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A. Gaza Flotilla

1. "Ferryboat diplomacy: Israel has behaved appallingly, but those on board the flotilla also warrant scrutiny" - an editorial in the conservative "Times" (06/03)

"... Just as the intransigence of the blockade around Gaza has allowed the vile regime of Hamas to escape the scrutiny that it deserves, so has Israel's blundering savagery on the high seas allowed those on board the flotilla to appear unimpeachable. This is inaccurate and also dangerous....

"...Let us not be fooled. From the point of view of many on those vessels, this was not a humanitarian effort that went tragically wrong. It was a piece of political publicity that went horribly right....

"Those genuine peace activists aboard the flotilla must also face accusations of naivety, for their willingness to ally themselves with the Turkish charity IHH. Well-funded, fiercely Islamist, and unacceptably close to Hamas itself, it is a curious bedfellow for any avowed humanitarian.

"None of this is to provide an apologia for Israel's cack-handed actions, or

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to diminish the tragedy of those who died. But Israel's greatest mistake, in behaving as a villain, has been to create an environment in which its enemies can be portrayed as not villainous at all. The truth is very different."

2. "Gaza's waves will crash on Turkey's shore" - a commentary by columnist David Aaronovitch in the conservative "Times" (06/03)

..."Of course, the relatively new-found interest of Muslim Turkey in the humanitarian condition of the Palestinians has its ironies, as Kurds, Armenians and Cypriots could all confirm. But throwing that back in Ankara's face, as though engaging in a debate that can be won on points, would be utterly counter-productive. Far-sighted politicians in the West have long understood the need to have Turkey take its place at the European table, before it sought an alternative and - to us - less palatable way of expressing its identity....

"Turkey is a young nation and still a touchy one.... In such a country a mass movement centred on hostility to Israel could do immense damage. With Gaza such a movement has its potential unifier and, in the events of the Mavi Marmara, it has gained its first Turkish martyrs.

"In this, yet again, the issue of Gaza shows its capacity to cause polarisation and violence well beyond the land itself. The wealthy Turkish backers of the first boats are now putting together the money for another flotilla. And what will our clever Israeli commander do then?

"The risking of the relationship with Turkey symbolises the impossibility of current Israeli policy towards the strip. This blockade must be lifted and some way of having a dialogue with those who run Gaza must somehow be established. Time to brandish the carrot and to hide the stick. The stick is broken in any case."

3. "If Gaza's relief is a step closer they won't have died in vain" - a commentary by columnist Seumas Milne in the left-of-center "Guardian" (06/03)

..."Israel's long-time strategy of making common cause with the non-Arab powers of Turkey and Iran against the Arabs has finally been turned on its head.

"It would be hazardous to assume this week's events will be a watershed. Israel has brazened out many far greater outrages before. Something is shifting, however. John Ging, who heads the UN's operations in Gaza, told me yesterday that the killings had "exposed the failure of the international community to match its words with deeds" on Gaza. But he sees the opening of the Egyptian border as a "huge breach" in the blockade.

"What is certain is that while some will have been intimidated by the Israeli military's violence, many more volunteers will now try to bring

boatloads of aid to Gaza to widen that breach. The denial of Palestinian rights has become a great moral as well as political cause of our time. If relief for Gaza's people is even a step nearer, the victims of the Mavi Marmara will not have died in vain."

4. "Israel had few enough friends to start with" - a commentary by comment editor Adrian Hamilton in the left-of-center "Independent" (06/03)

"The growing world condemnation of its actions - and more especially the rising unease among Jews abroad - may reinforce a sense that present policies are leading the country down a blind alley. After a decade of popular dismissal, even contempt, for the peace movements, there's admittedly not much sign of this. But political moods can change, not least at times of national humiliation, and it would be wrong for those outside to dismiss or ignore the forces for a change within....

"...The most immediate impact of the bloody Israeli raid will be to pile up the pressure for an easing of the blockade on Gaza. Israel will accede to more humanitarian deliveries, if nothing else to keep Washington off its back.

"But it won't reverse policy on Gaza or its state of 'war' with Hamas, Hizbollah and Iran. Nor will Europe change tack on Hamas or do what it should do and disband the 'Quartet' of the EU, UN, Russia and America, although their efforts to build up a potential Palestinian state in the West's (and Israel's) own image have palpably failed....

"But there is a different mood in the air about Israel and its actions. This week won't alter the pieces on the board but it may just push along changes already in motion."

#### B. Afghanistan

1. "All at peace except for the war" - an editorial in the left-of-center "Guardian" (06/03)

"...The military campaign is tying itself in...knots. The British commander of Nato forces in southern Afghanistan, Major General Nick Carter, can insist as loudly as he likes that command is blind to nationality. The fact is that for the second time in recent memory, an American force has taken over command from a British one that has bitten off more than it can chew.

"The new government of David Cameron has an opportunity to take fresh stock. It could decide to simply go with the flow, in the knowledge that US and British troops will be fighting in Afghanistan for years to come. Barack Obama's promise to time-limit his surge has already been shelved. July 2011 is not now the date when US troops will start to be withdrawn. It has become instead the high watermark of the troop surge. Which is a different thing. Much will be made of the fact that some provinces will be returned to the control of the Afghan national army. Pashtuns from the south still only make

up around 3% of this army, so that, in the areas that have become the cockpit of this war, there is no possibility of US and British troops handing over control to local forces, unless they are Taliban ones. Or this government could make a bold decision - to withdraw troops from the front, use them to secure Kabul and set themselves the more modest aim of doing the things that work. Not fighting wars they can never win, but training Afghans to help themselves.

### C. Oil Spill

1. "How the Sun King sank BP" - a commentary by author Tom Bower in the left-of-center "Guardian" (06/03)

"Hounded by Barack Obama and his legal henchmen, BP will need extraordinary courage and skill to avoid sliding into the abyss. The combination of Washington's politicians in full cry to save their skins, lawyers lusting for massive fees to pursue Big Oil and the national outcry by irate citizens demanding revenge is more than Tony Hayward, BP's hapless chief executive, ever bargained for when he inherited the poisoned chalice from John Browne in 2007....

"However, BP remains a hugely successful corporation. The insatiable demand for oil practically ensures its survival. Any opportunistic takeover bid by a major rival will be stymied by laws preventing the formation of cartels. Any attempt to strip BP of its assets in the United States will consume the American courts for a generation. Those threatening to destroy BP's finances by fining it should remember that Exxon was fined \$5bn after the Exxon Valdez spill in 1989, but 19 years later successfully got the supreme court to reduce the damages to \$500m: two days' profits. Hayward's head will probably be one price of BP's survival, but he always knew oil is a risky business."

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Summary: Coverage of the disagreement between Interior Minister Rehman Malik and Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif over terming the militants in Punjab as "Punjabi Taliban" dominated headlines in several major newspapers on Thursday morning. Media highlighted reports that a UN investigator called for a halt to CIA-directed drone strikes on suspected Al Qaeda and Taliban terrorists, warning that the practice amounted to a "license to kill without accountability." Newspapers also covered reports that despite the Pakistan Army's announcement of "successful conclusion of the operation in Orakzai Agency," more than half of the Agency is yet to be cleared of the Taliban. Additionally, the security forces killed 20 militants in gunship helicopters' shelling in the area. The Israeli attack on the aid flotilla continued to receive media coverage, and several papers reported that the deported activists have accused Israel of "barbarism." The Under Secretary Burns' remarks that "Indian role key to future success in Afghanistan" were also reported. Along with this report, the media also highlighted a story that the U.S. Congress has approved the sale of C-17 Globemaster III strategic aircraft to India. The Foreign Office

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spokesman's statement expressing hope that the "U.S.-India strategic dialogue should improve regional environment and have no negative impact on the U.S.-Pakistan relations" received extensive coverage. A minor roadside accident involving a U.S. Mission's vehicle and a car of "The Nation" editor Dr. Shireen Mazari's spouse in Islamabad was also reported in some newspapers. "The Nation," however, portrayed the accident in a negative tone, and said that "U.S. diplomats (are) still working on a covert agenda."

Most major newspapers wrote editorials on various topics and themes, which included: the military offensive in Orakzai Agency, the quarterly report of the State Bank of Pakistan, the latest survey of the Transparency International, the Water issue between Pakistan and India, and the killing of an Al Qaeda leader. In its editorial titled, "Unanimous condemnation," "Dawn," wrote, "The United States' decision not to veto Tuesday's Security Council resolution serves to highlight the international community's anger over Israel's unprovoked attack on the Gaza peace armada." Discussing the death of Al Qaeda 'number three' leader Mustafa Abu Al Yazid (alias Saeed Al Misri), "The News," in its article, "Number three," said, "The loss of Saeed will hurt Al Qaeda in the short term, but it is a durable organization that in all likelihood has as many 'number threes' as one may care to count. The loss of one is far from a knockout blow." End Summary.

#### TOP STORIES

News Story: Punjabi Taliban Have Grown Dangerous: Malik - "Daily Times" (06/03)

"Punjabi Taliban holed up in south Punjab have become more dangerous and are geared up for large-scale sabotage in the country, Interior Minister Rehman Malik said on Wednesday."

News Story: No Military Action In Punjab: Malik - "The Nation" (06/03)

"Interior Minister Rehman Malik on Wednesday said that no military operation is planned against banned outfits in Punjab, rather effective action would jointly be taken to eliminate them, while to talking to media persons in Islamabad."

News Story: Malik Is Creating Provincial Prejudice, Says Shahbaz - "Daily Times" (06/03)

"Interior Minister Rehman Malik's statement about the Punjabi Taliban is aimed at creating disharmony among the provinces, a private TV channel quoted Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif on Wednesday."

News Story: UN Investigator Calls For Halt To Drone Killings - "Daily Times" (06/03)

"A UN investigator called on Wednesday for a halt to CIA-directed drone strikes on suspected Al Qaeda and Taliban terrorists, warning that killings ordered far from the battlefield could lead to a 'Playstation' mentality. Philip Alston, UN special rapporteur on extra judicial executions, said missile strikes could be justified only when it was impossible to capture insurgents alive instead and only if they were carried out by regular U.S. armed forces operating with proper oversight and respect for the rules of war. "

News Story: U.S. Drones A 'Licence To Kill': UN Expert - "The News" (06/03)

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"A UN human rights expert on Wednesday condemned the United States' targeted killings using drones, warning that the practice amounted to a 'licence to kill without accountability.'"

News Story: Taliban Still Rule Half Of Orakzai - "Daily Times" (06/03)

"Despite the military's announcement on Tuesday of "successful conclusion of the operation in Orakzai Agency", locals and officials said on Wednesday that more than half of the agency was yet to be cleared of the Taliban."

