forward your e-mail on the Zepos call to DC? Jack Doutrich seems to distribute news to the DC watchers.
Regards, Dan L

From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 11:40 AM
To: Jakobson, Nicholas W; NEA-IPA-DL; EUR-SE-DL; NEA-Egypt; PM-CPMS; SES-O; Vasquez, Edgar J; Levin, Jan; Silverman, Robert J; Wallis, Jacob; Sutphin, Paul R; Richter, Kim B; Worman, Patrick F; Zurcher, Kenneth M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Masilko, Barbara J (USUN); Marchese, Gregory M; Blome, Donald A; Waters, John R; Pilz, Amanda C; Miller, Walter R; 'Prem_G_Kumar@nss.eop.gov' <Prem_G_Kumar@nss.eop.gov>; Eussen, Matthew; 'Melissa Russell' [redacted]; Jacobson, Michael N; Bilge, Kerem S; CA-OCS-Duty; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Rodriguez, Hugo F; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Greene, Elisa; George, Leah; Daniels, Cherrie S; Slakey, Monica M; Rudman, Mara; Reed, Julia G; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Bitar, Maher B; Norman, Marc E; Nardl, Margaret H; Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Bass, Warren; Ried, Curtis R. (USUN); Bems, David B
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Further to the report AP report below, Embassy Athens POL is reporting that "The Audacity of Hope" is returning to the Port of Athens at the instruction of Greek authorities.

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Additional Media reports for July 1, 2011:

CNN Turk and NTV reporting that Greece is not letting Greek ships in the flotilla depart -- on the scroll.
Permission was not given to depart the port in Athens.

Gaza flotilla boat departs from Greek port (AP)

ATHENS (AP) - Witnesses say a boat carrying several dozen Americans who seek to break Israel's sea blockade of the Gaza Strip has set sail from a Greek port.

The boat dubbed "The Audacity of Hope" is part of a flotilla of nine vessels and several hundred activists who say they want to deliver aid to the Palestinian territory. The boat left the port of Perama on Friday afternoon. American activists have alleged that the administrative delays in their plans were caused by Israeli pressure on Greece. Israel has said it will thwart any effort to breach the sea blockade of Gaza.

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Subject: Flotilla Update - July 1 Open Source

Another Mysterious Malfunction

Yisrael Hayom July 1, 2011 (p.2) by Shlomo Cezana et al -- [...] [O]n Thursday Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu addressed the issue of the expected flotilla to Gaza and said that "sometimes, we not only need to deflect our enemies' physical attacks, but also deflect the attack on our right to protect ourselves." At the end of the IAF flight school graduation ceremony in Hatzerim, Netanyahu thanked the many world leaders who spoke out and acted against in recent days "against the provocation flotilla," first and foremost the American and European leaders, and the secretary general of the United Nations. The prime minister also commended his Greek counterpart George Papandreou, who is closely cooperating with Israel in coordinating the moves related to the flotilla. "Israel has the full right to act against the

attempts to legitimize the smuggling of missiles, rockets and other weaponry for Hamas's terror enclave," Netanyahu said, in what could be understood as a hint to the damage some of the flotilla's vessels experienced.

Defense Minister Ehud Barak predicted on Thursday that the current flotilla would be calmer than the previous one, but stressed that Israel was bracing for any possible scenario. "The Marmara is absent and the IHH is absent, but nobody can predict that there won't be a small group, or that one of the ships will try to resist forcefully, or a more extreme case of somebody who brought weapons and will try to use them," Barak said. He added that the IDF's working premise was that they were liable to face extremely violent resistance and even use of arms.

Barak threatened that a ship from which shots would be fired at IDF soldiers would be defined as a "terror ship." The implication would be a different attitude of the soldiers, in other words, the exercise of different procedures and other modes of action. "In such a case, things are simpler and more clear-cut. The soldiers will have an easier time dealing with it, since if they are fired at, this is no longer a ship of activists to them," security sources said on Thursday.

Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman said on Thursday that there is a wall-to-wall coalition in the world against the flotilla, but "there are marginal groups, anarchists and extreme Islamic groups, that will try to harm Israel by the flotilla. There are not coming to help the residents of Gaza, but to confront the State of Israel and create a provocation against it. As a sovereign state we can't allow anyone to harm our sovereignty. No self-respecting state would let that happen."

Information Minister Yuli Edelstein said on Thursday that the fact the flotilla was joined by Amin Abu Rashid, who is in charge of raising money for Hamas's terror activities, "is clear-cut evidence that this is not a humanitarian flotilla, but a covert flotilla for provocation and terror activity."

Edelstein added that in the previous flotilla, Rashid spoke of his intention to confront IDF soldiers, which should be taken into account as his intention for the current flotilla as well.

The US State Department on Thursday addressed the claims of deliberate sabotage to the ships, and the deputy spokesman said that while not justifying sabotage in any way, the flotilla itself is a bad idea that endangers the passengers.

Opposition Chairwoman Tzippi Livni met on Thursday with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in New York, and called to continue the delegitimization of Hamas. "Whoever wants to help citizens doesn't do so by severe and unnecessary provocations like the planned flotilla. The international community should convey a clear message to this flotilla and those that will come, that such provocations are unacceptable and should be prevented and stopped," Livni said.

The Activists are Splitting

Yedioth Ahronoth July 1, 2011 (p. 5) by Yossi Yehoshua, Menahem Ganz and Itamar Eichner -- Intelligence information that has reached Israel indicates that a clash is developing between two groups of activists on the planned flotilla. The argument is over the departure date for Gaza and on willingness to promise not to employ violence in an encounter with the IDF.

Peace activists groups say that they worked on organizing the flotilla for a year and that they should wait until all the malfunctions are corrected. In contrast, the extremist group of Arabs, from different countries, is demanding to leave now with the ships that are operational (this is eight out of ten ships). Another argument is over the non-consent of the Arabs to sign forms obligating them not to use weapons and their extremist statements about their wanting to hurt IDF soldiers. [...]

...Yediot reported that Israel has obtained intelligence about Arab extremists who will not commit themselves to renounce violence and who wish for the flotilla to depart now. Yediot quoted a Dutch journalist who was supposed to join the flotilla as saying that he and other journalists and crew were leaving it because they had lost faith in the operation's organizers.

ISRAEL RADIO NEWS 7:00 AM Hebrew Report -- July 1, 2011

*** Flotilla:** The flotilla to Gaza might be further delayed. Flotilla initiator Greta Berlin estimated it would set sail in five days after the damage to the vessels is repaired. Flotilla organizers claim that Israel sabotaged the ships.

ISRAEL RADIO July 1, 2011

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

BERLIN TOLD IL RADIO:

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

Jerusalem Political-Security Update - July 1, 2011

PM Netanyahu said Thursday [June 30] Israel is fully entitled to try to **stop an upcoming flotilla bound for the Gaza Strip in an attempt** to break Israel's naval blockade on the Strip. The Prime Minister said Israel has the full right to operate against efforts to smuggle missiles, rockets and other weapons to Hamas' terror enclave. PM Netanyahu expressed his gratitude to many world leaders who expressed themselves and acted against this provocation flotilla, including the US, Europe, the UN secretary general and Greek Prime Minister. Hamas is a ruthless enemy who maliciously harms the Israeli cities and children and holds Gilad Shalit captive against all humane standards, PM Netanyahu added at a graduating ceremony for Israel Air Force pilots.

YNET July 1, 2011

Gazans unimpressed by flotilla (abridged)

Israeli claims over futility of flotilla receive reinforcement from surprising direction - Gazan businessmen who say it isn't imports that are problem, it's exports. 'Gaza doesn't need any more humanitarian aid,' says Gisha movement director

Israel has been claiming for quite some time that the desire to break through the blockade on the Gaza Strip is devoid of any basis since it is possible to transfer essential goods to Gaza through the monitored crossings. This claim received unexpected reinforcement on Thursday from none other than the Gazans themselves.

In a conversation with Ynet Palestinian businessmen expressed veiled criticism saying that the flotilla organizers were missing their target since the main problem wasn't getting goods into Gaza - but exporting them outside of the strip.

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 6:51 AM
To: Renner, Erin B
Cc: Hattayer, Christopher S; Malik, Paul (Athens); Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: Re: Athens Update -- July 1

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From: Renner, Erin B
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 06:26 AM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Cc: Hattayer, Christopher S
Subject: RE: Athens Update -- July 1

Mr. Lawton,

[Redacted]

Best regards,

Erin B. Renner
State Department Operations Center
rennereb@state.gov 202 647 1512



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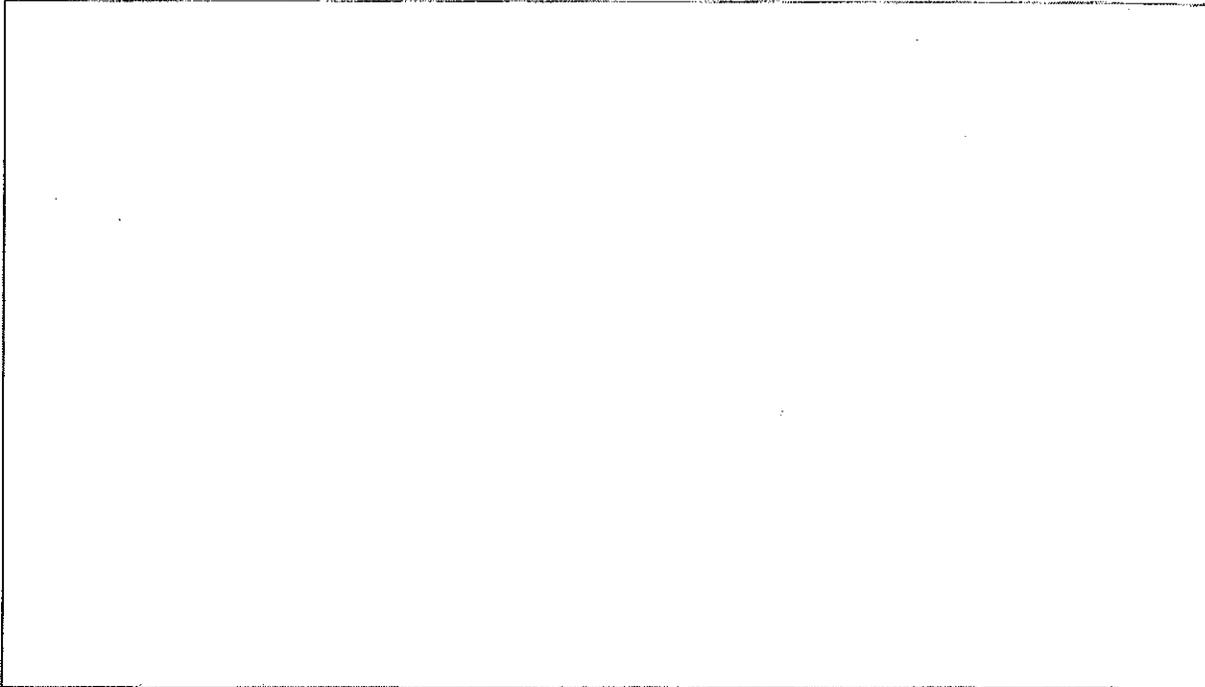
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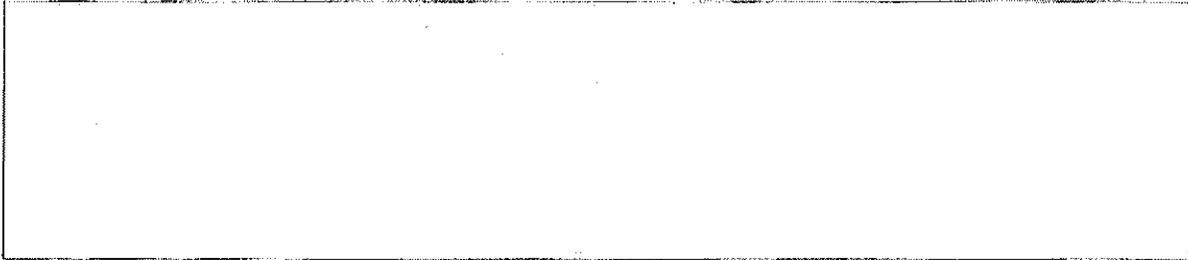
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(SBU) Gaza Flotilla Update: Some 35 demonstrators assembled outside the American Embassy starting at 11:50 a.m. on July 1 to protest on behalf of the "Flotilla II – Stay Alive" Gaza flotilla.



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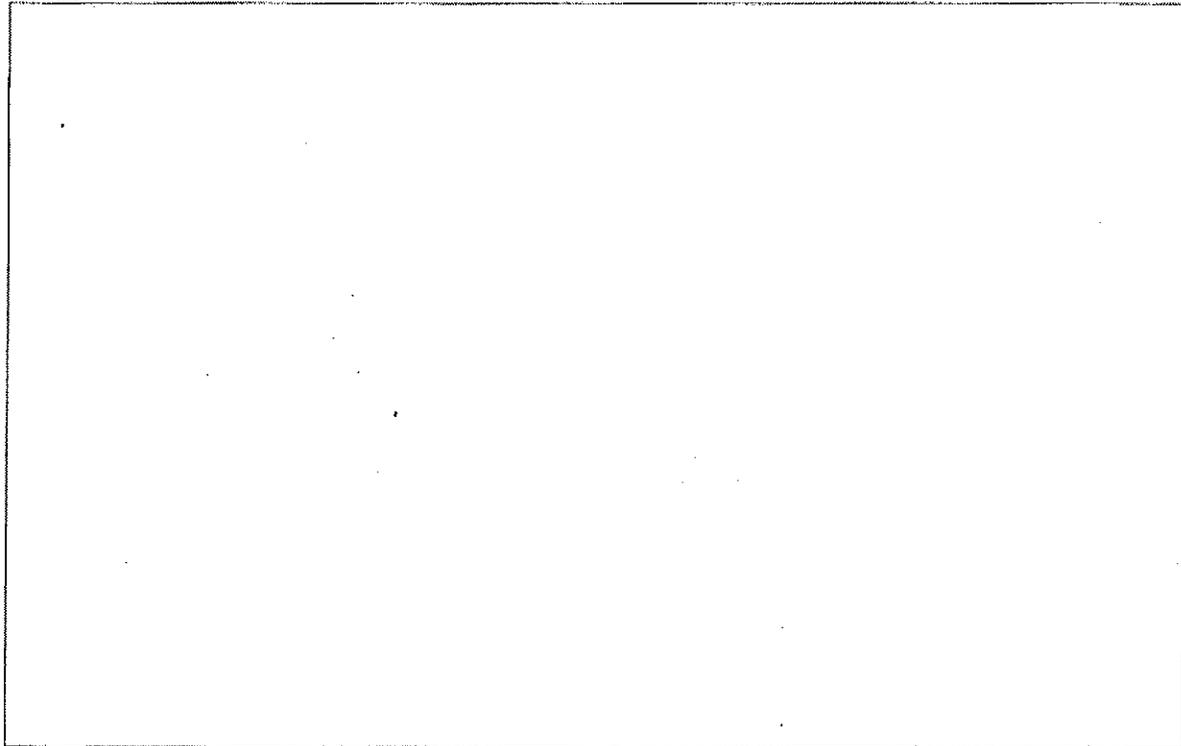
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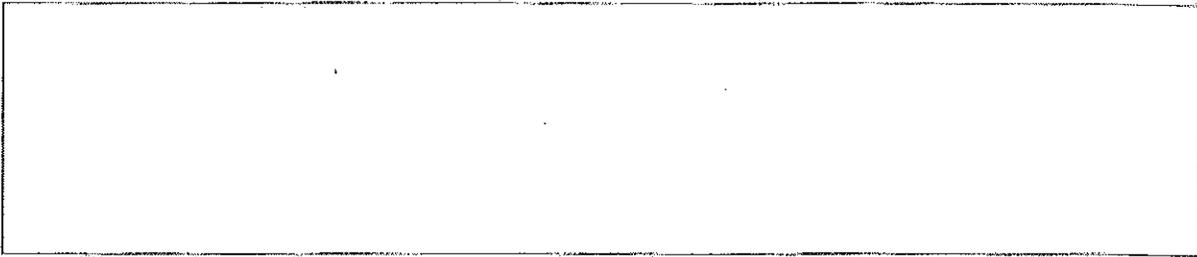
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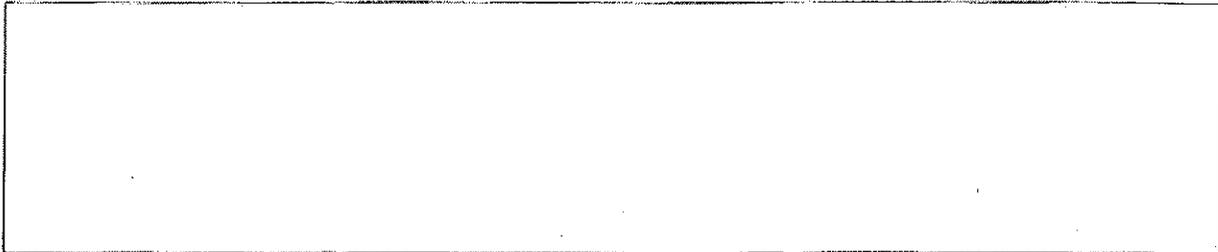
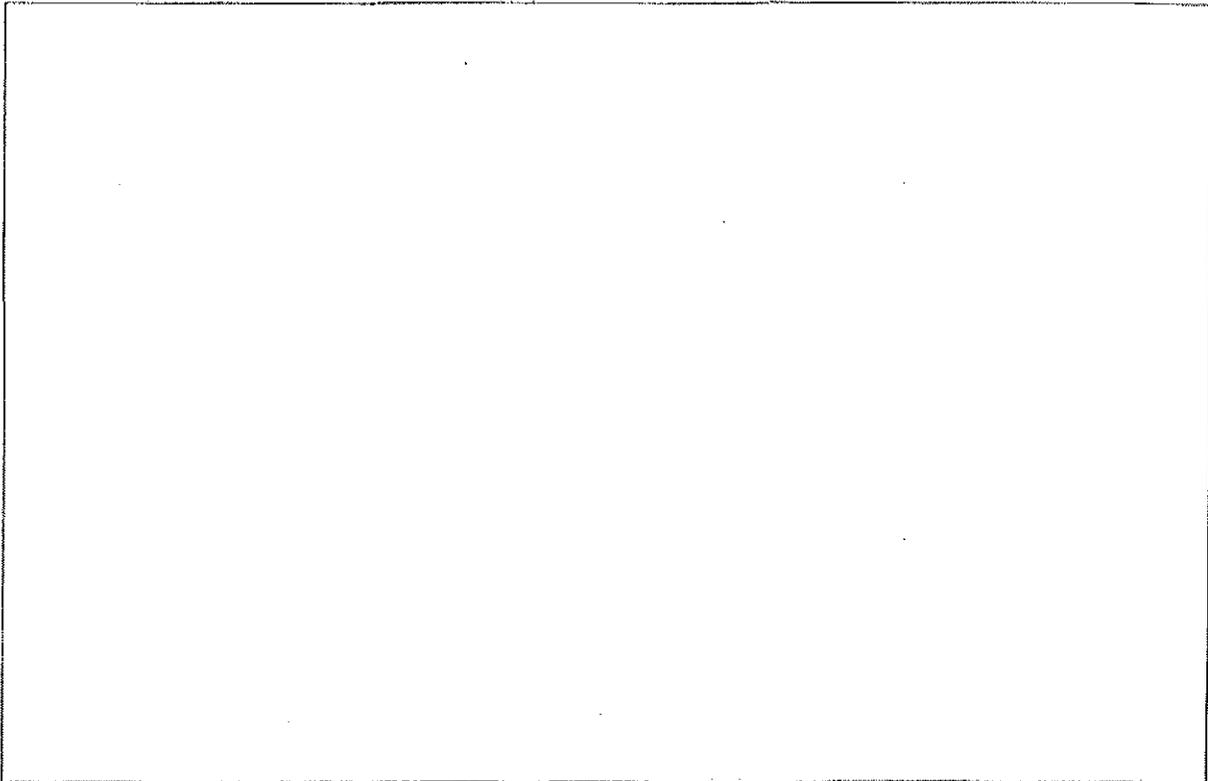
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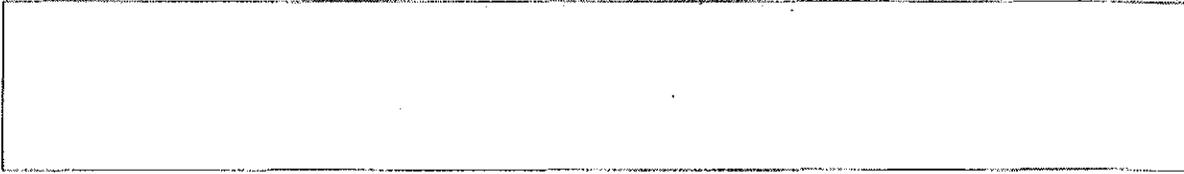
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(SBU) Gaza Flotilla Update: According to local media reports, two Greek ships carrying humanitarian aid cargo and 40 Greek passengers, the *Free Mediterranean* and the *Juliano*, will sail today or tomorrow to join flotilla ships at an undisclosed location in the Aegean and then sail on to Gaza. The departure of the *Juliano* may be delayed, however, as the "Freedom II - Stay Alive" organizers are alleging on their website that they have video evidence of "sabotage" from a "hired professional diver" who sawed through the *Juliano's* propeller axles. Organizers note that repairs could take two days.





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Stuart - FYI. Regards, Dan L.

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From: Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
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To: George, Leah
Cc: Mendel, Teresa S; Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Parker, Andrew C; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Greene, Elisa; Snipes, Christopher K; Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: RE: US to Gaza Flotilla

Hi All, I have finally made it back to my office after the meeting with the group. I was going to write up some notes and send them to Matt McKeever to look at, as he was there for most of the time. But, I know everyone is waiting, so I will put it down here and let Matt weigh in.

There were about 40 people in the group, including two holocaust survivors and [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] A number had been to Gaza before and some had been detained. One woman told us she was once refused entry to Israel. For the most part, it was very pleasant. They each introduced themselves and told us why they were there. They asked us to relay to Washington that they are a non-violent group and that the ship will contain no weapons, only cards and letters and drawings that will be used for an art project. There were four journalists in the group; one from The Nation, one who does work for Al Jazeera, one who writes for a small New England Paper and one who is based in Israel. They stated that they are American citizens who are exercising their rights to protest what they feel is an injustice and an illegal act by Israel. They do not feel that they will be sailing into Israeli waters, but that they will be in international and "Gazan" waters and that any action by Israel would be illegal and that they would expect the USG to protect them.

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One thing that we did learn was that someone has lodged a complaint against the boat with some Greek entity and they are not being permitted to sail at the moment because of the complaint. The group has a local attorney, whose number they are going to forward to me so I can enquire as to the nature of the complaint.

Some were frustrated that we would not engage in a political or policy discussion with them, but [redacted] [redacted] reminded them that we had only offered a consular briefing as the Amb. and DCM were unable to meet with them. They reiterated several times that they wanted us to carry their message back to Washington. [redacted] was great throughout, stopping the journalists from hogging the air time and making sure that everyone had a chance to talk.

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The journalist from The Nation jumped all over my comment that we had been in touch with our colleagues in Tel Aviv. I explained that this was routine, as we would share any case that spanned more than one post. He wanted to know when I had reached out to them and I turned to [redacted] to ask her when she had first e-mailed me. I told them that I had reached out to Tel Aviv after that and that they had offered their fax number for the PAWs and told me that there was new language on the way for the Travel Warning. (Someone commented that the TWs are just a way for us to help Israel by scaring Americans off.)

One of the women who had been arrested previously, asked that I pass along that the last time they had to choose between seeing a lawyer or their consul and she felt we should demand that Israel allow people to see both. She also stated that they were forced to "parade" in front of the media, which was illegal to do to "prisoners of war."

We told them that we provide CSIs and TW/TA in order to allow Americans to make decisions about what level of risk they wish to assume. We cannot predict the future or guarantee someone's safety. (There was some initial confusion about who produces these docs and how we come up with the content.) They said it was our duty "to protect them." We said that they are subject to the laws of the country they are visiting and that it is our job to ensure that they are not receiving adverse treatment because they are Americans. We are not lawyers, or experts in local law and we often cannot intervene. We told them American law does not apply to them overseas any more than the laws of a foreign gov't would apply in the US.

They asked for a number for someone in PD to make an official enquiry about any contact that this embassy has had with the GOG or the GOI on this topic. I said that I would provide the number to the press office to [redacted]

I spoke in a small group afterwards with [redacted] and a couple of other women and they thanked us and I thanked them for taking an interest in their safety.

Matt? What did I miss?

Kate

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Subject: RE: US to Gaza Flotilla

Hi Katherine,

Just checking in with you to see how the meeting went and if you can provide any more specific details about their plans.

Thanks,

Leah

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Cc: Mendel, Teresa S; Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Parker, Andrew C; Zeroubavely, Sandra S
Subject: RE: US to Gaza Flotilla

New TW has gone live. I will be out of the office tomorrow. Leah George is A/ACS Chief. Please let us know when they plan to set sail. As soon as they hit the waters, we need to have a team standing by. We want to know if we will need to assemble a team for the weekend, although this is unlikely if you are meeting with [redacted] Friday afternoon. Since it's 12 hours by sea from Cyprus to Israel, I'm estimating it's about 40 hours from Greece to Israel. Please call Leah when you know more info: +972-50-200-9763. Thanks, elisa

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Elisa Greene Chief, American Citizen Services U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv, Israel
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Address from the U.S.: Box 13, APO AE 09830, U.S.A.
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Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 10:16 AM
To: Greene, Elisa
Cc: Mendel, Teresa S; Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: RE: US to Gaza Flotilla

Hi Elisa, I heard back from [redacted] and we are going to meet with them tomorrow afternoon. By we, I mean the cons section, Matt McKeever and I. In your message, you mentioned an update to

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the TW. Has that been approved by OCS yet? If not, is there a GOI website or someplace where we could get a look at it and give it to them?

No luck on their departure date yet, but maybe we will have more tomorrow. Many thanks.

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To: Brandels, Katherine L (Athens)
Subject: RE: US to Gaza Flotilla

No prob. If you talk to her again could you please ask her? Txs, elisa

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Hi Elisa, [] did not provide the exact date. She said after the 24th, but then we got side tracked and I never went back to it. Sorry.

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Including staff from TLV and JRSM and our OCS desk officer, Kim Richter, on this email. We are currently working on updating our travel warning which will be more explicit on approaches to Israel that are not via the usual POEs. We and Kim have been in touch with reps from this group and TLV is closely monitoring the situation. POLOFF Jan Levin attended a GOI MFA sponsored flotilla meeting yesterday. We are also maintaining an Excel spreadsheet with the names of any Amcirt participants we know of.

Once you have the PAWs, or any biodata of any of the participants, please email them to me and Leah George. Leah is our designated flotilla watcher in TLV. I do not recall giving out our fax number to the group, but if they want to fax us PAWs ahead of time, they are welcome to (or they can send via email).

You can give them:
Georgel2@state.gov
AMCTelAviv@state.gov
And fax +972-3-517-2348

Kate, you said they would arrive June 20-21 and want to meet with the Amb June 23-24. When do they plan to sail?

Thanks, elisa

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(CC'ing OCS and ACS Tel Aviv)

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Law, Rosemary C

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Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 4:37 AM
To: Brandels, Katherine L (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Malik, Paul (Athens)
Subject: RE: specific participants on flotilla?

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Kate - No, but Tassos will monitor local media coverage. Regards, Dan L.

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To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Malik, Paul (Athens)
Subject: FW: specific participants on flotilla?

FYI. Will this be televised, do you think? K

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To: Brandels, Katherine L (Athens); Richter, Kim B
Cc: George, Leah; Levin, Jan; Parker, Andrew C; Mendel, Teresa S; Otto, Jeffrey L
Subject: RE: specific participants on flotilla?

Thanks Kate. Could you please give us a readout after the press conference in Greece? Thanks, elisa

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From: Brandels, Katherine L (Athens)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 11:13 AM
To: Greene, Elisa; Richter, Kim B
Cc: George, Leah; Levin, Jan; Parker, Andrew C; Mendel, Teresa S
Subject: RE: specific participants on flotilla?

Hi Elisa,

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

Yes, [] and [] were there and said they were going. Neither [] nor [] were in our briefing. They are supposed to do their press conference at 1200 today, so we will let you know if there are any changes. K

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To: Brandeis, Katherine L. (Athens); Richter, Kim B
Cc: George, Leah; Levin, Jan; Parker, Andrew C
Subject: specific participants on flotilla?

Dear Kate, Kim:

We are about to notify MFA of []'s participation and would like to notify them of any other high profile Amcits. Do you know if the following Amcits will be participating on the flotilla?

Thanks, elisa

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Sunday, June 26, 2011 3:53 AM
To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: Re: Flotilla update

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Sir/Tom - Ops just called again on the flotilla. I said we did not have anything new and did not expect boats to sail from Piraeus until Monday at the earliest. They are looking at what flags vessels are flying under. I noted US and Canada are believed to be in the mix, but not Greece as far as we know. Regards, Dan L

From: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2011 05:37 AM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: Re: Flotilla update

Many thanks. By the way, S is supposed to speak to [redacted] this afternoon our time.

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To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: Fw: Flotilla update

Sir/Tom - Ops just called and asked whether we heard anything new on the flotilla. I said we had not, but would call in if we had anything new. Regards, Dan L

From: Buzbee, John R
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 06:02 PM
To: Jakobson, Nicholas W; NEA-IPA-DL; EUR-SE-DL; NEA-Egypt; PM-CPMS; SES-O; Vasquez, Edgar J; Grubb, Jason B; Levin, Jan; Silverman, Robert J; Wallis, Jacob; Sutphin, Paul R; Richter, Kim B; Worman, Patrick F; Zurcher, Kenneth M; Goldberger, Thomas H; Masilko, Barbara J (USUN); Marchese, Gregory M; Blome, Donald A; Waters, John R; Pilz, Amanda C; Miller, Walter R; 'Prem_G_Kumar@nss.eop.gov' <Prem_G_Kumar@nss.eop.gov>; 'Melissa Russell' [redacted]; Jacobson, Michael N; Bilge, Kerem S; CA-OCS-Duty; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Rodriguez, Hugo F; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Greene, Eliša; George, Leah; Daniels, Cherrie S; Slakey, Monica M; Rudman, Mara; Reed, Julia G; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Bitar, Maher B; Norman, Marc E; Nardi, Margaret H; Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens)
Subject: Flotilla update

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Colleagues, we do expect this will be useful at some point for things other than updating the list of addressees, but on the other hand, if all is quiet and the flotilla fades away, no complaints here. Best,

John

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

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Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2011 4:16 AM **RELEASED IN PART B6**
To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Subject: Re: Flotilla update

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Flag Status: Completed

Sir - It's amazing. I don't think there will be developments here on this issue this weekend. Regards, Dan

From: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2011 03:14 AM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: Fw: Flotilla update

I guess we have an audience.

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 1:14 PM
To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Subject: Re: Israel

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Sir - Yes. Washington is apprised. Regards, Dan L

From: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 11:52 AM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: Re: Israel

Were you able to understand me?

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 10:42 AM
To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Subject: RE: Israel

Sir - Sorry I missed your call. [redacted] was backfilling me on ACS board issues. I just called, but no answer. The flame ceremony must be going on. I am still here, and will try again a little later. Regards, Dan L.

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Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 5:20 PM
To: Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: Re: Israel

[redacted] called me about an American-flagged vessel. Dan, could you call me on my 8B and I will give you a readout?

From: Miller, Thomas S (Athens)
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 10:05 AM
To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: Israel

I spoke with [redacted] and gave him a readout of the meeting that our consular section had with the 40 Americans who are participating in the flotilla (Kate will give a readout). [redacted] told me that the Israeli navy had prepared a document which it asked the Greek authorities to hand out to captains of the boats outlining the situation that passengers would be facing.

Thomas Miller
Deputy Chief of Mission

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101 60 Athens

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Subject: Re: US to Gaza Flotilla

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Kate - Thanks for following up. I will forward a separate e-mail from NEA with some more guidance. Regards, Dan

From: Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
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To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: Re: US to Gaza Flotilla

Hi Dan, I have asked her when they will be sailing, but have not heard back yet. I gave her our and Tel Aviv's fax numbers to send their PAWs as well [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] More soon. Kate

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
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Kate - FYI. Regards, Dan L.

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To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: RE: US to Gaza Flotilla

Hi Dan - Bob and I agreed that your instincts [REDACTED] is right on.

Two extra things: Bob said there will be an updated travel advisory on participating in flotillas. There is one from last year that cautions travel to Gaza in general (http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_922.html).

Chris

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Chris -- Could we ask you to follow up on this. Regards, Dan L.

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 6:31 AM
To: Kaidanow, Tina S; 'Danielle_N_Garbe@nss.eop.gov'; O'Grady, Daniel J; Allison, Alicia P; Burger, David; Norman, Marc E; Stevens, Ruth A; McKay, Maria E; Witmer, Kami A; Baker, Judith E; Dodman, Michael J; EUR-SE-DL; Worman, Patrick F; SES-O; Snipes, Christopher K; Silliman, Douglas A; Cohen, Jonathan R; Aggeler, Brian C; Engle, Thomas S; Flores, Molly P; Peterson, Jennifer M; Angelides, Joanna P
Cc: ATHENS-POL; ATHENS-ECON; Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Brown, Diana F (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Kay, Catherine E (Thessaloniki); Hunt, Daniel B; Brandeis, Charles D (Athens); Breisler, Jodi R (Athens); Hallberg, Kent (Athens); Green, Janice C (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens); Lance, Marsha A (Thessaloniki); Braunschweig, John J (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); 'David McNeill'; ATHENS-FAST OFFICERS; Weitzenkorn, Laurie B; Zouroudis, Betsy (Athens); Rueter, Eric J; Pelaridis, George (Thessaloniki); Koutsounarou, Ioanna E (Thessaloniki); [redacted] B3 DOD-CP [redacted] CIV, OSD-POLICY; [redacted] DSCA/OPS/EAF; [redacted] JCS J5 DDENR; [redacted]@eu.navy.mil; Telryncck, Mary J (Athens); William Kutson (William.Kutson@trade.gov); Engen, Ryan S; Absellan, Ernest J; Triantafyllou, Prodromos N (Athens); Karamolegos, Nikos P (Athens); Singer, Russell C; Erath, Tara F; Fernandes, Anthony C; O'Reilly, Patrick R; Au-Yeung, Jenny; Froats, Daniel T; McIntosh, Daniel; Silverman, Lawrence; McCarthy, Deborah A; Smitham, Thomas D; Whittington, Alexander E; Tuminaro, John D; Harris, Rian H
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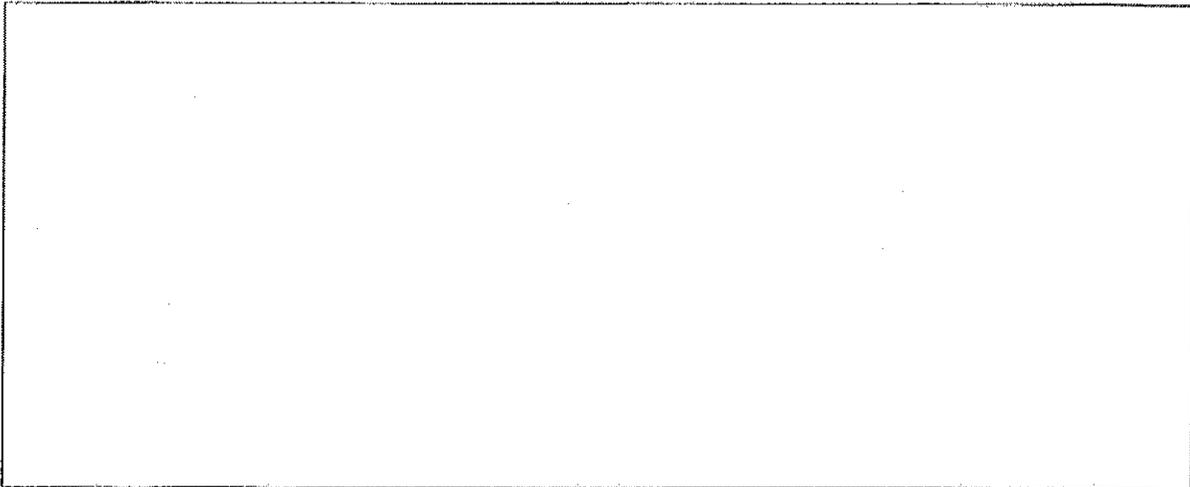
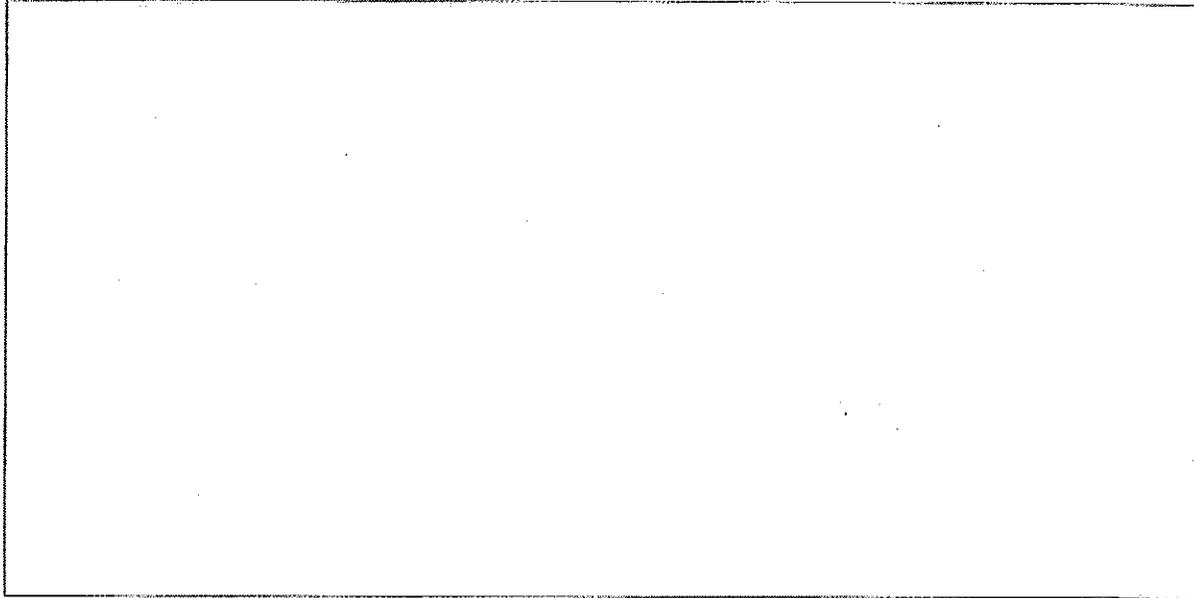
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(SBU) MFA Releases Statement Urging Citizens and Greek Ships Not to Participate in Gaza Anniversary Flotilla: The MFA released a June 22 statement supporting the UN SecGen's call for aid to Gaza to be delivered through official channels, and urging "Greek citizens as well as Greek-registered vessels not to participate in the new flotilla headed for the Gaza port." The statement elaborated that "the planned operation does not deal with the substance of the humanitarian problem in Gaza." The statement underscored Greece's position on the need to lift the Gaza blockade and improve the humanitarian situation in the region, as well as the need to respect international law and for all parties to avoid the use of violence. It reminded that "Greece actively supports the reopening of the peace talks as the only path to a comprehensive and viable solution on the Palestinian problem."

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Sir/Tom - NEA is clear below on flotilla contact. Regards, Dan J.

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Dan - last word on this, I think. Chris

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From: Elits, Colin C
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 2:37 PM
To: Doutrich, Jack T; Snipes, Christopher K
Cc: Jakobson, Nicholas W; Sindle, James M; Jacoby, Julia I; Richter, Kim B
Subject: RE: US to Gaza Flotilla

Christopher,

[REDACTED]

I have added Kim Richter from CA/ACS here in Washington, who has met with this group before, to provide guidance if needed.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

Colin

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From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 11:23 AM
To: Snipes, Christopher K
Cc: Ellits, Colin C
Subject: RE: US to Gaza Flotilla

+ Colin Ellits who covers this issue and is working closely with CA.

Chris,

Colin will discuss this with CA and our director, [REDACTED]

JD.

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From: Snipes, Christopher K
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 10:49 AM
To: Doutrich, Jack T
Subject: FW: US to Gaza Flotilla

Hey Jack,

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Thanks, Chris

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Dan?

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 4:47 AM
To: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Cc: Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Zouroudis, Betsy (Athens)
Subject: Possible Talking Point

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- Secretary of State Clinton said publicly yesterday that the Gaza flotilla "is not helpful and will only increase tensions." We appreciate the Foreign Ministry's statement urging that Greek citizens and Greek-registered vessels not participate --

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 11:43 AM
To: Snipes, Christopher K
Subject: RE: US to Gaza Flotilla

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Chris - Txs. Regards, Dan

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From: Snipes, Christopher K
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 6:37 PM
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Dan - Chris

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Law, Rosemary C

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Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 10:39 AM
To: Snipes, Christopher K
Subject: RE: US to Gaza Flotilla

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Chris - Thanks. It would be good to know that NEA (say, the Israeli Desk) concurs.

I will pass on your other points below to CONS.

Regards,
Dan L.

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From: Snipes, Christopher K
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 5:30 PM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: RE: US to Gaza Flotilla

Hi Dan -

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Two extra things: Bob said there will be an updated travel advisory on participating in flotillas. There is one from last year that caution's travel to Gaza in general (http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_922.html).

Chris

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 8:28 AM
To: Snipes, Christopher K
Subject: FW: US to Gaza Flotilla

Chris - Could we ask you to follow up on this. Regards, Dan L.

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Law, Rosemary C

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Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 7:19 AM
To: Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
Subject: RE: US to Gaza Flotilla

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Kate - I returned your call. Let's talk when you can. Regards, Dan L

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Law, Rosemary C

RELEASED IN PART B3
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From: Kim, Yuri J
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 7:50 AM
To: Kim, Yuri J; EUR-SE-TU-DL; Friedman, Justin; Kaidanow, Tina S; Gordon, Phillip H; Sloat, Amanda L; Rubin, Eric S; NEA-Syria-DL; Ford, Robert S; Jones, Beth E; Ellison, Janine M; Dibble, Elizabeth L; Elizabeth_D_Sherwood-Randall@nss.eop.gov; [redacted]@osd.mil; Jonathan_H_Stevenson@nss.eop.gov; Finer, Jonathan J.; B3 DOD-CP Lakhdir, Kamala S; migregonis@nss.eop.gov; Belmonte, Monica L; Lester, Raymond; Robinson, David M; Clements, Kelly; Underiner, John M; Iris, Nancy R; Bartolini, Mark (DCHA/OFDA); VonHippel, Karin L; Haelach, Patricia M; Ward, Mark S (D/MET); Westley, Catherine J; Kalmbach, Heather E; Ricciardone, Francis J; Baily, Jess L; AnkaraAMB; Treiber, Laird D; Wentworth, Mark A; Kilner, Scott F (Istanbul); Mennull, Deborah (Istanbul); Lackey, Hal V; Artigues, Craig M; Espinoza, John L; Babb, Joseph R; Hansen, Ralph S; Jaworski, Richard E; Wroblewski, K Andrew; Fernandes, Cheryl L; Mahoney, Haynes R (Istanbul); Stafford, Edward G; Fernandes, Anthony C; Dorsey, Liane R; O'Grady, Daniel J; [redacted]@osd.mil; ISTANBUL-POLECON AMERICANS-DL; Yovanovitch, Marie L; Miller, James N; Tobey, Laurence E; Quanrud, Pamela G; Daniels, Cherrie; Manso, Joseph X; Ried, Curtis R (USUN); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Pisani, Kristen L; Thompson, Tedde H; Katsiyannis, Dean T; Kahl, L Alex; Schofer, Andrew J; Scanlon, Amy B (Athens); Horn, Aaron D; Livingston, Joseph S; Michael Lally; Uyehara, Michael M; Peterson, Chad S; Birner, Timothy D; Brown, Kristina M; Cardwell, Adam K; Carraway, Cassandra B; Fingarson, Timothy J; Jones-Katsiyannis, Stacey L; Ngutter, Dorothy M; Olson, Kimberly G; Shufflebarger, Jamie; Kenna, Lisa D (Amman); Goldberger, Thomas H; P-EUR Duty Turkey Daily Notes: February 27, 2013

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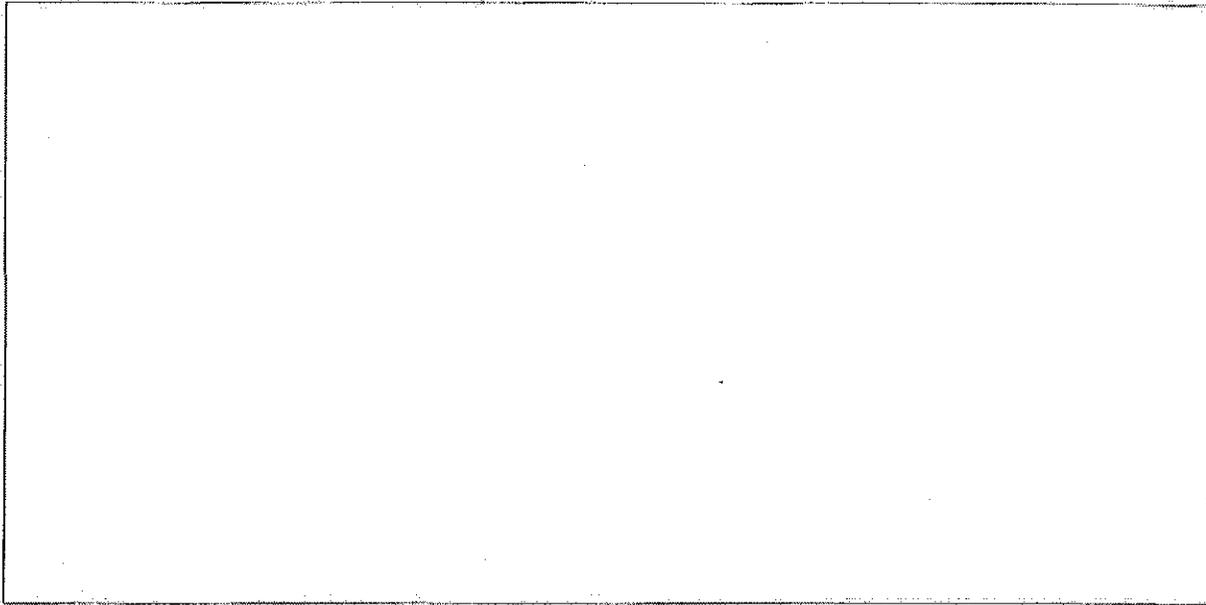
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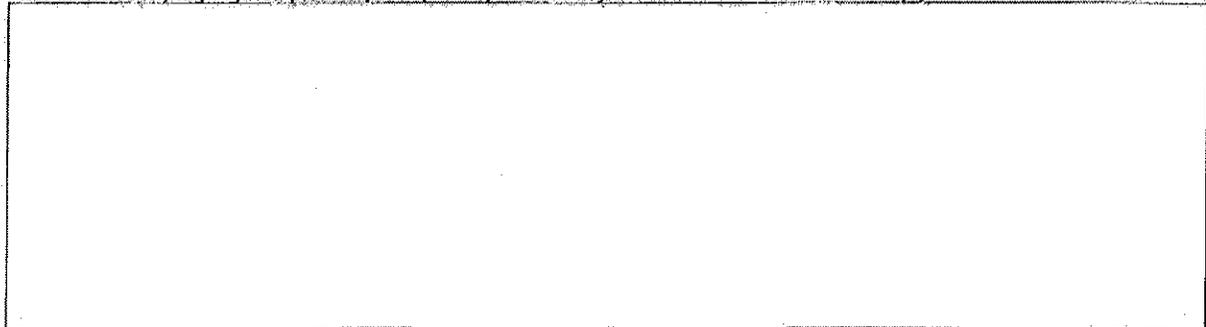
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-Mavi Marmara: *Yeni Safak* reports that USG documents obtained by the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights show the USG was aware of AMCITs participating in the Mavi Marmara flotilla of May 2010 months before their departure to Gaza, but made took no action beforehand or in response to the death of Turkish-U.S. dual citizen Furkan Dogan, who was killed when IDF intercepted the flotilla. (COMMENT: This article comes in the midst of a volley of reports in Israeli and Turkish press essentially blaming the other side for not taking opportunities to resolve the issue. The GOT has consistently highlighted privately and publicly that one of the 9 killed held U.S. citizenship.)



