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SUMMARY

1. (SBU) On 8 August, PM Netanyahu announced the nomination of attorney Joseph Ciechanover as Israel's representative to the UN Secretary General's inquiry into the Mavi Marmara flotilla incident of 31 May. Ciechanover, a 77-year old lawyer by training, has had a distinguished business career including as CEO of El Al Airlines, and before that as a civil servant, including as Menachem Begin's Director General of the Foreign Ministry. Combining legal expertise and corporate experience with a reputation for personal integrity, Ciechanover's nomination is acceptable to all shades of opinion within the Gol. Specifically, Ciechanover's conduct of the 1997 inquiry into the abortive attempt by the Mossad on the life of Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal won him public plaudits for competence, as well as the personal trust of the then PM who was exonerated in that probe - Benjamin

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Netanyahu.

FROM EDUCATOR TO SENIOR DIPLOMAT

2. (SBU) Ciechanover, whose family name derives from the town of Ciechanov in Poland, was born in 1933, in Haifa. He gained his teacher's certificate, law degree and Bachelors in business administration at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. An eight-year stint as legal advisor to the Ministry of Agriculture [1960-66] was to be the longest consecutive period he would serve in any government post. Then he entered the Ministry of Defense -- first as legal advisor [1968-74] in the euphoric post-Six Day War period that ended with the Yom Kippur War of 1973. A year later, Ciechanover was named to head the Ministry's Defense Mission in Canada and New York which he did during the turbulent aftermath of the Yom Kippur War, culminating in the first Camp David Agreement. On the eve of the Peace Treaty with Egypt, Ciechanover returned to Israel for what was to be a two-year period as Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

...TO BUSINESSMAN

3. (SBU) Ciechanover's ensuing career took him through a series of senior executive positions which soon made him a familiar name in the banking, business and commercial spheres:

-- 1980-1995: President - Palestine Economic Corporation; member of executive committee at I.D.B. Holdings Inc.

-- 1986-1991: Chairman of the Board Q Israel Discount Bank Inc.

-- 1995-2001: Appointed Chairman of the Board Q El Al Israel Airlines; CEO of ETGAR investment fund; director in several public corporations

-- 2001-2004: voted in for additional three-year term as Chairman of the Board Q El Al Israel Airlines.

...AND A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

4. (SBU) Today, Ciechanover is known in Israeli business circles as a low-key, competent "man for all seasons." It was no doubt this quality which made him the choice in 1997 of then PM Binyamin Netanyahu, who named him to head the committee to investigate the Mossad's botched attempt on the life of Hamas official Khaled Mashaal in Jordan. Ciechanover's committee exonerated Netanyahu of any wrongdoing in the affair but criticized Mossad chief

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Danny Yatom, without calling unanimously for his resignation. The affair brought post-peace treaty relations between Israel and Jordan to an unprecedented low.

ONCE A DIPLOMAT, ALWAYS A DIPLOMAT

5. (SBU) In his service to both Israel's public and private sector, Ciechanover has seen periods of dramatic change in the diplomatic fortunes of his country as well as an unprecedented acceleration of growth and influence on the part of Israel's business community. Recognition of his talents and contribution have not been confined, however, to his home base. In 1980, the U.S. Department of Defense awarded him the Distinguished Public Service Medal for his achievements while serving as head of Israel's Defense Mission in North America. Dr. Ciechanover, who is a member of the New York Bar and has a doctorate from Boston University, is also a member of the French Academy of Humanities [1993] and a recipient of the French Legion of Honor [2010].

CIECHANOVER MEETS THE CRITERIA

6. (SBU) For PM Netanyahu, Ciechanover's handling of the Mashaal affair clearly qualifies him to represent Israel in the problematic context of the UN Inquiry on the Maritime Events of 31 May 2010. As for Ciechanover's wider reputation, it is free of blemish and widely recognized for its unusual synthesis of public and private sector norms of conduct. By his own admission, Ciechanover owes much of his ability to work in such varied arenas and with so many personalities, to his refusal to "play politics." Referring to his years in government service, Ciechanover says "I was a civil servant, never a politician." It is safe to presume that he will approach his duties on the UN probe in much the same spirit.

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(SBU) On Saturday, 08/21/2010, at 0933 hours Embassy investigators reported that both the *Mariam* (formerly the *Jounieh Star*) and the *Julia* (aka the *Naji al-Ali*) remain in their same positions in the Lebanese port of Tripoli without any signs of activity. Our team will remain in Tripoli throughout the day, and we will provide further reports, as appropriate.

(U) Transportation Minister Ghazi Aridi told Lebanese papers on August 21 that he could not allow the *Mariam* to sail, as planned, because the Cypriot authorities had announced that they would not allow it to land there en route to Gaza. He added, however, "We will grant the ship the necessary license according to the required legal conditions," explaining that the ship's owners must locate a different port that will receive the ship.

(U) The head of the sponsoring Free Palestine Movement, Yasser Qashlaq, stressed that the *Mariam* will depart as scheduled on August 29. He told the daily *Asharq al-Awsat* on August 21, "There will be no backing down from the launch date and Cyprus has no right to refuse it entry to its port....If the ship does not sail, regardless of the reason, I will reveal secrets and many surprises to the Palestinian people." The Lebanese paper *As-Safir*, which supports the ship's mission, reported that organizers are negotiating with Greek authorities for permission to land in a Greek port.

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(U) In a press conference held inside the Lebanese port of Tripoli around midday on Sunday, August 22, the organizers of the *Mariam*, a ship intending to break the Gaza blockade, announced that they are "postponing but not cancelling" its departure, previously planned for August 22. This decision, they said, was made necessary by the refusal of Cypriot authorities to allow the ship to dock in Cyprus en route to Gaza. The organizers are now seeking another port that will allow them to land, and they announced that they are in contact with Turkish and Greek authorities. The Government of Lebanon will not allow the ship to sail directly to Gaza because it is occupied by Israel, with which Lebanon is officially in a state of war.

(SBU) An Embassy security team reported at 1445 hours that all those who attended the press conference had departed the port area and no activity was taking place on or around the ship. Embassy Beirut will continue monitoring the situation and sending staff to observe the port, reporting when necessary.

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SUMMARY

1. (SBU) An eight member Congressional delegation headed by Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs' Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere Eliot Engel (D-NY) visited Colombia for the August 7 inauguration of President Juan Manuel Santos (refel A). The delegation members discussed

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End Summary.

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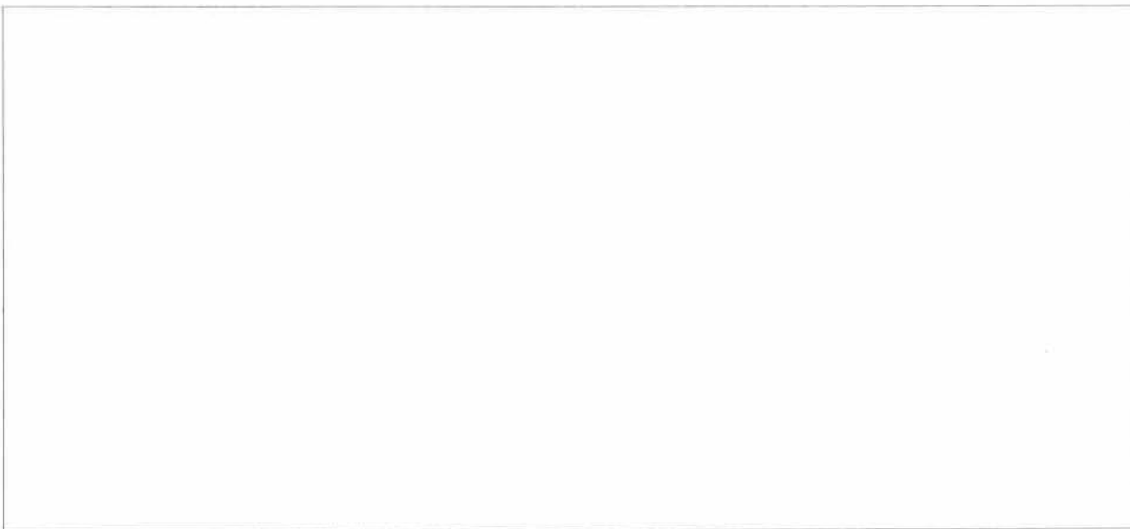
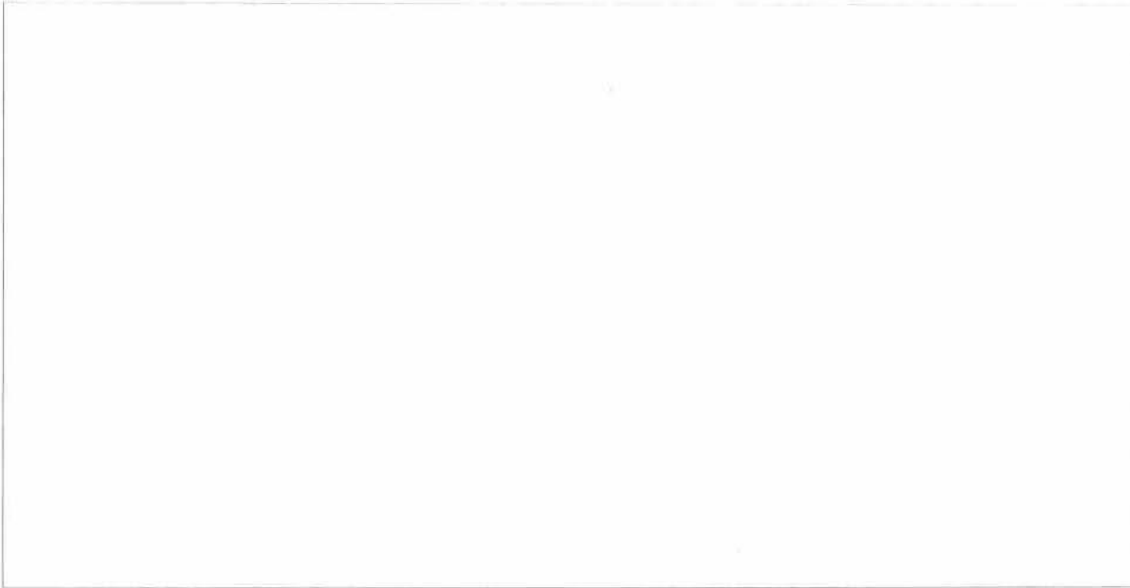
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(SBU) On August 24 at 1300 hours, Embassy investigators reported that the Mariam (formerly the Jounieh Star) and the Julia (aka the Najj al-Ali) remained in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no signs of activity taking place on or around them. The Julia is anchored away from the wharf, and the Mariam has been moved to a secondary docking location next to a larger ship. The team will return to observe the ships on August 25.