News Story: 719 Killed In Orakzai Operation Since May 1 - "Daily Times" (06/03)

"The total number of people killed in Orakzai since May 1 in action against Taliban is estimated at 719. Of the 719, at least 23 Taliban and one soldier were killed in the operation on Wednesday, security officials said. They told Daily Times that jet fighters and helicopter gunships pounded Taliban hideouts near the Kaasha and Toti Mela areas of Upper Orakzai Agency. Separately, more than a dozen Taliban attacked an army check-post in Shahu Khel area in which one soldier was killed, the official said."

News Story: Israel Deports 600 Gaza Flotilla Activists: Deported Activists Accuse Israel Of 'Barbarism' - "Daily Times" (06/03)

"Israeli naval commandos used batons, tear gas, stun grenades, rubber-coated bullets and live ammunition during the storming of aid ships bound for Gaza, activists deported by Israel to Jordan said on Wednesday."

News Story: Indian Role Key To Future Success In Afghanistan: U.S. - "Dawn" (06/03)

"'We refuse to accept the notion that somehow we can have strong relations with only one country in South Asia at a time,' says a senior U.S. official while defining the Obama administration's policy towards India and Pakistan. Speaking at a seminar on the start of U.S.-India Strategic Dialogue this week, Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs William J. Burns also hinted that the U.S. was not against India's inclusion in the UN Security Council as a permanent member.... He also delineated how the U.S. sought to balance Indian and Pakistani interests in Afghanistan but made it clear that Washington would not ask India to reduce its high-profile role in that country. 'We also highly value India's role in building economic and social opportunities in Afghanistan, and see India's continued involvement there as a key part of that country's future success, not part of its present problems,' said Mr. Burns."

News Story: Indo-U.S. Strategic Dialogue Should Improve Regional Environment: FO - "Daily Times" (06/03)

"The Foreign Office has said that the Indo-U.S. strategic dialogue will hopefully improve regional environment and have no negative impact on Pak-U.S. relations. FO spokesman Abdul Basit said whether it was Pak-U.S. relations or Indo-U.S. relations, all three countries must focus on promoting their interests. He said diplomacy was the name of efforts to promote bilateral relations."

News Story: U.S. Congress Approves Sale Of C-17 Aircraft To India - "Daily Times" (06/03)

"The U.S. Congress has cleared the sale of C-17 Globemaster III

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strategic aircraft to India, the Indian media reported on Wednesday. The report said the Obama Administration had notified the U.S. Congress of the potential sale of ten C-17 aircraft to India and sought approval in this regard."

News Story: Shireen Mazari's car meets accident; police nab two fleeing Americans - "Jang" (06/03)

"A land cruiser collided with the car of senior journalist Shireen Mazari at the Jatoi Chowk within the limits of Kohsar police station. Two Americans who were present in the land cruiser - FX 051 tried to make good their escape but the police present on the scene chased them and nabbed them near Auyb Chowk and took the occupants to the police station. Shireen Mazari's husband Dr. Tabish was present in the car NZ 1516. The police, however, had not registered the case till 11.00 p.m. Police declared the land cruiser the property of the American Embassy."

News Story: U.S. Diplomats Still Working On Covert Agenda; Expired Visa Holder U.S. Dip Causes Accident - "The Nation" (06/03)

"Despite the Interior Ministry's repeated tall claims of having cleared the country of unregistered diplomats and foreigners especially of U.S. origin, the still ongoing overt and covert activities of U.S. diplomats in Islamabad themselves are posing direct threat to the security of the U.S. main ally in the war on terror. This fact came to the fore on Wednesday night when two U.S. diplomats - one of them having expired visa - hit the vehicle of Dr. Tabish, the husband of Editor 'The Nation' Dr. Shireen Mazari, on Margalla Road, Sector F-7, and made a failed attempt to run away from the scene."

#### TERRORISM/MILITARY ISSUES

News Story: U.S. Has Few Options For Pakistan-Linked Attack - "Daily Times" (06/03)

"The United States' ability to respond to a successful terrorist attack linked to Pakistan is extremely limited, despite recent talk of severe consequences and even unilateral U.S. military action, if one should occur. The issue is receiving renewed attention following published reports that Washington might consider a strike that goes beyond the CIA's ongoing missile attacks by remote-controlled, unmanned planes. It's unclear whether Pakistan would agree and, if not, whether the U.S. would proceed anyway, jeopardizing an alliance that is critical for success in the war in neighboring Afghanistan."

News Story: Pakistan's Nuclear Arsenal To Overtake India's: SIPRI - "The Nation" (06/03)

"Our conservative estimates are that Pakistan has sixty warheads and could produce 100 nuclear weapons at short notice. In comparison India had also 60 to 70 nuclear warheads," the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) said."

News Story: Taliban Squad Targets Karzai's Jirga - "Dawn" (06/03)

"A Taliban suicide squad armed with rockets on Wednesday targeted an Afghan peace conference hosted by President Hamid Karzai that is seeking consensus on how to end nearly nine years of war. As Karzai addressed more than 1,600 delegates and western diplomats at the 'peace Jirga,' rockets exploded and gunfire erupted near the huge air-conditioned tent in Kabul where the conference was taking

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News Story: Top Al Qaeda Leader Killed In Drone Strike - "Dawn"  
(06/03)

"Jihadi group announced on Wednesday that top Al Qaeda operative Osama bin Ali bin Abdullah bin Damjan Al-Dawsari, a close associate of militant commander Maulvi Nazir had been killed in a drone attack in Nezei Narray near Angoor Adda in South Waziristan."

News Story: Religious Figures Claim No Terrorist In South Punjab - "Dawn" (06/03)

"Ulema hailing from all sects and teachers of different madressahs at a joint press conference in Bahawalpur on Wednesday condemned the statement of Federal Interior Minister Rehman Malik about the possible army operation in south Punjab. According to them, there is no terrorist in any of the madressahs in the three districts of Bahawalpur division."

News Story: Israeli Attack On Aid Mission To Be Raised In NA, Senate - "Dawn" (06/03)

"The recent Israeli attack on a multi-nation aid mission to Gaza is expected to dominate the first day's proceedings of the 23rd session of the National Assembly and 62nd session of the Senate on Thursday. Various parliamentary groups have indicated that they will raise the issue and press the government to not to limit itself to only protesting against the inhuman treatment meted out by Israeli forces to a peaceful humanitarian mission but also demand the lifting of the siege of Gaza to allow delivery of food and other essential goods to Palestinians."

News Story: Pakistanis Held By Israelis Return Today - "Dawn"  
(06/03)

"Three Pakistanis detained by Israeli commandos who stormed a Gaza aid flotilla on Monday have been sent to Jordan for onward travel to Pakistan, the UN Secretary-General's office informed the Pakistan mission in New York on Tuesday."

News Story: Two Hurt In Attack On NATO Tanker In Sibi - "Daily Times" (06/03)

"Two people, including the driver of an oil tanker supplying fuel to NATO forces in Afghanistan, were wounded when unidentified armed men opened fire at the tanker near Sibi, Quetta on Wednesday."

Iran Rejects U.S. Accusation It Is Training Taliban - "Daily Times"  
(06/03)

"Iran dismissed on Wednesday accusations by the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, that Tehran has helped train and arm Taliban insurgents. 'Those kinds of lies are designed to conceal the failures of the (NATO forces) in Afghanistan,' Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said."

#### POLITICAL ISSUES

News Story: Embassies Demand Bargain Real Estate - "The Nation"  
(06/03)

"After Norwegian and Danish Embassies, the U.S. Embassy too has refused to accept the \$800 per square yard land price offered by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) in the new diplomatic enclave



for its proposed expansion."

News Story: Will Of People Is Above Constitution, Says SC Judge -  
"Dawn" (06/03)

"A member of the 17-judge full court hearing petitions challenging the 18th Amendment said on Wednesday that the will of the people was above the Constitution and upholding and protecting that will was the ultimate objective of every organ and functionary of the state. 'Even if there are deficiencies, it is for the people to point out and determine it ultimately,' Justice Jawwad S. Khawaja observed in response to arguments put forward by Advocate Mohammad Akram Shaikh, the counsel for petitioner Nadeem Ahmed."

News Story: Detailed Verdict On FaceBook Ban; FO Asked To Move UN Over Profane Content - "Dawn" (06/03)

"The Lahore High Court (LHC) has directed the Foreign Affairs Ministry to instruct Pakistani Ambassador to the United Nations to present a resolution in the General Assembly conveying the discomfort suffered by Pakistani people because of publication and promotion of blasphemous content on Facebook, a social networking website."

News Story: SHC Bars Uploading of 'Obscene Material' on YouTube -  
"Dawn" (06/03)

"The Sindh High Court on Wednesday directed the Pakistan Telecommunication authority (PTA) to immediately remove and block any 'obscene material' uploaded or being uploaded from Pakistan on YouTube, a video-sharing website."

#### ECONOMY/ENVIRONMENT

News Story: Tight Monetary Policy Due To High Inflation: IMF -  
"Daily Times" (06/03)

"State Bank of Pakistan will keep exchange rate flexible and will increase the policy rate if inflation continues to exceed expectations. International Monetary Fund (IMF) paper on Pakistan said that monetary policy would continue to focus on combating inflation and strengthening reserves."

News Story: Sindh, Balochistan Face Cyclone Threat - "Dawn" (06/03)

"As tropical cyclone Phet travels northwards towards Sindh's coastal areas and is expected to hit them on Friday waves in the sea have already started swelling and rains were reported in some parts of the interior of the province on Wednesday. Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman Chaudhry, director general of the Meteorological Department, said that Phet would hit the Omani coast on Thursday morning."

News Story: UN Issues Flash Floods Warning - "Dawn" (06/03)

"The United Nations has warned of devastating flash floods in coastal areas because of the approaching tropical storm. 'The heads of UN agencies are requested to inform offices in Balochistan about possible flash floods,' an internal alert issued by UN offices in Pakistan on Wednesday said."

#### MISCELLANEOUS

News Story: 86 Students Awarded USAID Scholarships - "Daily Times"

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(06/03)

"A meeting of the Scholarship Management Committee was held at Higher Education Commission (HEC) Secretariat on Wednesday to approve scholarships for 86 needy students of the academic year 2009-10 under the USAID funded 'Merit and Needs Based Scholarship Program.'"

News Story: Exhibition At QAU: Bringing Out The Bright Side Of The U.S. - "Daily Times" (06/03)

"With a need to revive cordial relations with the U.S., an exhibition titled 'Freedom Train Exhibition', organized by the M. Phil students of the Area Study Centre, Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU), started on Wednesday."