(SBU) KEY EVENTS



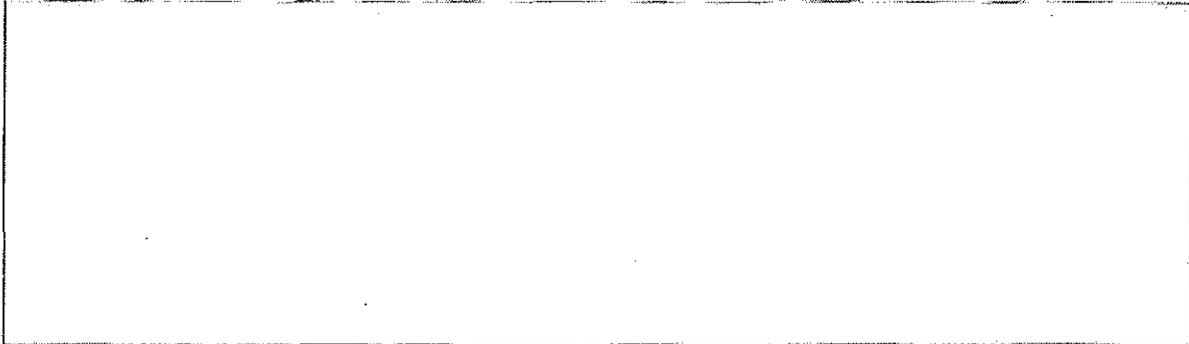
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Subject: Zaroulia quote - October 18

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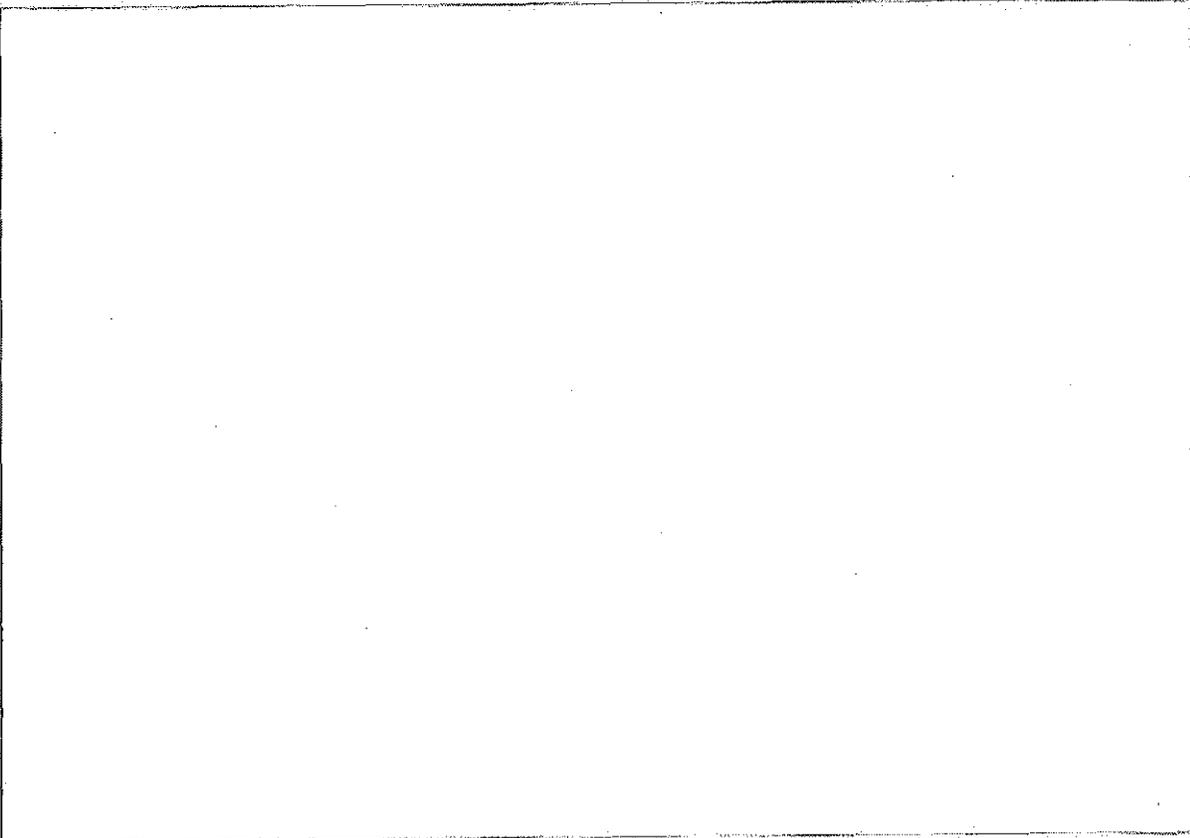
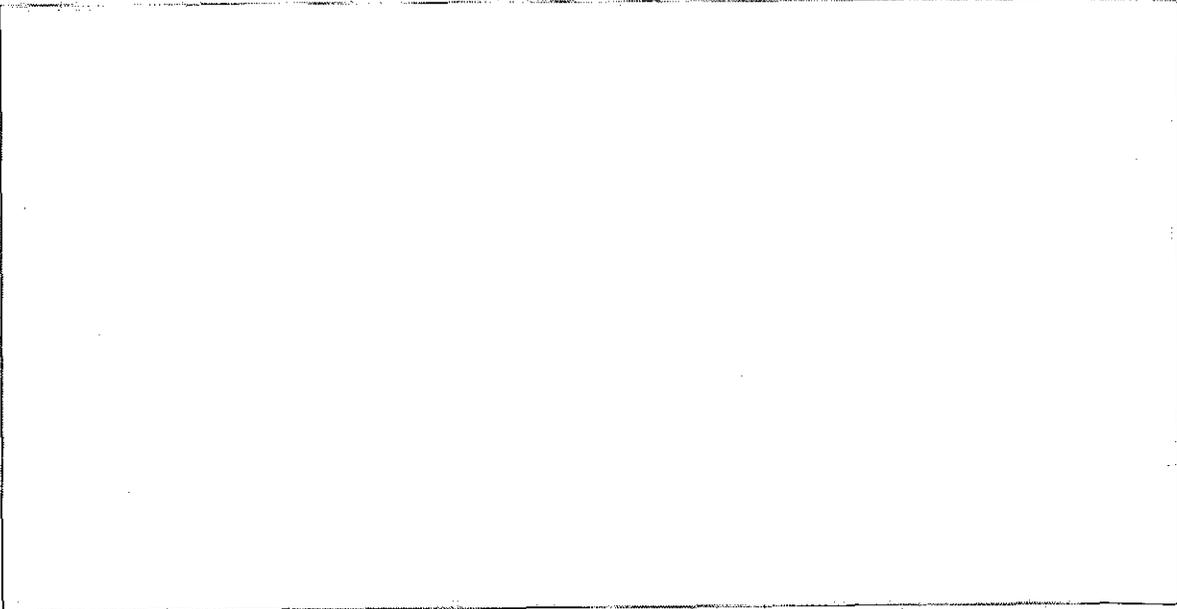
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Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 1:55 PM
To: Rubin, Eric S; Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Bennett, Virginia L (Athens); 'Christopher.Smart@treasury.gov'; McCarthy, Deborah A; Schofer, Andrew J; Wohlers, Paul; Aggeler, Brian C; Bono, Louis; Norman, Marc E; EUR-SE-DL; Worman, Patrick F; SES-O; Flores, Molly P; ATHENS-POL; Kosmidou, Xení (Thessaloniki); Smith, Stuart M (Athens); Lance, Marsha A (Thessaloniki); 'David McNeill'; ATHENS-FAST OFFICERS; Weitzenkorn, Laurie B (Athens); Zouroudis, Betsy (Athens); Koutsoupanou, Ioanna E (Thessaloniki); 'DeSante, Deanna, CIV, OSD-POLICY'; 'McFadden, James , , DSCA/OPS/EAF'; 'Hulss, Sara M Maj JCS JS DDENR'; Teirlynck, Mary J (Athens); Engen, Ryan S (Brussels); Triantafyllou, Prodrimos N (Athens); Karamolegos, Nikos P (Athens); Singer, Russell C; Fernandes, Anthony C; O'Reilly, Patrick R (USEU); Tuminaro, John D; Stoner, Ryan D; Frowick, George H (Athens); Friedman, Justin; Froats, Daniel T; Raffino, Michele L (Athens); 'sonya.ribovich@ny.frb.org'; 'camille.bryan@ny.frb.org'; 'nikola.kojucharov@treasury.gov'; Baker, Susan L (Dept of Treasury); 'Jeffrey.Baker@treasury.gov'; 'Dora.Douglass@treasury.gov'; Rath, Martin J (Athens); Patel, Vishal P; Garverick, J Robert; 'Evangelia.Bouzis@treasury.gov'; 'Marilyn.Taylor@trade.gov'; Kim, Yuri J; Netos, Eleftherios (Terry) E; 'Stephen.f.ln@frb.gov'; King, Robert D (Bratislava); Lisbon PolEcon; Lester, Raymond; Schwartz, Jonathan E (Athens); Enstrom, Karen L; Moore, Wendela C; Grauer, Kristen K; Siders, Michele M; David M. Kaden (David M. Kaden@who.eop.gov); Lael.Bralnard@treasury.gov; Charles.Collyns@treasury.gov; @eucom.mil; Vogel, Matthew A.; Cherrie_S_Daniels@ovp.eop.gov; rmacfarquhar@who.eop.gov; mpyle@who.eop.gov; mil@mail.mil; Chapman, David K (Athens); Katsoulos, Athena; Coleman, Maryruth; Marrano, Mark F (Athens); Pisaní, Kristen L; Baxter, Davida A; Shufflebarger, Jamie; @dsca.mil; Johnson, Seneca E; Cockrell, John D; Sanders, Robert P (Thessaloniki); DSCA/OPS/EAF; Keller, Michael R; MKeon, Colleen H (Athens); Vorvolakos, Georgios (Athens)

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Cc: ATHENS-ECON
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(SBU) Key Points:

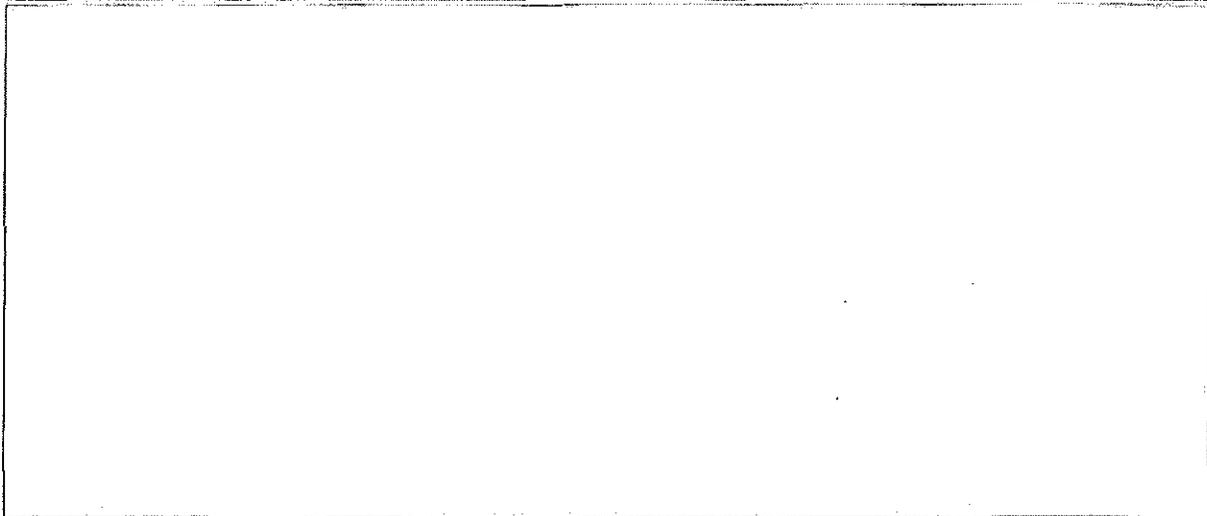
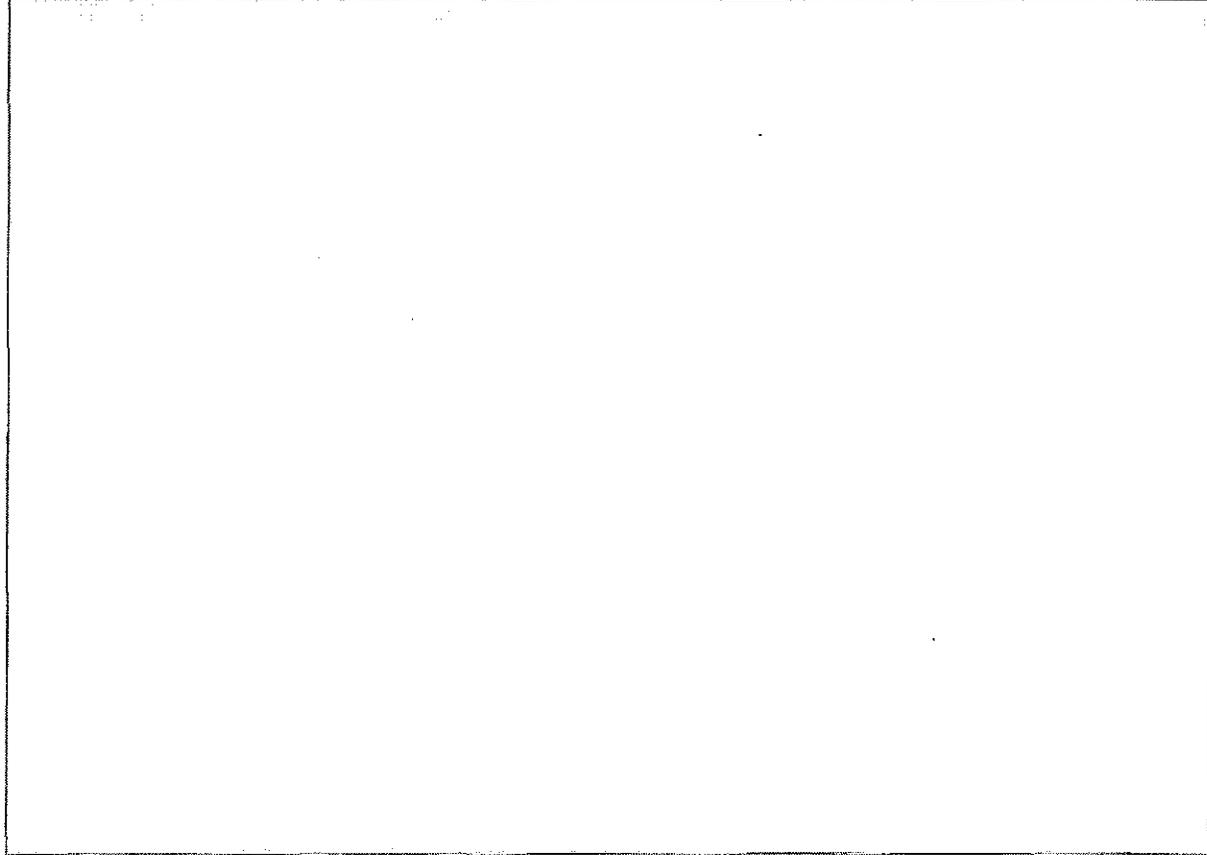
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(SBU) Greek Gaza Flotilla Activists Return to Athens: According to a MFA release, the five Greek flotilla participants onboard the Gaza-bound ship "Estelle", including two SYRIZA MPs, arrived back in Athens on late October 21 after their

release by Israeli authorities. The Finnish-flagged "Estelle," a member of the international group "Free Gaza Flotilla III," set sail from Naples seeking to break through Israel's naval blockade of Gaza but was reportedly intercepted, surrounded, and boarded by the Israeli Navy some 31 nautical miles off the Gaza shore early October 21. The flotilla participants were met at the airport by a Greek MFA official. The Greek MFA publicly praised the cooperation between the Greek Ambassador and Israeli government officials to facilitate the "unobstructed and swift return" of the Greek flotilla participants.

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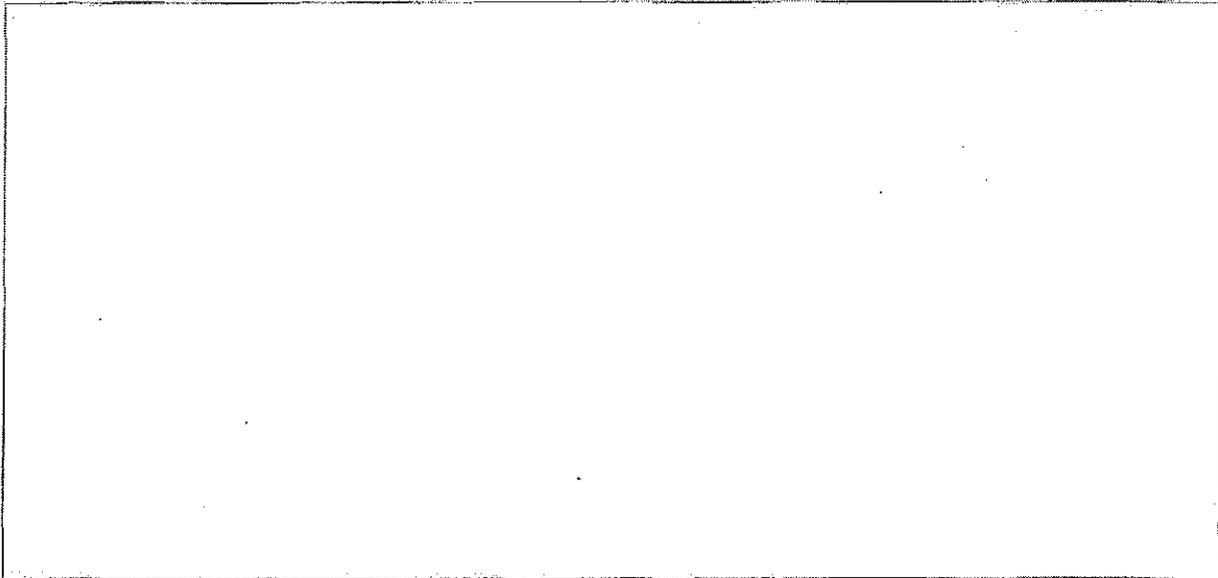
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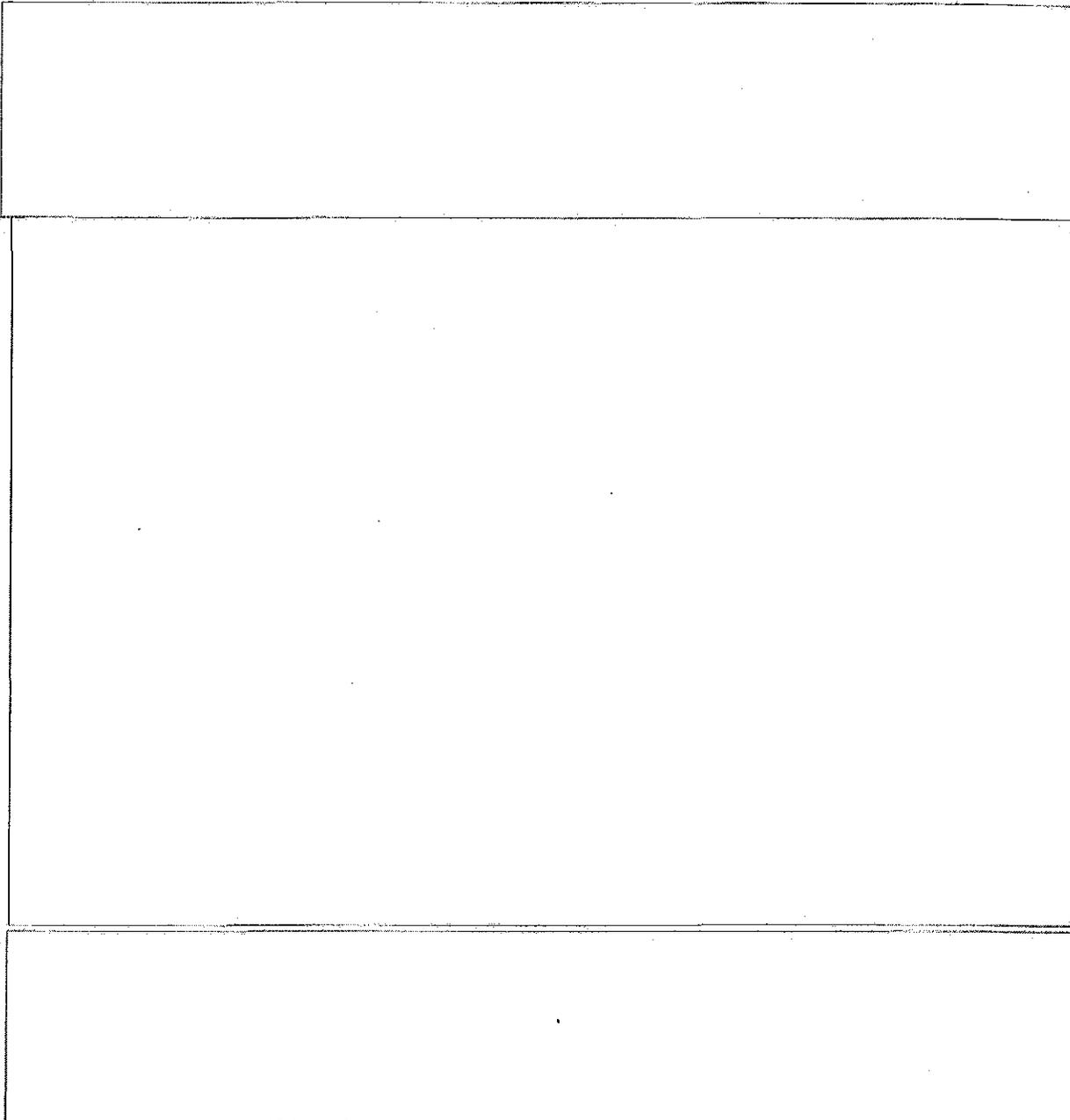
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(SBU) Two SYRIZA MPs Aboard Gaza Flotilla Vessel: Two opposition SYRIZA MPs, Vaggelis Diamantopoulos and Dimitris Kodelas, have reportedly joined the Finnish-flagged sailing vessel "Estelle" and intend to sail to Gaza without authorization. Supporters of the Greek initiative "A Ship For Gaza" told the local media yesterday that the ship is now on the last leg of its journey that began in Sweden, and that the crew includes citizens from eight countries, including Greeks. The two Greek MPs on board the vessel have also issued separate statements expressing their solidarity with the Palestinians.

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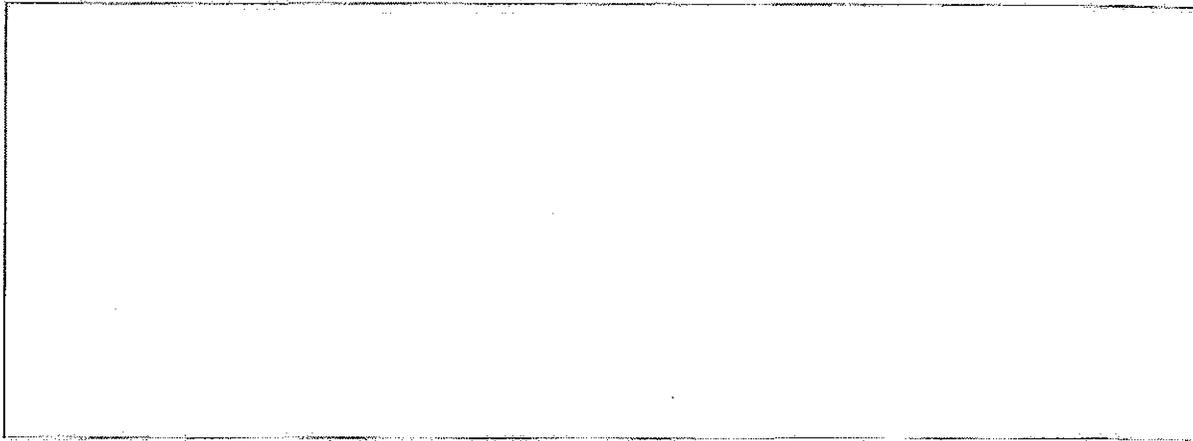
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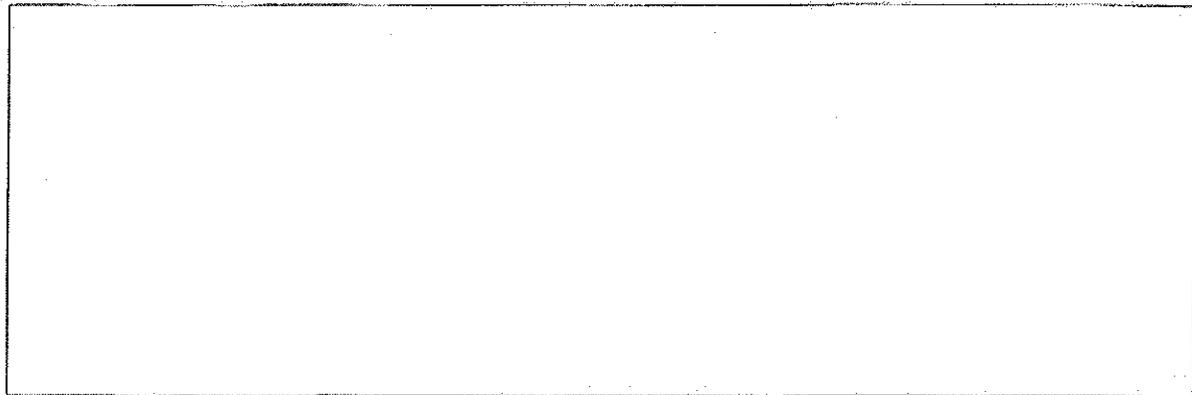
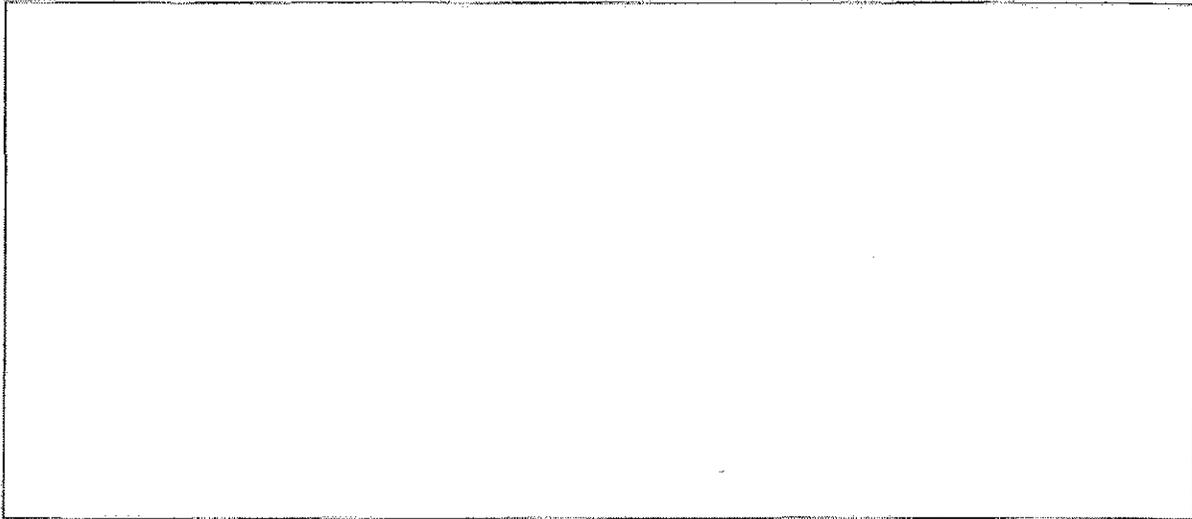
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(SBU) Gaza Flotilla/Flytilla Update: Two American citizens wearing "fly-in" T-shirts flew from Athens to Ben-Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv this morning and, according to local media reports, were stopped by Israeli immigration officials. The women were questioned and after stating their intentions, officials reportedly sent them on an outbound flight back to Greece due to their stated intention to create provocations and disrupt the peace. More activists are expected to arrive in Israel on Friday afternoon.





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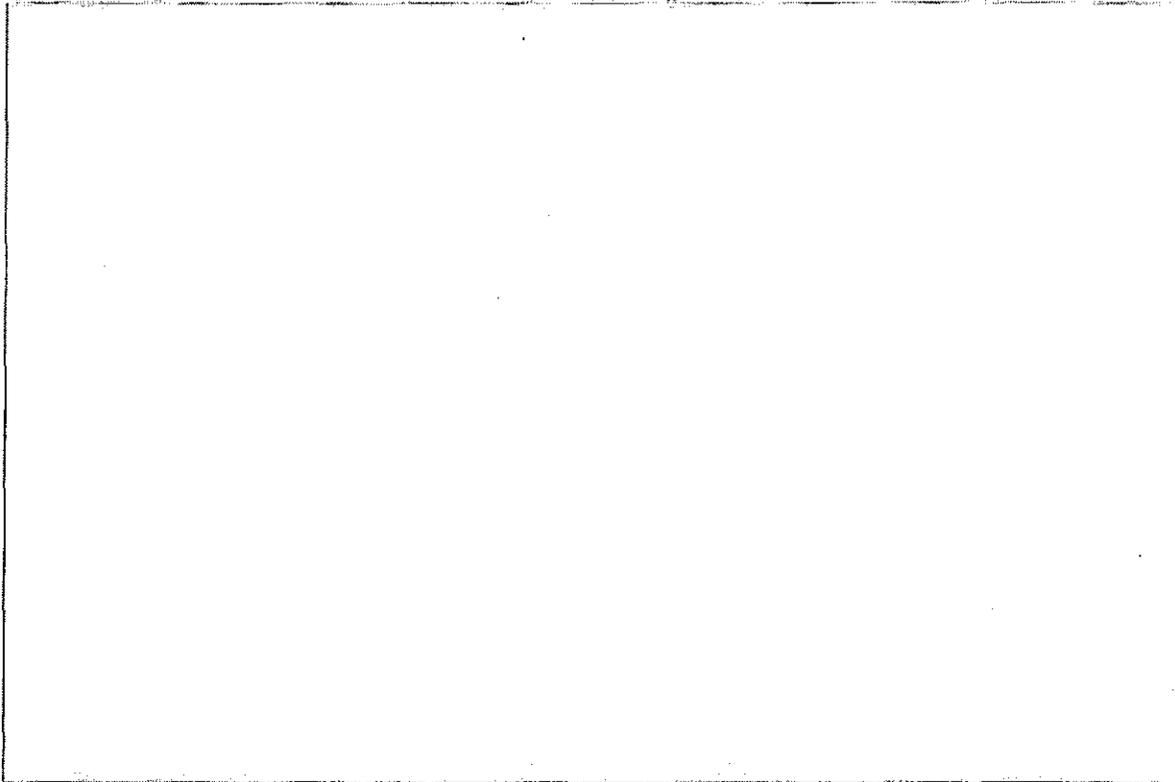
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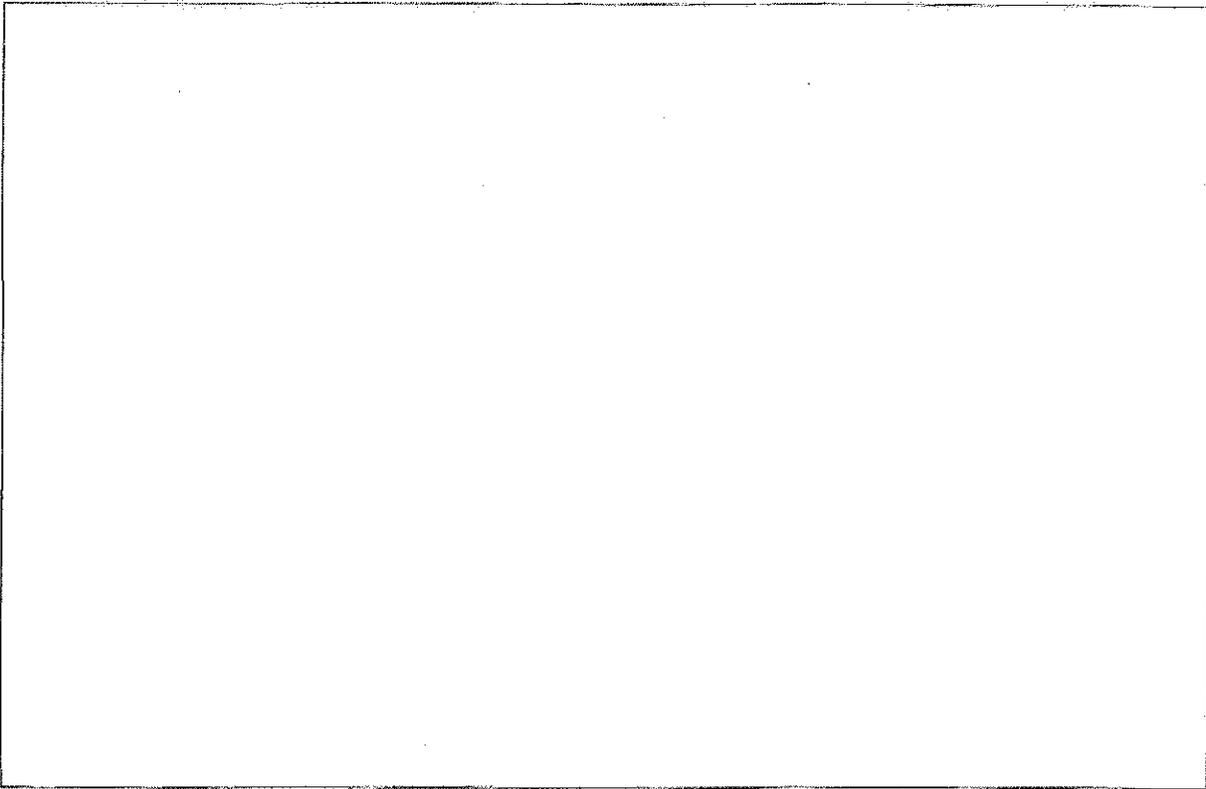


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(U) Gaza Flotilla Loses Steam: Since the Greek Government ban on the departure of Gaza-bound flotilla vessels, and thwarted attempts to defy the ban by two flotilla ships over the July 4th weekend, no flotilla vessels have left for Gaza from Greek ports. Media coverage here is dwindling and websites of the "U.S. Ship to Gaza" and "Flotilla II - Stay Alive" organizations have not been updated for several days.

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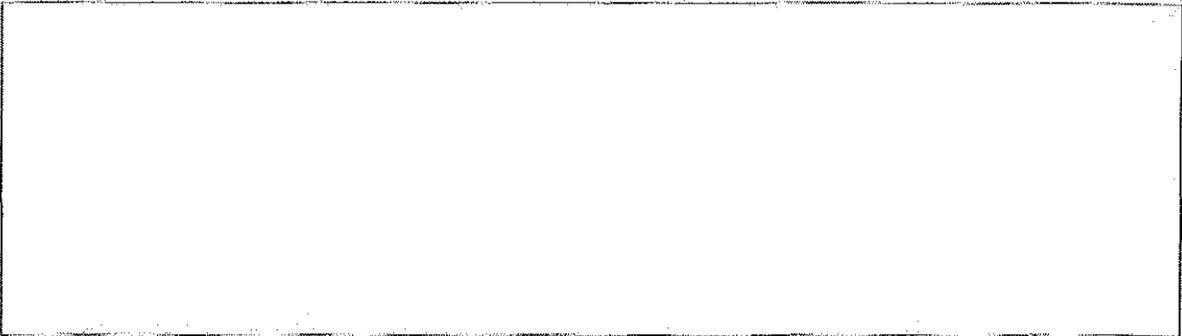
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- The Greek government prevented a French vessel from traveling to Gaza today; the vessel had left Piraeus, but had stopped in Crete.

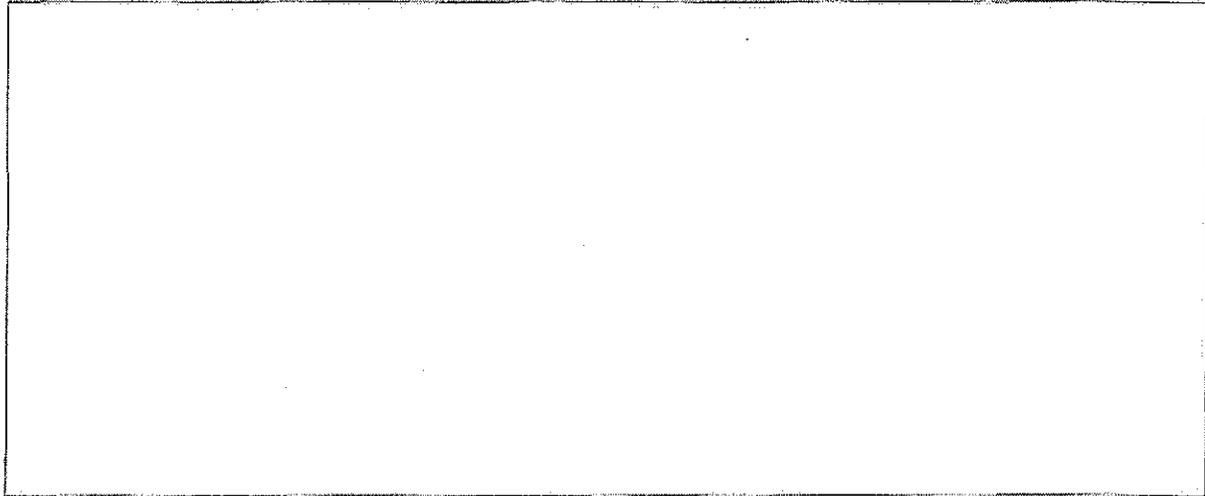
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(SBU) Gaza Flotilla Update: The French Embassy confirms that the French-flagged "Dignite Al Karama" set sail on July 4th from an Athens-area port ostensibly for Corsica, but once free of Greek jurisdiction, appeared to have changed course toward Gaza. The Dignite, however, stopped in Crete, apparently for refueling, and Greek authorities today prevented the ship from traveling to Gaza. On July 5, a group of Spanish Gaza flotilla activists took over the Spanish Embassy for a sit-in after taking a meeting with the Spanish Ambassador to Athens. The activists are reported to still be in the Embassy.



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From: Athens American Citizen
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 2:50 AM
To: ATHENS-ACS
Subject: FW: Let the US ship and passengers said to Gaza

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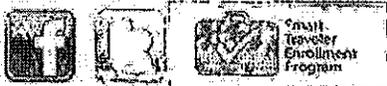
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 11:38 PM
To: Athens American Citizen
Subject: Let the US ship and passengers said to Gaza

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American Embassy Staff:

Please support efforts to let the US ship, Audacity of Hope, sail to Gaza. The people of Gaza have a right to know that there is support in the world to end the blockade of Gaza.

Whether we like it or not, the Palestinians have a democratically elected government.

Those passengers sailing on the ship are peace activists who have no history of violence or irresponsible behavior. They are not taking questionable material to Gaza, other than messages of peace and good will.

Happy Fourth of July.....and thank you for the work you do for our country.

Sincerely,



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Subject: RE: Ban Ki Moon flotilla statement

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Leah - Just when it comes back. Thanks, Dan L.

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From: Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 1:54 PM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: RE: Ban Ki Moon flotilla statement

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 1:53 PM
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Cc: Au-Yeung, Jenny
Subject: FW: Ban Ki Moon flotilla statement

Leah [REDACTED] Regards, Dan L.

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From: Au-Yeung, Jenny
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 1:48 PM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: Ban Ki Moon flotilla statement

Dan,
I wasn't able to find an issued statement by Ban Ki Moon.
Cheers,

Jenny

New York, 27 May 2011 - Statement Attributable to the Spokesperson of the Secretary-General on Letters by the Secretary-General about Possible Flotillas to Gaza

The Secretary-General has sent a letter to Governments of countries around the Mediterranean Sea. In these letters, the Secretary-General indicated that he was following with concern media reports of potential flotillas to Gaza. He expressed his belief that assistance and goods destined to Gaza should be channelled through legitimate crossings and established channels. He recalled the statements of the Quartet on 21 June 2010 and the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee on 13 April 2011 in this regard.

The Secretary-General called on all Governments concerned to use their influence to discourage such flotillas, which carry the potential to escalate into violent conflict. He further called on all, including the Government of Israel, to act responsibly and with caution to avoid any violent incident.

The Secretary-General reiterated that, while he believed that flotillas were not helpful in resolving the basic economic problems in Gaza, the situation there remains unsustainable. He urged the Government of Israel to take further meaningful and far-reaching steps to end the closure of Gaza, within the framework of Security Council resolution 1860 (2009). In particular, he underlined that it was essential for the operation of legitimate crossings to be adequate to meet the needs of Gaza's civilian population. (Source: UN)

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Law, Rosemary C

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 10:17 AM
To: 'Harris, Rian'
Subject: RE: Athens Update -- June 27

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Rian -- Great. I will start with tomorrow's edition. Regards, Dan L.

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From: Harris, Rian [mailto:Rian_H_Harris@nss.eop.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 5:12 PM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: RE: Athens Update -- June 27

Hi Dan -- I'm finally up on unclass, so please send this to my NSS email: RHarris@nss.eop.gov. Many thanks! Rian

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 06:30 AM
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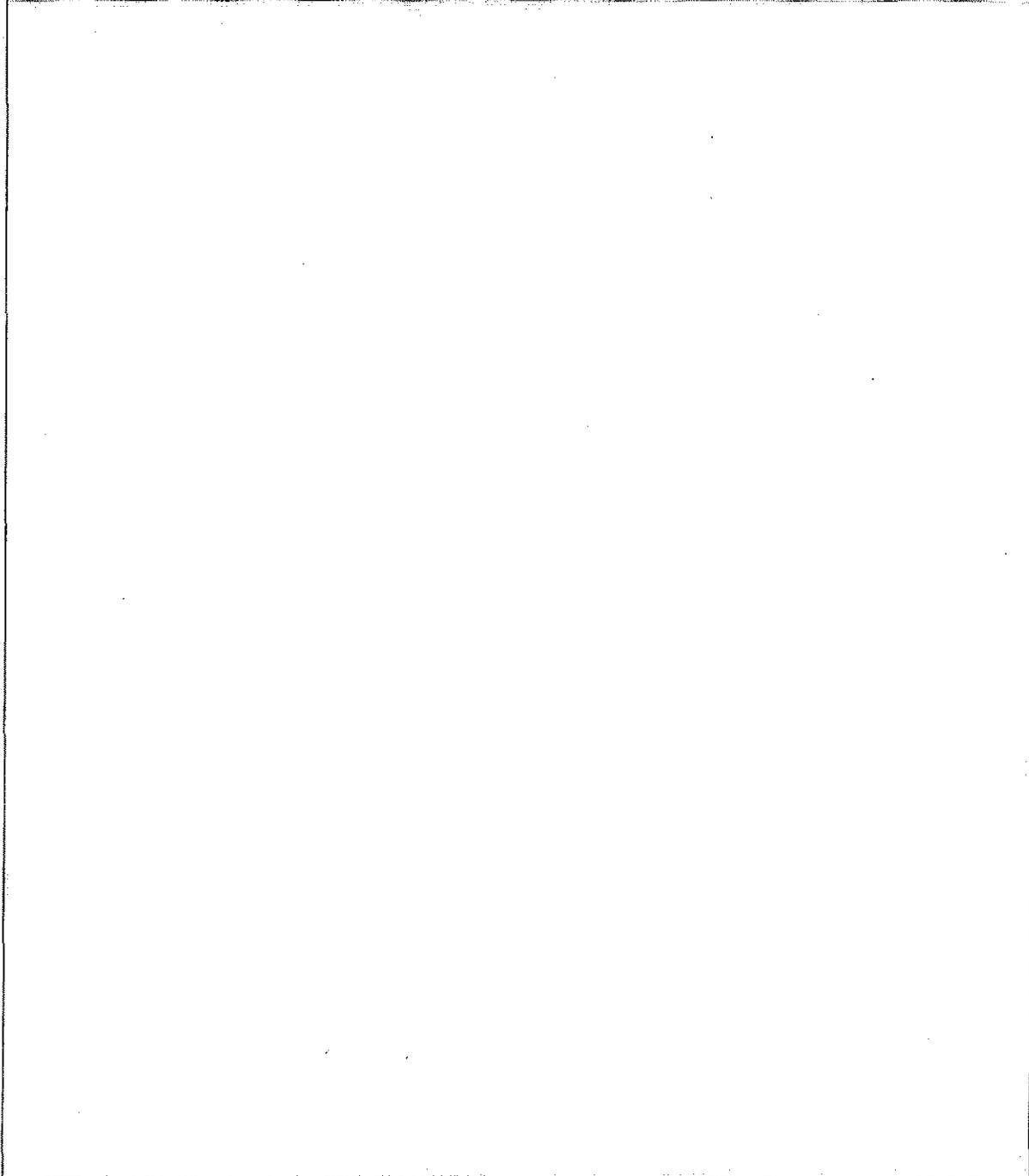
- The group organizing the flotilla to Gaza, announced via their website and Twitter accounts that they intend to depart from the Greek ports of Piraeus, Corfu, and Crete "within the next few days."

- o The organizers noted on their webpage that delegations from 20 countries will board 12 boats for Gaza.

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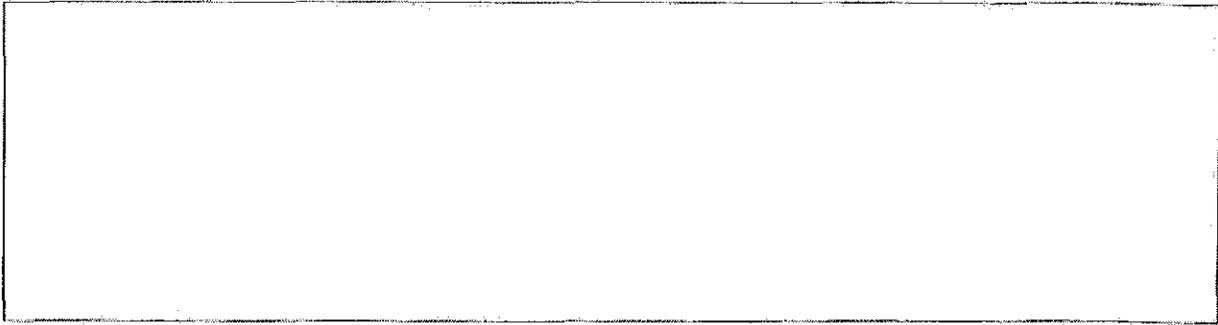
(SBU) Gaza Anniversary Flotilla Update: "Freedom II – Stay Alive," the group organizing the flotilla to Gaza, announced via their website and Twitter accounts that they will hold a press conference in Athens on June 27 ahead of their scheduled departure from the Greek ports of Piraeus, Corfu, and Crete "within the next few days" to Gaza. In a letter to

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, also posted on their webpage, the organizers announced that delegations from 20 countries will board 12 boats for Gaza. Vagelis Pisas, speaking for the Freedom II group, told reporters that flotilla participants leaving from Greek ports will rendezvous at an unspecified area of the Aegean to meet up with boats that have already departed from France and Spain to head to Gaza. Pisas also noted two Greek cargo ships will be carrying medical supplies, cement, and an ambulance to donate to the Palestinian medical emergency service.



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Law, Rosemary C

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 1:00 PM
To: Vu, Anny T
Cc: Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Brandeis, Charles D (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Subject: Re: UPDATE: Ops Request for Information: Greek coastguard intercepts Gaza-bound Canadian ship (Reuters)

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Anny - [redacted] just confirmed the press reporting. Boat was stopped 5 km from shore and returned to a different port in Crete, Greece. Regards, Dan

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 12:32 PM
To: Vu, Anny T
Cc: Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Brandeis, Charles D (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Smith, Stuart M (Athens)
Subject: Re: UPDATE: Ops Request for Information: Greek coastguard intercepts Gaza-bound Canadian ship (Reuters)

Anny - I tried to reach [redacted] via phone and e-mail, but without success. Greek media has picked up the same story you cite below, but without any further details. Regards, Dan

From: Vu, Anny T
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 11:57 AM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: UPDATE: Ops Request for Information: Greek coastguard intercepts Gaza-bound Canadian ship (Reuters)

Mr. Lawton:

Further to our discussion, we just saw the following news story regarding the interception of a Gaza-bound Canadian ship by the Greek Coast Guard. Would it be possible for you to provide us with any information on that matter as well? Please accept our deepest apologies again for bothering you so much on a holiday.

Best regards,
Anny Vu

From: OpsNewsTicker
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 11:50 AM
To: NEWS-EUR; NEWS-NEA
Cc: SES-O_OS; SES-O_Shift-II
Subject: Greek coastguard intercepts Gaza-bound Canadian ship (Reuters)

ATHENS (Reuters) - The Greek coastguard on Monday intercepted a Canadian ship which had set sail for Gaza carrying medicine and pro-Palestinian activists who had defied a ban by the Athens government, an activist said.

The boat, named "Tahrir", had left a port in Crete, a Reuters witness said. Greek authorities have said that ships carrying activists destined for Gaza with aid for Palestinians were prohibited from leaving Greek ports.

The activist told Reuters that the crew of nearly 50 people comprised mostly Canadians. There were no further details.

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immediately available.

NewsTickers alert senior Department officials to breaking news. This item appears as it did in its original publication and does not contain analysis or commentary by Department sources.

From: Vu, Anny T
Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 11:43 AM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: Ops Request for Information: Demonstrations In Athens

Mr. Lawton:

Please accept our apologies again for bothering you on the Fourth of July but we are now seeing Twitter feeds that six American boat members have just been detained by Greek police while sitting on a bench across from the residence of the U.S. Ambassador. We would greatly appreciate any information you have on the matter.

Would it also be possible for the Operations Center to get an update on the Embassy security posture when you have a moment?

Please feel free to respond via e-mail (high or low side) or by calling the Operations Center at (202) 647-1512 and asking for the Emergency Action Officer. Thank you for taking the time to review our request.

Many thanks and kind regards, -

ANNY VU
State Department Operations Center
VuAT3@state.gov 202.647.1512



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Law, Rosemary C

From: [redacted] (Athens)
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 3:32 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Happy belated U.S. Independence Day

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 1:48 PM
To: [redacted] (Athens)
Subject: Re: Happy belated U.S. Independence Day

Hi [redacted]

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All the best,

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On Wed, Jul 6, 2011 at 10:25 AM, [redacted] (Athens) <[redacted]@state.gov> wrote:

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 2:26 PM
To: [redacted] (Athens)
Subject: Re: Happy belated U.S. Independence Day

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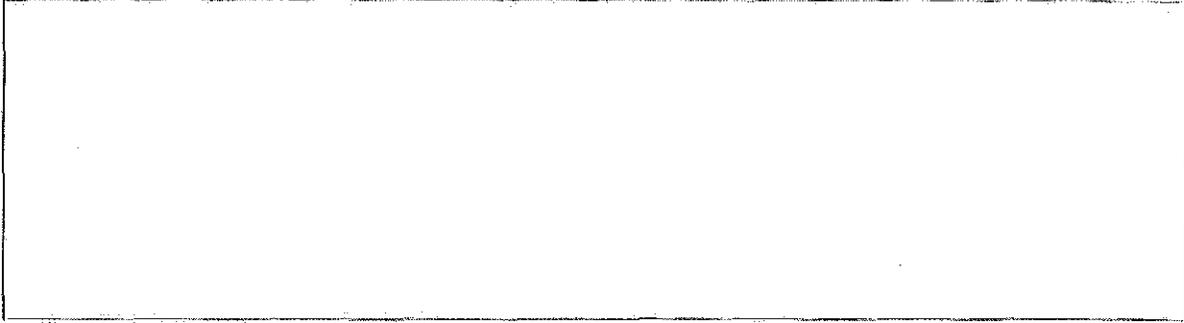
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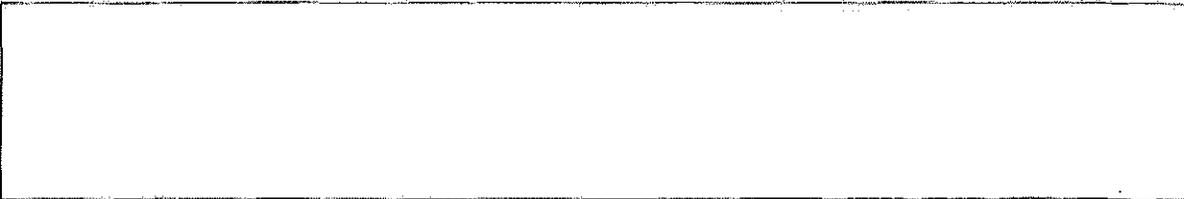
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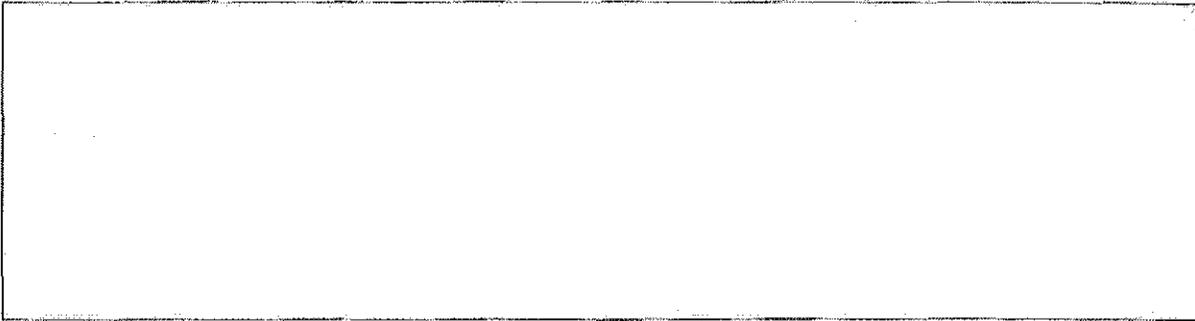
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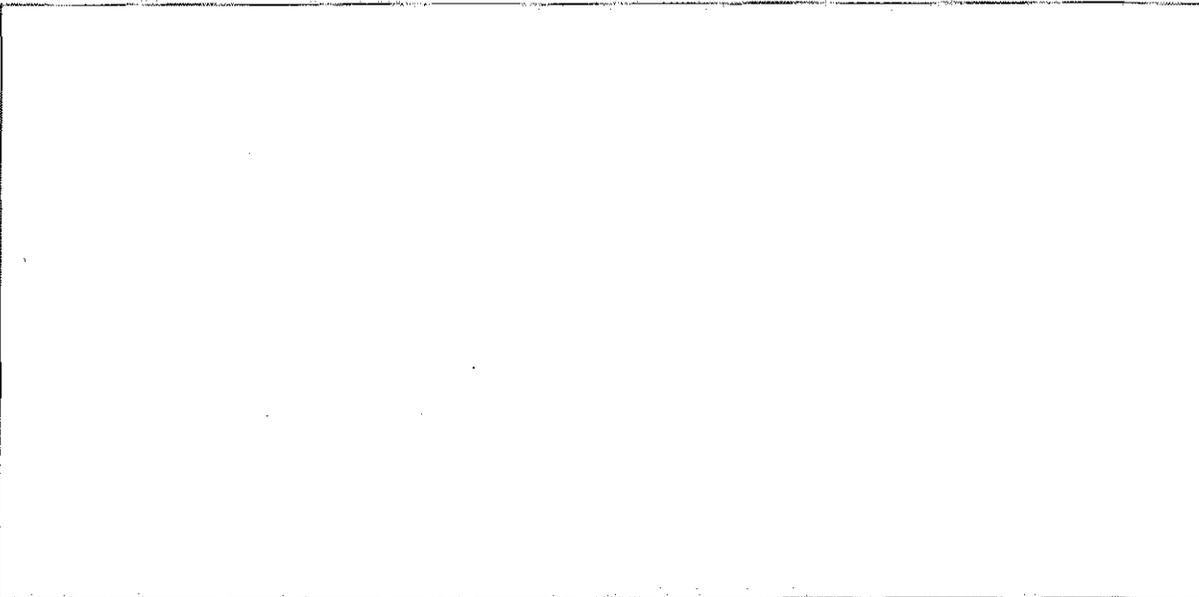
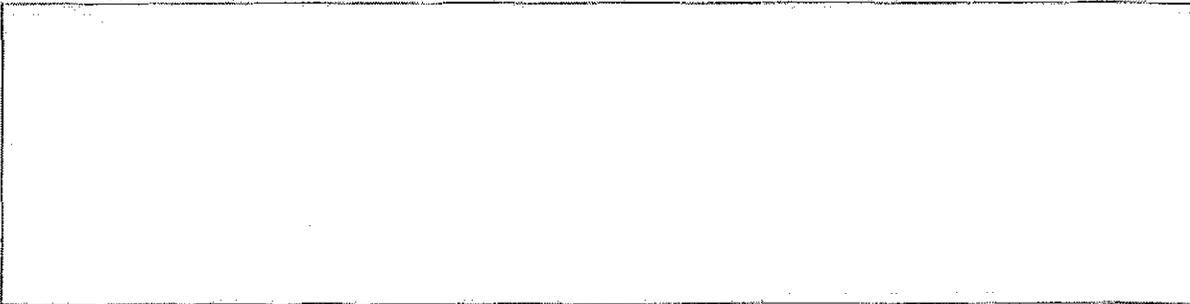
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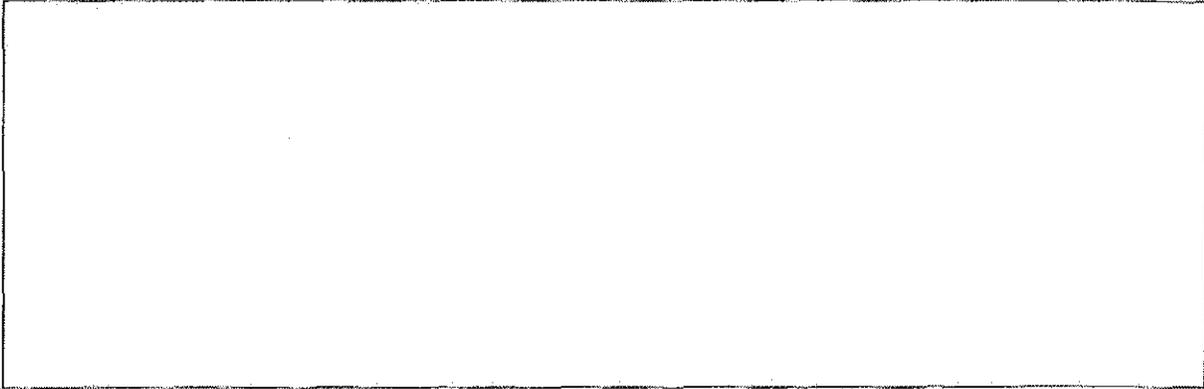
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(U) Papoulias in Israel: During the Greek president's three-day visit to Israel, Greece was praised for the government's decision to ban the departure of vessels from Greek ports to Gaza.



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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 1:29 PM
To: Merz, James P
Cc: Coleman, Maryruth; Baxter, Davida A; Bennett, Virginia L (Athens)
Subject: Re: (SBU) Athens Update -- October 22

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Flag Status: Completed

Jlm - This sounds like a good topic for discussion during tomorrow's DVC (cc'ing Virginia). Rgds, Dan L.

From: Merz, James P
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 08:20 PM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Cc: Coleman, Maryruth; Baxter, Davida A
Subject: RE: (SBU) Athens Update -- October 22

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From: Baxter, Davida A
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 9:13 AM
To: Merz, James P; Coleman, Maryruth
Subject: FW: (SBU) Athens Update -- October 22

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 6:55 AM
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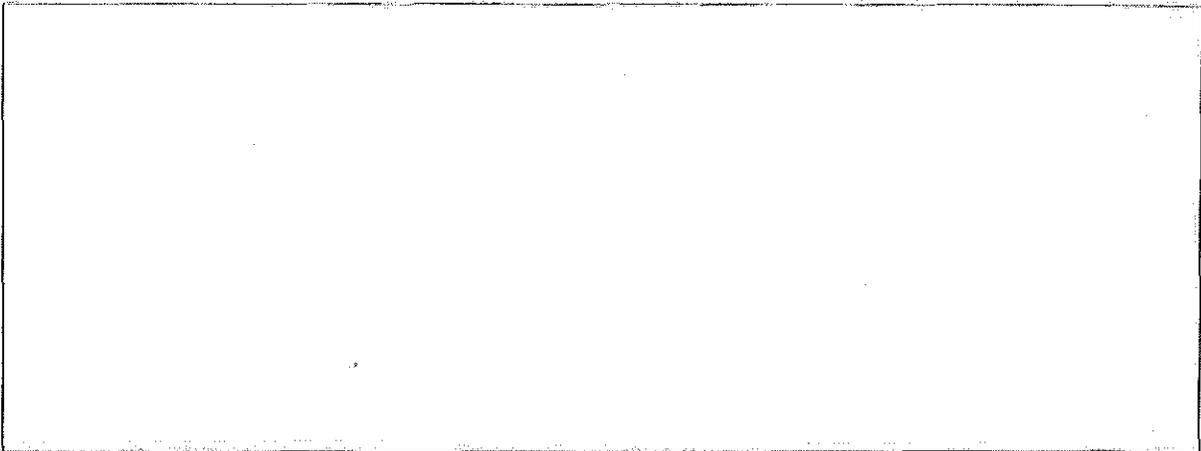
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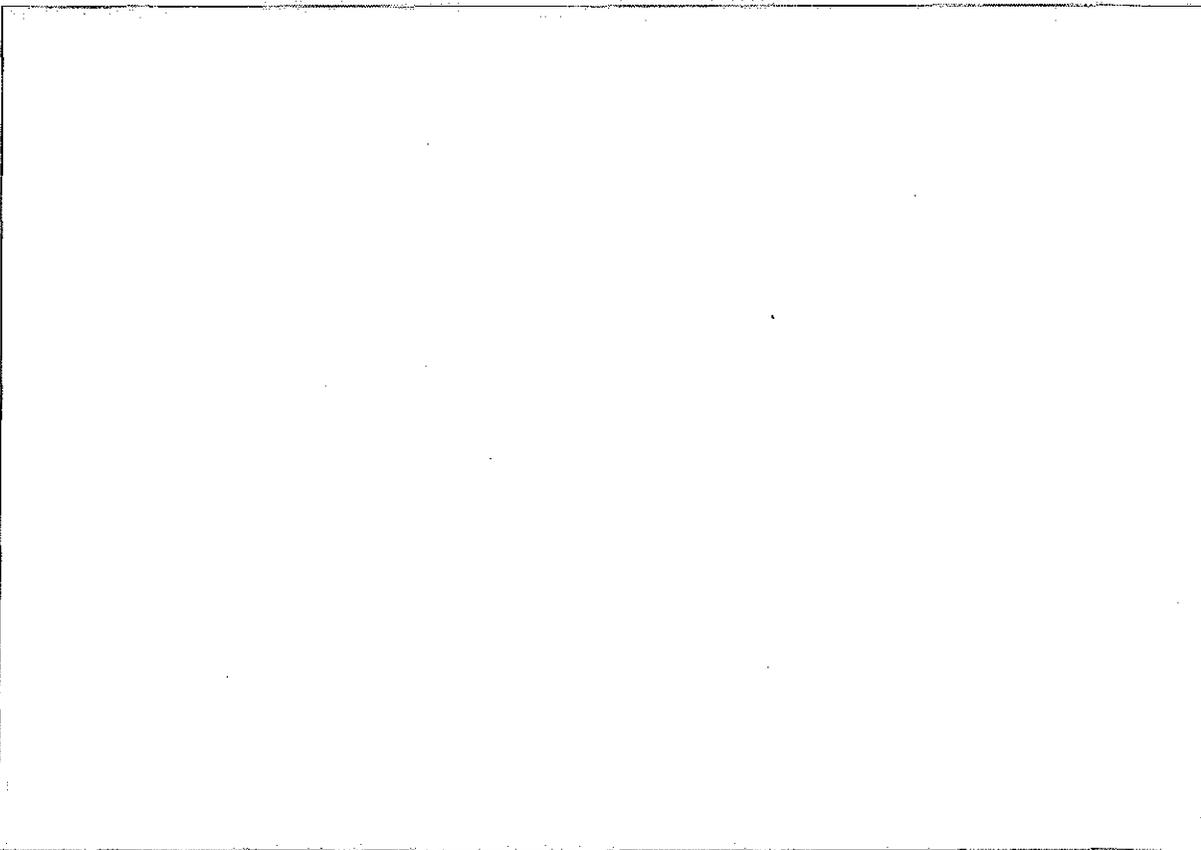
- Five Greek citizen flotilla participants onboard the Gaza-bound ship "Estelle", including two SYRIZA MPs, arrived back in Athens yesterday after their release by Israeli authorities.

