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1. SUMMARY: The International Maritime Organization (IMO) held its 60th session of Technical Cooperation Committee (TC 60) at IMO Headquarters in London under the chairmanship of Rear Admiral Giancarlo Olimbo of Italy. Seventy-one member states, one associate member, three intergovernmental organizations and two nongovernmental organizations participated. All U.S. objectives were achieved. Major accomplishments of TC 60 were: Avoiding politicization of the TCC (and IMO) in connection with the Gaza flotilla incident,

END SUMMARY

Adoption of the Agenda

2. Although not on the agenda, TC 60 faced the threat of politicization from Turkey’s efforts to achieve IMO condemnation of Israel for its May 30-31 military action against ships sailing from Turkey toward Gaza. Turkey was only able to gain an appropriate expression of regret over the loss of life and condolences to the families concerned. This result was accomplished because of the Secretary-General’s steadfast public position that anything beyond regrets/condolences was a political matter for a political body. He and several delegations (including the U.S.) successfully asserted that any substantive IMO action would be inappropriate

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because the matter was before the Security Council, and the IMO is a technical organization that has no mandate concerning freedom of navigation in general or assessment of fault for maritime incidents of various kinds.
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(SBU) Per ref tel request, Embassy Riyadh conducted a survey of the Saudi media coverage of the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident and determined that the tone of the media coverage of the event was vehemently anti-Israeli, but was not anti-Semitic. (COMMENT: Often, expression of anti-Semitism in the local media is suppressed, as was likely with the flotilla media coverage, due to the control that the Saudi Government exerts over media outlets in the Kingdom. END COMMENT)

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Subject: IMO: 104TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (C 104) 7-11 June 2010

1. Summary: The International Maritime Organization (IMO) held its 104th session of Council (C 104) at IMO Headquarters in London under the chairmanship of Mr. Jeffrey Lantz of the United States. All 40 Council member states attended the session along with 39 non-members and one associate member as observers. All US Delegation (USDEL) objectives were achieved. Despite the time expended in discussing Turkey’s unsuccessful effort to politicize the session by seeking a condemnation of Israel in connection with the Gaza flotilla incident, the Council completed its agenda.

End Summary.

Adoption of the Agenda

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2. Although not on the agenda, the Council faced the threat of politicization from Turkey’s efforts to achieve a separate agenda item and an IMO condemnation of Israel for its May 30-31 military action against ships sailing from Turkey toward Gaza. Turkey was represented by its ambassador in London and 6-7 embassy officers. However, Turkey was only able to gain an appropriate expression of regret over the loss of life and condolences to the families concerned. This result was accomplished because
of the Secretary-General's steadfast public position that anything beyond regrets/condolences was a political matter for a political body. He and several delegations (including the U.S.) successfully asserted that any substantive IMO action would be inappropriate because the matter was before the Security Council, and the IMO is a technical organization that has no mandate concerning freedom of navigation in general or assessment of fault for maritime incidents of various kinds.

3. The Chair (U.S.) correctly ruled that the majority of speakers did not support the various Turkish proposals. Such rulings by the Chair are the normal decision making process in IMO bodies. Although the IMO Rules of Procedure permit voting at the request of a delegation, that is an extremely rare occurrence, and voting is essentially reserved for elections. Most of Turkey's supporters were not members (e.g., Cuba, Iran, and Syria). Turkey expressed disagreement with the Chair's ruling about the lack of support for its proposals among members of the Council, but did not formally pursue the matter after meeting privately with the Chair and the Secretary-General. Instead, Turkey settled for regrets and condolences, and the issuance of a personal press release to the same effect by the Secretary-General.
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Reports of the Committees

--The Council in opening up debate on the Technical Cooperation Committee and the Technical Co-Operation Fund, supported the position of USDEL and the majority of Council members to not reopen the Israel-Gaza Flotilla issue, after a third attempt was made by Turkey and its (mostly non-Council member) supporters.
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1. (U) Summary: Although anti-Semitic groups in Serbia have incorporated the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident into their rhetoric, there has been no increase in anti-Semitism. It is unclear whether the recent burning of a car owned by the Jewish Community was a reaction to the incident. End Summary.

2. (U) In the wake of the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident, the Serbian government condemned the excessive use of force and expressed condolences to the families of those killed. Post has not detected any anti-Semitic reactions to the flotilla incident in the Serbian media. According to Marko Karadzic, State Secretary in the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, anti-Semitic e-mails and hate mail have begun to mention the flotilla incident, but do not seem to have increased in number. Existing anti-Semitic websites have also added messages referring to the incident.

