I. Summary. Though anger over the Gaza Flotilla and the larger Palestinian issue was never far from the surface, over 300 Americans and their counterparts from Muslim-majority countries explored cooperation through culture, science and education during the Bibliotheca’s Conference on “Initiatives in Education, Science and Culture: towards Enhanced US-Muslim Countries Collaborations.”
Tangible Actions

Outcomes? Stay Tuned.

The Elephant in the Room
I. (SBU) Welcome to Turkey! Your visit is keenly anticipated by Turkish Minister of Transportation Binali Yıldırım.

Points to Raise
Economic and Political Environment

6. (SBU) As you know, Turkish political relations with the United States have been strained by the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident - where Israeli naval commandoes killed eight Turkish citizens and an American citizen of Turkish origin in international waters while enforcing Israel's blockade of Gaza.

Potential for Cooperation
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Turkey as a Logistics and Maintenance Hub

Problems with YouTube
From: draper, hannah a (Istanbul)
To: svcSMARTTHBTSPOP3
Subject: UPS in Turkey Faces Threats, Harassment from TUMTIS Labor Union

Attachments: Metadata.dat

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

MRN: 10 ISTANBUL 237
Date/DTG: Jun 25, 2010 / 250528Z JUN 10
From: AMCONSUL ISTANBUL
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 12958
TAGS: PGOV, PREL, ELAB, EINV, PHUM, OSCE, TU
Captions: SENSITIVE, SIPDIS
Subject: UPS in Turkey Faces Threats, Harassment from TUMTIS Labor Union

1. (SBU) SUMMARY.

END SUMMARY.
On the TUMTIS website, its press releases call on other unions to support the protests and condemn the recent Israeli attack on the Free Gaza flotilla. At one demonstration in Izmir near the site of the former American Consulate, the union’s press release describes Palestinian flags flown alongside the union’s banner and demonstrators shouting anti-Israeli, anti-American, and anti-UPS slogans.

5. (SBU) COMMENT.

END COMMENT.

Signature: Wiener

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From: Wachowe, Cheryl A (Rome)
To: svcSMARTHTSPOP3
Subject: Embassy Rome Daily Report June 25, 2010

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| Date/DTG: | Jun 25, 2010 / 251124Z JUN 10 |
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EmiBasy Rome Daily Report
June 25, 2010

Political Report

(C/NF) Israeli FM Lieberman in Rome.

(U) Gild Shalit’s Father in Rome.

Economic Report

Upcoming Visits

Political Report

(SBU) Israeli FM Lieberman in Rome.

MFA sources told ANSA that Frattini had the impression there is an openness on Israel’s part toward improving humanitarian conditions in Gaza, as well as toward working toward a general improvement in the atmosphere in the region via the commission of inquiry on the Flotilla events, progressively easing the blockade on Gaza and improving humanitarian conditions.

(C/NF) Lieberman, cont’d:
Gilad Shalit's Father in Rome.

following the event, a brawl reportedly broke out between the Shalit supporters and a group of Palestinian activists gather in front of city hall (Campidoglio) to protest 11,000 Palestinian prisoners held by Israel and the Turkish flotilla incident.

Economic Report

Upcoming Visits
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From: AMCONSUL STRASBOURG
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 12958
TAGS: PREL, PHUM, RS, KY, KISL, IS, KPAL
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AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG

Subject: Burqa Bans, Protests over Chencens, Criticism of Israel Dominate COE Parliamentary Assembly

SUMMARY

1. (C)

The PACE roundly criticized Israel for the flotilla incident and called Israeli actions a "violation" of international law. End summary

NORTH CAUCASUS:

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5. (U) The urgent affairs debate June 25 focused on the Gaza flotilla incident. Many delegates characterized Israel’s actions in international waters as a “violation of international law” and for the lifting of the blockade on Gaza. Some members voiced support for PACE member Laakso (Finland, United Left), who stressed that it is time for Europe to lead the peace process. The PACE called for an international, impartial, and transparent investigation into the incident. The Israeli observer delegation noted that the flotilla was “not a love boat,” with people on board connected to terrorist organizations. An Israeli contact told us the debate was “about what was expected.”
From: svcsmartmfi
To: SMART Core
Subject: PRISONER EXCHANGE OFFER AND RED LINES PUBLISHED AS PRESSURE MOUNTS TO FREE GILAD SHALIT