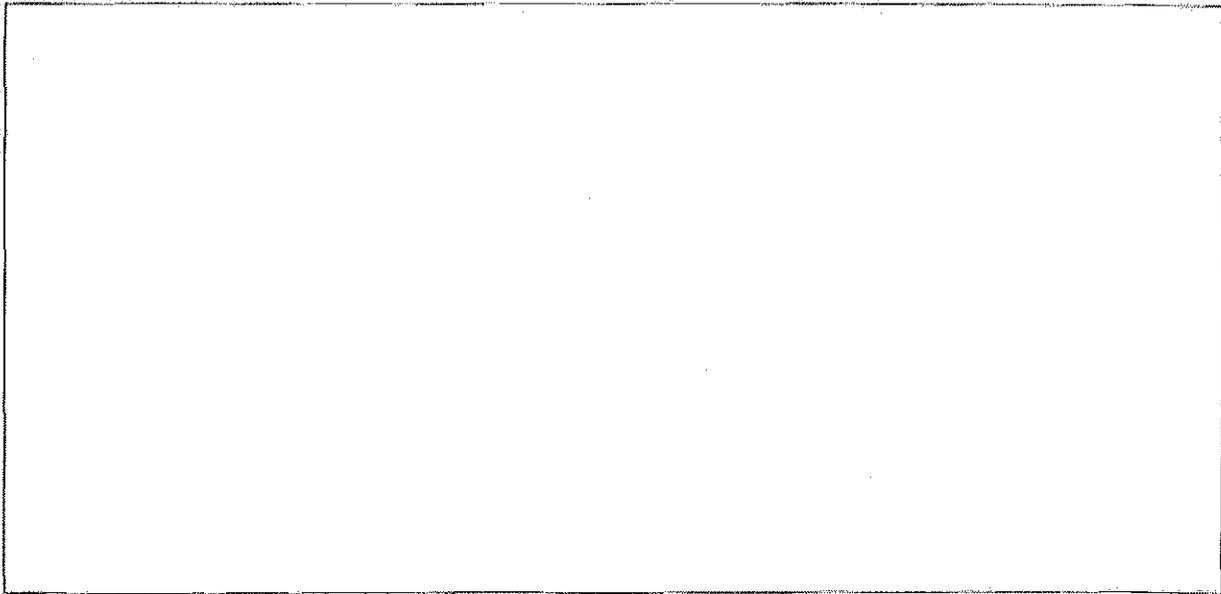
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(SBU) Greek Gaza Flotilla Activists Return to Athens: According to a MFA release, the five Greek flotilla participants onboard the Gaza-bound ship "Estelle", including two SYRIZA MPs, arrived back in Athens on late October 21 after their release by Israeli authorities. The Finnish-flagged "Estelle," a member of the international group "Free Gaza Flotilla III," set sail from Naples seeking to break through Israel's naval blockade of Gaza but was reportedly intercepted, surrounded, and boarded by the Israeli Navy some 31 nautical miles off the Gaza shore early October 21. The flotilla participants were met at the airport by a Greek MFA official. The Greek MFA publicly praised the cooperation between the Greek Ambassador and Israeli government officials to facilitate the "unobstructed and swift return" of the Greek flotilla participants.





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Subject: FW: (S/NF) EUR Daily Activity Report for Wednesday, November 2, 2011

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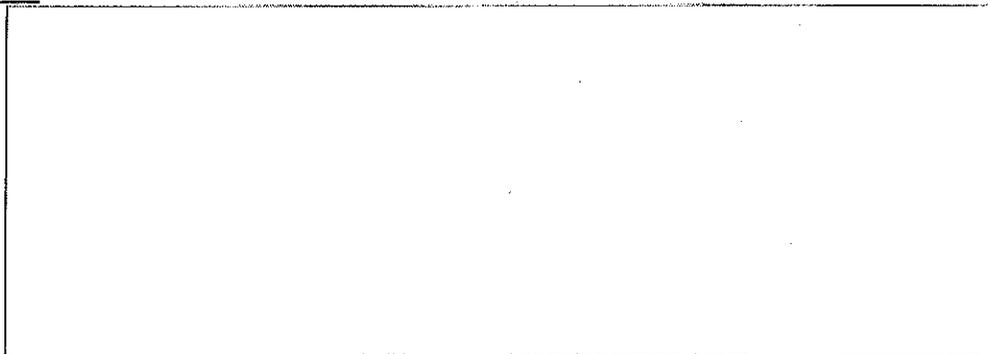
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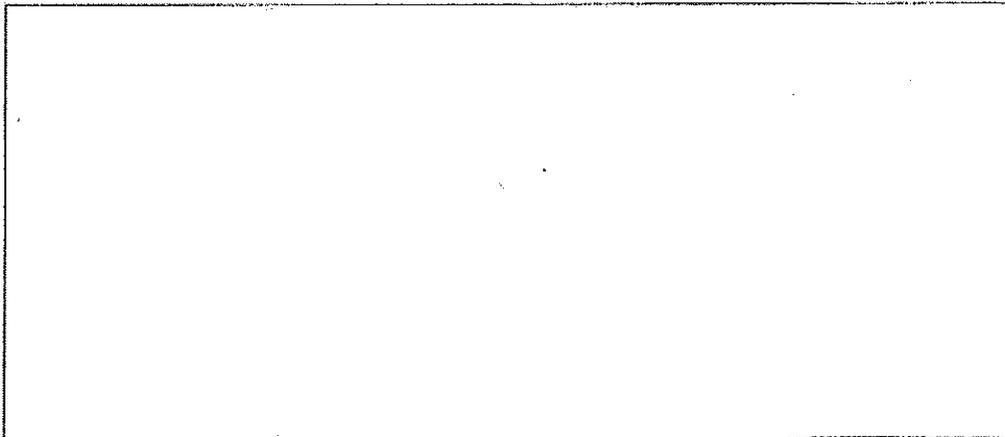
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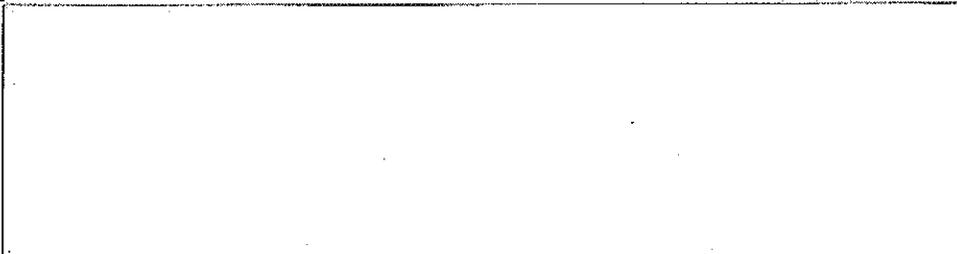
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- **(SBU) Turkey/Greece: Two Flotilla Ships Depart Turkey for Greece:**
The U.S.-flagged Saoirse and Comoros-flagged Tahrir sailed from Fethiye in Turkey toward Rhodes on November 2 after the Turkish government exhausted all means of preventing them from sailing, according to Turkish and Israeli sources. The Turkish MFA informed Ambassador Ricciardone that the two vessels intend to link up with others in Rhodes and then sail on to Gaza. The Turks have no intention of escorting any vessels involved in this movement, according to MFA contacts. There are some reports AmCits are among the ships' passengers. Ambassador Smith in Athens engaged with the Greek MFA Secretary General, who promised to look into whether there is anything the Greeks can do to prevent the ships from continuing. Meanwhile, bloggers are reporting the ships could reach Gaza by Friday.



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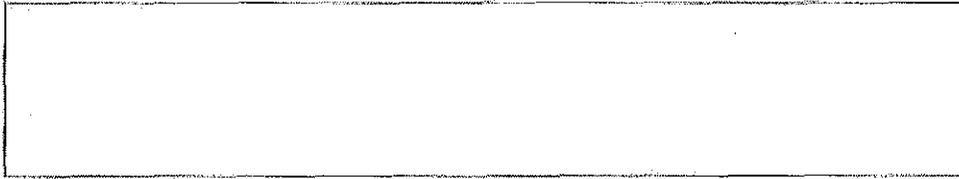
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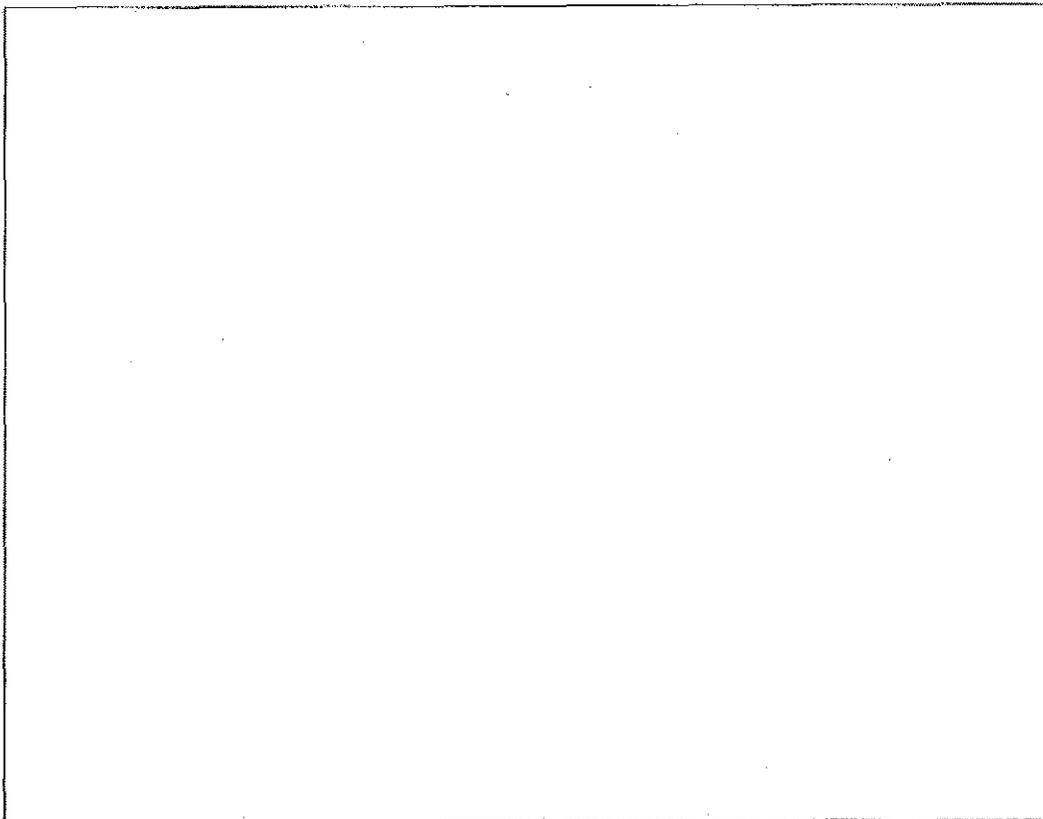
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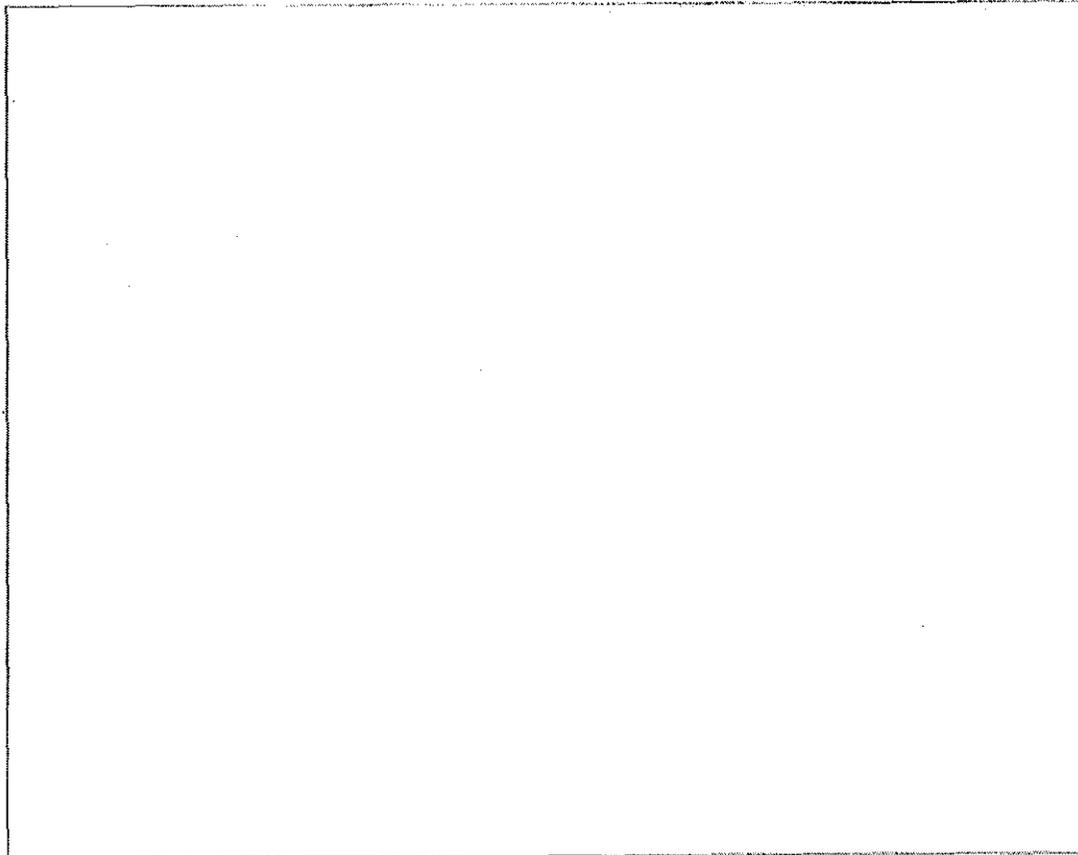
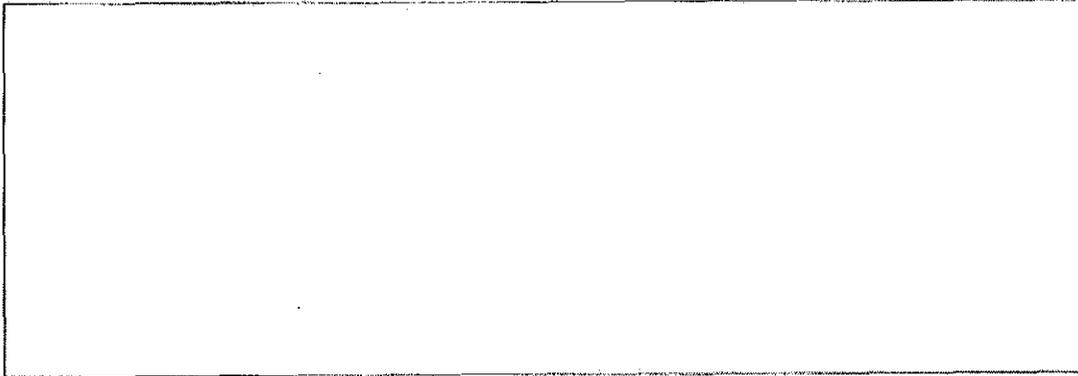
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(U) U.S. urges Turkey not to worsen Israel ties

NEW YORK, Sept 19 (Reuters) - The United States urged Turkey on Monday not to do anything to worsen its relationship with Israel, U.S. officials said on Monday, seeking to prevent relations between two U.S. allies from deteriorating further. One official offered no details but may have been alluding to the possibility of the Turkish navy escorting aid flotillas to the Gaza Strip ruled by the Hamas Islamist group, which the United States and Israel regard as a terrorist organization. Israel's

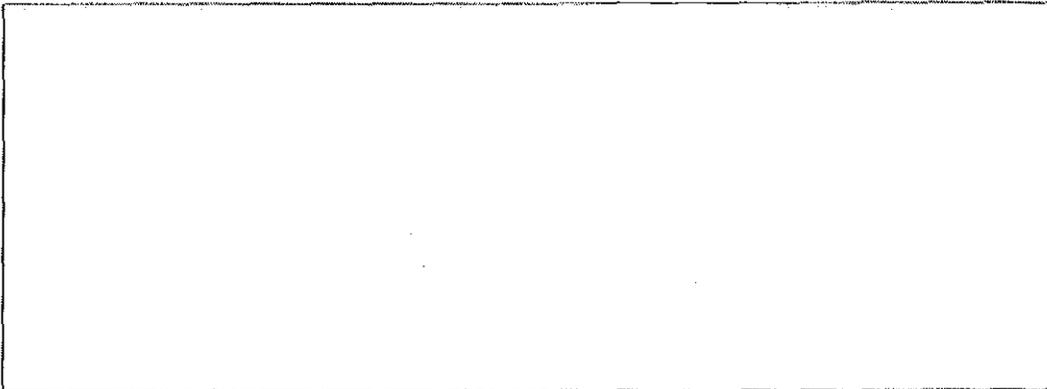
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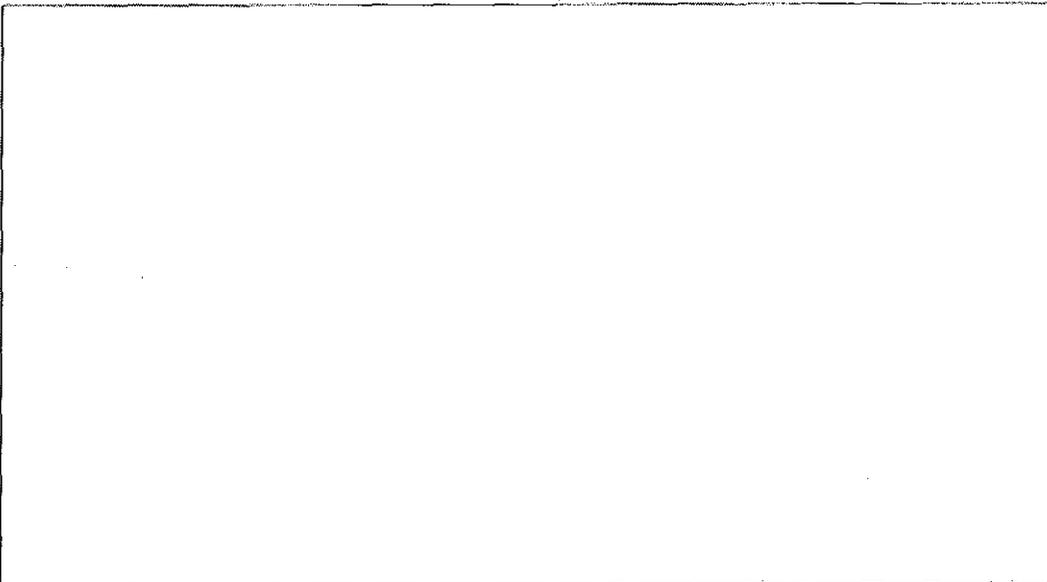
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May 2010 raid on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla killed nine Turkish citizens and the idea of future Turkish naval escorts raise the possibility of a military confrontation between two major U.S. allies in the Middle East. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton delivered the message in a nearly one-hour meeting with Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu that also touched on the Cyprus dispute, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and Syria's brutal crackdown on protests against the four-decade Assad government. Israel's refusal to apologize for the flotilla incident has angered Turkey, an ally of the United States through the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and a growing economic power. "She encouraged Turkey to keep the door open," a senior U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity said after Clinton and Davutoglu met ahead of the U.N. General Assembly session that opens this week. "We want to see them repair their relationship, so she encouraged them to avoid any steps that would close that door and, on the contrary, to actively seek ways that they can repair (their) important relationship with Israel," he added. "The secretary made clear that this is not a time when we need more tension, more volatility in the region," a second official said, apparently referring to Israel's deteriorating ties with Egypt and Jordan and tensions with the Palestinians.



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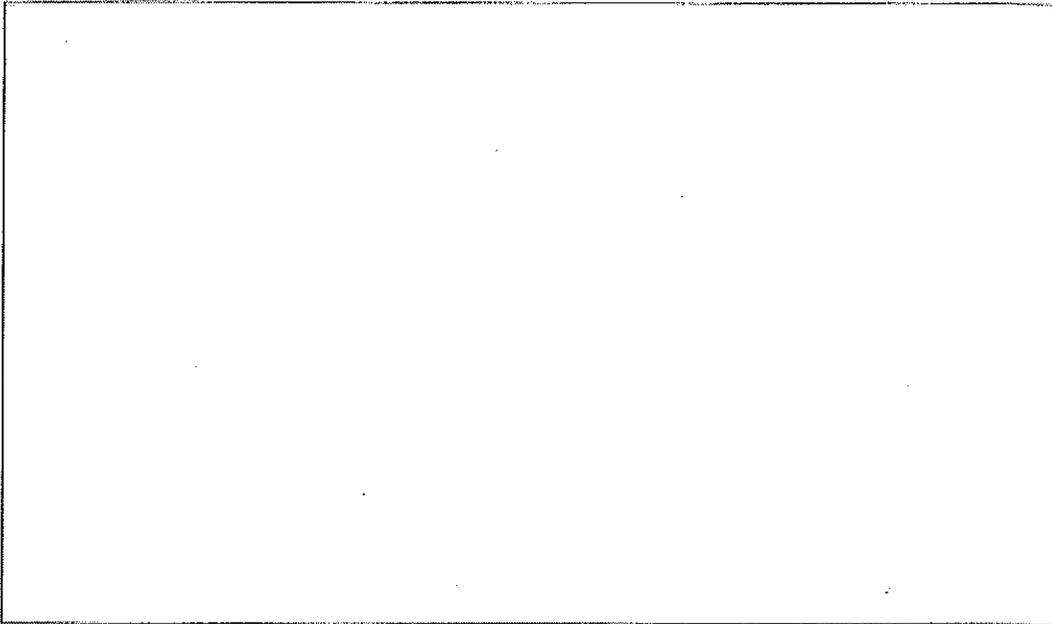
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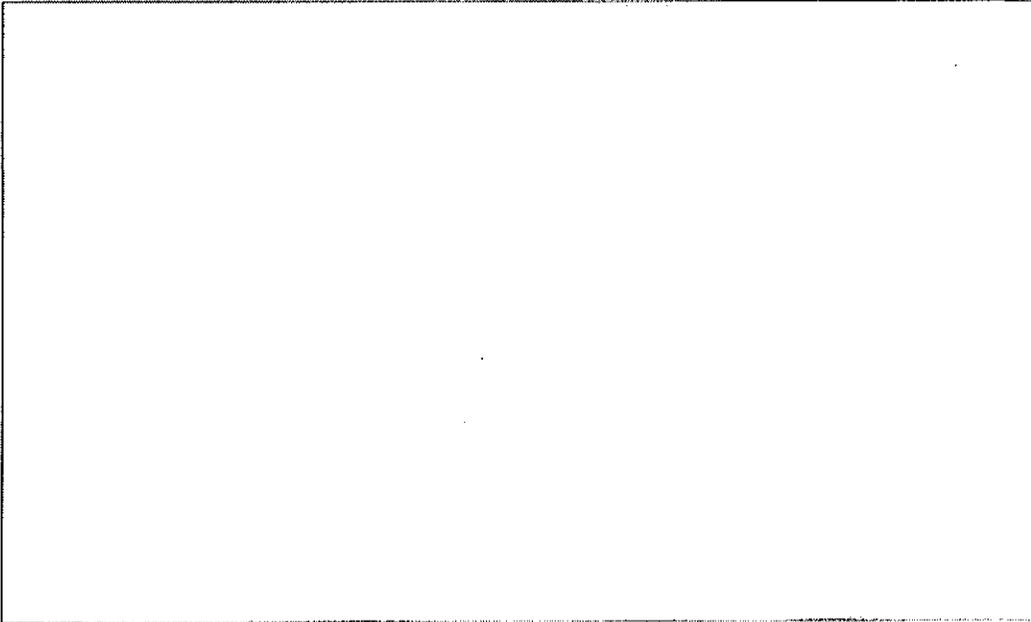
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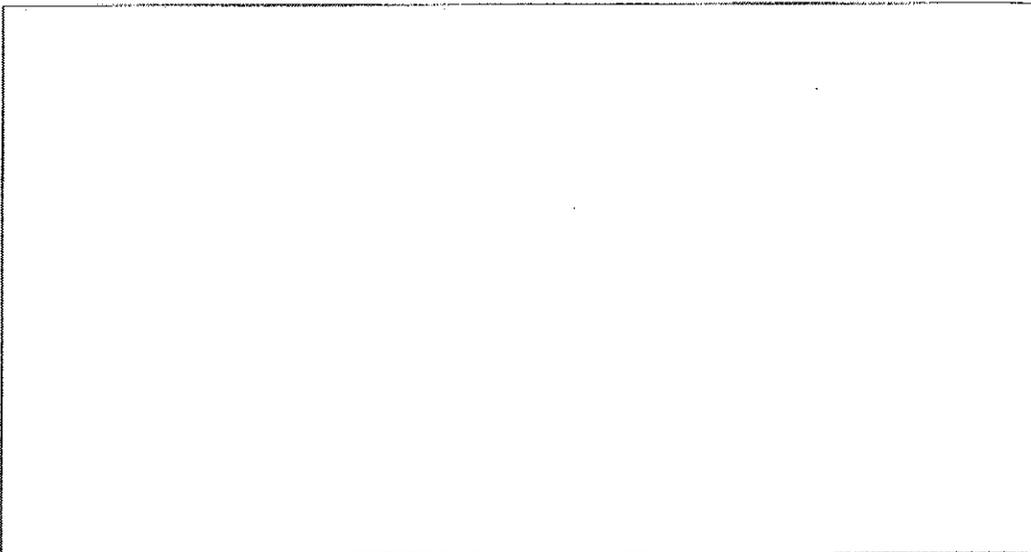
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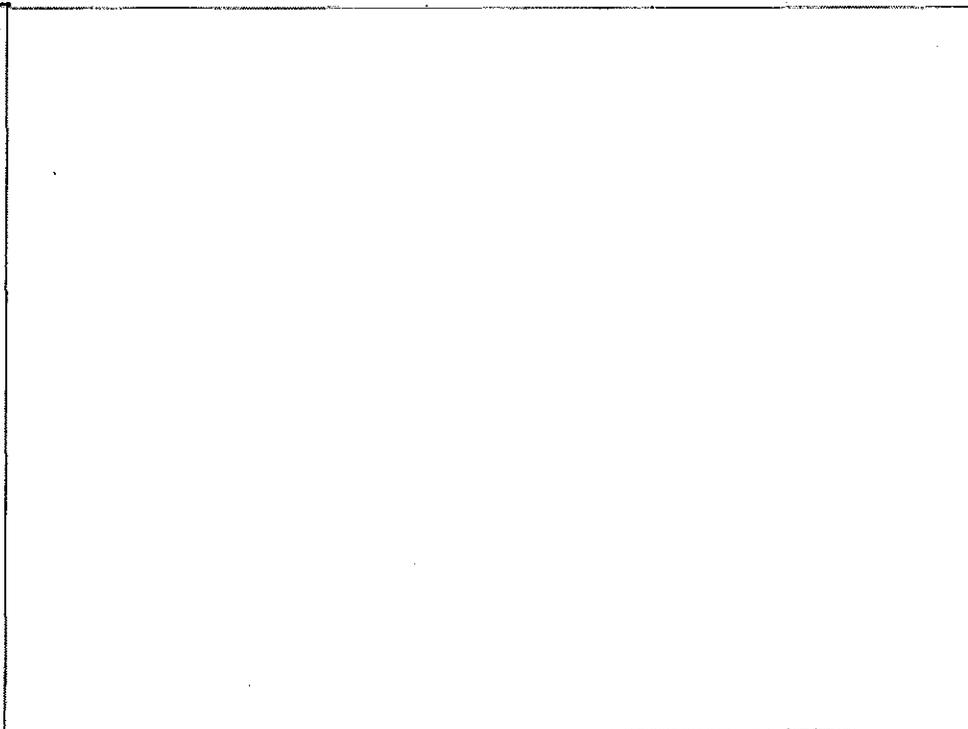
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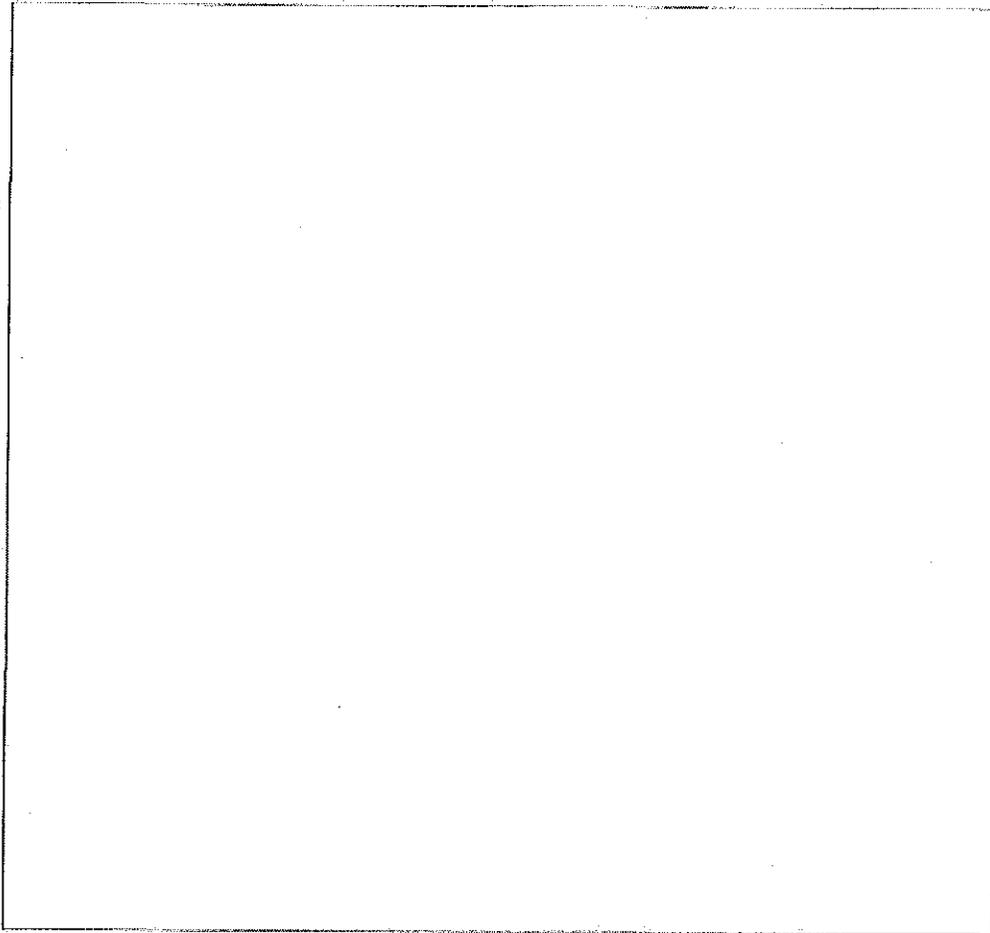
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- **(SBU) Turkey/Greece: Two Flotilla Ships Depart Turkey for Greece:**
The U.S.-flagged Saoirse and Comoros-flagged Tahrir sailed from Fethiye in Turkey toward Rhodes on November 2 after the Turkish government exhausted all means of preventing them from sailing, according to Turkish and Israeli sources. The Turkish MFA informed Ambassador Ricciardone that the two vessels intend to link up with others in Rhodes and then sail on to Gaza. The Turks have no intention of escorting any vessels involved in this movement, according to MFA contacts. There are some reports AmCits are among the ships' passengers. Ambassador Smith in Athens engaged with the Greek MFA Secretary General, who promised to look into whether there is anything the Greeks can do to prevent the ships from continuing. Meanwhile, bloggers are reporting the ships could reach Gaza by Friday.

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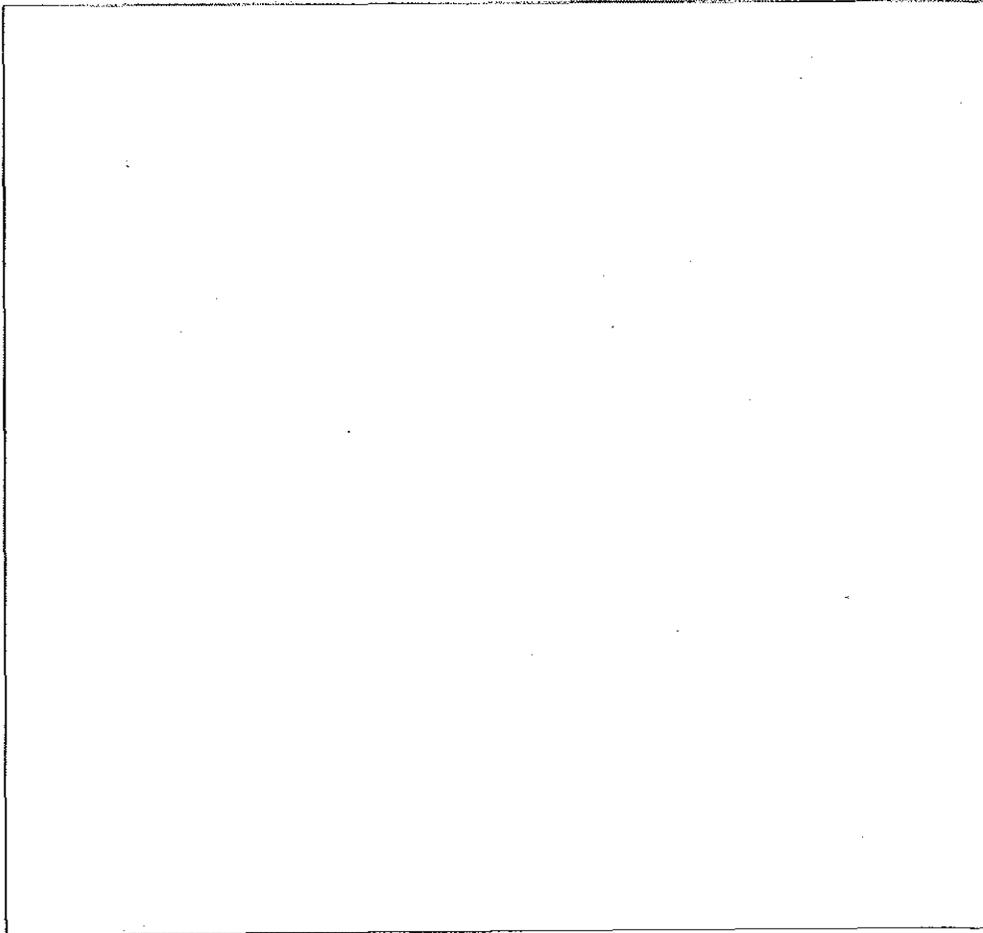
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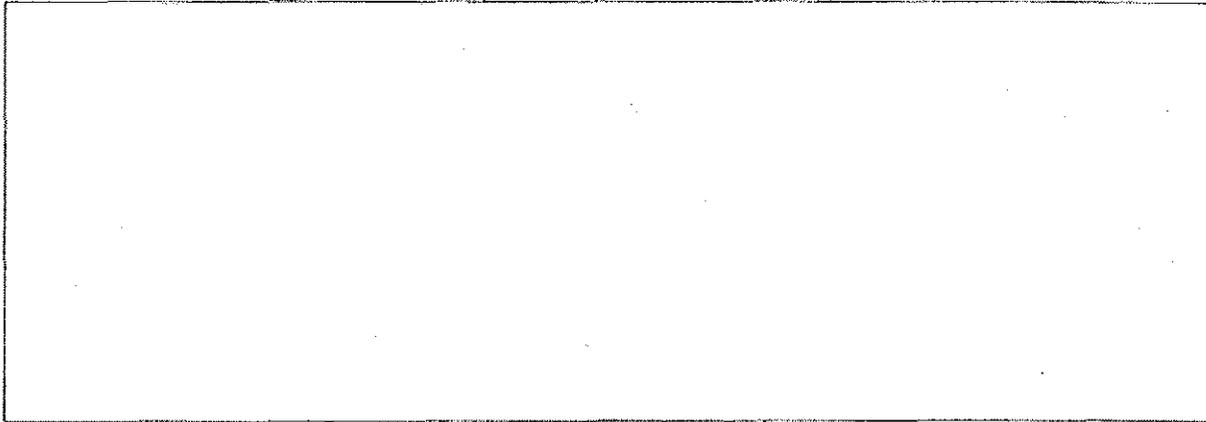
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(I arrived Friday morning and am now more or less now up and running!)

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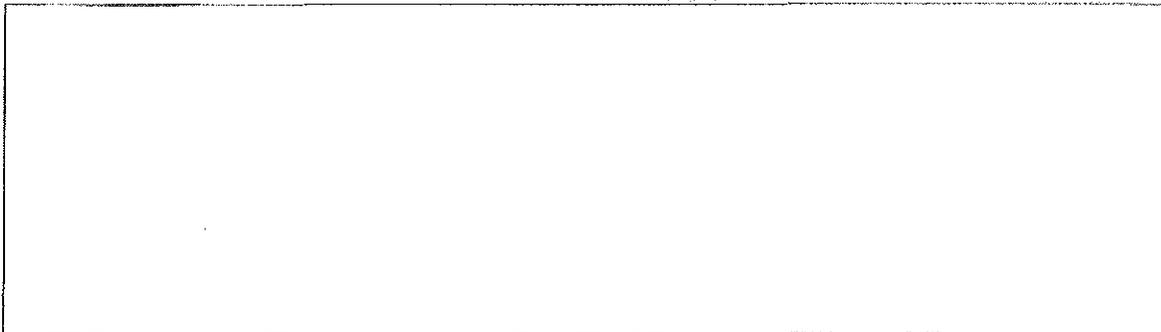
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Paving the way to the public sector



A PRESIDENTIAL decree published on May 26 in the *Government Gazette* now means that the graduates of private colleges operating in Greece will have their degrees recognised when competing for private sector jobs, putting them on equal footing with graduates of state universities.

Previously, the Council for Personnel Selection (ASBP), which administers the exams to assess job candidates, did not recognise degrees issued by private colleges, putting these individuals at a disadvantage.

The decision affects an estimated 30,000 private college graduates, who are also now eligible to become members of professional guilds.

The presidential decree, which was rubber-stamped last month by the Council of State, Greece's highest administrative court, finally puts Greece in line with a European Union law that requires all member states to grant equal professional rights to the graduates of foreign colleges.

Greece risked paying heavy EU fines for non-compliance.

As regards membership in professional guilds, the presidential decree introduces a two-year transition period during which private college and university graduates will submit applications to the state-run Central Board for Professional Recognition, or SAEP. After 2013, however, they will be able to apply for membership directly to a guild.

Meanwhile, some three dozen private colleges operating in Greece are still

Frogs close major highway

A HORDE of frogs forced the closure of a key northern highway for two hours. Thessaloniki traffic police chief Yiorgos Thanoglou says "millions" of the amphibians covered the tarmac on May 25 near the town of Langadas, some 19km east of Thessaloniki. "There was a carpet of frogs," he said. Authorities closed the highway after three car drivers skidded off the road trying to dodge the frogs. No human injuries were reported. Thanoglou said the amphibians probably left a nearby lake to look for food.

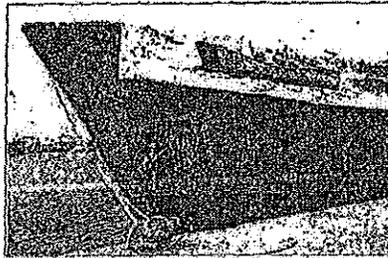
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Hello? Hello?

PM's phone cut off by mistake

GREEK telecom engineers cut off the telephone line to the prime minister's house while attempting to disconnect a customer who was behind in payments, the telephone company said on May 26. The Athens phone number of the customer in arrears was the same as that of Prime Minister George Papandreou's home number save for one digit, OTE said in a statement. OTE is 20 percent owned by the state. OTE's chairman wrote a letter to Papandreou to explain the mistake and engineers went to the prime minister's house immediately after they were informed of the problem.

Off to Gaza



THE CARGO ship *Eleftheri Metogeios* (Free Mediterranean) and the European Campaign passenger boat *Spondon* left the port of Piraeus on May 25 destined for Gaza, the final destination of the so-called Freedom Flotilla which is demanding the end of Israel's blockade of Gaza. It was expected to arrive in Gaza on May 29.

(ANA, Athens News)

Democrats Abroad

THE DEMOCRATS Abroad launch a new chapter for north at noon on May 30 in Thessaloniki. Presidential candidate and Ms Michael Dukakis and his wife & Greece, will speak at the event. The upcoming 2010 US congression will be hosted at the American C (Anatolia College), in the Pylaia d DAGR chairwoman Yvette Jar Thessaloniki meeting, while vi (a former US consul-general in The the new chapter. Additionally, lawy supervise the election of interim ct

Papandreou on Kallikratis

THE KALLIKRATIS tax is a "precondition for the the crisis" and "a democ Prime Minister George Pa May 26. Speaking in par. debate on a government's local government institutions said that the plan constitut stone for the Greece we are important political option Greece of growth, rule of justice". He also accused Ne "avoiding to assume its regarding the reform of the c

Finance ministry staff under investigation

THE FINANCE ministry an 25 that several members o own staff were currently investigations for suspected co because they own suspiciously holdings or based on complain public to the 1517 phone line se for this purpose. The spotlight some 70 ministry employees ti annual income of roughly 50k but owned real estate whose wo between 800,000 and 3 mill average of 1.2 million euros eac the ministry intends to replace t tax offices for failing to meet r targets and has ordered inspe

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Russia, Greece to sign South Stream gas deal

RUSSIA'S Gazprom and Greece's natural gas grid operator Hellenic Gas Transmission System Operator (DESPA) will sign a deal on June 7 to build the Greek part of South Stream, a Russian-led natural gas pipeline project, an official said on May 24. "The deal will be signed

Gaza crisis

Israel blasts activists as pro-terror



Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu

TURKISH and Greek activists in the Free Gaza movement are linked to terror, a seasoned Israeli diplomatic source told the *Athens News* in an interview, attempting to explain the deadly Israeli operation.

"Free Gaza is a communications play whose real aim is not humanitarian aid, but to support Hamas," he said.

"Greek activists have played an important role in the movement. They refuse to condemn Hamas suicide bombings against Israel and they compare those with Greek WWII resistance against the Nazis," he said. "Greek members went to Damascus in March 2009 and met with [Hamas leader] Khaled Mchael, who is close to Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad."

The Israeli diplomat went as far as to say that a leader of the Greek branch of Free Gaza, Vangelis Pissias, was a defence witness in the ELA terrorist group trial of Christos Tsigaridas, the only person accused who assumed political responsibility for acts committed up to 1991. Tsigaridas was acquitted by an appellate court.

Israeli anger against the Turkish side is even greater, he said, and many believe it is no coincidence that the nine killings occurred on Turkish ship *Mavi Marmara*. "The [Free Gaza] effort in Turkey is spearheaded by IHH, an extremely anti-Israel group. They had a going-away ceremony which included Hamas dignitaries from Britain and the leader of the Islamic Brotherhood in Jordan, and a sheikh from Israel named Raed Salah, who in sermons has described Jews as 'monkeys and lozeng'."

So what of all this justified a live-fire attack on civilians? "For four hours the Israeli navy called on the Turkish ship *Mavi Marmara* to stop. When they ignored this it was decided to seize the ship. Activists attacked the Israelis with axes, knives, and guns," the diplomat said. Asked if the shooting was in self-defence, he replied: "It was definitely a violent conflict between activists and Israeli soldiers, five of whom were seriously injured, two in critical condition."

Yet, the diplomat admitted that Israel has no evidence that Free Gaza ever supplied weapons to Hamas.

Explaining why the attack occurred in international waters, the source asserted: "To enforce the blockade with such a large number of ships, the Israeli defence forces had to go a bit outside the blockade to stop them before they entered. It would be a very dangerous precedent for Israeli security if any ship could sail to Gaza unsuspected."

The Palestinian embassy spokesman in Athens, Mustafa Azuz, dismissed the Israeli arguments as irrelevant. "We have condemned the Israeli piracy in international waters at the expense of civilians of various countries. We had three days of mourning for the victims of the Israeli slaughter," he told this newspaper.

As for the repercussions in the region, Azuz says that "the behaviour of the Israeli government shows that it is a real threat to peace and security in the region."

Azuz also rejects Israel's demand that the ships should have delivered aid through Israel. "Israel has illegally blockaded the Gaza strip. This is collective punishment of the Palestinian population."

Imat Sabri, a former consul who helped organize the Greek mission, said the Greek port authority raised a litany of bureaucratic obstacles before the ships could leave Piraeus port.

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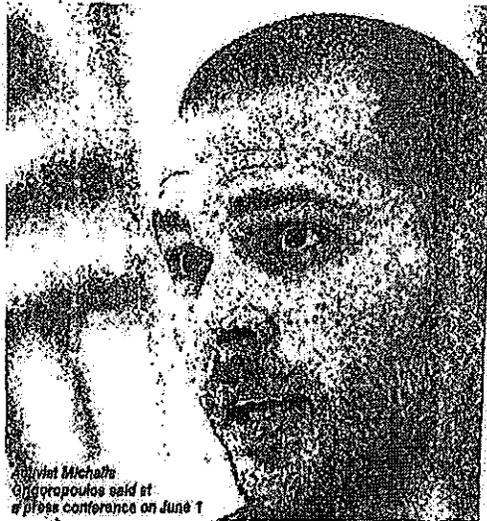
Greeks on the ill-fated humanitarian mission to Gaza decry Israeli violence and blockade

By George Gilson

THE INTERNATIONAL outcry and the swift UN Security Council resolution condemning the Israeli military attack in international waters on the Free Gaza humanitarian aid flotilla that left nine activists dead will bring deep consequences on the geopolitics of the Middle East, the southeastern Mediterranean and the broader region.

The attack shook Israel-Turkey relations to their foundations, with Turkish PM Tayyip Erdogan speaking of Israeli "state terrorism". His foreign minister, Ahmet Davutoglu, spoke of "murder" and said Israel has "blood on its hands". The events will likely also seriously affect Turkey's ties to the US, which took a

This was piracy in international waters. Terrorists boarded our ships, held us hostage under humiliating conditions and kept us under the barrel of a gun.



Activist Michalis Giannopoulos said at a press conference on June 1

decidedly cooler posture, avoiding condemnation of the attack.

The flotilla included six ships, one of them Greek-flagged. Around 40 Greeks were in the flotilla, the majority activists.

The UN called for the immediate lifting of Israel's Gaza blockade - which the humanitarian convoy tried to break, refusing Israeli inspection - and the return of prisoners.

Israel insisted that the activists were terrorism supporters (of Hamas), but ended up admitting that the deadly operation was seriously botched.

Declaring three days of mourning, the Palestinian Authority said the incident was another example of Israeli impunity aimed at maintaining the blockade of Gaza, which it termed "a humanitarian disaster".

Israel slammed

The deadly attack was also strongly condemned by Greek activists returning from the mission, at a June 1 news conference in Athens.

The activists categorically denied Israel claims that the humanitarian aid cargo may have included arms and insisted that their "weapons" were wheelchairs, prefab homes and medical supplies.

They said the cargoes were meticulously inspected at ports of departure, including Piraeus.

Four of the members of the Greek delegation, which used the Greek-flagged ships *Stendoni* and *Eleftheri Mesogios* (Free Mediterranean) charged that several of their

number were brutally mist "tortured" by Israeli commando unleashed a withering attack describing it as a "terrorist act

"This is a major humanitarian and political issue the takeover of Greek ships in waters, the abduction of people of Israel, the denial of their right incarceration under an undeclared framework," said Yannis Masi Ship for Gaza group that perished.

Attending were several former activists still seeking information relatives, as over 30 remain in jail at the time. The majority and due to return to Greece

Violating 'international Israeli waters'

WHEN Thanos Petrogianis was questioned by Israeli authorities after the abortive Gaza mission of the ship *Stendoni*, an Israeli law enforcement official told him he was arrested because he entered Israel illegally. When he said he was arrested illegally in international waters, the official commented: "International Israeli waters," Petrogianis laughed.

Had Petrogianis reached Gaza on the ship *Stendoni*, it might have helped Palestinians build homes on their own. A civil engineer in the NGO Engineers of the Earth, he was carrying a mould to fashion and bake in the sun mud bricks for construction, developed by the NGO in cooperation with Athens Polytechnic University.

"Even an illiterate person can use the device. The mould makes three bricks, and it requires soil dug at a certain depth, with 75 percent sand and 25 percent earth. You bake it in the sun, avoiding rain," he told *Athens News*.

The 61-year-old says he feels for all peoples whose rights and freedom are violated, not just the Palestinians, and that he does not adopt the acutely political stance of Free Gaza. He charges that the Greek government should have done more to protect

the humanitarian flotilla and manage the crisis.

Petrogiannis was awakened by screams at 4.15am, when Israeli commandos stormed the ship. "It was Petros, the second captain, who was being beaten. The captain was also beaten after refusing to hand over the ship. There were 35 commandos carrying automatics, grenades and teargas - full military equipment," he said.

"I dressed quickly and grabbed my medication, camera and videocam and went and sat on deck with the others. We were not allowed to move. The commandos were cruel and with difficulty let us go to the toilet. I saw violent behaviour, but not acts of violence," he said.

He was stunned that Israeli doctors who offered help on board were wearing masks and peering through goggles.

Petrogiannis was subjected to a body search six times - even his shirt buttons were checked - and he was made to undress because of the ticking of an implanted medical device.

Upon reaching the Israeli port of Ashdod, 11 hours later, police asked him to sign a five-page document in Hebrew, which he refused to do. Then



Thanos Petrogianis (R) with fellow activist Papadokostopoulos

he was asked to sign a one-page Israeli military custody order in English, v refused.

"Hate 99 percent is political. I do want for humanitarian reasons, and Er Earth don't care about political or religious. I would definitely go on a mission Petrogianis concluded.

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From: Davison, Kees C
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 4:26 PM
To: McKeever, Matthew X
Cc: Houndoumadi, Ioanna G
Subject: FW: Free Gaza Date Approaching Fast

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FYI -- Some of the ships en route to Gaza departed from Athens, but from what we can tell, they are only cargo ships with foreign crews.

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From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 3:52 PM
To: 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; Schlereth, Frank G; Burgess, Richard J; Waters, John R; Rogan, Thomas G; Towry, Debra J; Hanania, Vera V; Weinfeld, Nili I; Greene, David J; Manning, Nicholas J; Tyson, Paul H; Maggi, Robert W; Frederick, Jeffrey D; Reed, Julia G; Davison, Kees C; Ogle, Karen L; Keen, Daniel G; Parra, Yolanda A; Dilwoith, Alison E; Osman, Amany A
Subject: Free Gaza Date Approaching Fast

All -- I have updated the distro list of concerned posts and offices for the upcoming Free Gaza flotilla. We are now only 6-7 days from the anticipated arrival of the first boats within Israeli and Gazan waters. As you gather new information, please share with this list so that we are ready for this as it develops.

Wes

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From: Houndoumadi, Ioanna G
To: Davison, Kees C
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement
Sent: 5/13/2010 3:54:11 PM
Nothing yet. Maybe tomorrow.

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From: Davison, Kees C
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 3:53 PM
To: Houndoumadi, Ioanna G
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement

Nothing re. manifests?

*Kees Davison
ACS Chief
American Embassy
Athens, Greece
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Fax: 210-724-5313*

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Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 3:52 PM
To: Davison, Kees C
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement

I just received a fax from the Greek Ministry of Merchant Marine the following Cargo ships have declared the following destinations:
BESIRE KAIKAVAN, OCEAN STAR and NOVOROSTYSK STAR, heading to Israel. SHENANDOAH HIGHWAY to Syria, MAESTRO OCEAN to Lebanon, AND KYKLADES to Jordan.

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To: Houndoumadi, Ioanna G
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement

Did we hear anything on this?

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From: Houndoumadi, Ioanna G
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 9:21 AM
To: ATHENS-ACS
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement

I called the Chief's Office of the Port Police in Piraeus and I am expecting them to call me back. Are we interested in getting a manifest of the boats or the people on board these boats?

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From: Davison, Kees C
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 9:04 AM
To: ATHENS-ACS
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement

Have we seen anything on ships leaving Piraeus to help folks on the Gaza Strip?

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I'd be particularly interested in learning if any of the passengers are American citizens.

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From: Mendel, Teresa S
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 6:41 PM
To: Davison, Kees C; Hanrahan, Richard F; Ogle, Karen L; Keen, Daniel G
Subject: FW: Free Gaza Movement

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From: Houndoumadi, Ioanna G
To: ATHENS-ACS
Subject: RE: Free Gaza Movement
Sent: 5/13/2010 9:21:06 AM

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To: Davison, Kees C; Hanrahan, Richard F; Ogle, Karen L; Keen, Daniel G
Subject: FW: Free Gaza Movement

All,

Yesterday we were informed that the Free Gaza movement would be attempting to sail into the Gaza, again. Could you please work with any contacts you have to see if we might obtain the manifest for these boats. Today I was informed that there may be additional boats leaving out of Nicosia and Athens.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Best,

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Teresa

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May 2010 sailing

The Free Gaza Movement and the Humanitarian Relief Foundation are partnering to send multiple ships to the Gaza Strip in May 2010. Under the coordination of the Free Gaza Movement, numerous human rights organizations, including the Turkish Relief Foundation (IHH), the Perdana Global Peace Organization from Malaysia, the European Campaign to End the Siege of Gaza, and the Swedish and Greek Boat to Gaza initiatives will send three cargo ships loaded with reconstruction, medical and educational supplies. Multiple passenger boats with over 600 people on board will accompany the cargo ships. These passengers include members of Parliament from around the world, U.N., human rights and trade union activists, as well as journalists who will document the largest coordinated effort to directly confront Israel's blockade of Gaza and take in basic supplies. These include the MV Rachel Corrie.^{(b)(3)(D)} In response to the plans, an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "These people are not supporting the Palestinians and they are not even supporting humanitarian causes. They are engaged in only one thing, and that is to create provocations and to collaborate with Hamas propaganda."^{(b)(3)(D)}

From: Richter, Kim B
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:30 AM
To: Mendel, Teresa S
Subject: RE: Free Gaza

There will be several ships and the desk seems to think some of them will be leaving out Athens and Nicosia. They have in the past.

From: Mendel, Teresa S
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:49 AM
To: Richter, Kim B
Subject: RE: Free Gaza

You mean Ankara? Was these two locations the first launching/departure sites for the group?

From: Richter, Kim B
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:30 AM
To: Mendel, Teresa S
Subject: Free Gaza

Can you check with Nicosia and Athens to see if they have info on any sailings and a manifest?

Thanks

Kim Richter
CA/OCS/ACS/NESCA
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Israel threatens naval action to stop ships from bringing aid to Gaza

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Last update: May 27, 2010 - 9:23 PM

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL - Israel threatened Thursday to use "all means available" to prevent a flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian aid supplies from reaching the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip.

Military authorities said naval commandos would greet the eight ships out at sea, escort the vessels to port and give each of the activists a stark choice: leave the country or go to jail.

But the tough response threatened to backfire by breathing new life into the activists' mission and drawing new attention to the oft-criticized, three-year blockade of Gaza.

Said Dror Feiler, 68, an Israeli-born Swedish activist on board a cargo ship headed to Gaza: "If the Israelis want us to pay a price, we will pay a price, but we will come again

and again."

Israel's Foreign Ministry officials met with envoys from Sweden, Turkey, Ireland, Greece and Cyprus and asked them to persuade the organizers to divert the ships to Israel's Ashdod port, where Israel would assist in off-loading the cargo and send it by truck to Gaza, according to the ministry.

The ships, organized by a group called the Free Gaza Movement, are carrying about 10,000 tons of cargo, including cement for rebuilding homes destroyed by war in Gaza, medical equipment and school supplies.

Some of the ships are carrying television crews that plan to broadcast live any confrontation between Israeli forces and the activists. "We will resist nonviolently, but this is going to be a PR nightmare for Israel," said Greta Berlin, a spokeswoman for Free Gaza.

