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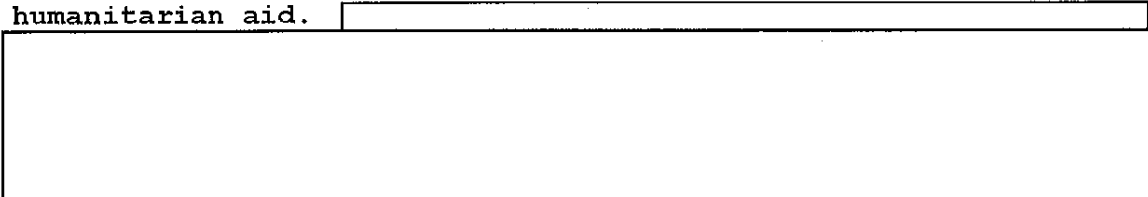
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1. (C) SUMMARY: The Turkish Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) is preparing to lead a convoy of ships to Israeli-controlled Gaza beginning on May 15 to "break the embargo" and deliver humanitarian aid.



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## SUMMARY.

2. (C) Bulent Yildirim, president of the Turkish Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH), [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has announced his organization will lead a flotilla of ships to Israeli-controlled Gaza in May to "break the embargo" and deliver humanitarian aid. IHH has called this convoy "Noah's Ark," "Freedom Is the Last Port," and most recently "Palestine Our Destination, Freedom Our Cargo."

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[REDACTED] told us April 9 the flotilla will consist of seven ships: two from Turkey, three from the UK, and one each from Greece and Ireland. Inconsistent media reports say IHH hopes to increase the number of ships to 10, 15, or 20. One of the Turkish ships is a cargo ship with a 3000-ton freight capacity. The other is a passenger ship with a maximum capacity of 1100 persons. IHH was forced to buy its own ships when no shipping company would risk their property on this convoy. The passenger ship was purchased for \$1.2 million while the cargo ship cost \$570,000. [REDACTED] said financial contributions for the ships came "from people in every city and every town of Turkey." He acknowledged that IHH does not have strict rules regarding contributions, saying "we cannot refuse money." The IHH ships will launch from Istanbul and stop in Mersin before joining the rest of the flotilla near the Gaza maritime "border." The other ships in the convoy will make a stop in Cyprus before heading to Gaza.

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## An "Artificial Island"

3. (SBU) According to [REDACTED] IHH fully expects to be stopped along the maritime border by Israeli ships. He said the convoy will create an "artificial island" and is prepared to stay at least one month. This "artificial island" will be serviced and supplied by a number of smaller, faster boats that will make supply runs to Mersin and Cyprus. In addition to providing a supply-line, the smaller supply boats will also ferry and rotate the passengers, crew, and media. [REDACTED] said VIPs such as entertainers, Turkish MPs, and other politicians can be shuttled to the mother ships with ease. The large Turkish passenger ship will not be at full

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capacity. [redacted] said this is so the patients are comfortable even if they have to stay long-term. Women and children will reportedly be aboard. Because IHH now owns its own ships, he said, it plans to continue sending convoys by sea to Gaza "until the end."

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4. (C) The sea convoy will have a heavy media component and organizers plan to broadcast everything live on television.

[redacted] said "Our power is the consciousness of the world people. Day by day, hour by hour, we will inform the world."

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[redacted] said IHH opted to wait until after the May 6 UK election in order to maximize media coverage. IHH believes its media coverage window will close on June 11 when the 2010 World Cup begins in South Africa. Meanwhile, [redacted]

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[redacted] told us April 12 that he

believes the

only purpose of the convoy is political

propaganda and "diplomatic drama." He cited existing means for delivering humanitarian to Gaza, if that were the true purpose. [redacted] told us

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the same thing on April 9. He said [redacted]

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[redacted] believes IHH has no interest in actually delivering the aid, contending there are no ports in the Gaza Strip that can even accommodate the ships.

5. (C) The IHH's [redacted] told us the flotilla will not attempt to break through the expected line of Israeli ships. But [redacted] did say it would be impossible to have absolute control over such a large and diverse convoy: "We are not a state. We don't know what will happen." [redacted] understood the potential for hostilities. He stressed that the seven ships will be from four states: "There are four flags. If Israel attacks, it is an attack on four countries. It will be her problem, not ours." If Israel boards the convoy ships, [redacted] said they would be no different from the Somali pirates: "It is your (international community's) obligation to fight against pirates." Other IHH representatives claim the convoy will attempt to break through the line of Israeli ships. In interviews with local media, IHH spokesperson Salih Bilici said the goal of the convoy is to reach Gaza. Bilici said, "We don't have a plan B, C, or D. We have decided to reach Gaza by sea and enter via its port." In a meeting announcing the convoy at their headquarters, IHH President Yildirim declared "We will sail in May to break the embargo."

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(U) EU presses Armenia and Turkey to continue normalization process

Speaking at separate briefings following their meetings with visiting President Sargsyan of Armenia May 26-27, European Council President Van Rompuy and Commission President Barroso pressed both Armenia and Turkey to continue the "historic" process of normalization of their relations "without preconditions" and "within a reasonable timeframe." Van Rompuy said he was "pleased that Armenia decided to stay committed to the process, adding: "I recognize the President's political courage on this issue." He confirmed the EU's "continued commitment to peace and security in the Caucasus, including through contributing to the resolution of the protracted conflicts." Barroso said the Commission was prepared to launch negotiations for an Association Agreement between the EU and Armenia "as soon as next July," noting that "an important part of this Agreement will be the negotiation on a bilateral Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA)." Barroso nevertheless made it clear that "this could kick off only once Armenia will have fully addressed key trade-related recommendations made by the Commission." (POL:RDeGlain).

News

(EU) EU/CSDP: General Ton van Osch new chief of EU military staff - Brussels, May 27 (Agence Europe) - General Ton van Osch from the Netherlands took over on Thursday 27 May from General David Leakey (United Kingdom) as Chief of the European Union Military Staff (EUMS). During a joint press conference with his predecessor, General Osch emphasised that during his three-year mandate he would focus on two main subjects: implementation of a comprehensive approach, which would help to combine and jointly coordinate all crisis management instruments; and strengthening cooperation between the EU and its partners such as NATO, the UN, the African Union and the other "major actors and nations". The general provided

assurances that "every body will find me willing to cooperate" and said that making the European External Action Service operational, where EU High Representative Catherine Ashton will be responsible for all instruments, will be a big step forward. The general explained: "I know there's a lot of talking that should be much better and I agree with that, but at the same time I would like to make a point that we made a lot of big steps". General Leakey was asked about the necessity of providing the EU with a permanent military operations staff in the future but explained that there is no "one size fits all" solution from a political point of view or in the context of military practicalities. He added: "If you have a member state who takes an operations commander rather than operational headquarters responsibility, then it means that the operation is guaranteed to be a success". According to Leakey, the current situation has the merit of giving each member state greater responsibility when it ensures command of an operation. Born in 1955, General Osch has been the Dutch permanent military representative to NATO and the European Union Military Committee (EUMC) since June 2007. He is the third chief of staff as head of this structure, following French General Jean-Paul Perruche and General Leakey, and will be particularly responsible for strategic planning and EU military expertise.

(EU) EP/PALESTINE: Isabelle Durant and Louis Michel urge Israel to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza - Brussels, May 27 (Agence Europe) - The vice president of the European Parliament, Isabelle Durant (Greens/EFA, Belgium) and the MEP and former commissioner for development, Louis Michel (ALDE, Belgium) launched an appeal to Israel on Thursday 27 May, to allow humanitarian aid to Gaza to reach its destination. MEPs are concerned about threats of a blockade by the Israeli authorities and the deployment of military forces to prevent the berthing and unloading of the "Gaza freedom flotilla". The mission consists of nine new boats. They contain 10,000 tons of humanitarian equipment (educational and medical materials) and construction materials (cement etc) for Gaza, as well as 700 volunteers from the whole world. The first boats left Turkey for Gaza on Tuesday 25 May. "This mission must arrive at the right port of call", insisted Isabelle Durant. She added that "this is not a political mission; it aims to provide aid and solidarity, and it is necessary to guarantee the security of the people accompanying it". The appeal by MEPs aims to mobilise public opinion to put pressure on the Israeli government. Louis Michel was keen to point out that "international humanitarian law requires that access to victims or people in danger is ensured or at least facilitated. (...) The Israeli authorities do not want Hamas to benefit from this operation because it is claimed that the Palestinian organisation and the humanitarian workers are working together. Isabelle Durant and Louis Michel refute this.

EU's Almunia says fewer banks taking up state aid - BRUSSELS, May 27 (Reuters) - European Union banks are gradually weaning themselves off state aid as the sector recovers from the credit crisis which led to trillions of euros in bailouts and state guarantees, the EU's competition chief said on Thursday. Since the crisis deepened in September 2008, the European Commission has approved 4.13 trillion euros (\$5.072 billion) in recapitalisation schemes and other measures by EU governments to help lenders. Of this figure, just a third or 1.24 billion euros were taken up by banks via state guaranteed funding or recapitalisation measures. The EU executive said the use of government guarantees by banks has declined since the middle of 2009, both in terms of the number of bonds issued and volume of issuance. The total amount of state-guaranteed bonds issued by banks in December last year amounted to a monthly average of 4 percent of lenders' total funding, down from 30 percent in the

first quarter of 2009, data from the Commission showed. "The declining use of state guarantees is an encouraging indicator that the financial sector has begun to return to normal market conditions," EU Competition Commissioner Joaquin Almunia told a news conference. "While the situation remains fragile it is crucial for the overall economy that banks do not stay dependent on the state for longer than is strictly needed and finance themselves increasingly on the market," he said. He said France, Italy and the United Kingdom have already said they would not extend their guarantee schemes. There are currently 15 EU countries with such schemes which will expire either at the end of this month or next. EU finance ministers agreed last week to raise the fees that banks pay if guarantee schemes are extended by up to 40 basis points.

(EU) EU/ECONOMY: Herman Van Rompuy wants more governance and greater EESC involvement in taking important Council decisions and measures - Brussels, May 27 (Agence Europe) - Addressing the plenary session of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) chaired by Mario Sepi, on Thursday 27 May in Brussels, the president of the European Council, Herman Van Rompuy, unveiled how he felt about the need to immediately overcome the agitation caused by the economic crisis, and to have a crisis prevention and management system. He announced the results of the first meeting of the task force under his leadership. Van Rompuy wanted the EESC to be more actively involved in taking measures and important decisions at the European Council in June 2010, and to be more actively concerned by follow up to such measures and decisions. He highlighted how important it was to have a structural growth policy, i.e. the EU2020 strategy, which, he said, is an operation of high political intensity without which the EU's social model would be in danger. (...) In addition to overcoming the crisis, there is a structural policy for increasing the EU's economic potential, the EU2020 strategy. Van Rompuy said he wished to speak to the EESC about this later, adding that he was willing for the committee to be more involved when important decisions or measures are taken at the European Council in June. However, he asserted, this process is not yet over. There will be follow-up, and adjustment throughout the process. He took the view that, without this structural policy for growth, the EU's social model would be in danger. Van Rompuy underlined how difficult it was for a politician to explain to the public that it is necessary to put taxes up while safeguarding investment in human capital. This prompted him to say that "the EU2020 strategy is not a technical operation but an operation with high political import".

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SITUATION UPDATE  
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(C) EFFORTS TO DISCOURAGE/IMPEDE LAUNCH: Minister of State Wael Abu Faour, who holds the Palestinian affairs portfolio, told us this morning that President Sleiman sent a message to Hizballah SYG Hassan Nasrallah on June 15 saying that, given the current tension between Lebanon and Israel, it was a bad idea to send a new flotilla to Gaza and Lebanese should seek to avoid taking such actions. Separately, a senior Surete Generale (SG) official told us late this morning that the SG has issued an order to all Lebanese ports saying that no ship may leave port without providing a manifest of who is on board. No manifests have been provided as yet for Gaza-bound ships. A Port of Beirut official verified to us that no vessel there has applied for a permit to depart for Gaza.

(C) POSSIBLE LAUNCH TOMORROW? Media contacts say that the *Mariam* is hoping to launch for Gaza the morning of June 18 carrying 50 women of different nationalities. *An-Nahar* reports that the *Mariam* effort is being led by Inam Saad, the wife of a Saida-based opposition politician who is a foe of PM Hariri. Conflicting press reports have said the boat plans to launch from Beirut, Jounieh (just north of Beirut), Tripoli and Saida. We have verified that the *Mariam* is not in Beirut or Jounieh, and are seeking now to verify the Saida report (Saida is roughly halfway between Beirut and the Israeli border; the Maronite bishop of Saida is presiding over a mass there today to bless the *Mariam's* undertaking). [REDACTED]

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The press is also reporting that Yasser Kashlak, a wealthy Palestinian businessman based in the Gulf, is the main funder of the *Mariam* effort. Kashlak heads the Palestinian Businessmen's Association as well as the Lebanese Institute of International Research.

(C) AMCIT INVOLVEMENT: One newspaper is reporting that "four U.S. nuns"

plan to be among the 50 women aboard the Mariam. Separately, Amcit Paul Larudee (who was on the first Gaza flotilla) gave an interview to a Beirut paper, but it is not clear from the article that Larudee was present in the country at the time of the interview. We have asked consular contacts   if they can verify that Larudee has entered Lebanon.

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CONTACTS WITH GOL AND OTHERS  
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(C) The Ambassador made a series of phone calls this morning to GOL officials and others about the potential new flotilla. Drawing from the points prepared for U/S Burns, she stressed our strong concern at reports about the advanced state of preparations for launching one or more ships from Lebanon. She underscored our belief that such an effort would be extremely destabilizing for Lebanon and the region, and urged the GOL officials to take quick action to dissuade the organizers from proceeding with their plans. She also noted our concern that American citizens might be involved in the effort and asked for any information about Amcit participants. Following are the responses she received:

-- [redacted] said the issue was on the front burner for the PM's office, and that he would be following it closely through the day.

-- [redacted] reported that [redacted] contacts were saying no launch would occur for several days, but [redacted] was checking again based on today's press reports. [redacted]

-- [redacted] agreed that the new Gaza flotilla effort is fraught with potential problems, but noted that the issue is "very delicate" and virtually all Lebanese are "lining up on one side" of it. [redacted]

CONCLUSION  
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[redacted]  
It is not clear that the Israeli announcement today of a plan to ease restrictions on Gaza will change the thinking of the Lebanese organizing the launches. [redacted]

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1. (SBU) According to Turkish press sources, at approximately 4:30 a.m. on May 31, the Israeli military allegedly landed soldiers on the deck of the Turkish flagged ship "Blue Marmara", while it was in international waters, between 69 and 70 miles from Israel's shore. The ship was part of the Turkish NGO Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla attempting to reach Gaza and allegedly deliver humanitarian supplies. The latest press reports indicate that shots were fired on the ship and somewhere between 10 and 16 people were killed. Israel Prime Ministry Spokesman Gendelman said that there were firearms, knives and batons on the ship, and that fire was opened against the Israeli soldiers. Gendelman reported that between eight and ten soldiers were wounded, some in serious condition.