(SBU) Yasser Qashlaq, head of the Free Palestine Movement that is sponsoring the ships, told An-Nahar newspaper, "From now on, we will start sending ships carrying humanitarian aid with the U.N. flag to all of Palestine, not only to Gaza, and Israel will not be able to forbid it or detain it." Since the Government of Lebanon has refused to allow the ships to sail unless they indicate as their destination a port that will receive them other than Gaza, this claim is not credible. The press reported over the weekend that the flotilla organizers contacted Turkish and Greek authorities to seek permission to dock there.

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A/S Brimmer – Israeli DCM Dan Arbell courtesy call

On Monday, August 23, Israeli DCM Dan Arbell (accompanied by Political Counselor Eliav Benjamin) met with A/S Brimmer, during which they discussed: timing and potential topics for the next round of the U.S.-Israel Multilateral Dialogue; ways to increase Israel's participation and advocacy throughout the UN system/JUSCANZ; Israel's concerns regarding the Human Rights Council; Goldstone follow-up investigations/Gaza Flotilla investigation;

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Goldstone Follow-up Investigations/Gaza Flotilla Investigation

A/S Brimmer reiterated that domestic follow-up investigations should be conducted and that the U.S. continues to oppose the Tomuschat Commission mechanism. She also said that the U.S. is currently reviewing the Palestinian submission.

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1. (SBU) Summary: On August 17 Assistant Secretary General Oscar Fernandez-Taranco focused his briefing to the Council on the SYG panel of inquiry on the Gaza flotilla incident, progress towards Middle East peace, and the situation in Gaza. He said he expects a Quartet meeting at the principals' level at UNGA and a Quartet meeting with the Arab League follow-up Committee. In consultation, Council members expressed support for the SYG's August 2 announcement of the formation of a panel of inquiry on the Gaza flotilla incident; some also called for additional Council briefings on the panel's work. Most Council members acknowledged the changed Israeli policy towards Gaza access, but called for additional steps to improve the situation in Gaza. [REDACTED]

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End summary.

UN Briefing

2. (U) Assistant Secretary General (ASYG) Oscar Fernandez-Taranco reviewed the formation and membership of the SYG's panel of inquiry on the Gaza flotilla incident in his August 17 briefing. He said that the SYG hopes that the Panel would fulfill its mandate in the light of the June 1 PRST of the Security Council and with the fullest cooperation of the relevant national authorities of Israel and Turkey. He said the panel will "examine and identify the facts, circumstances, and the context of the flotilla incident, as well as recommend ways of avoiding future incidents." He added that the panel will "receive and review reports of national investigations into the incident, and request such clarifications and information as it may require from relevant national authorities. For the conduct of its work, the Panel will decide what steps it will take and will work with the national authorities. It is not designed to determine individual criminal responsibility." He reiterated that the SYG hopes the panel will impact positively on the relationship between Turkey and Israel as well as the overall situation in the Middle East. Fernandez-Taranco said that the panel will meet again in early September to strive to produce an interim for the SYG report on September 15th.

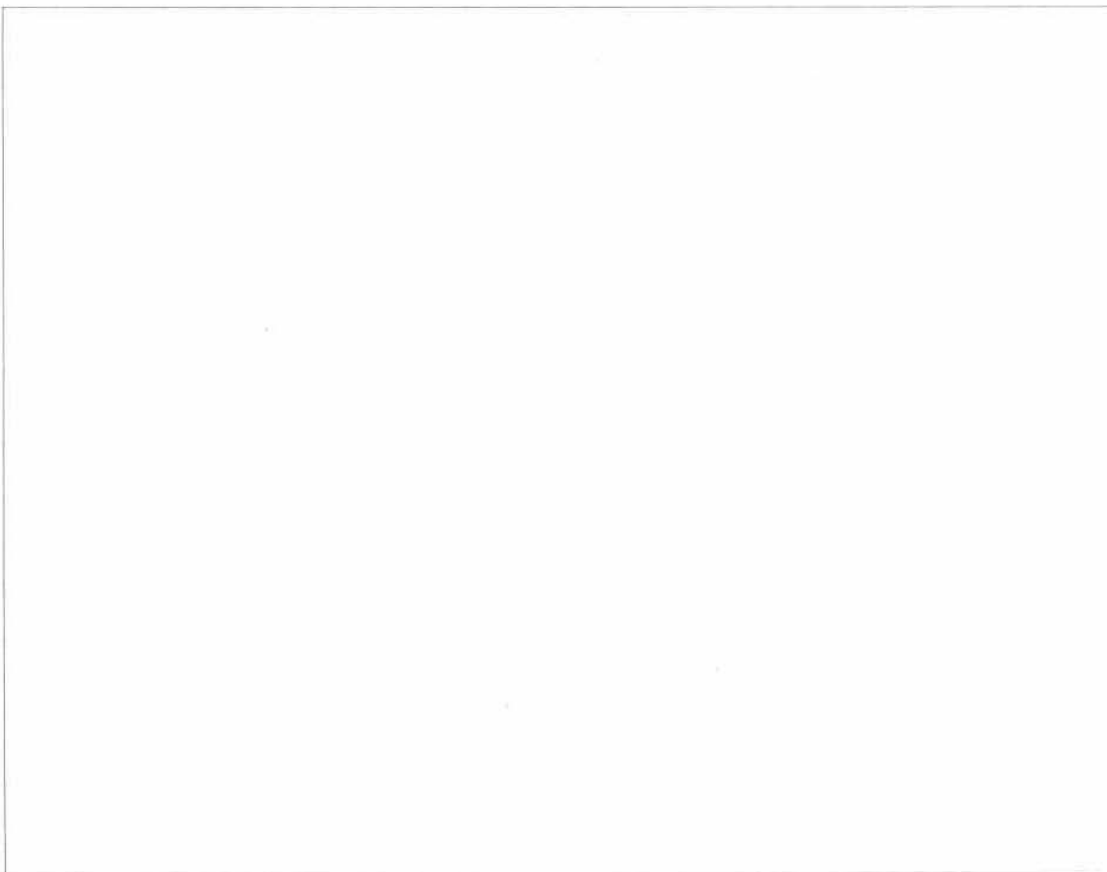
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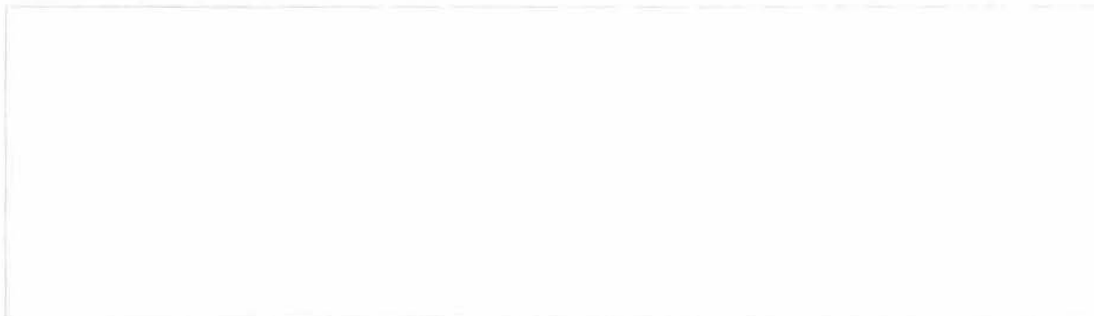
6. (SBU) Council members expressed support for the SYG's August 2 announcement of the formation of a panel of inquiry on the Gaza flotilla incident; some called for additional Council briefings on the panel's work. Turkey said that the SYG panel on the flotilla incident "to ensure accountability" has started its work and will meet again in early September. Mexico said the SYG's panel was created in response to the "call from the Council in its June 1 PRST" and requested that the Council be kept "fully informed" including on the September 15th interim report. China also requested "timely" briefings on the panel's work. Bosnia, Brazil and Nigeria welcomed the establishment of the panel in accordance with the June 1 PRST of the Security Council. The UK praised the SYG's success in obtaining a commitment from both Israel and Turkey to participate in the panel and said that national investigations should proceed "swiftly and with transparency." France called for the panel to "shed light on the incident so that it would not be repeated." Uganda welcomed the panel as a way to "clarify the causes" of the incident and restore Turkish-Israeli relations. Lebanon said that the panel should "specify responsibility with a view towards punishment and compensation" and should report to the Council in mid-September.

7. (SBU) 


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4. (C) After the May 31 Mavi Marmara incident, [redacted]
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Reference: A) ANKARA 1159
B) ANKARA 680
Subject: Davutoglu Rejects Any GoT Responsibility for Mavi Marmara Deaths

1. (SBU) This week's appearances by PM Netanyahu, Defense Minister Barak and CHOD Ashkenazi before the Turkel Commission, the Israeli investigation into the Israel Defense Force's violent interdiction May 31 of the Gaza-bound Mavi Marmara, have begun to prompt critical senior-level GoT reactions (as feared by our Israeli Embassy colleagues - ref A). Responding to a journalist's question yesterday about Netanyahu's account of the GoT's failed diplomatic efforts to persuade the GoT to have the Turkish NGO organizers reroute the flotilla's humanitarian aid through Ashdod, Foreign Minister Davutoglu disavowed any Turkish responsibility for the deaths aboard the ship. Skirting Netanyahu's implication the GoT had failed to act despite sufficient warning of peril to its citizens, Davutoglu repeated flatly that Israel had killed civilians in international waters and should accept responsibility for its actions.

2. (C) COMMENT:

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Reference: A) 10 MDA 1767
Subject: Organizers of the Mariam Flotilla Pledge to Sail for Gaza on August 22

1. (C) Summary: Lebanese Transportation Minister Ghazi Aridi gave permission on August 18 for the *Mariam* (aka the *Jounieh Star*), a ship intending to break the Gaza blockade, to sail from the Lebanese port of Tripoli to Cyprus. The ship's sponsors plan to hold a press conference at 1300 on August 19 to announce that the ship will sail on August 22.