Israel has restricted entry of people and goods into Gaza since the territory was taken over by the militant Hamas movement in 2007, allowing in only a limited range of supplies including food, clothing and medicine. Israeli Navy ships have intercepted three previous efforts by Free Gaza Movement to reach the territory by sea.

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From: Davison, Kees C
To: Houndoumadi, Ioanna G
Subject: FW: Free Gaza Update & Spreadsheet
Sent: 5/28/2010 9:14:22 AM
Attachments: Free Gaza May 2010.xlsx [Free Gaza May 2010.xlsx]

Can you call the port again and see if they have more information about the Free Gaza flotilla?

One question concerns whether the ships are American flagged (I hope and suspect not).

I read in the press that a former Army officer and diplomat has joined the group, Ann Wright, and that the name of the passenger boat with the Americans on it is the Sfedoni, and that it left Pireaus on Tuesday. Perhaps all 5 (6?) of the Americans were on that.

Finally, are we sure that those ships you found out about a few weeks ago were part of the flotilla heading to Gaza?

Sfedoni - near Gaza

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From: Mendel, Teresa S
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2010 4:54 AM
To: Davison, Kees C; Hanrahan, Richard F; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul)
Cc: Netos, Eleftherios E
Subject: FW: Free Gaza Update & Spreadsheet

It looks like there is some information that needs to be filled in on the attached spreadsheet. Could you please use your contacts to

1. What are the country of origins for the ships leaving Athens? What are they flagged?
2. Any Amcits on the ships leaving Turkey?
3. Richard could you follow-up the Amcits you e-mailed earlier? It seems that the ships were to dock in Cyprus but per Wesley's e-mail the Cypriots are not allowing this.

Thank you for your efforts in obtaining this information and all the previous info you have sent thus far.

Teresa

From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 5:08 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, Deslree A; Adams, Julie D; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Schlereth, Frank G; Burgess, Richard J; Chere, John E; Waters,

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Subject: Free Gaza Update & Spreadsheet

All – Many thanks for your help so far, as we have been able to gather a lot of information for our Tel Aviv and Cairo colleagues use as the flotilla moves towards Gaza. Boats may arrive in waters off Gaza sometime between Friday and Sunday (with the MV Rachel Corrie en route from Ireland perhaps as late as Monday). We have gained confirmation from Cypriot authorities that the boats will not be allowed to dock there, so they will gather somewhere south of Cyprus and begin the final leg soon. I have put together a spreadsheet of the vessels as best as we know them. All information with a question mark has not been fully confirmed. We do not know which vessel many of the Amcits are on at this point, nor have we confirmed that some Amcits (such as [redacted]) are on a boat at all. As of this time, the Israeli Navy has publically announced that they intend to board all the ships, haul them into port and deport the passengers. They have reported that approved items will then be transferred to Gaza overland.

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The spreadsheet linked here should be both viewable and editable by everyone on this email. Please make use of it to update information for our Embassies on the receiving end of this as you gain more information! (I have attached a hard copy for those of you unable to access, but this should work for all on OpenNet.)

<http://nea.p.state.sbu/sites/ipa/Shared%20Documents/Free%20Gaza%20May%202010.xlsx>

Furthermore, as we move into a holiday weekend, I want to make sure that all the appropriate contacts are known, as I understand many key players (myself included) do not have blackberries and may need to be reached via State Ops:

CA/OCS – Kim Richter (Israel & Egypt), Teresa Mendel (Greece, Cyprus, Turkey), Bree Marwaha (OCS Duty Officer)
 NEA/IPA – Wes Reisser, In Washington on standby are also Jeff Glauque and Karlene Frelich
 NEA/Duty – Jennifer Danover
 Ops/CMS – Joe Finnegan
 Emb Tel Aviv Consular – Andy Parker
 Emb Tel Aviv DATT – [redacted]
 Emb Cairo Consular (if the boats go south to Egypt) – Yolanda Parra

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Wes

Wesley J. Reisser, Ph.D.
 Desk Officer - NEA/IPA
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From: Houndoumadi, Ioanna G
To: Davison, Kees C
Subject: RE: Constituent Travel/Contact Information, Greece/Gaza Travel
Sent: 5/20/2010 10:14:46 AM

There is no info about the name of the ship. Maybe they are planning to sale there? Flotilla reminds me of a number of sailing yachts.

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From: Davison, Kees C
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 9:36 AM
To: Houndoumadi, Ioanna G
Subject: FW: Constituent Travel/Contact Information, Greece/Gaza Travel

Looks like some Amcits passengers involved in the Gaza operation will be leaving Athens tomorrow.

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From: Richter, Kim B
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 9:21 PM
To: Plott, Susan M; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Zuckerman, Eve; Davison, Kees C
Cc: Towry, Debra J; Lewis, Glenn K; Parra, Yolanda A; Perry, Mark D
Subject: FW: Constituent Travel/Contact Information, Greece/Gaza Travel

This was passed from the Hill to Emb. Tel Aviv and has the names of several Amcits planning on joining the Free Gaza flotilla. This info may be of use to you.

From: Exner, Scott [mailto:scott.exner@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 1:38 PM
To: Hill Liaison
Cc: Riggs, Lauren
Subject: Constituent Travel/Contact Information, Greece/Gaza Travel

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Last week I spoke with John Richie in the Senate Liaison's office regarding two constituents of Congresswoman Lee's office who will be traveling as part of an international delegation attempting to enter Gaza via boat from Greece with humanitarian supplies in the coming week(s). Similar versions of this trip were blocked by Israeli naval forces, including the arrest of American citizens in the past. Given the sensitive nature of this trip, and the security concerns therein, Mr. Richie mentioned it would be appropriate, on top of registering with the travel.gov website, for the Hill Liaison's office to pass along traveler information to the relevant regional embassies.

The constituents of Congresswoman Lee that will be travelling include

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will not be participating in the trip from Greece to Gaza (she will remain in Greece) and can serve as a point of contact in case of emergencies or for any other reasons. will be staying in Athens at one of two apartments:

The contact person is Specific contact cell phone numbers in Greece will be provided to our office once they are obtained in-country, which I can pass along at that time.

Attached you will find a document with pertinent American citizen traveler information including passport number, emergency contact phone number, home address, and Congressional Representation as provided by is not included on this spreadsheet, which I believe includes several individuals participating in the boat trip to Gaza. information is as follows:



Passport # (TBD), this was not received prior to their departure, but I will request if I hear from them on the ground in Greece.

Birthdate:

The dates of travel for are as follows:

- Depart for Greece May 18, 2010
- Depart from Greece via boat May 21
- Arrive in Gaza May 27
- Depart from Greece for United States May 30 or June 1

Scott Exner

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New WW Created	Status Update	System	BERNOVSKY,MARI	24-Sep-2009		24-Sep-2009
Welfare/Whereabouts Service C	Status Update	System	BERNOVSKY,MARI	24-Sep-2009		24-Sep-2009
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Subject Core Biographical Data	Status Update	System	TANUS,GEORGE	21-May-2010		21-May-2010
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Subject Core Biographical Data	Status Update	System	TANUS,GEORGE	21-May-2010		21-May-2010
Subject Core Biographical Data	Status Update	System	GREENE,ELISA	28-May-2010		28-May-2010
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From: Greene, Elisa						
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Stavrelli, Joe S

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 8:06 AM
To: ATHENS-ACS
Cc: Brandeis, Charles D.
Subject: AmCit coming from Israel

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I received a phone call on 2 June at 2312 from the Security Receptionist (SR) informing me that the MFA had called the Embassy to inform us that an American citizen would be arriving in the early hours of 3 June on a Greek military aircraft (C-130) from Israel. At the time of this conversation, the C-130 was still in Israel waiting to get final clearance for departure. The C-130 was bringing 32 Greeks, three French and one American to Greece from Israel. These individuals had been involved with the ongoing flotilla / Gaza events. The MFA wanted someone from the US Embassy to receive the American at Elefsenia (sp?) Air Base. The American is travelling with a tourist passport.

Due to the uniqueness of this situation, I asked the SR to transfer me to Mrs. Brandeis, ACS Chief, to get further guidance. The SR spoke to Mr. Brandeis (RSO) and explained the situation. Mr. Brandeis then contacted [redacted] at MFA and informed [redacted] that the US Embassy would not be meeting the aircraft or the American citizen. Mr. Brandeis was able to get the name of the American citizen, [redacted]

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Mr. Brandeis contacted me at about 0010 to inform me that there was no further action required from the US Embassy at the moment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

[redacted]

[redacted]

CW2, USA
Operations Coordinator
Defense Attaché Office
US Embassy Athens, Greece

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[redacted]

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From: Davison, Kees C
To: Houndoumadi, Ioanna G
Subject: FW: Free Gaza Flotilla
Sent: 5/20/2010 1:59:08 PM
For the file.

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From: Davison, Kees C
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 1:56 PM
To: Richter, Kim B; Mendel, Teresa S
Cc: Plott, Susan M; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Zuckerman, Eve; Towry, Debra J; Lewis, Glenn K; Parra, Yolanda A; Perry, Mark D
Subject: Free Gaza Flotilla

Teresa, Kim,

I spoke to two of the American members of Free Gaza group which will be leaving Athens soon, former [redacted] I initiated the call on [redacted] US cell phone, and then continued it on a local landline at the apartment they are staying at -- [redacted]

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[redacted] told me that he doubted that they would set sail before Sunday or Monday (23rd or 24th), and was expecting to be engaged by the Israeli Navy on May 27th or May 28th.

While there are other Americans in Athens with the group, only the five mentioned on the spreadsheet from Congresswoman Lee's office would be sailing. [redacted]

Kees Davison
ACS Athens

<http://paltelegraph.com/world/us/6096-us-delegation-headed-for-gaza-with-international-aid-flotilla>

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE
ΓΕΝΙΚΗ Δ/ΝΣΗ ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΩΝ & ΕΦΚ
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE
ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΑΚΗ ΑΡΧΗ Α.Π. (Γ.Σ.Ρ.Α)
CUSTOMS AUTHORITY

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ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ
PASSENGER AND CREW LIST

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ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

Table with 5 rows and 1 column for crew listing. Rows 1-4 are empty, row 5 contains some faint markings.

ΕΠΙΒΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

Large empty table area for passenger listing.

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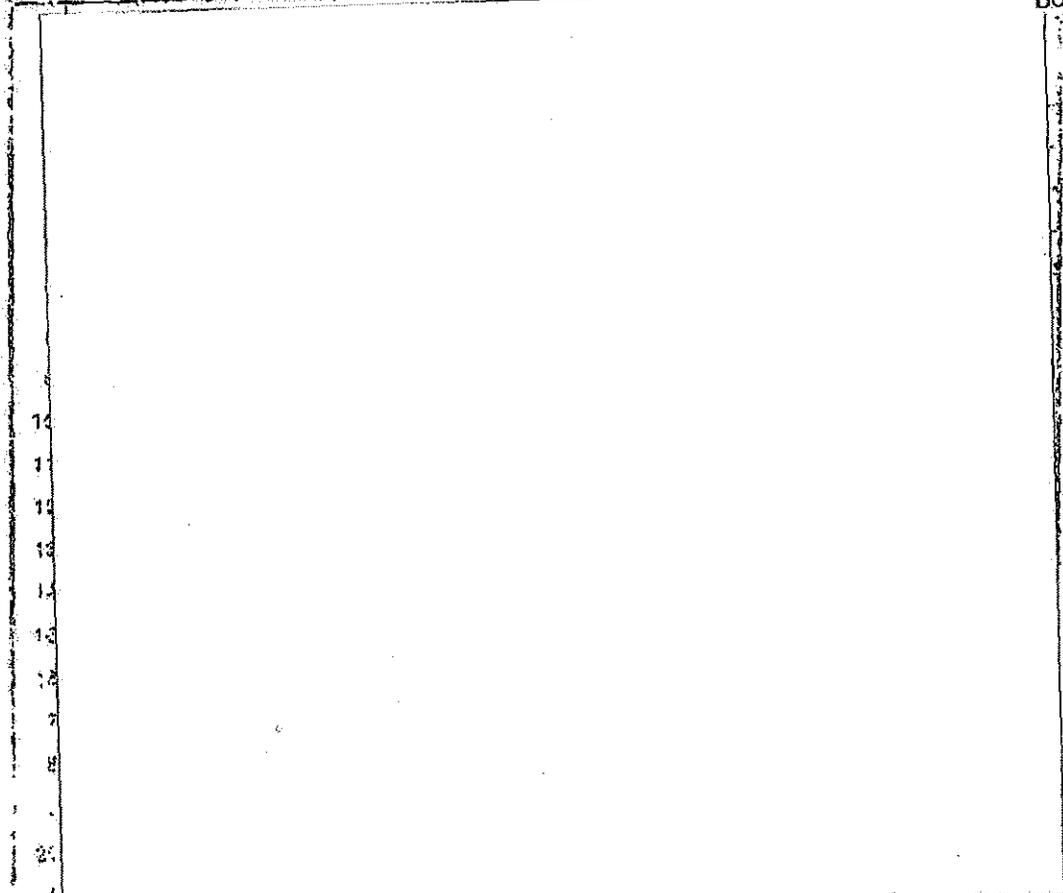
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ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ - Type of Boat ΜΕΤΡΑ - Meters 30,26

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

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ΠΕΡΙΣΤΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

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Name of Ship	Point of Departure	Country/Flag	Known Amcits on Board
MV Rachel Corrie	Ireland	Cambodia/Cambodia	Dublin reports no Amcits on board
Challenger 1	Crete	Greece?/USA?	[redacted] + P:30 Agios
Challenger 2	Crete	Greece?/USA?	[redacted] +
Mavi Marmara	Istanbul	Turkey/Turkey	[redacted]
Gazze	Antalya	Turkey/Turkey	
Defne	Antalya	Turkey/Turkey	
Boat 8000	Athens?	unknown	
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(Listed Below are possible ones provided by Greece, but are not on the Israeli list of ships)

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Kykladdes?	Athens	Panama	
Kallavan?	Athens	Marshall Is.	
Ocean Star?	Athens	Malta	
Shenandoah Highway?	Athens	Panama	

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Goushe, Saffie A

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 6:51 AM
To: Au-Yeung, Jenny
Subject: RE: Ban Ki Moon flotilla statement

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Jenny -- Thanks. This is useful. Regards, Dan L.

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Au-Yeung, Jenny
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 1:48 PM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: Ban Ki Moon flotilla statement

Dan,
I wasn't able to find an issued statement by Ban Ki Moon.
Cheers,
Jenny

New York, 27 May 2011 - Statement Attributable to the Spokesperson of the Secretary-General on Letters by the Secretary-General about Possible Flotillas to Gaza

The Secretary-General has sent a letter to Governments of countries around the Mediterranean Sea. In these letters, the Secretary-General indicated that he was following with concern media reports of potential flotillas to Gaza. He expressed his belief that assistance and goods destined to Gaza should be channelled through legitimate crossings and established channels. He recalled the statements of the Quartet on 21 June 2010 and the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee on 13 April 2011 in this regard.

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U.S. Embassy - Athens, Greece - Early Morning Greek News Update - July 6, 2011
From print and broadcast media sources and the Internet produced on business days at 0845 Athens time

How the U.S. plays in the Greek media:

Topics: FBI, Papoutsis meet; Gaza flotilla.

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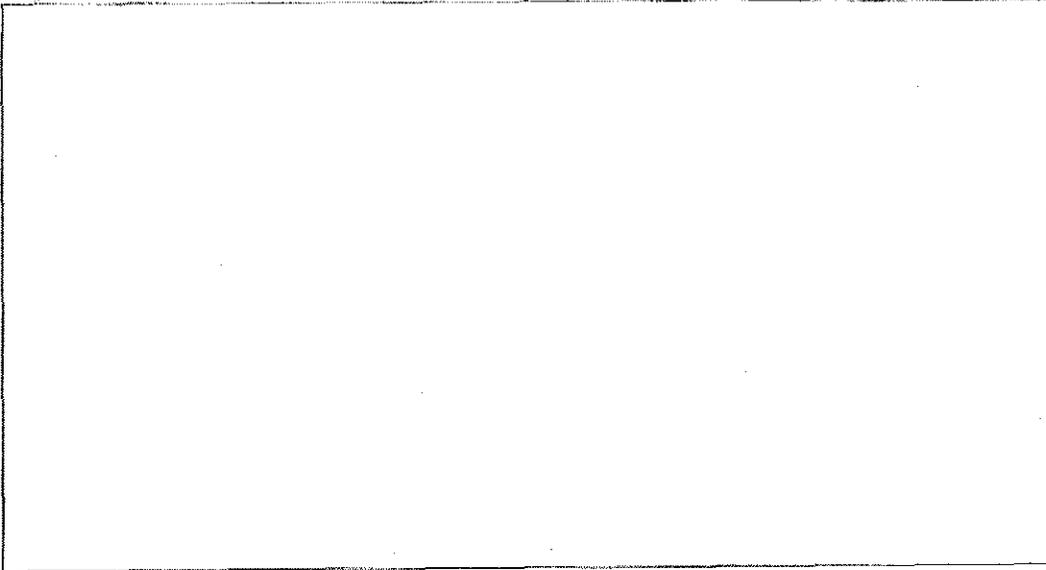
Gaza flotilla: Eleftherotypla (left-of-center, pro-PASOK) reports that "the American captain of the 'Audacity of Hope,'" was released yesterday as he could not be tried in Greece since he should not have been indicted on the basis of Greek legislation. His advocate said that his ship was under a U.S. flag and fully navigable. In a different story, paper says a French ship named "Dignite al Kamara" sailed off Corsica "defying repeated Israeli threats."

Other Issues:

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To: Kaldanow, Tina S; O'Grady, Daniel J; Allison, Alicia P; Burger, David; Norman, Marc E; Stevens, Ruth A; McKay, Maria E; Witmer, Kami A; Baker, Judith E; Dodman, Michael J; EUR-SE-DL; Worman, Patrick F; SES-O; Snipes, Christopher K; Sillman, Douglas A; Cohen, Jonathan R; Aggeler, Brian C; Engle, Thomas S; Flores, Molly P; Peterson, Jennifer M; Angelides, Joanna P; Harris, Rian
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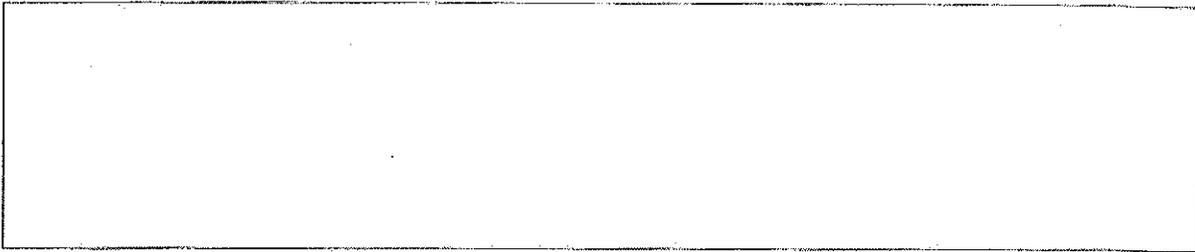
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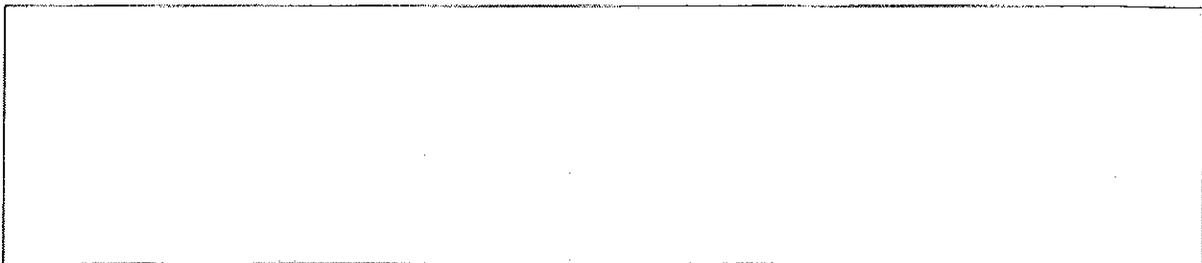
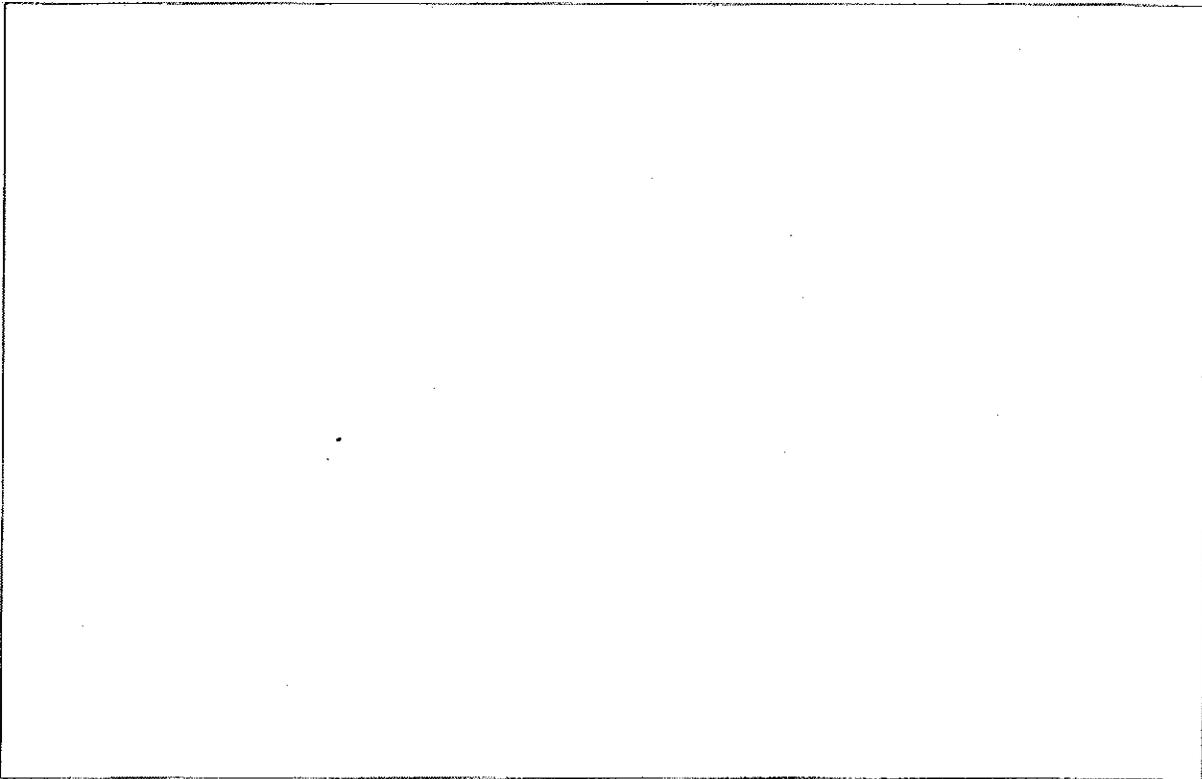
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(SBU) Gaza Flotilla Update: According to local media reports, two Greek ships carrying humanitarian aid cargo and 40 Greek passengers, the *Free Mediterranean* and the *Juliano*, will sail today or tomorrow to join flotilla ships at an undisclosed location in the Aegean and then sail on to Gaza. The departure of the *Juliano* may be delayed, however, as the "Freedom II – Stay Alive" organizers are alleging on their website that they have video evidence of "sabotage" from a "hired professional diver" who sawed through the *Juliano's* propeller axles. Organizers note that repairs could take two days.



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Goushe, Saffie A

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 6:54 AM
To: Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Subject: RE: Ban Ki Moon flotilla statement

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Leah - Just when it comes back. Thanks, Dan L.

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From: Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 1:54 PM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: RE: Ban Ki Moon flotilla statement

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;Leah

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 1:53 PM
To: Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Cc: Au-Yeung, Jenny
Subject: FW: Ban Ki Moon flotilla statement

Leah - [REDACTED] Regards, Dan L.

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From: Au-Yeung, Jenny
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 1:48 PM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: Ban Ki Moon flotilla statement

Dan,
I wasn't able to find an issued statement by Ban Ki Moon.
Cheers,

Jenny

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Goushe, Saffie A

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2011 3:24 AM
To: Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
Subject: Re: US to Gaza Flotilla

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Kate - Thanks for following up. I will forward a separate e-mail from NEA with some more guidance. Regards, Dan

From: Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2011 12:54 AM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: Re: US to Gaza Flotilla

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Hi Dan, I have asked her when they will be sailing, but have not heard back yet. I gave her our and Tel Aviv's fax numbers to send their PAWs as well.

More soon. Kate

From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 10:40 AM
To: Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
Subject: FW: US to Gaza Flotilla

Kate -- FYI. Regards, Dan L.

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From: Snipes, Christopher K
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 5:30 PM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: RE: US to Gaza Flotilla

Hi Dan -- Bob

Two extra things: Bob said there will be an updated travel advisory on participating in flotillas. There is one from last year that cautions travel to Gaza in general (http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_922.html).

Chris

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 8:28 AM
To: Snipes, Christopher K
Subject: FW: US to Gaza Flotilla

Chris – Could we ask you to follow up on this. Regards, Dan L.

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From: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 2:54 PM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens)
Cc: Mendel, Teresa S; Greene, Elisa; McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Martin, Leah A (Athens); Zouroudis, Betsy (Athens) B5
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[REDACTED] Regards, Dan L.

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To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Cc: Mendel, Teresa S; Greene, Elisa; McKeever, Matthew X (Athens)
Subject: US to Gaza Flotilla

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Cc: Brandeis, Katherine L (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens)
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Sir/Tom - Regards, Dan L.

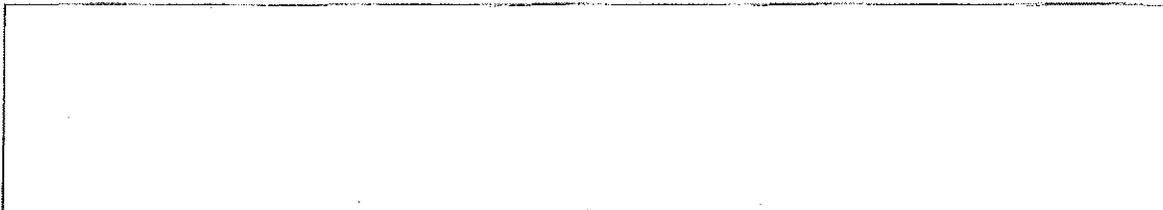
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To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: FW: US to Gaza Flotilla

Dan -- last word on this, I think. Chris

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From: Eilts, Colin C
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 2:37 PM
To: Doutrich, Jack T; Snipes, Christopher K
Cc: Jakobson, Nicholas W; Sindle, James M; Jacoby, Julia I; Richter, Kim B
Subject: RE: US to Gaza Flotilla

Christopher,



Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

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Colin

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From: Doutrich, Jack T
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 11:23 AM
To: Snipes, Christopher K
Cc: Ells, Colin C
Subject: RE: US to Gaza Flotilla

+ Colin Ells who covers this issue and is working closely with CA.

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Chris,

[Redacted]

JD.

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From: Snipes, Christopher K
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 10:49 AM
To: Doutrich, Jack T
Subject: FW: US to Gaza Flotilla

Hey Jack,

A group of Amclts is heading to Greece to get on a flotilla to Gaza. [Redacted]

What do you think?

Thanks, Chris

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 2:03 AM
To: Renner, Erin B
Cc: Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Malik, Paul (Athens)
Subject: RE: Athens Update -- June 23

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Regards,
Dan L.

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From: Renner, Erin B
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 8:54 AM
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: RE: Athens Update -- June 23

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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 1:42 AM
To: Renner, Erin B
Cc: Malik, Paul (Athens); Miller, Thomas S (Athens); Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Subject: RE: Athens Update -- June 23

Erin,

Thanks for your e-mail. Here are some answers to your questions:

[Redacted]

Regards,
Dan L.

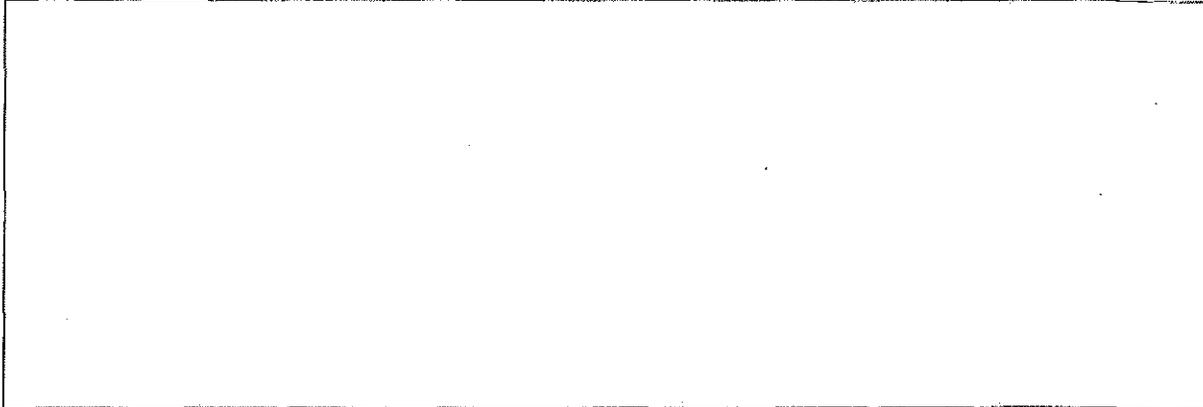
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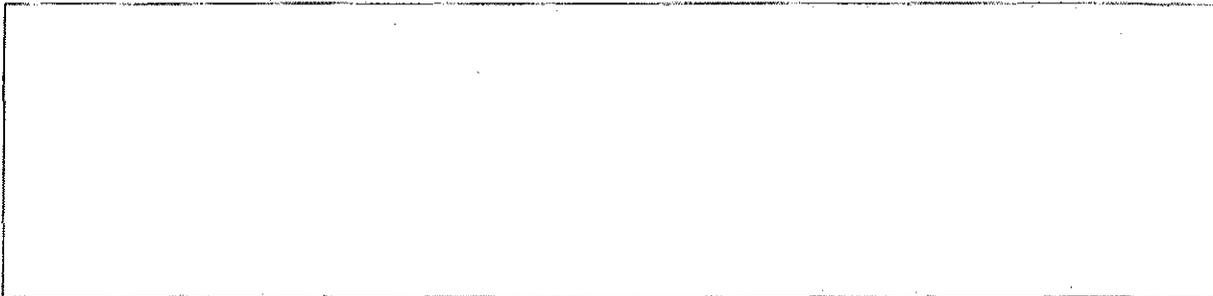


Best regards,
Erin B. Renner

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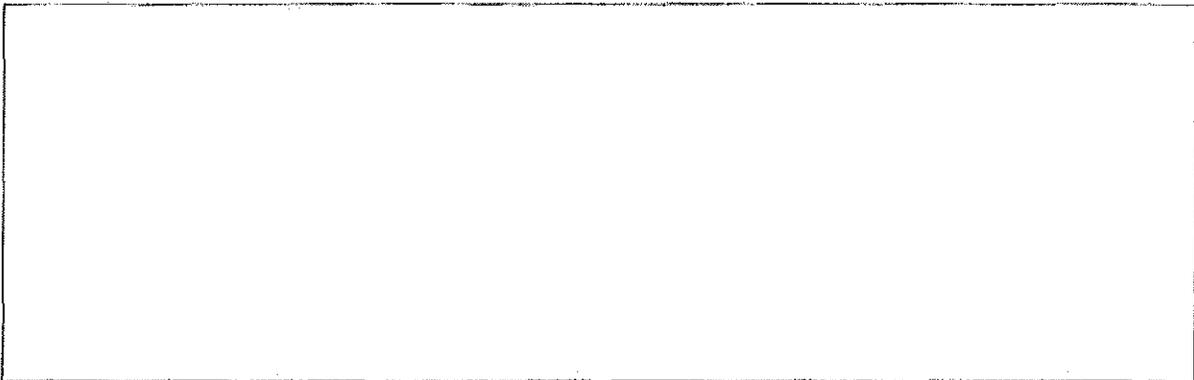
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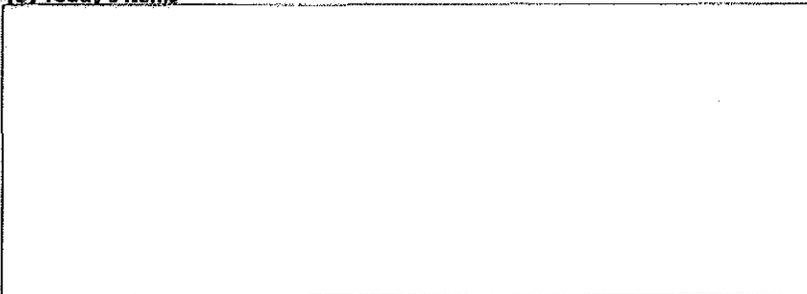
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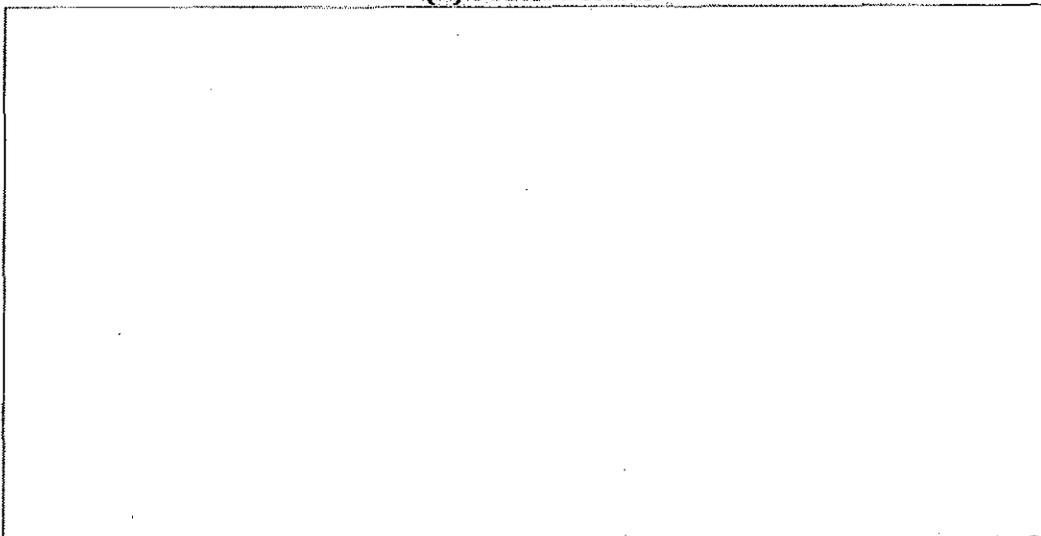
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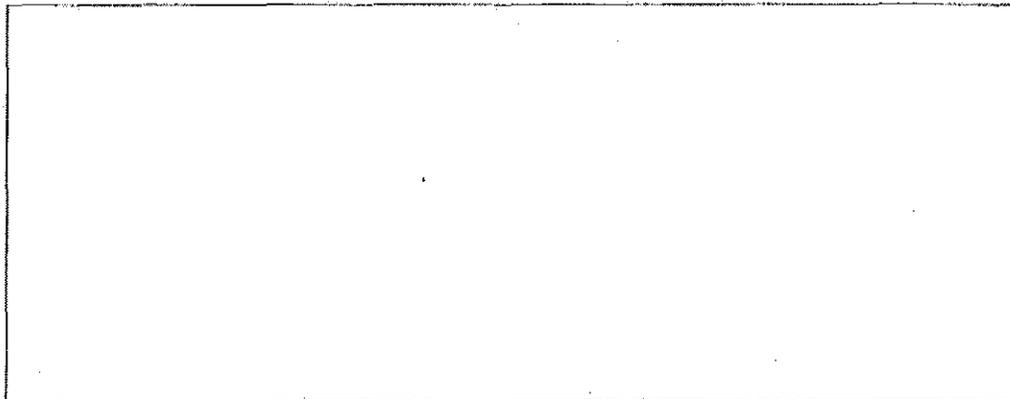
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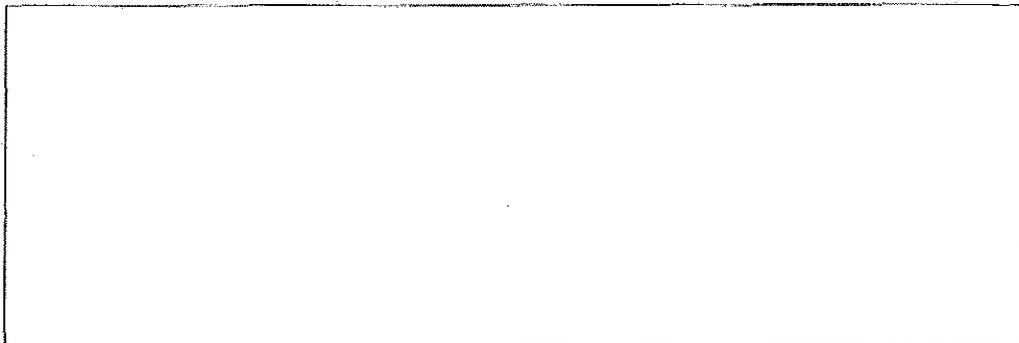
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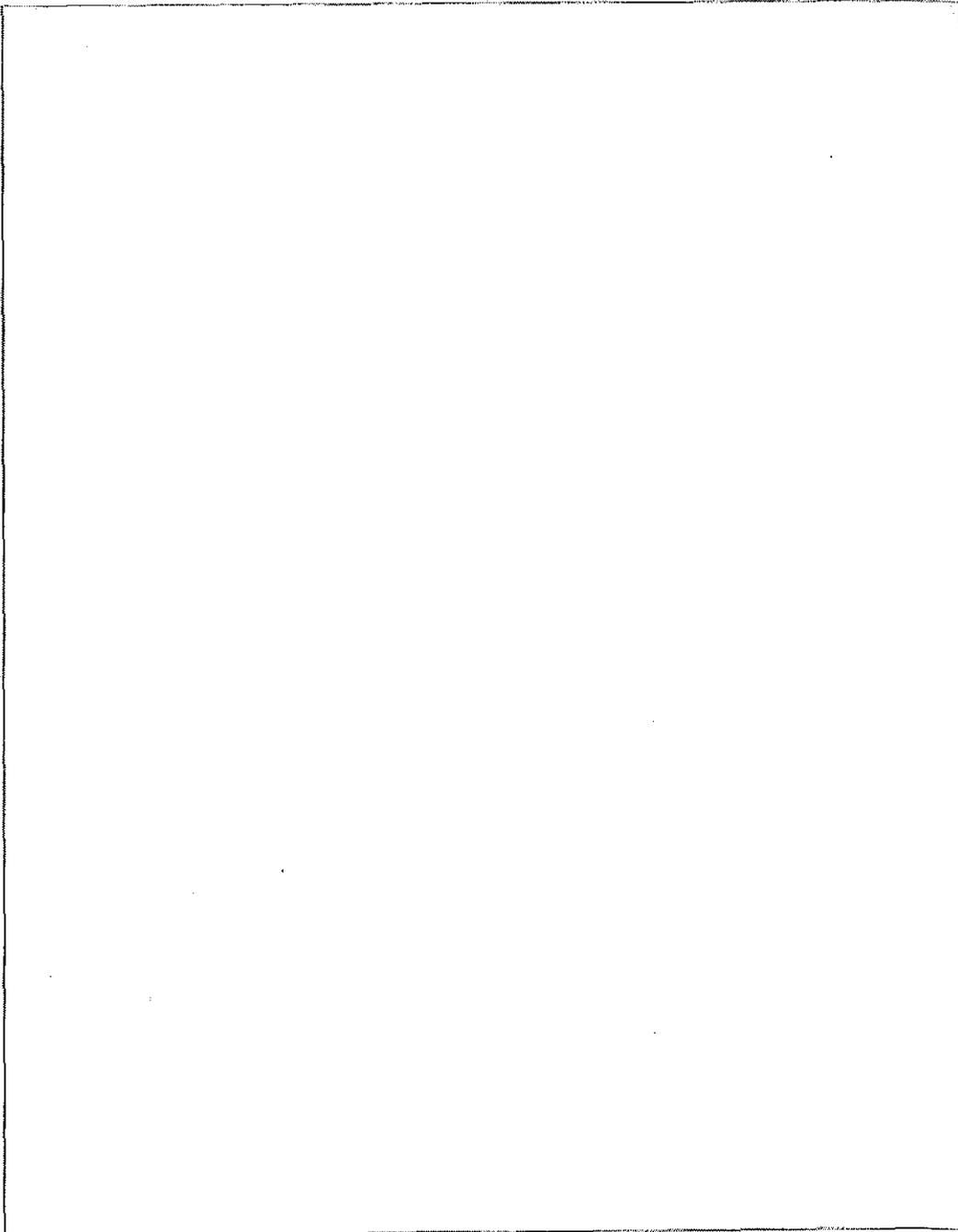
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10. (C)

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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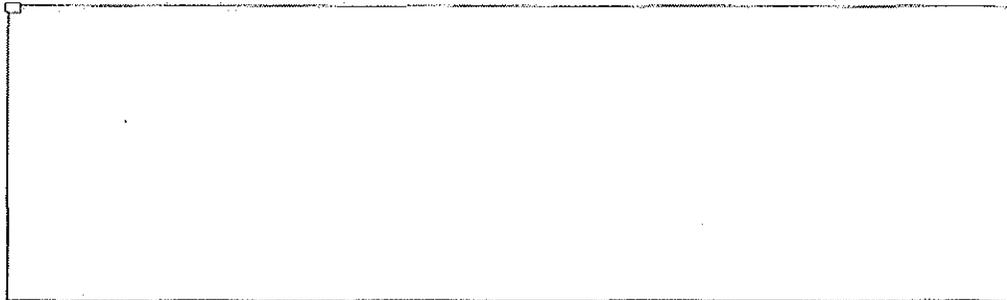
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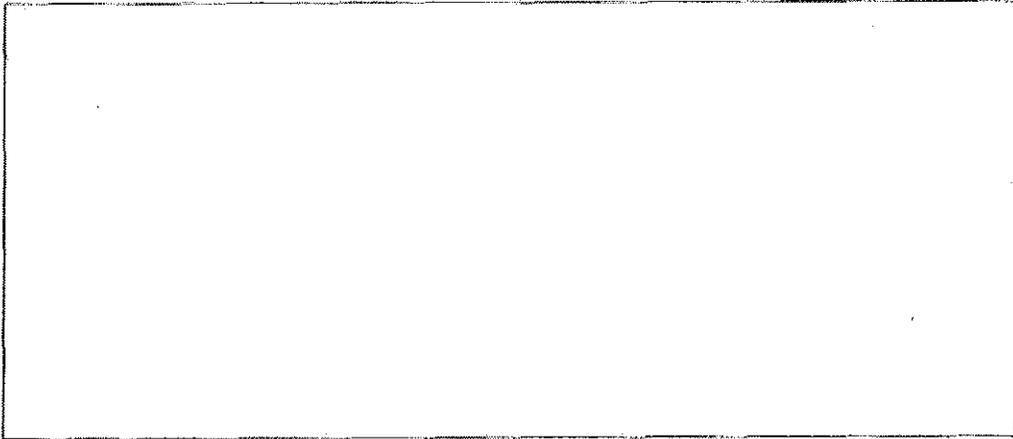
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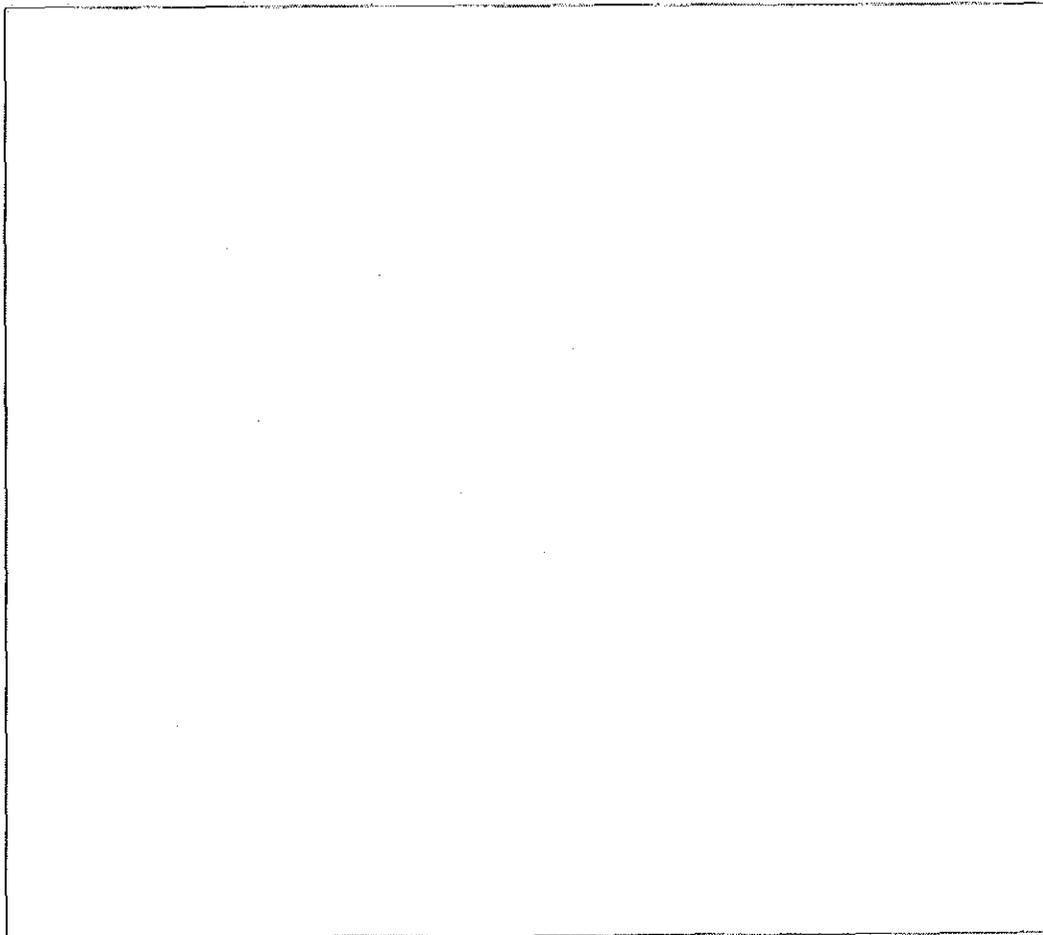
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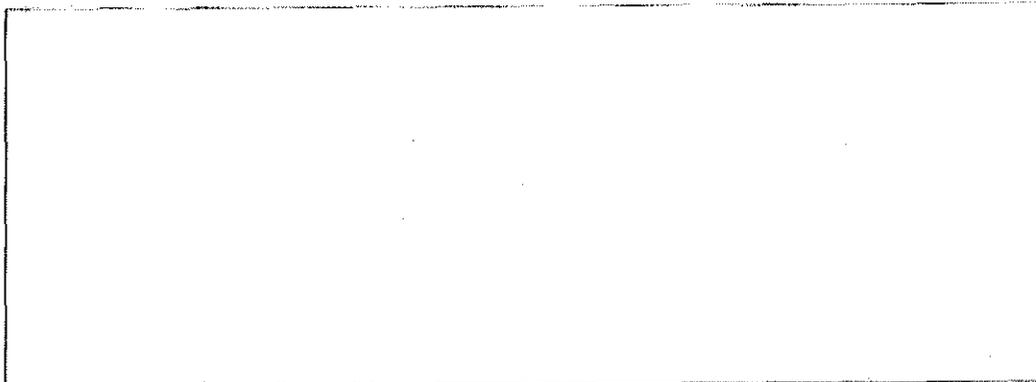
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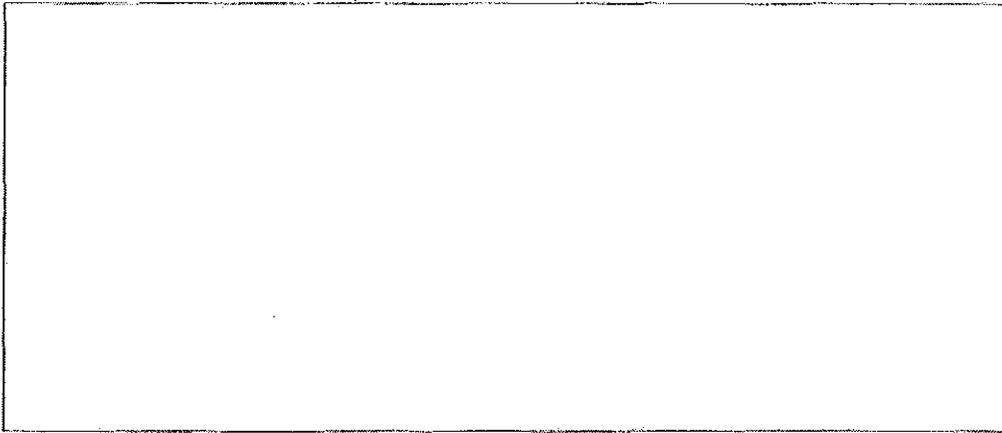
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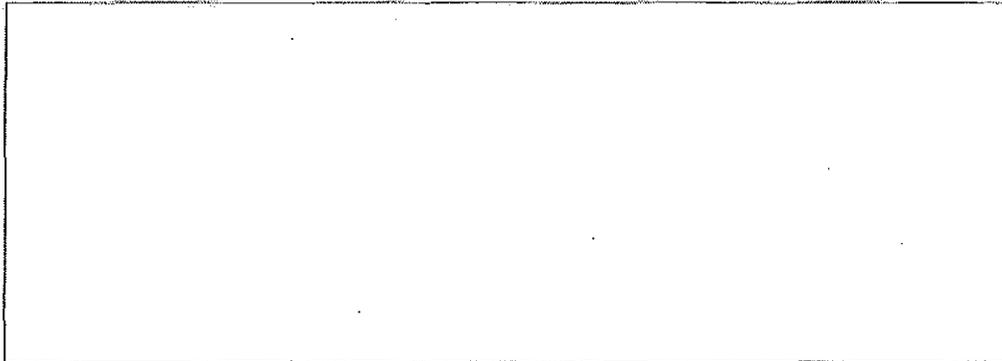
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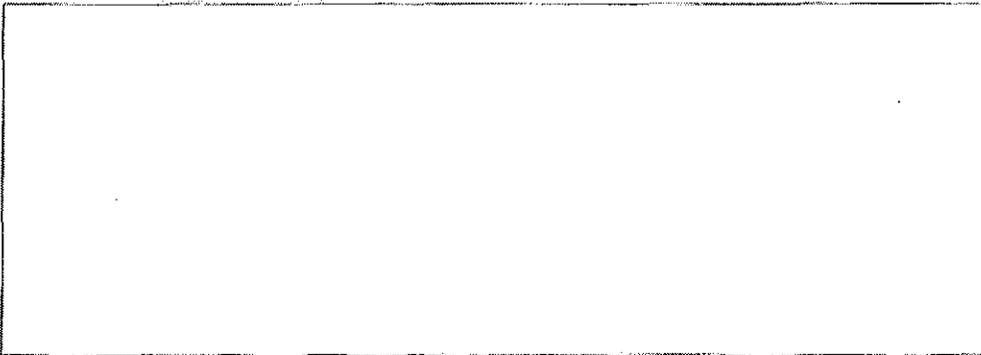
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8. (C)

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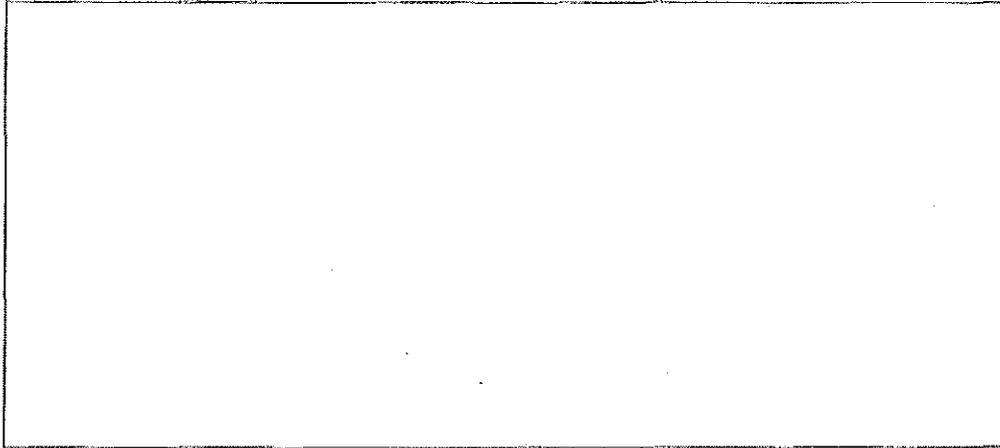
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Subject: EUR Assistant Secretary Gordon's January 11 meeting with EEAS Deputy S/G Helga Schmid

I. (C) Summary: In a January 11 bilateral discussion following the semi-annual EU Political Directors meeting in Dublin, Assistant Secretary Philip Gordon and EU Deputy Secretary General Helga Schmid discussed

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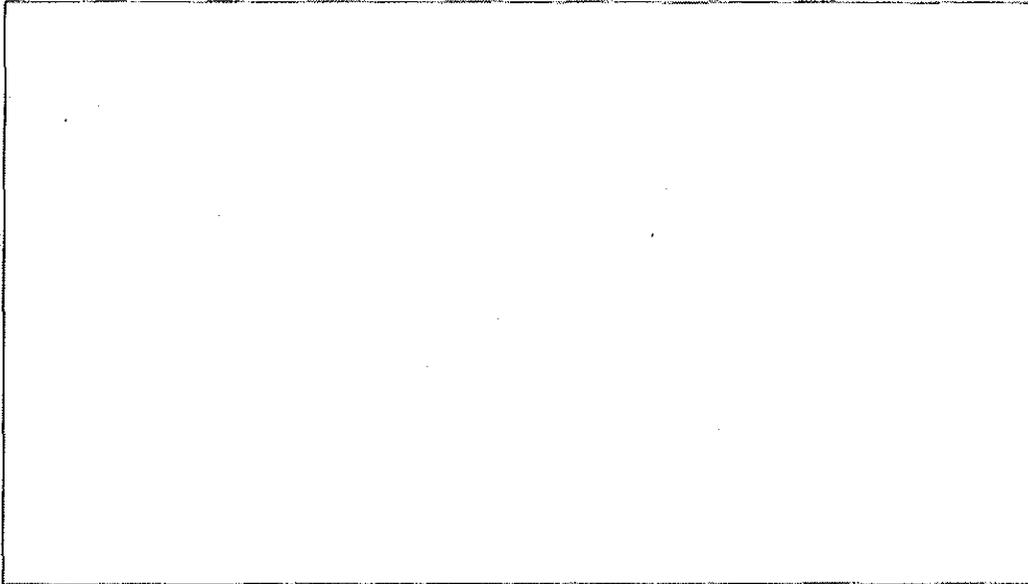
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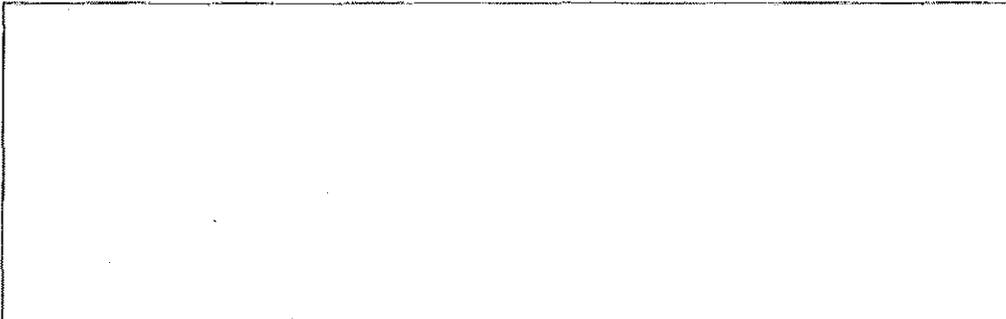
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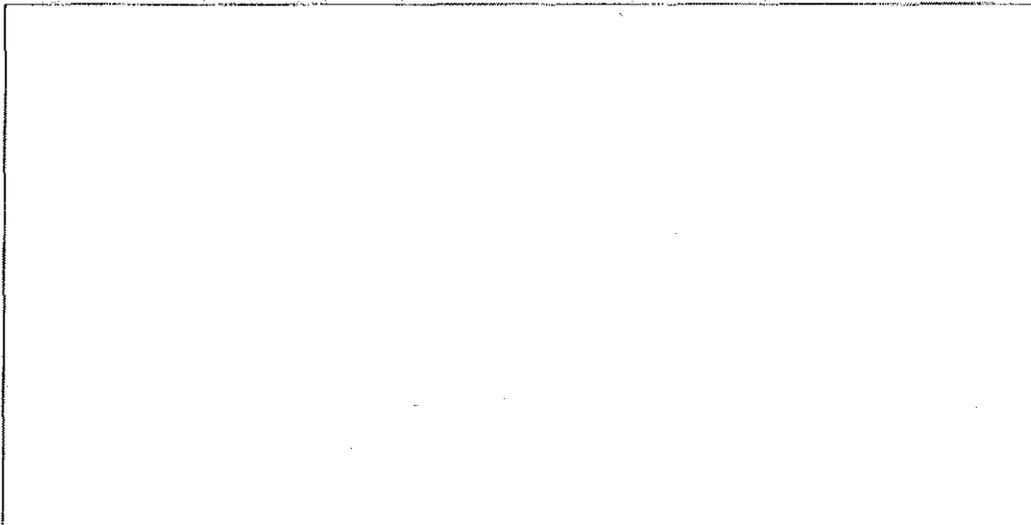
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Subject: Greece Continues to Prioritize Strong Ties With Israel



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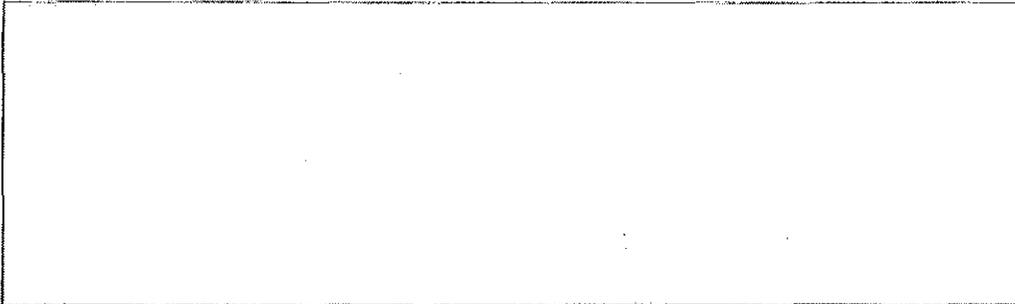
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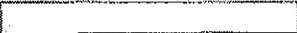
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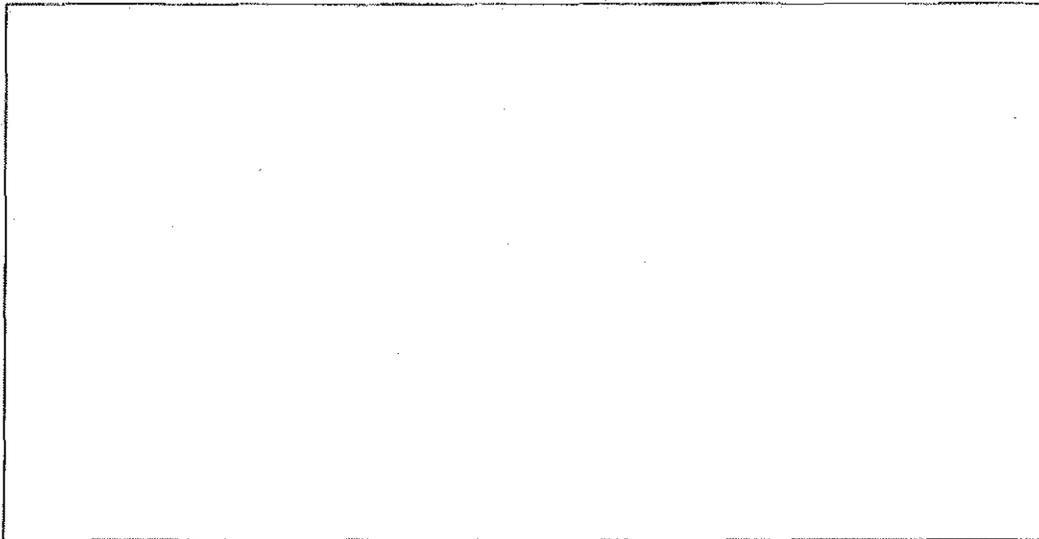


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Steadily Improving Greece-Israel Ties

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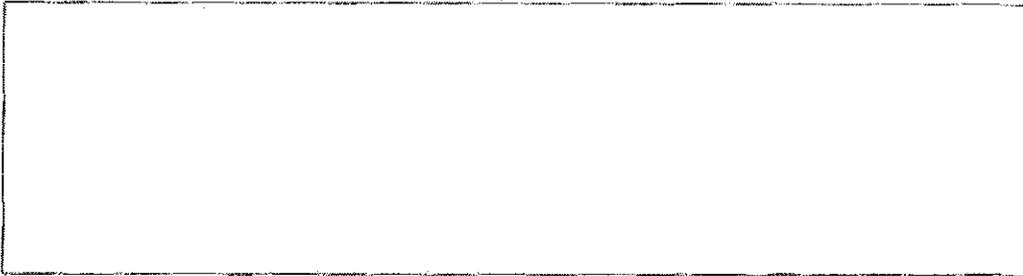
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Don - Attached is our scenesetter for A/S Gordon's upcoming visit to Greece. Regards, Dan L.