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

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TAGS: PREL, PGOV, PHUM, KWBG, IS
SUBJECT: PRISONER EXCHANGE OFFER AND RED LINES PUBLISHED AS PRESSURE MOUNTS TO FREE GILAD SHALIT
4. (SBU) On June 28, Hamas, boasting of the success of the Gaza flotilla, warned it would raise the bar on its demands and kidnap more soldiers.
AMBASSADOR WOLFF DISCUSSES IRAN’S POLITICAL DYNAMICS AND NUCLEAR FILE WITH SWISS AMBASSADOR TO IRAN

1. (C) Summary. Ambassador Wolff met June 28 with Swiss Ambassador to Iran

2.
Much of the news around the time of the Security Council resolution was taken up by the Gaza/Flotilla story.
From: Cornforth, Jeremy A  
Sent: 7/1/2010 5:12:07 AM  
To: SMART Core  
Subject: SCENESETTER FOR CODEL CASEY'S VISIT TO BEIRUT

1. (SBU) SUMMARY: U.S. Embassy Beirut welcomes your July 8-9 visit to Lebanon.

End Summary.

2. (SBU) 

NEW GOVERNMENT BASED ON CONSENSUS
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6. (SBU) Many within Lebanon have tried to use June Gaza “Freedom Flotilla” incident to raise tensions with Israel, though most Lebanese currently seek continued stability. Hizballah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah, in particular, publicly called for the immediate dispatch of Lebanese ships to Gaza in solidarity with the Palestinians. Publicly and privately, some Lebanese observers have assessed that Turkey captured the initiative on the Palestinian issue from Iran by launching the flotilla, and many of them have voiced their belief that Nasrallah was trying to reclaim the issue with his call for a Lebanese rejoinder. According to Lebanese law, no boat can sail from Lebanon to a port controlled by Israel, including Gaza, and the government of Lebanon has said so officially to the U.N. Security Council. Regardless, two groups claim they are preparing to send a boat or boats from Lebanon to Gaza via a third country, possibly Cyprus. Israeli officials have said publicly that they will hold the government of Lebanon responsible should a provocative flotilla be launched from Lebanon.
From: Rosenstock, Matthew S
Sent: 6/24/2010 8:36:35 AM
To: svcSMARTHTSPOPS
Subject: DAVID HALE'S JUNE 22 MEETING WITH EGIS DIRECTOR OMAR SULEIMAN
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

MRN: 10 CAIRO 695
Date/DTG: Jun 24, 2010 / 241236Z JUN 10
From: AMBASSAD CAIRO
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE IMMEDIATE
E.O.: 12958
TAGS: PREL, KPAL, KWBG, EG, IS, GZ, WE
Captions: NODIS RAVEN, NOFORN
Reference: A) TD 3/00/515465 -10
B) TD 3/00/515525 -10
C) 3/00/515368 -10
Subject: DAVID HALE'S JUNE 22 MEETING WITH EGIS DIRECTOR OMAR SULEIMAN

1. (S/NODIS) Key Points:

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Egypt

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From: Rosenstock, Matthew S  
Sent: 6/24/2010 8:34:37 AM  
To: svcSMARTHBTSPOP4  
Subject: Senator Mitchell's June 19 Meeting With Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak  
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MRN: 10 CAIRO 693  
Date/DTG: Jun 24, 2010 / 241238Z JUN 10  
From: AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE IMMEDIATE  
E.O.: 12958  
TAGS: PREL, OVIP, MASS, KWBG, KPAL, EG, IS, WE, GZ  
Captions: NODIS GAZELLE, NOFORN  
Subject: Senator Mitchell's June 19 Meeting With Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak

1. (S/NODIS) In a June 19 meeting with SEMP Mitchell, President Mubarak said

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From: svcsmarthfi
Sent: 6/24/2010 11:01:27 AM
To: SMART Core
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

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From: AMBASSAD TEL AVIV
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE IMMEDIATE
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Captions: SIPDIS
Reference: A. TEL AVIV 1360 B. BEIRUT 559 C. BEIRUT 557

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SUBJECT: A. TEL AVIV 1360 B. BEIRUT 559 C. BEIRUT 557

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1. (C) A/DCM met with MFA Deputy Director General for UN and International Organizations June 23