3. (SBU) Our contacts in the Jewish community report that the Gaza flotilla incident has not led to any increase in anti-Semitism in Serbia, noting that anti-Semitism in Serbia is more closely linked to anti-Americanism than to actions by Israel. The reasons behind the June 2 burning of a car belonging to the Jewish Community in Pancevo are unclear. Rabbi Yitshak Asiel told PolOff that he believed the incident was related to the Gaza flotilla incident, but Aleksandar Lebl, the Jewish Community’s Vice President covering Anti-Semitism, disagreed. Lebl said the incident was likely part of a continuing pattern of anti-Semitic acts such as gravestone vandalism and the selling of anti-Semitic literature. (Police arrested three local
teenagers on July 19 in connection with the burning of the car and are moving to file destruction of property charges against them. Post will monitor the results of the case.)

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1. SUMMARY: At the Security Council’s July 21 Open Debate on the Middle East, most member states spoke to the flotilla incident, the Gaza blockade, peace talks, and the status of East Jerusalem. Of note, the Malaysian PermRep called for a reconvening of the 10(10) Emergency Special Session (ESS) of the General Assembly. In his opening briefing, Under Secretary-General Pascoe noted that since Israel’s change in policy toward Gaza access, a weekly average of 780 truckloads have entered Gaza, a 40% increase in the 2010 weekly average. He stated that the SYG continues to be in contact with the parties to gain agreement for his proposal for an international panel of inquiry on the flotilla incident that would be based on domestic inquiries.

Secretariat Briefing:

Pascoe said flotillas and convoys “are not helpful to resolving the basic economic problems in Gaza and needlessly carry the potential for escalation.”

END SUMMARY.

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5. GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT: Austria, Bosnia, Brazil, China, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Nigeria and Turkey expressed support for the Secretary-General's proposal for an investigation of the incident. The Brazilian PermRep said that the Israel's inquiry panel into the flotilla incident does not meet "the requirements set forth by the Security Council" and given the "gravity of the incident" in international waters, it requires an investigation under UN auspices. The Lebanese Deputy PermRep called the Israeli actions an act of piracy, rejected a unilateral Israeli investigation which "has determined its outcome before it started" and called for the SYG to launch an urgent investigation to pinpoint "the crimes that were committed," ensure compensation for the victims, and end impunity.
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He called the blockade of Gaza a violation of international law and a crime against humanity and called for an independent investigation of the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident.

Latin America

14. The Nicaraguan Deputy PermRep called for a lifting of Israel's blockade, an independent international investigation into the flotilla incident, and a "requirement" that Israel cooperate fully with the Human Rights Council. He said, "the world was astonished to witness the cold-blooded, premeditated murder of nine unarmed civilian activists at the hands of the Israeli State's military forces, who like terrorists, boarded vessels in international waters."

The Cuban Deputy PermRep condemned the "criminal act" perpetrated by Israel against the Gaza flotilla and called for an investigation under the auspices of the SYG.

Europe

15. Acting Head of Delegation of the EU Serrano reiterated the EU's call for an "immediate, full and impartial inquiry" into the flotilla incident which should include international participation.
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REF: STATE 72296

1. (SBU) SUMMARY: Post has not detected any widespread use of anti-Semitic reporting or activities in mainstream Palestinian news outlets, Hamas and non-Hamas Palestinian cyberspace, or public action among Palestinians in either the West Bank or the Gaza Strip following the May 31 "Free Gaza" flotilla incident. Contrary to expectations that groups such as Hamas would respond in typically anti-Semitic fashion, the Palestinian reaction overall was characterized by a harsh critique of the GOI's activities. Many Palestinian media outlets focused positively on Israeli and Jewish commentators who were critical of the Israeli military interdiction of the flotilla. END SUMMARY.
MAINSTREAM WEST BANK MEDIA: HYPERBOLE INCREASED, BUT RESPONSES AIMED AT ISRAELI ACTIONS

2. (SBU) The immediate post-flotilla reaction in mainstream Palestinian media in the West Bank was dominated by exaggerated (but not anti-Semitic) characterizations of the event. Palestinian Authority (PA) President Abbas was quoted by some Palestinian news outlets as labeling the incident as a "massacre," while the Office of PA Prime Minister Fayyad issued a statement calling it a "crime against international supporters" on board the flotilla. The Palestinian press quoted Israeli officials describing the response of flotilla activists as an attempted "lynching" of Israeli commandos attempting to board. While some Palestinian media organizations took issue with the official GOI characterization of events, these statements did not appear to be anti-Semitic in nature.