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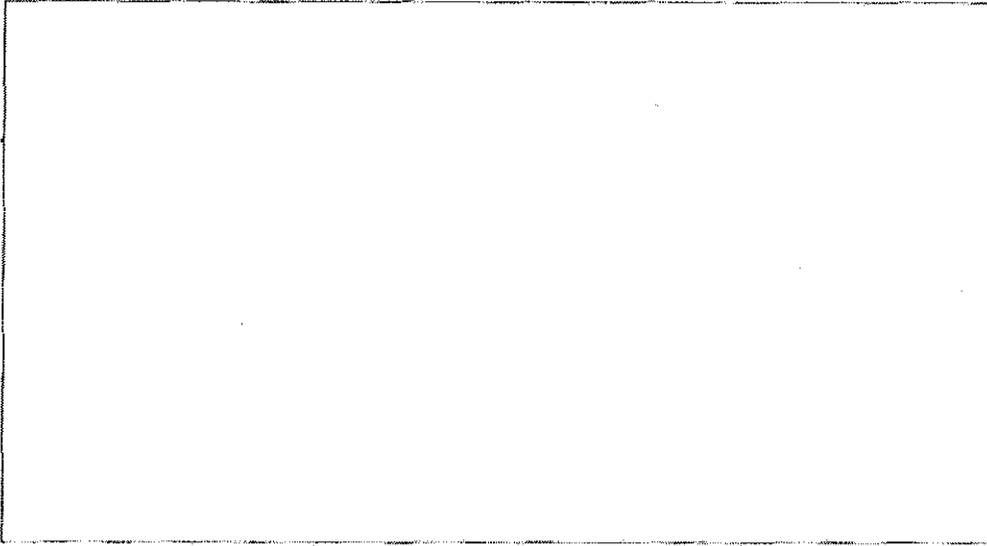
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12. (C) The new Greek government has already made clear its intention to sustain improved ties with Israel, which were first forged by the Papandreou government in the wake of the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. Israel was very appreciative of the Greek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



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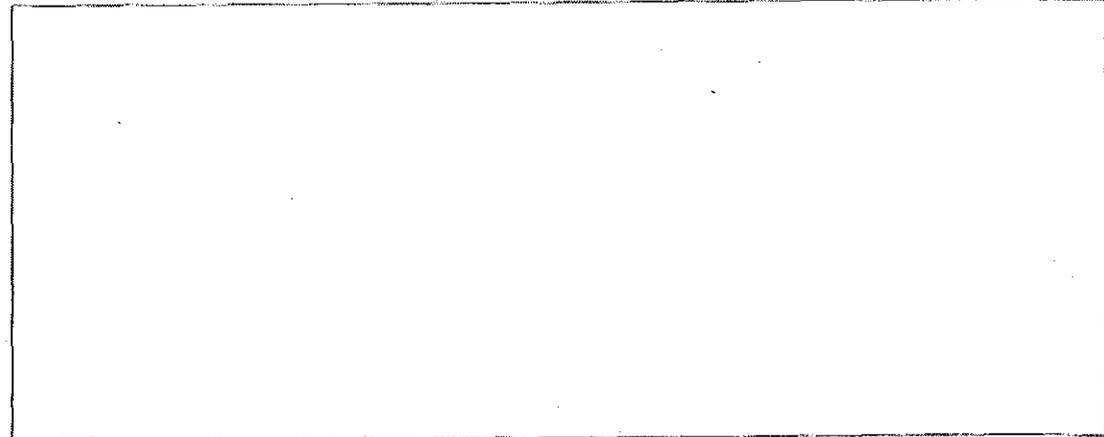
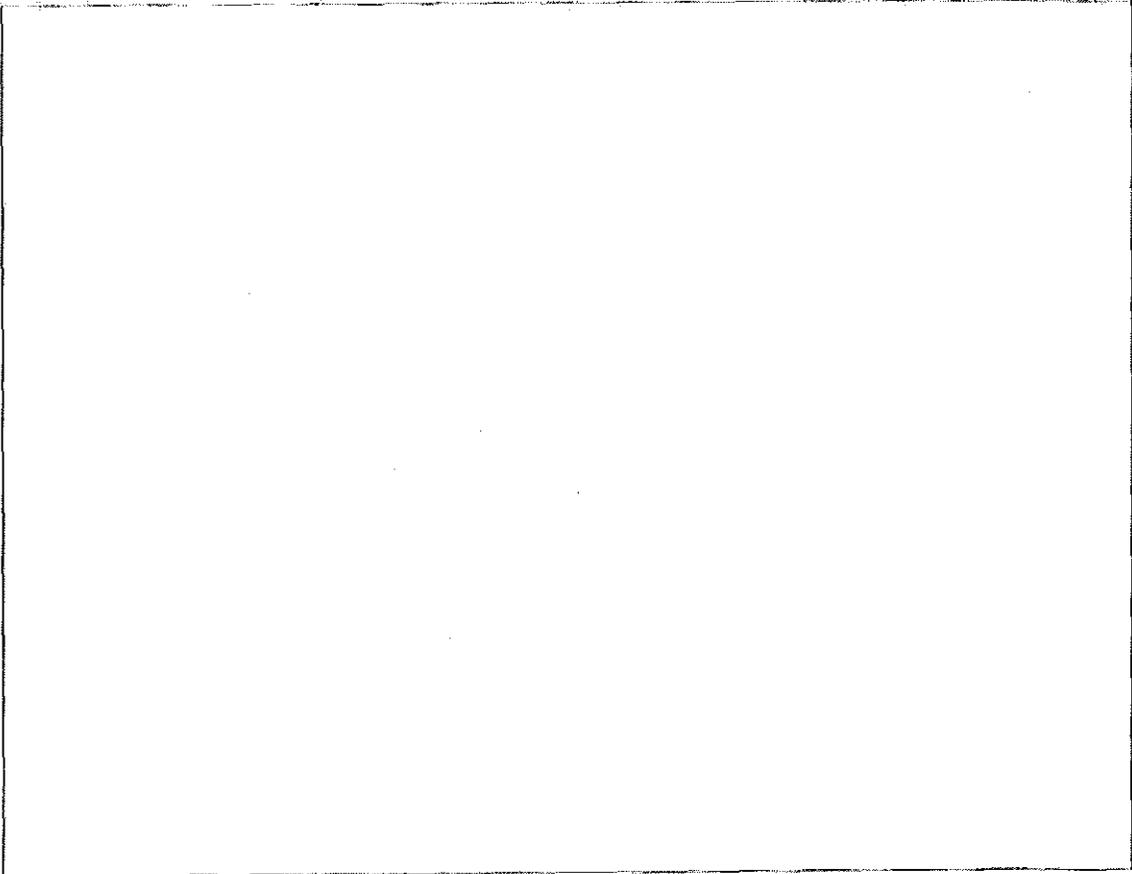
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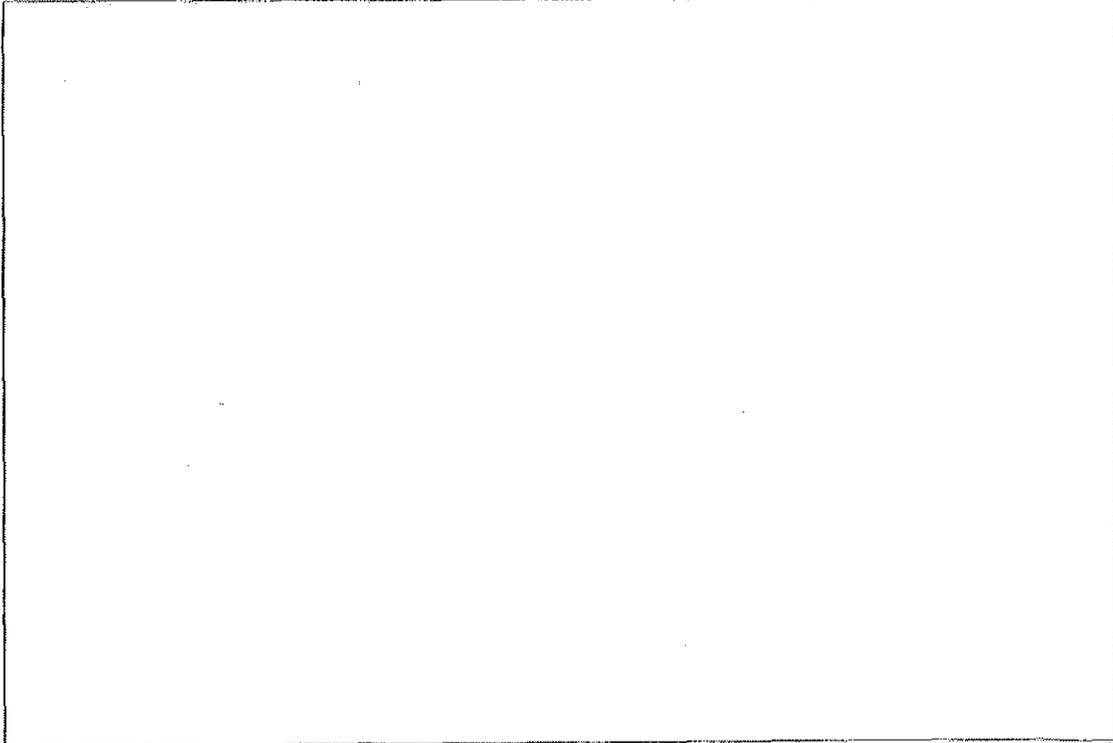
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Dan, can we chat about this when you have a couple minutes? Thanks, Dave

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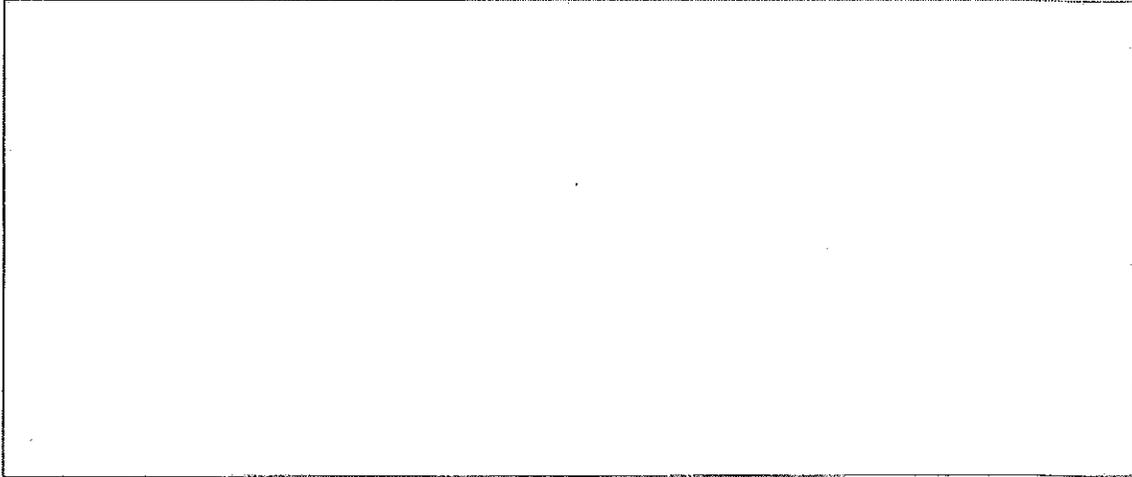
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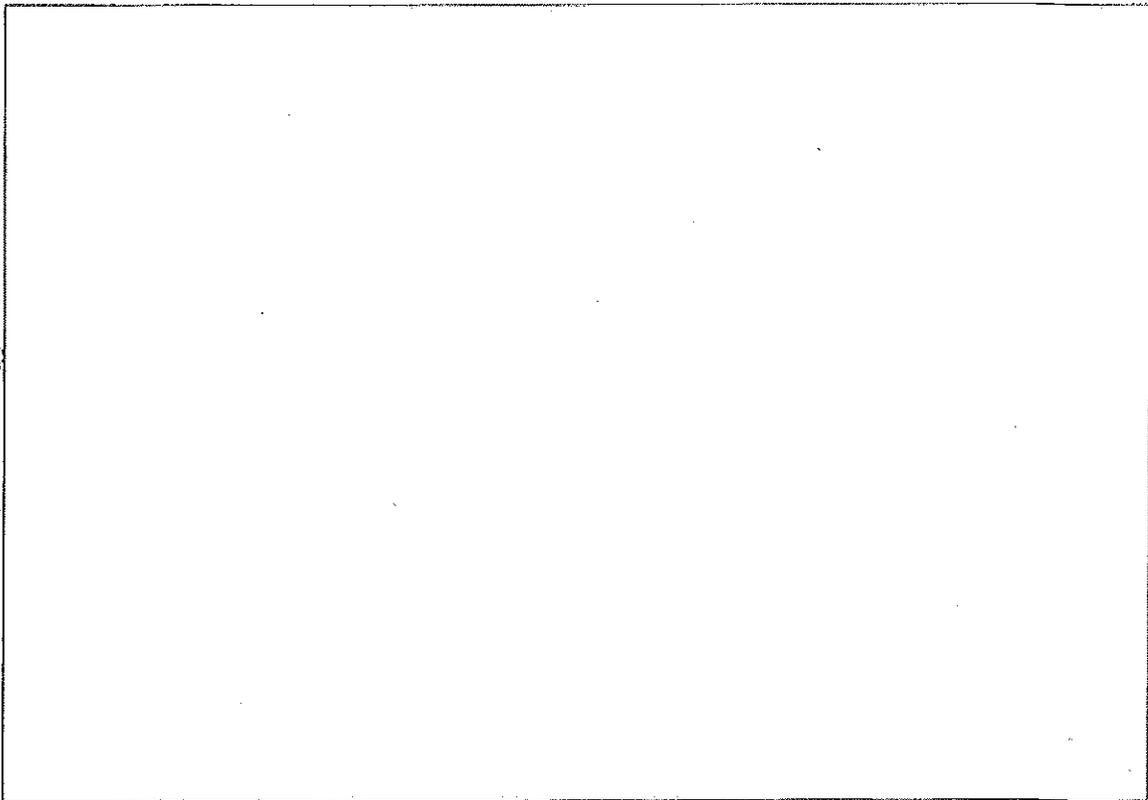
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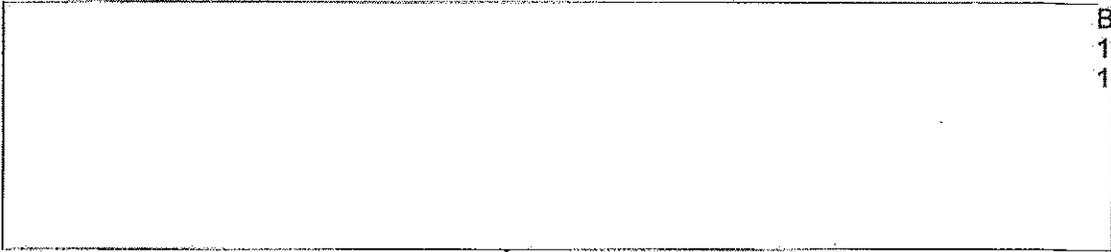


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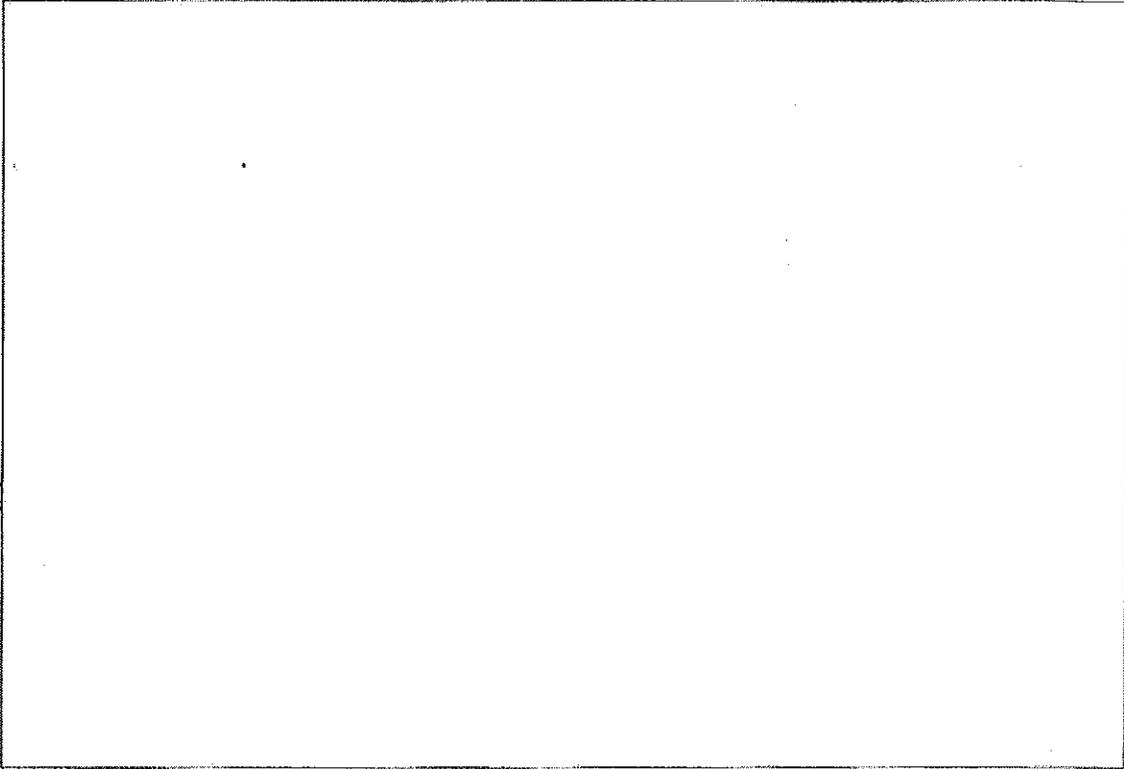


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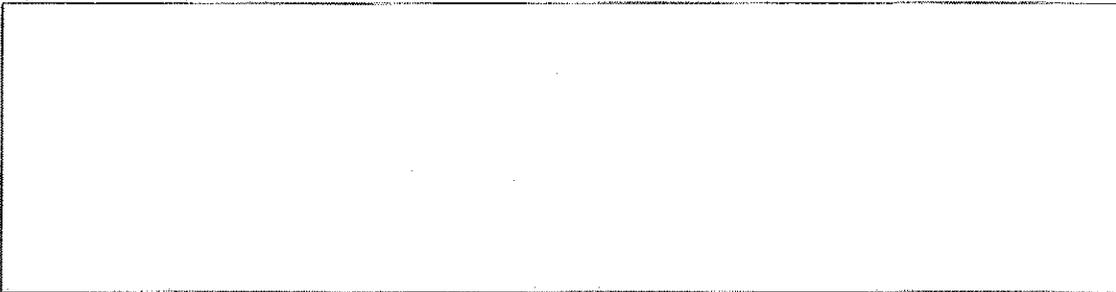
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From: SMART Core [mailto:svcSMARTHBTSPrec@state.sgov.gov]
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To: Zouroudis, Betsy (Athens); Bardis, Georgios; Green, Janice C (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens); Kay, Catherine E (Thessaloniki); Malik, 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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Action Office: POL, ECON
Info Office: DAO_INFO, ICE_INFO

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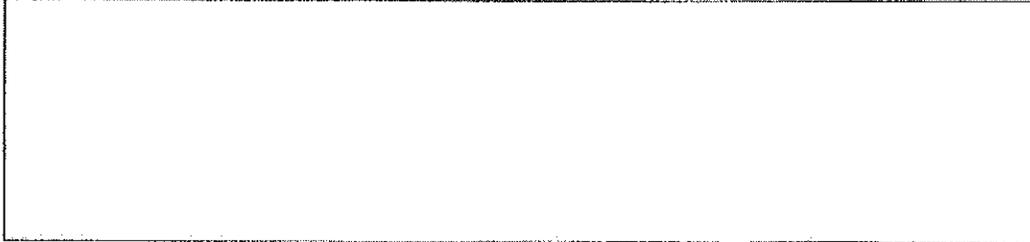
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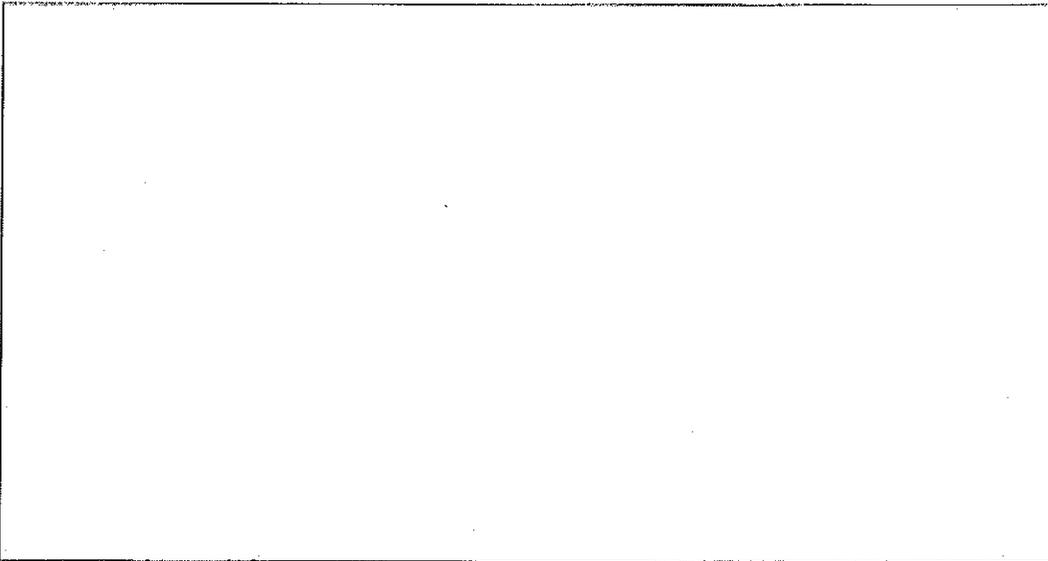
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1. (C) Summary: EUR Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Tina Kaidanow, accompanied by Ambassador Kennard, met with European External Action Service (EEAS) Deputy Secretary General Helga Schmid on September 7 for a *tour de table* of U.S.-EU coordination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

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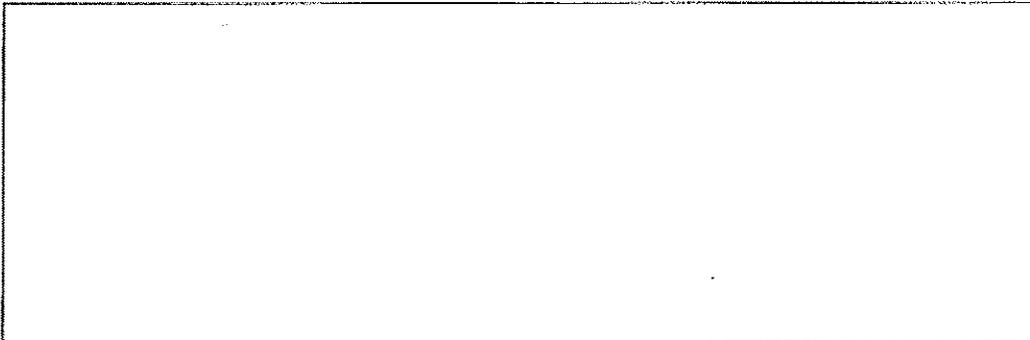


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Egypt



Turkey-Israel Relations



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Cyprus-Turkey Relations



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Ukraine

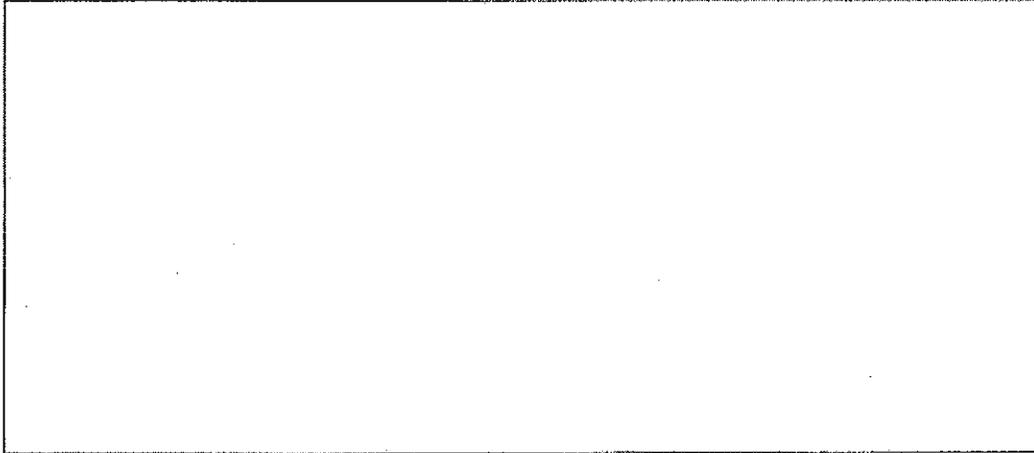
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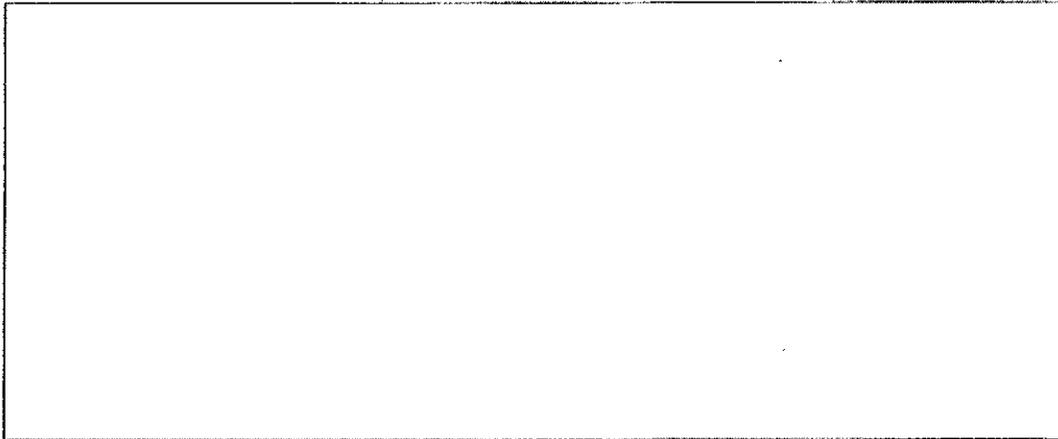
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Georgia-Russia WTO Discussions



Belarus



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

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Office: EUR

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

Thanks. Go home!

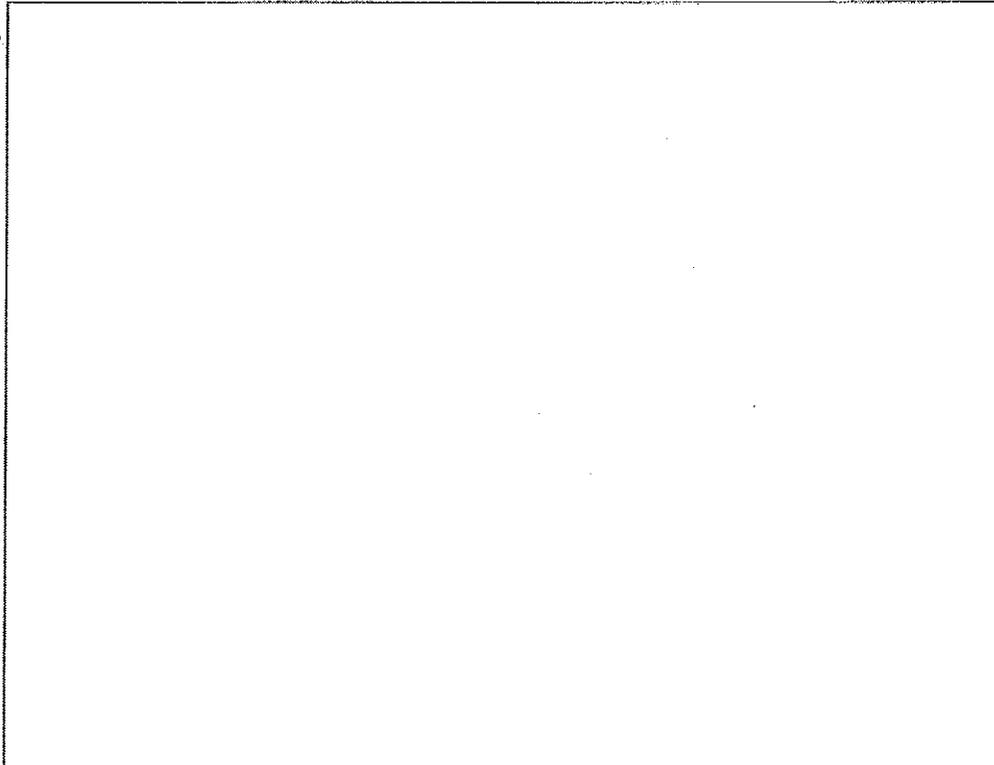
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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 12:31 PM
To: Snipes, Christopher K
Subject: Scenesetter for VP Visit

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

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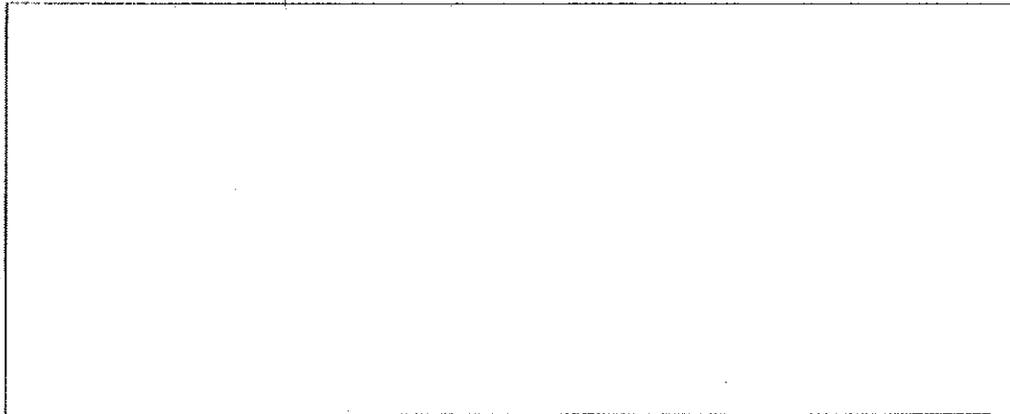
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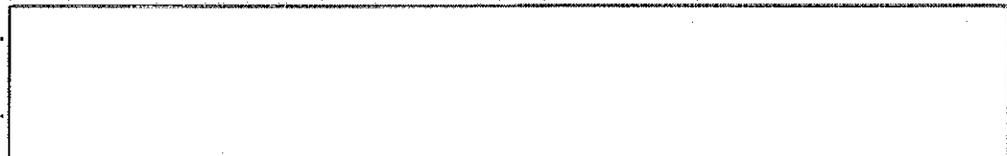
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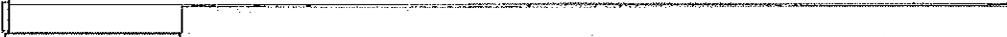
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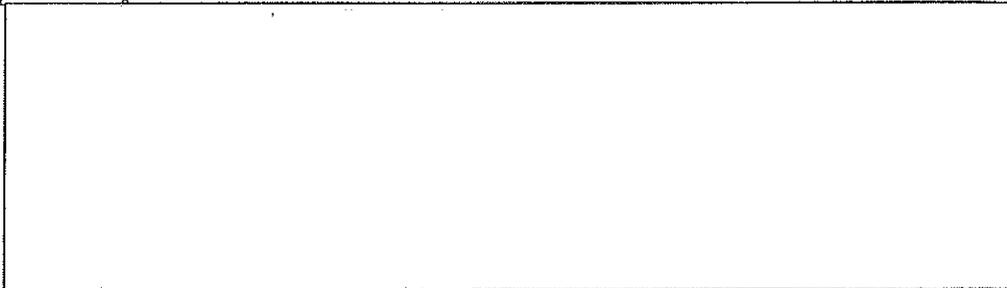


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From: Martin, Leah A (Athens)

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

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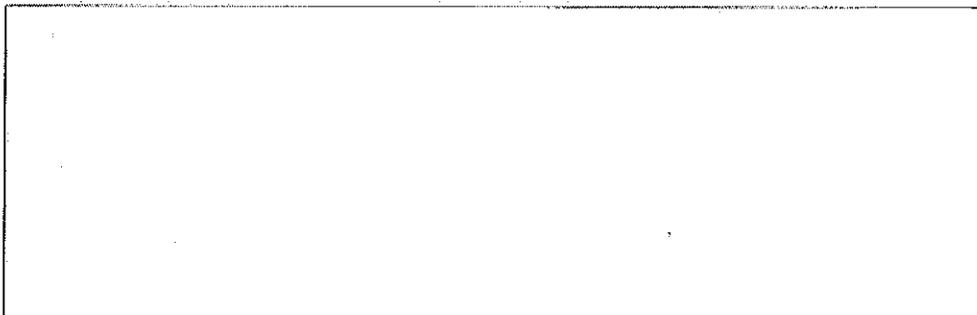
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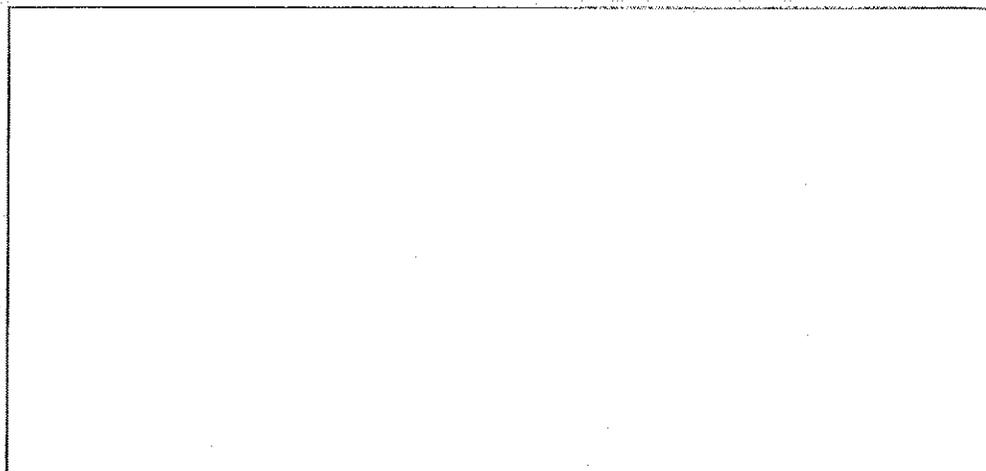
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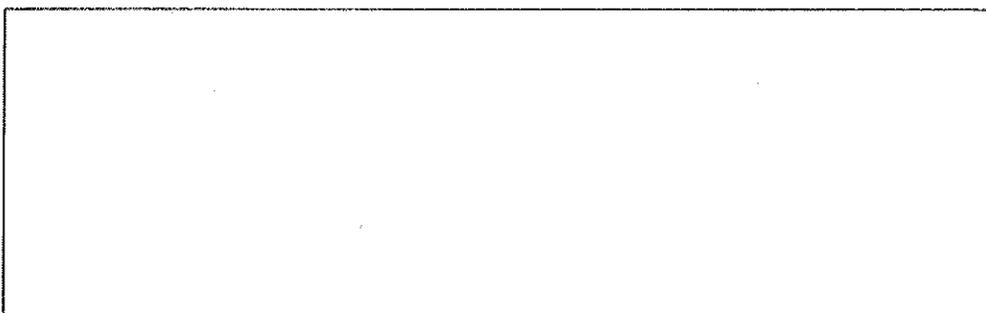
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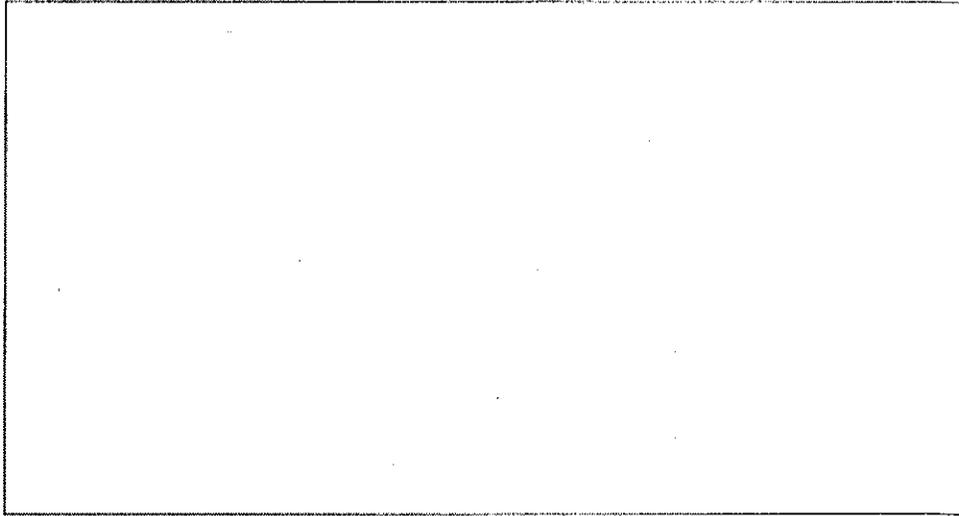
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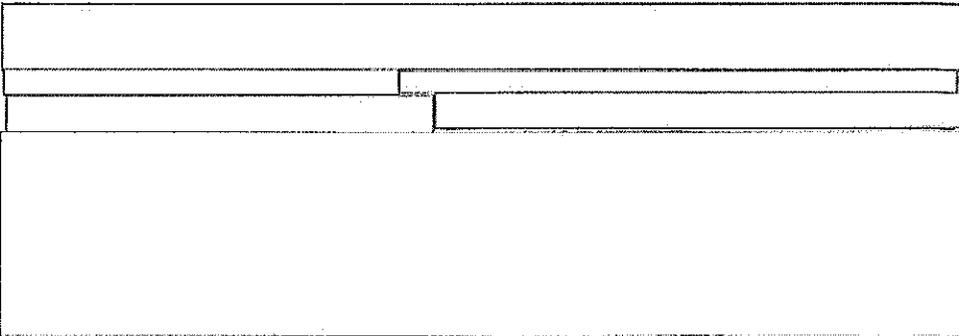
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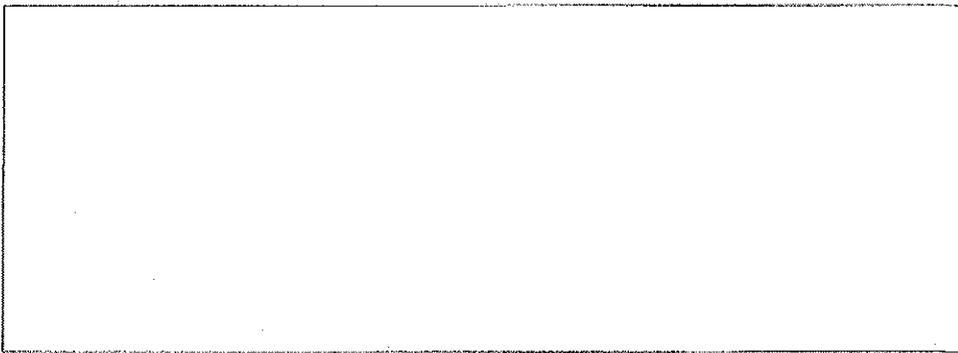
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From: Bennett, Virginia L (Athens)
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 5:17 PM
To: Jaberg, David E (Athens)
Cc: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Subject: RE: (C) EUR Daily Activity Report for Friday, March 23, 2012

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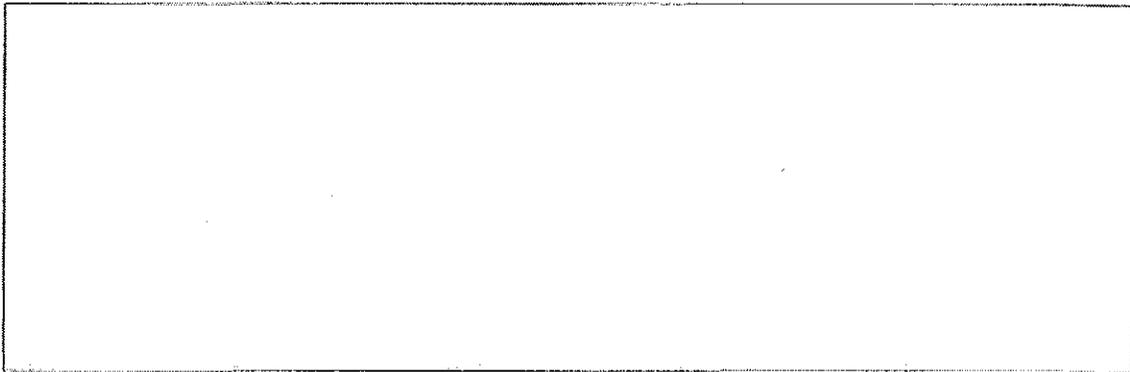
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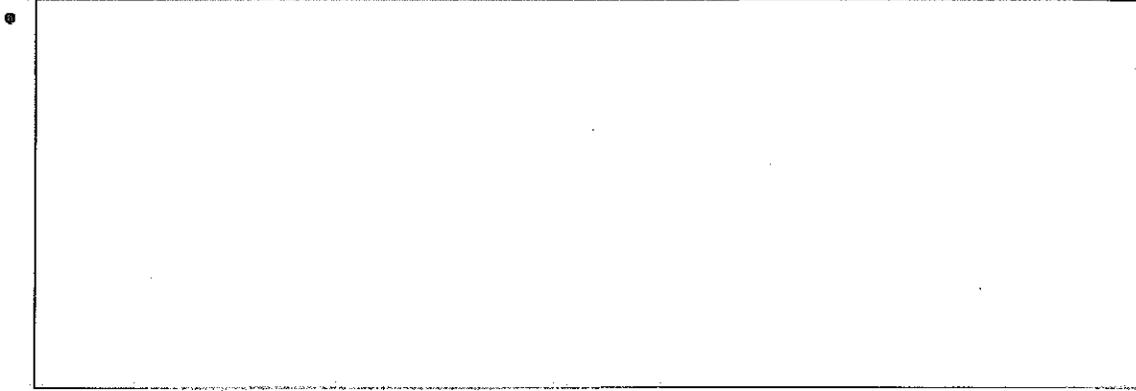
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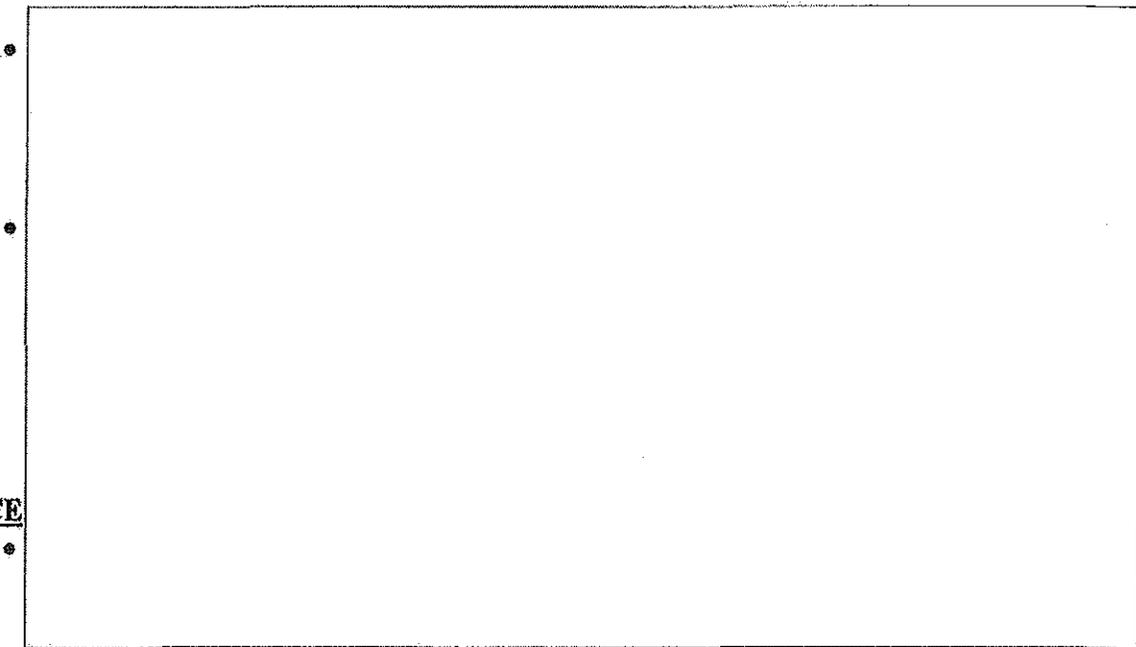
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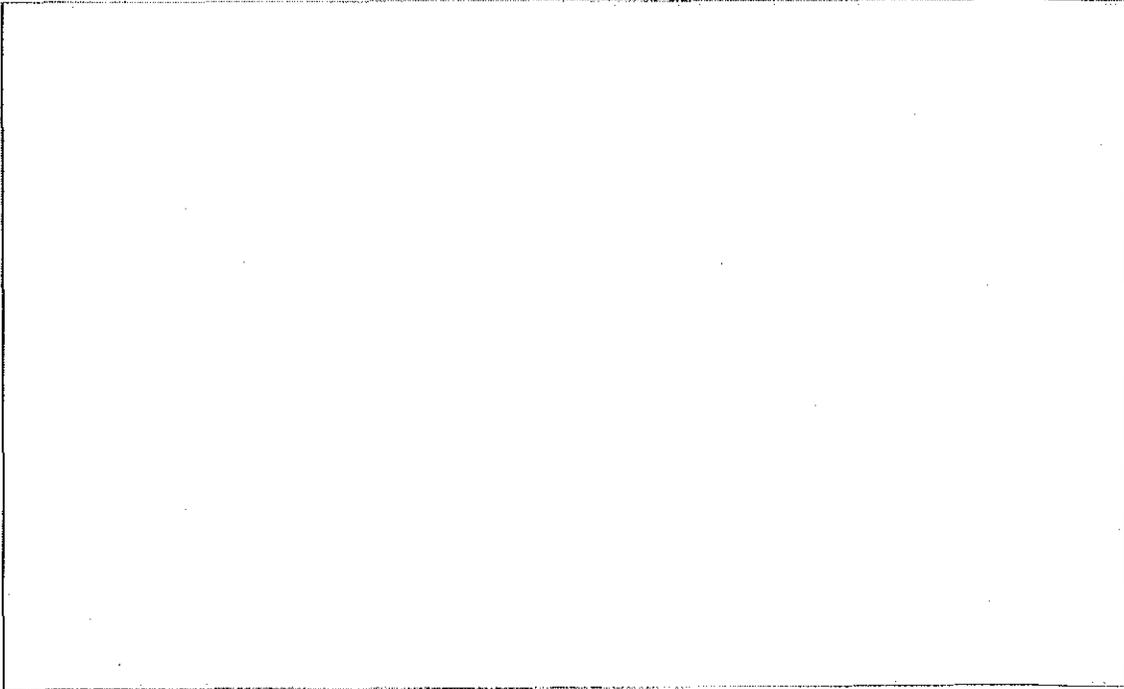
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From: Smith, Daniel B (Athens)
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 6:54 PM
To: Snipes, Christopher K; Bennett, Virginia L (Athens)
Cc: Cockrell, John D (Athens); Jaberg, David E (Athens)
Subject: RE: More Flotillas? [CONFIDENTIAL, Record]

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, Kami 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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Subject: FW: More Flotillas? [CONFIDENTIAL, Record]

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Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 2:15 PM

To: 'Godfrey, Anthony F.'; Kim, Yuri J; Howard, Jeremiah H

Cc: Baily, Jess L; EUR-SE-TU-DL; Fernandes, Anthony C; Witmer, Kami A; Levin, Jan X

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

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From: Godfrey, Anthony F. [mailto:]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 1:53 PM
To: Stafford, Edward G; Kim, Yuri J; Howard, Jeremiah H
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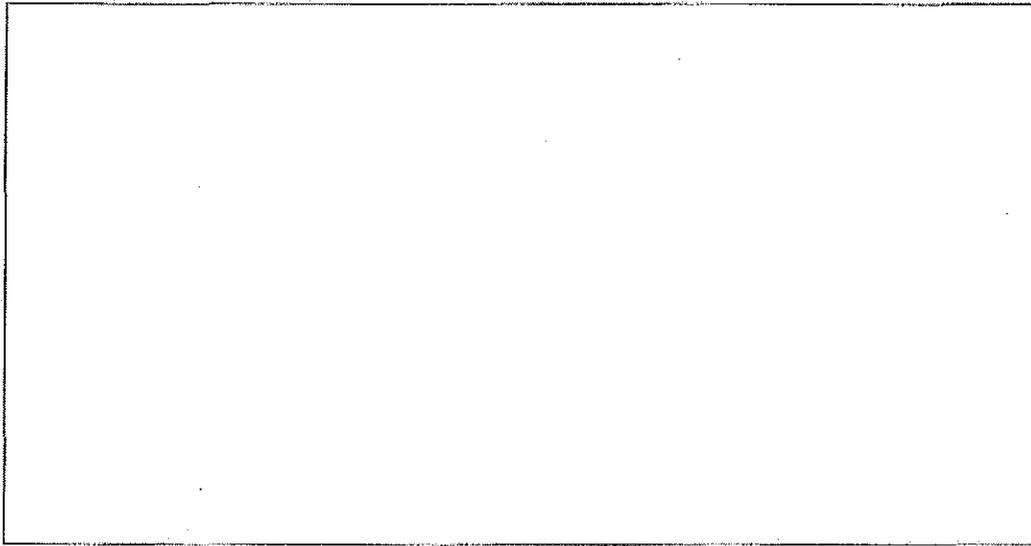
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Thanks, Ed. So to confirm, []
[] Look forward to the readout from
your meeting with Haldun. Take care, Anthony.