UNCLASSIFIED U.S. Department of State Case No. F-2010-04163 Doc No. C05705509 Date: 02/09/2016
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MRN: 10 KUALA LUMPUR 456
Date/DTG: Jun 25, 2010 / 250900Z JUN 10
From: AMBASSAD KUALA LUMPUR
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE PRIORITY
E.O.: 12958
TAGS: PGOV, PRL, MY
Captions: SIPDIS
Sensitivity: Sensitive
Reference: A. KUALA LUMPUR 423 - MALAYSIAN PARLIAMENT PASSES MOTION OVER GAZA
B. KUALA LUMPUR 437 - MALAYSIA'S DEMONSTRATE OVER GAZA
C. LETTER FROM FM ANIFAH TO SECRETARY CLINTON DATED JUNE 15 2010
Pass Line:
Subject: FOR EAP/MTS AND INR

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FOR EAP/MTS AND INR
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SUBJECT:

REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 423 - MALAYSIA'S PARLIAMENT PASSES MOTION OVER GAZA
B. KUALA LUMPUR 437 - MALAYSIA'S DEMONSTRATE OVER GAZA
C. LETTER FROM FM ANIFAH TO SECRETARY CLINTON DATED JUNE 15 2010

Classified By: Acting Political Counselor Jeremy Nathan for reasons 1.4 b and d.

1. (C) Acting MFA Secretary General Radzi briefly discussed with Charge June 23 the Government of Malaysia's (GOM) recent diplomatic initiatives:
3. (SBU) Foreign Minister Anifah visited Brunei on June 14 and Indonesia on June 17 to solicit support for an emergency session of the UN General Assembly to discuss the May 31 attack on the Gaza-bound flotilla. During these visits, Anifah stated that Malaysia would propose the adoption of a UNGA resolution seeking an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice, as well as to demand the lifting of the Israeli blockade on Gaza in line with UNSCR 1860.

4. (SBU) FM Anifah sent a letter to Secretary Clinton, dated June 15, expressing his “grave concern” over the incident (ref C). Anifah’s letter said that “Malaysia is deeply disappointed with the response of the United States’ Administration over the violent Israeli attack on humanitarian volunteers. We had hoped that the United States would join the international community in condemning the acts of aggression committed by the Israeli Defense Forces in international waters.”

5. (SBU) In response to a Wall Street Journal editorial on June 8, the MFA uncharacteristically countered with its own op-ed on June 15, defending the position held by its leaders and politicians, stating that “the widespread condemnation is a manifestation of the international community’s grave concern toward the blatant violation of international law and the United Nations charter. Malaysia strongly condemns the violent attacks and the disproportionate, indiscriminate, and
excessive use of force by Israel forces."

6. (C) COMMENT: 

END COMMENT.

Signature: RAPSON

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Reason: 1.4 b and d
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Sent: 6/25/2010 12:15:34 PM  
To: svcSMARTHBOTSVP5  
Subject: The FDP and Israel: What's love got to do with it?  
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Captions: SIPDIS, NOFORN  
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AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG  
Subject: The FDP and Israel:  

1. (S//NF) Summary: Development Minister Dirk Niebel’s recent criticism of Israel for denying him entry into Gaza

Negative media attention regarding Israel resumed (after a brief pause after the Gaza flotilla attack) when Niebel harshly criticized Israel for denying his entry to the Gaza Strip on June 20.

As fallout from Israel’s raid on the Gaza flotilla, all Bundestag caucuses except for the Left Party have signed onto a joint resolution in which they call on Israel to lift the blockade completely.

End Summary.
Israel Denies Niebel Access to Gaza
All-party Motion in Bundestag on Gaza

6. (U) Meanwhile, coalition and opposition parties have agreed on a joint resolution to be introduced in the parliament the week of June 28 in which they call on Israel to allow aid deliveries to Gaza on the seaway. According to newspaper reports, the motion calls for an "urgent improvement" in the living conditions of the people in the Gaza Strip and criticizes the Gaza blockade as a de facto blockade of the United Nations. While German politicians, including Chancellor Merkel and FM Westerwelle, have welcomed Israel’s decision to ease the blockade as an important and positive step that has the potential to improve the living conditions of the population in the Gaza strip, the German motion describes the Israeli measures as only the first step and that a complete blockade lift has to follow. It argues that the blockade is counterproductive and neither serves Israel’s political nor security needs because Hamas does not get weakened but profits both politically and economically.

The Left Party has refused to join the all-party motion and has introduced its own motion in which it condemns Israeli’s raid on the Gaza flotilla as “criminal and aggressive act”.