News Story: Joint Efforts Urged To Curb Bonded Labor - "Dawn" (06/03)

"Bonded labor can only be eliminated from the province through coordination and cooperation among the government, civil society and stakeholders, especially in the brick kiln sector. Updating the existing laws on bonded labor in the light of changing economic and administrative realities, enforcement of minimum wages and provision of health services were the other points agreed on by participants at the Bonded Labor Stakeholders' Conference, hosted by the US Consulate at a hotel on The Mall in Lahore on Wednesday."

#### EDITORIALS/OPINIONS

Editorial: Unanimous Condemnation, an editorial in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (06/03)

"The United States' decision not to veto Tuesday's Security Council resolution serves to highlight the international community's anger over Israel's unprovoked attack on the Gaza peace armada.... The UN's executive arm called the Israeli raid a 'military operation' and demanded that all peace workers and the ships be released. Significantly, America supported the Council's call for a 'credible' investigation and demanded 'foreign participation' in the probe. Talking to reporters Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the Israeli investigation into the raid must conform to the criteria laid down by the UN resolution. The world must not forget that the Israeli attack and the deaths on the peace convoy are only a symptom of what ails the Middle East - it is the continuation of the denial of the Palestinian people's right to live in peace and honor on their soil."

Editorial: Number Three, an editorial in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/03)

"It is not a monolithic entity, a kind of terrorist retail mall that is a one-stop shop; it is more of an ideological global franchise. There are Al Qaedas that have sprung up from Spain to the Arabian Peninsula. There may be many 'number threes' or none at all. There will certainly be more than one 'number one' depending on which branch of the franchise is being described, but given the nature of the way in which terrorist organizations are run via linked cells, identifying numbers two or three or any other is a far from precise process. The loss of Saeed will hurt Al Qaeda in the short term, but it is a durable organisation that in all likelihood has as many 'number threes' as one may care to count. The loss of one is far

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from a knockout blow."

Editorial: Orakzai Agency, an editorial in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (06/03)

"From Bajaur to Mohmand and Bara to FR Peshawar, the phenomenon has repeated itself: operations by security forces to clear out an area are deemed a 'success' only to see militants sneak back in the weeks and months that follow. Sometimes forces are withdrawn from one area to focus on another trouble spot, leaving a vacuum in the first area which is soon filled by militants, as has happened in FR Peshawar after security forces were sent from there to deal with militants in Kala Dhaka, Mansehra. What also makes the claim about success in Orakzai doubtful is geography. The Khyber-Orakzai-Kurram border areas have long been centers of militancy. If Orakzai is clear, then by that logic the Tirah area in Khyber and the east of Kurram should be clear too. However, the evidence suggests otherwise. The army needs to clarify what the position in Orakzai Agency is and what can be expected in the weeks ahead."

Opinion: N. Waziristan: Why Only The Military Option?, an op-ed by Ayaz Wazir in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/03)

"The U.S. government has consistently continued to increase pressure on us to extend military action yet further within Pakistani territory, on one pretext or another. Although our rulers acted like the proverbial obedient servants and carried out every military demand made of us, often to utter disregard for life and the safety of our civilian populations, but they have failed to win the confidence or approval of their masters in Washington.... How many times are we going to conquer FATA? Each tribal agency has experienced at least two military operations in the last nine years. The people are fed up and have no capacity or patience left for any more sacrifices. The treatment meted out to the tribesmen so far is certainly not commendable. There is every likelihood of the same treatment following a fresh operation. Let us reconsider our policy options if we really want peace and harmony to return to the area."

Editorial: Israel: Release Of Three Pakistanis, an editorial in the center-right Urdu daily "Pakistan" (cir. 10,000) (06/03)

"Three Pakistani journalists detained by Israel, Talat Hussain, Agha Raza Mehmud and NGO representative Nadeem Ahmed Khan were released on Tuesday.... The government leadership and the Foreign office should be thanked for their fruitful efforts for the release.... Palestinian Ambassador has demanded of the international community to take strict action against Israeli terrorism, but who would listen to him."

Editorial: There Must Be An Impartial Enquiry Of The Israeli Attack, an editorial in the liberal Urdu daily "Express" (circ. 25,000) (06/03)

"The need is to conduct a UN-supervised inquiry into the incident [of Israeli attack on flotilla], and not to depend on or trust Israel alone. It is necessary that the nations of the world put an international force together to take aid to those besieged in Gaza; this force should supervise the distribution of aid. The UN can play an important role in this regard and it must play this role by extricating itself from U.S. influence."

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Editorial: Humanitarian Tragedy In Gaza And Global Conscience, an editorial in the Lahore-based independent Urdu daily "Din" (circ. 5,000) (06/03)

"Today, the Israeli reaction to humanitarian aid being sent to Palestinians should act as an eye-opener for the entire international community, including the U.S., which supports Israel unconditionally. This state, [Israel] formed like a sore on the Arab region, has now become a major threat for humanity. We feel that all international organizations including the UN and OIC should take note of Israeli aggression and compel it to stay within limits, and rid the hapless Palestinians of this constant misery."

Opinion: Obama's Security Strategy, an op-ed by Tariq Fatemi in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (06/03)

"Admittedly, the U.S. has to address the growing perception that it is singling out Muslims for 'punishment,' but the strategy is a document that should be a wake-up call for our leadership. With Obama in saddle, the time for excuses, subterfuges and alibis is over. The world is fast losing its patience with us. The challenge confronting Pakistan is truly existential. We can thumb our noses and face isolation, ostracisation and intervention leading to fragmentation, or we can rejoin the world community as a responsible and responsive state. It is our choice that will determine our destiny."

Opinion: American Insolence, an op-ed by Azam Khalil in the center-right national English daily "The Nation" (cir. 20,000) (06/03)

"Unilateral air strikes in the tribal areas would lead to calls for revenge and result in damaging America's relationship not only with the Pakistani government, but also with its military establishment. However, it is possible that the U.S. administration may plan or conceive such ideas out of desperation because of its failure to achieve its political and military objectives in Afghanistan. The U.S. is well aware of the fact that in spite of the policy of increasing their ground forces in Afghanistan they have been losing the war. And even the policy of bribing the warlords. Thus, the U.S. must understand that in case they opt for unilateral strikes in Pakistan's settled areas it will add a new dimension to the Afghan war. Consequently at the end of the day, the U.S. will not be able to sustain this adventure and will have to pull out from Afghanistan in a huff, which will create more serious problems not only for the Americans, but also for the western democracies. It would, therefore, be suitable if the U.S. took Pakistan into confidence and allow them to take care of the security issues that are connected with Afghanistan and the South Asian region."

Opinion: U.S.-Karzai Marriage Of Convenience, an op-ed by S.P. Seth in the Lahore-based liberal English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (06/03)

"There was some rethink in Washington about Karzai's relative importance in the U.S. scheme of things. And this was judged to be pretty high, which led to him being invited to Washington and accorded all the pomp and ceremony. Karzai now is once again the U.S. buddy - at least on the surface. And he is quite happy. He would not last long with the Taliban who have always regarded him as an American puppet. The Americans knew that Karzai's threats were mere bluster but they did not want to find out because he was their only visible Afghan face.... The Americans will get off his back for

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the time being. For the Americans, having made him feel wanted and assured, they will not have to watch him threatening to fraternize with the Taliban, even as they carry out the operations against them in Kandahar. But this new facade is a marriage of convenience and will not last. In other words, there is no respite for the Afghan people with all the protagonists and antagonists engaged in their power games."

Opinion: Tell America, Enough Is Enough, an op-ed by Mohammad Jamil in the Lahore-based liberal English daily "The Post" (cir. 5,000) (06/03)

"American leadership is slow on the uptake, in understanding the ground realities and taking correct decisions.... In Afghanistan, American and NATO forces have used every lethal weapon during the last nine years but they have not been able to break the will of Afghan people. Yet they are not willing to accept the eidetic reality that even President Obama's surge strategy has utterly failed.... It is in this backdrop that they are pressurizing Pakistan to simultaneously launch operation in North Waziristan to ward off the possibility of Afghan Taliban getting support from North Waziristan. As mid-term elections are scheduled to be held in November 2010, President Obama wishes to see some semblance of success to convince American public that his strategy has worked."

Afghanistan: US Dead End, Opinion: Afghanistan: U.S. Dead End, an op-ed by I.M. Mohsin in the center-right national English daily "The Nation" (cir. 20,000) (06/03)

"The Israeli commandoes killed 20 peace activists, mostly Turkish, which has emphatically denounced the atrocity. For Taliban such a crisis caused by Israeli arrogance, prompted by U.S. support, would be a God sent break and they will get thousands of volunteers, initially, in Afghanistan. It is customary to blame the owner of a mad dog when it attacks somebody. Hence the U.S., as the only sponsor of Israel, would earn considerable opprobrium all over but more so in Muslims countries. President Obama must find some way of putting Israel, the U.S. dog, on leash; otherwise Muslims the world over, as yet weak, may lose their faith in it. Such disgust could open up many more Afghanistans!"

Opinion: Israeli Strike Echoes in Pakistan, an op-ed by Syed Saleem Shahzad in the Lahore-based liberal English daily "The Post" (cir. 5,000) (06/03)

"Israel's deadly attack on Monday on an unarmed Turkish aid ship trying to break the Israeli blockade of Gaza has overnight changed this, sparking protest rallies across the Muslim World.... the incident has also turned the spotlight on the United States, which ultimately might be the major loser, especially in Afghanistan and Pakistan.... Now, with anti-Israeli and anti-U.S. sentiment at a five-year high, mustering political support behind a pro-American operation in North Waziristan and a Kandahar offensive, already heavily opposed by local tribes, seems impossible. Any delay benefits the Taliban's Operation Fateh - which already has key strategic border towns in Khost, Paktia, Paktika, Kunar and Nangarhar in its sights. If the offensives do get off the ground, they will certainly stir already inflamed passions and further radicalize youth in Pakistan and Afghanistan - and there is no guarantee of their success."