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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
Cc: Baily, Jess L; EUR-SE-TU-DL; Fernandes, Anthony C; Stafford, Edward G; Witmer, Kami A; Levin, Jan X
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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From: Kim, Yuri J
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 8:24 AM
To: 'Godfrey, Anthony F.'; Howard, Jeremiah H
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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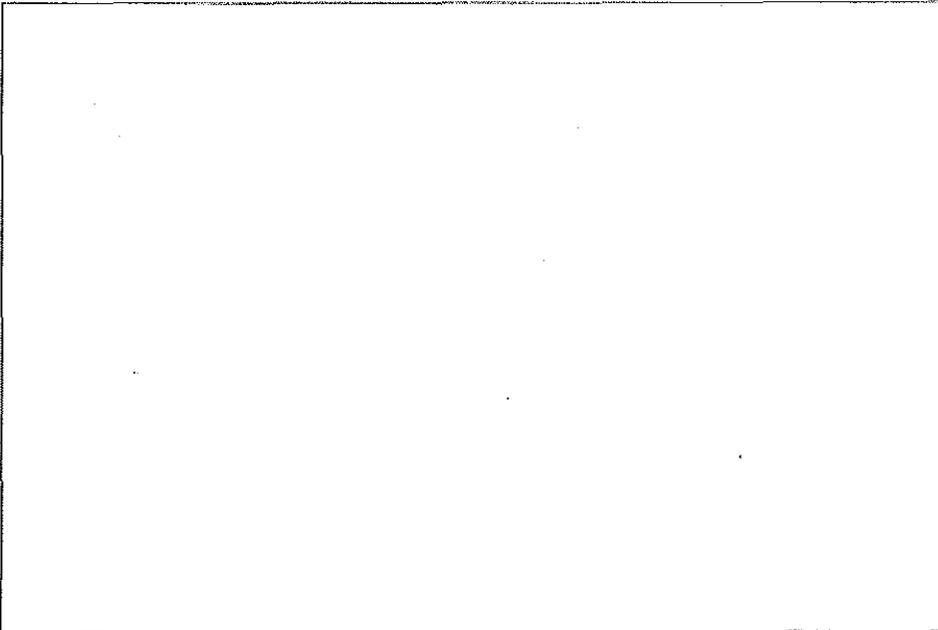
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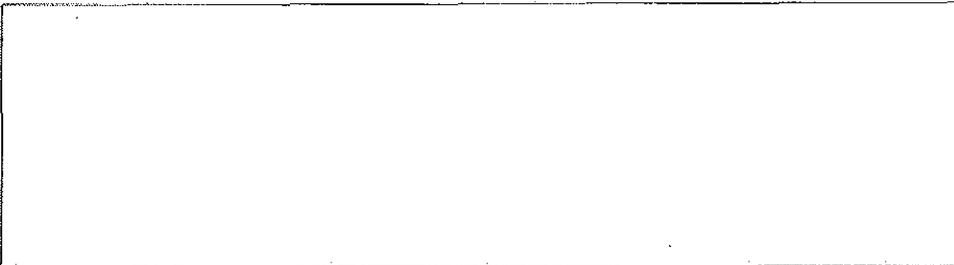
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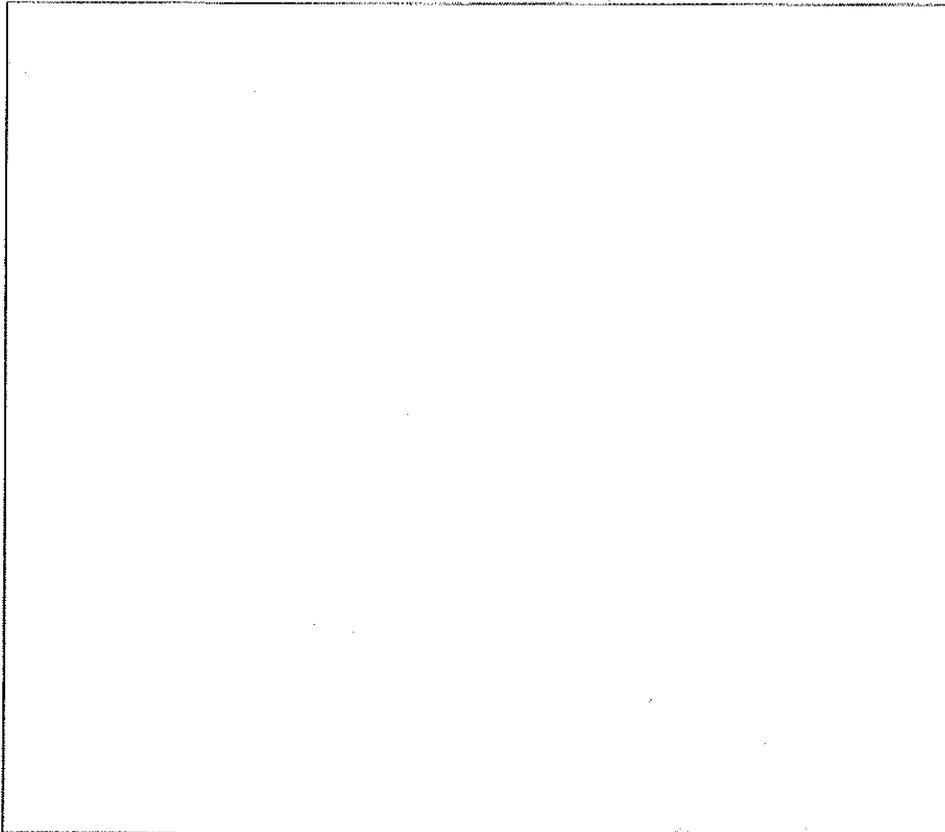
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- **(C/NF) Turkey: Erdogan Says Turkish Navy will Protect Turkish Ships in Mediterranean:** [redacted] PM Erdogan's remarks, as reported by Al Jazeera: "There is no doubt that the Turkish military ships are responsible to protect its own ships. The 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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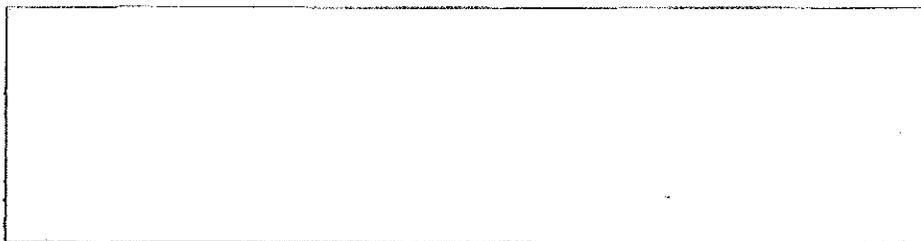
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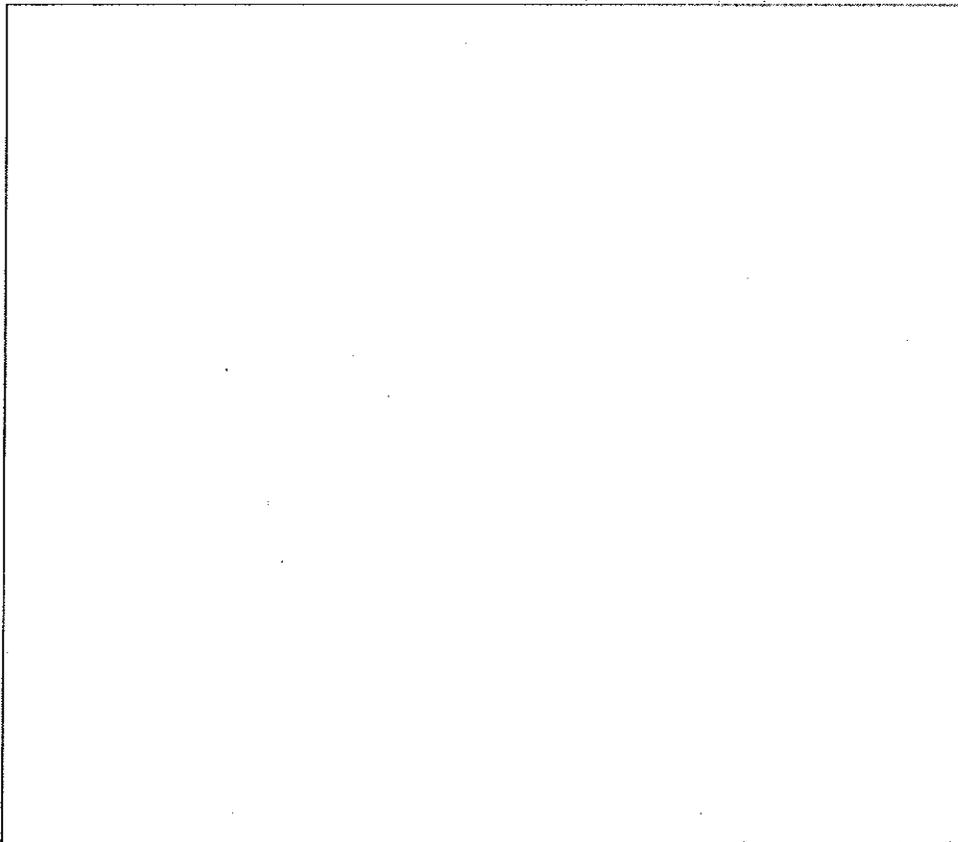
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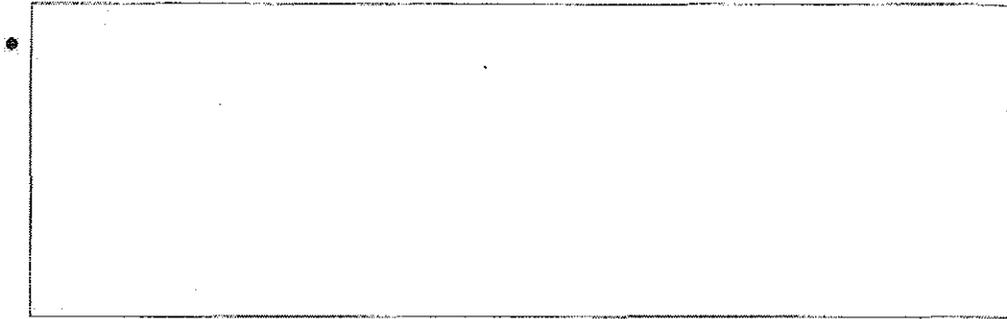
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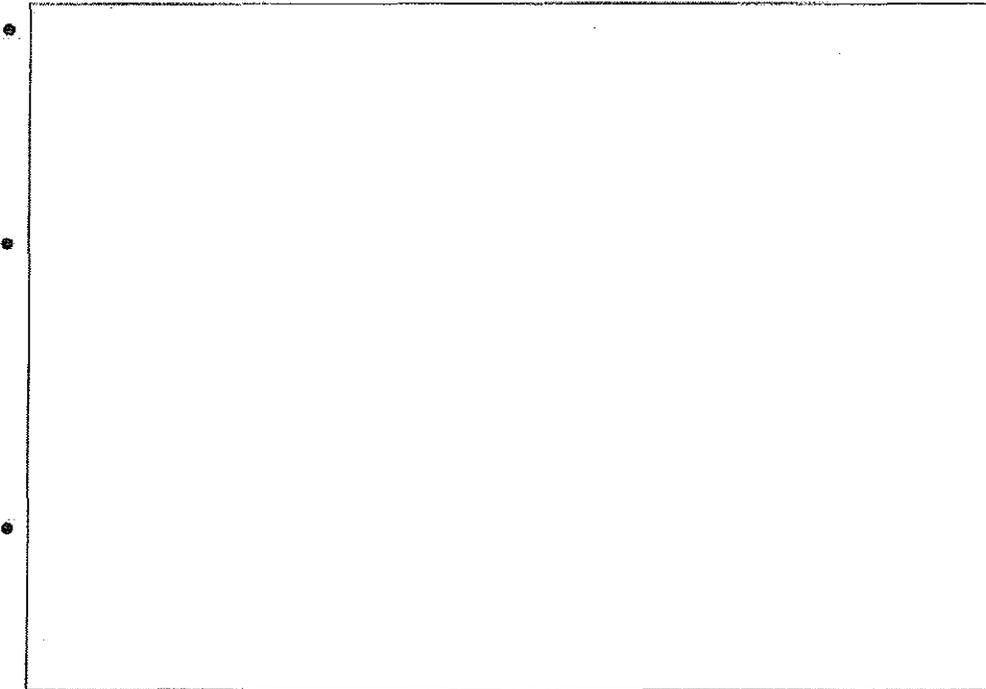
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- **(C) Turkey: New Flotilla Ship Headed to Turkey:** The ship, the "Tahrir," departed Crete on July 28 reportedly bound for Turkey. According



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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).

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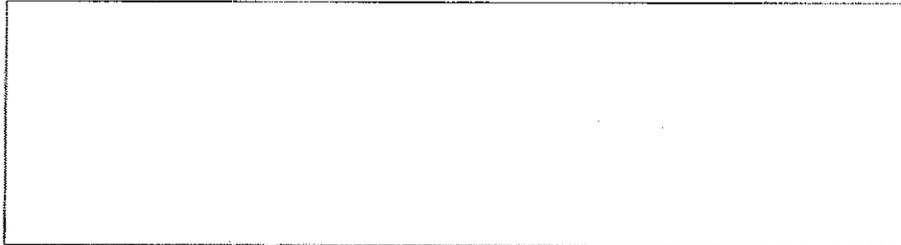
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Greek Ban on Departure of Ships to Gaza

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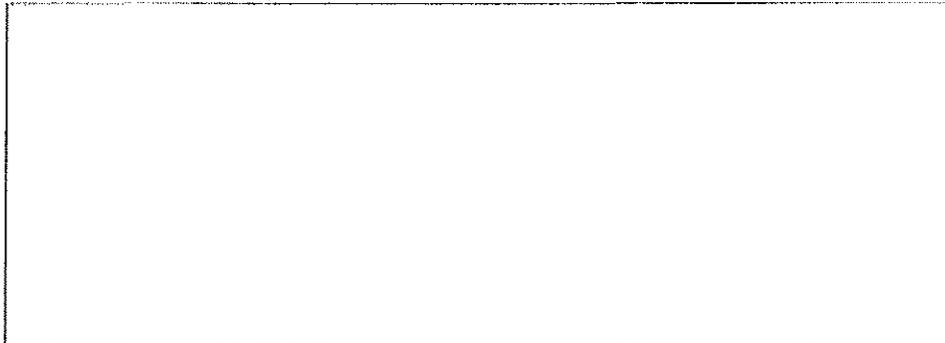
hours in the station and were released. They were never placed under arrest.

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.

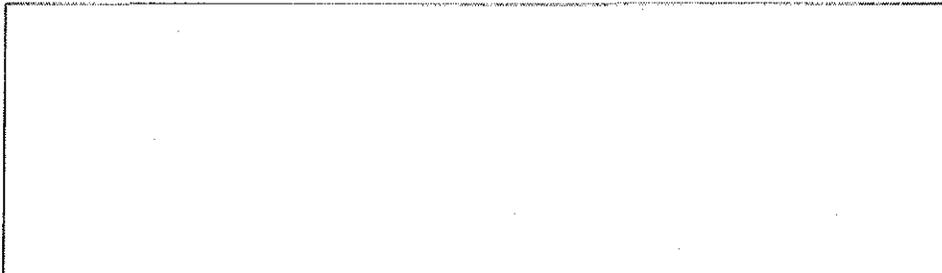
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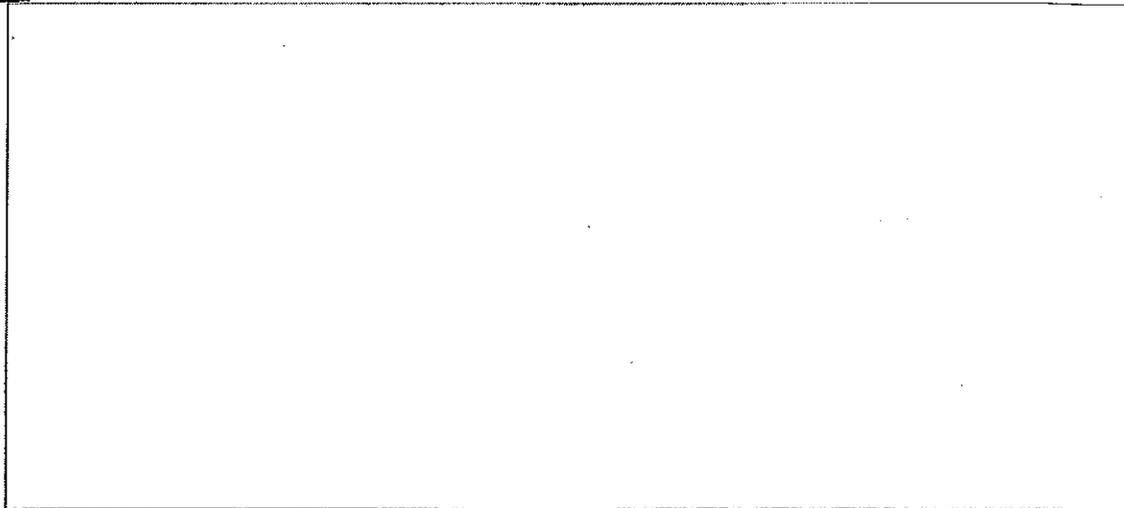
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- **(S/NF) Turkey: FM Suggests "New Formula" to Avert Flotilla Crisis:** Mainstream Turkish press reported June 6 that FM Davutoglu recommended flotilla organizers evaluate whether Egypt's opening of the Rafah Border Crossing and Israel's views of 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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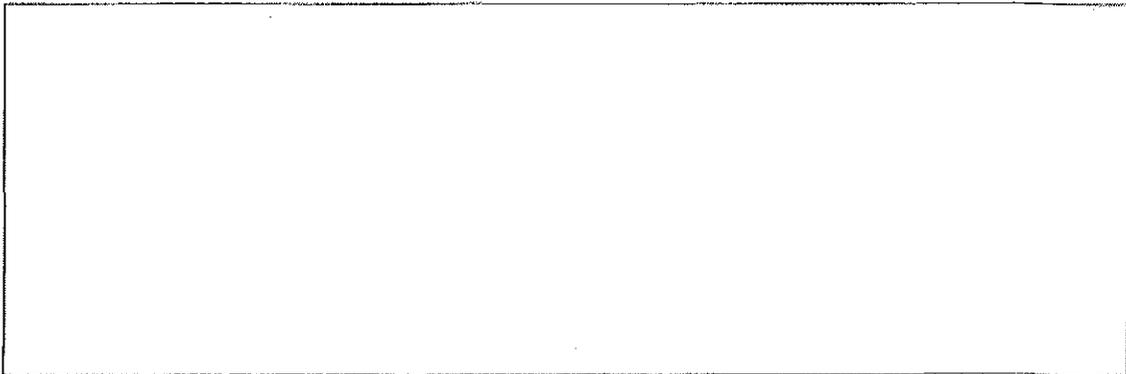
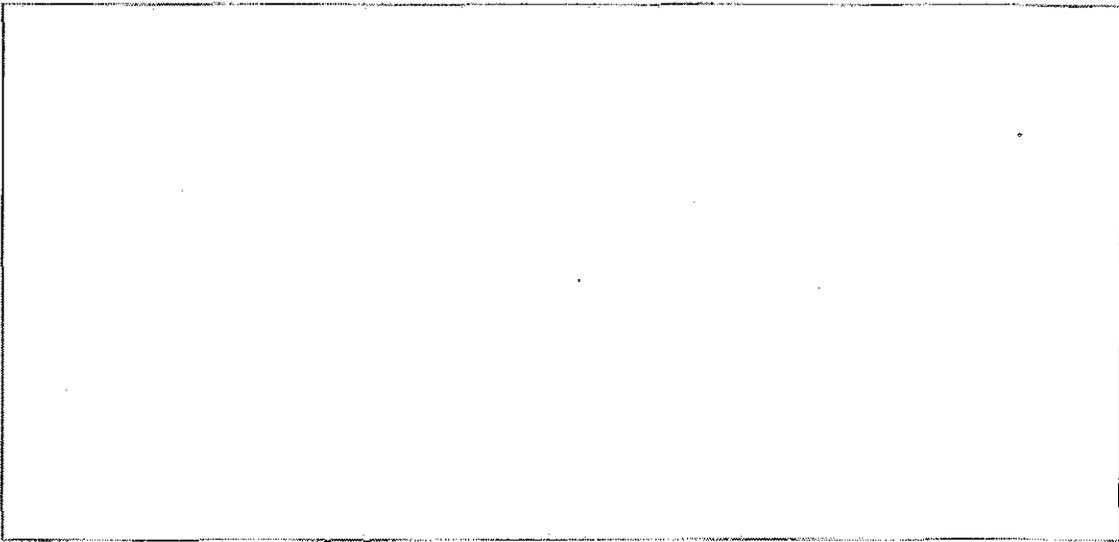
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To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)
Cc: Martin, Leah A (Athens)
Subject: RE: FW: Scensesetter for NEA A/S Feltman's Visit to Athens - May 21

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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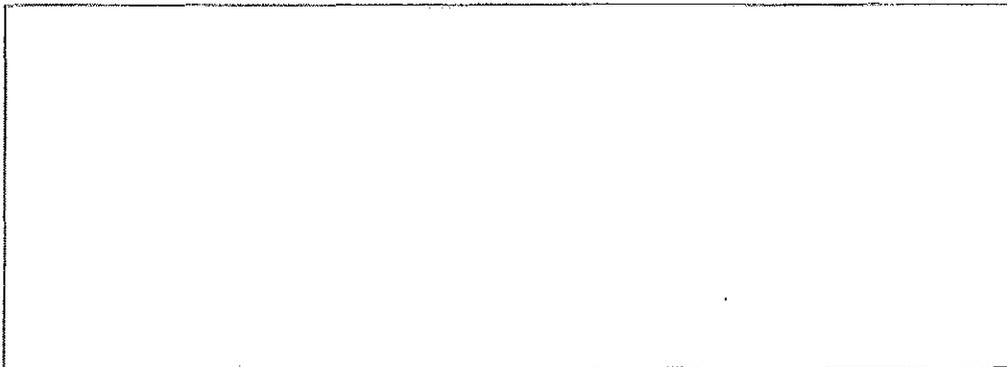
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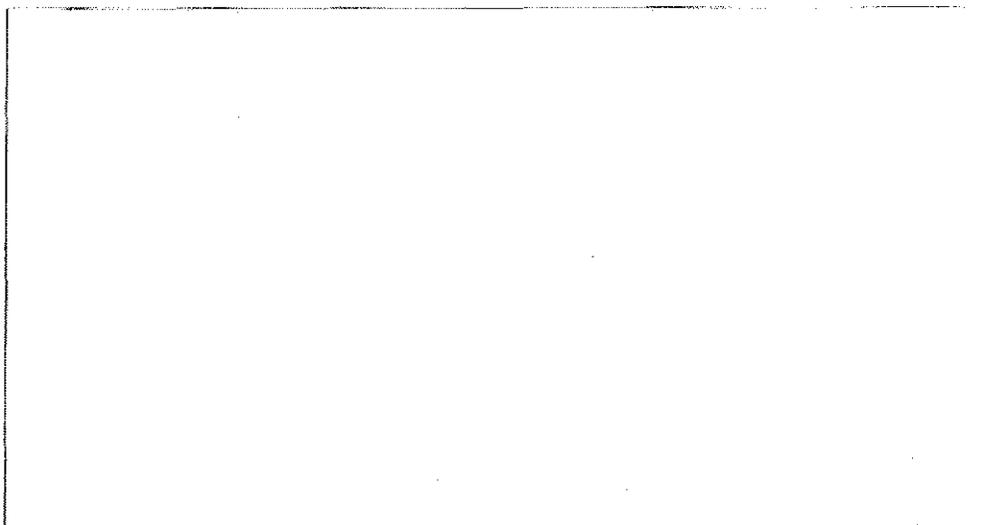


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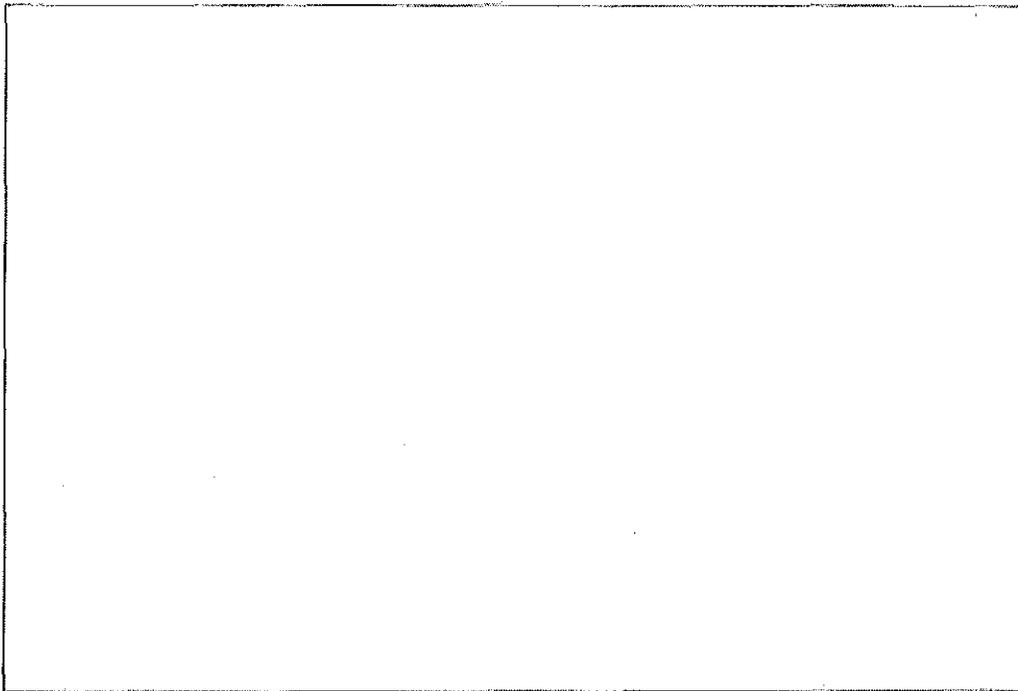


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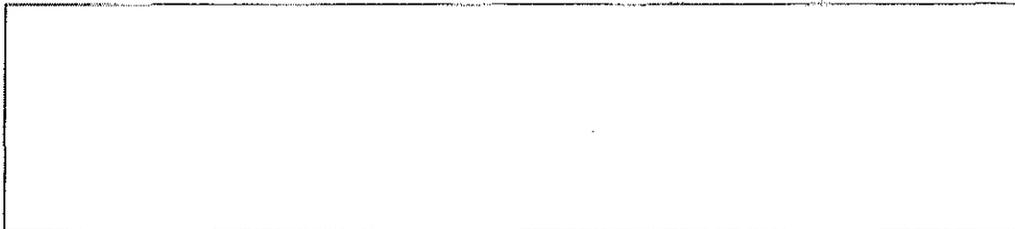
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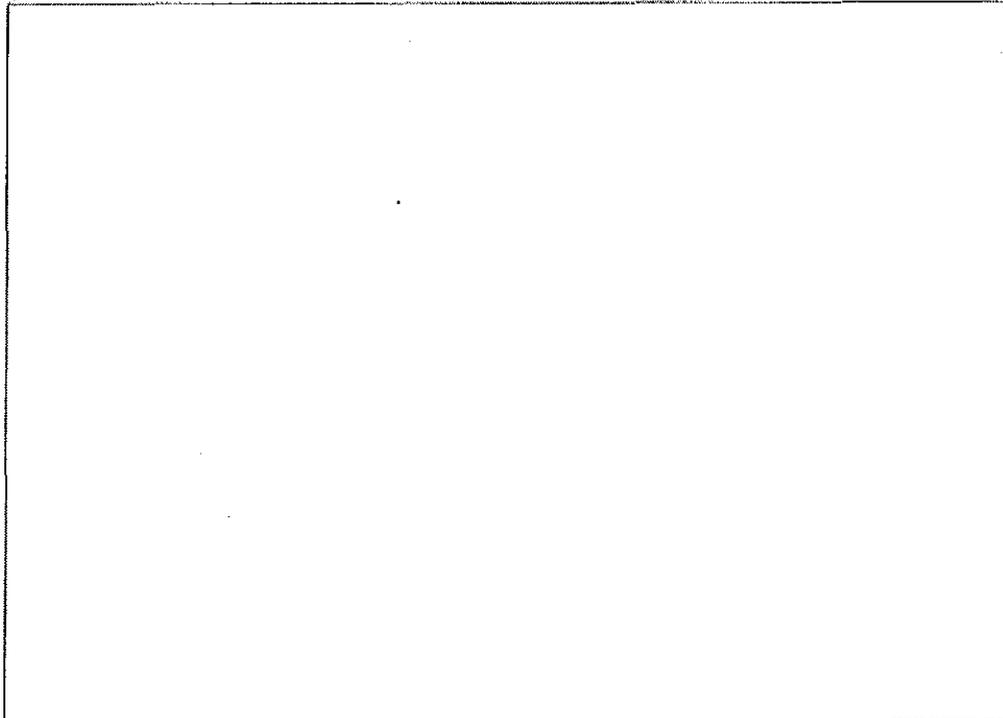
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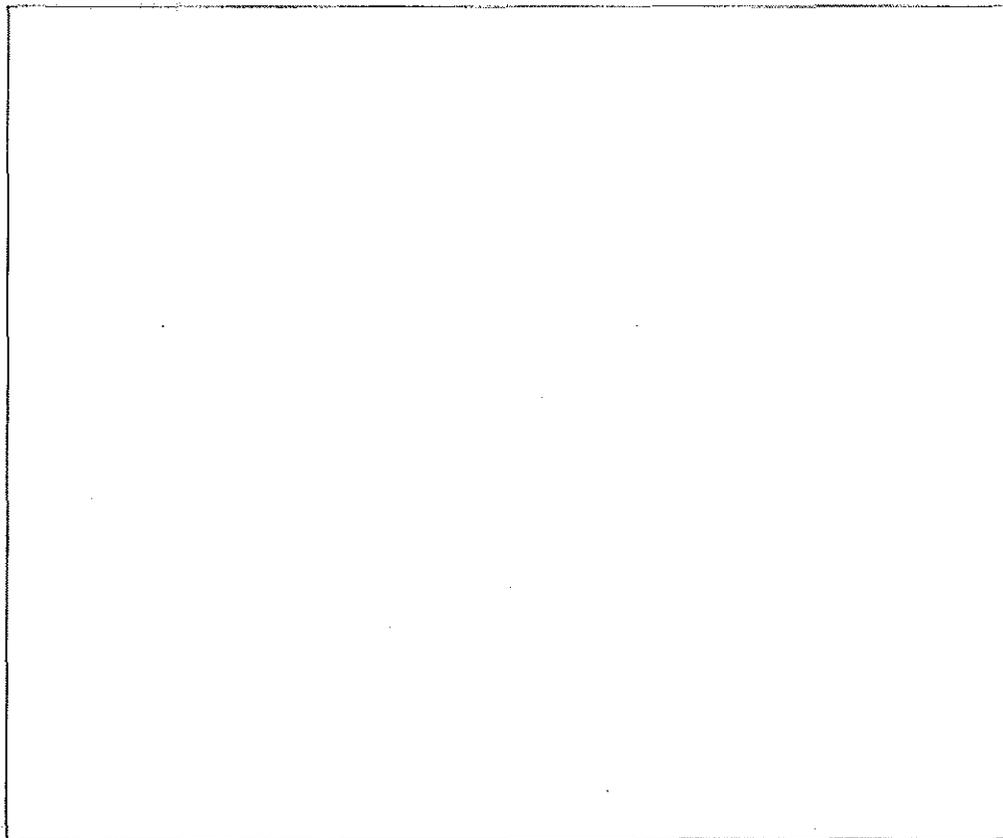
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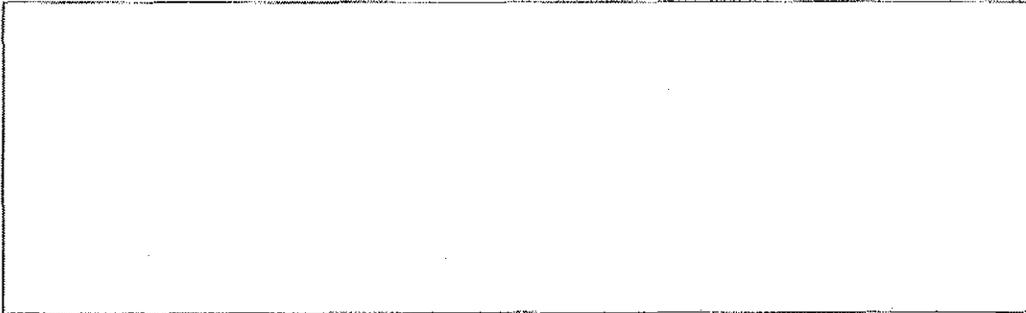
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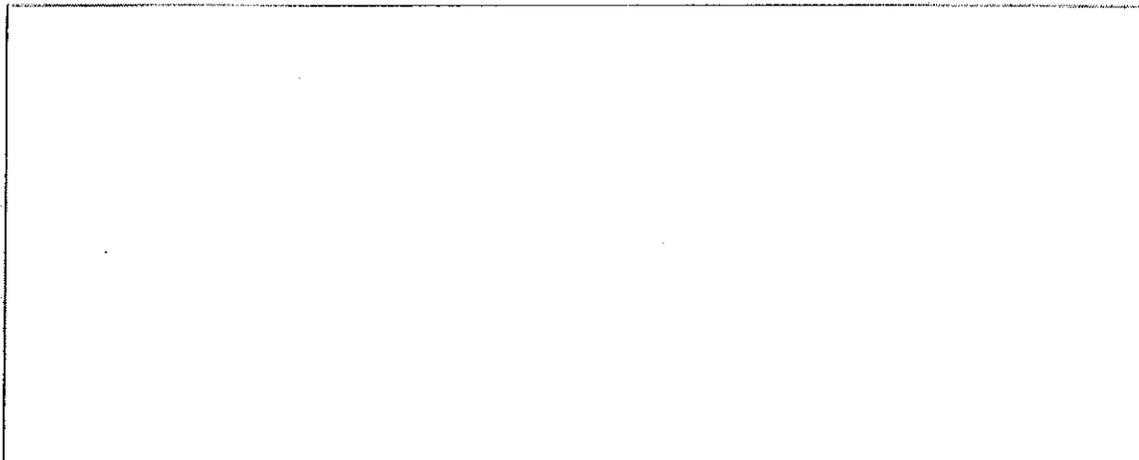
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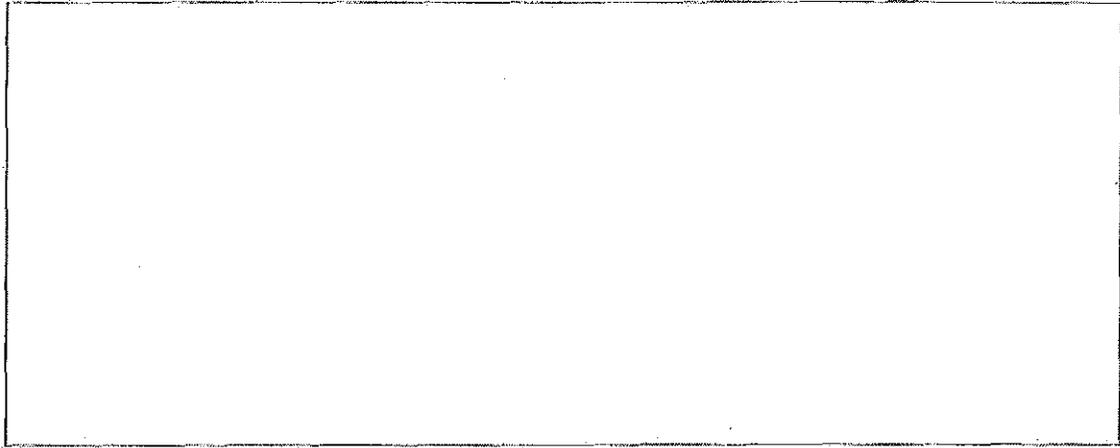


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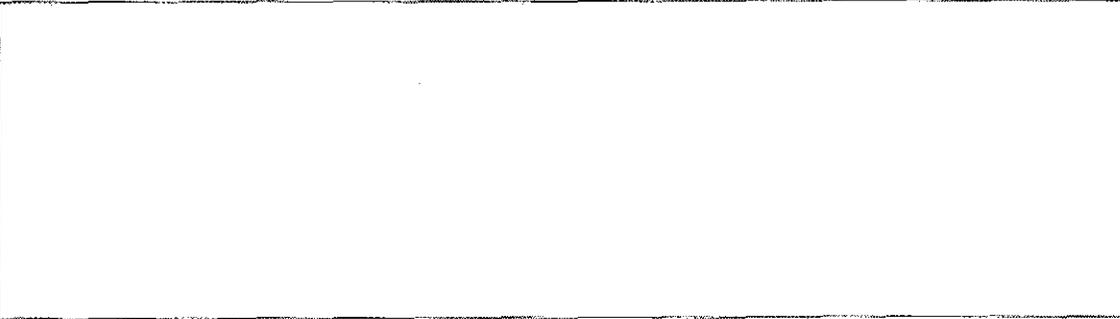
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- **(C) French Group Announces Plan to Participate in Gaza Flotilla:** A private French group announced May 10 their plans to depart from Marseille at the end of June to join the "flotilla for Gaza." Organizers claim some elected French officials and 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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Subject: GREECE: REPORTING REQUEST FOR GAZA FLOTILLA-RELATED
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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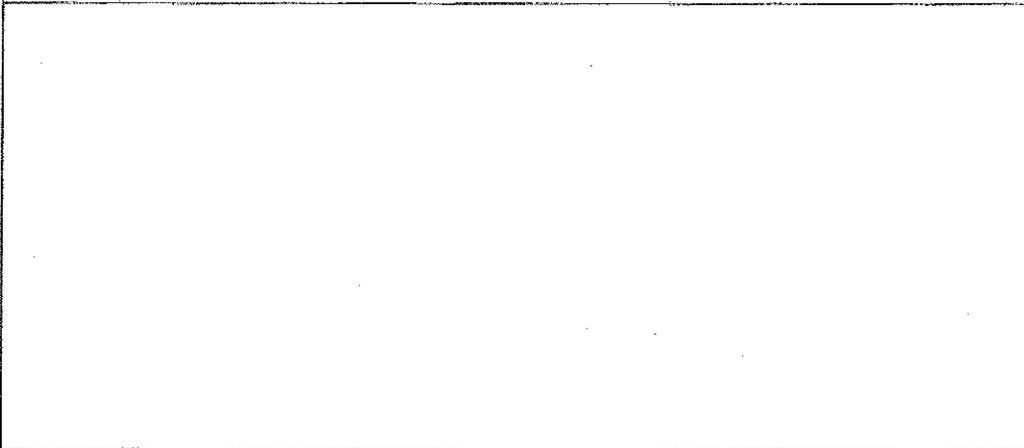
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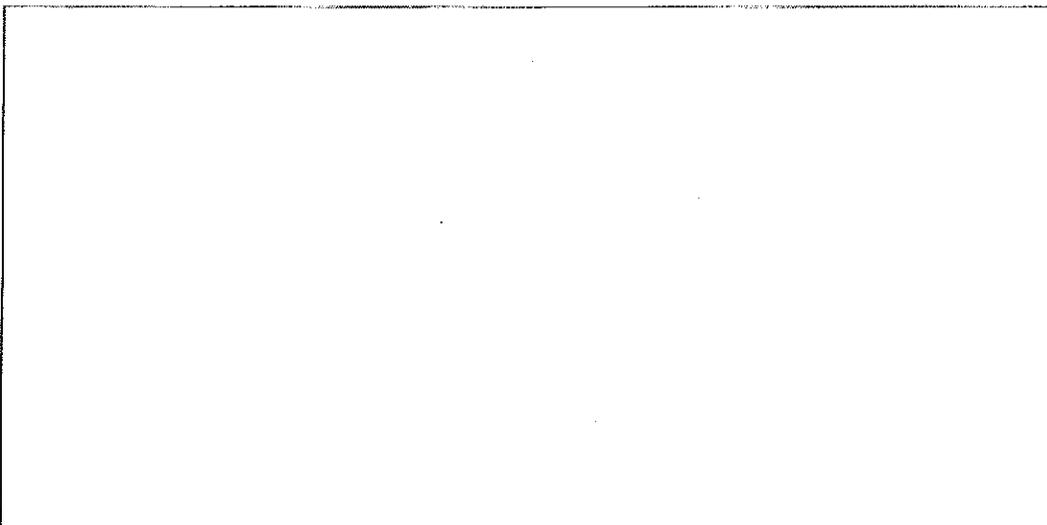
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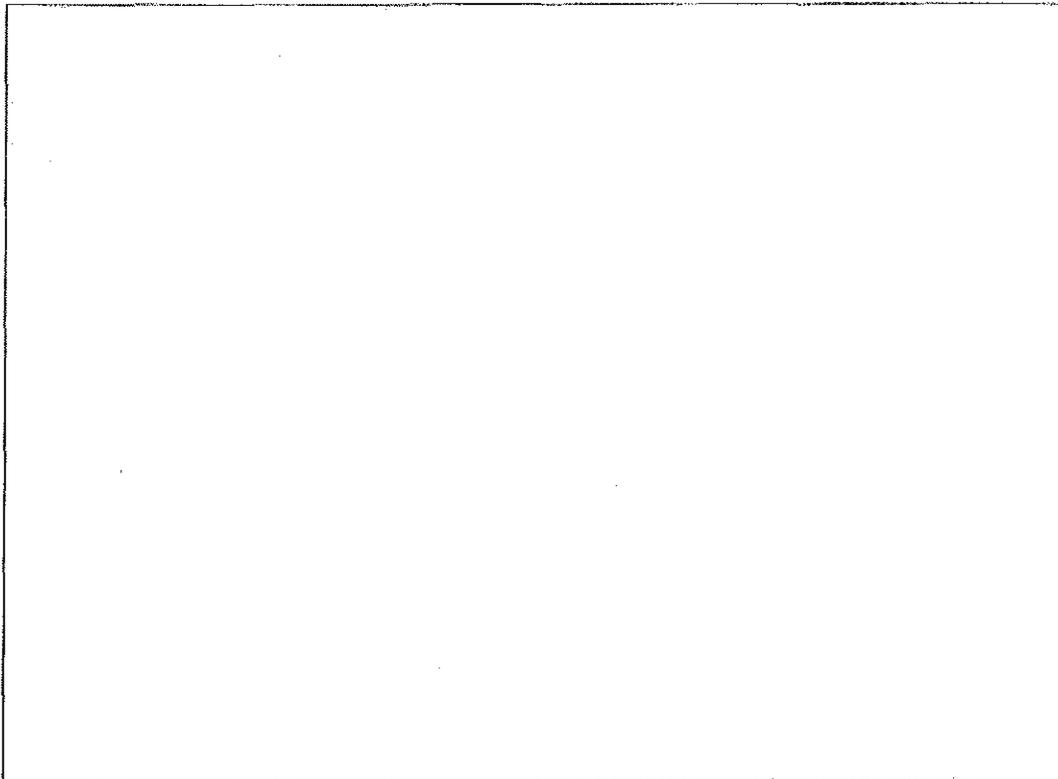
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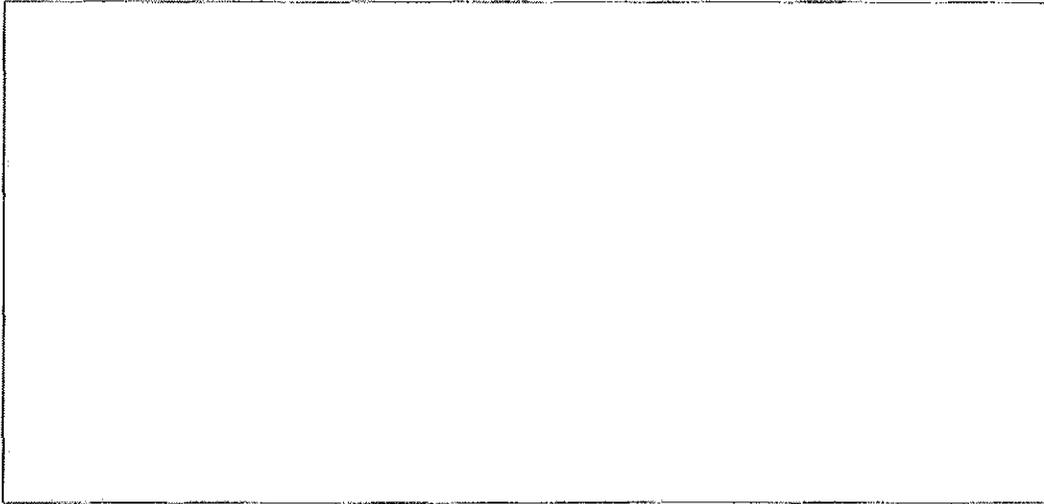
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Please see my high-slide e-mail on actions the GOL is taking to prevent the ship's departure.

Jeremy Cornforth
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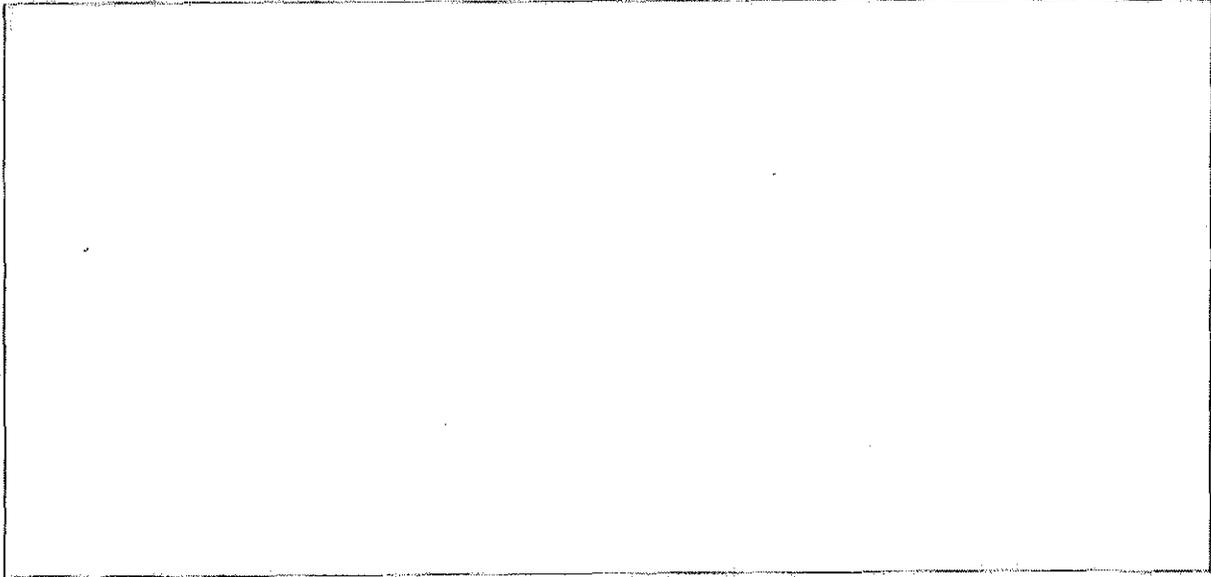
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PHILELEFTHEROS (Maria Psatha) reports from Athens that Freedom Flotilla II will attempt to reach Gaza by the end of the year. The organizers announced that vessels from Greece, Turkey, Sweden, England, Ireland, Spain, France, Italy, Switzerland, the 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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Paragraph 11 is of particular interest. n

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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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June 4, 2010

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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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."

Goushe, Saffie

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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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U.S. Department of State
Tel: 202-647-5120
rileyri@shite.gov

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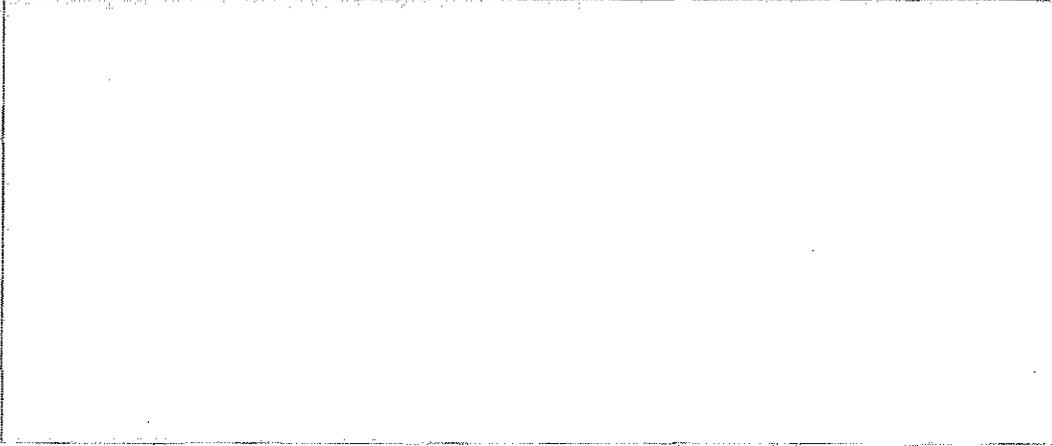
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UNITED STATES EMBASSY, NICOSIA, CYPRUS
Thursday, May 16, 2013

REACTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL'S ATTACK..... 2



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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.

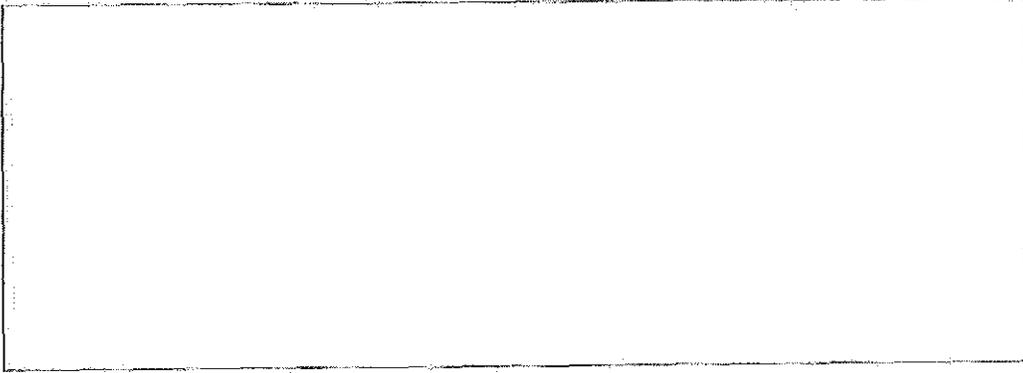
"President" Eroglu and "PM" Irsen Kucuk sent condolence messages to Turkish PM Tayyip Erdogan and President Abdullah Gul regarding the terrorist attack in Iskenderun.

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.

G/C PRESS SUMMARY JUNE 2, 2010

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.

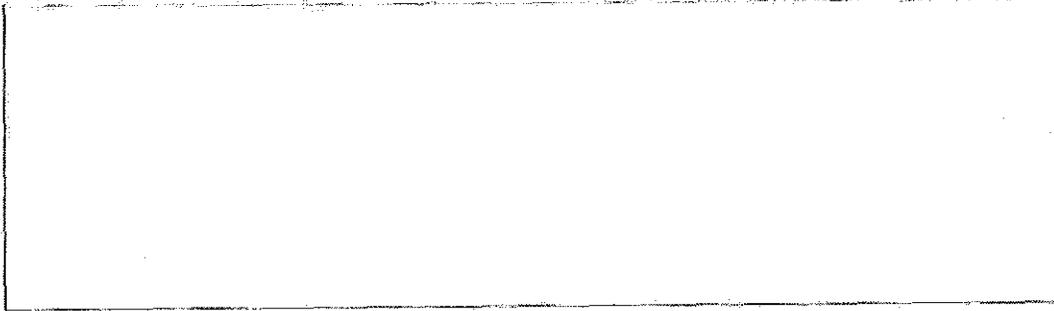
ALITHIA notes that in its communication with "*Rachel Corrie*," the Israeli authorities used the previous name of the boat, "*Linda*."

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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Goushe, Saffie

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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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Goushe, Saffie

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
To: Sindle, James M; Jacoby, Julia I; Goldberger, Thomas H; Tsou, Leslie M; Evans, Jennifer R; Shampaine, Nicole D; Riggs, Susan J; Silverman, Robert 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; Wallis, Jacob; Daughton, Thomas F (Beirut); Schedlbauer, Amy W; Cornforth, Jeremy A; Grubb, Jason B
Subject: Israeli Defense Ministry Statement on "MARIAM"

ISRAEL RADIO NEWS IS RUNNING THE BARAK STATEMENT AS ITS LEAD ITEM AT THE TOP OF THE HOUR NEWSFLASH.

HOWEVER, AS DISTINCT FROM THE YNET REPORT, THE RADIO VERSION LEADS THE ITEM WITH BARAK'S STATEMENT ASKING MEMBERS [unnamed] OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE ON THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT THE "PROVOCATION FLOTILLA" FROM SETTING SAIL.

YNET 16:58 , 08.20.10

Barak: Lebanon must stop Gaza sail

Defense minister urges Beirut to stop Gaza-bound Mifiam, set to sail Sunday; says sail an 'act of provocation,' ship will not be allowed to reach Strip

Roni Spfer

Defense Minister Ehud Barak urged Beirut Friday to stop the Lebanese ship carrying women activists who announced they will try and reach the Gaza Strip, in an attempt to breach its blockade.

In a statement released by the Defense Ministry, Barak urged Lebanon to "exercise responsibility and stop the Gaza-bound flotilla set to leave its waters."

The sail, set to leave on Sunday, "Has nothing to do with humanitarian aid and is an act of hostile provocation, with all it entails."

Barak stressed that Israel will allow the ship to dock in Ashdod or Egypt, but will have no choice but to stop it, should it try to reach Gaza.

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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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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".

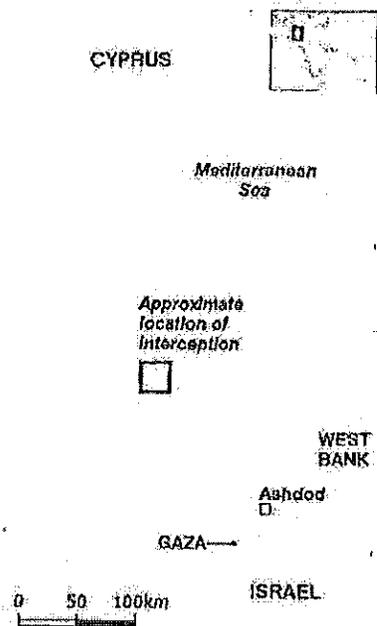
But Greta Berlin, a director of the Free Gaza Movement, said the claim that IHH has links to radical Islamist groups was "utterly scurrilous".

