From: Cornforth, Jeremy A
Sent: 8/26/2010 10:31:41 AM
To: svcSMARTBTSPOP4
Subject: Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for 8/26: No activity
Attachments: DSCN1147.jpg, DSCN1153.jpg, Metadata.dat

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

(SBU) Around midday on August 26, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the Mariam and the Julia remain docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them.

(SBU) Two photos taken today are attached.

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(SBU) Around 1000 on August 27, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the Manam and the Julia remain docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them.

(U) We will report again on the ships' status on Monday, unless we receive information over the weekend indicating that they plan to embark.
From: Cornforth, Jeremy A
Sent: 8/30/2010 11:16:56 AM
To: SMART Core
Subject: Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for

Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for (SBU) Around midday on August 30, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the Mariam and the Julia remain docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them.

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From: Cornforth, Jeremy A  
Sent: 8/31/2010 8:28:20 AM  
To: SMART Core  
Subject: Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for August 31

(SBU) Around midday on August 31, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the Mariam and the Julia remain docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them.
From: svcsmartmfi
Sent: 9/2/2010 11:06:51 AM
To: SMART Core
Subject: CODEL BAIRD VISITS WEST BANK/GAZA, DISCUSSES FISCAL AND SECURITY ISSUES WITH PM FAYYAD

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MRN: 10 JERUSALEM 1557
Date/DTG: Sep 02, 2010 / 021501Z SEP 10
From: AMCONSUL JERUSALEM
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
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Subject: CODEL BAIRD VISITS WEST BANK/GAZA, DISCUSSES FISCAL AND SECURITY ISSUES WITH PM FAYYAD

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E.O. 13526: DECL: 08/31/2020
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SUBJECT: CODEL BAIRD VISITS WEST BANK/GAZA, DISCUSSES FISCAL AND SECURITY ISSUES WITH PM FAYYAD

 Classified By: Acting Principal Officer Grace Stettenbauer for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (SBU) Summary. CODEL Baird and Palestinian Authority (PA) Prime Minister Salam Fayyad discussed the PA's accomplishments in the security sector, economic progress and its current fiscal challenges. Fayyad

[End summary.]

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

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Gaza

10. (SBU) On Gaza, Fayyad noted that commodities are now entering Gaza, and the tunnel trade has significantly declined. He regretted that the GOI policy change concerning Gaza was prompted by the flotilla incident on May 31, but noted that the pre-flotilla closure policy "did not make any sense," which, he said, GOI officials privately admitted.

End note.
Non-Violent Activism

12. (SBU) CODEL Baird did not have an opportunity to clear this cable.

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Signature: STETTENBAUER

Classified By: Acting Principal Officer Grace Stettenbauer,
Reason: 1.4 (b) and (d)
Declassify on: 08/31/2020
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Dissemination Rule: CONFIDENTIAL
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From: Cornforth, Jeremy A
Sent: 9/3/2010 2:24:06 PM
To: SMART Core
Subject: Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for

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MRN: 10 MDA 62266
Date/DTG: Sep 03, 2010 / 031822Z - SEP 10
From: Cornforth, Jeremy A
Action: Alan Sims ROUTINE; Allison, Alicia ROUTINE; Bailey, Jess ROUTINE; Beirut MIL Core Group ROUTINE; Beirut Pol/Econ Americans ROUTINE; Catalano, Elisa ROUTINE; Cohen, Jonathan R ROUTINE; Connolly, Maura ROUTINE; Cunningham, James B ROUTINE; Curtin, Mary T (Brussels) ROUTINE; Daniel B. Shapiro ROUTINE; Daughton, Thomas F (Beirut) ROUTINE; Davis, Christopher ROUTINE; Evans, Jennifer ROUTINE; Feltman, Jeffrey D ROUTINE; Goldberger, Thomas ROUTINE; Gregonis, Meghan ROUTINE; Grubb, Jason B ROUTINE; Hagar H. Hajjar ROUTINE; Hale, David ROUTINE; Hof, Frederic ROUTINE; Jackson, Mollie ROUTINE; Jacoby, Julia ROUTINE; Jasmine El-Gamal ROUTINE; Kimberly Harrington ROUTINE; Knopf, Payton ROUTINE; Levin, Jan ROUTINE; Levinson, Jesse ROUTINE; McCarthy, Deborah ROUTINE; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL ROUTINE; Netos, Eleftherios ROUTINE; NICOSIA FRONT OFFICE ROUTINE; NICOSIA POLITICAL ROUTINE; Prem G Kumar ROUTINE; Ratney, Michael A ROUTINE; Red, Curtis R (USUN) ROUTINE; Riggs, Susan ROUTINE; Riley, Robert ROUTINE; Rudman, Mara ROUTINE; Schar, Alon (NEA/IPA) ROUTINE; Sayles, Ambrose ROUTINE; Scarfatti, Adam ROUTINE; Schedlbauer, Amy ROUTINE; Schellhammer, Michael W ROUTINE; Scherleth, Frank ROUTINE; Schlicher, Ronald ROUTINE; Scobey, Margaret ROUTINE; SES-ROUTINE; Shampaine, Nicole ROUTINE; Shapiro, Daniel ROUTINE; Silverman, Robert ROUTINE; Sindle, James ROUTINE; Smith, Anita ROUTINE; Stewart, Nan ROUTINE; Subrin, Paul ROUTINE; Tel Aviv POL Section ROUTINE; Tsou, Leslie ROUTINE; Urbancic, Frank ROUTINE; Walles, Jacob ROUTINE; Woods, William ROUTINE