Comment

8. (S/NF)
From: svcsmartmfi
Sent: 6/25/2010 1:28:54 PM
To: SMART Core
Subject: PRESIDENT ABBAS DESCRIBES NEW RECONCILIATION PROPOSAL

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Date/DTG: Jun 25, 2010 / 251717Z JUN 10
From: SECSTATE WASHDC
Action: E.O.: 12958
TAGS: PREL, PGOV, KWBG, KPAL
Captions: NODIS, NOFORN
Pass Line: RAVEN
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SECRET JERUSALEM 001147 RAVEN
NEA FOR FRONT OFFICE AND SEMEP
NSC FOR SHAPIRO/KUMAR

Subject:
PRESIDENT ABBAS DESCRIBES NEW RECONCILIATION PROPOSAL

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Summary

1 (S/NODIS)

End Summary.

Abbas's Reconciliation Initiative

2 (S/NODIS)
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E.O. 13526: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, PREL, PTER, KISL, ASEC, ID, XF

SUBJECT:

1. (U) This message is sensitive but unclassified. Please handle accordingly.

2. (SBU) On June 24, Al Jazeera news broadcast an interview with Indonesian Minister for Law and Human Rights, Patnaris Akbar, on Indonesia’s attempts to deradicalize militants. During the interview, Akbar said that Indonesians “who are angry at Israel”...
3. (SBU) **HUME**

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lepidly that Akbar was "only expressing frustration after Israel's attack on the aid-carrying flotilla bound for Gaza last month." This issue has received little comment in the Indonesian press since Akbar's remarks.

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Date/DTG: Jun 30, 2010 012123 JUN 10
From: AMBASSADOR DAMASCUS
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE, PRIORITY
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, PGOV, PTER, SY
Captions: SIPDIS
Reference: DAMASCUS 238
Pass Line: LONDON FOR MILLER, PARIS FOR NOBLES
Subject: SYRIA AND EGYPT

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SIPDIS LONDON FOR MILLER, PARIS FOR NOBLES
E.O. 13526: DECL: 06/29/2020
TAGS: PREL, PGOV, PTER, SY
SUBJECT: SYRIA AND EGYPT

REF: DAMASCUS 238

Classified By: CDA Charles Hunter for Reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

1. (C) SUMMARY:
3. (C) Consulate General Auckland was the target of an anti-American/anti-Israeli protest on June 5, 2010 following the Gaza Aid Flotilla incident. Protestors burned the American flag, threw shoes at the Consulate (mocking the incident when a journalist threw shoes at President Bush), and voiced their displeasure with U.S. and Israeli policy regarding the Palestinian people.
From: Morrison, Sarah C
Sent: 7/13/2010 11:02:52 AM
To: SMART Core
Subject: No Rise in Anti-Semitism in Swaziland from Gaza Flotilla Fallout

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

MRN: 10 MBABANE 328
Date/DTG: Jul 13, 2010 / 131501Z JUL 10
From: AMEMBASSY MBABANE
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PHUM, PGÖV, OPRC, KIRF+KPAO, WZ
Captions: SENSITIVE
Sensitivity: Sensitive
Reference: A) 10 STATE 72226
Subject: No Rise in Anti-Semitism in Swaziland from Gaza Flotilla Fallout

Per ref'd request, neither media nor political leaders in Swaziland have reacted in any noteworthy way to the Gaza flotilla incident. There have been no reports of anti-Semitic incidents, statements, or public demonstrations. Post will continue to monitor the situation and will report on any applicable developments.

Signature: IRVING

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From: svcsmartmi
Sent: 7/11/2010 7:33:28 PM
To: SMART Core
Subject: KOLONIA RESPONSE ON GAZA FLOTILLA-RELATED REPORTING

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MRN: 10 KOLONIA 72
Date/DTG: Jul 11, 2010 / 11245Z JUL 10
From: AMEMBASSY KOLONIA
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
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Reference: STATE 00072196
Pass Line: DRU/RF ELIJAH LOGSDON
Subject: KOLONIA RESPONSE ON GAZA FLOTILLA-RELATED REPORTING

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DRU/RF ELIJAH LOGSDON

E.O. 13526: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, OPRC, KIRF
SUBJECT: KOLONIA RESPONSE ON GAZA FLOTILLA-RELATED REPORTING

REF: STATE 00072196
Post has no anti-Semitic reactions to the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident to report per ref tel.

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Signature: PRAHARPA

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer
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1. (C) SUMMARY:

END SUMMARY.