HAMAS MEDIA/CYBERSPACE: ISRAELI DISSENTERS USED TO BOLSTER CASE AGAINST PERCEIVED ISRAELI INJUSTICES

3. (SBU) In previous instances, Hamas-run media has referred to Jews as "sons of monkeys and pigs" (Al-Aqsa TV, October 9, 2009) who are "impure," like "dogs" (Al-Aqsa TV, April 3, 2009). In the aftermath of the May 31 flotilla incident, however, Hamas-controlled media generally eschewed such blatantly anti-Semitic rhetoric, opting instead to critique Israeli actions in specific terms, often by quoting Israeli commentators who are critical of the GOI. Daily Filastin ran a 900-word commentary on June 3 entitled, "(Israel's) Pirates Shed the Blood of 'Freedom Flotilla'" by Hisham Munawwar, in which he denounced "Israeli bullying" and "insolence," and describes Israeli behavior as "monstrous" and "criminal." In response to a question about media coverage generally (unrelated to the flotilla incident), Filastin also quoted Hazim al-Sha'rawi, Director General of the Hamas-run Al-Aqsa satellite television channel on June 21, saying that the channel is "not hostile toward the Jewish religion, but is opposed to the Israeli occupation and Zionist ideology." Some Hamas media and cyberspace pundits even offered positive depictions of Jews, particularly those who oppose the GOI's policy on Gaza. For example, Al-Aqsa TV ran a headline on its newscast of June 10, stating, "German Jews Preparing Sail of Humanitarian Ship to Gaza." Many websites have posted positive articles on the preparations of European Jews to send a new humanitarian flotilla to Gaza. The four main Hamas-affiliated news websites also featured numerous stories related to the flotilla participation of Haneen Al Zoabi, a Palestinian member of the Knesset, as well as articles and analyses praising Jewish entities and communities inside Israel that work alongside Palestinians to preserve the rights of the "1948 Palestinians" living in "Green Line" Israel.

4. (SBU) Commentaries and blogs within Hamas cyberspace touched on the politically sensitive subject of the Holocaust, complaining about what they view as "the soft condemnation of Israel's attack on the flotilla versus the
hard condemnations against the Jewish Holocaust.” The contributors discussed their perception of a “bias towards Jews when condemning crimes committed against Jewish people.” On non-official Hamas forums and webpages, there was a rise in complaints regarding what the sites’ respective contributors see as “special treatment for the Jewish people” and “actions that place more value on the life of a Jew than that of a Muslim or Arab.”

5. (SBU) Although not an expression of anti-Semitism, a political cartoon by Ala al-Laqtah that came out days after the raid was more provocative. The cartoon, published in Filastin on June 2 under the caption “Washington hinders condemnation of flotilla massacre,” shows “Uncle Sam” pouring water on Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu’s hands, allowing him to wash off any traces of blood as he conceals a bloody knife under his arm.

COMMENT

6. (SBU) Criticism of Israel and its policies by PA official news outlets is typically expressed within the context of specific policy issues, such as Israeli settlements construction, demolitions and evictions of Palestinians from their homes in East Jerusalem, and the GOI-imposed restrictions on access to Gaza. It would be an oversimplification to cast this criticism in religious or ethnic terms. Pro-Israeli NGOs that monitor Palestinian media have not made any accusations specifically referring to anti-Semitic statements or actions by PA officials or PA news outlets since 2009. In fact, during the period immediately following the May 31 flotilla incident, the most prominent comment from the Palestinian leadership specific to Semitism was a positive statement made by President Abbas at a June 9 event with American Jewish leaders, noting that “Nobody denies the Jewish history in the Middle East. A third of our holy Koran talks about Jews in the Middle East... Nobody from (the Palestinian) side, at least, denies that the Jews were in Palestine.”

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Israel/Gaza

The Times: "Israel backs UN inquiry into deaths on aid shop" – report page 23: "Israel took the unprecedented decision yesterday to participate in a UN inquiry into the clash that killed nine people on board a boat from an international aid flotilla bound for Gaza. It is believed to be the first time that Israel has agreed to take part in a UN investigation into the conduct of its armed forces."

The Guardian: "Israel to help UN's Gaza flotilla inquiry" – report page 20: "It is the first time Israel has agreed to take part in a UN inquiry into actions involving the country's military."