Opinion: Israel's Latest Act Of Terrorism, an op-ed by Saida Fazal in the country's premier business newspaper, "Business Recorder" (cir. 25,000) (06/03)

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"In a night-time attack on the Freedom Flotilla last Monday, Israeli soldiers, in the habit of massacring innocent Palestinians at will, killed 20 activists and injured several others. This happened in the international waters, in violation of humanitarian laws as six flotilla, carrying relief goods headed towards Gaza.... The leader of the so-called Free World and the self-styled protector and promoter of human rights in counties such as China, Russia and Iran, the US had no words of condemnation for its protg's criminal behavior. Ignoring the fact that Israel used military power against unarmed civilians, the White House merely stated it "deeply regrets" the loss of life. We are told, though, that the U.S. is 'working to understand the circumstances surrounding the tragedy.' It would be useful to know the outcome of this laborious process of understanding. The problem with the Obama administration is that it lacks the strength to pressure Israel to change its ways.... The event has underlined the emergence of a new important reality: that in this information age, concerned citizens from across the globe can get together to pressure governments, and possibly influence their policies, in meaningful ways."

Opinion: The Cost Of Double Standards, an op-ed by Sheharyar Malhi in the Lahore-based liberal English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (06/03)

"While there is little disagreement that extremist elements pose a threat to the entire world and must be dealt with, an issue of equal concern is the perception of the U.S. in Pakistan. Nearly all conspiracy theories point towards the U.S. for anything and everything that goes wrong here. Such is the mounting detestation that children in some of the most modern schools of Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad, the main and most modern cities of Pakistan, use 'America' as a synonym for violation of airspace, unwelcome intrusions and double standards. On the mainstream electronic and print media, if arguments are presented in favor of the U.S., you are often tagged as an agent of the CIA.... The U.S. needs to wake up to the voice of millions of its own as well as world citizens, especially those that fight its wars; else it could suffer a hefty cost for its indifference and double standards."

Opinion: Why Seek IMF Aid?, an op-ed by Humayun Akhtar Khan in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (06/03)

"We must get out of the IMF straitjacket and rely on ourselves. The 23 months stand-by arrangement is coming to an end later this year. Let's thank the IMF profoundly and move on. We need economic stability and growth.... We don't need a headmaster in the shape of the IMF to rap our knuckles. The Friends of Pakistan should help us though. After all we are taking the brunt of the war on terror, economically and in terms of massive civilian and military casualties."

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1. SUMMARY. Finnish government officials acted swiftly to express concern and criticism about the violent incident involving the Gaza flotilla. Perhaps getting ahead of themselves, officials described the use of force by Israel as "disproportionate" at the same time they called for an independent inquiry of the incident. The Foreign Ministry called in the Israeli Ambassador to condemn the violent interception of the aid convoy in international waters. Media outlets were similarly swift in condemning the intervention. On Tuesday approximately 900 demonstrators – a large number for Finland – marched to the Israeli Embassy in a peaceful protest. The government reported that no Finns took part in the convoy. END SUMMARY.

Ministers express shock, concern and criticism

2. Foreign Minister Stubb was the first Finnish Government (GoF) official to publicly address the Gaza flotilla incident. On June 1 he expressed his shock and called for an explanation of the incident and the circumstances surrounding it. The media also picked up Stubb's comments in his June 1 blog. In it he confirmed that no Finns were on board the aid ships. He reiterated his disappointment and concern at the lack of a "proper explanation" for the attack. He called the intervention in international waters unacceptable and wrote, "I cannot accept such a disproportionate use of force." Stubb wrote that the matter must be investigated thoroughly by an impartial body. Stressing that "the most important thing of all is to establish sustainable peace" in the region, he wrote that it is essential that Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations continue; all parties involved as well as the international community must keep cool and do their utmost to keep negotiations on track. He also pointed to "flickers of hope": Palestinian PM Fayyad has agreed to continue negotiations with Israel mediated by the USA, and Egypt is prepared to ease the boycott of Gaza.
3. On June 2 Prime Minister Vanhanen publicly expressed his "incredulity" over the incident, and asserted that "Israel all too often used disproportionate military force." That same day Trade and Development Minister Väyrynen proposed that former President Ahtisaari be sent to the region by the EU to act as a peace mediator.

Foreign Ministry Remonstrates Israeli Ambassador

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- 4. On June 1 the Foreign Ministry summoned Israel's Ambassador Avi Granot to offer his government's account on the incident. According to the MFA's release, State Secretary Pertti Torstila "made clear that Finland condemns the violent interception of an aid supply convoy to Gaza in international waters and disapproves of using excess force against civilians. The incident must be analyzed reliably and to the full by a neutral party. [Torstila] also made a strong appeal to end the siege of Gaza."
  - 5. Later on June 1 the Israeli DCM confirmed to Pol-Econ Chief that his Ambassador had a serious, substantive and extended exchange of views along the lines of the MFA's release. He said that Torstila delivered a firm message and gave his full attention to the Ambassador's reply, which included an explanation of the Israeli forces' conduct during the raid as well as the legality of the action in international waters. Torstila took those points on board and tempered his additional comments, though the thrust of his message remained consistent throughout the meeting.

Media harshly critical of Israel

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- 6. Media coverage of the event has been almost uniformly critical. Opinion pieces described the incident as "barbarous," "criminal," and an "orgy of blood," and referred to Israel as a "pirate state." Helsingin Sanomat, the main daily, offered some of the more measured coverage, noting in a piece on Thursday that both sides were releasing videos to demonstrate that the other used force; it concluded that the "bloody events" should not be used to strengthen "extremist views" and must be thoroughly investigated.

Several hundred demonstrate

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- 7. An estimated 900 people took part in a demonstration the evening of June 1 in Helsinki. According to press reports, the demonstrators, waving Palestinian and Turkish flags, ended their march at the Israeli embassy. Approximately 250 remained outside the embassy for an hour to voice their displeasure. According to police, the protest march was surprisingly peaceful. At one point during the demonstration, tomato sauce was thrown at the nameplate on the embassy building. Police took one man into custody.

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1. (SBU) Summary: A number of anti-Israel protests have taken place in southeast Turkey, but contacts and media report no anti-U.S. sentiment during demonstrations outside Adana. Commentary puts the blame for the incident squarely on Israel for its use of disproportionate force. Pro-Kurdish media reject attempts to link the Gaza flotilla incident with an attack that occurred on a Turkish naval base in Iskenderun on May 31. Tension over the Gaza incident appears to be dissipating, and the priority in the SE is again Kurdish issues.

PROTESTS ARE ANTI-ISRAEL, NOT ANTI-U.S.

2. (SBU) Local media and contacts report law-abiding and peaceful demonstrations and protests throughout southeast Turkey, including in Diyarbakir, Van and Mardin. The protests target Israel, and anti-U.S. sentiments are not pervasive. Van Times ([www.vantimes.net](http://www.vantimes.net)) owner and editor Aziz Aykac told us that "Because western countries and the United Nations condemned the incident, residents did not place any blame on the U.S. or other western countries."

3. (SBU) Diyarbakir Journalists Association Chairperson Faruk Balikci told us one of the people killed in the incident was from Diyarbakir, and his family has set up a tent to receive people extending condolences. Balikci observed mourners peacefully extending condolences but, like Aykac, did not note any anti-U.S. sentiment.

4. (SBU) President of Cizre's Chamber of Commerce Adana Elci said the mood in Cizre in Sirnak province reflected that of other areas of Turkey – sadness at the loss of life and outrage at Israel's "anti-humanitarian" attack. He conceded that Israel had issued several warnings to the flotilla organizers, but said there was no need for such a "disproportionate attack."

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5. (SBU) While most local media in SE Turkey agreed with Elci's view that Israel had acted disproportionately against the flotilla, pro-PKK Firat News sounded a contrary note. In an article titled "Did IHH Head for Gaza to Help or to Run Jihad?" Firat quoted statements from IHH President Bulent Yildirim to reach the conclusion that the activists on the Mavi Marmara attacked the Israeli soldiers first.

#### LOCAL CONCERNS TAKE PRIORITY

6. (SBU) Elci said much of the focus in southeast Turkey remains on the Kurdish issue. Shops were closed in SE Turkey on June 1 not because of the Gaza incident, but because Abdullah Ocalan ordered shopkeepers to shutter their establishments to protest the ongoing Turkish military operations against the PKK, the lack of movement on the Kurdish issue, and the attacks on Kurdish students in western Turkey. Media sources report on June 2, residents of Yuksekova in Hakkari province held a march to protest the Turkish military operations in northern Iraq and southeast Turkey and to declare their support for Ocalan ([www.yuksekovahaber.com](http://www.yuksekovahaber.com)).

#### PRO-KURDISH MEDIA RESIST ATTEMPTS TO LINK ISKENDERUN ATTACK AND GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT

7. (U) In contrast with other local media, pro-Kurdish media resisted attempts to link the Gaza flotilla incident with the June 1 PKK attack on a Turkish naval facility in Iskenderun, Hatay province, which resulted in the deaths of six sailors. A columnist from Günlük newspaper (<http://www.gunlukgazetesi.net>) categorically dismisses any link between the two incidents, saying it is AKP's "routine habit" to link a terrible but totally unrelated incident with the PKK. According to the writer, the PKK is trying to show with its recent attacks that its "war" is going on not only in the mountains of SE Turkey, but "all over Turkey from Iskenderun to the Black Sea to the Mediterranean." The writer believes AKP's attempt to connect the two incidents is proof that the government does not want to "stop the ongoing war with [the PKK]" and is "avoiding a resolution of the Kurdish issue in its totality."

#### FIRAT: TURKEY-ISRAEL WILL MAINTAIN MILITARY TIES

8. (U) Pro-PKK Firat News ([www.firatnews.com](http://www.firatnews.com)) analyzed the long-term military relationship between Turkey and Israel to support its argument that despite the GoT's tough statements on the Gaza flotilla incident, it is unlikely that the strong trade and arms sales connection between the countries will end. Firat said Turkey and Israel have gone through crises in the past because of Palestine and Gaza issues, but it has always been the case that commercial ties, especially military trade, have not stopped. The article touches upon "the continuing intelligence sharing between the two countries against the PKK," saying that Israel's Mossad was involved in Abdullah Ocalan's capture in 1999, and that the Herons Israel sold to Turkey have enabled Turkey to gather intelligence for its internal and cross-border military operations. According to Firat, Turkey had already asked for ten more Herons to be supplied in the first six months of 2010.

9. (SBU) Comment: The lack of anti-U.S. sentiment in the distant corners of SE Turkey is in marked contrast to protestors in Adana, who burned both an Israeli and a U.S. flag in a demonstration on Tuesday. Pro-PKK and pro-Kurdish media sources tend to be unreliable in their reporting, but their denial of a link between the Gaza and Iskenderun incidents stands out from other local media outlets which have used inflammatory rhetoric to link the events.