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Captions: SENSITIVE, SIPDIS
Subject: Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for

(SBU) Around midday on September 3, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the Mariam and the Julia remain docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them.

Jeremy Cornforth
Acting Deputy Chief of Mission
U.S. Embassy Beirut

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

Drafted By: BEIRUT: Cornforth, Jeremy A
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Action Post:
From: Cornforth, Jeremy A
Sent: 9/8/2010 8:40:08 AM
To: SMART Core
Subject: Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for September 7

(SBU) Around midday on September 7, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the Mariam and the Julia remain docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
From: Nathan, Jeremy P
Sent: 9/13/2010 5:59:45 AM
To: svcSMARTHTSPOP9
Subject: MALAYSIAN MFA COMMENTS ON LATEST ROUND OF ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN NEGOTIATIONS
Attachments: Metadata.dat

MRN: 10 KUALA LUMPUR 613
Date/DTG: Sep 13, 2010 / 131001Z SEP 10
From: AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE IMMEDIATE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, PHUM, UNHRC -1, KPAL, IS, MY
Captions: SENSITIVE, SIPDIS
Reference: A) STATE 93128 - ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN NEGOTIATIONS
B) STATE 94696 - UPDATE ON ISRAELI INVESTIGATIONS
Pass Line: FOR EAP/MTS
Subject: MALAYSIAN MFA COMMENTS ON LATEST ROUND OF ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN NEGOTIATIONS

[Note: Malaysia has historically criticized Israel in both domestic and international fora; most recently Foreign Minister Anifah Aman visited New York in July 2010 to meet with UN Secretary General (UNSG) Ban Ki Moon after the incident involving the Gaza-bound flotilla. End Note.]

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer
From: Cornforth, Jeremy A  
To: SMART Core  
Subject: Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for September 13

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MRN: 10 MDA 63932  
Date/DTG: Sep 13, 2010 / 1314122 SEP 10  
From: Cornforth, Jeremy A  
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TAGS: PREL, EWWT, PTER, KPAL, LE, GZ, IS  
Captions: SENSITIVE, SIPDIS  
Subject: Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for September 13

(SBU) Around midday on September 13, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the Mariam and the Julia remain docked in the Lebanese port of Tripoli with no activity taking place on or around them.
From: O'Grady, Daniel J  
Sent: 8/26/2010 11:46:29 AM  
To: svcSMARTHTSPOP7  
Subject: Scenesetter for ADM Mullen's Visit to Turkey  
Attachments: Metadata.dat

1. (S) Your visit to Turkey occurs one week after CHOD Isik Kosaner takes command on August 27, a ceremony which ADM Stavridis will attend.
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13. (S) Traditionally Israel's closest regional ally, Turkey's relationship remains on shaky ground following several incidents, the most recent of which was the death of eight Turkish citizens (the ninth casualty was an American) onboard the "Free Gaza Flotilla." The event brought a firestorm of GOT and public criticism and has left the relationship in tatters.
1. (C) Summary.