Daily Telegraph: "Israel agrees to UN flotilla inquiry" – small item under the World Bulletin column page 14

The Independent: "Israel agrees to UN talks as man is killed in Jordan rocket attack" – report page 18: "The decision marks a departure for Israel, which has frequently viewed the United Nations with suspicion and accused UN bodies of being unfairly biased against the Jewish state."
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SUMMARY

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1. (C) Embassy Bogota welcomes your visit to Colombia August 6-8 to attend the inauguration of President-Elect Juan Manuel Santos. Outgoing President Alvaro Uribe departs after eight years.

End Summary.

2. (C)

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In retirement, Uribe will serve as the vice-chair of the UN investigation into the Gaza humanitarian flotilla crisis of May 31.
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In the wake of the Gaza flotilla episode, this incident is illustrative of the depth of the Tunisian public's vehemently anti-Israeli views. End summary.
6. (C) Comment: This incident is illustrative of the depth of the Tunisian public's vehemently anti-Israeli views, particularly in the wake of the Gaza flotilla incident (ref A).

End comment.

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**Gaza Flotilla Investigation**

*The Guardian:* "Netanyahu: flotilla posed real threat" – report page 15: "Netanyahu, the first witness to testify at a state-appointed inquiry into the lethal clash, insisted the raid was within international law and that Israel had the right to defend itself... Netanyahu told the inquiry, headed by the retired supreme court judge Jacob Turkel, he was convinced it would conclude that Israel acted in accordance with international law."

*Daily Telegraph:* "Turkey was spoiling for a fight, says Netanyahu" – report page 12: "Mr. Netanyahu said his office offered alternative proposals to Turkish ministers two weeks before the fatal confrontation on board the MV Mavi Marmara. All the offers were rejected."

*The Independent:* "Netanyahu fuels fears of flotilla inquiry whitewash" – report page 20: "Giving evidence to a state-appointed panel, Mr. Netanyahu sought to distance himself from the fateful chain of events that led to the death of nine Turkish pro-Palestinian activists."

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Megrahi – Scottish Media Coverage

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WESTERWELLE VISIT REAFFIRMS TURKEY'S STRATEGIC POSITION

4. (C) In his July 28 press conference held jointly with Turkish FM Davutoğlu, Westerwelle commented that "We confirmed press reports that the Turkish government was not concerned about the recent German ban on the German branch of IHH, noting that the timing, just after the Gaza flotilla incident, had been unfortunate, but not overly problematic.

END COMMENT.

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ISRAEL-LEBANON BORDER INCIDENT: EMOTIONS HIGH ON DAY AFTER

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Date/DTG: Aug 04, 2010 / 041629Z AUG 10
From: AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
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Reference: A) 10 BEIRUT 675
Subject: LEBANESE GAZA FLOTILLA PRESS CONFERENCE

1. (C) Lebanon's Central News Agency reported on August 4 that the local "Committee of the Flotilla" supporting the would-be "Mariam" Gaza flotilla would hold a press conference at noon on August 6 at the Tripoli port (reftel) to announce the departure date of the new Gaza-bound flotilla.

Embassy's Public Affairs section closely monitored Lebanese media throughout the day but discovered no reports on a flotilla press conference.
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LEBANESE MILITARY, UNIFIL DISCUSS LAF CAPABILITY WITH ASD VERSHBOW

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1. (C) SUMMARY.

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Subject: Turkey’s Gaza Flotilla Panel Member Sanberk
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Reference: A) ANKARA 979
Subject: Turkey’s Gaza Flotilla Panel Member Sanberk

1. (C) SUMMARY: Former Turkish ambassador and MFA undersecretary Ozdem Sanberk.

END SUMMARY.

2. (U) Following the May 31 Mavi Marmara interdiction and prior to his appointment as Turkey's representative to the UNSG’s Gaza flotilla review panel, Sanberk said publicly tensions between Turkey and Israel had been building since the 1993 Oslo Accords because the Gol had “dragged its feet” on implementation. According to Sanberk, the 2006 Lebanon War, the late 2008 Operation Cast Lead Gaza intervention and the Mavi Marmara interdiction had caused Turks to abandon any hope Israel wants peace. He condemned Israel’s Gaza blockade as “disproportionate and unethical.” He described the violence aboard the Mavi Marmara as: “Unarmed civilians protecting themselves against Israeli commandos with tools like sticks and slings on a ship that was sailing in international waters.” He added: “This did not justify these soldiers killing nine civilians.”