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1. Lead Stories Summary

Due to Corpus Christi Day in several, primarily Catholic, states, a number of newspapers such as *FAZ*, *Sueddeutsche*, *Handelsblatt*, and *Frankfurter Rundschau* did not come out today. Primetime newscasts and several papers led with the search for a new German president. *Die Welt* headlined: "Everybody is waiting for Merkel's Decision" and *Berliner Zeitung* called it "Ladies' Choice." *Tagesspiegel* led with the debate on the possible suspension of the military draft as an attempt to cut expenditures. *FT Deutschland* led with BP's admission that the company was insufficiently prepared for the oil spill. *Spiegel Online*, too, focused on the spill, headlining: "BP Suffers a new Setback in the Fight against the Oil Spill."

2. (Mideast) Aftermath of Israeli Raid on Convoy

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Many German media continued to focus on the repercussions of the Israeli attack on the Gaza flotilla, noting that "Israel wants to repair its damaged image" (*Berliner Zeitung*) and raising doubts about Israel's blockade policy, e.g. "Is the blockade of Gaza legitimate?" (*Die Welt*). Several outlets reported that the "UN demands an end to Gaza blockade immediately" (*Spiegel Online*). Editorials focused on the power of photos and videos in this conflict.

*FT Deutschland* headlined "Israel's attack plunges the U.S. into a dilemma" and added: "Given the crisis between Israel and Turkey as a result of the military action against the solidarity flotilla, the U.S. policy on the Middle East is in difficult waters. The Obama government cannot afford to take sides, because its most important projects in the Middle East require cooperation with both countries. Washington can only restart the peace process with the Palestinians if the Israelis make concessions. Turkey, on the other hand, is an important and indispensable NATO ally, without whose approval the UN Security Council cannot impose any sanctions against Iran over its nuclear program."

*Die Welt's* editorial focused on the 'peace activists' onboard the flotilla, noting: "Instead of clearing the air, the legend that there have been no violent perpetrators on board the ships is upheld—as a sign of solidarity with Islamist extremists. For years it has been noticeable that Islamic and Left-wing radicals are moving closer to each other as they stand united in their hatred against Israel and America."

*Tagesspiegel* editorial's raised doubts about the videos and photos the public was shown from the clash between Israeli soldiers and Gaza activists: "As people can lie, photos can lie in the time of digital reproduction, particularly when photos are used as a propaganda weapon. The saying 'it has to be seen to be believed' is no longer valid. Propagandists capitalize on this approach."

In an editorial, *FT Deutschland* highlighted: "The events of the attack on the solidarity convoy for Gaza remain a mystery. Israel must allow an independent investigation."

### 3. (Pakistan) Al-Qaida Leader Killed

*Sueddeutsche* (6/2) editorialized under the headline: "Threat With Drones," that "al-Jasid's death would be a serious loss for the terrorists. It is true that the extremists are not short on young recruits who want to fight against the hated Americans. But al-Jasid was considered responsible for the enormously important money transfer, and he was allegedly also responsible for the money supplies to the 9/11 terrorists; such a man cannot be replaced overnight.... The attacks with unmanned drones have become the toughest U.S. military weapon against terrorism. It is a tragedy that civilians also die in such attacks, but they are getting more accurate and this permits the conclusion that the coordinates are supplied by spies on the ground. In the end, extremism can be defeated only with civilian means. But, meanwhile, the Obama government is making massive mistakes in its policy towards Pakistan. It is more than clumsy when high government officials tell a U.S. newspaper that the United States would react with massive air strikes if an attack on the U.S. were planned in Pakistan. Statements of this kind only stir up the anger of Pakistanis. They must have the feeling that the fight against terror is also being waged for their benefit, too. Otherwise, America will only cement its devastating image."

### 4. (Afghanistan) Lorja Jirga

*Die Welt* carried a news report under the headline: "My Brother, Dear Talib, Please Come Home," and reported: "Afghanistan's Taliban demonstrated in a drastic way what they think of Hamid Karzai's peace Jirga. While the President was opening the three-day conference, several explosions could be heard near the vast tents, despite the tight security measures. The Taliban swore beforehand to prevent the 'mock Jirga,' as they snidely called the conference. Last week, they threatened all participants that they would kill them ... and on the first day of the meeting, they succeeded in forcing an interruption. This is not a promising start. Karzai said that the main goal of his second term is to achieve reconciliation with the religious warriors. And the peace Jirga is to lay the cornerstone for this...."

Under the headline: "Taliban Attacking Peace Jirga in Kabul," *Tagesspiegel* reported: "The opening of the Peace Jirga was accompanied by violence.... In his speech to the tribal leaders and selected people's representatives, President Karzai presented his ambitious peace plan. Among other things, the President wants to prompt the Taliban and other rebels to lay down their arms by offering financial incentives.... The Jirga is to last until

Saturday, and the international community supports Karzai's move...."

In an editorial, *Tagesspiegel* argued under the headline: "What Remains Is Hope," that "It is a bitter pill: 1,600 Afghans want to talk about peace, they are guarded by 12,000 security forces and then, nevertheless, missiles struck nearby.... But what would be the alternative? The Jirga is the traditional site where Afghans meet and discuss. The fact that they do this despite Taliban threats shows that they want something other than the things the Taliban practice.... But the fact that another part of the Afghan society, Taliban representatives, is using violence to torpedo the Jirga shows that these people consider the meeting a threat. In this meeting, Afghans oppose the radical Taliban. These people deserve our respect. A steadfast Jirga can also be a signal. It is a cautious beginning...."

#### 5. (U.S.) Oil Spill

*Spiegel Online* headlined "Obama promotes a green America," reporting: "Alternative energy resources instead of a dependency on oil; Barack Obama want the U.S. to focus on renewable energies—and learn a lesson from the disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. However, he lacks the necessary majority for a bill."

*Berliner Zeitung* editorialized: "The U.S. government is finally taking off its gloves in its handling of BP. Attorney General Holder has announced legal investigations. This step was overdue. By now, it has been documented well how the group sacrificed the environment for its profits. In the light of the catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico, which has rid people along the coast of their means of existence, the criminal potential becomes clear. BP systematically concealed the true extent of the catastrophe, obviously in an attempt to reduce demands resulting from the Clear Water Act... Politically, the investigations are already paying off. The government is no longer the hostage of a company that has the sole technology and expertise to overcome the consequences of the oil spill. President Obama is distancing himself from the perpetrators."

*FT Deutschland* carried a full page on the oil spill under the headline "The Fall," reporting that: "The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, which began as a PR disaster, plunged BP into a deep crisis of existence. The British industrial icon is threatened with disintegration and takeover."

Under the headline: "BP suffers a new setback in the fight against the oil spill," *Spiegel Online* reported: "BP is not getting the catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico under control—a new attempt to contain the oil flow on the seafloor has failed. CEO Hayward apologized on Facebook for a verbal mistake. Oil might reach the first tourist resort in Florida on Friday."

#### 6. (Japan) Hatoyama Resignation

In a report under the headline: "Japan's Prime Minister Hatoyama Steps Down After Only Eight Months in Office," *Die Welt* wrote: "Japan's Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama has stepped down. This means that the fourth largest economy in the world is without leadership. As a reason for the move, he mentioned the ongoing controversy over a compromise with the United States on a transfer of the U.S. base on Okinawa and the affair surrounding the non-transparent settlements of election campaign donations.... Within only three years, Hatoyama is the fourth Japanese prime minister to step down. His step is all the more serious because it was he who created hopes for a new beginning among the Japanese with his demand for transparency and political renewal...."

"Failed Because Of a U.S. Base," headlined *Tagesspiegel* and reported: "After only eight months in office, Prime Minister Hatoyama...stepped down on Thursday. The 62-year-old politician apologized for 'deficiencies,' but primarily for his broken election campaign promise to remove U.S. forces from Okinawa. He was the fifth prime minister since 2006.... He shares the fate of his failed predecessors, who capitulated to Japan's enormous structural problems and a powerful bureaucracy.... But in the end, Hatoyama was ousted because of his greatest election campaign promise: to close the controversial U.S. air force base in Futenma, where almost half of the 47,000 U.S. soldiers in Japan are deployed. Massive pressure from Washington made quickly clear to the prime minister that Washington had not even thought of a withdrawal...."

*Berliner Zeitung* editorialized under the headline: "Probationary Period for Japan's Government," and judged: "Optimism for the implementation of reforms has faded, and the first prime minister of the DPJ, Yukio Hatoyama, failed because of exaggerated expectations and unrealistic promises. Instead of building a clean government,

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he was involved in a party scandal; instead of persuading the United States to transfer a military base, he had to accept a compromise which his predecessors negotiated. Instead of breaking the power of bureaucrats, he promoted high officials to political positions .... The change of the system failed in a first attempt. Until the elections in June, the DJP has time for a second attempt. If it fails, the Japanese will probably quickly remember that the vote was less a vote for the DJP but against the LDP."

7. (Economic) Rating Agencies, Euro Stability

Under the headline "EU Watchdog for Rating Agencies," *Berliner Zeitung* reports: "The European Union wants to put rating agencies on a tight leash. The plan is to force controversial companies to be more transparent and to put them under the control of an EU watchdog."

Under the headline: "Dangerous Fluctuations," *Sueddeutsche (6/2)* judged: "In the medium-term it is important that the euro soon gets a stable external value. It does not matter whether it will then have an exchange rate of 1.20 or 1.40 to the dollar. But it should not drop markedly below this level. It is important for companies and investors to be able to rely on a certain stability. They must be able to make a profit from the productivity and the economic power of the countries in the Monetary Union, not from exchange rate speculation. In addition, one thing is true: the majority of euro countries do not have raw material deposits and are dependent on imports that are calculated in dollars. If such [raw material] imports get more expensive, nothing will remain of export profits."

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I) Major Press Stories

- A. Israel
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II) Texts

A. Israel

1. "US and the Middle East: Hole below the water line" - an editorial in the left-of-center "Guardian" (06/02)

..."The US watered down Turkey's just demands, so the shootings became 'acts', and blame was neatly apportioned to both sides.... The next time Barack Obama appeals to the Muslim world it will be to deaf ears, and for this his administration has only got itself to blame.

"...the international community has been complicit in a policy of isolating Gaza and weakening Hamas - a policy that he called both morally appalling and politically self-defeating. Yesterday there was scant sign of Washington abandoning an approach which has repeatedly failed.

"The reason is that so many other failing US policies depend on it.... One error of judgment reinforces another, and another, and another. Meanwhile the settlements keep on growing.

"As the edifice underpinning these misjudgments starts to fall apart, work

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has to finally start on rebuilding a peace process worthy of the name: one based on dealing with both wings of the Palestinian national movement without preconditions. That is the only realistic way out of this morass."