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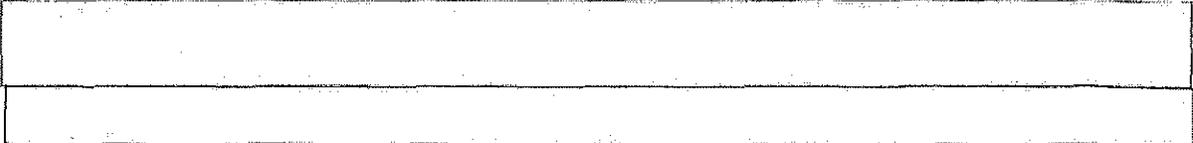
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From: Netos, Eleftherios E
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 12:15 PM
To: Sindle, James M
Cc: Riley, Robert J; Marsh, Denise M; Goodman, Ilan A; Allison, Alicia P; Stewart, Nan E; Hanrahan, Richard F
Subject: RE: Two Additional Ships Heading to Gaza

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,

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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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From: [redacted]
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; [redacted] Sidhu, Apar S; Briganti, Jeanne M; 'roland.deglain@fas.usda.gov'; '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; Carnie, 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; 'jmalma@fas.usda.gov'; 'Leslie_Yang@USTR.EOP.GOV'; 'David.Weiner@ustr.eop.gov'; Lopez, Diana V; 'christina.brown@mail.doc.gov'; 'maryruthcoleman@fas.usda.gov'; '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; [redacted] '@usdelmc.army.mil'; 'john.florio@do.treas.gov'; Parker-Burns, Susan M; 'B3 DOD-CP' 'carrie.weintraub@fas.usda.gov'; 'mjnngs@fas.usda.gov'; 'Erin_McConaha@ustr.eop.gov'; 'emanuela.politi@mail.doc.gov'; Garnakellis, Ourania (No E-mail); 'Elisa.Wagner@fas.usda.gov'; Alford, Edward M; Armstrong, Bruce W; Becker, John P (EUR); BerlinPA@state.gov; Boegl, Martina; Brazell, Paul C; Brown, Donald L; Conway, Craig M; Dadswell, Jacqueline; DeVolder, Pammella S; Dorband, Jana; Fisher, David L; Hall, Anna E; Heinen-Koesters, Bettina; Huendorf, Geertje; IRC, Frankfurt; Izomoh, Patricia; Kim, Su Nam; Kischitzki, Josephin; Kleiber, Heike; Koster, Nikolaus A; Kowalik, Joachim; Liston, Timothy E; Luebeck, Elke E; Martin, Michael B; Mason-Rusch, M Jean; Mills, Pete J; Mitschke, Raimo A; Moeller, Christian; Moeller, William E; Petersen, Shane M; Peterson, Chad S; Pidala, Marianne A; Relk, T. Joe; Ryschka, Andreas; Schulz, Julia; Schulz, Thorsten; Seward, James W; Spitz, Petra M; Voss, Cornelia; Wagner, David G; White, Ashley M; Wieland, Walter; Zeschitz, Renate; 'Rachel.Wolfe'; 'Daryl.Brehm@fas.usda.gov'; 'AnneMarie.Pellerin@dhs.gov'; Vielra, Laura S; Lau, Sonia; Strano, Andrea V; 'Lashonda.mcleod@usda.gov'; Chomiak-Salvi, Tania B; 'PBittner@cpsc.gov'; 'Beryl.Blecher@mail.doc.gov'; 'Beatrice.Pipitone'; 'bill.barry@nasa.gov'; 'Miriam.Sapiro@ustr.eop.gov'; 'Alex.Rankin@mail.doc.gov'; 'Stephen.Ostrowski@ustr.eop.gov'; 'Allison.Carragher@ustr.eop.gov'; 'christopher.t.friefeld@ugov.gov'; 'christopher.t.friefeld@ugov.gov'; Gyskiewicz, Carrie A; 'sandrineuseupa@gmail.com'; 'David.Weiner@ustr.eop.gov'; 'John.Smith@do.treas.gov'; 'Eytan.Fisch@do.treas.gov'

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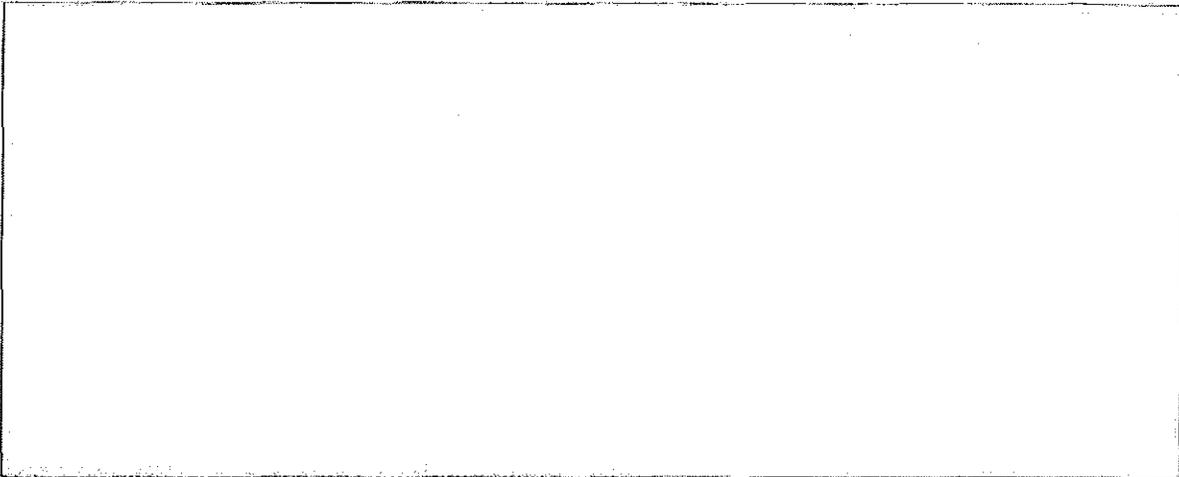


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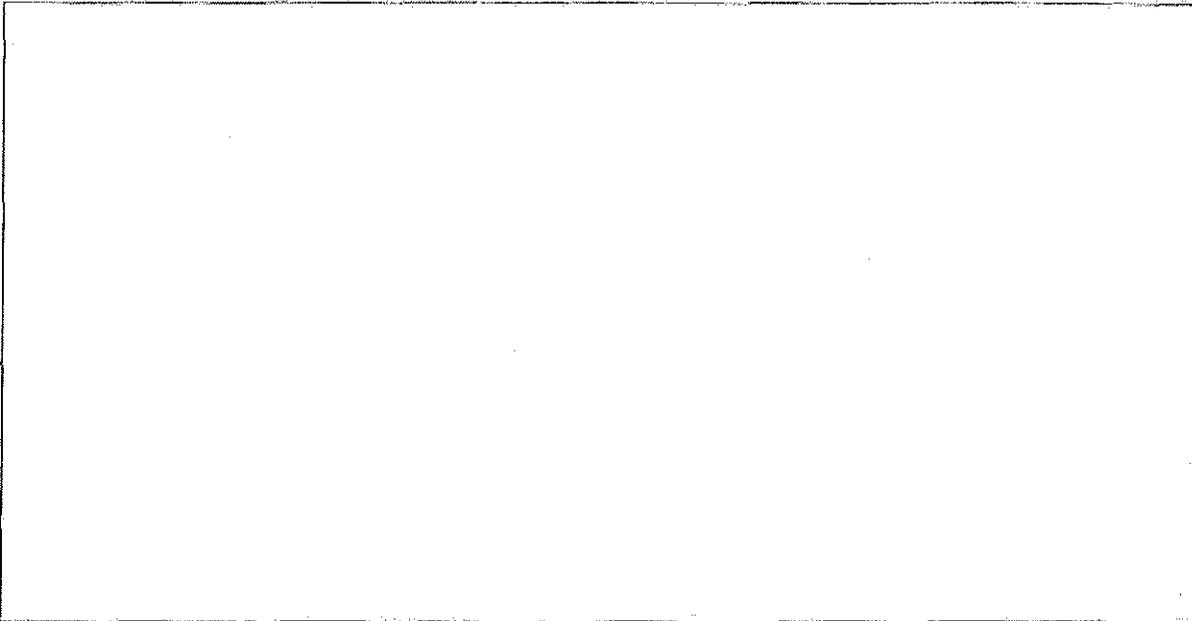
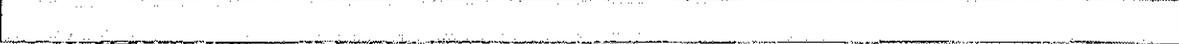
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Israel blocking contact with flotilla detainees: sister

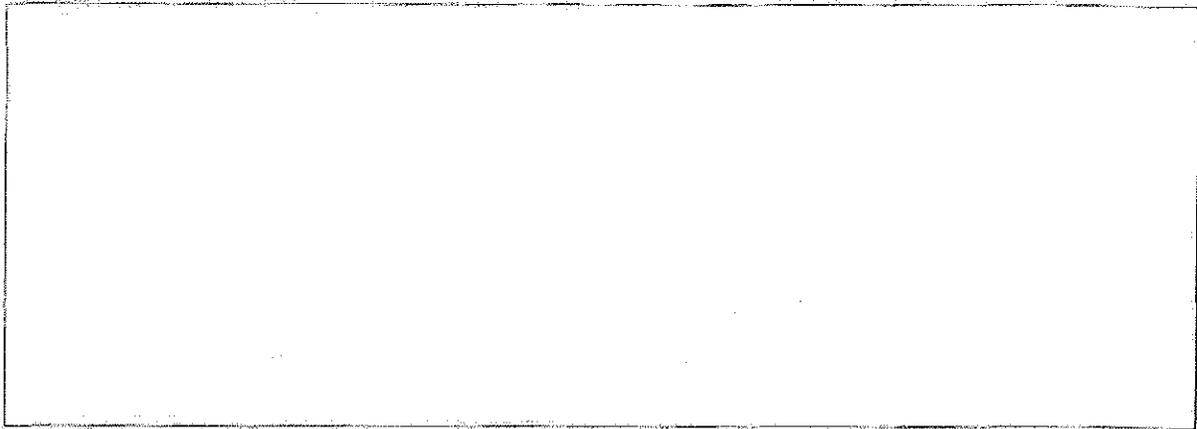


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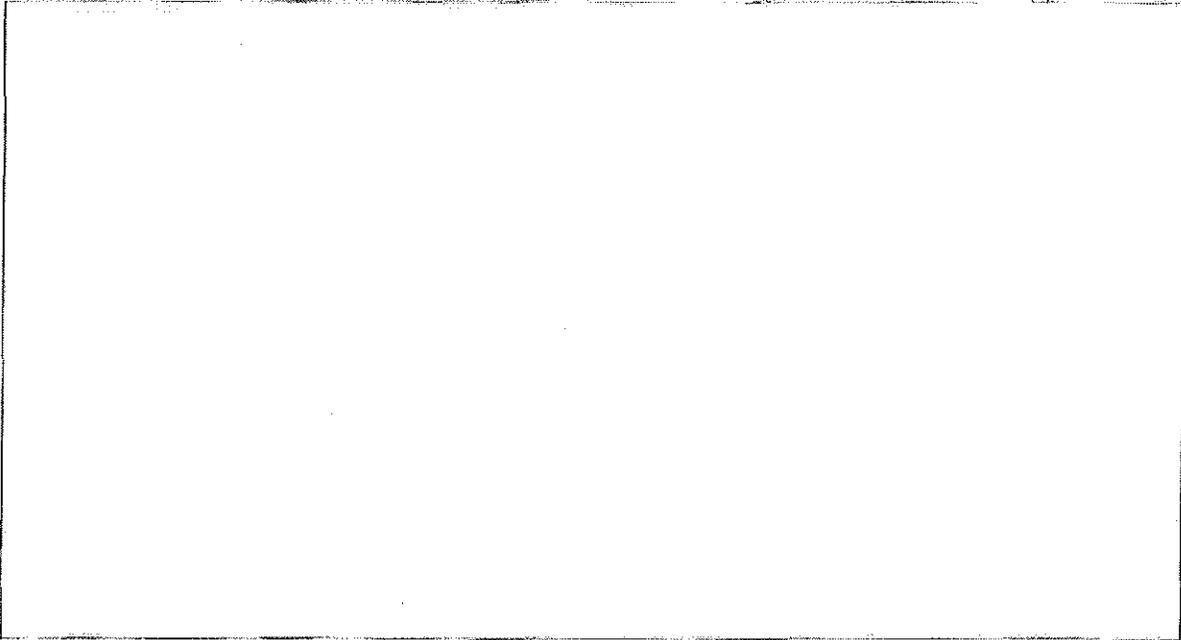
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Israel blocking contact with flotilla detainees: sister

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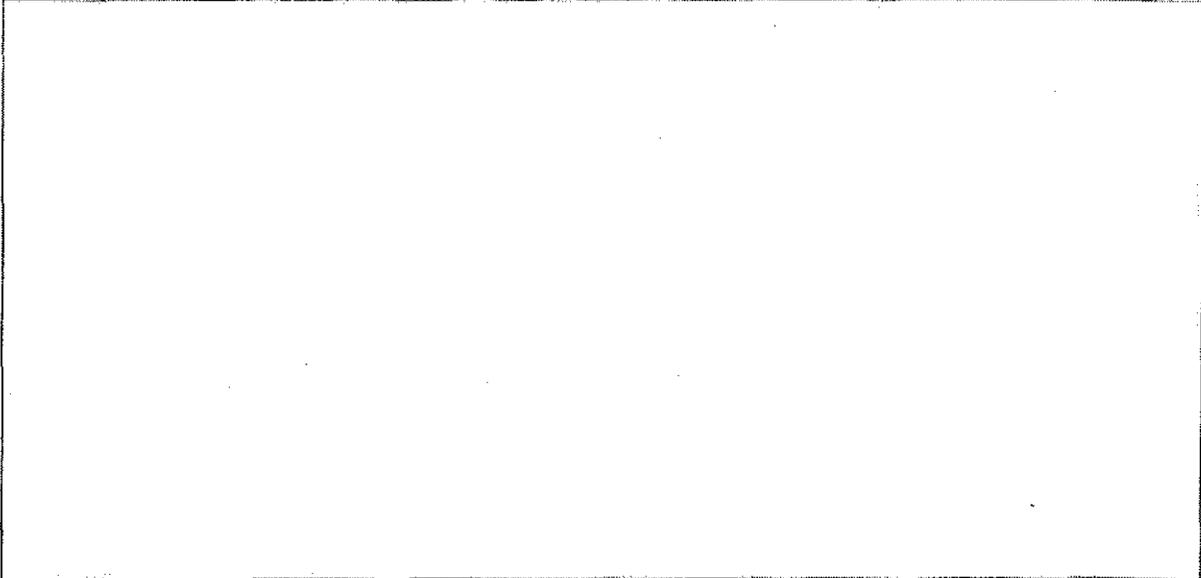
EU condemns deadly assault against international peace flotilla sailing to Gaza and calls for unconditional lifting of blockade and inquiry

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".

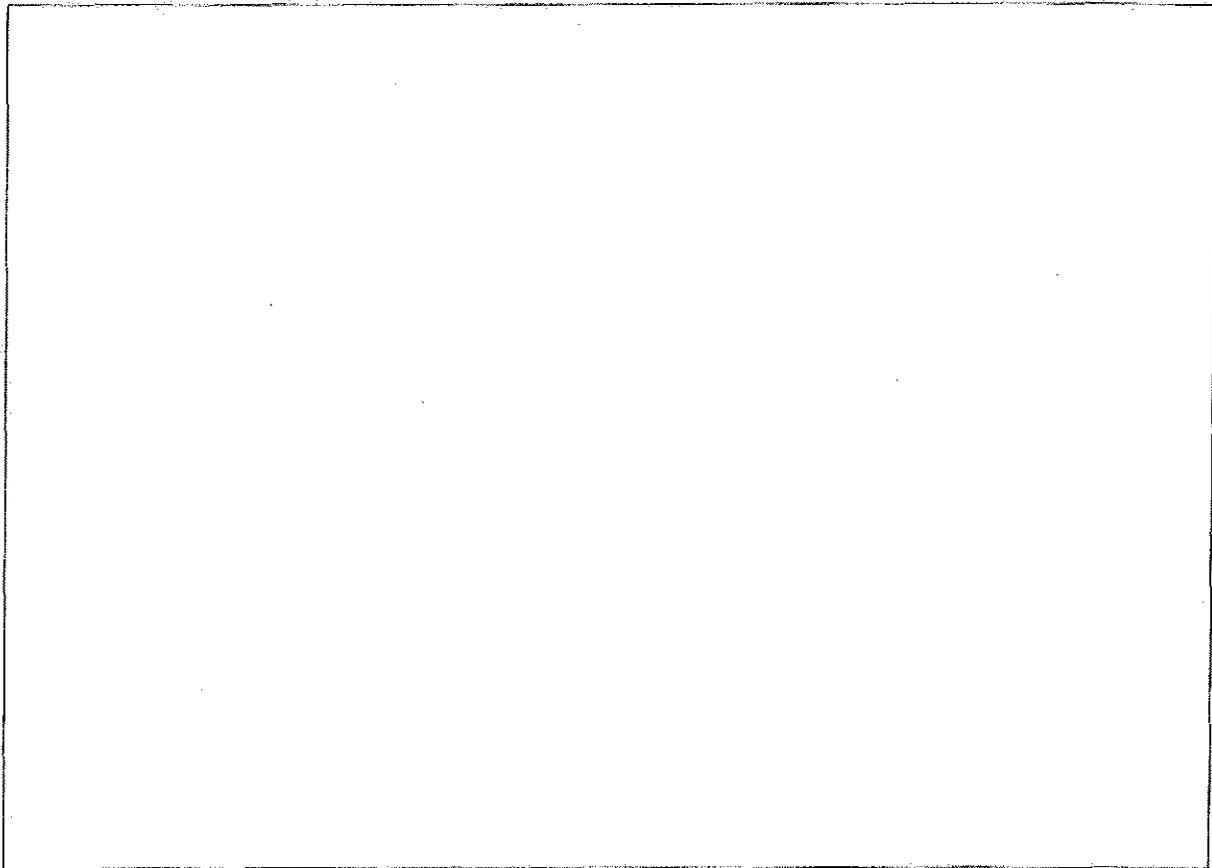
EU demands inquiry into Israeli military action

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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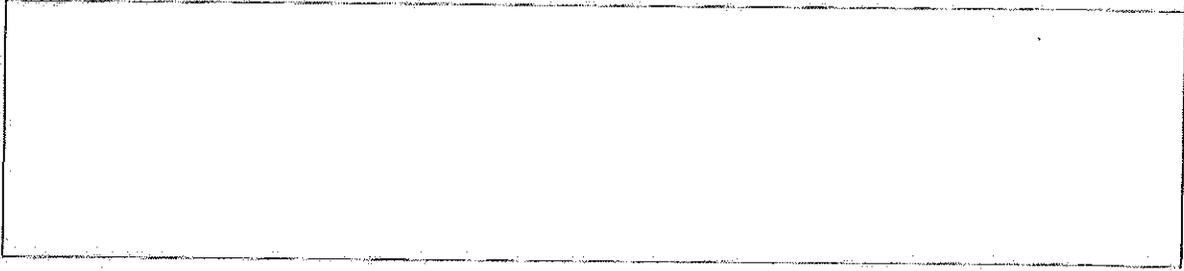


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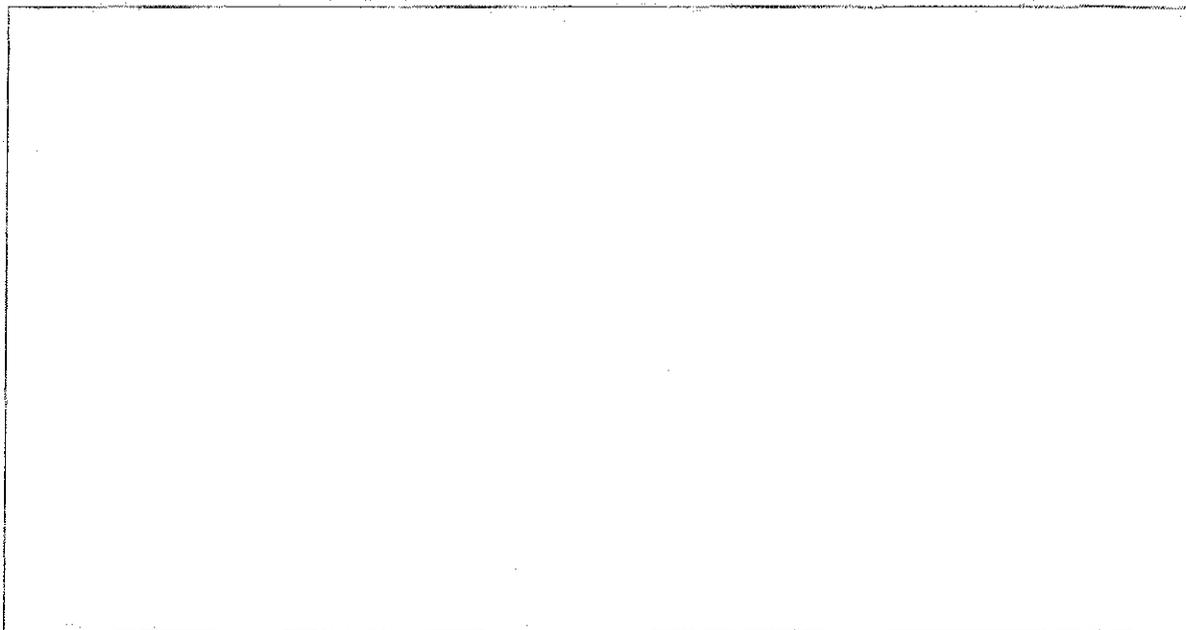
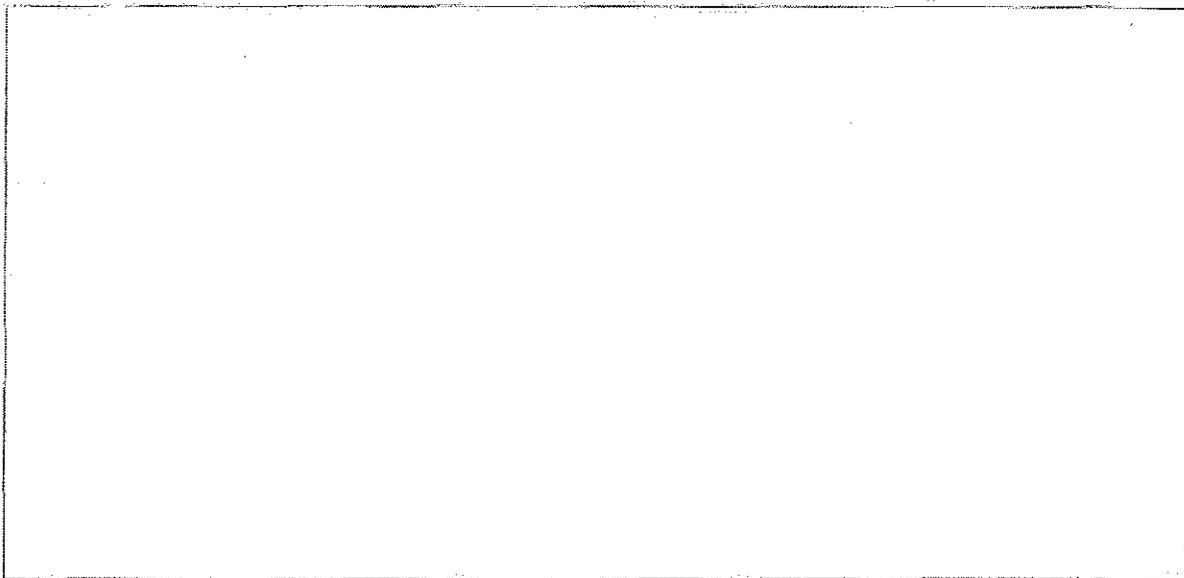
EU/ISRAEL: Member states hope for relaxation of Gaza blockade "in next few days" - EU, ready to play role, is examining "options"

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.



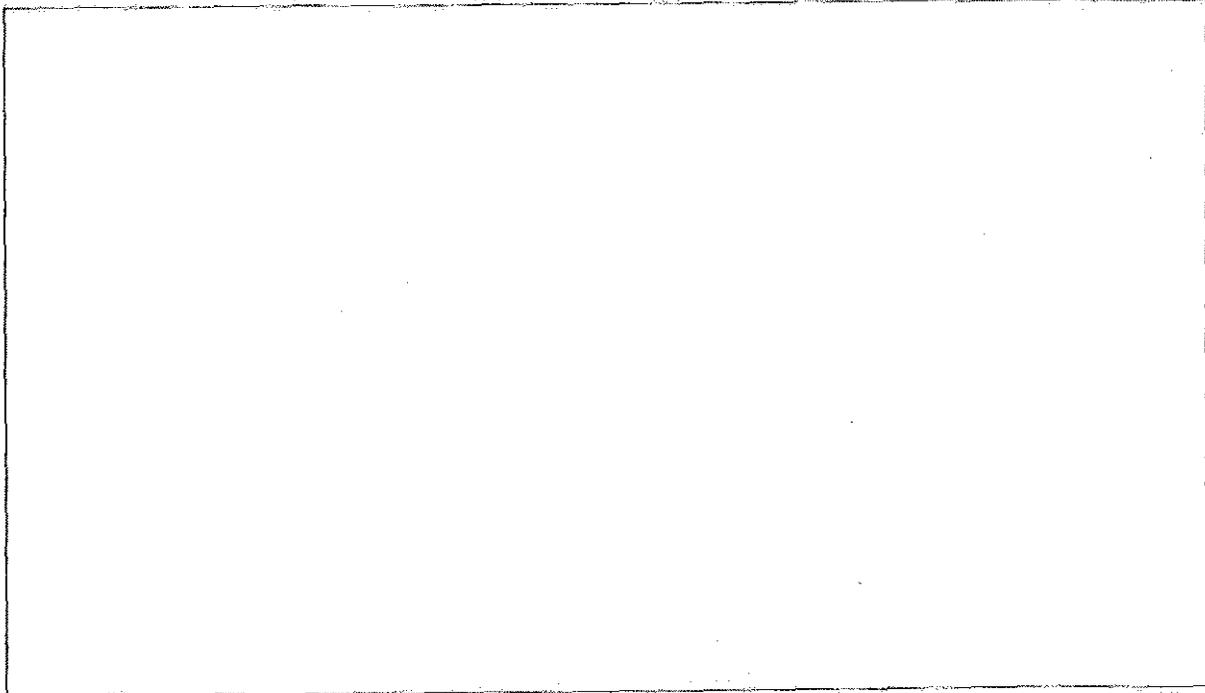
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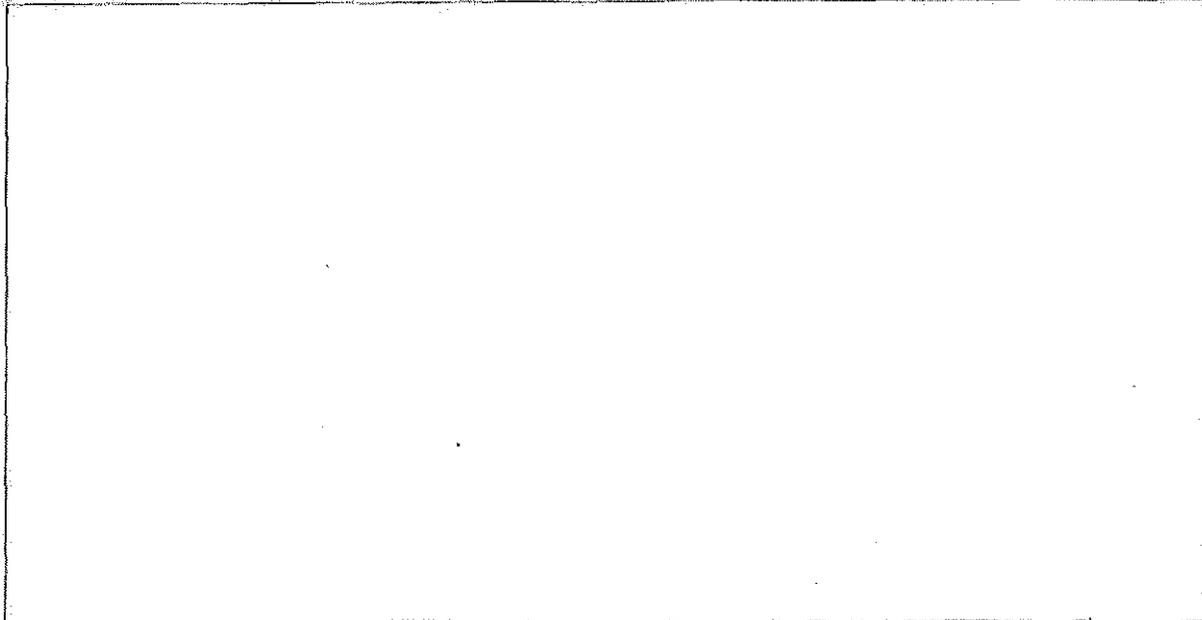
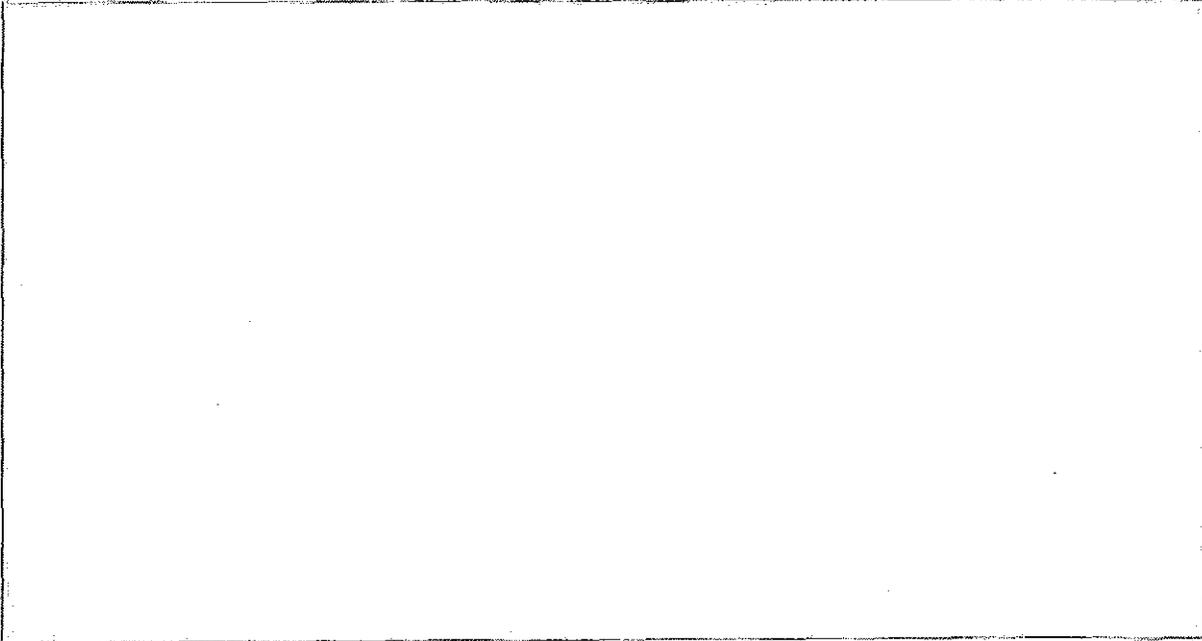


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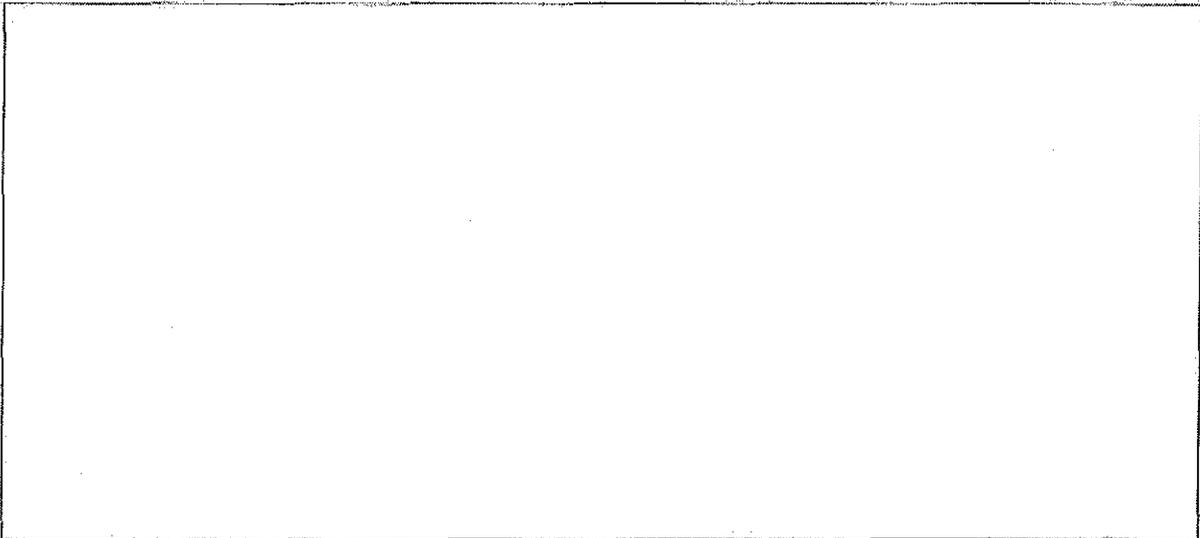
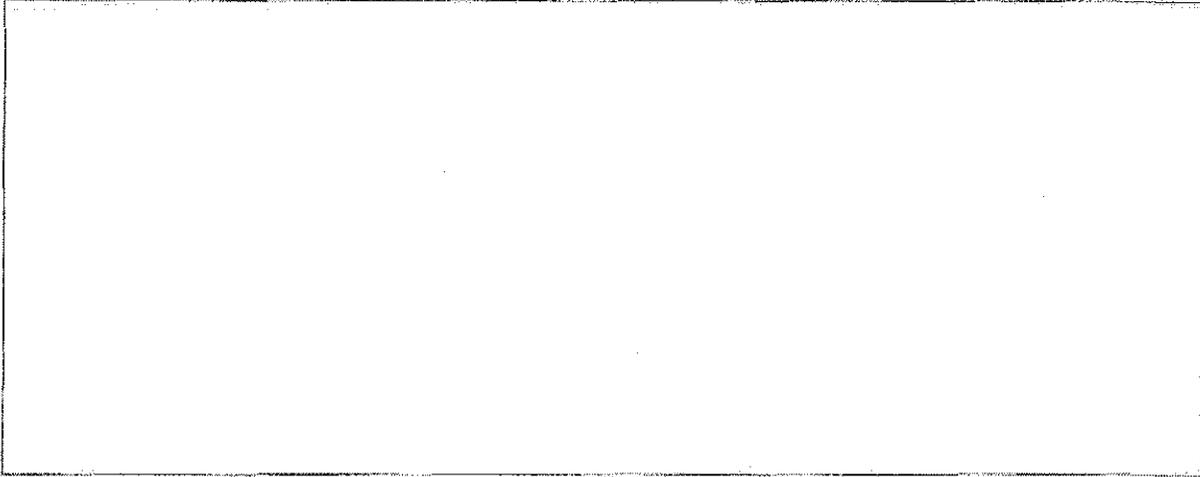


Ambassador from Arab League feels "humiliated" by EU declaration on Gaza

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.

EU may send naval mission towards Gaza: Ashton

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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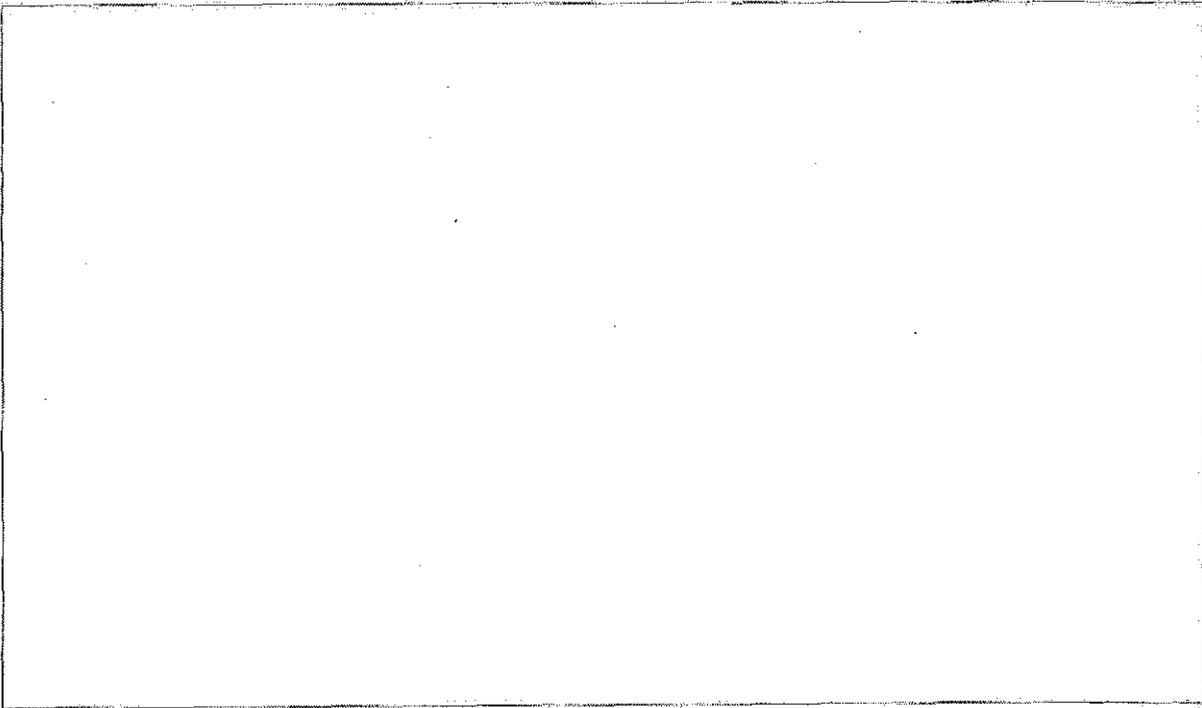


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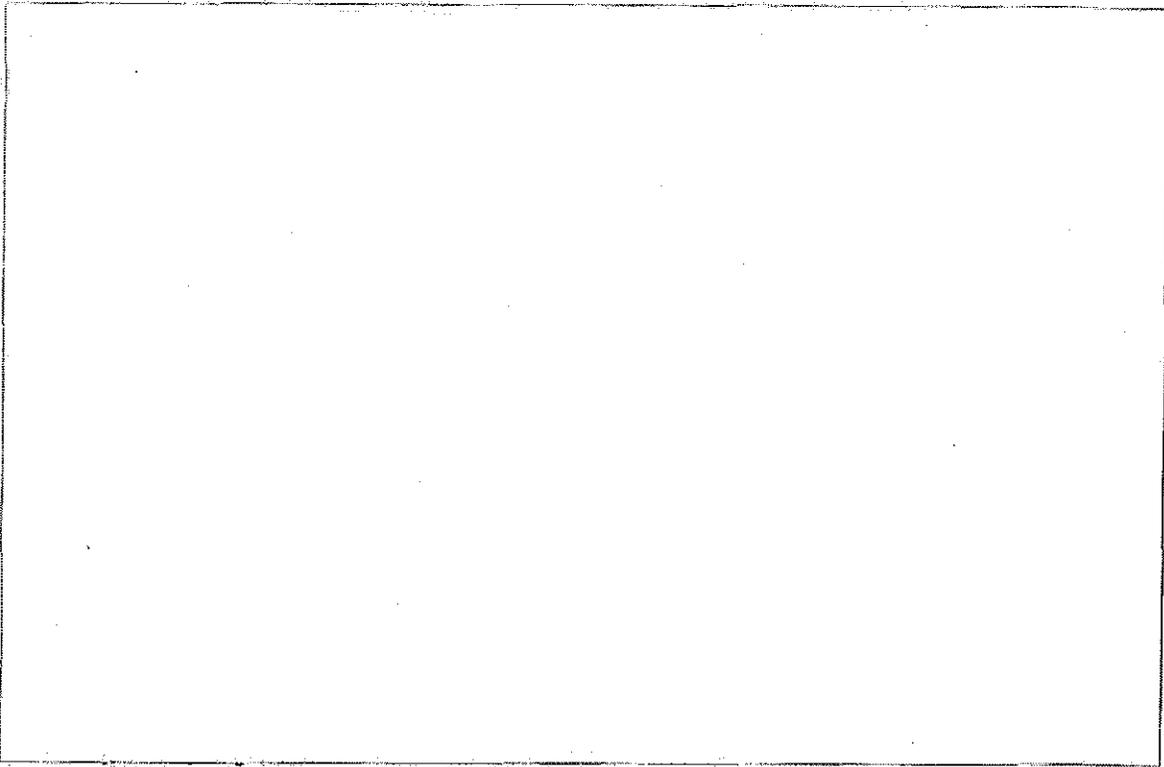
JERUSALEM (AP, June 17) - Israel agreed Thursday to ease its three-year-old land blockade of the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip, hoping to quell international outrage over its deadly raid on a flotilla bound for the Palestinian territory. In one of the major changes, Israel will allow in more desperately needed 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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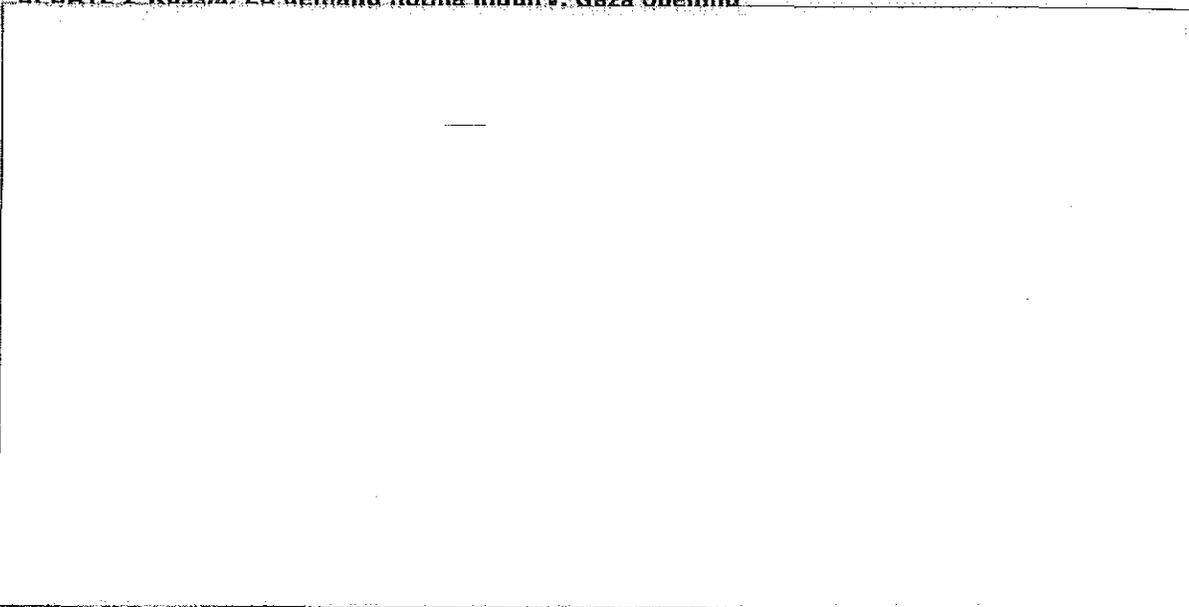
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EU ready to intensify efforts to lift Gaza blockade: Ashton

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

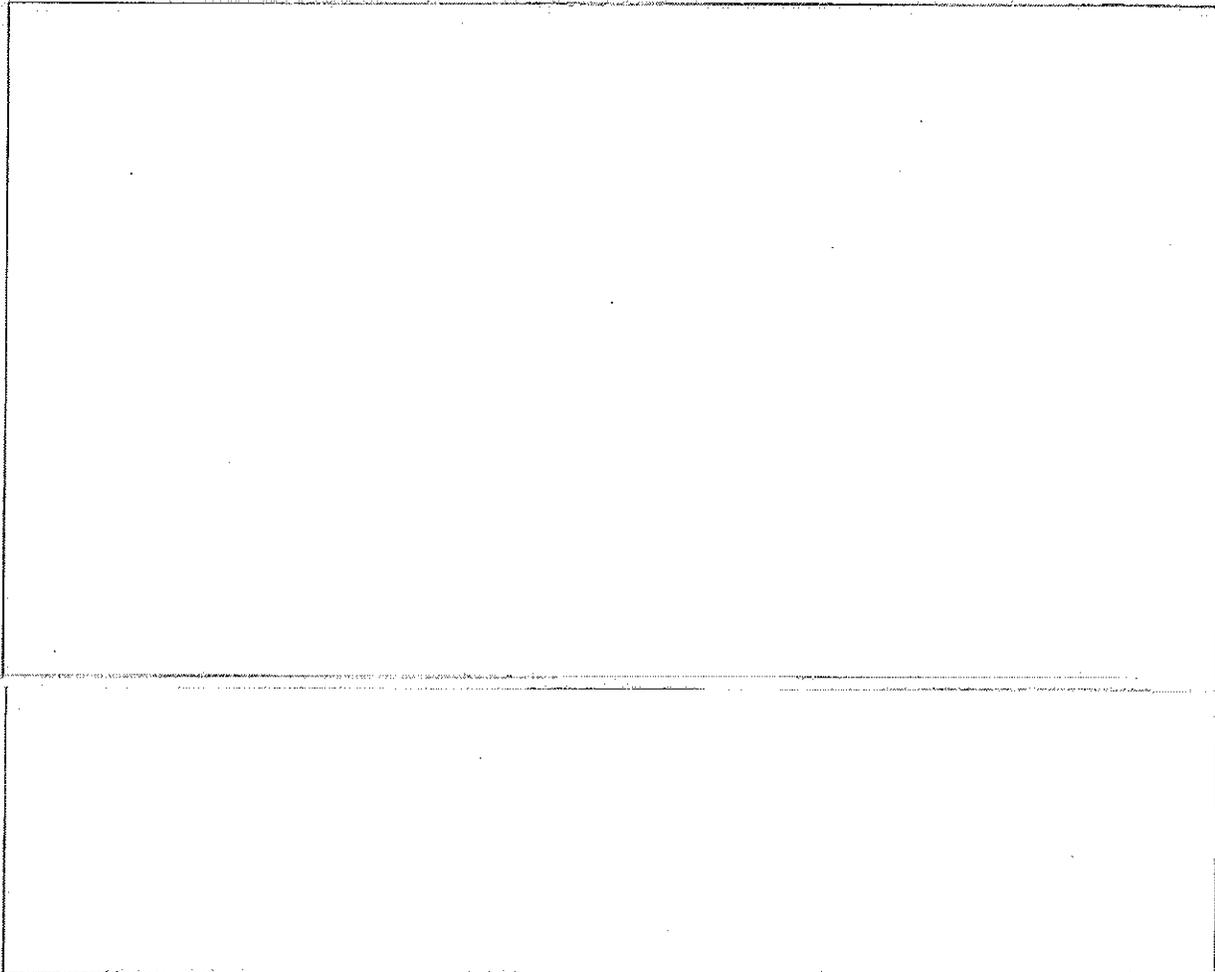
The Guardian (June 1, 2010) Israel's calculated gamble in sending commandos to raid the Mediterranean flotilla looked likely last night to exact a high price, leaving it increasingly isolated internationally and diplomatically and losing the vital public relations war in the Middle East. The first and 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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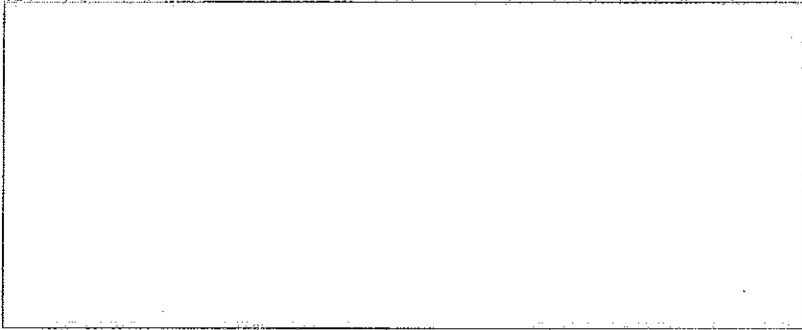


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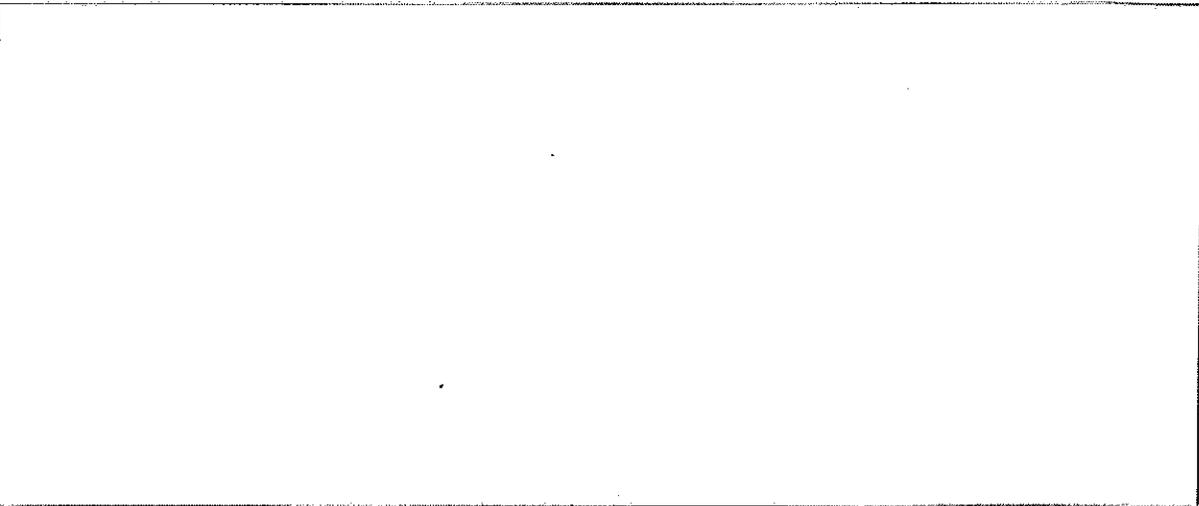
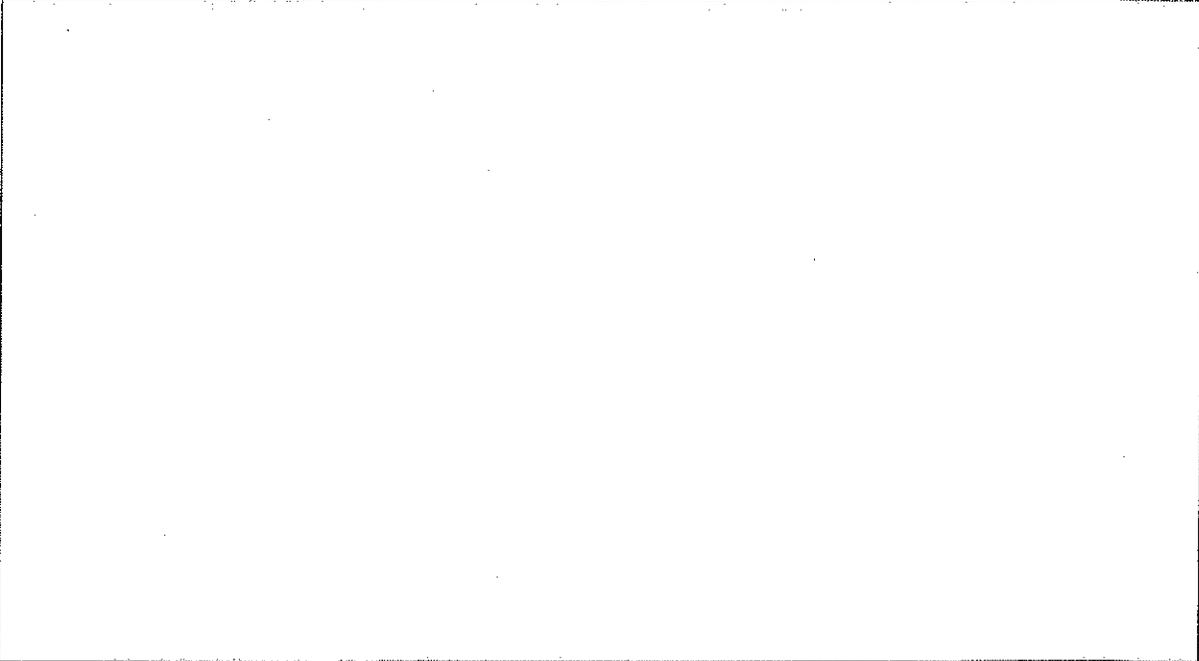
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EU/MIDDLE EAST: Liebermann invites EU ministers to visit Gaza



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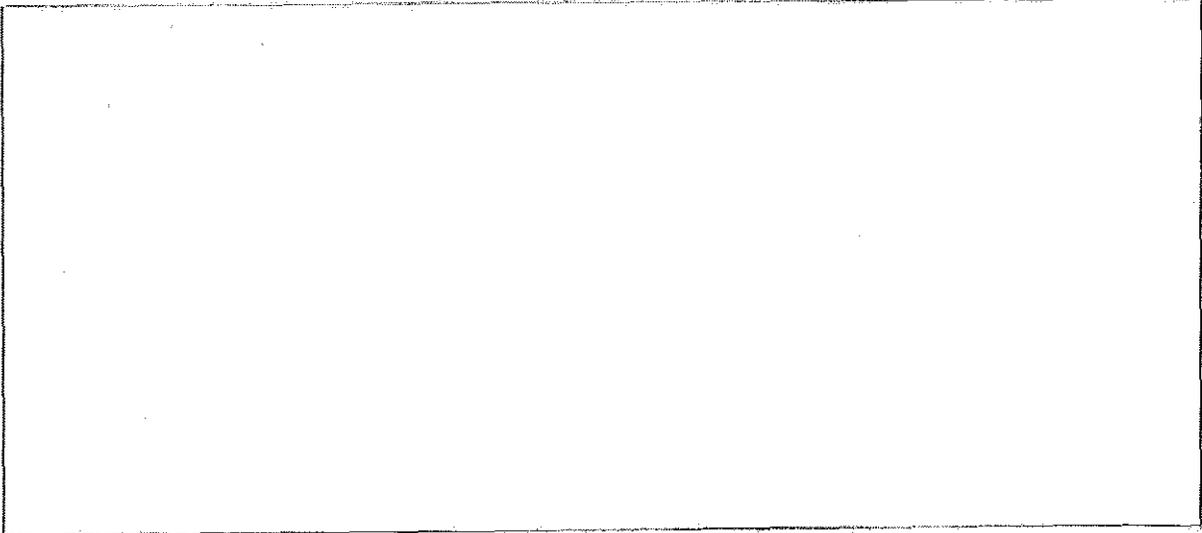
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EU/MIDDLE EAST: Liebermann invites EU ministers to visit Gaza

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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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

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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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Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group MGGZ01
Wednesday, June 2, 2010
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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:
http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza_Flotilla_2010

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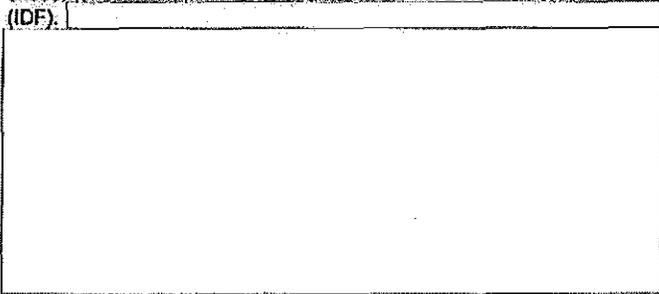
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1. (U) This is an action request. All action addressees are asked to use paragraph 3 points at their discretion, depending on whether there are individuals or vessels from host countries participating in flotillas bound for Gaza, or as they otherwise 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.

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

—We are also expressing to Israel the need for careful planning 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

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

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6. (C/REL GREECE) FOR EMBASSY ATHENS:

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7. (S/REL TURKEY) FOR EMBASSY ANKARA:

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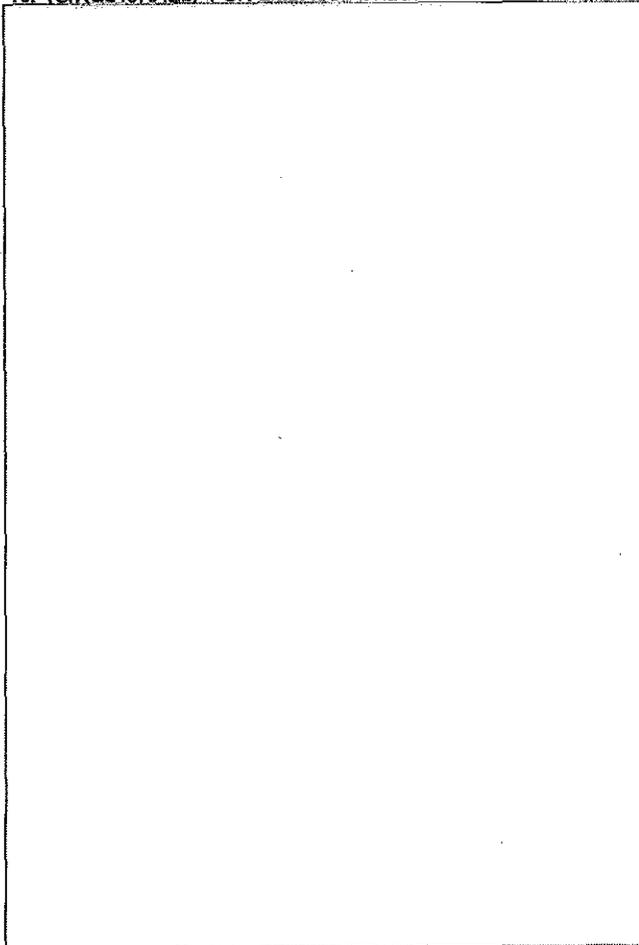
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9. (S/REL JORDAN) FOR EMBASSY AMMAN:



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



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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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Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:00 AM
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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.

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Best regards,

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From: Stewart, Nan E
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 8:29 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

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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

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

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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.

Best regards,

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To: Cohen, Jonathan R; Allison, Alida P
Subject: Response from FGM

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From: Irish [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2011 4:54 PM
To: Stewart, Nan E
Subject: Re:

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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.

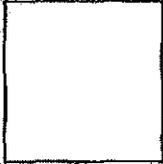
If anything changes, you can be sure I will let you know.