2. (SBU)

3. (SBU) Kurtulmus welcomed the assembled by declaring that the voice of SP was the voice of the victims of PKK bombs, the voice of protesting government workers, the voice of girls expelled from universities because they wear a headscarf, and the voice of Furkan Dogan who died at the hands of Israeli soldiers in the Gaza flotilla. (Note: Dogan was the one casualty who was a U.S. citizen. End note) The mention of the flotilla caused an uproar among the attendees, culminating
Following his speech, Kurtulmus was presented with a bag of soil from the grave of one of the Turkish citizens killed on the Gaza Flotilla.
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ZENIAMCONSUL LEIPZIG; ZENIAMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG

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1. (SBU) SUMMARY: Some scattered anti-Semitic incidents occurred in Turkey immediately after the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident, but the Government of Turkey was proactive from the beginning to distance Turkey’s Jewish Community from the Government of Israel’s actions. The atmosphere has since returned to normal: the government and general public is highly critical of Israel, but takes pains to distinguish between the Government of Israel and Jewish people in general. (Note: This cable and REFS B-E provide Post’s response to REF A’s request for information on this issue. End Note) END SUMMARY.

2. (SBU) The May 31 Gaza flotilla incident initially sparked anger among nationalist Turks -- whether religious or secular -- that temporarily blurred the already thin line that distinguishes Jews from Israelis in Turkey. Although there was no reported increase in violent or disrespectful actions against Turkey’s indigenous Jews, non-Turkish Jews living in Turkey or visiting Turkey noted a significant anti-Semitic atmosphere lasting a few weeks after the event. For instance, one Jewish-American family told us they had received an email from a tour guide operator saying that they “did not like working with Jews” and would not guide them in Istanbul.

3. (SBU) The atmosphere appears to have reverted to normal, perhaps in part because of the government’s strong and continued emphasis that the...
Government of Israel does not represent all Jews. The flotilla nonetheless continues to serve as a political focal point for rallying nationalist sentiments, be it by the religious Saadet Party or the left-wing Democratic Left Party (DSP) — although generally anti-Israeli and not anti-Semitic.

4. (SBU) Post has not seen any indications that anti-Israeli sentiment following the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident has permanently crossed the line into anti-Semitism. To the contrary, the Government of Turkey has been proactive from the beginning of the incident to separate Turkey's Jews from the actions of the Israeli government. While some anti-Israeli graffiti appeared in Istanbul shortly after the event it was not anti-Semitic, although it could have been interpreted by some as harassing. All official interlocutors with whom Post has had contact since the event blame the Israeli government, but not Jews in general.

5. (U) Post will continue to work closely with Turkey's Jewish Community to monitor the situation and report as the situation warrants.

Signature: JEFFREY

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ARMENIA: REPORTING REQUEST FOR GAZA FLOTILLA-RELATED RISE IN ANTI-SEMITISM WORLDWIDE

(SBU) Embassy Yerevan has seen no increase in anti-Semitic incidents, statements in the media, statements by political leaders, or public demonstrations following the May 31, 2010 Gaza flotilla incident.
In response to ref tel inquiring about any anti-Semitic responses to the Gaza flotilla incident within Burkina Faso, Post is not aware of any reactions that may have crossed the line between Anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic expressions. Pol officer, working in conjunction with Acting PAO and PD staff, has monitored the media and statements by political leaders. While editorials in the local press have expressed their opposition to how Israel handled the incident, Post’s assessment is that comments were not anti-Semitic in nature. No public demonstrations have been held.

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1. (SBU) SUMMARY: On July 1, 2010, the Bundestag unanimously passed a petition that calls on the German government to take a more active stance (1) in demanding an international investigation of the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident, (2) in addressing the humanitarian situation in Gaza, and (3) in supporting the Middle East peace process. This was the first time that all parties formally adopted a common position on a Middle East issue, and it sends a clear mandate to the German government to act. The petition gained a lot of public attention and was met with concern by pro-Israeli interest groups. END SUMMARY.

Bundestag Petition Calls for Flotilla Investigation, Addressing Humanitarian Situation, Support for Middle East Peace Process

2. (U) On July 1, 2010, the Bundestag unanimously passed a petition that calls on the German government to support the renewed demand by UN Secretary General for an international investigation of the events surrounding the Israeli military action against the Gaza flotilla on May 31, 2010. The investigation should look at action on both sides, including possible connections of organizers to radical Islamist organizations, and the inclusion of representatives of the Middle East Quartet should be considered. Furthermore, the petition calls upon the German government to strongly support the EU High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy in her initiatives to improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza and, within the EU, to speak up for instructing the UN Secretary General to negotiate with Israel about access to Gaza by sea and creating the necessary technical conditions with the goal of delivering goods needed by the UN to Gaza while at the same time preserving Israel's security interests. The petition also calls on the German government to "strongly support the EU demand for an immediate end to the Gaza blockade and urge Israel to change the positive list of goods allowed into Gaza to a negative list of prohibited goods," to urge Egypt to allow regular and controlled border traffic, and to put forward the offer to Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA) on behalf of the EU to build up constructive international border management. As a final point, the petition calls for support of the ongoing "proximity talks"
as step towards direct peace talks to achieve a two-state-solution as soon as possible.