2. " Hamas holds the key " - an editorial in the left-of-center "Independent " (06/02)

..."there is one way in which the international outcry may - and should - have an early effect, and that is to draw attention to the blockade of Gaza and the plight of its inhabitants....

"...If nothing else, Israel must open the border and allow more aid and assistance into.." the Palestinian strip. The international outrage over the flotilla raid may well make it more difficult for Israel to refuse that.

"But in a more fundamental sense it should cause a radical rethink of the policy, pushed by Israel but also supported by the US and Europe, of total confrontation with Hamas. Gaza needs not just a humanitarian solution but a political one. The start must be dealing openly with Hamas."

3 "PR dangerously distorts the Israeli sense of reality" - a commentary by columnist Patrick Cockburn in the left-of-center "Independent " (06/02)

..."The nature of the fiasco should cause little surprise because such botched Israeli military actions have been the norm for years.... In south Lebanon, the Israeli army fought a long and unsuccessful guerrilla war against Hizbollah. The bombardments of Lebanon in 1996 and 2006 left Hizbollah stronger, and a similar attack on Gaza in 2008 failed to weaken Hamas.

"The problem is that nobody believes Israeli propaganda as much as Israelis. Pro-Palestinian activists often lament the fluency and mendacity of Israeli spokesmen on the airwaves and the pervasive influence of Israel's supporters abroad. In fact, in reality, these PR campaigns are Israel's greatest weakness, because they distort Israelis' sense of reality. Defeats and failures are portrayed as victories and successes....

"The Israeli propaganda machine, official and private, has been running full throttle in the last few days justifying the assault on the aid convoy to Gaza. Probably spokesmen feel they are performing well given the weakness of their case. In fact, they do nothing but harm to Israel. The greater their success in denying gross and culpable mistakes, the more likely it is that the perpetrators will hold their jobs -- and the more likely it is that the mistakes will be endlessly repeated."

4 "Good may yet come out of this tragedy for Gaza" - a commentary by Louise Arbour, president of the International Crisis Group, in the left-of-center "Independent " (06/02)

..."many of the countries around the world that have now rightly condemned

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the Mediterranean raid themselves play a role in the deplorable treatment of Gaza that formed the backdrop to Monday's events....

"Opening the humanitarian tap would be an important step, but it is not a sufficient answer to a policy whose fundamental premise is morally callous and politically counter-productive....

"...International policy toward Gaza is in need of thorough re-examination.... More broadly, it is time to move toward a policy of engaging Hamas rather than ignoring it.

"This week, we witnessed the sad outgrowth of a failed and dangerous political approach: not just by the Israeli government but by many others as well. If anything positive can come from this crisis, one hopes it at least provides an opportunity for a long-overdue course correction."

5 "Cracks appear in America's other special relationship" - a report by US editor Rupert Cornwell in the left-of-center "Independent" (06/02)

"...Once again, the US conspicuously failed to follow most of the rest of the world in condemning Israel....

"...So far, so typical. In reality, however, the incident is likely to place further strains on ties between the two countries -- not just at government level, but in the attitude of secular American Jews towards Israel, cooling even before Monday's events....

"...The sea battle in the eastern Mediterranean has distracted attention from his administration's top priority of securing tougher sanctions against Iran. It has, as J Street warned, made attempts to revive the moribund peace process through US-sponsored proximity talks between Israel and Palestine even more difficult.

"It has probably strengthened Hamas and further weakened Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestinian President -- and added even more weight to the unprecedented warning of General David Petraeus...that the failure to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian dispute was damaging America's security interests across the Middle East."

6 "It's up to us to lift the blockade" - a report by Jerusalem correspondent Donald Macintyre in the left-of-center "Independent" (06/02)

"...This week could and should indeed mark a turning point in which Israel will be urged to ease the blockade of Gaza....

"And if Israel persists in the face of such urgings to maintain the blockade, it will be hard to escape the conclusion that it is comfortable with a policy which threatens to nurture groups more extreme than Hamas as no more than a useful example of what happens when it "abandons" territory (which in terms of control of its borders, airspace, and as we were

painfully reminded this week, its coastal waters, it never really did when Ariel Sharon pulled the settlers out in 2005).

"But blaming Israel - and Egypt, which repeatedly enforces closures on Gaza's southern border - for the blockade is too easy. For just as the international ban on talking to Hamas isolated its more pragmatic elements, so the West's tolerance of the siege has strengthened the Islamic faction's more repressive ones, turning Gaza in on itself. A lawful naval relief operation - or even a threat of it that might produce a real easing of what the UN sees as an unlawful blockade - might help to restore international influence over a territory which remains crucial to any settlement in the Middle East. And it would certainly would go a long way to redeeming the West's woeful inaction over the last three years."

7. "US offers Netanyahu hope of surviving latest bungle" - a report by Jerusalem correspondent Adrian Blomfield in the conservative "Daily Telegraph" (06/02)

..."...there is every possibility that Mr. Netanyahu will be able to brazen his way out of another imbroglio -- thanks to America.

"The Obama administration has been much less vocal in its condemnation of Israel than the rest of the world.

"The US substantially tempered a UN Security Council resolution on the Free Gaza flotilla, whose final version spoke of regret rather than condemnation and implied that Israel could take charge of the investigation into what went wrong.

"Mr. Obama may have felt that he had expended too much capital in his row with Israel over settlements, a stance which attracted considerable criticism both from the American right and the pro-Israel lobby.

"Mr. Netanyahu may be under pressure, but as long as US support -- however lukewarm -- continues, he may well be sheltered from much of the world's outrage."

8. "Always shooting... And fast losing friends" - a commentary by group foreign editor Adrian Michaels in the conservative "Daily Telegraph" (06/02)

..."Sympathy is running out and the feeling that the Palestinians and other deserving groups were cheated in the process of establishing the Jewish state is growing....

"No wonder Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's prime minister, and many others in the country were so sensitive to the flotilla and the shifting international sands it may represent. The over-reaction by the Israel Defence Forces is far harder to justify, but it is only the latest in a long line of dreadful mis-steps by Israel's administration....

"As for the US, its craven call for more investigation and understanding rather than a swift condemnation of the flotilla deaths looks almost as bad as China's refusal last week to condemn North Korea's sinking of a South Korean ship."

9. "Again, Israel resorted to force when wisdom and sensitivity were called for" - a commentary by Israeli author David Grossman in the left-of-center "Guardian" (06/02)

..."The closure of Gaza has failed. It has failed for four years now. What this means is that it is not merely immoral, but also impractical, and indeed worsens the entire situation, as we are reminded at this very hour, and also harms the vital interests of Israel..."

"I would like to believe that the shock of Monday's frantic actions will lead to a re-evaluation of the whole idea of the closure, at last freeing the Palestinians from their suffering, and cleansing Israel of its moral stain. But our experience in this tragic region teaches that the opposite will occur: the mechanisms of violent response, the cycles of vengeance and hatred, Monday began a new round, whose magnitude cannot yet be foreseen.

"Above all, this insane operation shows how far Israel has declined. There is no need to overstate this claim. Anyone with eyes to see understands and feels it. Already there are those here who seek to spin the natural and justified sense of Israeli guilt into a strident assertion that the whole world is to blame. Our shame, however, will be harder to live with."

10. "This tragic loss of life hurts us all" - a selection of blogs in the left-of-center "Guardian" (06/02)

a) "Why we sailed to Gaza" - journalist and campaigner Lauren Booth:  
"...If you were on a boat in the Mediterranean and hundreds of the world's most notoriously violent soldiers started falling from the sky, wouldn't you defend yourself? The brave human beings on the Mavi Marmara were acting in self-defence. And because of this many died. Something of the hopeful child in me died with them."

b) "Turkey's diplomatic path" - Fadi Hakura, manager of the Turkey Project at Chatham House:

"...While barriers between Turkey and Israel are proliferating, they are tumbling down with neighbouring Syria, Iran and the Gulf Arab region. The key reason for the shift is the continuing democratisation of Turkish society. As Turkey proceeds along the path of greater democracy and civilian rule, public opinion is becoming a crucially important ingredient in foreign policy choices.

"As far as it is decipherable from surveys, Turkish public opinion is quite hostile to Israel and the United States. It seems that Turks have a deep distrust of both countries, feelings that will be bolstered by the loss of Turkish lives..."

"...Turkey's capacity does not always match its foreign policy ambitions. Turkey is still a maturing democracy with a developing economy, which places strict limitations on its abilities to project power in the Middle East. Consequently, the complications of the Middle East require a delicate balancing of capacity and ambitions as well as carefully defining priorities. Nuance is the one word most relevant to Turkey's foreign policy."

c) "The power intoxicating us" - Amos Oz, an Israeli novelist and founder of the Peace Now Movement:

"...The problem is that we are not alone in this land, and the Palestinians are not alone in this land. We are not alone in Jerusalem and the Palestinians are not alone in Jerusalem. Until we, Israelis and Palestinians, recognise the logical consequences of this simple fact, we will all live in a permanent state of siege - Gaza under an Israeli siege, Israel under an international and Arab siege."

"I do not discount the importance of force. Military force is vital to Israel. Without it we would not be able to survive a single day. Woe to the country that discounts the efficacy of force. But we cannot allow ourselves to forget for even a moment that force is effective only as a preventative - to prevent the destruction and conquest of Israel, to protect our lives and freedom. Every attempt to use force not as a preventative, not in self-defence, but instead as a means of smashing problems and squashing ideas, will lead to more disasters - just like the one we brought on ourselves in international waters, on the high seas, opposite Gaza's shores."

11. "Will public outrage change anything for besieged Gaza?" - a commentary by Middle East editor Ian Black in the left-of-center "Guardian" (06/02)

"...The International Crisis Group (ICG), a respected thinktank, pointed out that the policy of building up the PLO in the West Bank, blockading Gaza -- and isolating Hamas -- had effectively been endorsed by the US, EU, and UN. Of the middle eastern Quartet, Russia has broken ranks, with a meeting between President Dmitry Medvedev and Meshal this month."

"Condemnation of Israel is relatively easy. The ICG suggested one practical way to overcome Israeli security objections about Gaza would be a regime of 'international end-use monitoring' to ensure that construction materials could not be diverted for non-civilian uses such as building weapons bunkers."

"That is detail, though important. The big issue, the ICG argued, is this: 'The policy toward Gaza is in need of thorough re-examination. The US, EU and Quartet as a whole have been calling for relaxing the siege on Gaza. That is welcome, but opening the humanitarian tap is not an appropriate answer to a policy whose fundamental premise is morally callous and politically counter-productive'."