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Sent: 8/9/2010 12:37:21 PM
To: svcSMARTHTSPOP1
Subject: Turkey Downplays Return of Gaza Flotilla Ships

Turkey Downplays Return of Gaza Flotilla Ships

1. (C) SUMMARY: Turkish authorities imposed security and media restrictions on the August 7 return to the port of İskenderum of the Mavi Marmara, the ship on which eight Turks and one Turkish-origin American died during the Israeli Defense Forces' (IDF) May 31 interdiction of the Gaza humanitarian aid flotilla.

2. (SBU) Turkish authorities imposed security and media restrictions on the August 7 return to the port of İskenderum of the Mavi Marmara, the ship on which eight Turks and one Turkish-origin American died during the Israeli Defense Forces' (IDF) May 31 interdiction of the Gaza humanitarian aid flotilla. The deaths sparked days of street protests here against Israel and a dramatic deterioration in Turkish-Israeli relations. The restrictions prevented activists from exploiting the ship's return to regenerate the anti-Israeli anger of early June. The Mavi Marmara was towed into port along with the Defne Y and Gazze. The Turkish Islamist NGO Foundation for Human Rights and Freedom and Humanitarian Relief (IHH) had organized the three ships' participation in the flotilla.

3. (U) According to media reports, Huseyin Oruc, an IHH board member, claimed the Israelis repaired and painted the Mavi Marmara before allowing its return, to conceal evidence of their wrong-doing. Oruc warned more flotillas would set sail to Gaza if Israel does not lift its embargo of Gaza by the end of this year.

4. (C)

5. (C) COMMENT:
Jeremiah Howard, A/POLCOUNS

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REF: 10 GENEVA 684

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Director Jessica Lapenn for reason 1.4(d)

1. (C) As noted ref, the governments of both Turkey and Israel have agreed to cooperate with the panel of inquiry into the May 31 flotilla incident established by SYG Ban Ki-moon in response to the Security Council Presidential Statement.
2. (U) To further the foregoing objectives, U.S. Mission Geneva is instructed to meet, as appropriate, with the FFM, UN officials and other delegations in Geneva and to express the USG's opposition to the FFM, given the more credible SYG panel, by drawing on the talking points set forth in Paragraph 3 below. U.S. Mission Geneva is further instructed to keep the Department informed on the work of the FFM. Prior to any such meetings, the Israeli and Turkish delegations in Geneva should be quietly advised of our intentions and objectives.

3. (U) In its meetings, U.S. Mission Geneva should draw on the following talking points:

The U.S. continues to oppose the FFM's mandate. The U.S. will not engage to shape the FFM's terms of reference, its mandate or any other part of its work.

With the appointment of the SYG's Panel, the UN now has a mechanism that brings together all parties to the incident with the consent of both Turkey and Israel.

The U.S. supports the Israeli government's decision to cooperate with the SYG's panel, which we regard as a major step forward. We encourage other governments to similarly support Israel's decision in this matter.

We expect that the SYG's panel will be the primary method for the international community to review the flotilla incident, obviating any rationale for any overlapping international inquiries. With the SYG's panel and the Turkel Commission, there is no need for the FFM, which is redundant and lacks credibility. There is certainly no need for an extension of its mandate.

We note that the FFM's mandate does not request any conclusions or recommendations for action.
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1. (SBU)

2. (U) Begin elements:

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Mr. President, the United States has welcomed the Secretary-General's announcement of the establishment of a panel regarding the May 31 flotilla incident. As we have emphasized before, the panel is not a substitute for national investigations.
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Subject: DEMARCHE REQUEST: OPPOSE CONVOCATION OF PARTIES TO THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION

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1. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 below.

BACKGROUND

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With a major push for direct Israeli-Palestinian talks underway and with the SYG having just established a panel on the flotilla incident that has the support of Israel and Turkey, it would be particularly damaging to proceed with steps to convene a conference of the High Contracting Parties.
1. (SBU) Summary: General of the ASEAN-Malaysia National Secretariat briefed the diplomatic community about the results of the 43rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM)/Post Ministerial Meeting (PMC)/17th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) and related meetings held in Hanoi, Vietnam July 16-23.
Israel

9. (SBU) Shahizan noted that at the ARF, Malaysia strongly condemned the Israeli actions against the Gaza flotilla in May, called for a lifting of the blockade, and explained its attempts to convene an Emergency Special Session (ESS) at the UN.