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[Redacted] There was no activity visible on or around the *Mariam* on August 18. End Summary.

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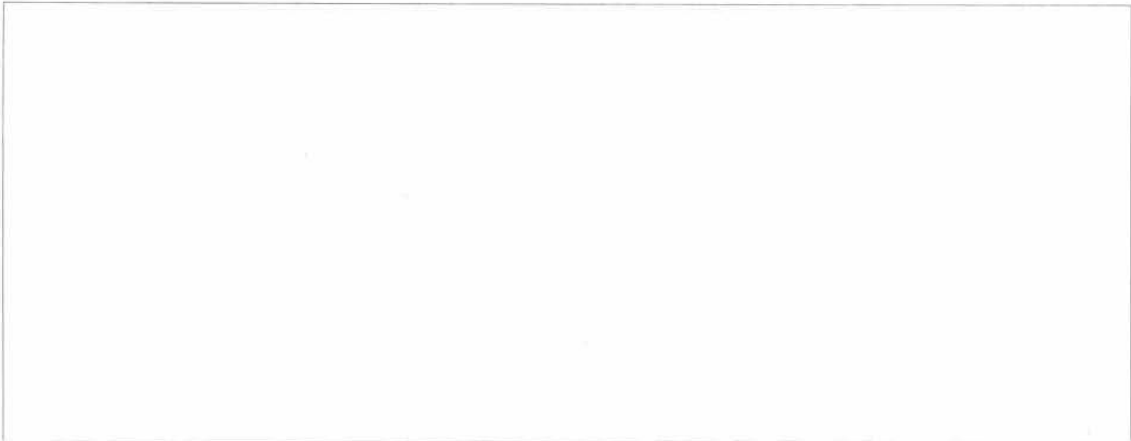
Transportation Minister Approves Permit for the *Mariam*

2. (C) Hizballah's Al-Manar reported on August 18 that Lebanese Transportation Minister Ghazi Aridi had given permission for the *Mariam* (aka the *Jounieh Star*), a ship intending to break the Gaza blockade, to sail from the Lebanese port of Tripoli to Cyprus. The press advisor to President Michel Sleiman, Rima Farah, confirmed to us on August 18 that Aridi had issued the necessary papers at 1700 that day. She added that the ship's sponsors would hold a press conference on Thursday, August 19, to promote the *Mariam* and that they planned to sail on Sunday, August 22.

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6. (C) As of August 18 at 1400, there was no sign of activity on or around either the *Mariam* or the *Julia*.

7. (SBU) Attached are two recent photos of the *Mariam*.



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Captions: SIPDIS, NOFORN
Reference: A) 10 BEIRUT 719
Subject: [Redacted]

1. (C) SUMMARY: The organizers of the *Mariam* flotilla announced on August 19 that the ship will sail for Cyprus on the evening of Sunday, August 22, en route to Gaza. Although they received a permit from the Lebanese transportation ministry on August 18 to sail, Cyprus has reportedly announced that it will not allow the ship to dock there. [Redacted] End Summary.

Organizers Announce Departure on August 22

2. (U) In a truncated press conference on August 19, the head of the *Mariam* Flotilla Committee, Samar el-Hajj, announced that the *Mariam* (aka the *Jounieh Star*), a ship intending to break the Gaza blockade, will set sail from the port of Tripoli at 2200 hours on Sunday, August 22, for Cyprus and from there to Gaza. El-Hajj added that the *Mariam*'s sister ship, the *Naji al-Ali* (aka the *Julia*), would join it on its trip. The press conference was delayed and relocated to the entrance of the port after the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) prevented the entry of journalists into the port to see the *Mariam* on the pretext that they lacked the necessary permissions. As a result of the LAF action, there was no live coverage of the press conference and only the Hizballah-owned TV station Al-Manar taped it.

3. (U) El-Hajj bitterly complained that the organizers' efforts were being hampered internally, even as they were being hampered outside of Lebanon. Later on August 19 she referred to the port as being "under a blockade" because of the heavy LAF presence, adding, "I hope this is not the situation on Sunday and if it is, I hope it's not because of our boat." According to Al-Manar, another organizer of the flotilla, Yasser Kashlak, explained that the *Mariam* will head to Cyprus first because the authorities there cannot prevent its departure for Gaza. The Lebanese government has said that it will not allow the ship to depart directly for Gaza because it is occupied territory.

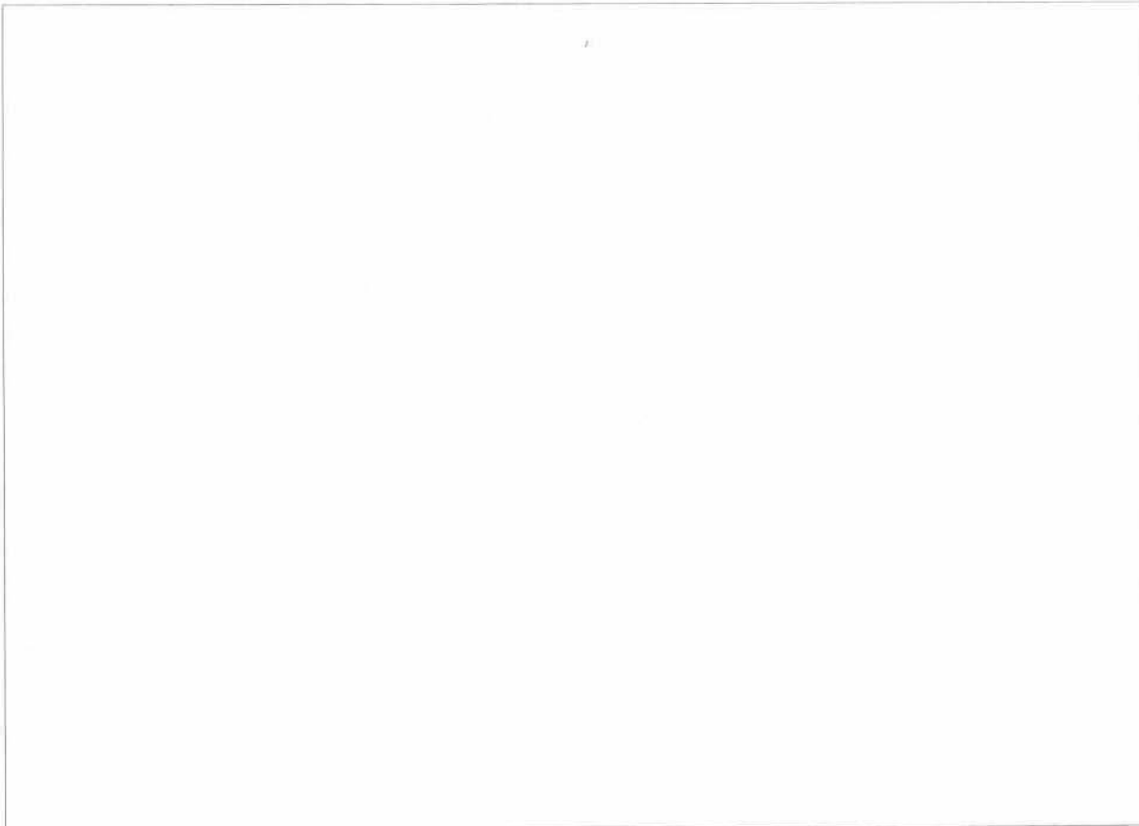
4. (U) Al-Manar reported that the total number of participants is now 200. The *Mariam*, it said, would carry female activist from the U.S., Europe, India, and Lebanon, in addition to medical supplies for civilians in Gaza. The *Naji al-Ali*, Al-Manar said, would carry journalists to cover the trip.

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5. (SBU) At 1400 hours, staff from the Embassy's security office observed workers carrying 50-liter containers of fuel and water to the *Mariam*, which was moved from a secondary docking position to a position on the wharf itself. The *Julia* remains anchored in the Tripoli port far from the wharf with no action visible on or around it. The *Julia* is not, according to several sources, seaworthy, and it has not obtained a permit to sail for that reason.



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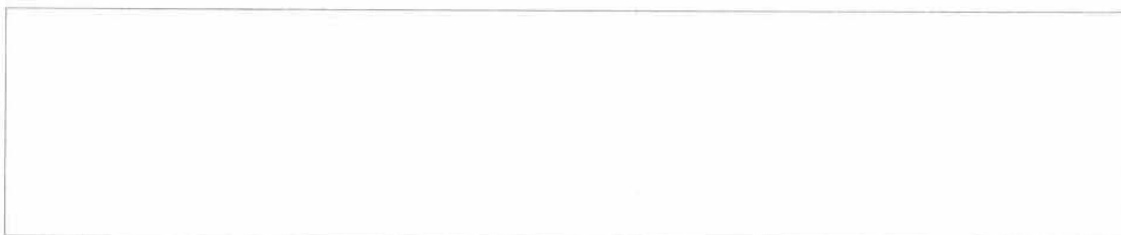
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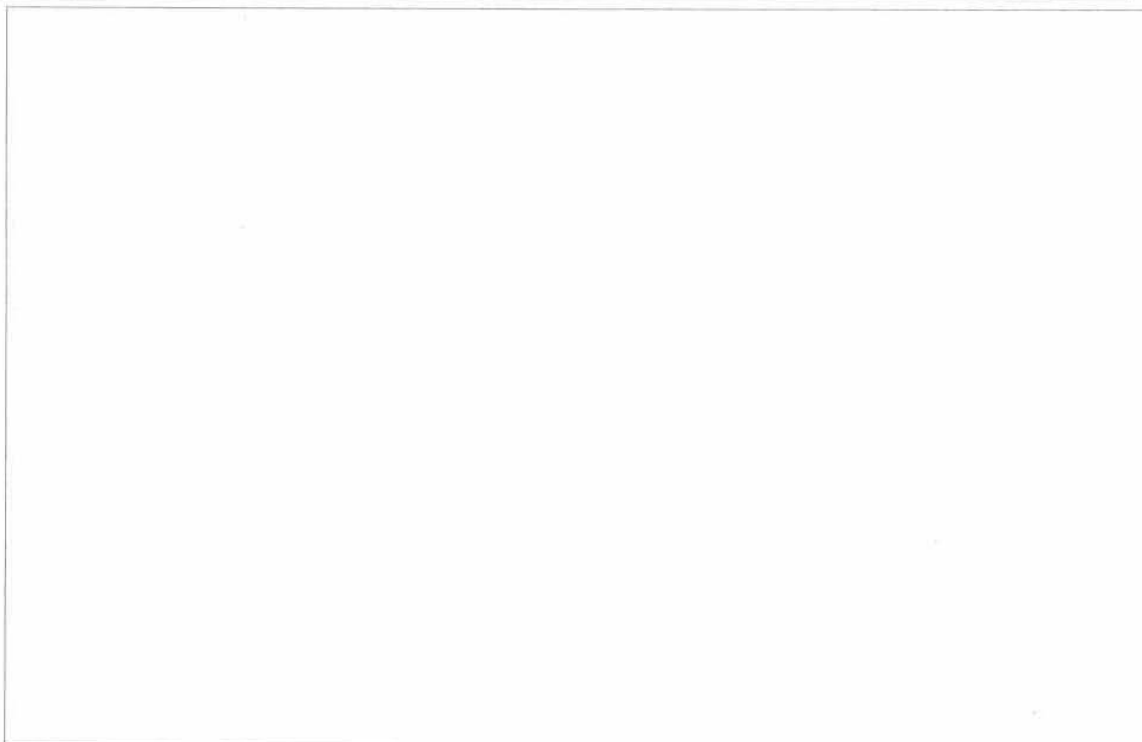