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#### B. Oil Spill

1. BP's management faces an immense challenge" - an editorial in the conservative "Daily Telegraph" (06/02)

"The BP oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico is, according to the White House, the greatest environmental catastrophe the United States has ever faced. It is now also threatening to trigger a financial calamity, which could have significant implications for many in this country. Yesterday, the company's share price fell by 13 per cent, after the failure of the latest attempt to staunch the flow...

"This has ramifications for the pension funds and insurance policies of millions of people... The company has warned that it may be August before the spill is halted; yesterday was the first day of the hurricane season in the Gulf, which could disrupt the clean-up and attempts to cap the leak; Eric Holder, the US Attorney General, is contemplating a criminal investigation; and there have even been suggestions that a White House with such strong interventionist instincts might sanction the seizure of BP assets.

"All of this poses an immense challenge to BP's management... If the company does not start to fight its corner more effectively, the long-term reputational damage could prove as quickly as the oil slick in the Gulf."

#### C. Afghanistan

1. "Winning over Helmand" - an editorial in the conservative "Daily Telegraph" (06/02)

..."The recent arrival of an extra 20,000 US Marines in Helmand as part of President Obama's "surge" strategy has certainly provided a welcome boost to the Nato effort in southern Afghanistan - in which Britain has until now taken the lead role. The extra troops will allow Nato forces to dominate the ground in a way that was not previously possible, thereby preventing the Taliban from terrorising the local Afghan population.

"But it would be wrong to conclude from this that Britain has failed in Helmand. The heroic work undertaken by British forces these past four years has laid the foundations for the new American-led strategy...

"What is desperately needed now are tangible results to reassure an increasingly sceptical public that this war is winnable."

2. "Let Cameron hasten the end of our absurd Afghan war" - a commentary by columnist Simon Jenkins in the left-of-center "Guardian" (06/02)

..."Intelligence agencies are already forecasting the endgame. The probable next move is of a gradual withdrawal to Kabul, propping up local governors with money and arms and negotiating with local Taliban sympathisers.

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Eventually the capital will be left as an isolated Nato protectorate, moderately secure but politically illegitimate. The Taliban will lob shells into western bases until Nato gets fed up and makes a Saigon-style exit.

"Most Nato allies have already accepted this scenario, with only Britain and America clinging to the 'we are winning' deception. The idea of creating an incorrupt and liberal democracy in the shadows of the Hindu Kush is already absurd. The talk is now of "talking to the Taliban". But with the Taliban and their allies effectively in control of two-thirds of the country, Nato is not in a strong bargaining position. The Taliban has made a precondition of negotiating with Karzai that "foreign forces" must first withdraw. This is blackmail, stipulating that the Taliban must win militarily before it will negotiate politically. But what is the alternative?

"If Cameron cannot bring himself to admit the obvious, he should put himself in the vanguard of Nato's withdrawal lobby. There is no reason for more British soldiers to die on his watch. The least he can do is accelerate progress towards the inevitable end."

#### D. Death of Mustafa Abu al-Yazid

1. "'Decapitation' will not stop the Afghan insurgency" - a commentary by defence correspondent Kim Sengupta in the left-of-center "Independent" (06/02)

..."the killing of al-Yazid does not necessarily mean that we are going to see a significant weakening of the insurgency in Afghanistan, the main battleground against Islamists.

"Al-Qa'ida has been involved in attacks within Afghanistan, but the vast bulk of the bombings and shootings have come from the Taliban and the Hekmatyar and Haqqani networks.

"All these groups have links with al-Qa'ida, but are not dependent on Bin Laden and his followers for their operations. They have access to funds from the opium trade and sympathisers in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states, and help from the ISI and none of these will be affected by al-Yazid's death.

"The 9/11 Commission named Yazid as the "chief financial manager" providing funds for the plot. He has, according to Western intelligence, been involved in other attacks since New York, but has never been described as masterminding any of them and terrorist acts will continue in his absence."

2. "Drones are effective but fuel a dangerous militancy" - an analysis by foreign correspondent Catherine Philp in the conservative "Times" (06/02)

..."CIA drone deaths in Pakistan's tribal areas fuel militancy in a way that civilian deaths in aerial bombings over Afghanistan do not.



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"Those are carried out by the US military, bound by stricter rules of engagement brought in by General Stanley McChrystal to avoid civilian casualties, but also by post-operative reporting procedures that investigate, apportion blame and compensate families for their loss.

"The clandestine CIA programme, by definition, does none of these things."

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1. On 6/3, commentators in Argentina continued to criticize Israel's raid on the flotilla heading to Gaza, saying Tel Aviv's actions are causing instability in the Middle East and obstructing peace efforts. Newspapers blamed Netanyahu for mistakenly using force to demonstrate his authority and leading Israel into international isolation. The media also analyzed the negative repercussions of the controversy on U.S. politics, saying the incident is "polarizing" views in Congress and jeopardizing strategic U.S. interests in the Middle East. End summary.

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2. An editorial in second largest daily La Nacion held Netanyahu responsible for the "brutal attack" against humanitarian activists and criticized Israel's arguments justifying the use of violence against unarmed civilians. La Nacion questioned Netanyahu's perception that the use of force is necessary to demonstrate his government's authority, saying his reluctance to start peace talks is leading Israel into international isolation. Nevertheless, La Nacion also argued that Israel would have set a precedent of "permissiveness" if it allowed the flotilla to transit freely through international waters "supposed to be under Israeli control."  
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3. In an interview with pro-government *Tiempo Argentino*, the Palestinian representative in Buenos Aires, Walid Muaqqat, said the U.S. is facing growing costs as a result of its failure to understand the changing situation in the Middle East. "Even Pentagon officers have realized that the Israeli position is jeopardizing stability, the security and the interests of the White House in the region," Muaqqat adds. He also reported Washington has given a four month deadline for Israel to restart "indirect negotiations."

4. The incident is meanwhile "polarizing" positions in the U.S. Congress and a group of U.S. lawmakers are supporting Israel's views, reports largest circulation *Clarín's* correspondent in Washington, Ana Baron. Baron says that as the administration analyzes alternatives to overcome the crisis, the President is considering asking Israel to lift the blockade on Gaza in return for requesting Hamas a ceasefire. The journalist also says Washington is mulling to request the intervention of an international commission to investigate the incident.  
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Key stories in the media:

All media quoted PM Benjamin Netanyahu as saying yesterday at a press conference in his office that Israel faces hypocrisy and a biased rush to judgment over the IDF's action against the Free Gaza Flotilla. He said: "Israel won't apologize for defending itself. Netanyahu affirmed: "This was no love boat, but a hate boat."

Leading media reported that last night U.S. Vice President Joe Biden defended Israel's right to intercept the ships taking part in the Gaza-bound flotilla. Biden said Israel has the right to defend its security interests. He added that Israel told the ships they could unload their humanitarian equipment and have it transferred to the Gaza Strip, and wondered why the activists insisted on proceeding directly to Gaza. Citing the possibility of Hamas shipping weapons by sea, Biden said that Israel has an "absolute right" to defend its security interests. Israel Radio sarcastically commented that Vice President Biden's remarks may be contradicting President Obama's policy.

HaQaretz reported that the U.S. has proposed a possible way for Israel to avoid an international probe of the events surrounding the Gaza flotilla, but at this point PM Netanyahu is leaning against it, in part because DM Ehud Barak is opposed to it. The Americans have proposed that Netanyahu announce that an independent Israeli commission of inquiry will look into the events of the flotilla clashes and accept the participation of an American observer. HaQaretz reported that on Monday and Tuesday, Netanyahu advisers Yitzhak Molcho and Uzi Arad traveled to Washington. On Tuesday they were at the White House with Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Michael Oren and met National Security Adviser James Jones, and President Barack Obama's adviser on the Middle East, Denis Ross, as well as Dan Shapiro, who holds the Middle East portfolio at the National Security Council. One of the main issues discussed was the American demand that Israel investigate the events surrounding the

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handling of the flotilla. HaQaretz reported that a senior U.S. official delivered an American proposal to the two senior Israeli advisers, which would both assuage the international community and also would not be too hard a blow for Israel's wish to undertake its own investigation without massive foreign involvement. The American proposal, which calls for a local independent commission of inquiry, with an American representative as an observer, is believed to offer the idea of bolstering international confidence in the probe's conclusions. Molcho returned to Israel yesterday and met with the PM to update him on the details of the American proposal. HaQaretz quoted diplomatic sources in Israel as saying that Netanyahu is in no rush, at this stage, to accept the American offer. The possibility was not discussed at length during the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday. HaQaretz quoted sources in the PMQs bureau as saying it was still too early to talk of a committee of inquiry. However, according to HaQaretz, several ministers from the "group of seven," who meet to discuss the most sensitive political-military issues, and others from the security-political Cabinet said there is urgency for such a probe. "If we do not do this now at our own initiative, it will be forced upon us by the world," one of the ministers said. Another minister added that "we must make a decision on this quickly." Yediot reported that Israel is expected to agree to an international inquiry into the incident, but not to a U.N. probe or an internal investigation, thus precluding personal conclusions against Netanyahu and Barak. Maariv reported that the Cabinet is divided on the issue of an international commission of inquiry: Justice Minister Yaakov NeQeman and DM Barak are opposed to the idea, while IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi favors it and PM Netanyahu is wavering. The media reported that the U.N. Human Rights Council is intent on establishing its own commission of inquiry. Maariv quoted Israeli diplomatic sources as saying that Israel has drawn conclusions from the Goldstone Report and that its probe will be serious. Israel Radio reported that Gabriela Shalev, IsraelQs Ambassador to the U.N., told U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon that Israel will conduct an international probe into the event. The radio quoted Ban as saying at a press conference that Israel must immediately lift the ban on Gaza. The Jerusalem Post reported that British PM David Cameron told the House of Commons yesterday Qas a friend of IsraelQ that the blockade on Gaza was not in IsraelQs interest and that it was, in fact, strengthening Hamas grip on the territory.

The Jerusalem Post reported that yesterday the U.S. Government confirmed that the Turkish aid organization behind the ship Israel commandeered Monday had contacts with Hamas, and expressed deep concern over that relationship. The United States considers Hamas a terrorist organization, though officials noted yesterday that the Turkish aid group, İnsani Yardım Vakfı, known by its Turkish initials IHH, had not been designated as a foreign terrorist organization. QWe know that IHH representatives have met with senior Hamas officials in Turkey, Syria and Gaza over the past three years,Q Assistant State Department Secretary Spokesman P.J. Crowley said yesterday. QThat is obviously of great concern to us. However, when it came to reports that IHH has ties to Al Qaida, Crowley said that was something the U.S. Qcannot validate. Speaking on Israel Radio this afternoon, FM Avigdor Lieberman said that Turkey is responsible for the entire crisis with Israel, and thatJerusalem will not apologize to Ankara.