End Summary.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer
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MRN: 10 ISTANBUL 315
Date/DTG: Sep 07, 2010 / 071353Z SEP 10
From: AMCONSUL ISTANBUL
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PGOV, PREL, PHUM, KIRF, OSCE, TU
Captions: SIPDIS
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AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL YEKATERINBURG
AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL LEIPZIG
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG
Subject: Turkey: Minorities' Mixed Views on the Referendum

Ref: A) 10 Ankara 1201, B) 10 Istanbul 303, C) 10 Istanbul 263
Tags: PGOV, PREL, PHUM, KIRF, OSCE, TU

1. (C) SUMMARY.

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer
Greek Orthodox: __________

Armenians: __________

Turkish Jews: __________

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From: Lawton, Daniel J
Sent: 9/7/2010 11:13:46 AM
To: svcSMARTHTSPOP3
Subject: Ambassador’s Farewell Call on the Prime Minister - Sept 6
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Date/DTG: Sep 07, 2010 / 071513Z SEP 10
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Subject: Ambassador’s Farewell Call on the Prime Minister - Sept 6

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Classified By: Daniel V. Speckhard, Ambassador
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Cleared By: EXEC: McCarthy, Deborah A
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Approved By: EXEC: Speckhard, Daniel V
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Subject: Turkey Expects "Strong Report" on Flotilla from Human Rights Council

1. (C) On September 7, the GoT expects a "strong report" critical of Israel actions against the Free Gaza flotilla from the Human Rights Council (HRC). The HRC's investigation will focus on Israel's alleged violations of human rights, the right to life, and to the freedom of expression surrounding the May 31 Mavi Marmara incident, both during the raid and in the aftermath. The HRC, he said, would not examine the legality of the blockade or the Israeli raid. CDA expressed US concern that the HRC group would focus on elements critical of Israel, but might not examine the voracity of those claims or countervailing arguments with much vigor, which could ultimately lead to an unbalanced report.

2. (SBU) Described the group of lawyers and experts of the fact-finding mission appointed by the President of the HRC, which visited Turkey August 22-29 to inspect the Mavi Marmara and interview witnesses and government officials. The fact-finding mission is chaired by K. Hudson-Phillips, former judge of the International Criminal Court in the Hague, and also includes Desmond de Silva, chief prosecutor of the Sierra Leone War Crimes Tribunal, and Shanthi Dairiam, former member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.

Signature: Silliman, Douglas A

Review Authority: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

Classified By: Doug Silliman, CDA

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Subject: IDF VIDEO DEPICTS INJURY TO AMCIT POLICE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

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Date/DTG: Sep 14, 2010 / 141312Z SEP 10
From: AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE PRIORITY
E.O.: 13526
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Captions: SENSITIVE
Reference: JERUSALEM 0923
ANKARA 0817
TEL AVIV 02107
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REF: A) JERUSALEM 0923; B) ANKARA 0817; C) TEL AVIV 02107

1. SUMMARY: An Israel Defense Force (IDF) video tape of the May 31
West Bank protest at which

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UNCLASSIFIED U.S. Department of State Case No. F-2010-04163 Doc No. C05744858 Date: 02/10/2016
4. The protest at Qalandiya took place against the backdrop of the deadly IDF confrontation with passengers on the Turkish vessel, the Mavi Marmara, earlier that morning, during which an Israeli citizen, Furkan Dogan, and eight others were killed (ref B).
From: Cornforth, Jeremy A
Sent: 9/20/2010 1:48:47 AM
To: svcSMARTBTSPOP7
Subject: Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for September 20
Attachments: DSCN1206.jpg; DSCN1210.jpg; Metadata.dat

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Subject: Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for September 20
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Mariam Gaza flotilla sitrep for September 20

(SBU) Around midday on September 19, Embassy investigators confirmed that both the Mariam and the Julia remain in the Lebanese port of Tripoli. While the Mariam is still anchored near the wharf, the Julia has been taken out of the water for repair work. Please see attached photos.
From: Howard, Jeremiah H
To: svcSMARTHBTSPOP6
Subject: The 10th Summit of Turkic-Speaking Nations; Slow Progress Towards a New Regional Orientation
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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1. (C) SUMMARY: 

END SUMMARY.

Turkmenistan

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer
Summit Declaration Statements.