2. (SBU) So far the press has not identified any Americans among the victims. According to Al Jazeera TV, 9 of the dead are Turkish citizens. According to the Associated Press, IHH Official

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Omer Faruk Korkmaz reported that Israeli soldiers are taking the ship to Haifa. IHH Headquarters in Istanbul also reported that they have lost radio contact with the flotilla. The Turkish press reported that the Israeli military jammed the flotilla's radio communication starting at 3:30 a.m. Israeli television stations have reported that the wounded -- civilians and soldiers -- were transferred to hospitals in Ashkelon. Turkish television stations reported that preparations are underway to detain some civilians in prisons.

3. (SBU) Following the intervention, the Prime Ministry established a crisis task force to follow events after 7:00 a.m. Deputy PM Bulent Arinc, Interior Minister Besir Atalay, Prime Ministry Undersecretary Efgan Ala, and Turkish General Staff Operations Commander General Mehmet Eroz are following the issue. The Turkish MFA released a strong statement that condemned the attack and protested the use of force by the Israeli Defense Forces against the civilians on the flotilla, who were from many countries and wanted to transport humanitarian assistance to the people in Gaza. It pointed out that there were women and children among the passengers, and that they had received reports so far that the intervention had caused 2 deaths and more than 30 people to be injured. It said Israel has "once again clearly demonstrated that it does not value human lives and peaceful initiatives through targeting innocent civilians." Calling the intervention an "inhuman act," it said the incident, which took place on the high seas in a gross violation of international law, "might cause irreversible consequences in our relations." It said that the Embassy in Tel Aviv would conduct initiatives to protest the event, and that the incident is being "strongly protested" in Ankara, while an explanation from the Israeli Ambassador in Ankara has been demanded at the Ministry. It said the actions against civilians conducting peaceful activities -- whatever their motives -- were unacceptable and that Israel will have to bear the consequences of the actions, which constitute a violation of international law. In closing the statement said "May God bestow His mercy upon those who lost their lives. We wish to express our condolences to the bereaved families of the deceased, and swift recovery to the wounded."

4. (SBU) [redacted] told the Ambassador that he personally could not understand how the intervention could have happened. He and others were working with the Israelis, he admitted, and they thought that they had a solution to keep everything under control. He stressed as well that there will be consequences to the intervention. He emphasized that Turks are outraged that the Israelis acted when the ships were 69 miles from Gaza, in international waters. He intimated that 'a solution' might have been possible, or at least more understanding, were the ships intercepted -- as he had thought they would be --

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closer to Gaza. The Ambassador stressed the need to protect both U.S. and Israeli diplomatic establishments from crowds of protesters in Turkey, and urged caution on any action until all of the facts were in. [redacted] in turn urged for us to ask Washington to say something critical about this operation, indicating that this would help, although the Ambassador did not respond to the request.

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5. (SBU) Israel's Ambassador to Turkey, Gaby Levi, told the Ambassador that while he had been summoned to the MFA, his residence had been blockaded by protestors and so he was unable to move. He was "under siege" at his embassy. He anticipated "the worst" from the Turks, and that there will be diplomatic consequences to the intervention. The Turkish press reported that MFA Deputy U/S Unal Cevikoz spoke to Ambassador Levi for 20 minutes, and in addition to condemning the attack, he urged Israel to send the passengers and wounded to Turkey immediately. Cevikoz also reminded Levi that Turkey preserves all its rights stemming from international law. The Turkish press also reported that the visit of an Israeli tourist ship to Alanya port today was cancelled.

6. (SBU) There were protests in several cities Turkey against Israeli and U.S. installations. Media outlets reported that a large crowd of protestors gathered outside the Israeli Consulate in Istanbul starting at 5:00 a.m. The group had been very agitated but at the moment was calm, and had been contained by Turkish police, using water cannons and pepper gas. Mission RSOs sent SMS messages through its warden network to avoiding protests in the areas around Israeli or U.S. diplomatic buildings. In Adana at approximately 1:45 a.m. a group of 30-40 protestors held a sit-in in front of the U.S. Consulate for half an hour, and another protest is expected.

7. (SBU) Turkish media outlets report that Hamas called the operation "brutal", and urgently urged the UN to interfere, while Palestinian President Abbas termed the attack as "massacre" and declared three days of mourning.

8. (SBU) Post will continue to monitor events and report as needed.  
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**SPOT REPORT No. 2**  
**LATEST SITUATION ON GAZA AID FLOTILLA**Monday, May 31, 2010  
1200 EDT**NETANYAHU TO CURTAIL TRIP AND RETURN TO ISRAEL**

(U) The Israeli Prime Minister is currently in Canada, but press report he will cancel his scheduled onward stop in Washington to return to Tel Aviv. (AP)

**FLOTILLA SHIPS ENTERING PORT, CASUALTIES NOT YET IDENTIFIED**

- (SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv reports nine American citizens are in detention and consular staff hope to have access to them the morning of June 1. Israeli sources say two former U.S. diplomats detained for their participation in the flotilla will be deported from Ben Gurion Airport tonight. One Amciti is hospitalized with minor injuries and will be transferred to a deportation facility shortly. A total of 18 Amcitis are believed to have been part of the flotilla, seven are unaccounted for. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)
- (SBU) Israeli defense officials say 10 to 14 civilians were killed or seriously injured, with an additional 30 wounded. Ten Israeli Navy personnel were wounded, one seriously. All casualties had been aboard the MAVI MARMARA and are now in Israeli hospitals. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)
- (SBU) The CHALLENGER I is now in the port of Ashdod with Americans onboard, and the MAVI MARMARA is expected between 1700 and 1800 local time, with the rest arriving later in the evening. Passengers will have two options – jail or deportation. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

**TURKEY CALLS ON INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO RESPOND**

- (SBU) Turkey is alleging a gross violation of international law, saying the raid occurred 64 nautical miles from the Gaza blockade area. The IDF contends a vessel may be boarded prior to entering an area under naval blockade, if there is reason to believe the vessel intends to breach it. (Ops/Embassy Ankara e-mail, Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)
- (SBU) Israeli Defense Minister Barak and Major General Dangot, Coordinator for Government Activities in the Territories, are in communication with officials from the Turkish Foreign and Defense Ministries. They discussed the extent to which rhetoric could be kept in check, the need for security cooperation, and the impact the status of wounded Israeli Arab Islamic leader Raed Salah could have on public reaction. (Ops/ConGen Jerusalem e-mail)
- (SBU) Turkish PM Erdogan cut his trip to Latin America short and will return to Turkey today. FM Davutoglu is in route to New York to request an emergency session of the UNSC today to discuss the incident. Acting PM Arinc ruled out sending Turkish naval forces to the region for the time being, and President Gul condemned the attack, but urged Turks to act with restraint. (Ops/Embassy Ankara e-mail)

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- (SBU) Peaceful protesters gathered outside the U.S. Consulate in Adana (500 to 700 according to local guards, 4000 by Turkish National Police estimates) to lay a black wreath, then dispersed. *(Ops/Embassy Ankara e-mail)*
- (SBU) Embassy Ankara requested additional security for Israeli and American installations in Turkey, and reports the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs has authorized the additional forces. *(Ops/Embassy Ankara e-mail)*

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**STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS**

- (SBU) A family member confirmed that 19 year-old Turkish-American citizen, Furkan Dogan, was among those killed on the MAVI MARMARA. (MGGZ01/Embassy Ankara e-mail)
- (SBU) Embassy officials located previously unaccounted for Israeli-American citizen, Huwaida Arraf, in Ramallah. Eight American citizens departed from Tel Aviv to Istanbul, another to Athens, and two to Jordan. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

**STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS**

- (U) The Israeli Foreign Ministry announced three activists from Ireland, Australia, and Italy remain in Israel for "technical reasons," without providing any further information. Seven additional activists are still hospitalized in Israel. (Israel Radio News)
- (SBU) Israel turned over 120 detainees from Muslim and Arab countries to Jordan. (Amman 1231)

**OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA**

- [redacted] The RACHEL CORRIE [redacted] the Free Gaza Movement announced it will delay its arrival to Gaza until June 7 to maximize media coverage.
- (U) Media report the Israeli Navy intends to board the RACHEL CORRIE if necessary, but released no additional specifics. (Ma'ariv)

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**STATUS OF HUMANITARIAN GOODS**

(SBU) Truckloads of goods arrived in Kerem Shalom but have not entered Gaza. UNRWA and ICRC are waiting for permission from Turkey to secure the items. Hamas is disallowing any further entry of goods into the area. (MGGZ01/Special Envoy for Middle East Peace e-mail)

**ISRAELI RESPONSE**

- [redacted]
- (U) Media report Israel decided to release flotilla detainees immediately in order to help the United States garner support for UN sanctions against Iran. (ynetnews.com)

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## INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- (SBU) Arab League: Foreign ministers agreed to ask the UN Security Council to urge an end to the Israeli blockade of Gaza. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Riyadh e-mail)*
- (U) UN: Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Robert Serry, condemned Hamas for raiding NGO offices in Gaza City and the Rafah crossing. *(MGGZ01/Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process e-mail)*
- (SBU) A June 3 International Maritime Organization meeting (IMO) was interrupted by Cuba, Indonesia, Syria, and Venezuela condemning Israeli actions. Turkey is expected to push for official IMO condemnation of Israel at the June 7 meeting. *(MGGZ01/Bureau of International Organization Affairs e-mail)*

## INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

- (U) Turkey: PM Erdogan said full restoration of diplomatic ties with Israel was contingent upon ending Israel's blockade of Gaza. *(nytimes.com)*
- (U) South Africa: The ambassador to Israel was recalled June 3. *(ynetnews.com)*
- (U) Ecuador: The ambassador to Israel was recalled June 3. *(washingtonpost.com)*
- (U) EU: The European Jewish Congress called on the EU to ban the Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief (IHH) and other "terrorist front organizations" *(European Jewish Congress press release)*
- (U) Saudi Arabia: Flotilla discussions interrupted meetings between a U.S. Congressional delegation and members of the Saudi business community at the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry on June 2. *(Saudi Gazette, Al-Watan, Shams)*
- (U) UK: Former FS Miliband restated the British call for an end to the blockade as the only way to limit Hamas' control over the region. *(MGGZ01/Embassy of the United Kingdom to the United States e-mail)*
- (SBU) Australia: PM Rudd called for an independent inquiry and an easing of the blockade. *(MGGZ01/Embassy of Australia to the United States e-mail)*

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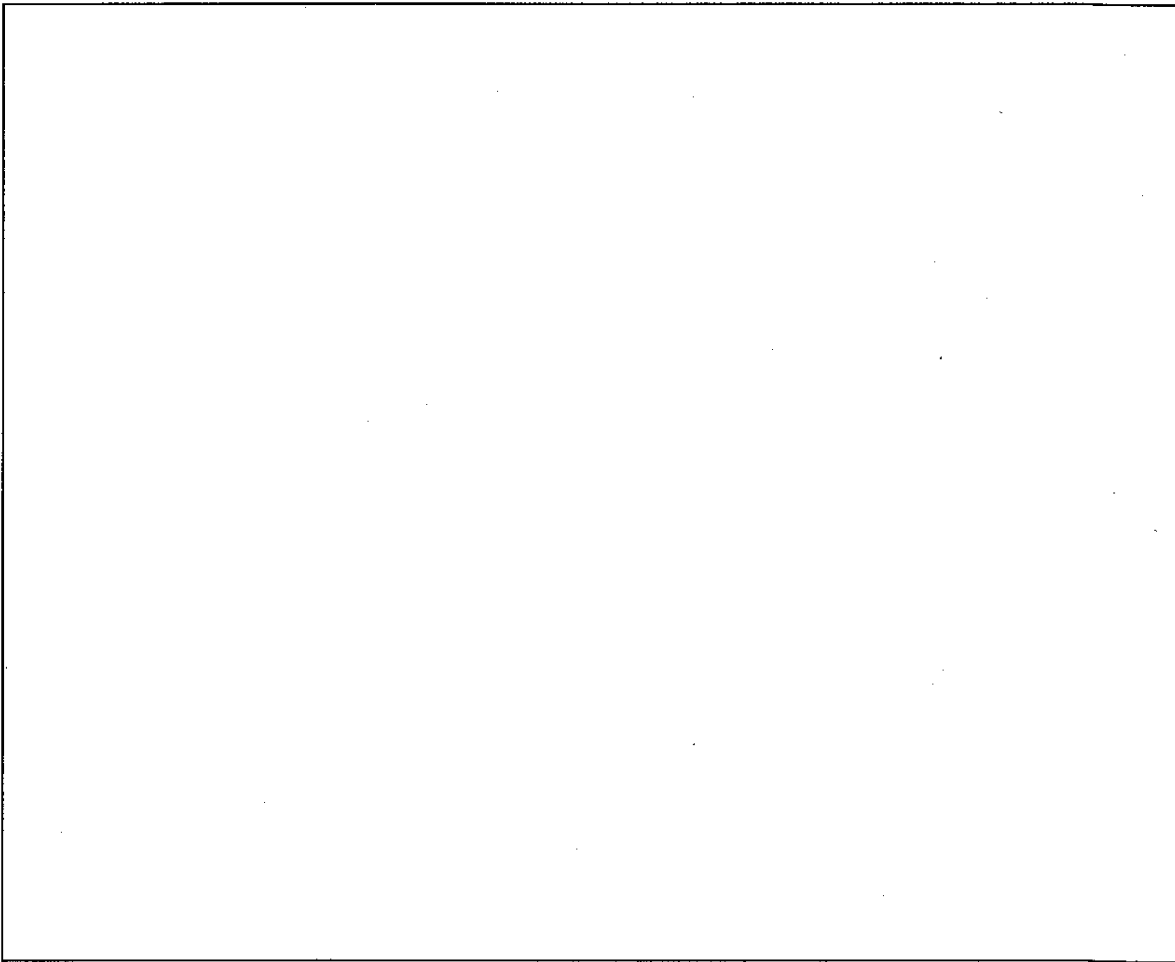
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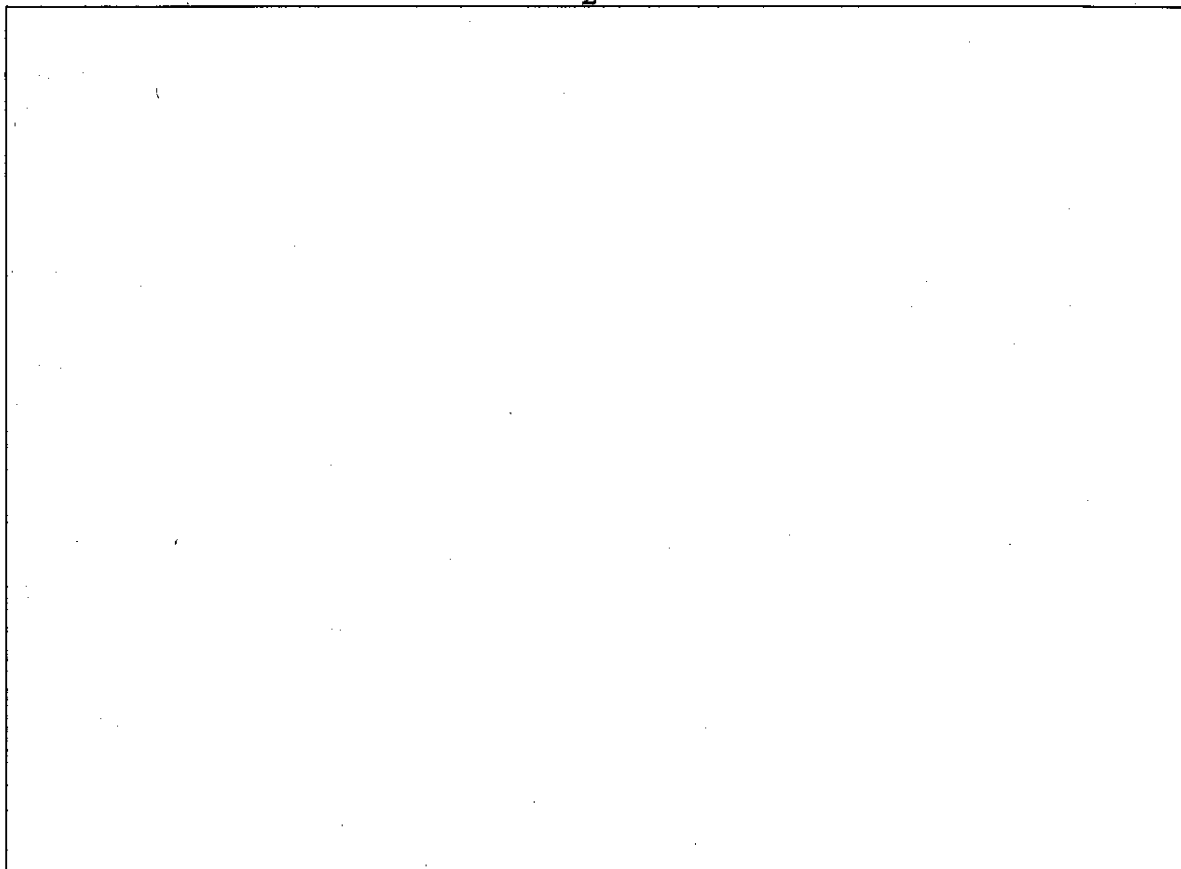
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**U.S. Urged Israel to Use Caution and Restraint  
with Aid Boats Heading to Gaza**