For the First Time All Parties Stand United on a Middle East Issue

3. (SBU) The joint Bundestag petition on Gaza is a strong and rare demonstration of unity across party lines. Initiated by foreign policy spokesperson of the Greens Kerstin Müller, the government parties (CDU/CSU and FDP) and the opposition parties (SPD, Greens) worked together in drafting the petition and are co-sponsors of the document. Although the Left Party is not listed as an official sponsor on the petition, the party caucus did support it in the plenary vote on July 1, 2010, in which the petition was unanimously passed. In the parliamentary debate preceding the vote, foreign policy spokesperson of the Left Party Wolfgang Gehrcke emphasized that this was the first time that all Bundestag caucuses were united on a question regarding Middle East policy. SPD foreign policy spokesperson Rolf Mützenich added: “I consider it a great sign of progress […] if the German Bundestag manages to achieve a common position on such a serious question.” Rainer Stinner, FDP foreign policy spokesperson, said the joint petition demonstrated “a new quality of a common German foreign and security policy.” Embassy contacts in the Bundestag equally saw the petition as a sign that “a stronger unity” on the issue was emerging and characterized the political process behind it as “out of the ordinary.”

4. (SBU) According to an embassy contact who was closely involved in the process of forging an inter-party consensus on the petition, the political process behind the scenes was not easy. The Left party could not be formally included as a sponsor of the petition since the CDU/CSU caucus refuses to sit on the negotiating table if the Left Party is also present. In addition, the Left Party is known for their anti-Israeli sentiments, and there is general concern that their formal inclusion on the petition might have been counter-productive to the credibility of the document. However, the general support of the petition by the Left Party in the plenary vote was welcomed by all parties. Another difficulty was to keep the CDU/CSU on board throughout the process. As an embassy contact pointed out, some members of the CDU/CSU had strong reservations about the petition. When they made their concerns about a possible impact on German-Israeli relations heard, however, the press work related to the petition had already been done and could not be reversed.

Petition Sends Clear Mandate to the German Government

5. (SBU) Passing a joint petition is one of the few tools the Bundestag has available to directly impact foreign policy. As an embassy contact stressed, such a document should be considered “soft law.” Especially since the Gaza petition is supported by all party caucuses, it sends a clear mandate for the government to address the issue. Although there is no legal obligation, it would be “politically impossible” for the government to ignore it. The petition also sends a strong signal of unity to Israel. According to an embassy contact, the petition also attracted the attention of the Israeli participants in a meeting between members of the Bundestag Foreign Affairs Committee and a delegation of the German-Israeli Friendship Group from the Knesset on July 7 in Berlin. Although the issue will likely not gain any immediate further attention due to summer recess, it is likely to reemerge on the agenda in the context of FM Westerwelle’s planned visit to Gaza this fall. For the initiators of the petition, the next step is that Germany actively encourages a continuation of the discussion on the European level.

Concerned Reactions from pro-Israeli Interest Groups

6. (SBU) The petition was met with very harsh external criticism from organizations such as the American Jewish Committee (AJC). An embassy contact said that much of this criticism was “not based on content” but rather a “default and blunt rejection.” He also stressed that the intensity of the reactions underlined that the petition was an extraordinary policy statement. In the plenary debate preceding the vote on the petition, several speakers emphasized that they had received many external reactions. Rainer Stinner (FDP) said the concerns of
the "Israel-oriented organizations" needed to be taken seriously and emphasized that the petition was not a conclusive assessment of the events on May 31. He also stressed that the document did not contain anything that undermined Israel’s "legitimate security interests." Kerstin Müller (Greens) emphasized that Israel’s security interests played a preeminent role throughout the negotiating process and were "at the center" of the deliberations of all parties involved.

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No Reports of Anti-Semitism in El Salvador

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(U) Post is not aware of any reactions to the Gaza flotilla incident that cross the line from anti-Israel political expression to anti-Semitism. Ricardo Freund, spokesperson for the 200-person Jewish community in El Salvador, told PolOff his community has reported no incidents of anti-Semitism before or after the Gaza event. Aside from some isolated anti-Israel pieces in the left-wing paper Diario Co-Latino (example linked below), local press has provided balanced coverage of the Gaza event.