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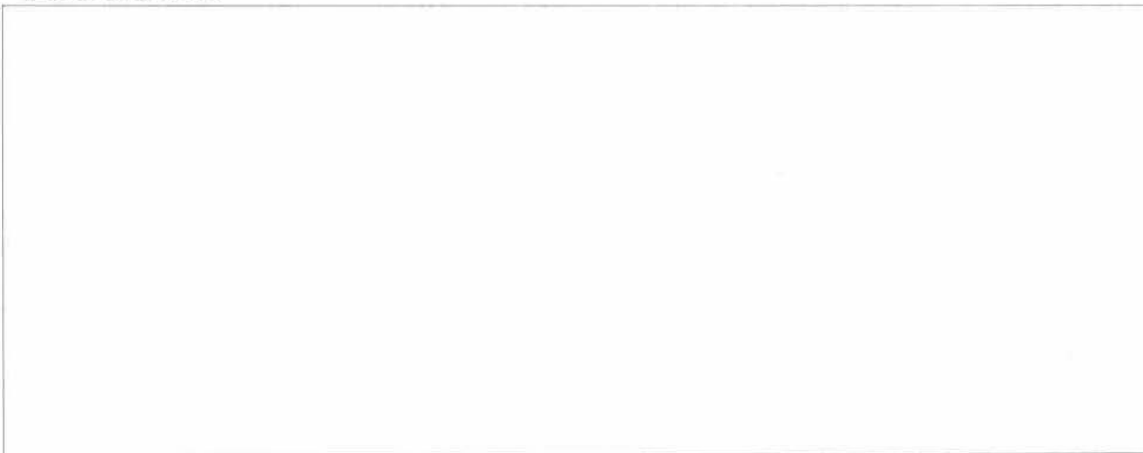
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Subject: August 20 Mariam flotilla update

No Activity Around Flotilla Ships

(SBU) At midday on August 20, an Embassy security team determined that the *Mariam* (formerly the *Jounieh Star*), a ship docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli that intends to break the Gaza blockade, remained in its position on the wharf with no activity taking place on or around it. Its sister ship the *Julia* (aka the *Naji al-Ali*) remains anchored in the port with no activity taking place on or around it.

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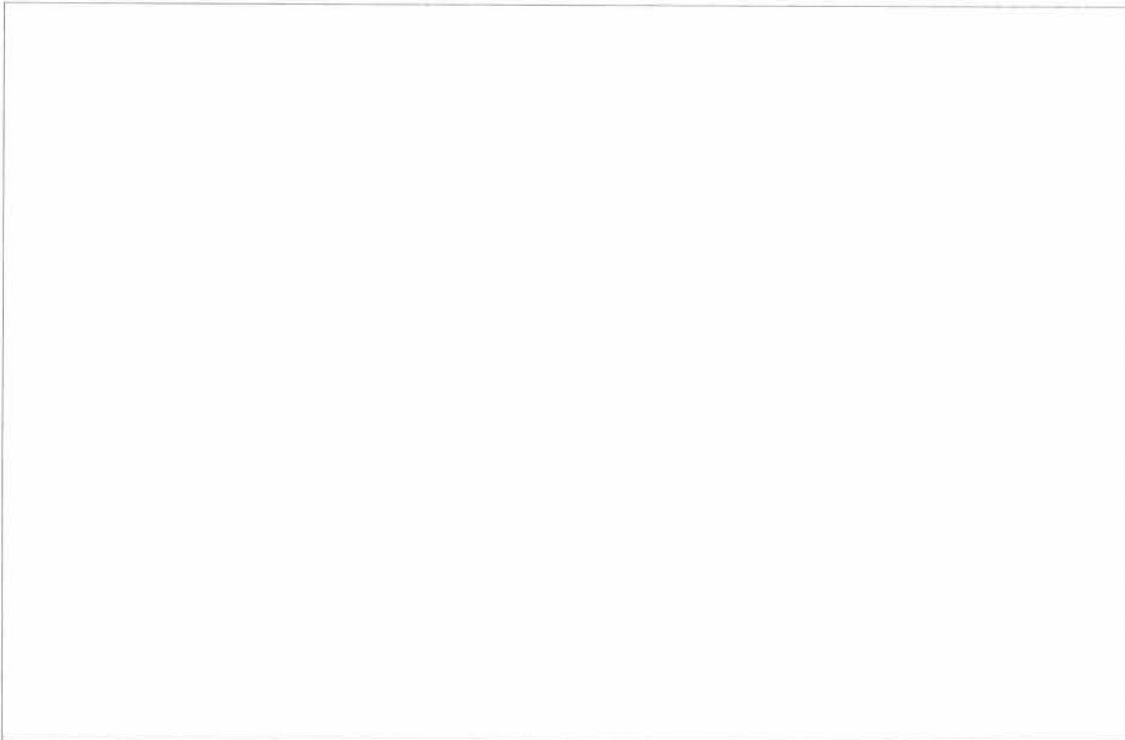
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(SBU) We are currently reaching out to the Lebanese Armed Forces, as well, to urge that the ship's departure be prevented. We will send a team to observe the port all day on August 21 and 22 to report on the situation.

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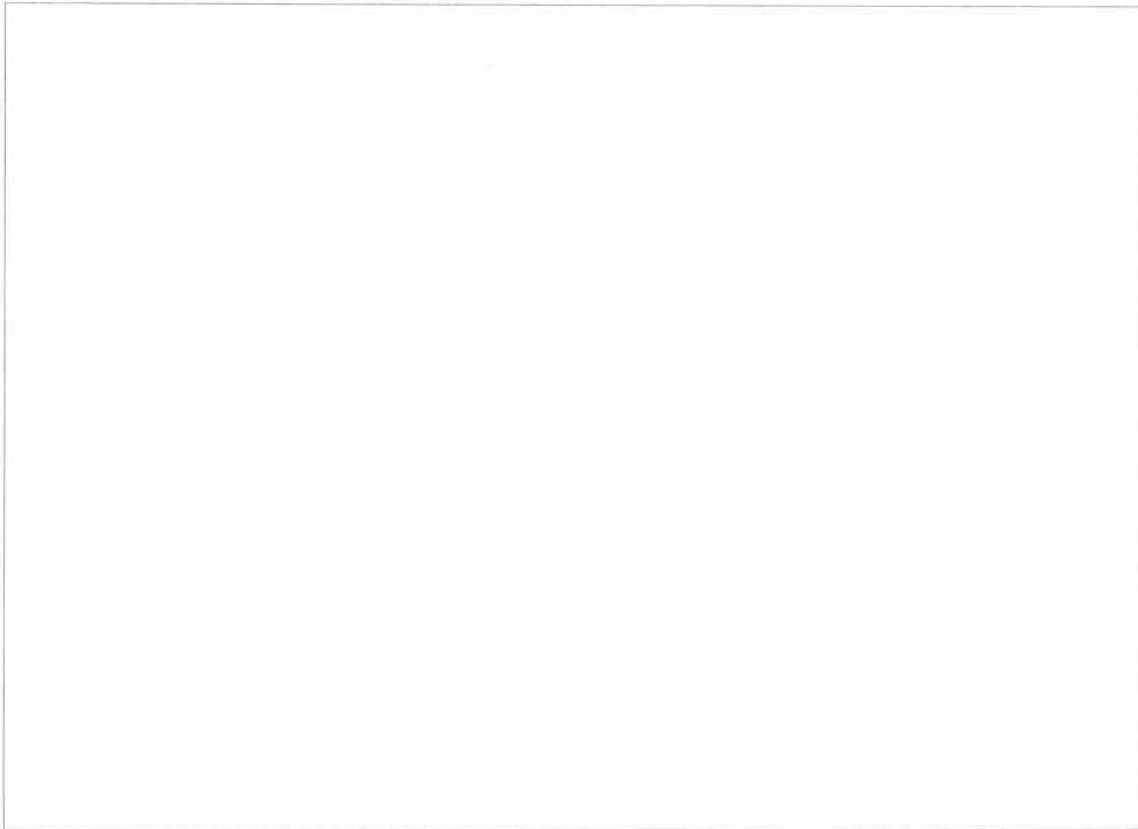
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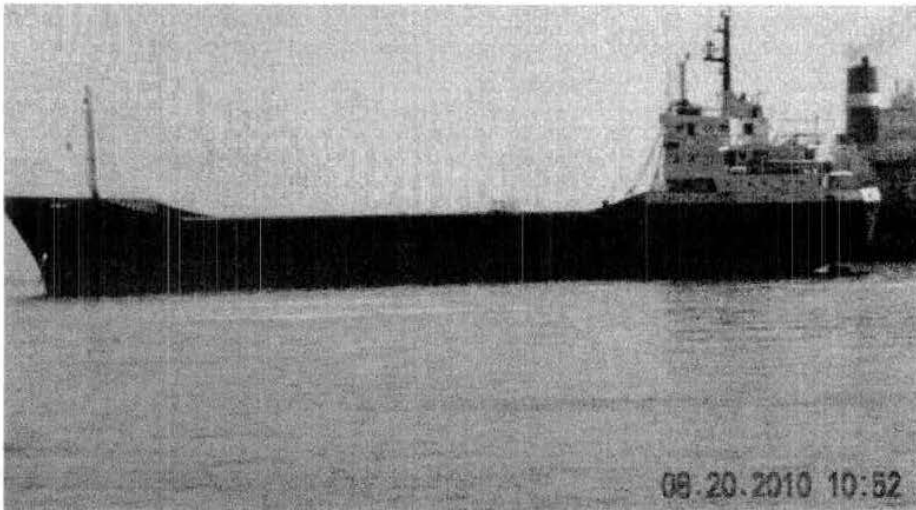
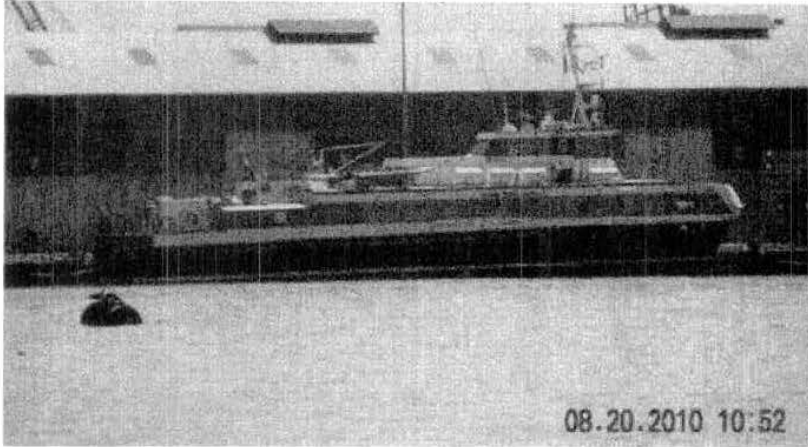
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No Activity Around Flotilla Ships