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Scott Wilson and Glenn Kessler  
Washington Post Staff Writer

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The Obama administration said Wednesday that it had warned Israel's government repeatedly to use "caution and restraint" with half a dozen aid boats bound for the Gaza Strip before Israeli commandos raided the flotilla this week in an operation that killed nine people.

"We communicated with Israel through multiple channels many times regarding the flotilla," P.J. Crowley, a State Department spokesman, said in a statement issued in response to a question from The Washington Post. "We emphasized caution and restraint given the anticipated presence of civilians, including American citizens."

The acknowledgment shed new light on the administration's contact with the Israeli government before the Monday morning raid, which has inflamed international opinion against Israel and complicated President Obama's efforts to improve U.S. relations with the Islamic world. White House officials said Wednesday that there is a growing consensus within the administration that U.S. and Israeli policy toward Gaza must change, even as Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu flatly rejected calls for his country to lift its blockade of the Palestinian territory.

Netanyahu, addressing his nation Wednesday for the first time since the raid, angrily defended Israel from mounting international criticism over its use of force against the flotilla, which was carrying construction materials, medicine, school paper and other aid to Gaza when Israeli commandos set upon it in international waters.

Netanyahu called the criticism "hypocrisy" and described Gaza, where 1.5 million people live in a narrow slice of dunes and refugee camps between southern Israel and the sea, as "a terror state funded by the Iranians."

"The same countries that are criticizing us today should know that they will be targeted tomorrow," he said, just a day after Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called Israel's policy toward Gaza "unsustainable." "It's for this and for

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many other reasons we have a right to inspect cargo heading into Gaza," Netanyahu added.

The flotilla was organized by the Free Gaza Movement and a Turkish charity that Israeli officials say has connections to radical groups.

In an interview with Charlie Rose broadcast Wednesday night, Vice President Biden agreed that Israel had a right to inspect the cargo. "You can argue whether Israel should have dropped people onto that ship or not . . . but the truth of the matter is, Israel has a right to know -- they're at war with Hamas -- has a right to know whether or not arms are being smuggled in," he said.

At the same time, Biden acknowledged that the administration is trying to sway the Israeli government on the issue of Gaza, which has been under some form of an Israeli blockade for five years.

"We have put as much pressure and as much cajoling on Israel as we can to allow them to get building materials" and other designated humanitarian aid into Gaza, he said.

Michael Oren, the Israeli ambassador to Washington, said that although lifting the blockade is out of the question, Israel shares the administration's goal of improving civilian life in the Gaza Strip. "We are open to the discussion of how best to reconcile the civilian needs of the people of Gaza with Israel's very real security needs," he said in an interview.

The Israeli raid on the flotilla has focused international attention on Israel's closure policy and the mixed results it has achieved.

Israel withdrew its soldiers and settlements from Gaza in 2005 after a nearly four-decade presence in the strip. But it has maintained strict control over the coast and crossing points for goods arriving from Israel, which has come under frequent attack over the years from rockets fired by the Islamist movement Hamas and other armed groups at war with the Jewish state.

In 2007, after Hamas's violent takeover of the strip, Israel effectively closed it to all but a limited amount of humanitarian aid. The goal was to turn the public against Hamas, and prevent arms-making materials from entering. Israel has also linked lifting the blockade -- which includes a ban on nearly all exports from Gaza -- to the release of Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier Hamas captured in Israel in 2006:

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But Israel has let several aid flotillas land at Gaza over the past two years, missions designed primarily to draw attention to the blockade. Before Monday's most ambitious attempt to run the blockade, Israel had turned back two previous flotillas and detained some participants for more than a week.

Israel said Wednesday that it had completed the deportation of the more than 700 activists detained after the raid. Most of them were flown to Turkey, which was Israel's chief Muslim ally in the region before the raid but has since withdrawn its ambassador.

The administration's acknowledgment that it warned Israel against using excessive force comes as White House officials have been meeting with Israeli diplomats and security officials to discuss how the blockade might be altered to allow more aid to enter Gaza without risking Israeli security.

White House officials said Obama has had several phone calls with Netanyahu since the incident, and national security adviser James L. Jones met with his Israeli counterpart for several hours this week.

A White House official briefed on those meetings said there is "a general sense in the administration that it's time to change our Gaza policy," although he would not elaborate on how the administration might change the way it engages an area controlled by a U.S.-designated terrorist organization.

The official said meetings have been held to explore "alternative approaches to dealing with ships who try to run the blockade, and to ensure the humanitarian aid reaches people in Gaza." The official added that "our militaries are in touch on this."

David Makovsky of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy said that discussion should focus on trimming the Israeli bans on many basic items for fear that they could be used for nefarious purposes. "It needs to be streamlined, so that everything is permitted unless it is forbidden, rather than everything is forbidden unless it is permitted," he said. "You have got to use common sense so that you just deny things that can be used for weapons."

*Correspondent Janine Zacharia in Jerusalem contributed to this report.*

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**Breaking Footage from Mavi Marmara interception**

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**Video shows what took place as IDF soldiers intercepted the Mavi Marmara ship and were attacked by its passengers**

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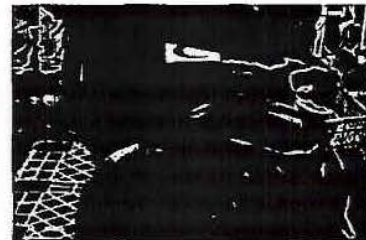
Video footage shows Shayetet Naval Special Forces attempting to intercept the Mavi Marmara ship which is part of the Gaza flotilla. Passengers on board are seen throwing chains, metal pipes and a stun grenade at the soldiers while attacking them with water hoses. The passengers later use the same metal pipes to beat the soldiers who boarded the Marmara. The soldiers can be seen armed with paintball guns, to be used as a means of riot dispersal.

Five other ships arrived to the area with the flotilla, however IDF interception took place with no incident. The passengers on board these other ships cooperated nonviolently with IDF soldiers and there were no injuries.

The Israeli Security Cabinet gathered for a special meeting on Tuesday (June 1), and intelligence shared in that meeting disclosed that a group of approximately 40 people with no identification wearing bullet proof vests and using weapons are mercenaries of the Al Qaeda terror organization. The cabinet places full responsibility for the incident on those who started the violence which clearly placed the soldiers' lives in danger.



Photograph shows a grenade being thrown from the Mavi Marmara ship towards IDS soldiers. Photo: taken from video clip



Pictured here is a pile of bullet proof vests found on board the Mavi Marmara ship. Photo: Arielle Yahalom, IDF Spokesperson

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## Specific Flotilla Passengers are Active terror Operatives linked to Al-Qaeda, Hamas, and other Organizations

The following passengers on board the Mavi Marmara are known to be involved in terrorist activity. The Mavi Marmara attempted to break the maritime closure on the Gaza Strip on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 2010, and was boarded by Israel Navy forces.

Fatimah Mahmadi (born 1979), is a United States resident of Iranian origin, and an active member of the organization "Viva Palestine", she attempted to smuggle forbidden electronic components into the Gaza Strip.

Ken O'Keefe (Born 1969), an American and British citizen, is a radical anti-Israel activist and operative of the Hamas Terror organization. He attempted to enter the Gaza Strip in order to form and train a commando unit for the Palestinian terror organization.

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Hassan Iynasi (born 1982), a Turkish citizen and activist in a Turkish charity organization, is known of providing financial support to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad Terror organization.

Hussein Urosh, a Turkish citizen and activist in the IHH organization, was on his way to the Gaza Strip in order to assist in smuggling Al-Qaeda operatives via Turkey into the Strip.

Ahmad Umimon (born 1959), is a French citizen of Moroccan origin, and an operative of the Hamas Terrorist organization.

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Colleagues:

As a follow up to our discussions regarding stopping/impeding the prospective Mavi Marmara anniversary flotilla,

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**Update from the GOI**

**Next Steps**

- USCG is working to release the agreed Notice to Mariners (NOTMAR) warning U.S. vessels not to attempt to break the Israeli blockade as soon as possible.
- We should consider the release date for the pre-cleared Dept of State statement. Depending on additional information on the timing of the flotilla, we would propose the first or second week of June.

**Re GOI's new requests (per Tel Aviv 613 below):**

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- Response: High level engagement with the GOT is ongoing, including recent calls from Secretary Clinton to FM Davutoglu. [redacted]

[redacted] We will continue to strongly and actively urge Turkey and Israel to take immediate steps to resolve their differences before the flotilla departs.

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- Response: We have already encouraged Egypt to let flotilla vessels use the port of El-Arish to offload cargo for screening and overland shipment to Gaza; [redacted]

[redacted] We'll work with Embassy Cairo to follow up on El Arish access for the prospective June flotilla.

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## Summary

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1. (SBU) Protest activities rumbled on in the Gaza Strip in the aftermath of Israel's interdiction of the "Free Gaza" flotilla, but none took place on a large scale. Gaza-based contacts described an atmosphere of uncertainty, apathy, and depression. One suggested that many Gazans resented what they saw as international gestures in support of Hamas, and that they saw the flotilla in that light. The Gazan delegation to the Palestine Investment Conference (PIC) in Bethlehem has, despite reservations given the current situation, decided to try to attend. A senior Palestinian official described President Abbas's determination not to let Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood capitalize on the current situation. Post has identified and located the Amcit described in reftel as having been injured while participating in a demonstration in the West Bank. End summary.

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2. (SBU) A locally-employed staff member based in the Gaza Strip described calls for protests being made through all available forms of media in Gaza during the day on May 31. This included ( Hamas-controlled ) radio and television stations as well as the loudspeaker systems of mosques. While some demonstrations were held by Hamas, there were no large rallies. A large demonstration is expected to be called tomorrow ( June 1 ).

3. (SBU) Hamas earlier in the day on May 31 called for a three-day strike in the Palestinian Territories, but has not so far enforced it, even in Gaza. Some stores closed, but others remained open, according to Gaza-based contacts reached by phone. Contacts described merchants as waiting to see what direction prices of goods will take.

4. (SBU) Gaza-based contacts described the atmosphere in Gaza as very tense. One compared it to that at the beginning of Israeli combat operations against Hamas in December 2008. Another commented that there is no longer unity during moments of crisis. In the past, this contact said, Palestinians would come together to protest Israeli actions. Now, he said, many in Gaza are staying home, watching events develop on television, and wondering what will happen next.

5. (SBU) A few Gaza-based contacts suggested that the apparent lack of enthusiasm for protests reflected scant hope for the future in Gaza, especially regarding an international response to the current situation. Some conveyed a sense of letdown after Hamas had built up anticipation for the flotilla's arrival, with lanterns set up to welcome it to the port of Gaza.

6. (SBU) One Gaza-based contact, speaking to Post prior to the flotilla's interdiction, noted that while Gazans widely welcomed any attempts to lift the Israeli "siege" on Gaza, they saw initiatives like the "Free Gaza" flotilla as intended to support only Hamas and its beneficiaries. Many Gazans blamed Hamas for the ongoing immiseration of Gaza and the continued division of the Palestinian Territories, he said, and consequently resented international gestures of support for Hamas, like ( as many saw it ) the flotilla.

Gazans Will Still Try to Attend PIC  
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7. (SBU) One Gaza-based leading businessman reported that the Gaza delegation to the June 1-4 PIC was reconsidering its attendance. The contact described uncertainty as to whether the Erez crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip would be open, what actions Hamas

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would take, and what the perception would be of Gazan business leaders running off to an international investment conference the day after the flotilla incident.

8. (SBU) This Gaza-based business contact notified Post on the evening of May 31 that the 25-member committee formed to coordinate Gazan participation in the PIC finally agreed to participate in the PIC as originally planned.

#### Further Official Palestinian Reactions

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9. (SBU) A senior Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) official told Post that President Abbas told a joint May 31 meeting of the PLO's Executive Committee and the Fatah Central Committee that the Palestinian Authority (PA) was reaching out to others -- including the USG, UN, and European Union -- for support. It was also doing

the utmost to contain the situation so that the Palestinians could "stay the course." Abbas had noted strict instructions to PA security forces not to condone any violence by Palestinians or allow frictions with Israeli security forces in the West Bank, according to the senior PLO official.

10. (SBU) The senior PLO official said that President Abbas told meeting attendees the PA should work to ensure that the strike announced by Hamas for tomorrow (June 1) was not honored in the West Bank. In general, the senior PLO official said, Abbas and the PA were doing everything possible to deny Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood the opportunity to capitalize on the situation. That said, the PA could not block initiatives being pushed by others regarding the flotilla incident at the UN Security Council or the Arab League, the senior PLO official said. He added that Abbas had received a telephone call from Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan and President Gul, and had told them that he would see them in Istanbul as scheduled on his way to Washington next week.

11. (U) At a signing ceremony for the Northern Gaza Emergency Sewage Treatment project on the afternoon of May 31, Prime Minister Fayyad spoke briefly of the flotilla incident. Referring to it as a "tragedy," Fayyad said that even during "sad days, we must move forward."