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Per referral, Post reached out to Jewish religious leadership in Guatemala as well as reviewed news articles and commentary following the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident. Neither the Jewish religious leadership nor the media report any increase in anti-Semitic acts or statements following the flotilla incident.

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Subject: KNESSET REMOVES SOME PRIVILEGES FROM ISRAELI ARAB MK HANEEN ZOABI

REF: TEL AVIV 01284

1. (SBU) The Knesset voted July 13 to remove some parliamentary privileges from Israeli Arab Member of the Knesset (MK) Haneen Zoabi, who had been aboard the Mavi Marmara May 31 when it attempted to break Israel's blockade on the Gaza Strip. The privileges removed include her diplomatic passport and any state funding of legal fees incurred while she is a legislator. Zoabi did not lose her parliamentary immunity from prosecution.

2. (SBU) Yisrael Beiteinu MK Anastasia Michaeli handed Zoabi an Iranian passport with her photo in it as a mock replacement, but was promptly removed from the plenum for doing so. Michaeli reportedly noted to Zoabi that her incitement did not represent most Arabs in Israel, who were faithful to the state. According to press reports, a fistfight also nearly broke out after the vote between Arab MKs who called Jewish MKs "fascists," and Jewish MKs who promised Zoabi that she would soon be a "former MK."

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3. (SBU) Earlier in the day, Zoabi was at the sentencing hearing of Raed Salah, the Islamic Movement's northern branch leader who had reportedly counseled the activists as they were preparing for violence aboard the Mavi Marmara's deck.

4. (SBU) Zoabi promised to appeal to the international community "to curb the vengeful impulses of the automatic majority in the Knesset" and claimed to "represent a global consensus." Several Israeli Arabs privately told PolOff that Zoabi was simply trying to make a name for herself at their expense, and said that the vast majority of Israeli Arabs did not appreciate her tactics and rhetoric.
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Subject: BENIN: REPORTING REQUEST FOR GAZA FLOTILLA-RELATED RISE IN ANTI-SEMITISM WORLDWIDE

1. (SBU) No incidents of anti-Semitism related to the 31 May 2010 Gaza flotilla incident are known to Embassy Cotonou or its interlocutors.

2. (SBU) No anti-Semitic incidents of any kind have been reported to Embassy Cotonou in living memory. Benin enjoys an exceptionally tolerant and pluralistic religious environment. An Israeli Ambassador (resident in Abidjan) is accredited to Benin, as well as a resident honorary Consul.

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Subject: Venezuela: Post-Gaza Flotilla Rise in Anti-Israel Rhetoric

1. (SBU) Per ref tel request, post has not observed any Venezuelan government (GBRV) reactions to the May 31 Gaza 
flotilla incident that constitute anti-Semitic expressions according to the definition contained in para 3 of ref tel.
However, President Chavez and the official media have broadcast several particularly hostile anti-Israel messages.

- **Genocidal State:** On June 2, President Chavez said that "the genocidal state of Israel massacred a group of
pacifists ... I take this opportunity to condemn again, from the bottom of my soul ... the State of Israel. Damned
be the State of Israel! Damned be it! Terrorists and assassins! Long live the Palestinian people!" Chavez also
accused Israel of financing the Venezuelan opposition: "There are even Mossad terrorist groups that follow me
trying to kill me ..." Later in his speech, Chavez said, "They accuse me of being an enemy of the Jews. No, I am
not an enemy of the Jews ... I send my greetings and respect to the Venezuelan Jewish community. They know
they have our affection and our respect, and I find it difficult to believe that a Venezuelan Jew, honest as the
majority are, would support this kind of massacre ..."

- **World Cup: Zionists vs. Palestinians:** During the World Cup final match on July 11, an anti-Israel advertisement
aired on state-controlled television that showed healthy, young, Israeli athletes attacking a poor, huddled groups
of Palestinians in a soccer match. In the ad, an Israeli player shoves an elderly Palestinian man to the ground. An
apparently blind referee wearing a "UN" jersey gives the Palestinian man on the ground a yellow card. The Israeli
team then takes a penalty shot, with a group of Palestinians, including the elderly man, four women, including a
pregnant woman, and a child and a baby, cringing together in front of the goal post. At the bottom of the screen,
red text appears: "It's not a game, it's a massacre," followed by, "We are all Palestinians." The ad was co-
produced by Tatuy TVC and Phantom Studios and was directed by Daniel Osorio and can be viewed at
http://albatv.org/israel-Vs-Palestina.