6. (SBU) At midday on August 20, an Embassy RSO team determined that the *Mariam* (formerly the *Jounieh Star*) remained in its position on the wharf in Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around it. Its sister ship the *Julia* (aka the *Naji al-Ali*) remained anchored in the port with no activity taking place on or around it. A current photo of each ship is attached to this message.

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SUBJECT: FELTMAN MEETING WITH TURKISH OFFICIAL SOYSAL ON IRAQ, ME, IRAN

Classified By: NEA A/S Jeffrey D. Feltman for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (U) August 23, 2010; 16:30 EST; Washington, DC

2. (U) Participation:

United States:
NEA A/S Jeffrey Feltman
NEA DAS Michael Corbin
NEA/I/POL Douglas Hoyt
EUR/SE Meghan Gregonis

Turkey:
MFA Deputy Undersecretary Rauf Engin Soysal
Turkish Embassy First Secretary Can Oguz

3. (S) SUMMARY: NEA Assistant Secretary Feltman discussed with Turkish MFA Deputy Undersecretary Rauf Engin Soysal Iraq, Middle East, and Iran August 23 in Washington. Soysal was in town accompanying MFA Undersecretary Feridun Sinirlioglu

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4. (S) Feltman discussed the state of play on government formation. [Redacted]

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8. (S) Feltman laid out the sequence of events related to the re-launch of peace talks on September 2. [Redacted]

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9. (S) [Redacted]

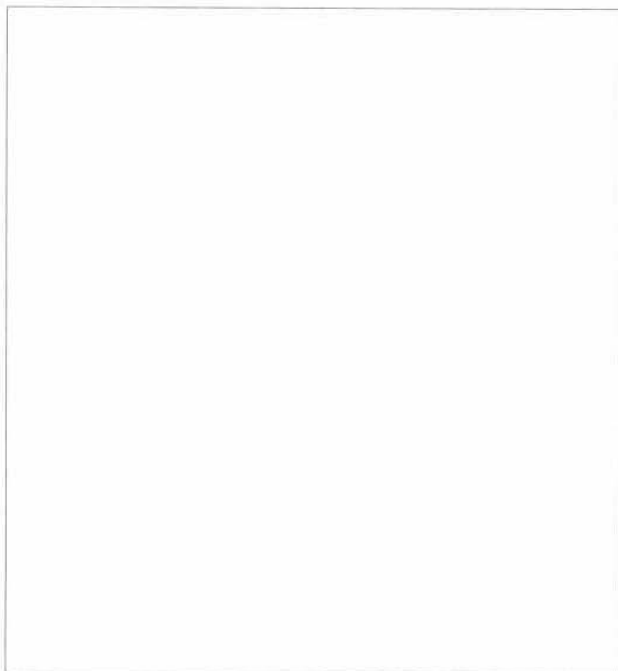
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SUBJECT: (U) Secretary Clinton's 8/17/2010 Meeting with UN Secretary -General Ban Ki-moon

1. (U) Classified by: Paul Wohlers, Deputy Executive Secretary, S/ES, Department of State. Reason 1.4.(d)

2. (U) August 17, 2010; 2:30-3:00 p.m.; UN Headquarters, New York.

3. (U) Participants:

U.S.
The Secretary
Rosemary DiCarlo, Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations
Esther Brimmer, Assistant Secretary for International Organizations Affairs
Rajiv Shah, Administrator of USAID
Richard Holbrooke, Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan
Judith McHale, Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs
Tobias Glucksman (Notetaker)

United Nations
Ban Ki-moon, Secretary -General
Vijay Nambiar, Chef de Cabinet
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John Holmes, Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator
Jean-Maurice Ripert, UN Special Envoy for Pakistan
Oscar Fernandez, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs
Jenny McAvoy (notetaker)

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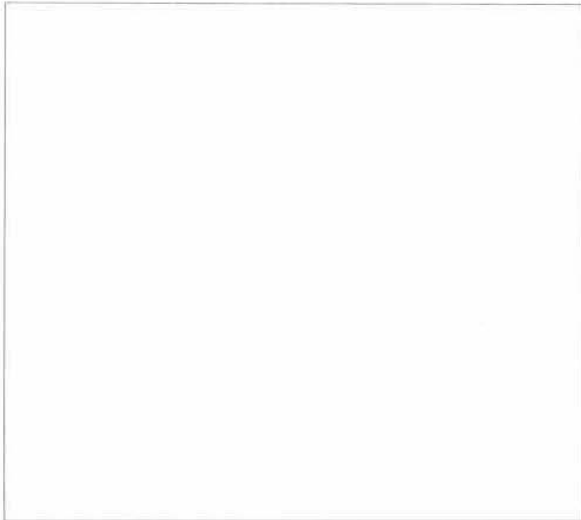
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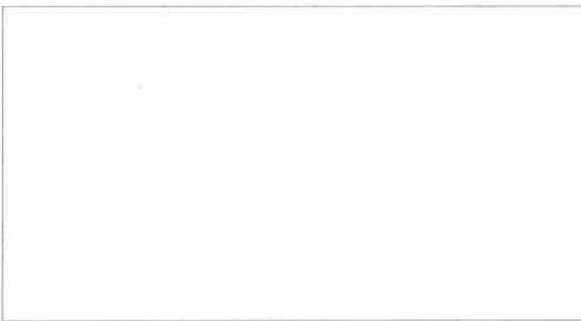
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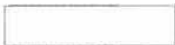
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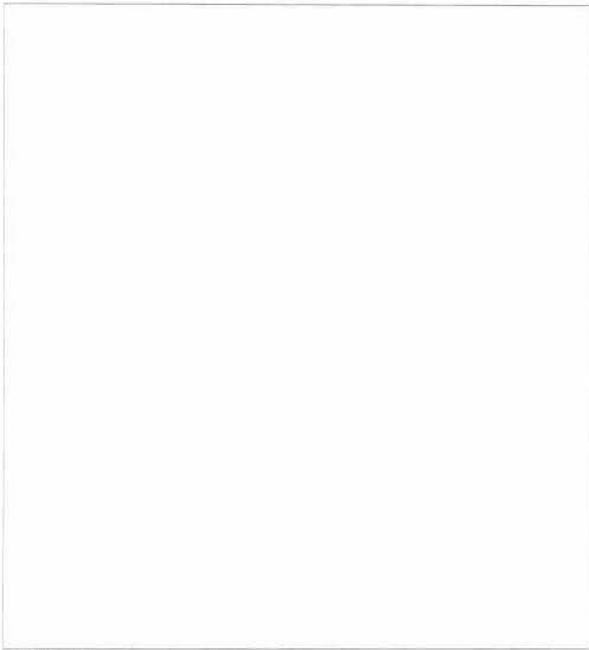


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To: svcSMARTHBTSP06
Subject: French Anti-Semitism Watchdogs Offer Different Assessments of Gaza Flotilla Impact
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Captions: SENSITIVE, SIPDIS
Reference: A) 10 STATE 72296
Subject: French Anti-Semitism Watchdogs Offer Different Assessments of Gaza Flotilla Impact

- (SBU) Representatives of two French anti-Semitism watchdog groups offered different assessments of the impact of the May 31, 2010 Gaza flotilla incident on anti-Semitism in France. [redacted] said he noted an increase in anti-Semitic acts in France as a result of the incident. On the other hand, [redacted] said his organization did not note a sudden increase in anti-Semitic acts following the flotilla incident. [redacted] said the domestic reaction towards the Jewish community was much worse after Israel's 2009 invasion of Gaza.
- (SBU) [redacted] based his conclusion on a report [redacted] on anti-Semitic acts during the 10-day period between May 31, 2010 and June 9, 2010. [redacted] he identified 20 separate incidents, including three violent attacks and one attempted arson. He noted that this marked an increase in the rate of anti-Semitic acts compared to prior years. He explained, for example, that in June 2008 and 2009 there were, respectively, 29 and 49 anti-Semitic acts for the entire month. Some acts [redacted] were specifically linked to the flotilla, but for the most part it was the increase in the number of acts, as opposed their content, that [redacted] to draw links to the flotilla incident. Among the specifically linked acts, [redacted] following a June 2 pro-Palestinian rally in Strasbourg in the wake of the flotilla incident, approximately 700 protestors wanted to march on a synagogue shouting "Death to Israel" and "Israel Assassin" and had to be driven back by police. Following a May 31 pro-Palestinian protest in Grenoble, stones were thrown at a Jewish school. [redacted] also stated that on an RER train in the Parisian suburb of Argenteuil on June 6, a Jewish man was punched in the head by an individual who said, "I don't like Jews and I am going to hit you . . . You saw what your cousins did in Gaza" after having asked every passenger if her or she was Jewish.
- (SBU) [redacted] was satisfied with the GOF response in the period following the flotilla incident, saying "what should have been done was done." Places of worship were secured, police cordons prevented protests from turning violent, and local officials remained in contact with Jewish community leaders. [redacted] confirmed Post's observation that while many French political figures were critical of Israel's actions, their comments could not be characterized

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as anti-Semitic. He further confirmed the absence of anti-Semitic comments in the French press following the incident. The French media routinely reports anti-Semitic incidents, although, according to [redacted] and not unexpectedly, the focus tends to be on the most serious cases.