#### American Citizens

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12. (SBU) Post has identified and located the Amcit described in reftel as having been injured while participating in a demonstration in the West Bank. The Amcit was one of approximately 70

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demonstrators at the Qalandiya checkpoint protesting the interdiction of the flotilla on May 31. She was reportedly hit by a tear gas canister fired by Israel Defense Forces personnel, and subsequently taken to a hospital in Jerusalem. Conoffs will attempt to visit her on June 1.

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13. (SBU) Concerns that the interdiction of the flotilla might spark broad-based violent protests in East Jerusalem appear to have subsided somewhat, with Israeli news media reports during the evening of May 31 regarding the situation of Ra'ed Salah, head of the Islamic Movement in Israel-Northern Branch. According to the latest reports, Salah, a flotilla passenger, was not in fact seriously injured during the Israeli naval operation, as earlier reports alleged.

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1. (SBU) At 1500 Ambassador Jeffrey and other ambassadors from UN Security Council member states were briefed by the MFA regarding the intervention by the Israeli Military on the Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla. Following this, the MFA briefed other groups of ambassadors from (1) the Organization of the Islamic Council member states, (2) EU member states, and (3) all other states. All member states received the same briefing.

2. (SBU) The MFA confirmed that FM Davutoglu is going to New York with the purpose of addressing the UN Security Council today. [redacted] Ministry [redacted]

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[redacted] handing out maps to emphasize the location of the intervention. They placed the intervention at 64 nautical miles from the northeast corner of Israel's blockade area of Gaza, which covers 20 square nautical miles from the coastline. [redacted]

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3. (SBU) The Ministry also stressed that Israel bears the responsibility for the intervention, which involved an attack on innocent civilians -- including women, children and the elderly -- who were on a humanitarian mission. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] first priority is to determine the whereabouts and identity of the passengers who were killed or wounded in action, and it would like all of the passengers returned to Turkey as soon as possible. [REDACTED]

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4. (SBU) The Ministry estimated that the Turkish registered ship that was boarded, the Mavi Marmaris, carried 560 passengers not counting the crew. The majority of those passengers (353) were Turks, though there were also citizens from 43 other nations including Algeria (33 passengers), Jordan (31), the U.K. (28), between 10-20 passengers from Malaysia, Indonesia, and Kuwait, respectively, and 3 U.S. citizens.

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1. As of June 1 at 5 p.m. local time:

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2. (C) MOD officials informed Ambassador Cunningham that the GoI hoped to deport today some 30 Jordanians and 50 other "Arabs" (which the Ambassador understood to mean Muslims in general) via the Allenby crossing to Jordan.



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 All repatriations reportedly are currently on hold pending resolution of an order by Attorney General Weinstein supporting a request by the Israel National Police to review the identities of all detainees and interrogate those suspected of involvement in violent attacks on Israeli military personnel. The cabinet is reportedly discussing the Attorney General's order since it contradicts assurances

made by Defense Minister Barak and the MFA to the Government of Turkey.

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3. (C) Embassy DATT continues to meet with IDF officials to determine details surrounding the interdiction. The IDF has provided the following official information:

-- Five IDF soldiers were injured: two severely, two moderately, one lightly.

-- All six ships have now arrived in Ashdod; the M/V MAVI MAMARA is still being unloaded.

4. (C) IDF officials continue to argue that boarding the M/V MAVI MAMARA in international waters was legal based on the Law of Armed Conflict, since the flotilla signaled its intention to penetrate the declared blockade of Gaza. Additionally, the IDF asserts that the reactions of IDF soldiers were appropriate since they were met by violent protesters.

5. (C) The IDF expects at least one additional Gaza flotilla ship, the Cambodian-flagged, 1200-ton cargo vessel M/V Rachel Corrie sailing from Ireland. Given present speed and course, the Rachel Corrie could reach the previous Gaza flotilla rendezvous point near Cyprus in a little more than three days, with an expected arrival near Gaza sometime on Saturday, June 5. IDF officials told DAO that they have yet to determine how they will handle the Rachel Corrie, but stressed that they will not allow it to reach Gaza.

6. (SBU) [redacted] told A/DCM this afternoon that Barak agreed yesterday to Turkish Foreign Minister Davutoglu's request to expedite the return of Turkish nationals. Barak asked that the Turkish ambassador work with MOD Pol-Mil Director Amos Gilad. According to [redacted], Gilad arranged for a Turkish ambulance aircraft, which [redacted] said was just landing at Ben Gurion airport as they spoke, to repatriate the Turkish wounded. [redacted] said the repatriation of other Turkish detainees, as well as other nationalities, was complicated by an Israeli legal requirement that deportees sign a release form, which [redacted] said about 400 detainees of various nationalities had refused to sign. We are following up with MFA on this issue.

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7. (SBU) Following the conversation with [redacted], MFA [redacted] [redacted] called A/DCM regarding efforts to arrange deportation of all detainees, as well as the return of remains of the ten dead. Contrary to our conversation with

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MOD, [ ] said the MFA has the lead in following up with the Turkish Embassy. He noted, however, that efforts to arrange the return of Turkish wounded has been halted by order of the Attorney General in response to an Israeli National Police request to investigate the wounded and review the identities of the other detainees in case they were involved in violent attacks on Israeli soldiers. [ ] said the cabinet is currently meeting and he assumed the Attorney General's order would be discussed since it contradicted MOD and MFA assurances to the Turkish government. [ ] thought he might have an update after 20:00 local time this evening.

8. (SBU) Of the ten dead, only three had Turkish ID cards or passports on them. [ ] said the assumption is that they are all Turkish citizens, but the MFA is working with the Turkish embassy to identify the rest of the dead. The return of the bodies is also halted temporarily by the Attorney General's order.

9. (SBU) Israeli Magen David Adom and Turkish Red Crescent representatives visited four Israeli hospitals today. [ ] said there are 42 Turkish nationals in Israeli hospitals, of whom the Red Crescent identified 24 who are ready to return to Turkey. The Turkish ambulance planes are waiting to transport the wounded who are ready to travel but their departure is being delayed pending resolution of the Attorney General's intervention.

10. (SBU) Regarding those at the Beer Sheva detention center, [ ] explained that Israeli law requires deportees to sign a release form if they agree to immediate deportation. Those who refused to sign may be deported after 72 hours if there is no complaint or investigation against them. [ ] said about 40 Turks have signed the release and left the country last night.

11. (SBU) [ ] said Jordan has offered to facilitate the repatriation of citizens of Muslim states that do not have relations with Israel. At least one Indonesian and one Lebanese are among the wounded, and the Jordanians are handling their repatriation once the Attorney General's hold is resolved.

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12. (SBU) Tel Aviv consuls are currently visiting with 11 detainees at the Ella prison in Beersheva. The five men and six women are in good health and are free to meet with the consuls. Two other detainees were briefly hospitalized

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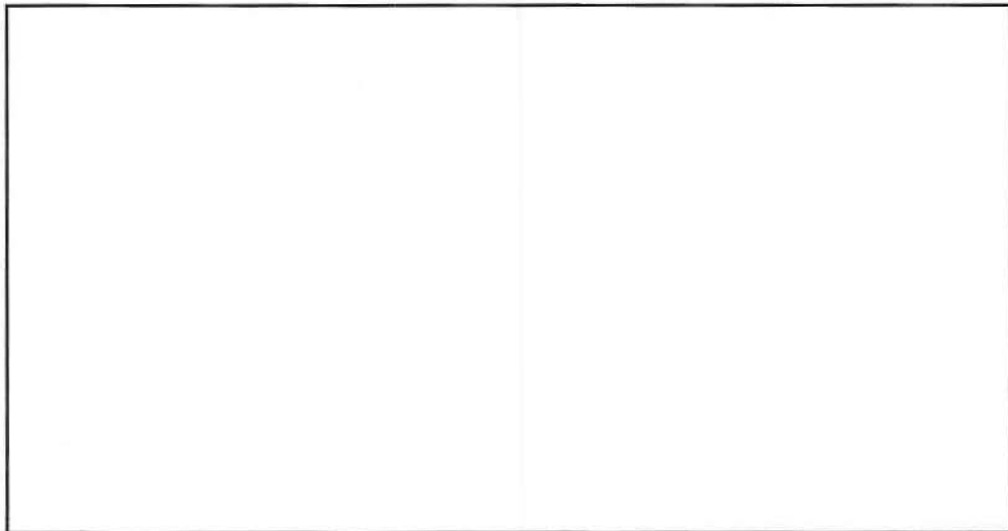
and released to detention [redacted]. Two detainees [redacted] accepted repatriation last night. CG will visit one detainee at Givon Prison this evening.

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13. (SBU) The conditions at Ella are crowded, with consuls from many countries meeting with their nationals in a common space. Men and women are held separately. Immigration judges have seen some of the detainees and provided deportation orders for the detainees to sign. If they sigh, they agree to deportation within 72 hours. If they refuse, they are being told they could wait up to 30 days for an immigration hearing. A human rights lawyer from Jerusalem, well-known to some of the detainees, is present. The general political view of the detainees is that they were kidnapped on the high seas, are illegally in Israel, and are being held hostage. Many of them are reluctant to participate in their own deportation proceedings.

14. (SBU) Prison authorities report at least 100 detainees not yet registered and released to detention facilities. Updated list expected in another four hours.

Known AmCit detainees:



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15. (SBU) Israeli National Police are slated to request an extension of the remand of 18 youths arrested May 31 for rioting in Umm al-Fahm, Nazareth, Fureidis and Haifa. A police statement said, "We will continue with a firm policy against anyone who uses any kind of violence. We will

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allow protests, but not riots." Meanwhile, thousands of Northern District Police officers are preparing for possible scenarios. According to press reporting, Northern District Police Chief Shimon Koren is holding talks with leaders of the Arab public in hopes of maintaining calm and restraint.

16. (SBU) The leadership of the Israeli Arab community in Israel called for a general strike to take place on June

1. Thirty Arab women marching in Jerusalem with Turkish flags on June 1 were dispersed without violence by police after they attempted to block a main road as they marched to the Turkish Consulate in a show of support for the flotilla.

17. (SBU) Several Israeli Arab leaders were on the flotilla, including Sheikh Raed Salah, the leader of the northern branch of the Islamic Movement who recently was acquitted of inciting disturbances on the Temple Mount. Tensions were very high until this morning when false rumors about Sheikh Salah, s death, injury, or survival of a supposed Israeli assassination attempt were dispelled. The leader of the southern branch of the Islamic Movement, Hamad Abu Daa,bas, and chairman of the Arab Higher Monitoring Committee, Muhammad Zeidan, were also on board the ships. All three were arrested and brought before the Ashkelon Magistrates Court for a June 1 hearing approving their continued detention and interrogation. Knessent Member Haneen Zoabi (Balad), who had also been on one of the ships of the flotilla, was released due to her parliamentary immunity and promptly held a press conference, declaring the flotilla a "victory." MK Jamal Zalhalka (Balad), who was not on the flotilla, described the commando raid publicly as a "massacre whose results were not a matter of chance" and called for Netanyahu and Barak to resign and be prosecuted in an international court for war crimes.

#### PRESS REPORTING

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18. (U) The Israeli press has been heavily critical of almost all aspects of the Gaza flotilla operation. The criticism and commentary of the affair were mainly divided into three parts, each focusing on a different level of the operation: from the soldiers on the ground, to the military command, and all the way up to the political echelon, with some blunt and unabashed calls for the resignation of Defense Minister Ehud Barak.

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19. (SBU) The one, almost-clear consensus among the commentators was that the soldiers should not be blamed for the mishap, which was ill-prepared by their commanders. Several reporters who were embedded with the navy forces brought first-hand accounts of the actions, attesting to the bravery of the soldiers on the ships, who were faced with odds much greater than they had expected.

20. (SBU) The criticism intensifies as the pundits and commentators climb up the ranks and begin analyzing the IDF preparedness for the mission. Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, usually a media favorite, was today one of those blamed for the lack of effective planning. The criticism ranged from lack of intelligence on what the protestors were preparing on board the "Mavi Marmara," the relatively small size of the force that boarded a ship carrying 600 passengers, and the navy's decision to equip the soldiers with less-than-lethal weapons (paintball guns).

21. (SBU) But the harshest criticism was saved for the political echelon, and in particular the Defense Minister. Senior columnists and commentators asked whether the military-political echelon, headed by Ehud Barak, had made the right decision to confront the flotilla in such a way, rather than letting the flotilla pass through to Gaza, or placing the brunt of the responsibility for humanitarian aid to Gaza in the hands of the Turkish government.

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REPORT NO. 3

STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS  
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1. (SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv expects to visit shortly the nine American citizens detained on June 1. We have no reports of any deaths or serious injuries involving American citizens on the flotilla, although one was injured while taking part in a protest in Jerusalem and has been hospitalized. No additional Americans have been deported. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

ADDITIONAL FREE GAZA SHIP EN ROUTE  
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2. (SBU) A final ship in the flotilla, the Cambodian-flagged MV Rachel Corrie, is traveling through the Mediterranean from Ireland. It is anticipated the ship will approach Gaza June 3. The Israeli government has not determined how it will respond.