6. (U) In the summit declaration, the signatories "deeply regretted" Israel’s May interdiction of the Mavi Marmara and registered their support for the UN’s inquiry into the incident.
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Subject: GUIDANCE: UNSC MIDDLE EAST CONSULTATIONS, September 17

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Date/DTG: Sep 16, 2010 / 0134Z SEP 10
From: SECSTATE WASHDC
Action: USUN NEW YORK, USMISSION IMMEDIATE
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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE: UNSC MIDDLE EAST CONSULTATIONS, September 17

1. (SBU) This is an action request. Please note the bracketed language in the eighth elements for use in the event the establishment of the Flotilla investigation panel is raised. End action request.

2. (U) Begin elements:

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Page 1 of 3
UNCLASSIFIED U.S. Department of State Case No. F-2010-04163 Doc No. C05744870 Date: 02/10/2016
We take note of the report of the HRC's flotilla fact-finding mission and will review it in due course. However, we again welcome the establishment of the Secretary-General's panel regarding the flotilla incident, which has the support of both Israel and Turkey. We reiterate that this panel is not a substitute for national investigations. We expect that the work of the Secretary-General's panel will be the primary method for the international community to review the incident.
From: Bass, Warren  
Sent: 9/16/2010 12:12:16 PM  
To: svosMARTHTSPOP8  
Subject: Readout of Israel SVTS 9/16 and request for guidance  
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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MRN: 10 MDA 2135  
Date/DTG: Sep 16, 2010 / 161612Z SEP 10  
From: Bass, Warren  
Action:  
E.O.: 13526  
TAGS: PREL, PHUM  
Subject: Readout of Israel SVTS 9/16 and request for guidance

NSC held a working-level SVTS on upcoming Israel-related issues in UN fora this morning. The key points follow.

I'd welcome a steer from SER or Brooke on:

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Main readout points from the meeting:

HRC flotilla inquiry

UNCLASSIFIED U.S. Department of State Case No. F-2010-04163 Doc No. C05744874 Date: 02/10/2016
From: Boduszynski, Monica A (Brussels)
Sent: 9/20/2010 2:44:05 AM
To: svcSMARTHTTPSP0P6
Subject: (U) U.S.-EU Human Rights Consultations (COHOM)
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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1. (SBU) SUMMARY:

End Summary.

Participants

MRN: 10 USEU BRUSSELS 855
Date/DTG: Sep 20, 2010 / 200645Z SEP 10
From: USEU BRUSSELS
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PHUM, PREL, XB, KWMN, KIRF, XF, EUN
Captions: SIPDIS
Subject: (U) U.S.-EU Human Rights Consultations (COHOM)
Overviews of U.S. and EU Policy

Human Rights Council Review

Third Country Coordination: Sudan, Israel, Burma, DPRK, and Iran

7. (SBU) [Text redacted] suggested that the HRC’s fact finding mission on the Gaza flotilla submit its findings to the Secretary General (SYG) as a means of eliminating this parallel track. DAS Fitzpatrick told [Text redacted] that the U.S. does not support this parallel mechanism and believes that the panel established by the SYG and supported by both Israel and Turkey is sufficient. She warned that by sending results to the SYG, the SYG would be obligated to take the HRC’s recommendations into account.
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SUMMARY

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From: Le Claire, Claire (Rome)
Sent: 9/20/2010 11:37:58 AM
To: svcSMARTBTSPOP1
Subject: ITALY/TURKEY:
Attachments: Metadata.dat

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Date/DTG: Sep 20, 2010 / 201538Z SEP 10
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Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, TU, PGOV, IT
Captions: SENSITIVE, SIPDIS
Reference: A) 10 ANKARA 345
Subject: ITALY/TURKEY:
From: svcsmartmfi
to: SMART Core
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1. (SBU) SUMMARY. During the week of September 20, the Human Rights Council posted two reports related to Israel, both of which will be debated in the HRC beginning September 27. The Tomuschat Committee’s report, released on September 21, is a follow up to the Goldstone investigation assessing both sides’ accountability efforts with respect to Operation Cast Lead. It contains some positive statements about the Israeli accountability effort and does not present recommendations to the HRC for further action. The Israeli delegation in Geneva finds the report to be generally better than they expected. They are concerned, however, that the report questions the impartiality of the accountability process as a whole, and particularly concerned that it highlights the lack of investigation of Israeli civilian leadership as a problem. The report of the Flotilla Fact-finding Mission (FFM) is, by contrast, far worse than the Israelis expected: it concludes that the Gaza blockade is illegal and asserts multiple serious violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law (including torture) during and following the flotilla incident. The HRC will likely adopt problematic resolutions in response to both reports on September 30 or October 1. End Summary.