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4. (SBU) Comment: The different assessments offered by [redacted] may simply be a question of interpretation. Compared to prior years, it may turn out that June 2010 sees an increase in the total number of anti-Semitic incidents in France. But it may prove difficult to link the majority of these incidents to the flotilla incident itself.

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Subject: Mufti of Istanbul: [redacted] in Flotilla

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1. (C/NF) SUMMARY. In a meeting on July 14, the Mufti of Istanbul spoke about [redacted]
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5. (C/NF) The Mufti also spoke about the Gaza flotilla and its aftermath. [Redacted]

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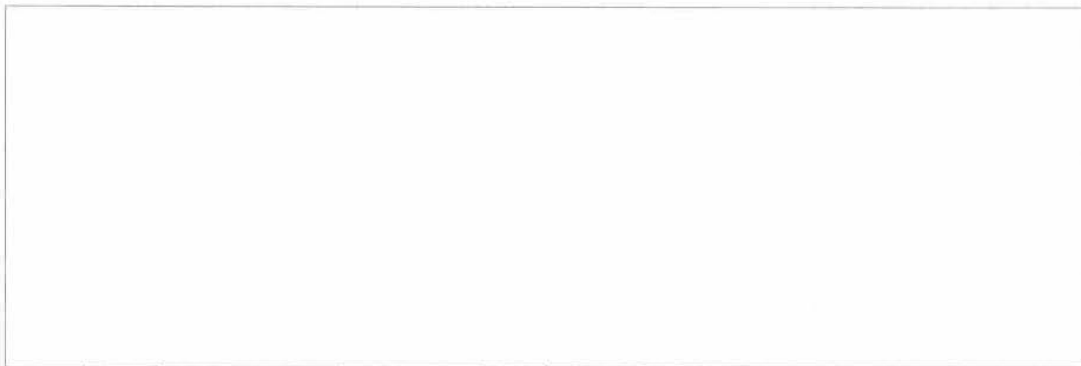
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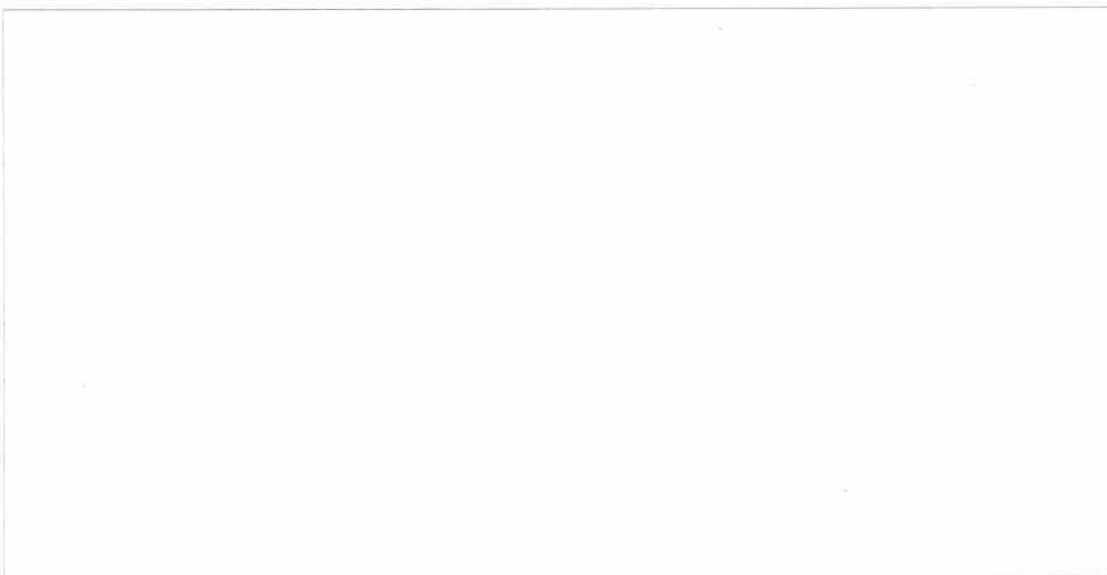
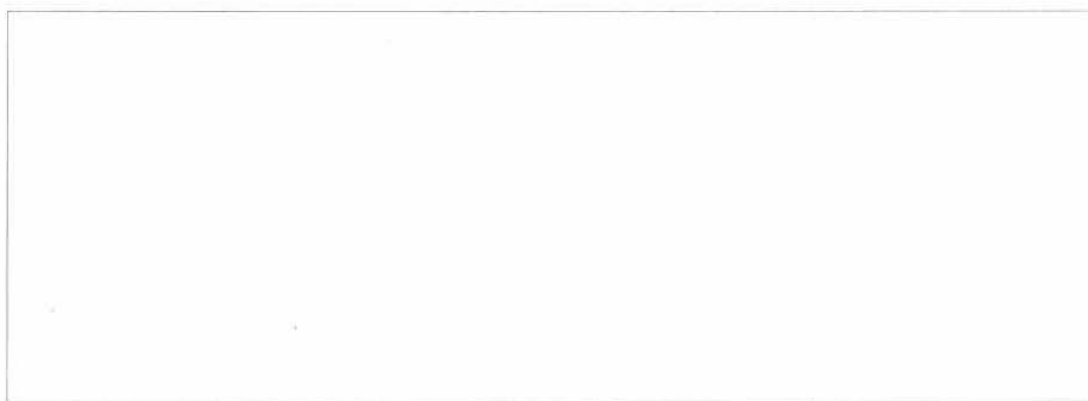
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Subject: Netherlands: Dutch Reaction to Israeli Actions Against Gaza Flotilla

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Reference: A) 10 STATE 72296
Subject: Netherlands: Dutch Reaction to Israeli Actions Against Gaza Flotilla

1. (U) SUMMARY: Dutch reaction in recent weeks to the Israeli attack on the Gaza flotilla ranges from criticism of Israeli government actions to some public expressions of anti-Semitism. END SUMMARY.
2. (U) As reported in the press, on the day of the flotilla incident (May 31), an estimated 300 demonstrators protesting the Israeli attack marched on the Israeli Embassy in The Hague. The demonstrators included a broad cross-section of Dutch society, including men and women of apparent Middle Eastern descent. They burned an Israeli flag, and some carried placards saying "Israeli Murderers," "Palestine Free," and "Shut the Concentration Camp Gaza." Dutch riot police protected the Israeli Embassy. We have no reports of overtly anti-Semitic expressions during the demonstration, and this was the only reported demonstration in the Netherlands against Israeli actions involving the flotilla.
3. (U) Initial government and political reaction to Israeli actions was sharp. On May 31, FM Verhagen called on Israel to explain why force had been used. Verhagen said, "Today's incident, which occurred just as talks between Israel and the Palestinians had resumed, does not help the cause of peace." In addition to remarks by Verhagen, the spokespersons for several major Dutch parties (from across the left-right political spectrum) sharply criticized Israeli actions against the flotilla.
4. (U) Later, the political reaction was more reserved. On July 13, FM Verhagen, in response to challenges from MPs from the Labor and Green Left parties, opposed convening a meeting of the EU-Israel Association to discuss EU-Israel relations and rejected calls for an independent international investigation. "The Netherlands agrees with the USG and the EU that first Israel and if so desired the flag states should be given the opportunity to investigate the incident," he said.
5. (U) [redacted] which tracks anti-Semitic incidents in the Netherlands), told Embassy officers that there was a clear correlation between events in the Middle East and expressions of anti-Semitism in the Netherlands. In the three days after the incident, CIDI received about 60 reports of angry reactions and hate mail in reaction to Israeli actions involving the flotilla, some of which were reportedly anti-Semitic. Moreover, synagogues in Amersfoort and Utrecht were

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sprayed with red paint. CIDI added that in many cases, the anger was directed against all Israeli Jews (in the Netherlands and Israel), "not just against the actions of the Israeli government."

- 6. (U) Additional Background: Prior to the Nazi occupation, the population of the Netherlands included approximately 140,000 Jews. Today, according to the Jewish Social Work Organization, approximately 40,000 Dutch citizens can be identified as Jewish. There are also approximately 850,000 Muslims in the Netherlands, the majority of whom are of Moroccan descent. The Netherlands has been described as "Israel's best friend in Europe." Nevertheless, the Dutch government has been very critical of Israeli settlements and Israel's blockade of Gaza.

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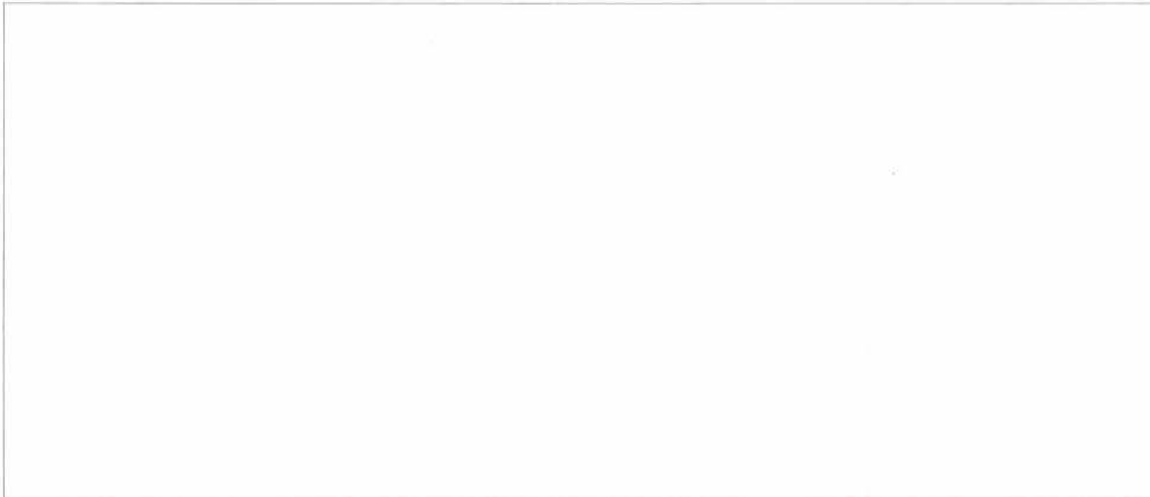
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Subject: GERMANY: NO CLEAR EVIDENCE OF RISE IN ANTI-SEMITISM AFTER GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT

1. (SBU) **SUMMARY:** There is no statistical evidence -- from official German government sources -- to suggest a rise in anti-Semitic acts in Germany, particularly as a result of the Gaza flotilla incident. On the other hand, there have been several high profile anti-Semitic acts committed by Muslim immigrant youths in recent months, which in some cases can be attributed to political developments and conflict in the Middle East. Nongovernment organizations, like [redacted] maintain there is a link between rising levels of anti-Semitism in Turkey, as a result of the Gaza flotilla incident, and anti-Semitic attitudes displayed by Turkish immigrant youth in Germany.