MAJORITY OF PASSENGERS NOW IN ISRAELI DETENTION  
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3. (U) Approximately 480 passengers are now in Israeli detention and 48 have been deported to their home countries. (jpost.com)

ISRAELI ARABS CALL GENERAL STRIKE  
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SITUATION REPORT NO. 2

STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS  
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1. (SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv has not yet made contact with any of the AmCits, though the MFA should provide consular access the morning of June 1.
2. (SBU) Only half of the passengers on the MAVI MARMARA were identified and some names were provided to the MFA.
3. (SBU) A former U.S. ambassador aboard one of the ships seized is reportedly fine and on his way home, likely to arrive in NYC on June 1, his wife said. Edward Peck, 81, of Chevy Chase, Md., was a former U.S. ambassador to Mauritania.  
(MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

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U.S. STATEMENT TO UNSC  
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5. (SBU) Deputy PermRep Wolff addressed an emergency session of the UNSC stating that the United States is "deeply disturbed by the recent violence and regrets the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved." Wolff noted that "we are working to ascertain the facts" and that the United States expects a "credible and transparent investigation." Wolff reiterated the United States is concerned about the situation in

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Gaza and we continue to engage with Israel to address the full range of humanitarian and recovery needs and this situation underscores need to move ahead with negotiations that can lead to a comprehensive peace in the region. (MGGZ01/USUN e-mail)

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QUARTET STATEMENT  
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6. (SBU) Following a Quartet envoys' conference call and interagency concurrence, a draft statement was circulated for review. The Quartet plans to issue the statement after a second envoys' call scheduled for 0900 EDT June 1. The draft statement mirrors Deputy PermRep Wolff's earlier comments before the UNSC and also notes that the only viable solution to the conflict is negotiations between the parties toward realization of the two-state solution. (MGGZ01/SEMEP e-mail)

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SUBJECT: MGGZ01: GAZA FLOTILLA MONITORING GROUP SITUATION  
REPORT NO. 5

STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS  
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1. (SBU) Eleven AmCit detainees plan to, or have already signed, voluntary deportation forms provided by the Israeli Ministry of Interior. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS  
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2. (U) Israel's inner security cabinet voted to deport remaining prisoners within 48 hours. A government statement issued late June 1 stated that "the detainees would be expelled immediately according to the procedures set by law," said a government statement issued late June 1. (AFP)

3. (U) [REDACTED]

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WOUNDED COULD BE CONSIDERED COMBATANTS  
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4. (SBU) Approximately 50 wounded detainees of various nationalities are currently being treated by the Government of Israel as suspects, and thus may not be allowed to leave the country. The GOI might want to file court cases against these individuals, but this course of action is subject to the attorney general's discretion. (MGGZ01/NEA-FO e-mail)

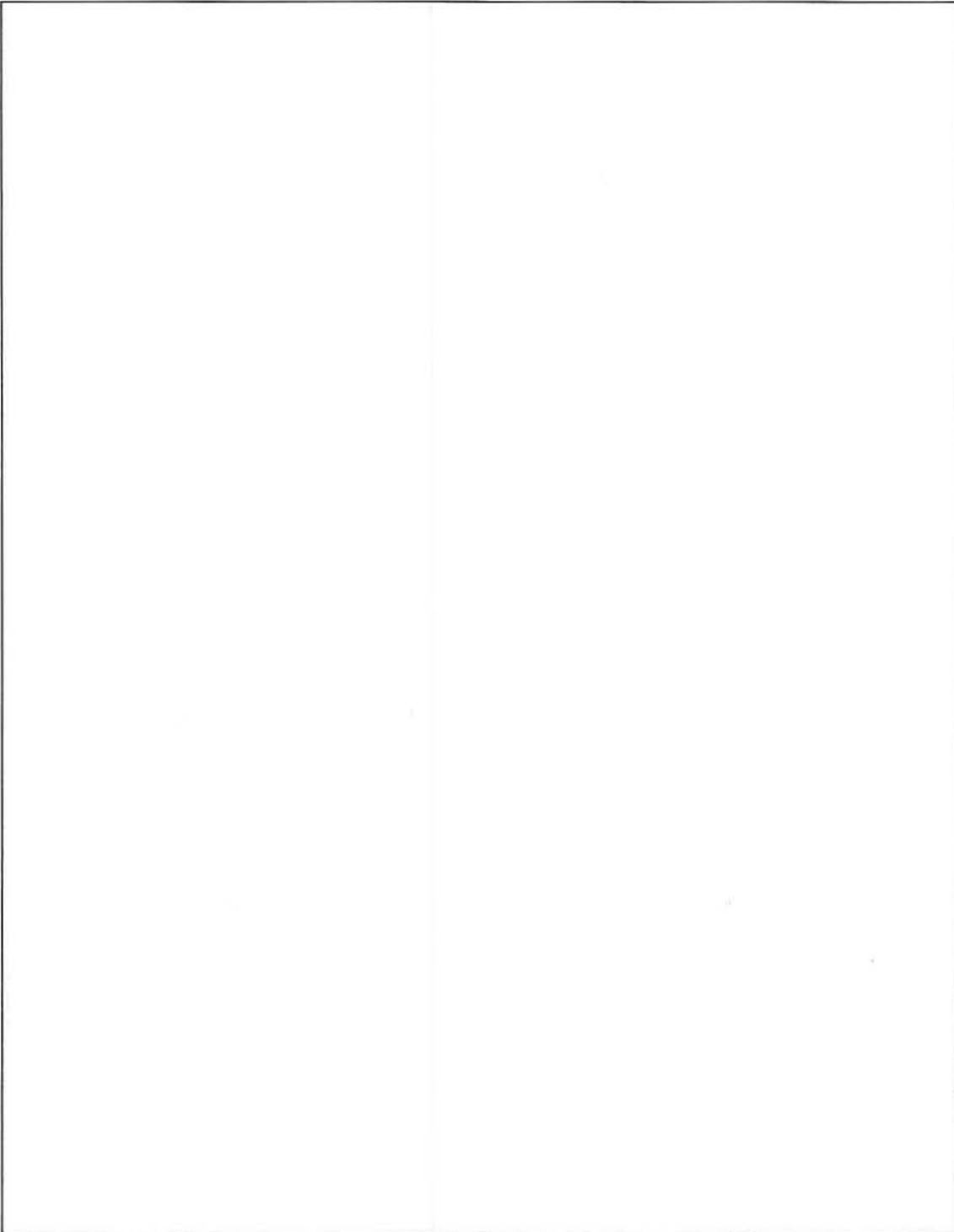
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5. (U) [REDACTED]

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INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

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SUBJECT: MGGZ01: GAZA FLOTILLA MONITORING GROUP

SITUATION REPORT NO. 6

CLASSIFIED BY: Greg Macris, Senior Watch Officer, S/ES-O  
for REASON: 1.4(B) AND (D)

STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS  
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1. (SBU) Thirteen American citizens were transferred to Ben Gurion Airport and are scheduled to depart by June 3. Three additional American dual-nationals are departing to their countries of origin: Kuwait, Jordan, and Ireland. One Israeli-American was released without conditions, and the Embassy is trying to locate one additional American citizen. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS  
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2. (C) The Israeli government initiated deportation for all of the 637 foreign detainees, including those suspected of instigating violence. Proceedings are expected to be completed by June 3. Four injured detainees may depart later in the week. Detention has been extended for four Israeli-Arab leaders from the boats. (Tel Aviv 1225)

OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA  
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3. (S/NF) The RACHEL CORRIE is currently expected to arrive at a staging point near Cyprus early June 5. The CHALLENGER II and Greek-flagged DIMITRIS-K are docked in Cyprus. IDF officials have not informed the Embassy of the specific actions they plan to take, but have confirmed the boats will not be allowed to reach Gaza. (Tel Aviv 1225)

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ISRAELI RESPONSE

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SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 7

CLASSIFIED BY: Dana Banks, Senior Watch Officer, S/ES-O  
for REASON: 1.4(B) AND (D)

STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS  
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1. (SBU) Eight AmCits were deported to Turkey, arriving in Istanbul on June 3. One American was deported to Athens, and two Americans are believed to have exited Israel via Jordan. The location of one dual-national American remains unknown. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS  
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2. (SBU) Approximately 520 foreign passengers have been deported to Turkey and Greece with the exception of a small group of passengers who were not able to travel, as well as approximately five who remain hospitalized. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA  
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3. [redacted]  
the MV RACHEL CORRIE [redacted] could  
arrive in Gaza earlier than anticipated. [redacted]

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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
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4. (U)


INTERNATIONAL REACTION

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6. (C) Bahrain:


7. (C) Algeria:


8. (C) Libya:


9. (C) Kuwait:


10. (SBU) UAE:


11. (SBU) Norway:




12. (C) Belgium/Zimbabwe:

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13. (U) Minimized considered.

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 8

CLASSIFIED BY: Robert Thomas, Senior Watch Officer,  
S/ES-O for REASON: 1.4(B) AND (D)

STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS  
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1. (SBU) A family member confirmed that 19 year-old Turkish-American citizen, Furkan Dogan, was among those killed on the MAVI MARMARA. (MGGZ01/Embassy Ankara e-mail)
2. (SBU) Embassy officials located previously unaccounted for Israeli-American citizen, [REDACTED] in Ramallah. Eight American citizens departed from Tel Aviv to Istanbul, another to Athens, and two to Jordan. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

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STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS  
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3. (U) The Israeli Foreign Ministry announced three activists from Ireland, Australia, and Italy remain in Israel for "technical reasons," without providing any further information. Seven additional activists are still hospitalized in Israel. (Israel Radio News)
4. (SBU) Israel turned over 120 detainees from Muslim and Arab countries to Jordan. (Amman 1231)

OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA  
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5. (S/NF) The CHALLENGER II and the DIMITRIS K are in Cyprus. The RACHEL CORRIE is heading south toward Egypt and the Free Gaza Movement announced it will delay its arrival to Gaza until June 7 to maximize media coverage.

6. (U) Media report the Israeli Navy intends to board the RACHEL CORRIE if necessary, but released no additional specifics. (Ma'ariv)

STATUS OF HUMANITARIAN GOODS  
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7. (SBU) Truckloads of goods arrived in Kerem Shalom but have not entered Gaza. UNRWA and ICRC are waiting for permission from Turkey to secure the items. Hamas is disallowing any further entry of goods into the area. (MGGZ01/Special Envoy for Middle East Peace e-mail)

ISRAELI RESPONSE  
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8. (C) [Redacted]

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9. (U) [Redacted]

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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
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10. (SBU) Arab League: [Redacted]

11. (U) UN: [Redacted]

INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS  
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13. (U) Turkey: [redacted]  
[redacted]

14. (U) South Africa: [redacted]  
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15. (U) Ecuador: [redacted]  
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16. (U) EU: [redacted]  
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17. (U) Saudi Arabia: [redacted]  
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18. (U) UK: [redacted]  
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19. (SBU) Australia: [redacted]  
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20. (U) Minimized considered.  
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1. NAME: [REDACTED]

2. SEX: [REDACTED]

3. DPOB: [REDACTED]

4. PASSPORT: [REDACTED]

5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: United States Of  
America  
USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: U.S.A.  
NATIONALITY OF PASSPORT USED TO ENTER COUNTRY OF ARREST: U.S.A.

6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: May 31, 2010, Ashdod Port, Israel

8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: Normal

9. CHARGES: Unspecified.

10. PLACE OF DETENTION: Ella Prison, Beer Sheva, Israel.

11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deportation

12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: None.

15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: Blanket waiver signed 6/1/2010, and  
specifically to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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16. NOK: [REDACTED]

17. NOTIFICATION: Post was notified of subject's detention on May 31, 2010, by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

18. ACCESS: Conreps visited subject on June 01, 2010, at the Ella prison, Beer Sheva.

19. OTHER AMERICANS ARRESTED: Yes. Fifteen Amcits in total that Post is currently aware of were arrested/detained on 05/31/2010 at the Ashdod Port. Subject and the other Amcits were passengers on a flotilla of 6 ships attempting to enter Gaza (see septels).

21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: U.S. passport, two camcorders, computer, credit cards, clothes. 350USD in cash, cell phone.

22. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS: Deported

24. REMARKS: Subject appeared healthy. Subject was on the Challenger I boat.

25. ADVISING NOK OR OTHERS: Conoff notified NOK.

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3. DPOB: [REDACTED]

4. PASSPORT:

5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: [REDACTED] by birth.

USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: United States of America  
NATIONALITY OF PASSPORT USED TO ENTER COUNTRY OF ARREST: U.S.

6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: May 31, 2010, Ashdod Port, Israel

8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: Normal

9. CHARGES: Unspecified

10. PLACE OF DETENTION: Ella prison, Beer Sheva, Israel

11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deported

12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: UNKNOWN

13. POSSIBLE SENTENCE: Deported

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14. ATTORNEY:

15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: Yes, subject completed a full PAW.

16. NOK: Subject's husband, [REDACTED]

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17. NOTIFICATION: Post was notified of subject's arrest on May 31, 2010, by the Israeli Ministry of Interior

18. ACCESS: Conreps. visited subject on June 02, 2010, at the Ella prison, Beer Sheva

19. OTHER AMERICANS ARRESTED: Yes. Fifteen Amcits in total that Post is currently aware of were arrested/detained on 05/31/2010 at the Ashdod Port. Subject and the other Amcits were passengers on a flotilla of 6 ships attempting to enter Gaza (see septels).

21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: [REDACTED] passports, blackberry, laptop, camera lenses, HD camera.

22. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS: Deported

24. REMARKS: Subject stated [REDACTED] was on board the Challenger II but said that all of the passengers were moved to another boat when that boat had technical problems. [REDACTED] was also visited by [REDACTED] Embassy reps. Subject stated that she lives in the US and preferred to return to the US.

25. ADVISING NOK OR OTHERS: NOK contacted by CONOFF on 06/01/2010

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4. PASSPORT:

5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: None.

USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: U.S.A.

NATIONALITY OF PASSPORT USED TO ENTER COUNTRY OF ARREST: U.S.

6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS:

7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: May 31, 2010, Ashdod Port

8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: Subject appeared to be in good health but required certain medication/supplements. Conreps raised this issue with the prison officer who assured them that he would attend to the matter immediately.

9. CHARGES: Unspecified

10. PLACE OF DETENTION: Ella Detention Center, Beer Sheva

11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deported

12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: N/A

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13. POSSIBLE SENTENCE: Deportation

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14. ATTORNEY: No.

15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: On 06/01/10, subject signed a full PAW. She specifically listed her [REDACTED] and four friends.

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16. NOK: Sister: [REDACTED] phone no. not provided.

17. NOTIFICATION: On 05/31/10, Post was notified of subject's arrest by the MFA.

18. ACCESS: On 06/01/20, Conreps visited subject at the Ella Detention Center, Beer Sheva. First visit to date.

19. OTHER AMERICANS ARRESTED: Yes. Fifteen Amcits in total that Post is currently aware of were arrested/detained on 05/31/2010 at the Ashdod Port. Subject and the other Amcits were passengers on a flotilla of 6 ships attempting to enter Gaza (see septels).

21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: Passport, cellphone, camera, head lamp, video tape, lapel button (stop USAID to Israel), luggage, medication/supplements, two suitcases, plastic bag.

22. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS: N/A

23. EMDA: N/A

24. REMARKS: Subject was on the Sfendoni boat.

25. ADVISING NOK OR OTHERS: NOK notified by CONOFF on 06/01/2010

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E.O. 12958: N/A  
TAGS: CASC, IS [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: ARREST, CASE OF [REDACTED]

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- 1. NAME: [REDACTED]
- 2. SEX: [REDACTED]
- 3. DPOB: [REDACTED]
- 4. PASSPORT: [REDACTED]
- 5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: United States Of America  
USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: U.S.A.  
NATIONALITY OF PASSPORT USED TO ENTER COUNTRY OF ARREST: U.S.
- 6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
- 7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: May 31, 2010, Ashdod Port, Israel
- 8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: unknown
- 9. CHARGES: unknown
- 10. PLACE OF DETENTION: subject was not detained
- 11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deportation
- 13. POSSIBLE SENTENCE: Deported on 05/31/2010
- 15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: none

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16. NOK:  wife.

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17. NOTIFICATION: Post was notified of subject's arrest on May 31, 2010, by the Israeli Ministry on Interior

18. ACCESS: none

19. OTHER AMERICANS ARRESTED: Yes. Fifteen Amcits in total that Post is currently aware of were arrested/detained on 05/31/2010 at the Ashdod Port. Subject and the other Amcits were passengers on a flotilla of 6 ships attempting to enter Gaza (see septels).

21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: Cellphone and charger; a black nylon belt holster; a black 22 inch wheeled suitcase; Dell laptop computer with charger, hard and software; clothing; medications; toiletries; a Coolpix camera and charger; a green nylon shoulder bag; US\$200 in twenties; a collapsible mini umbrella; a light blue shoulder bag; a blue air mattress.

22. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS: Deported

24. REMARKS: On May 31, 2010, upon arrest, subject agreed to be voluntarily deported and was immediately taken to Ben Gurion Airport, where he was placed on the next flight to New York, later that night. Because subject was not detained for any length of time, there was no opportunity for Post to visit subject.