2. (SBU) TOMUSCHAT COMMITTEE REPORT. In March 2010, the HRC established a Committee of Experts, led by Christian Tomuschat, to “monitor and assess” domestic legal investigations conducted by Israeli and Palestinian authorities into alleged violations of international law contained in the Goldstone report. In addition to interviewing witnesses, victims, NGOs and experts, the Tomuschat Committee also reviewed the Israeli investigation reports, the report of the Palestinian Investigation Commission (PIC) and
the reports of the de facto Gaza authorities (i.e., Hamas). While the report is generally professional, it focuses far more on Israeli investigations than the investigations conducted by the Palestinian Authority (PA) and was far more critical of the Israeli process. However, the report contained no recommendations for follow-up action and did not mention universal jurisdiction or the International Criminal Court, as the Israelis had feared. (See 10 STATE 82548.)

4. (SBU) In a meeting on September 24, the Palestinian Charge confirmed to Mission Legal Adviser that they will likely introduce a resolution calling on both sides to conduct independent, internal investigations in accordance with international standards, and calling on the High Commissioner for Human Rights to follow up on the implementation of this call. Such a resolution will be unacceptable to the Israelis, but will almost certainly be adopted by overwhelming majority.

5. (SBU) FLOTILLA FACT-FINDING MISSION REPORT. In June, the HRC established the FFM to investigate allegations of violations of international law in connection with Israel’s May 31 boarding of the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian assistance to Gaza. The FFM interviewed 112 witnesses and reviewed such forensic and medical reports as they were able to obtain, given Israel’s decision not to cooperate with their work. The report concluded that there is sufficient evidence to support prosecutions of a number of crimes within the terms of the Fourth Geneva Convention, and that Israel violated obligations under IHL and international human rights law.
8. (SBU) On September 24, the Turkish Mission introduced a resolution on the flotilla report for adoption by the HRC the week of September 27. The resolution does not contain inflammatory language and is considered by most Geneva delegations to be very restrained overall. It does, however, welcome the FFM report, endorse its conclusions, call for their immediate implementation by the parties concerned, and call for follow up reporting by the High Commissioner at the March HRC session. Post expects this resolution to be adopted by overwhelming majority.

9. (SBU) COMMENT. Post expects the September 27 debate on both reports, especially the flotilla report, to be emotional. There will likely be significant press interest in the flotilla debate and outcome, and we understand the FFM will host a press conference in Geneva September 28. Notwithstanding likely heated debates, the resolution texts themselves are likely to be moderate for the HRC -- though problematic for Israel and the United States -- and the mood between the Israelis and the Palestinians is generally good. The Palestinian Charge stressed that they have stayed far away from the flotilla issue, except to encourage moderation. Both sides know, based on past practice, that the United States is likely to call for a vote and vote “no” on both resolutions.
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(C) GOM Releases Libyan Migrants and Their Likely Smugglers.

(C) An Upswing in Malta-Israel Relations. According to,

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also noted that Tel Aviv may need Malta’s assistance in stopping a further Gaza blockade flotilla, if another one should attempt to land after originating or transiting through Maltese ports.
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1. (C) SUMMARY: IO A/S Brimmer met with Turkish Ambassador Mihat Rende to discuss the two UN investigations of the flotilla incident of May 31.

END SUMMARY.

2. (C) On September 22, IO A/S Brimmer met with Turkish Ambassador Mihat Rende to discuss the various inquiries into the events related to the May 31 boarding by the Israeli Defense Forces of a Gaza-bound flotilla. A/S Brimmer was joined by IO DAS Nossel and
EUR/SE Office Director Baily. Accompanying Amb. Rende was First Counselor Can Dizdar.

3. (C) Brimmer began the meeting by thanking Amb. Rende for taking time to speak about the inquiries into the May 31 flotilla incident and acknowledging the importance of the matter to the GOT.

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