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2. (SBU) The Gaza flotilla incident also sparked a furious debate within Germany's political establishment about the nature of its support for Israel and the Middle East Peace Process (see REFTELS A, B, and C). Throughout this debate, Germany's Central Council of Jews criticized the German media's coverage of the incident with its "anti-Semitic undertones." One component of the debate also focused on whether criticism of the Israeli government can or should be interpreted as anti-Semitic. Chancellor Merkel's government has been very vocal in its condemnation of all anti-Semitic incidents in Germany, but a number of anti-Semitic acts committed by Muslim immigrant youth and alleged ties between right-wing extremists and Islamists have prompted Germany's authorities to raise several warning flags. **END SUMMARY.**

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HIGH PROFILE ANTI -SEMITIC INCIDENTS WITH A MIDDLE EASTERN TWIST

4. (SBU) There have been several high profile anti-Semitic incidents in Germany after the Gaza flotilla incident. On June 22, 2010, members of a Jewish dance troupe were forced off stage during a neighborhood street festival in Hannover, after a group of children and teenagers threw stones at the dancers while screaming anti-Semitic remarks through a bullhorn. One of the dancers was injured, and the troupe subsequently ended their performance. The assailants were reportedly a group of kids, teens, and young men between the ages of nine and nineteen. They were mostly immigrants of Lebanese, Palestinian, Iraqi, Iranian, and Turkish origin. The response from politicians and local associations was of disbelief and outrage. The President of the Central Council of Jews [redacted] described the attack as "completely new," and found it particularly disheartening that the incident showed anti-Semitism developing in children and teens. Lower Saxony's Minister for Social Affairs [redacted] expressed her shock over the nature of the incident.

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5. (SBU) On June 28, 2010, two Israelis were injured at a Berlin nightclub. Their attacker asked where they came from, revealed himself as a Palestinian, and began beating them. In addition, the Israelis were hit with pepper spray by a 43-year old man as they left the club. There was one significant demonstration in Hamburg on June 4 attended by approximately 2,500 demonstrators protesting Israel's military action against the aid flotilla. Demonstrators waved Turkish flags and shouted slogans calling the Israeli military "murderers." [redacted] from the Berlin Center on Anti-Semitism Research noted these types of incidents are definitely linked to the existence of conflict in the Middle East.

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6. (SBU) There was strong evidence of an increase of anti-Semitic activity on Facebook pages in Germany after the Gaza flotilla incident. In a report dated June 12, 2010, the *Koelner Stadt Anzeiger* reported on comments made by Germans as well as Muslim immigrant youth who demanded that "Israelis be sent to the gas chambers" and "now we know why Hitler wanted to destroy the Jews." The *Koelner Stadt Anzeiger* pointed to the existence of an "anti-Semitic mob" on Facebook that was almost impossible to control. The spokesman for North Rhine Westphalia's Criminal Office [] commented that his office was investigating 50 cases of anti-Semitic comment on Facebook related to the Gaza flotilla incident.

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Central Council of Jews Criticizes Media and the Federal Parliament

7. (U) After the unanimous vote in the Federal Parliament in support of the resolution condemning the flotilla attack and the Gaza Blockade (see REFTELs), Secretary General for the Central Council of Jews [] argued that the government was making assumptions about the incident that would only further strain relations with the Middle East. He stated that "demanding to tear down the blockade will not help us find a solution." [] also expressed concern for the consequent free movement of weapons to supply Hamas should the blockade disappear. A few days later, [] criticized the media for being anti-Semitic. He accused several German newspapers, both right- and left-oriented newspapers (Note: *Berlin TAZ*, *Junge Welt*, *Neues Deutschland*, *Tagesspiegel*, and the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. End note.) of engaging in anti-Semitic commentary and revealing a bias towards the Palestinian position. []'s allegations launched a heated political debate. [] from the left-leaning *Neues Deutschland* countered []: "We criticize Israel not because it is a Jewish state, but because its government supports war, violates human rights, and illegally occupies territory."

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD DO MORE

8. (SBU) In the wake of a perceived increase in anti-Semitic activity in Germany after the Gaza flotilla incident, *Focus Magazine* challenged journalists and politicians to tackle the issue head on and urged the government to be more pro-active in promoting engagement with Germany's 3.5 million strong Muslim community. The Turkish immigrant community in Germany frequently makes the case that the German government should do more to promote integration efforts. Better and more effective integration could also prove vital in countering rising levels of anti-Semitism among the Muslim immigrant community. SPD politician Bilkay Öney recently told the *Tagesspiegel* that she was concerned about the lack of academic exploration into the scope of anti-Semitism among the Muslim immigrant community in Germany. The Government's Committee on Anti-Semitism is expected to release its first report on the state of anti-Semitism in Germany by the end of 2011. Anti-Semitism among Muslim immigrant youth will undoubtedly be an important component of the report.