On June 3, 2010, Mr. Peck contacted CA to advise that he arrived home safely and requested assistance in retrieving his luggage, which had been left on board the ship Sfondoni. Post is following up with the MFA.

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TAGS: CASC, IS [redacted]  
SUBJECT: ARREST, CASE OF [redacted]

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1. NAME: [redacted]

2. SEX: [redacted]

3. DPOB: [redacted]

4. PASSPORT: Subject told ConOff that he was a dual  
Irish-American citizen. However, subject did not provide US  
passport data. [redacted]

[redacted] Subject's current citizenship status  
is unknown and unconfirmed.

5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: Irish by birth.  
NATIONALITY OF PASSPORT USED TO ENTER COUNTRY OF ARREST: Irish

6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS: [redacted]  
[redacted]

7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: May 31, 2010, Ashdod Port, Israel

8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: Normal

9. CHARGES:

10. PLACE OF DETENTION: Ella Prison, Beer Sheva, Israel.

11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deported.

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12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE:

13. POSSIBLE SENTENCE: Deportation

15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: Yes. Subject signed a blanket PAW on 6/1/2010.

16. NOK: Father,

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17. NOTIFICATION: Embassy notified of subject's arrest on May 31, 2010, by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

18. ACCESS: VISITED ON June 1, 2010 by CONREPS at Ella Prison in Beer Sheva.

19. OTHER AMERICANS ARRESTED: Yes. Fifteen Amcits in total that Post is currently aware of were arrested/detained on 05/31/2010 at the Ashdod Port. Subject and the other Amcits were passengers on a flotilla of 6 ships attempting to enter Gaza (see septels).

21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: Yes. Subject claimed that his passport was confiscated, along with two blue backpacks, a Nokia cellphone, a gold and silver pen, a Canon Camcorder with case and tape, and a Panasonic Lumix digital camera were confiscated.

22. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS: Deported.

24. REMARKS: Subject appeared healthy. Subject was on the Challenger I ship as the 2nd Mate. Subject stated that the Turkish detainees on the boat used "weak water hoses" in defense.

25. ADVISING NOK OR OTHERS: Conoff called subject's father   but there was no answer. Conoff then called the subject's uncle and left a voicemail message.

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TAGS: CASC, IS [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: ARREST, CASE OF [REDACTED]

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- 1. NAME: [REDACTED]
- 2. SEX: [REDACTED]
- 3. DPOB: [REDACTED]
- 4. PASSPORT: [REDACTED]
- 5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: None  
USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: United States Of America  
NATIONALITY OF PASSPORT USED TO ENTER COUNTRY OF ARREST: U.S.
- 6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
- 7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: May 31, 2010, Ashdod Port, Israel
- 8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: unknown
- 9. CHARGES: unknown
- 10. PLACE OF DETENTION: not detained
- 11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deportation
- 13. POSSIBLE SENTENCE: Deported on 5/31/2010
- 15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: None.
- 16. NOK: unknown

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17. NOTIFICATION: Post was notified of subject's arrest on may 31, 2010, by the Israeli Ministry of Interior

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18. ACCESS: NO VISITS REPORTED

19. OTHER AMERICANS ARRESTED: Yes. Fifteen Amcits in total that Post is currently aware of were arrested/detained on 05/31/2010 at the Ashdod Port. Subject and the other Amcits were passengers on a flotilla of 6 ships attempting to enter Gaza (see septels).

21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: unknown

24. REMARKS: On May 31, 2010, upon arrest, subject agreed to be voluntarily deported and was immidiately taken to Ben Gurion Airport, where he was placed on the next flight to New York, later that night. Because subject was not detained for any length of time, there was no opportunity for Post to visit subject.

Post considers this case closed.

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TAGS: AEMR, ASEC, CASC, KFLO, MARR, PREL,  
PINR, AMGT, IS, GZ  
SUBJECT: MGGZ01: GAZA FLOTILLA MONITORING  
GROUP SITUATION REPORT NO. 9

CLASSIFIED BY: Gregory Macris, Senior Watch  
Officer, S/ES-0 for REASON: 1.4(B) AND (D)

STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS  
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1. (SBU) All participants in the Gaza  
Flotilla, except for seven still hospitalized  
in Israel, are back in their countries of  
origin or are en route there. (Tel Aviv 1240)

OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA  
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2. (S/NF) If RACHEL CORRIE [redacted]  
[redacted] it would arrive  
in Gaza late June 4 or early June 5.  
[redacted]

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3. (U) Media report RACHEL CORRIE has no  
plans to stop until reaching port in Gaza  
and does not intend to resist, should  
Israeli forces attempt to board. The vessel  
is equipped with video and satellite devices  
to stream live events over the internet.  
(CNN)

4. (U) Former UN Assistant Secretary  
General Denis Halliday, Northern Irish  
Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mairead  
Corrigan-Maguire, and an Irish lawmaker  
are a part of the 11-passenger manifest of  
RACHEL CORRIE. (CNN, The Guardian)

5. (S/NF) CHALLENGER II and DIMITRIS K  
are assessed to be in an unknown port in  
Cyprus. The Free Gaza Movement commented  
on its website that CHALLENGER II

is currently undergoing repairs, but might rendezvous with RACHEL CORRIE in transit to the Gaza Strip.

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[redacted] (CNN)

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6. (U) Israeli PM Netanyahu vowed Israel would not permit RACHEL CORRIE to reach Gaza but would consider some form of international role in enforcing an arms embargo there. He added civilian goods would be allowed to reach Gaza, but declined to elaborate. (CNN)

7. (U) [redacted]

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13. (U) Minimized considered.  
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FOR AMB CUNNINGHAM FROM CA A/S JACOBS AND NEA A/S FELTMAN

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: CASC, IS

SUBJECT: Tel Aviv: Demarche Regarding Death  
of/Injuries to U.S. Citizens

REF: TEL AVIV 1224, TEL AVIV 1225

1. (U) This is an action request. See paragraph 2.

2. (SBU) Action Request: The Department requests that Embassy Tel Aviv approach the GOI at senior levels to seek details concerning the specific circumstances surrounding the death of U.S. citizen Furkan Dogan and injuries to U.S. citizens [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Objectives follow in para 5.

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3. (SBU) Background: On May 31, Israeli Naval Forces (INF) boarded a Turkish-flagged ship which was part of a

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six ship flotilla carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza in contravention of an Israeli blockade. Upon boarding, the GOI claims the INF were attacked by passengers carrying metal rods, axes and sticks. INF officers responded, resulting in nine fatalities and more than 30 wounded among the passengers. One INF officer was also seriously wounded. Among the fatalities was U.S. citizen, Furkan Dogan, and among the wounded was a second U.S. citizen, [REDACTED]. According to Turkish press reports and Mr. Dogan's father, Dogan was shot four times in the head and once in the chest. Embassy Tel Aviv was shown photographs of nine corpses at the morgue. None of the photographs indicated evidence of gunshot wounds to the face. At the time of viewing, Embassy Tel Aviv did not have the picture or identity of Mr. Dogan and could not compare that to the photographs shown at the morgue. No USG official, in either Turkey or Israel, viewed the body of Mr. Dogan because he was transported to Turkey prior to identification as a U.S. citizen and was positively identified by his father upon arrival.

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4. (SBU) In a separate incident, U.S. citizen [REDACTED] was injured when she was struck in the face by a gas canister shot at the protesters by Israeli security forces during a protest of the IDF action against the flotilla at the Qalandiya checkpoint. [REDACTED] lost her eye in this incident.

5. (U) Objectives:

-- Seek an explanation from the GOI of the specific circumstances surrounding the death of U.S. citizen Furkan Dogan, and the injuries to U.S. citizens [REDACTED]

-- Note that the seriousness of the injuries in these incidents is of especially deep concern to the U.S. Government;

-- Reinforce that the safety of U.S. citizens abroad is one of the highest priorities of the U.S. Government;

-- Confirm that the return of Furkan Dogan's remains to Turkey without identification or notice to the U.S. Embassy that a U.S. citizen's body was being removed was because the GOI was unaware of his identity as an American citizen;

-- Reinforce that the USG expects a thorough, credible, and transparent investigation into these incidents.;

-- Note that we will follow-up to request the results of the investigation.

6. (U) Point of Contact: Post should contact  
CA/OCS/ACS/NESCA Kim Richter at (202) 647-8308 for any  
additional background or assistance.  
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SUBJECT: ARREST, CASE OF [REDACTED]

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REF: A) TEL AVIV 1261; B) TEL AVIV 1258

- 1. NAME: [REDACTED]
- 2. SEX: [REDACTED]
- 3. DPOB: [REDACTED]
- 4. PASSPORT: [REDACTED]
- 5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: [REDACTED]  
USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: Unknown
- 6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
- 7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: May 31, 2010, Ashdod Port
- 8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: Unknown
- 9. CHARGES: Unspecified
- 10. PLACE OF DETENTION: Ella Detention Center, Beer Sheva
- 11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deported
- 12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: N/A

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13. POSSIBLE SENTENCE: Deportation

14. ATTORNEY: Unknown

15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: Refused to sign.

16. NOK: On subject's most recent passport application, [redacted] listed [redacted] mother as an emergency contact: [redacted]

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17. NOTIFICATION: On 05/31/10, Post was notified by the MFA of the arrest of approximately fifteen Amcits. During a visit to those Amcits at the Ella Detention Center, Beer Sheva, on 06/01/10, subject came to conreps' attention. Subject claimed to have been an Amcit but said that he had renounced his US citizenship on more than one occasion.

18. ACCESS: On 06/01/10, Conreps met very briefly with subject at the Ella Detention Center, Beer Sheva.

19. OTHER AMERICANS ARRESTED: Yes, at least sixteen Amcits were arrested/detained on 05/31/10 at the Ashdod Port. Subject and the other Amcits were passengers on the flotilla of 6 ships attempting to enter Gaza (see reftels).

20. MISTREATMENT: Unknown if any alleged.

21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: Unspecified.

22. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS:

- DEPORTED ON June 04, 2010

23. EMDA: N/A

24. REMARKS: During a visit to fifteen detained Amcits from the flotilla on 06/01/10, conreps discovered that subject was also detained. Subject is a dual Irish/Amcit and claimed to conreps that he had attempted to relinquish his U.S. citizenship. Conreps noted that the Irish Consul was also present at the detention facility for the purposes of conducting a Consular visit with subject. Subject relayed to conreps that he was not interested in receiving any assistance from the USG. Subject refused to provide conreps with any information or biodata or complete a Privacy Act Waiver form.

On 06/07/10, the Irish Embassy advised Post that subject [redacted] [redacted] According to the Irish representative, subject initially refused to cooperate with Israeli authorities and thus was the last flotilla participant to

depart Israel. However, subject agreed to voluntary departure on 6/04/10 and was subsequently deported.

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Post considers this case closed.

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E.O. 12958:N/A

TAGS: CASC, PREL, PGOV, KWBG, IS, TU

SUBJECT: Demarche delivered regarding death of/injuries to U.S.  
 Citizens

REF: A) STATE 58937, B) TEL AVIV 1225, C) TEL AVIV 1224

1. (SBU) SUMMARY: In response to Ref A, A/DCM and Conoff met with senior officials in the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) June 7 to stress USG concern about the death of Furkan Dogan, an American citizen who died on board the Mavi Marmara, [redacted] an American citizen who was shot in the head with a tear gas canister at a civil protest on the West Bank and lost an eye as a result of her injury, and [redacted] a passenger on one of the Gaza flotilla vessels, who was mistreated in the course of his arrest and detention. A/DCM also stressed USG concern for the welfare of American citizens in Israel more generally. A/DCM urged the GOI to undertake thorough, credible and transparent investigations of these incidents and provide us with its findings.  
 END SUMMARY

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2. (U) A/DCM, accompanied by Conoff, met with senior officials of the Israeli MFA June 7 to convey refrel concerns regarding the death of Amcit Furkan Dogan and injuries sustained by Amcits [redacted] and [redacted]. The meeting also

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touched on the matter of the whereabouts of personal belongings confiscated by the GOI during the arrest and detention of Gaza flotilla participants. MFA officials present were Barukh Binah, Deputy Director General of the North American Division; Yigal Tzarfati, Head of Consular Affairs Bureau; Sara Weiss, Senior Assistant to the MFA Legal Advisor (and an expert on maritime law); Dana Kursch, adviser to Director General Yossi Gal and North American desk officer Gershon Keder.

3. (U) A/DCM emphasized that the safety and security of Amcits abroad is among the highest priorities of the USG and added that the USG expects a thorough, credible and transparent investigations into these incidents. Binah thanked the USG for standing by Israel in the international arena during this difficult time. He assured the A/DCM that each incident would be thoroughly and transparently investigated by appropriate GOI agencies and that information from those investigations will be made available to the USG as soon as they are available.

DOGAN AND [REDACTED]

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4. (SBU) Binah and Weiss confirmed that the GOI was not aware that Furkan Dogan was an Amcit as well as a Turkish national while his remains were in Israel; they advised that no autopsy was done in Israel on Dogan, nor on any of the other deceased flotilla participants in deference to the request of the Government of Turkey for the immediate repatriation to Turkey of all individuals, dead, injured, or alive as well as their belongings. Speaking of the injuries sustained by flotilla passenger [REDACTED] Tzarfati assured the A/DCM that the GOI will check into exactly what happened in his case. Tzarfati stated that the injuries to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] have not been verified by medical experts, adding that [REDACTED] refused GOI consular or medical assistance at the Ashdod port and later, refused medical treatment at Barzilay Hospital. [REDACTED] did, however, receive medical treatment and evaluation at the prison hospital in Ramle. That report will be made available when ready.

5. (U) At the request of the GOT, Tzarfati noted that all property collected by the GOI was placed in a container and returned to Turkey on the same flights as the repatriated passengers. This included all of the flotilla passengers' confiscated personal belongings. The MFA suggested that the U.S. Embassy in Ankara might be able to obtain information from the GOT regarding the missing property of Amcit flotilla participants. Weiss noted that according to reports, some items were lost at sea. A/DCM acknowledged that the GOI's decision to acquiesce to the GOT's demands for the immediate return of all belongings and detainees, in order to avoid escalating the tension between the two governments, may have



[REDACTED]

6. (SBU) The circumstances surrounding the injuries sustained by [REDACTED] remain unclear at this time. The GOI will first conduct an investigation to determine whether the IDF or the Border Police were involved. Once the responsible entity is identified, a thorough investigation will take place and information will be provided to the USG as soon as possible. Binah acknowledged the USG concern over the similarity between [REDACTED]'s injury and those of other Amcits in the recent past, and assured A/DCM that MFA will do its best to ensure an appropriately serious investigation.

7. (SBU) Binah emphasized that the GOI regrets the injury suffered by [REDACTED]. He stated that the ultimate objectives of the GOI were to conduct thorough investigations into each incident. In the case of Mr. Dogan, he agreed that it was important for Israel to provide a clear timeline of events on the Mavi Marmara, including the decision to use lethal force. He assured the A/DCM that the investigations will be credible, thorough and transparent and that information and conclusions from the investigations will be made available to the USG as soon as possible. He added that the investigations may be lengthy as they will involve coordination among various agencies but that the results will be enhanced by that process. Post will update the Department as information becomes available.