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Subject: No Anti-Semitism in Response to Flotilla Incident

(SBU) Per Refet request, we reviewed media, government and societal responses to the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident. We found no Kosovo media coverage or societal responses that could be characterized as anti-Semitic. There were no official government statements or responses. One Kosovo citizen was on the flotilla, and a small group gathered at the airport to receive him when he returned to Kosovo on June 4; otherwise there were no gatherings or protests related to the incident. Media coverage of the incident, which faded from headlines quickly following the return of the Kosovo citizen who was on the flotilla, was largely factual rather than editorial. There was one notable editorial piece related to the incident in the Kosovo newspaper Zeri. The daily’s editor argued that Kosovo citizens should not view the participation of a Kosovar on the flotilla as heroic, noting that his participation may harm perceptions of Kosovo abroad.

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Subject: Argentina: No Noted Increase in Anti-Semitism Post-Gaza Flotilla Incident

Per relief request, post has reviewed media and spoken with Jewish organizations in Argentina. The organizations and media indicate no notable increase in anti-Semitic activities since the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident.

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Subject: Angola’s Response: REPORTING REQUEST FOR GAZA FLOTILLA-RELATED RISE IN ANTI-SEMITISM WORLDWIDE  

(U) The Gaza flotilla incident did not result in an increase in anti-Semitism in Angola. The pro-government media outlets published the story, however the articles were likely based on wire reports. Post observed no Angolan debate or commentary about the incident. As noted in the annual International Religious Freedom Report, Angola is a secular state that generally respects freedom of religion.

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Per REF A, Post conducted a review of news articles, op-ed pieces, blogs and other online media and commentaries regarding the Gaza Flotilla incident. Based on this review, Post is not aware of any media items that displayed anti-Semitic commentary. In fact, many op-ed pieces and other media items expressed a pro-Israeli sentiment. While quite a few lamented the loss of life and/or characterized the response as too heavy, many commentators still maintained that Israel has a right to self defense (REF B). Estonian President Ilves carried out his previously planned state visit to Israel from June 27-29. This visit included a stop in Ramallah, where Ilves participated in a seminar on e-governance carried out as part of Estonia’s development cooperation program with the Palestinian Authority. Media reporting from this event remained focused on the political issues surrounding Estonian- and EU-Israeli relations and the broader issues facing the Middle East.
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Reference: A) 10 STATE 72296
Subject: Sweden: Limited anti-Semitic reactions to Gaza Flotilla

1. (SBU) Summary: Surrounding the May 31 Gaza Flotilla incident:
   -- Swedish authorities reported no increase in individually reported anti-Semitic hate crimes;
   -- The Jewish Community reported to police that there was a small surge in threatening emails, phone calls and text messages, both anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic in nature;
   -- Local media reported that anti-Semitic statements increased slightly on Swedish blogs and internet forums.

   End Summary.

2. (SBU) Post asked Maria Axfeldt, Hate Crime Coordinator at the Stockholm County Police, and Susanne Gosenius, Hate Crime Coordinator at the Skane (southern Sweden) County Police, about any surge in anti-Semitic activity related to the May 31 Gaza incident. Axfeldt said the police had not received reports of anti-Semitic hate crimes related to the incident, but the Jewish community in Stockholm notified the police that it received a small surge of calls and e-mails—primarily comments that were critical of the Israeli government’s handling of the Flotilla. Gosenius said the Jewish community in southern Sweden reported to the police that several of its members received threats via e-mail, text messages, and phone calls, but there were no reports directly to the police of related hate crimes. (Note: Jewish communities in Sweden have their own security officials who monitor anti-Semitic threats to the community and liaise with the police. End Note.) According to some local media reports, anti-Semitic statements increased slightly on Swedish blogs and internet forums.

3. (SBU) Comment: In the past, Swedish authorities were slow to react to protect citizens when a controversial incident occurred in Israel, the West Bank or Gaza. This time, the authorities were better prepared to react quickly to protect the Jewish community. On May 31, the police in Sweden’s three largest cities—Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmo—immediately mobilized to protect Jewish community facilities and synagogues and there were no known reports of damaged property. This contrasts with early 2009, when the Gaza conflict resulted in property damage to Jewish community property. In Malmo, the “Dialogue Forum” (established in January 2010) was convened on May 31 for representatives from the Jewish and Muslim communities.
Forum issued a joint statement that "encouraged all good forces in Malmo not to be provoked by the situation in a way that would increase tension between religious and ethnic groups in Malmo."

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