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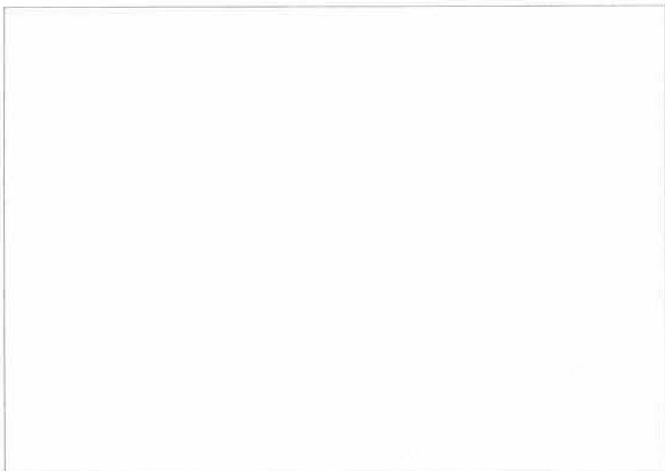
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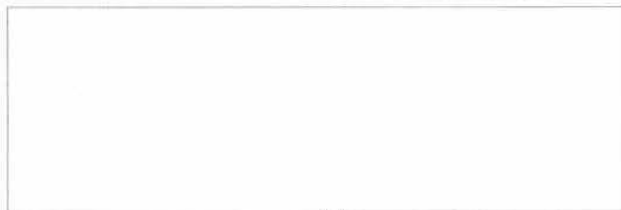
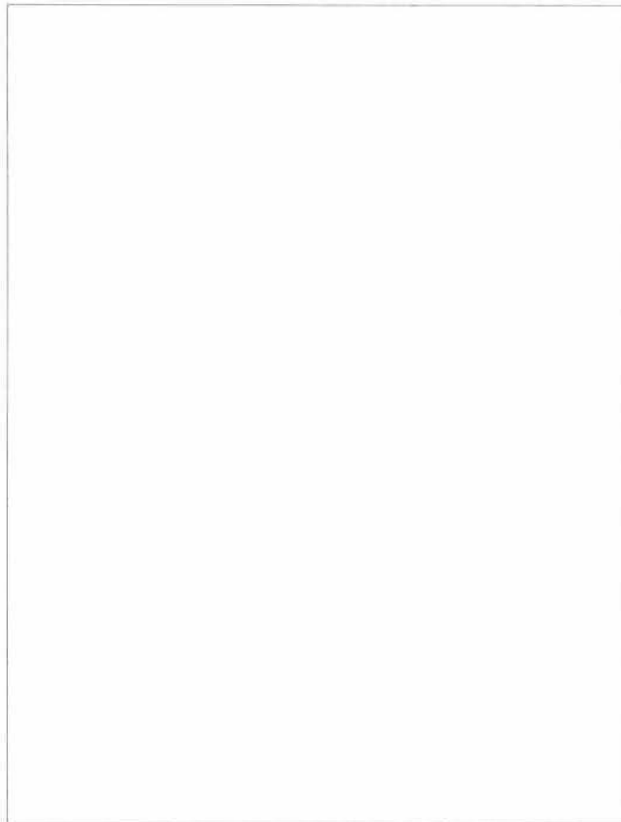
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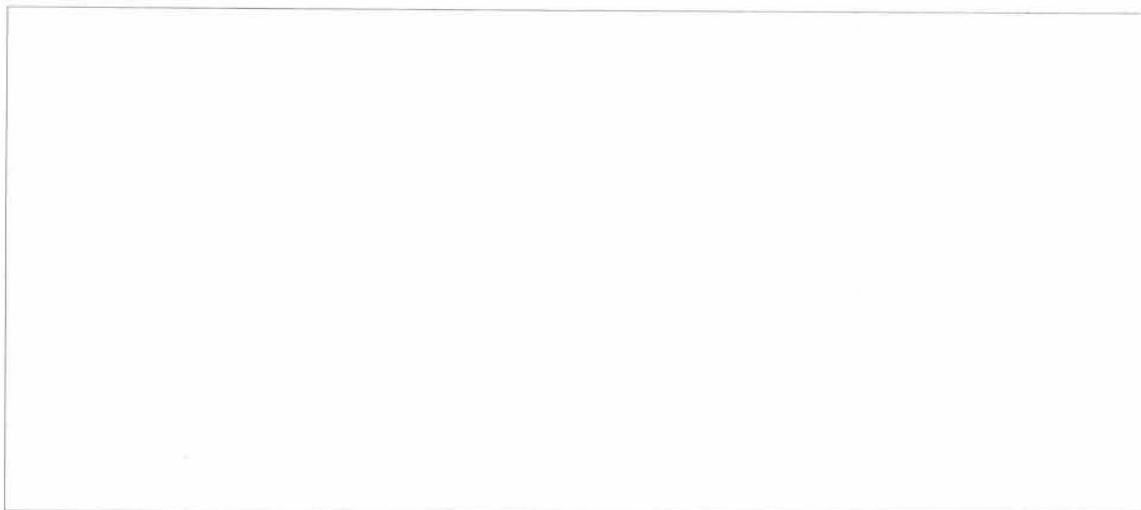
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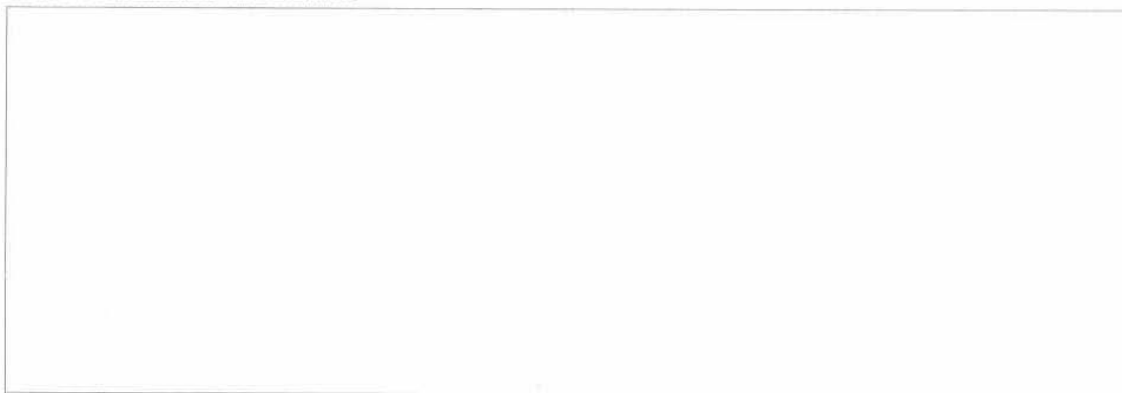
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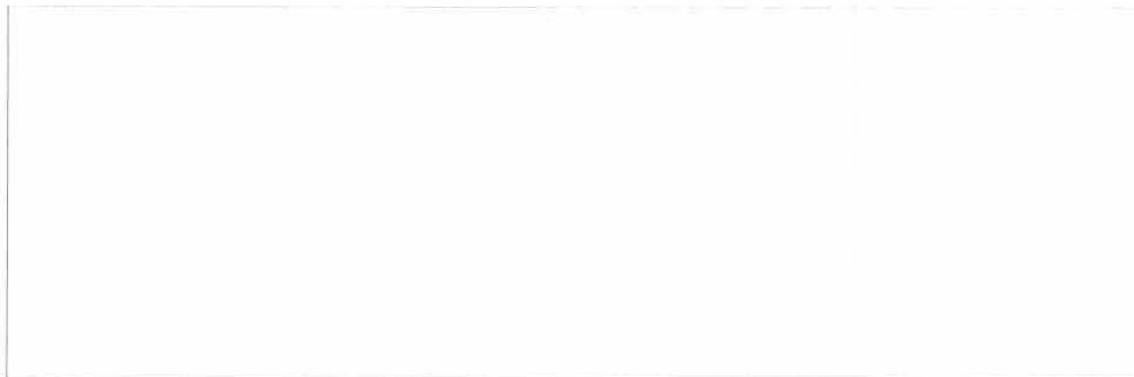
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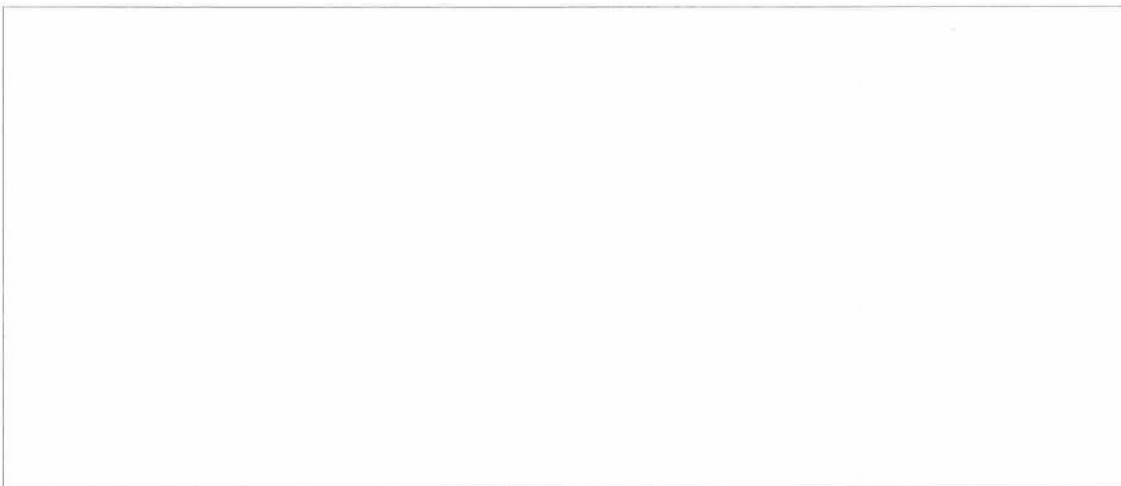
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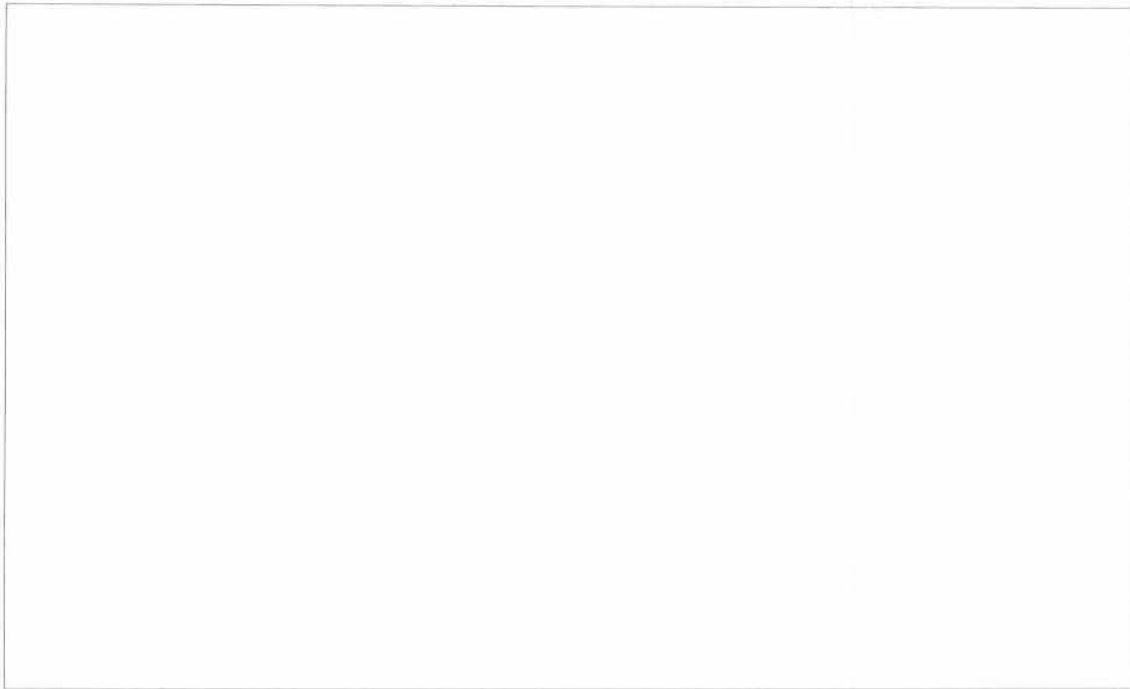
[redacted] As a member of the Writers and Literati Society, [redacted] has successfully engaged the public through the organization's events protesting the Gaza Flotilla Incident (ref A) and conducting a Women's Symposium (ref B). [redacted]

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1. (U) On July 23, 2010, the Human Rights Council President, Thai Ambassador Sihasak Phuangketkeow, announced the composition of the Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Flotilla raid. At an HRC Bureau meeting that same day, Phuangketkeow described the task of assembling the group as "challenging." He stated that he will consult the mission members before deciding who will chair the mission. The three members of the flotilla Fact-Finding Mission are:

– Karl T. Hudson-Phillips (Trinidad and Tobago) served as a judge on the International Criminal Court from 2003 to 2007. He was Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago between 1969 and 1973. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1971. He has now returned to private practice in Trinidad and Tobago and Grenada, West Indies.

– Sir Desmond de Silva (United Kingdom) is a lawyer with extensive experience in human rights, war crimes, terrorism, business crime, espionage trials, and sports law. He served as Chief Prosecutor of the Special Court for Seirra Leone in 2005 at the level of an Under-Secretary General of the United Nations. He has been a Queen's Counsel since 1984.

– Mary Shanthi Dairiam (Malaysia) was a member of the UN's Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women from 2005 to 2008. Since 2007, she has been serving on the Gender Equality Task Force of the United Nations Development Program. She is a founding member of the Board of Directors of the International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific.

2. (U) Post has not received any additional information on terms of reference beyond the language provided in the resolution creating the mission's mandate. Human Rights Council Resolution 14/1 entitled "The grave attacks by Israeli forces against the humanitarian boat convoy," which was adopted by a vote on June 2, 2010, decided to "dispatch an independent, international fact-finding mission to investigate violations of international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law, resulting from the Israeli attacks on the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian assistance." It authorized the President of the Council to appoint its members and mandated the members to report their findings to the Council at its fifteenth session (September 2010).



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4. (U) The OIC is reportedly concerned that, given delays in appointing the members, the mission's report may not be ready for September. The group has not announced plans for travel to the region, or set forward a plan of work.

5. (U) UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay has not reacted publicly to the President's announcement. OHCHR presented candidates for the President to nominate and will likely develop terms of reference and provide logistical support for the group, but their substantive role in the final fact-finding mission report will be limited.

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