8. (SBU) COMMENT: With the assistance of the MFA, we are continuing to press the Medical Examiner for photographs and details concerning the death of Furkan Dogan. We will continue to press the GOI on various fronts to address all three cases in a serious and expeditious manner.

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TO: Department of State, Attn: Legislative Affairs

FR: Office of U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka

DA: November 12, 2010

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MESSAGE: Would appreciate the status of the attached inquiry filed on behalf of our constituent,  Thank you for your assistance.

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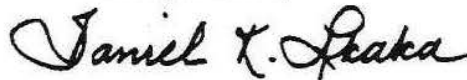
Dear Mr. Verma:

Enclosed is a copy of a further correspondence I received from [redacted] regarding her possessions that were confiscated during the May 2010 flotilla. I would very much appreciate your additional advice on the issues raised in her letter in order to respond to her concerns.

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Please forward your response to my Honolulu office, P.O. Box 50144, Honolulu, HI 96850. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Aloha pumehana,



DANIEL K. AKAKA  
U.S. Senator

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The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka  
 United States Senator  
 Honolulu, Hawaii  
 Office (808) 522-8970  
 Fax: (808) 545-4683

Dear Senator Akaka:

Thank you for your July 15, 2010 request for information about my possessions that were taken by the Israeli commandos from the Challenger 1, one of the ships of the Gaza flotilla and for forwarding me the July 22, 2010 letter from U.S. Consul General Andrew Parker. I received that letter on August 16, 2010

I must take issue with parts of Mr. Park's letter.

Specifically, Mr. Park said that "The Government of Israel forwarded all personal property of flotilla participants, except for electronic and magnetized devices, to Turkey in early June 2010." I spent at least 6 hours in two days in Istanbul looking for my possessions and the possessions of the passengers on the other five ships in the flotilla and found nothing of mine, nor did anyone on my ship, the Challenger 1.

The government of Israel did send in a cargo container that arrived in Istanbul on June 4, suitcases from the Mavi Marmara, but not from the other five ships. On the Mavi Marmara, the commandos dumped the contents of all the suitcases for 600 people and the bales of medical supplies and other humanitarian cargo onto the floors and aisles looking for weapons and contraband.

When ordered to "repack" the suitcases so they could be sent to Istanbul, the commandos scooped up whatever was near and crammed it into the first available suitcase. To my knowledge, no one on the Mavi Marmara got back their possessions in their suitcases, but had to rummage through the piles of clothes and items that were taken out of the suitcases and left in the hallways of the medical center so others could determine if any of the items were theirs.

Mr. Park also states, "The Government of Israel has not yet determined which, if any, of the electronic and magnetized devices will be returned to flotilla participants."

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Unfortunately, in the nine weeks since the commandos seized our property, the Israeli government has not inventoried or secured it. This week, Israeli newspapers headlined "Israeli commandos sell flotilla passengers' computers." (<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/6dbacbd6-ab94-11df-abee-00144feabdc0.html>) Two Israeli military officers have been arrested for stealing and selling four to six computers to other military personnel.

I request that you ask the US Embassy in Tel Aviv to demand that Israeli government allow them to see the conditions in which millions of dollars of electronic equipment is stored to ensure that it has been inventoried and that it is secure. All of the passengers have turned into their respective Embassies lists of equipment taken and most have provided descriptions and serial numbers of computers and other equipment that has serial numbers.

As we are very concerned that the Israeli government has allowed evidence on passengers' electronic equipment to be destroyed or lost, the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York City is acting as legal counsel for American citizens and has requested through numerous Freedom Of Information Act filings, copies of US government requests to the Israeli government that these items be preserved and secured.

If you could help us determine what pressure the U.S. Department of State has placed on the Government of Israel, I would appreciate it very much.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Tel Aviv, Israel  
July 21, 2010

The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka  
United States Senator  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
Office: (808) 522-8970  
Fax: (808) 545-4683

Dear Senator Akaka:

Thank you for your letter of July 15, 2010 regarding the return of your constituent, [redacted] possessions.

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The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv has been in regular communication with the Government of Israel concerning the confiscated property of American citizens who participated in the May 2010 flotilla, including [redacted]. The Government of Israel forwarded all personal property of flotilla participants, except for electronic and magnetized devices, to Turkey in early June 2010. The Government of Israel has not yet determined which, if any, of the electronic and magnetized devices will be returned to flotilla participants. The Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs has provided this information to the American citizen flotilla participants, including [redacted]. The Government of Israel has also informed us that Turkish authorities have returned to Israel some personal effects that had been unclaimed in Turkey and which apparently belongs to third-country nationals. The Government of Israel is attempting to determine ownership of these belongings and will inform foreign embassies of developments.

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The Honorable  
Daniel K. Akaka,  
United States Senator

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I hope this information is helpful. If I can be of further assistance please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Andrew C. Parker  
Consul General

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In accordance to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552A), U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka has my permission to make inquiries into my personal records and/or files as necessary to assist me in the matter I have presented to his office.

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FILE CASE NO. [if applicable]: \_\_\_\_\_

*June 15, 2010*

PLEASE RETURN TO: U.S. SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA

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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE: THE FREE GAZA "ANNIVERSARY FLOTILLA"

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Classified by: Ronald L. Schlicher, Acting Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State  
Reason(s): 1.4 (b), (d)

1. (U) This is an action request. All action addressees are asked to use paragraph 3 points at their discretion, depending on whether there are individuals or vessels from host countries participating in flotillas bound for Gaza, or as they otherwise see fit. In addition to paragraph 3 points, the following addressees should draw on the following points: GCASI members see paragraph 4, Nicosia paragraph 5, Athens paragraph 6, Ankara paragraph 7, Cairo paragraph 8, Amman paragraph 9 and Tel Aviv paragraph 10.

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2. (C) Planning is underway for a flotilla of vessels sponsored by a number of international NGOs and other groups to attempt to break the Israeli maritime blockade of Gaza, ostensibly to deliver humanitarian aid, in late May. The broader purpose of this flotilla is to make a deliberately provocative demonstration of opposition to the blockade.

Recalling the tragic May 31, 2010 incident aboard the M/V Mavi Marmara that led to the deaths of nine flotilla participants, the USG is deeply concerned about the possibility of another violent encounter between flotilla participants and Israel Defense Forces (IDF). According to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] information the Department has gathered, the planned flotilla is a joint effort of the Free Gaza Movement, the European Campaign to End the Siege on Gaza, the U.S. Boat to Gaza organization, and the Turkish NGO Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief (IHH) and possibly other groups. The flotilla could comprise 15 or more ships and over 1,500

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participants. Flotilla ships may set sail from ports as early as May 15 (which Palestinians commemorate as Naqba (Catastrophe) Day in relation to Israel's founding) with the goal of reaching Gaza about May 31. There also are indications that IHH may attempt a second flotilla following Turkey's June 12 national elections.

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GENERAL TALKING POINTS  
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3. (SBU) FOR ALL ADDRESSEES: Please draw on the following points to approach host governments at the appropriate level, particularly if you are aware or learn of host-country nationals or vessels will be involved in upcoming flotillas.

BEGIN TALKING POINTS

We all regret the tragic loss of life and injuries in the May 31, 2010 violent confrontation between Israeli forces and activists on board the Turkish ship M/V Mavi Marmara when that vessel, and others, attempted to break Israel's maritime blockade of Gaza. That incident has had serious and long-lasting negative repercussions in the region and beyond.

We are concerned that a number of groups are organizing a flotilla to breach Israel's maritime blockade of Gaza on the one-year anniversary of the Mavi Marmara incident. Possible groups involved in this anniversary flotilla effort include the Free Gaza Movement, the European Campaign to End the Siege on Gaza, the U.S. Boat to Gaza organization, and the Turkish Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief (IHH). Organizers are gathering up to 15 or more ships, likely to include the Mavi Marmara, with the intention of setting sail as early as May 15 which Palestinians commemorate as Naqba Day in relation to Israel's creation and arriving in Gaza about May 31.

Israel is taking steps to avoid another confrontation. The Israeli government will offer all ships wishing to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza the opportunity to unload their cargo at the port of Ashdod for inspection before delivery to Gaza. The M/V Rachel Corrie delivered humanitarian assistance to Gaza through this mechanism in June 2010, resulting in the assistance moving quickly to Gaza.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The purpose of the impending flotilla seems to be more about making a political statement than actually improving the lives of the people of Gaza. Attempts by the flotilla to deliver goods directly to Gaza, without allowing security inspections, UNCLASSIFIED would be neither appropriate nor responsible.

The United States hopes that your government will do everything legally possible to prevent another flotilla confrontation. Given the tumult in the region, another violent incident poses significant political risk and also a real risk to safety of life at sea.

There are a number of specific steps we ask that you consider:

-- We urge you to speak out publicly about the potential safety risks involved in attempting to breach the blockade, the importance of ensuring that goods moving to Gaza are screened for illicit weapons smuggling or dual-use materials, and that any organization seeking to deliver humanitarian assistance to Gaza should use the existing mechanisms for the transfer of such assistance.

--We ask that your government reach out privately to flotilla organizers in your country with the same message, stressing that there are existing, non-provocative mechanisms for the delivery of humanitarian goods to Gaza. Humanitarian assistance for Gaza can be delivered via Israel's Ashdod port, which the government of Israel has indicated will be available for this purpose.

[REDACTED]

We also ask that you consider using appropriate, legally available authorities to prevent flotilla ships originating in your country from departing for Gaza, especially those vessels registered in your country or calling on your ports. For example, the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), which sets basic standards for ships to be seaworthy, could provide your government requisite authority to conduct safety or other inspections on vessels in your port that are intending to depart for Gaza. Your government may have already integrated SOLAS or similar standards into national law. The U.S. also has a range of authorities that we are considering utilizing in this matter, such as suspension and/or revocation of mariner credentials, termination of voyage, and criminal or civil penalties for negligent operation of vessels.

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--The anniversary flotilla plans, as far as we can determine, are subject to continuous change. We would appreciate any information you may have on these plans, or flotilla participants, that you are able to share.

--We are also expressing to Israel the need for careful planning in how it might intercept flotilla vessels, and restraint in dealing with civilians aboard those vessels.

END TALKING POINTS

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GAZA COUNTER ARMS SMUGGLING INITIATIVE POINTS  
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4. (SBU)

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CAPITAL-SPECIFIC POINTS  
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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS  
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11. (SBU) Embassies should report results of efforts by cable to NEA/IPA as soon as is practicable. Please contact Jim Sindle at (202) 647-4386 or via e-mail for any necessary, additional background

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REPORT NO. 4

CLASSIFIED BY: Philip Beekman, Senior Watch Officer,  
S/ES-O for REASON: 1.4(B) AND (D)

STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

1. (SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv consular officers gained access to 11 detained American citizens, two of whom had been briefly hospitalized. Two Amcits, including former Ambassador Peck, were deported. A consular assistant visited the morgue June 1; none of the deceased match photos of any known Americans. At least 100 detainees have not yet been registered. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

2. (SBU) The Israeli cabinet decided to repatriate all Turkish detainees not suspected of attacking Israeli military personnel. The cabinet also supported a National Police request to detain those suspected of attacking the IDF for further investigation. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

3. (SBU) Israelis believe all of the deceased are Turkish citizens. Turkish embassy officials are working to identify the remaining dead. There are 42 Turkish nationals in Israeli hospitals; 24 Turks have been repatriated. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

4. (SBU) The Prisons Service is holding about 610 flotilla participants. All detainees refusing to sign deportation waivers will be brought before a judge prior

to facing deportation. Forty eight of them chose to comply with the expulsion order and have already left. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

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5. (U) The unloading of the flotilla's cargo continues at the port of Ashdod where Israeli officials are examining the cargo for illicit materials. The IDF hopes to deliver legitimate cargo to the Gaza Strip at the end of the week. (Yedioth Ahronoth)

INCOMING SHIPS

6. (S/NF) The Free Gaza Movement is reportedly sending two additional vessels to Gaza. [redacted] indicates the Cambodian-flagged RACHEL CORRIE is currently southwest of Greece and could arrive in Gaza within four days. The U.S.-flagged CHALLENGER II dropped out of the first flotilla to undergo repairs in Cyprus. The GOI says it is committed to also preventing these vessels from breaking the blockade but is deliberating about what preventative measures to take. [redacted]  
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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

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TURKISH RESPONSE

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11. (U) Minimized considered.

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TAGS: CASC, PREL, MOPS, TU, IS

SUBJECT: AMCITS MAY JOIN CONVOY OF AID SHIPS TO GAZA

REF: ANKARA 565

Classified By: POL Counselor Daniel O'Grady for reasons 1.4(b,d)

1. (C) SUMMARY: The Turkish NGO Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) has told us that "at least four or five Americans" will participate in the IHH-organized humanitarian assistance flotilla to Gaza later this month. The Israeli embassy here has requested the Turkish government to intervene to stop the flotilla. IHH will almost certainly welcome the publicity arising from a confrontation at sea between the flotilla and

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2. (SBU) The IHH representative in Ankara, Ahmet Faruk Unsal, told us May 10 that "at least four or five Americans" will participate in his NGO's humanitarian assistance flotilla to Gaza later this month. They will join nationals from Turkey, the UK, Ireland, Greece, Belgium, Spain, France, Russia, Germany, the Netherlands, Venezuela, Bosnia, Macedonia, Australia, New Zealand, Algeria, Jordan, Morocco, Niger, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Malaysia. Unsal expects that list to grow prior to the nine-ship flotilla's planned May 23 departure to deliver 5000 tons of humanitarian aid to Gaza (REFTEL). Unsal said the participants will include European politicians, including several Greek MPs. Ten Turkish MPs have expressed interest in sailing with the flotilla.

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3. (C) The Israeli Embassy here has requested the Turkish government to intervene to stop the flotilla. [redacted]

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[redacted] told us his government's request specified the maritime coordinates at which the Israeli blockade of Gaza begins and implied an IDF intention to use force to stop the flotilla. The request includes a GoI offer to facilitate alternate arrangements for the delivery to Gaza of medical supplies and other flotilla assistance cargo, exclusive of construction materials.

4. (C) According to [redacted] the Israelis have made similar requests of other capitals whose citizens are participating in the IHH flotilla. [redacted]

5. (U) IHH President Bulent Yildirim announced at a May 6 press conference that Izzet Sahin, a Turkish national and West Bank representative for IHH, was arrested by Israeli security forces April 27 while passing through a Bethlehem-area checkpoint. According to IHH, Izzet is being held without formal charges. Yildirim contended Sahin's arrest is an Israeli government effort to pressure IHH into cancelling the convoy.



6. (SBU) The news that American citizens plan to participate in the flotilla is especially unwelcome given our perception IHH would almost certainly welcome the publicity arising from a confrontation at sea between the flotilla and the IDF. Many media representatives promise to be on hand.  
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1. (C) [REDACTED] told the Ambassador

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3. (SBU) [redacted] told the Ambassador that the IHH flagship will depart Istanbul May 22 on a two-day voyage to the southern Turkish port city of Antalya, where it will board more passengers. From Antalya, it will proceed to a rally point off Cyprus, where it will form up the flotilla with ships sponsored by other European NGOs. From Cyprus, the flotilla will proceed towards the Gaza coast and its likely confrontation with the IDF.