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Best regards, Greta

On Mon, Apr 18, 2011 at 3:34 PM, Stewart, Nan E <StewartNE1@state.gov> wrote:



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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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

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<u>Arrest</u>	No Arrest	<u>Court Decision</u>	No Court Decision
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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

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From: Stewart, Nan E
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2011 2:15 PM
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Subject: Free Gaza Movement

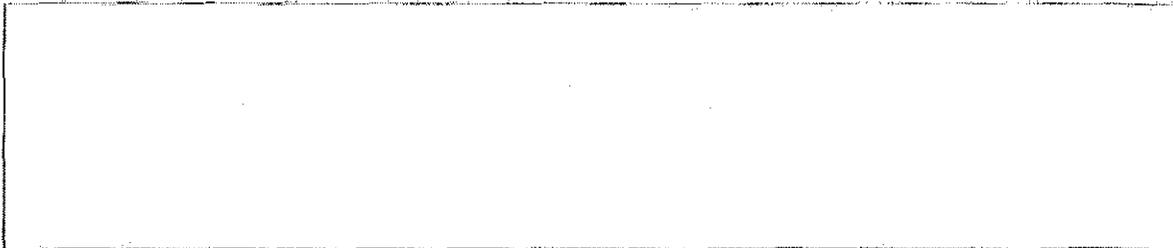
Jonathan,

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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.

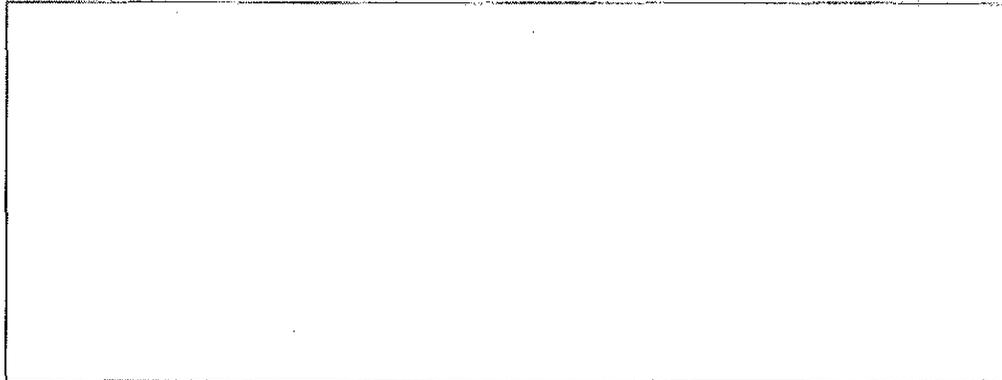
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Political (Alicia Allison)



- (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)

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Force Protection Detachment

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Defense Attaché

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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)

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DEA (Artemis Papadakis)

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Nothing to Report.

Regional Affairs (Stephanie Slaymaker)

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OSC (Doug Gill)

Nothing to Report

CLO (Lisa Ramber)

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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.

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Regional Affairs (Matt Sweeney)

- (U) Nothing to report.

DAO [Redacted]

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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)

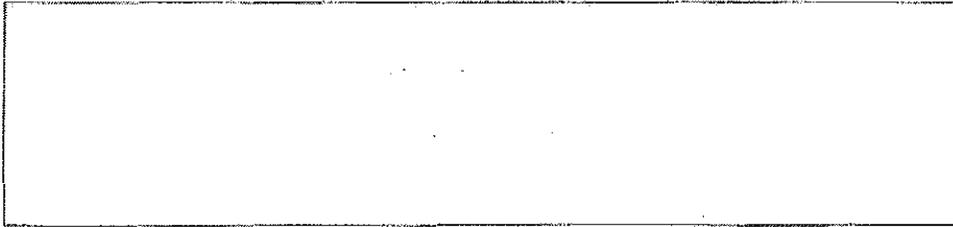
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Country Team Meeting Notes – June 22, 2010
Note taker: Devin Miller

Ambassador Frank Urbancic, Jr.

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

DCM Jonathan R. Cohen

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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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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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

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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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 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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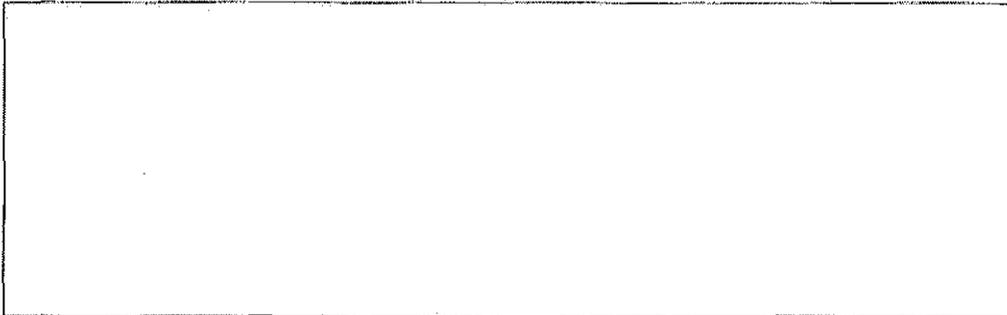
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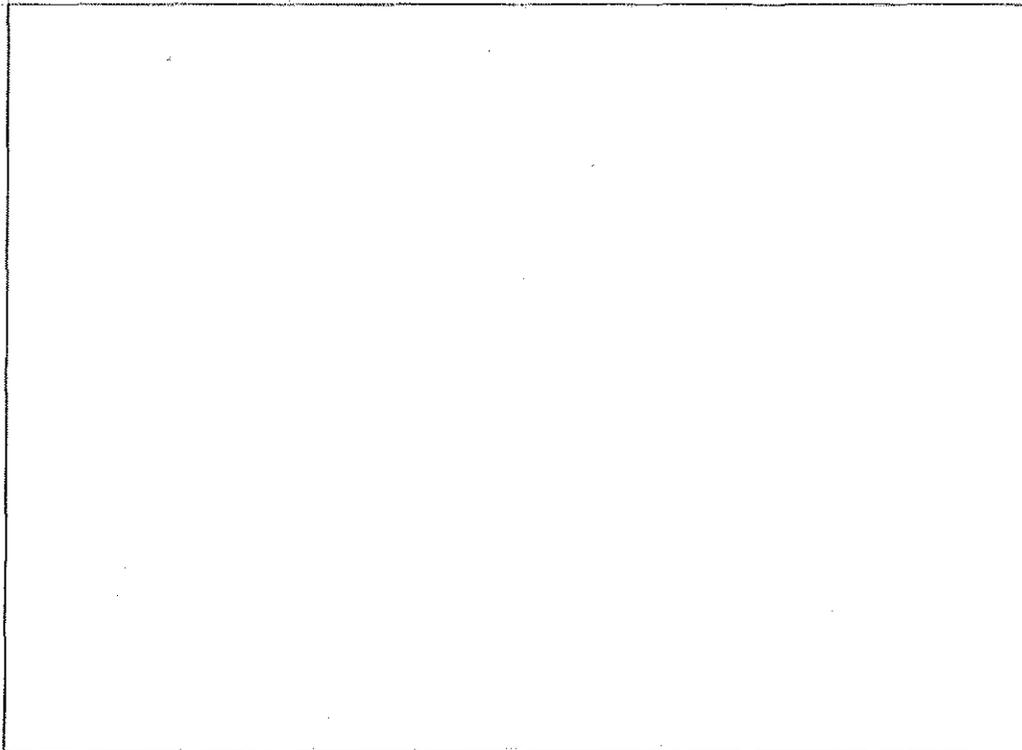
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Note taker: Jason Chue

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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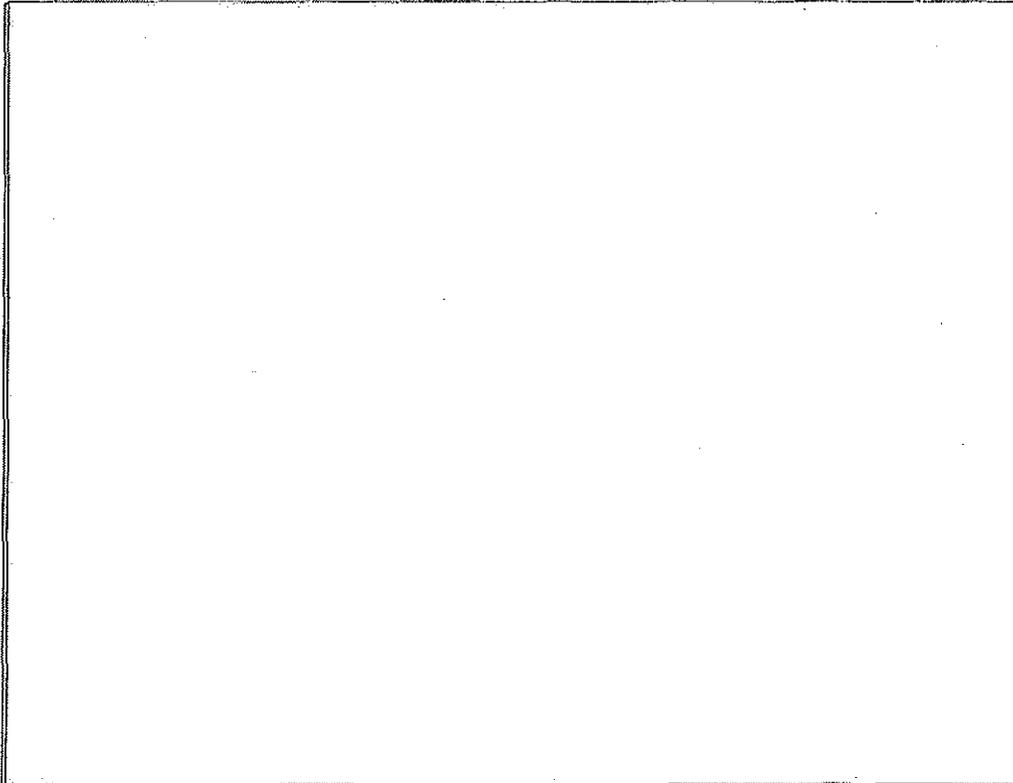
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USAID (Elizabeth Kassinis)

- (U) Nothing to report.

Political (Alicia Allison and Chris Panico)



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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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10 ISTANBUL 203

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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 10 ISTANBUL 203

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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I haven't read yet. We shd share with others in L, mindful of admonition below. Jake also said he wants to discuss with me.

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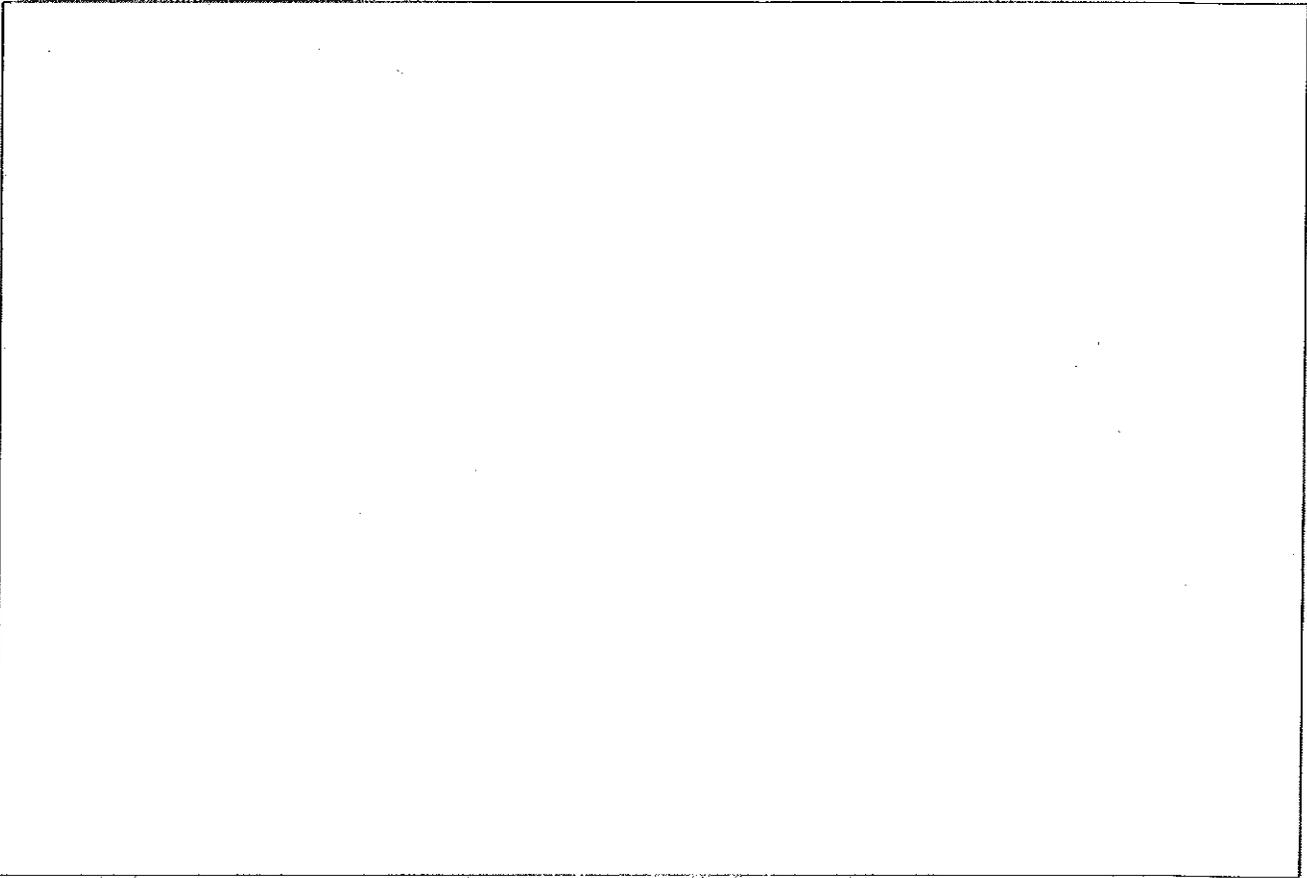
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Please see JoAnn's excellent comments and work from these to comment or add further thoughts. Thanks.

From: Dolan, JoAnn
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 10:20 AM
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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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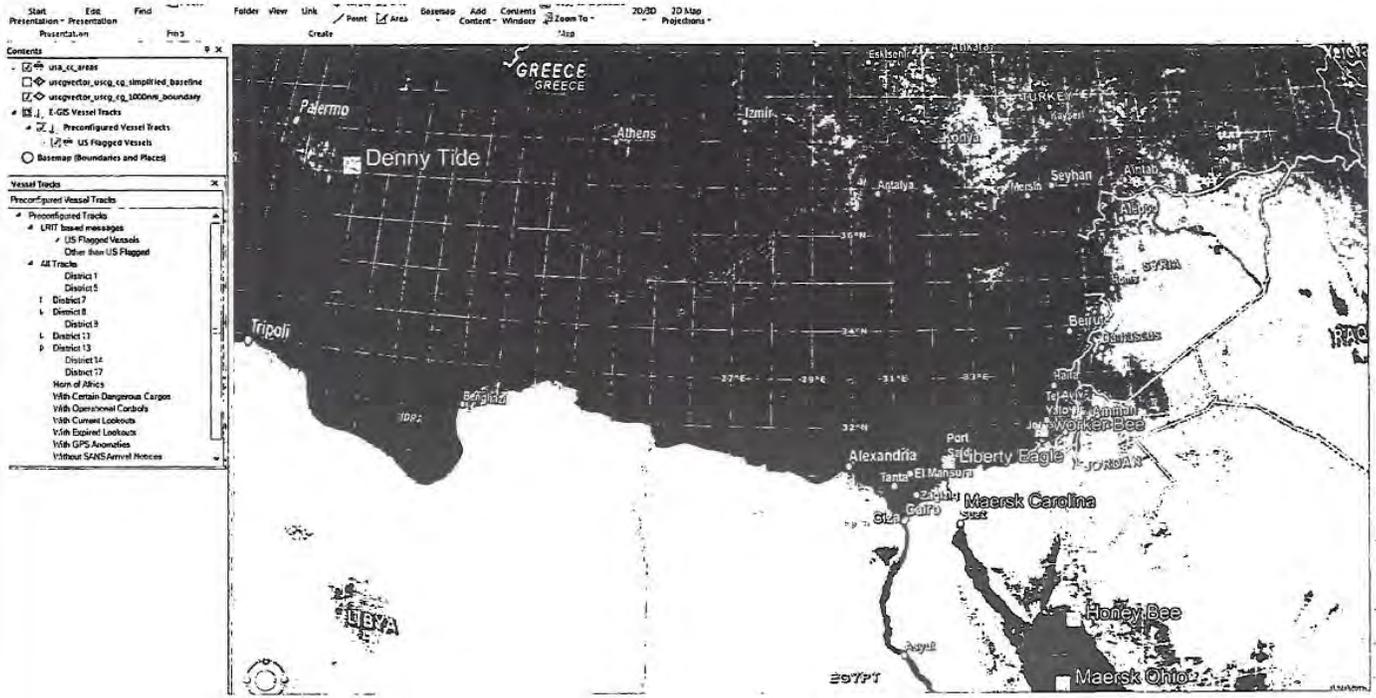
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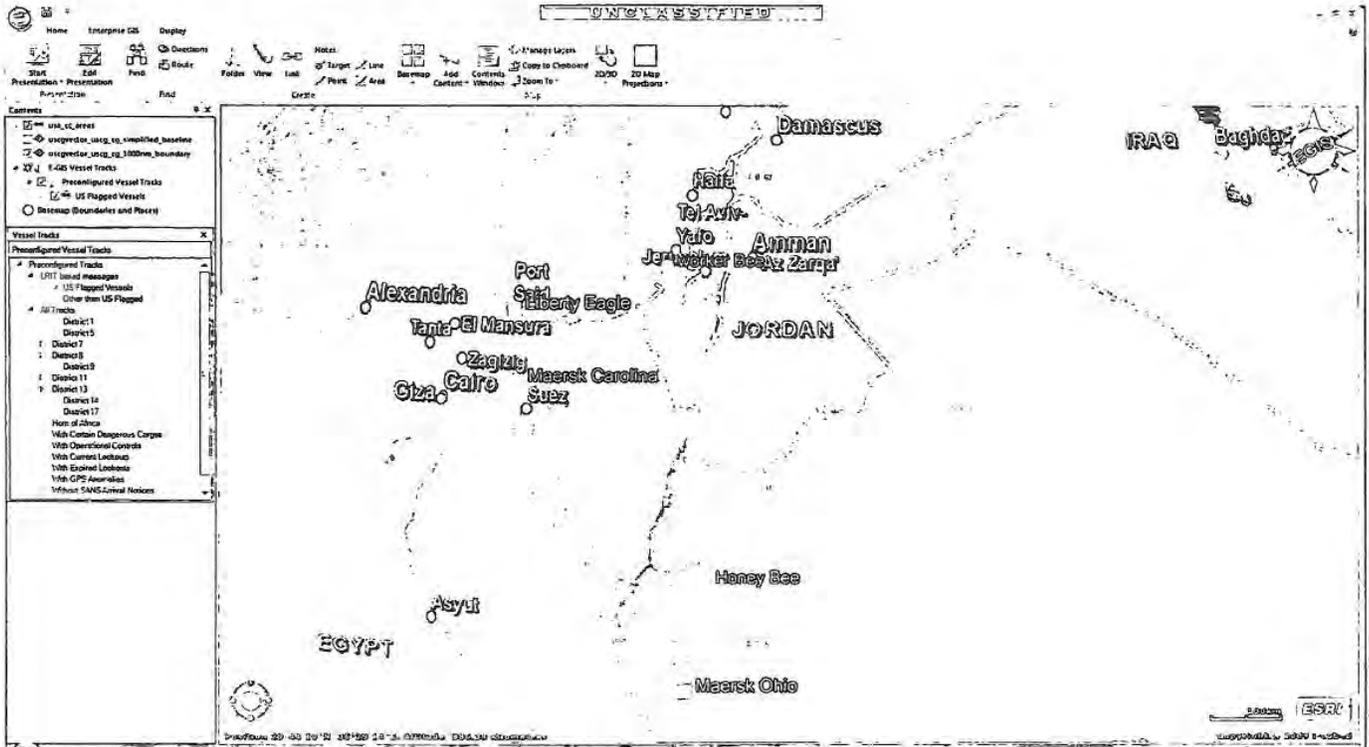
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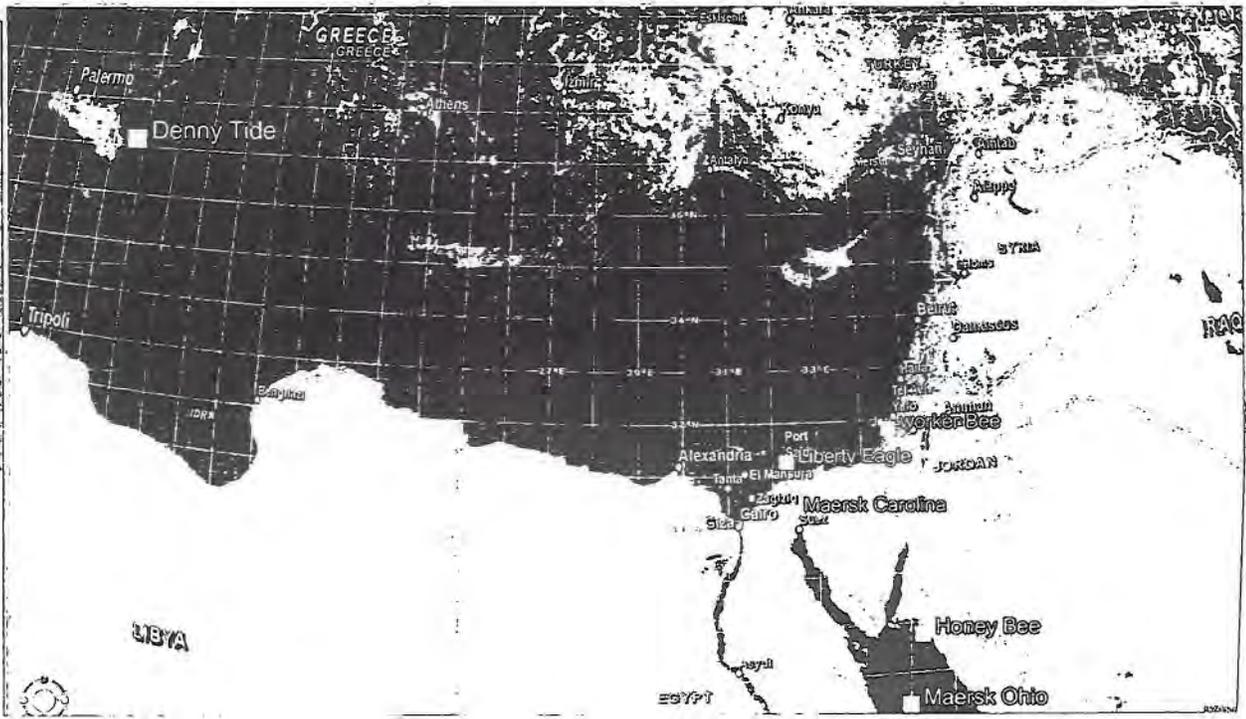
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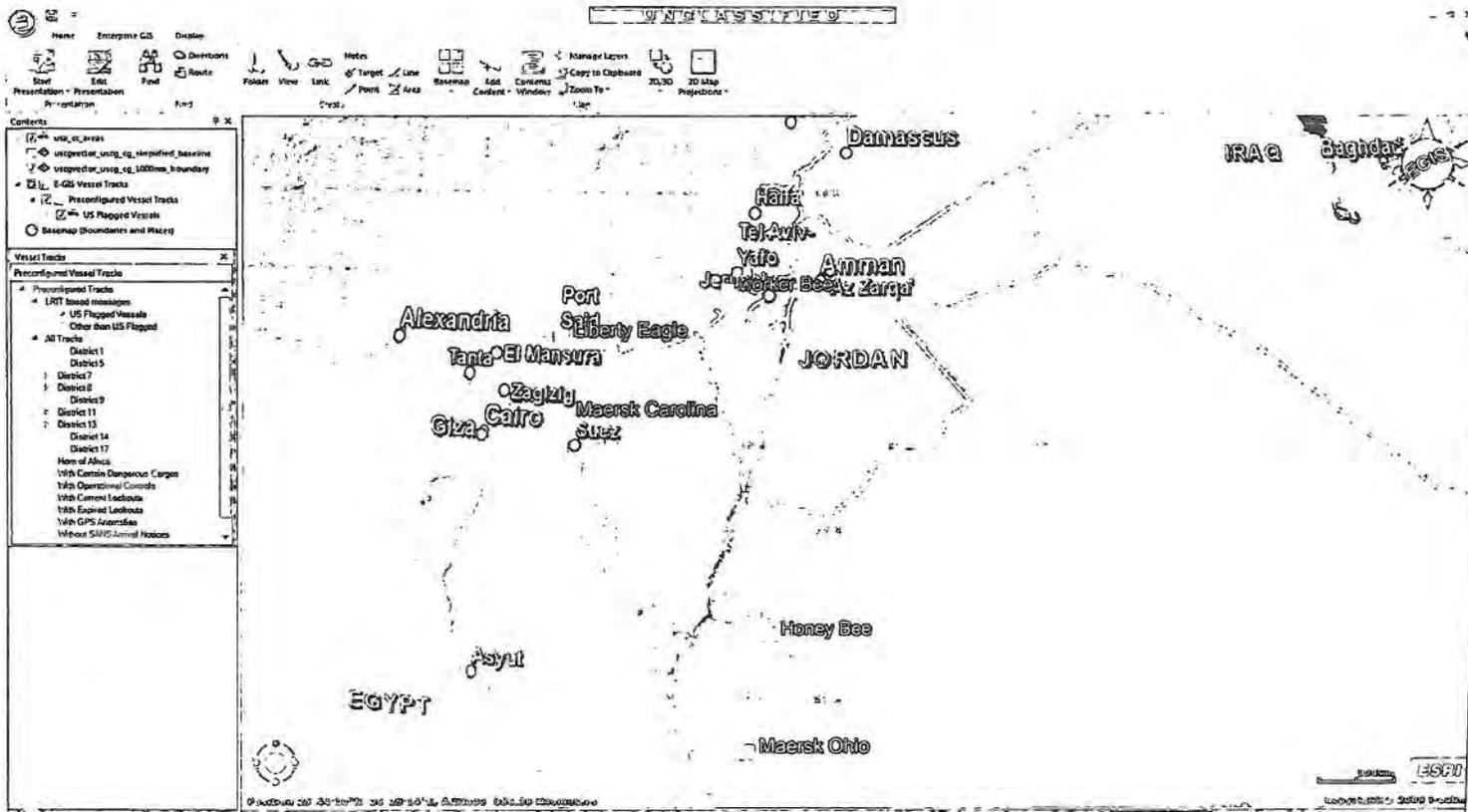
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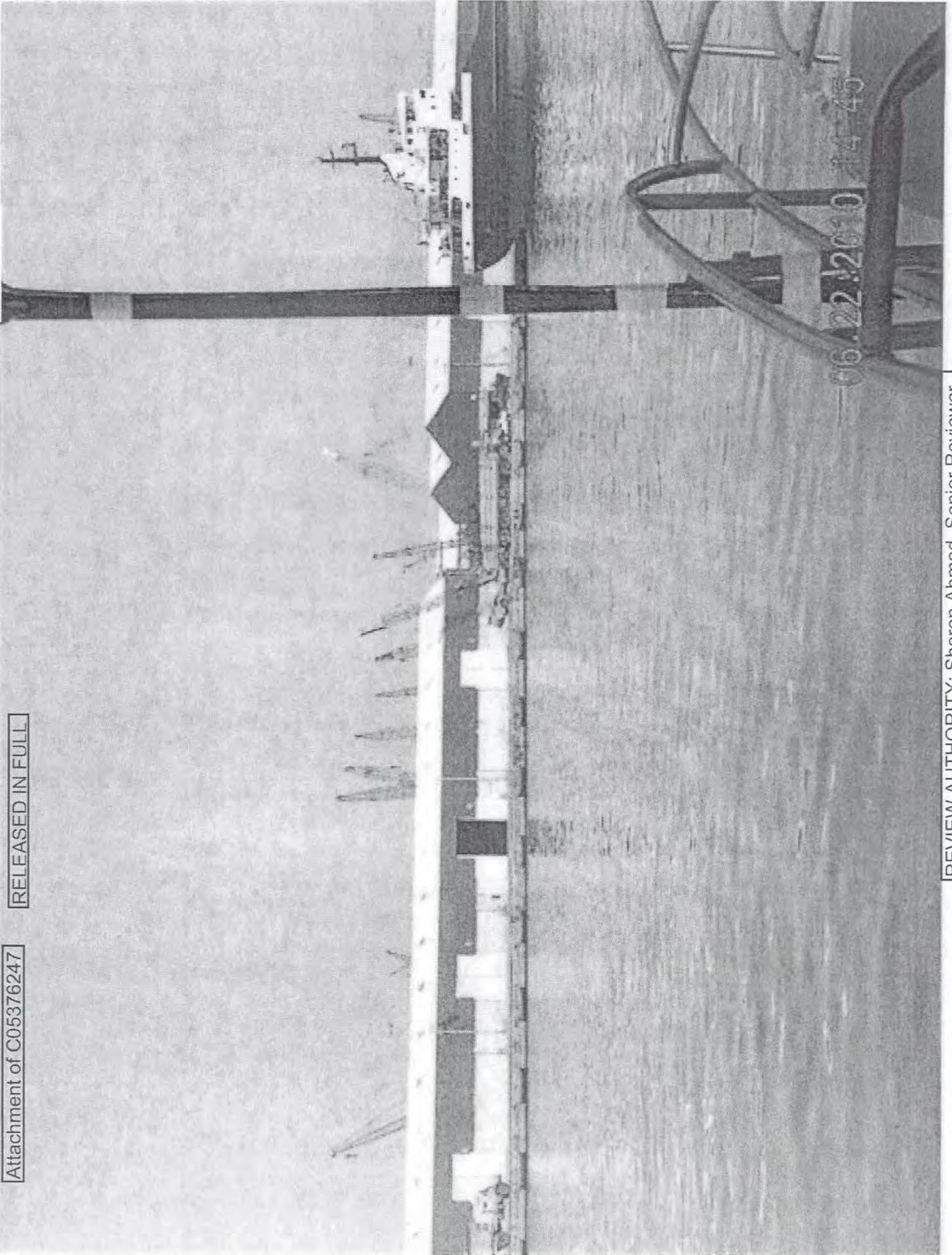


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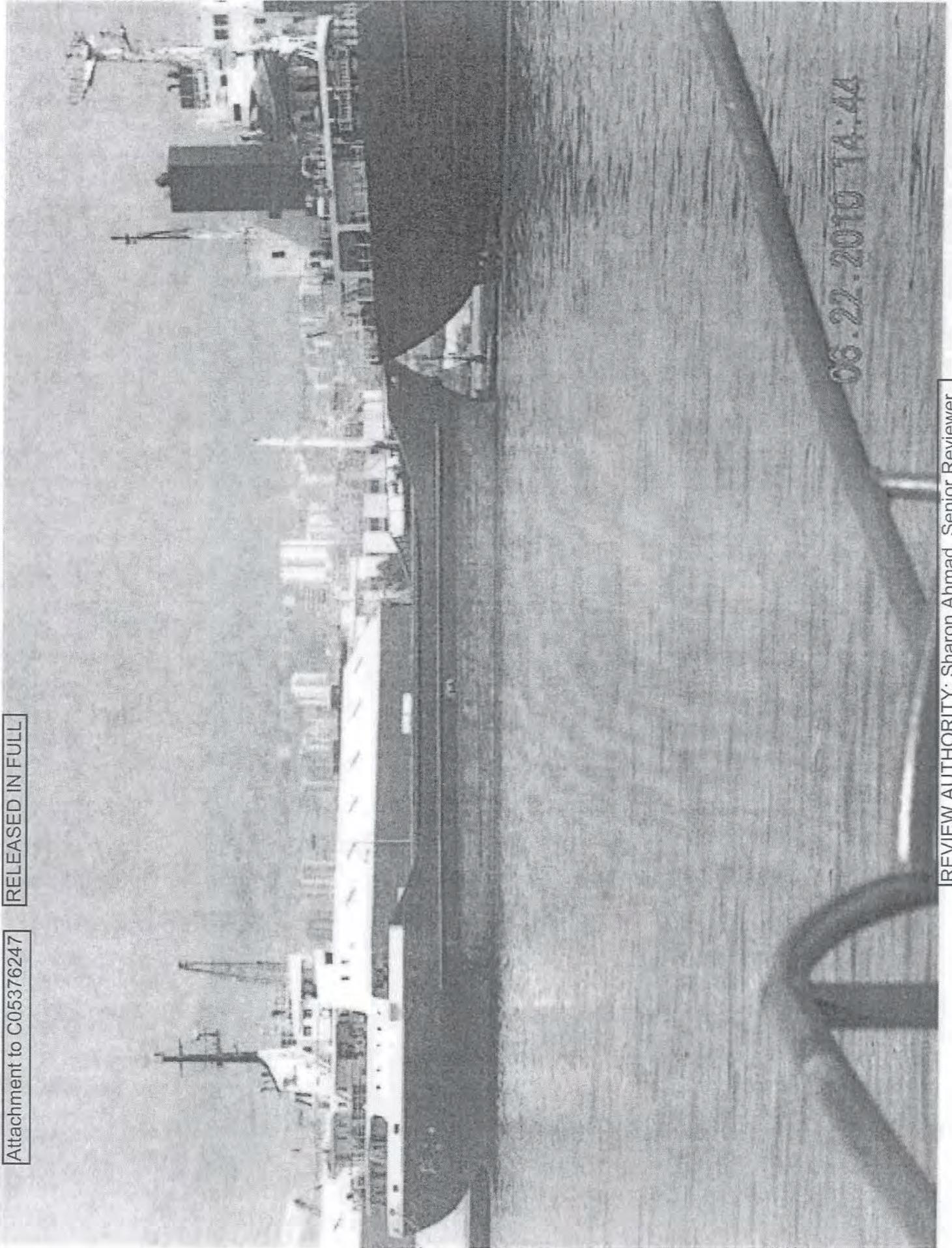


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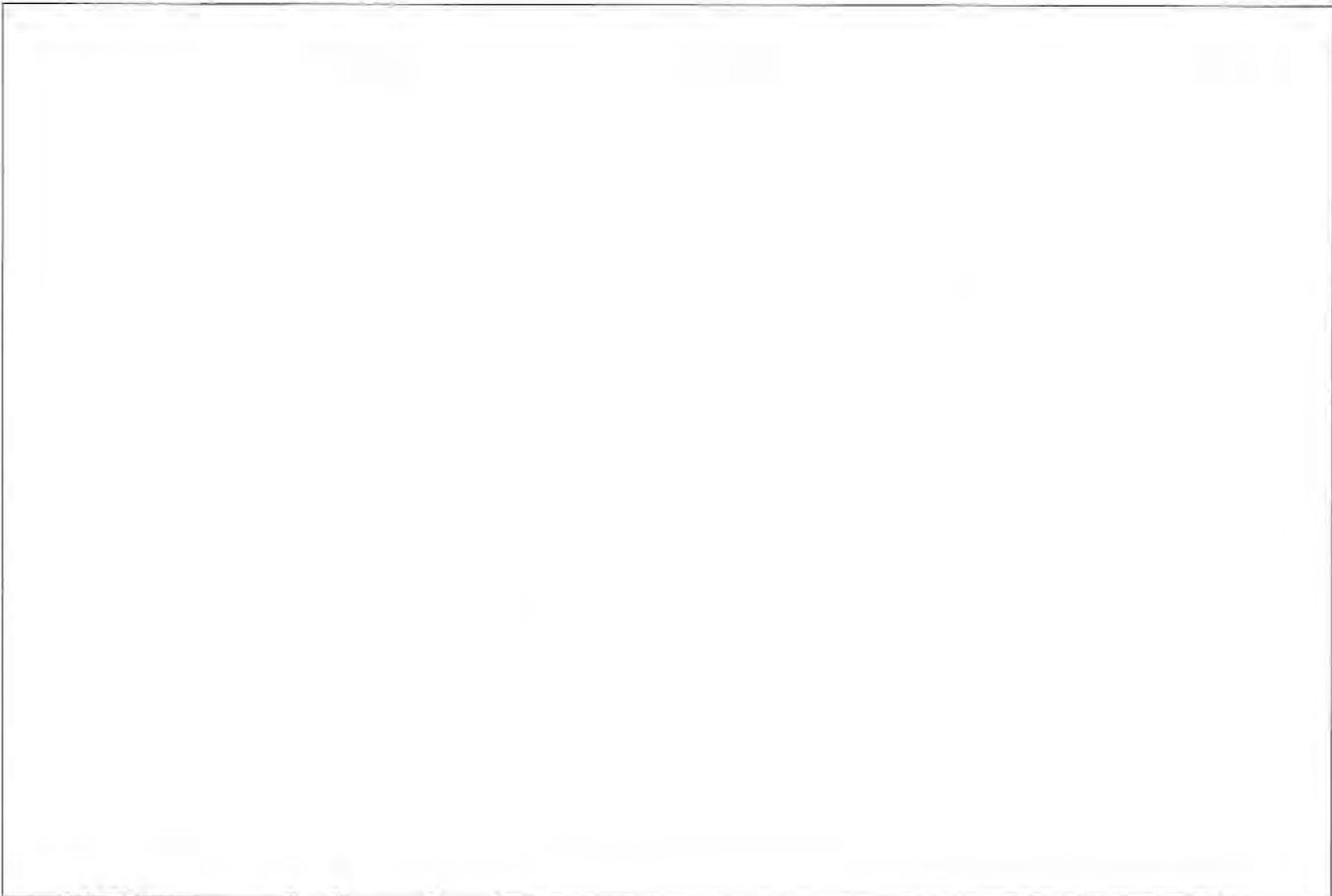
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Harold,
Thanks. Many of us are tracking this. I'm adding Jon and Steve Pomper here, and pasting below a recent email from Steve that summarizes where I think we are, though new wrinkles seem to be always emerging.
Thanks, Kevin

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

Jim/Chuck today but will try.

Steve

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Do you guys agree?
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To: Koh, Harold Hongju
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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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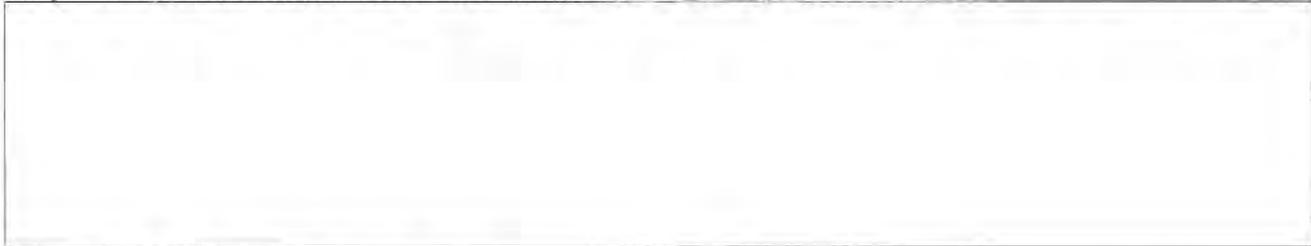


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 To: Gordon, Philip H; Jeffrey, James F; [redacted]; Cunningham, James B; Levin, Jan; Operations Center; Sievers, Marc J; Parker, Andrew C; Grubb, Jason B; NEA-IPA-DL; Greene, Elisa; Marchese, Gregory M; Waters, John R; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Connelly, Maura; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Rudman, Mara (Jerusalem); [redacted] Hale, David M; [redacted] B6
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 Subject: RE: MFA flotilla: TU Parliament For Aff Comm Chief Murat Mercan on Next Steps

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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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,

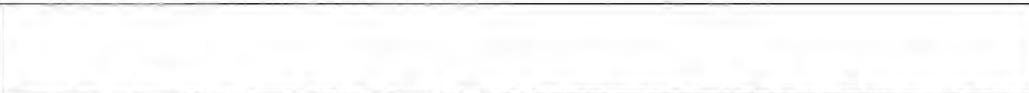


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Subject: RE: MFA flotilla briefing

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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Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 3:08 PM

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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

To: Cunningham, James B; Levin, Jan; Operations Center; Jeffrey, James F; Sievers, Marc J; Parker, Andrew C; Grubb, Jason B; NEA-IPA-DL; Greene, Elisa; Marchese, Gregory M; Waters, John R; [redacted] Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Connelly, Maura; Feltman, Jeffrey D

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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Cc: [redacted]

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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

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

From: Levin, Jan

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To: Operations Center; Jeffrey, James F; Cunningham, James B; Sievers, Marc J; Parker, [redacted]; Grubb, Jason B; NEA-IPA-DL; Greene, Elisa; Marchese, Gregory M; Waters, John R; [redacted]; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Rudman, Mara (Jerusalem); Connelly, Maura; Feltman, Jeffrey D

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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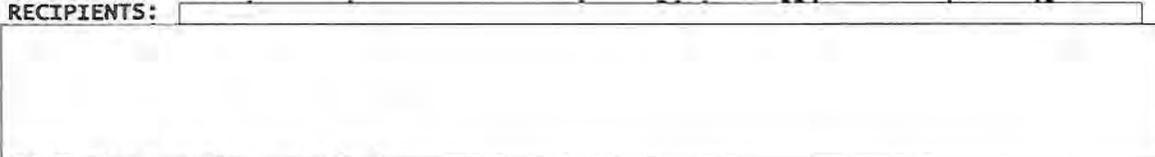
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Goushe, Saffie

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,

[redacted]

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

From: baumertka@state.gov [mailto:baumertka@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 1:37 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
[redacted]; TIS-SG-LRIT
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

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[redacted]; TIS-SG-LRIT
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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[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]

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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]

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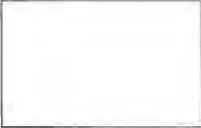
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Bud,

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]

Sent with Good (www.good.com)

-----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]

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

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

Holmstrom, Todd C

Wes - 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).

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[Redacted]

Thanks,

Kevin

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Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; [Redacted]; Holmstrom, Todd C
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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[Redacted]

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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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 Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 5:51 PM
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 Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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R/

[REDACTED]

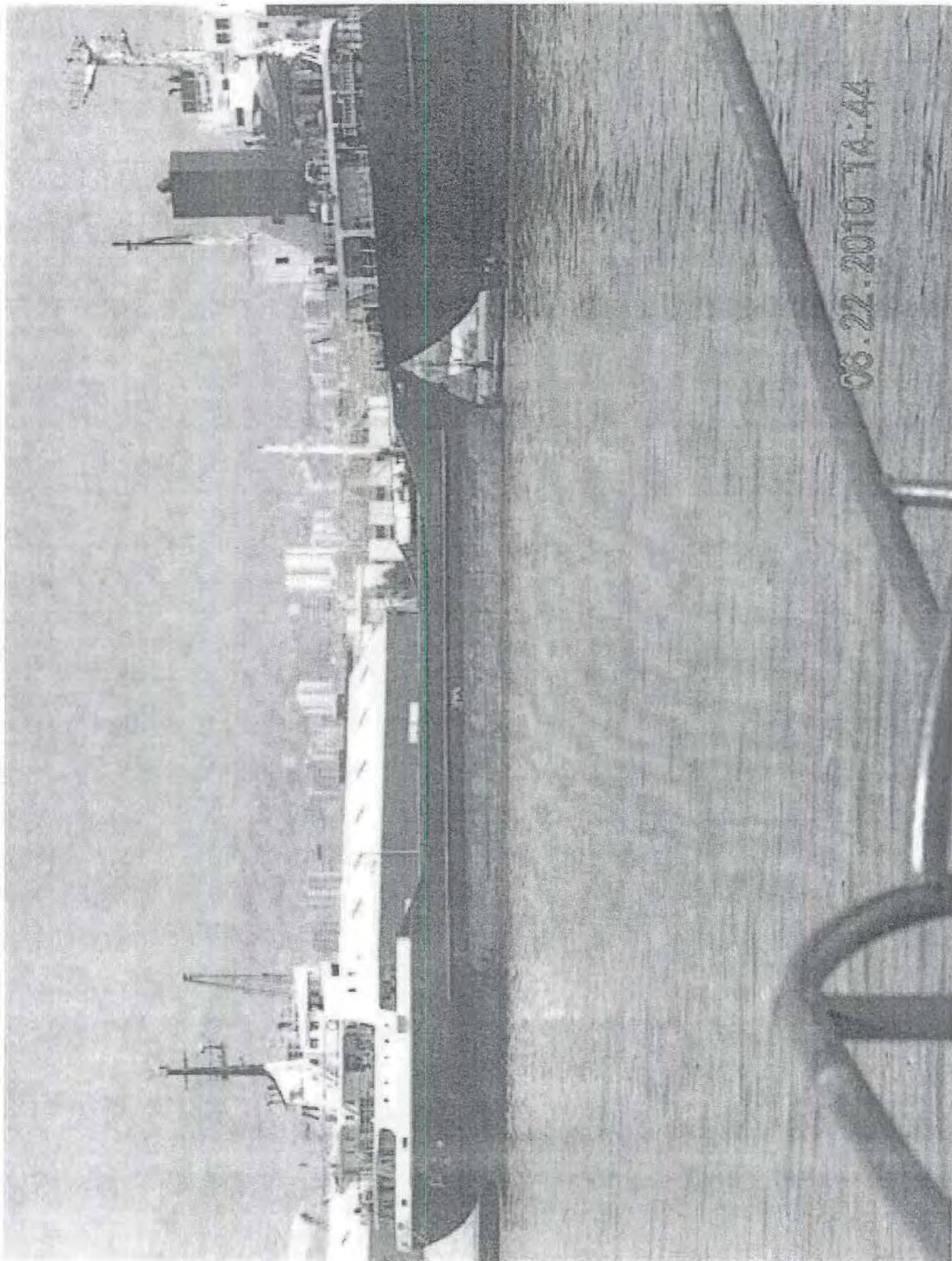
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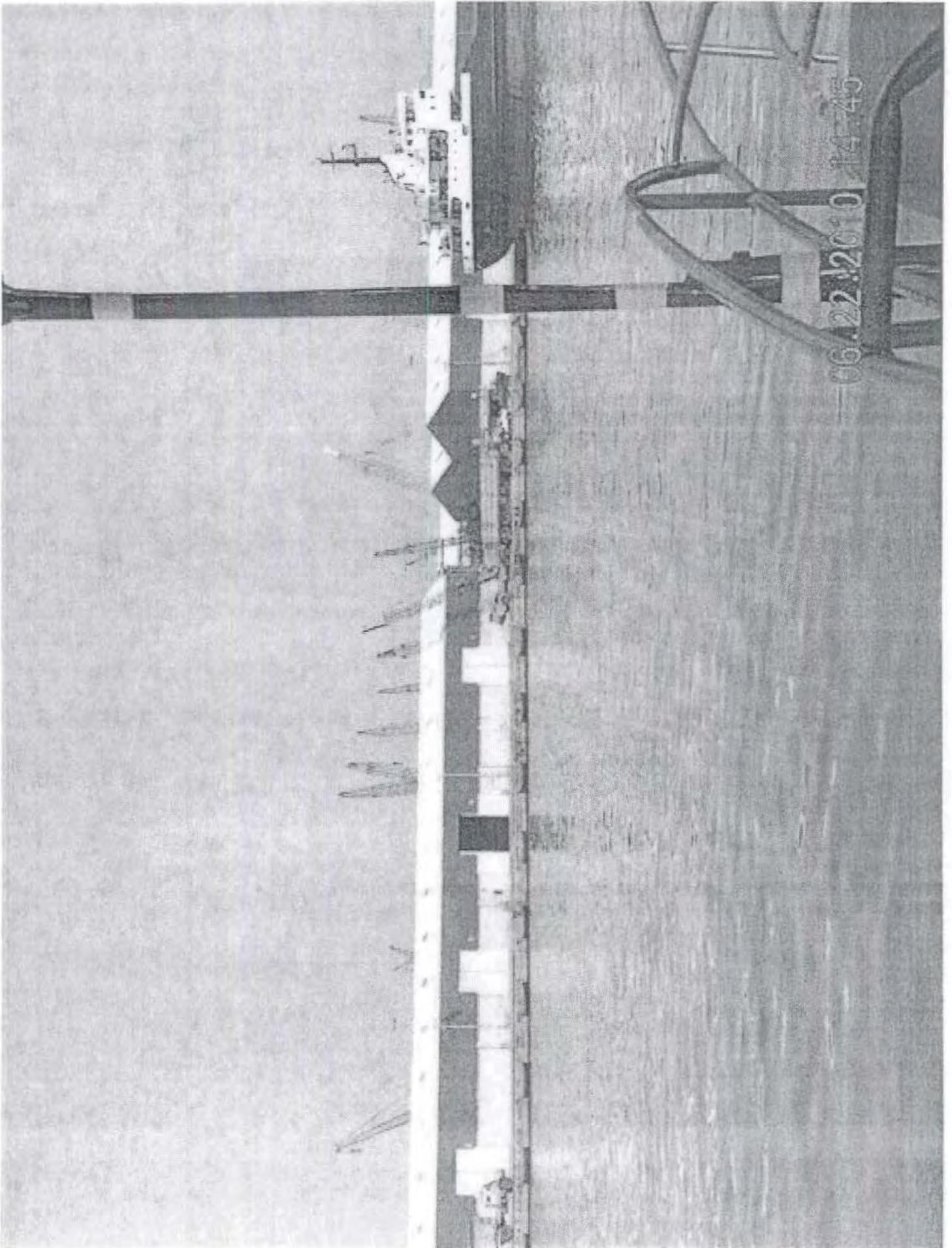
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Goushe, Saffie

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
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2010 12:05 AM B3 DOD-PII
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
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 4:37 PM B3 DIA/NRO/NGA
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
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; [redacted] Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H; Carouso, James A; Stewart, Nan E; Allison, Alicia P; Hanrahan, Richard F
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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
To: Baumert, Kevin A; Reisser, Wesley J
Cc: Dolan, JoAnn; [redacted] Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H; Netos, Eleftherios E
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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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Kevin - [redacted]

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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).

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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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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 5:19 PM
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Cc: Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Parker, Andrew C; Burnett, David R; Adams, Julie D; Greene, Elisa; Richter, Kim B; Mendel, Teresa S; Briganti, James D; [redacted]; [redacted]@eu.navy.mil; Goodman, Ian A;
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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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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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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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From: Goodman, Ilan A
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 1:35 PM
To: 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
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

Victoria J. Taylor
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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]

B3 DOD-PII

[Redacted]

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

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[Redacted]

R/

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

B3 DOD-PII

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]; [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:

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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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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
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza



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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]
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R/

[Redacted]

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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,

B3 DOD-PII

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

[redacted]

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]
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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

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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

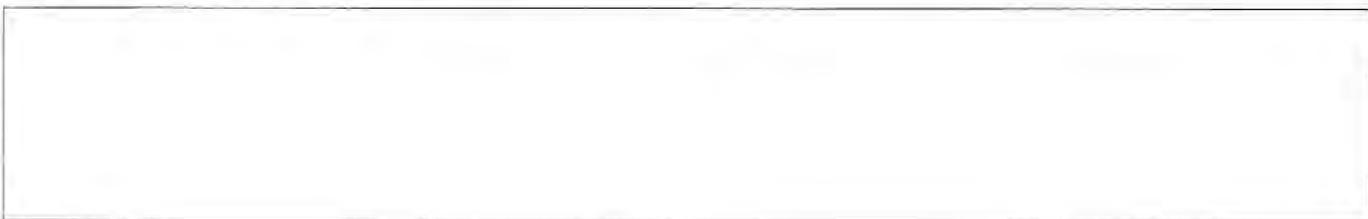
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We are trying to confirm [redacted]

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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; [redacted]
O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); PM-Counter-Piracy-DL; Kirshner, Amy Coletta
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; [redacted]
O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); Baumert, Kevin A; PM-Counter-Piracy-DL; Kirshner, Amy Coletta
Subject: Challenger II and Gaza

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Jim,
[redacted]

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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

Unclassified: SindleJM@state.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]
[redacted]

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]
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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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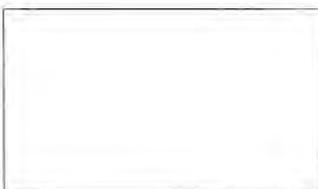
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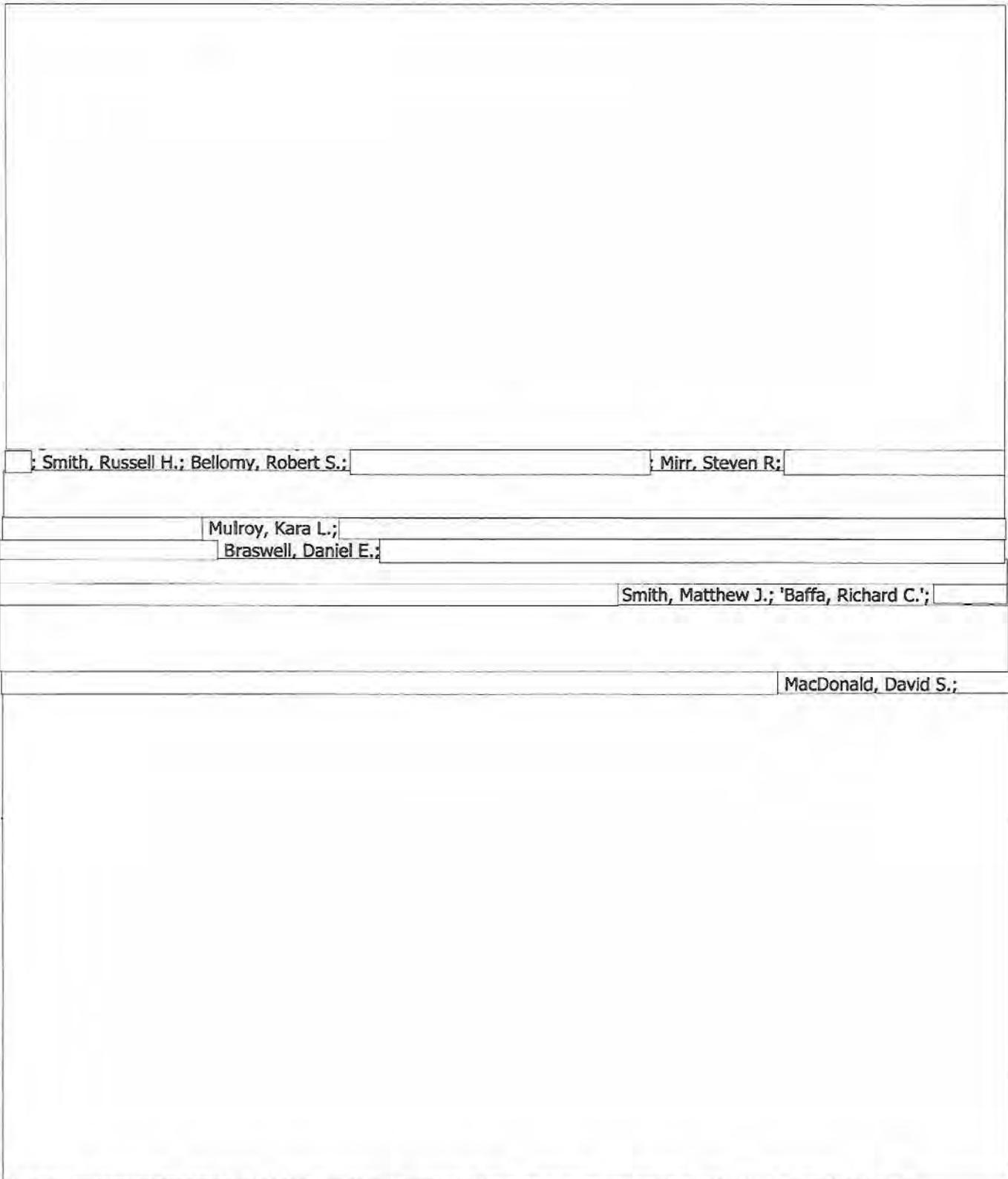
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Bill

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, October 21, 2012 9:06 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
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Mulroy, Kara L.;			
Braswell, Daniel E.;			
		Smith, Matthew J.; 'Baffa, Richard C.;	
			MacDonald, David S.;

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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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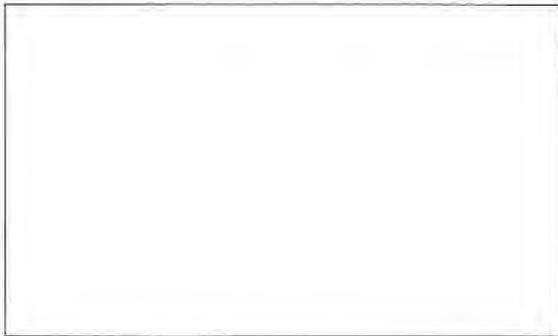
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