4. (C) COMMENT: We understand from IHH contacts that up to 10 American citizens will participate in the flotilla (REFTELS). Given the IHH organizers' enthusiasm for a media-worthy confrontation with the IDF, those AMCITs may be placing themselves in physical jeopardy. [redacted]

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SUBJECT: GAZA FLOTILLA AFTERMATH - SITREP 3

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B. TEL AVIV 1225

Classified By: A/DCM Marc Sievers, reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

1. (U) As of 6:30 p.m. local time on June 3:

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2. (U) During a special evening press conference in his office on June 2, Prime Minister Netanyahu addressed the harsh international criticism leveled at the IDF's Gaza flotilla intervention. Speaking in English and Hebrew, Netanyahu said that Israel regrets the loss of life, but will not apologize for defending itself. He noted that Israel is once again facing what he termed international "hypocrisy" and a "biased rush to judgment."

3. (U) Netanyahu argued that under international law, Israel had the right to interdict and inspect the Gaza flotilla ships. Previous interdictions -- the Francop and the Karine A -- discovered tons of weapons destined for Hizballah and Fatah, respectively. Netanyahu said that Hamas already

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possesses rockets capable of hitting Tel Aviv -- Israel cannot afford to permit Iran to establish a Mediterranean port, which would also become a threat to the international community.

4. (U) Netanyahu defended the actions of the IDF naval commandos that boarded the Mavi Marmara, who were met by a "vicious mob" which stabbed, clubbed and fired upon them. He said this was not a "love boat," but a "hate boat" of "violent supporters of terrorism." He asked international leaders how they would respond if facing a similar situation, and reiterated Israel's right to defend itself.

5. (C) During a June 3 brief to the diplomatic corps, MFA [redacted]

[redacted] Israel Naval [redacted]

and MFA [redacted]

[redacted] reviewed the timeline of and legal justification for the operation. [redacted] presented an overview of the incident, while [redacted] reviewed a timeline of the operation and [redacted] explained the legal aspects detailing Israel's right to interdict (full read-out provided septel).

6. (C) [redacted] stressed that IDF operational planning had not anticipated that the Gaza flotilla activists aboard the Marmara would attempt to kill the IDF naval commandos. He provided an operational timeline and video footage, including five loudspeaker warnings to the Marmara to divert to Ashdod, which were ignored. Additional video images from the Marmara's security cameras showed IHH members on deck of the Marmara preparing weapons to be used against the IDF commandos. Members of the diplomatic corps also were shown a video display of weapons seized on the Marmara, which included long knives, metal bars, and axes, as well as non-lethal equipment including night vision goggles and gas masks.

7. (U) The IDF Military Advocate General released a report detailing the international legal aspects of the flotilla interdiction. The report states that according to the Laws of Armed Conflict, a state party to an armed conflict has the right to establish a naval blockade on its enemy's coast for security reasons. A naval blockade means preventing the passage -- entry or exit -- of all vessels to or from the ports and coastal areas of the enemy, irrespective of the kind of cargo carried by these vessels. The report also quotes the U.S. Navy's "Commander's Handbook on the Law of Naval Operations," where Article 7.7.1 states that nations are entitled to search contents entering or exiting, as well as the right to blockade "intended to prevent vessels and

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aircraft, regardless of their cargo, from crossing an established and publicized cordon separating the enemy from international waters and/or airspace."

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8. (U) All four Israeli Arab participants in the flotilla held in custody were released June 3 to house-arrest until June 8. The Muslim Brotherhood-affiliated Islamic Movement's northern branch leader, Sheikh Raed Salah, claimed in court that Israeli soldiers tried to kill him and shot at someone else they thought was him. News reports today alleged that Salah was one of the activists who attacked IDF soldiers boarding the Marmara and who "tried to provide cover" for a gunman who opened fire on the commandos. The three Islamic Movement leaders and the head of the Arab Higher Monitoring Committee were released on bail of NIS 150,000 (about USD 39,000) and the condition they not leave the country for 45 days. Street celebrations were planned to be held in Umm

al-Fahem today to welcome the Islamic Movement leaders home.

9. (S//NF) The IDF continues to watch for additional vessels that may potentially participate in a "second wave." Israeli and international media reported extensively on the intentions of the M/V Rachel Corrie, a Cambodian-flagged 1,200-ton cargo vessel. The Rachel Corrie is [redacted]

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[redacted] the Rachel Corrie could arrive at Gaza as early as 7:00 pm local Tel Aviv time on June 3. However, public statements by organizers suggest the Rachel Corrie may delay its arrival at Gaza until Monday, June 7, in order to maximize international media coverage.

10. (S//NF) Other potential vessels that may join the Rachel Corrie include the Challenger II (registered to "Western Mediterranean Trips" in Wilmington, Delaware) and the Greek-flagged Dimitris-K, both of which are currently at port in Limassol, Cyprus. [redacted]

11. (C) [redacted] told A/DCM that the Israeli Ambassador in [redacted] was in contact with senior [redacted] officials about the possibility of diverting the Rachel Corrie to Ashdod if Israel would guarantee the delivery of all humanitarian supplies on board, including 500 tons of

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cement, to Gaza. Barak said that PM Netanyahu had agreed to this proposal, as well as to the possibility of NGO personnel or UN representatives accompanying the supplies to the Gaza crossing. Barak said the Israelis are waiting for confirmation whether the ship will be diverted, but he cautioned that the Israeli Navy is going ahead with plans to intercept the ship. [redacted] Ambassador to Israel [redacted] reportedly promised to get back to the Israelis with an answer by the morning of June 4.

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12. (SBU) During the early morning hours of June 3, CONS confirmed through the MFA the departure of eight AmCits to Istanbul and one AmCit to Athens. The nine AmCits left from Ben Gurion Airport on aircraft sent by the Greek and Turkish governments. Consular access was not permitted at Ben Gurion Airport. Onward transportation was to be the responsibility of each traveler. Many inquiries have been received concerning Paul Larudee, an activist who has been arrested previously in Israel. [redacted]

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[redacted] He alleges mistreatment and has publicized his condition to Physicians for Human Rights and to the media.

13. (SBU) Post later learned that one of the deceased whose remains were returned to Turkey at the same time was almost certainly that of Furkan Dogan, a 19-year old Turkish American dual national whom we had been trying to locate for several days. Embassy Ankara is waiting for the Turkish MFA to confirm the identity of the deceased. Post does not know of any AmCits who participated in the flotilla who remain in detention. We have no information on three possible AmCits:

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14. (SBU) AmCit participant update:

Deported to Istanbul

-- [redacted]

Deported to Athens

-- [redacted]

Deported via Allenby Bridge

-- [REDACTED]  
 -- [REDACTED]

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Deported via Ben Gurion Airport to United States on May 31

-- [REDACTED]  
 -- [REDACTED]

Others

-- [REDACTED] (dual Irish/AmCit) is using his Irish passport and arrived in Istanbul, according to a fellow traveler.

-- [REDACTED] (dual Palestinian/AmCit) is in Ramallah, West Bank, according to her husband [REDACTED]

PRESS REPORTING

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15. (U) The most dominant theme in the Israeli press three days removed from the Gaza flotilla incident is the debate over what type of investigation should be launched. As reflected throughout the press, the "spirit of investigations past" looms over the debate and guides the Israeli leadership's current behavior in the matter -- specifically, the internal Winograd Commission investigating the 2006 Second Lebanon War, and the external Goldstone Report investigating the 2008-2009 Operation Cast Lead in Gaza.

16. (U) Contrary to previous demands of Israel to cooperate with international probes, there is a compelling recognition in the press that Israel should allow some kind of international scrutiny and participation -- even if limited -- in its own investigation of the events, hopefully staving off a full-blown "Goldstone II." Another option discussed is cooperation with an international investigation as a lesson learned from the results of Israel's non-cooperation with the Goldstone Report. The willingness to allow this unprecedented action also stems from the limited mandate of the would-be probe, and the fact that Israel's case is backed by physical and photographic evidence and "positive" legal opinions.

17. (U) According to Israel Radio News on June 3, a majority of ministers are opposed to the formation of an international commission of inquiry. That said, they believe that an internal investigative committee must examine operational issues to determine intelligence failures and flaws in the

political decision-making process. FM Lieberman has indicated he supports an internal investigation that might be supervised by impartial foreign officials.

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 GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT

Classified By: A/DCM Marc Sievers; reasons 1.4(b)(d)

1. (C) Summary: The Israeli MFA arranged a second briefing on the Gaza flotilla incident for the diplomatic corps on June 3, led by MFA [redacted] The briefing highlighted the operational aspects of the Israeli action and the legal background underpinning the naval blockade on Gaza. The legality of the Israeli interception of the flotilla in international waters was defended by a reference to the definition in the U.S. naval handbook of an "attempt to breach," which starts from the time the intent to breach is announced. Video clips were shown of the activity on the Mavi Marmara prior to and after its boarding by Israeli naval commandos which appeared to show those on board the top deck of the ship fashioning weapons from ship railings and training in their use, as well as a collection of various weapons and equipment which were seized from the ship. [redacted] emphasized that while Israel deeply regretted the loss of life on the ship, naval planning had not anticipated that those on board would try to kill IDF soldiers. He stressed that Israel would conduct an investigation, but that it had done what any

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other country in similar circumstances would have done, and the Israeli position would remain the same in the face of any future attempts. He also noted, in conclusion, that "those who speak about access to Gaza should not forget about access to Gilad Shalit." End summary.

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2. (C) During a June 3 briefing to the diplomatic corps, MFA [redacted] Israel Naval

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[redacted] and MFA [redacted] reviewed the timeline of and legal justification for the operation. [redacted] presented an overview of the incident, while [redacted] presented a timeline of the operation and [redacted] explained the legal aspects detailing Israel's right to interdict. [redacted] opened by noting that as of early on the morning of June 3, all participants in the Gaza flotilla, except for seven still hospitalized in Israel, were either back in their countries of origin or en route there.

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3. (C) [redacted] began the operational briefing by noting that the Israeli raid had been conducted by and with the support of the IDF, Israel Prison Service, MFA and Ministry of Health. He gave an overview of the six Gaza flotilla ships involved in the operation, of which the Mavi Marmara was the largest, with 561 people on board. Of those, 67 were IHH members, 16 members of parliament (from different countries) and 34 journalists. The Israelis had used three separate forces; the first was composed of three commando teams, one fast missile boat which served as the command ship, and one airborne platform for imagery and command and control. The second force was made up of sea commando fast rope teams, and the third were operational support forces, including medical assets. [redacted] reiterated that the INF had not anticipated that those aboard the Mavi Marmara would try to kill IDF soldiers, and so were armed largely with paintball guns, shotgun weaponry with beanbag ammunition, Tasers and stun grenades.

4. (C) The INF had provided five warning messages to the flotilla ships, and as far back as May 6 had met with the Greek and Turkish military attaches to try to prevent the sail. [redacted] showed the video footage which has been available on the IDF website for several days now of Israeli naval personnel providing the warning about the blockade to the flotilla. The presentation contained an animated video of the Mavi Marmara detailing some of the

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action, as well as images of knives, bars and other weapons which had been seized from the ship. Weapons and equipment seized included 100 metal rods, 200 knives (some of which appeared more like daggers), 11 Kevlar boards, seven electric saws, 100 units of large work equipment like long wrenches, as well as multiple pairs of binoculars, night vision goggles and gas masks. Video shown was taken both from one of the Israel naval ships as well as from the Mavi Marmara's on-deck security cameras (date-stamped at 4:31 a.m.), and appeared to show people on deck using circular saws to cut up the ferry's railings to create metal bars, as well as training how to use them. [redacted] asserted that the IHH members remained on deck to greet the Israeli commandos, and sent those who were uninvolved in the violence, largely Europeans, to the lower decks of the ship. [redacted] also said that the IHH had planned to kidnap one or two soldiers and hold them in a cabin below. [redacted] further asserted that all equipment and personnel who

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boarded the Mavi Marmara in Istanbul were not inspected.

5. (C) In all, nine people were killed and 30 wounded; seven IDF commandos were wounded, including two critically. [redacted] claimed that no non-violent activists had been injured, and all casualties had been the result of aggressive and violent actions by the victims. He also noted that the five other ships had been taken without any injuries or deaths.

#### Legal Underpinnings of the Blockade

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6. (C) [redacted] presented the Israeli views on the legal underpinnings of the blockade, which she described as necessary for law enforcement operations. She started by noting the Israeli Gaza disengagement in 2005, through which Israel "ended its effective control of Gaza." When Hamas, "a recognized terrorist organization," took control, it had stepped up its armed attacks on Israeli civilians. Some 10,000 rockets had been fired into Israel since then.

[redacted] Hamas weaponry was smuggled in by land and sea; Israel had started by using economic sanctions to try to stop it before moving to a naval blockade. The naval blockade was a legitimate and recognized tool of law, found in the U.S and United Kingdom naval handbooks. It was used in states of armed conflict,

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which was the situation with Hamas. To be effective, due notice must be granted; Israel had clearly done this. In January 2009, Israel had published the exact coordinates of the blockade in international maritime channels, informed relevant governments, and published the information on Israeli government websites. To be legal, the blockade must be implemented effectively, impartially, and grant access to the territorial waters of neutral states. The blockade was implemented in international waters to prevent the enemy entity (or state) from receiving weapons. Humanitarian assistance must also be allowed in. On this last point, [ ] noted that every week, Israel allows 15,000 tons of humanitarian assistance to enter Gaza, and said that in the last 18 months, over 100 tons has been allowed entry.

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7. (C) When a naval blockade is in effect, no boat can enter. [ ]

[ ] If a boat breaches the blockade, a navy can take measures against it, including capture or attack. Therefore, this was a legal effort to enforce a legal blockade. The assembled diplomats had seen due notice given. [ ] also noted that the definition in the U.S. naval handbook of an "attempt to breach" starts from the time the intent to breach is announced; therefore, the Israeli interception in international waters was legal because the flotilla had clearly made known its intentions before the interception. The Israeli Supreme Court had announced on June 2 that Israel's legal enforcement measures were met with extreme violence and so the commandos had no choice but to act in self-defense. The MFA has published a short paper on its legal argument that was available for distribution. Post will scan and e-mail to NEA/IPA for further distribution within the Department.

#### Conclusion

8. (C) [ ] underscored Israel's regret at the loss of life, but noted that it could have been avoided if the activists had not been intent on violence. The flotilla members had been given every opportunity to transfer their goods, but chose not to do so. The Israeli intent had been to prevent weapons from reaching Gaza, and those present would certainly remember the previous smuggling efforts of the Francop and the Karine-A. [ ] also noted that "those who speak about access to Gaza should not forget about access to Gilad Shalit," who has now been in captivity for nearly four years without access to anyone, including the

Red Cross. Israel would conduct its investigations, but Israel did what any other country would have done, or even more. Its position would remain the same during future attempts. Future ships would be offered the opportunity to off-load in Ashdod, have the cargo inspected and delivered to Gaza.

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