The Jerusalem Post reported that yesterday Hamas officials refused to allow into Gaza 21 truckloads of humanitarian aid that had been offloaded from the Gaza-bound flotilla ships currently docked at Ashdod Port, until QallQ of those detained in MondayQs naval raid were released. The media reported that the deportation of all

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foreign detainees -- except for those who have refused to participate in proceedings to return to their home countries -- was in its final stages on Wednesday night, as hundreds of people were flown out of Ben-Gurion Airport to Istanbul, before continuing on to their final destinations. Media reported that those who arrived in Istanbul received a warm welcome. Maariv and other media reported that Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein ordered the release of the participants in the flotilla, including Raed Salah, the head of the northern branch of Israel's Islamic Movement, who police nevertheless say was involved in violence. Yediot quoted Chief Justice Dorit Beinisch and State Prosecutor Moshe Lador as saying yesterday that petitions filed by Left-wing groups to release detainees from the Free Gaza Flotilla are irresponsible, crude, and insulting to the State. Israel Radio cited a proposal drafted by the Foreign Ministry, according to which Israel would allow the passage of humanitarian aid to Gaza in exchange for monthly visits by the International Committee of the Red Cross to detained IDF soldier Gilad Shalit.

HaQaretz reported that a diplomatic solution seems imminent to allow the humanitarian aid vessel, the QRachel Corrie, Q to dock without incident at the Ashdod Port. According to European diplomats and senior Foreign Ministry officials in Jerusalem, quiet messages have been exchanged over the past few days between Israel and the group operating the ship, to allow it to dock. The ship is expected to arrive by the weekend. The QRachel Corrie's Q trip to Gaza is sponsored by two NGOs, from Ireland and Malaysia. On board is Irish Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mairead Maguire and former U.N. Deputy Secretary-General Denis Halliday. Also on board are Malaysians from a group sponsored by the former Prime Minister of Malaysia.

Yediot quoted senior Foreign Ministry officials as saying that Israel's international status has never been worse. In another development, the newspaper quoted Turkish FM Ahmet Davutoglu as saying that quiet must replace anger in the relations between the two countries. The Jerusalem Post reported that U.S. officials -- from President Obama down -- and American Jews are trying to shore up the failing Turkish-Israeli relationship.

All media reported on an unprecedented brush at the Knesset plenum yesterday between Jewish and Arab parliamentarians over the Free Gaza Flotilla.

Leading media reported that yesterday in the Knesset plenum, the government coalition, including PM Netanyahu, prevented the passing of a bill that would have banned the distribution of the free, Netanyahu-oriented newspaper Israel Hayom.

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I. QExit Strategy

The independent, left-leaning Ha'aretz editorialized (6/3): Q[IsraelQs] lethal operation is making it difficult for the U.S. administration to rally a majority in the UN Security Council for new sanctions against Iran and is eroding the international front against the Islamic Republic, which the United States has put together with great diplomatic effort. The naval operation challenges the negotiations with the Palestinians and weakens the bargaining ability of Netanyahu vis-a-vis U.S. President Barack Obama and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. The operation also ruins essential relations with Turkey and will cost Israel in lost tourists and export deals.... Instead of insisting on continuing a policy that has failed, Netanyahu should pull himself together and minimize the damage of the naval operation. He must appoint a commission of inquiry that will investigate what happened and lift the damaging and unnecessary blockade on Gaza, while developing a response to arms smuggling. Statesmanship is measured by the ability to distinguish between what is important and what is not. Netanyahu and Barak, who dragged Israel into a foolish struggle of prestige with Hamas and its supporters, erred by selecting a violent and damaging form of action. They failed in this week's test of statesmanship.

II. QThey Should Not Have Been Allowed to Arrive

Dov Weisglass, who was former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's top diplomatic advisor, wrote in the mass-circulation, pluralist Yediot Aharonot (6/3): QIsrael, in a step made necessary because of the state of war between it and the quasi-state in Gaza, imposed a siege on Gaza, both in order to prevent arms smuggling and other means of warfare into it and because of its wish to weaken the Hamas regime economically and politically. The maritime siege on Gaza is an acceptable and permissible means of warfare according to international law and Israel is allowed to make use of it as necessary for self-defense. Among other things, it is entitled to enforce the maritime blockade that it imposed on every vessel making its way to Gaza, to stop it and seize it. The flotilla should not have been allowed to reach Gaza. All the questions and the amazement that came up regarding the actual operation should be carefully examined. But we should not be confused: despite the political distress and the PR embarrassment, the siege on Gaza must continue so long as Hamas, which controls it, is Hamas in its current format. No shipping line to Gaza must be permitted.... The more pressing concern that should emerge from the flotilla incident is IsraelQs increasing political weakness. A weakness caused by the growing disapproval, from all sides, of IsraelQs unclear and incomprehensible position on the Palestinian issue. As a result, everyone is in a rush to condemn an Israeli action, even if it is legal and justified, and whose victims brought on themselves, with their criminal behavior, their own deaths.

III. QLet the World Supervise

Middle East affairs commentator Dr. Guy Bechor, a lecturer at the Interdisciplinary Center, wrote in Yediot Aharonot (6/3): Q[Following a possible agreement to be reached by President Obama,] if Gaza opens to the world from the sea, there will be no further need of the crossings to Israel, and Israel will finally be able to close its crossings to the hostile Gaza Strip without any criticism from the world. By so doing, our disengagement will be completed forever. The world will cheer. After all, this is what we want: to disengage from Gaza and from our responsibility for it. Because the

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mandate of the international force must be clear and rigid, I would prefer that it be the one to expose illegal smuggling by Hamas. Any such smuggling would only further entangle Hamas. Instead of Israel becoming entangled, Hamas would. Any arms smuggling would only expose its real face and do the work for Israel.... The time has come to get out of this mess and replace it with a sense of historic relief. To shift from a dogmatic attempt to close Gaza to being in charge of the conflict. If this solution is implemented, everything will be turned around: the anti-Israeli flotilla came to curse Israel, but left blessing Israel.

#### IV. QNo to a Commission of Investigation

Conservative columnist Menachem Ben wrote in the popular, pluralist Maariv (6/3): Q[An unqualified foe of Israel] (or a commission of investigation) would indict the [Israeli] Minister of Defense and the IDF, perhaps even the Prime Minister, and strive to remove them from their positions.... What Israel should do is to be resolute ... and indicate that it will be willing to cooperate with an international commission of investigation, provided such a forum will also probe all the atrocities carried out by NATO and U.S. forces in their theaters of war. Nobody has so far investigated who is responsible for the killings and massacres of hundreds of thousands of Iraqi citizens since the U.S. decided to remain in Iraq in order to impose a Western-style democratic regime.

#### V. QI Blame My Country

Liberal columnist Larry Derfner wrote in the conservative, independent Jerusalem Post (6/3): QLike every other country, Israel has done some awfully bloody-minded things over the years.... Which brings me to Monday morning Qs raid on the Mavi Marmara. It was wrong.... I know what Hamas is. And I have no trouble believing the reports, Israeli and foreign, that this Turkish IHH organization behind the Mavi Marmara is pro-Hamas, pro-jihad. These are not peace activists; these are not good people at all. These are loathsome people. They Qre no worse than Kachniks [followers of the slain Rabbi Meir Kahane], but they Qre no better, either. But as evil as these jihadists are, they were acting in a cause the whole decent, democratic world knows is right: freedom for Gaza. Freedom for the Palestinians. An end to the occupation. An end to the blockade. And here Qs the part that Qs hard to accept, but that Qs nevertheless true: the justice of that cause, and the injustice of Israel Qs blockade, means those bastards on the Mavi Marmara had the right to attack our soldiers. I hate admitting that. I really do. I Qm going to be sending two sons into the IDF, too. And I am furious at my country for giving those bastards the right, the legitimacy, to attack our soldiers. I don Qt blame the commandos for killing those people; they were defending themselves. I blame my country for putting them on that ship in the first place. And I blame my country for the deaths, for the injuries, for the blood that was spilled -- on both sides. It was spilled, finally, because my country denies another country its freedom.

#### VI. QIsrael Needs to Keep Turkey in the West

Military correspondent Yaakov Katz wrote on page one of The Jerusalem Post 6/3): QFrom an Israeli defense perspective, ties with Turkey, despite Erdogan Qs clear hatred of the Jewish state, are of strategic importance. If Israel were to cut off the ties, one senior defense official said on Wednesday, it could push Turkey further into Iranian and Syrian hands.... As a result, Israel is being cautious and is not selling Turkey advanced military platforms anymore. A similar concern exists with regard to Egypt the day

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after President Hosni Mubarak. If both these countries turn more radical, it is possible that their militaries will, too. The effect on the IDF will be immediate. To counter the current axis of evil plus Turkey and Egypt, it will need hundreds more fighter jets, attack helicopters and tanks and additional mobilized divisions. That is why it is so important to keep Turkey to the West.

VII. QStart the PR Battle

Editor-in-Chief Amnon Lord wrote in the editorial of the nationalist, Orthodox Makor Rishon -Hatzofe (6/3): QThe most important thing is that no message delivered by Israel through anyone but battle commander Netanyahu will be grasped. Israel is alone in the struggle against Global Jihad, forsaken to the premeditated, provocative Turkish move. This, not the deck of the Marmara [ship], is the real battlefield. The Prime Minister must stand up as the commander of this battle and stop acting as someone constantly trying to elude pressure and confrontations and as someone who tries to speedily get rid of crises. Today the Israeli people need leadership. Yesterday, [NetanyahuQs public announcement] was a pretty good beginning.

VIII. QThe IDF and the Media War

Yehiel Siegman wrote on page one of Shas party weekly Yom Leyom (6/3): QThe body that took an active part in the frontal media offensive against Israel was QatarQs Al Jazeera -TV. Beyond building tension over the past few days around the Qbreaking of the blockade on Gaza,Q the station dispatched several correspondents and staff members to the [Free Gaza Flotilla] boats to prepare fine stories on the happenings on the decks – perhaps hoping to broadcast live the big drama of the [IDFQs] takeover from a few angles. This is about the perception of the Israeli-Arab conflict. Why are we here, and what right do we have to come to Gaza? After we answer our own questions, weQll finally be able to convince the entire world. Anyway, the snowball that Israel so much wanted to avert began to roll on Monday. It appears that it will take a long time to fix what world consciousness has absorbed.

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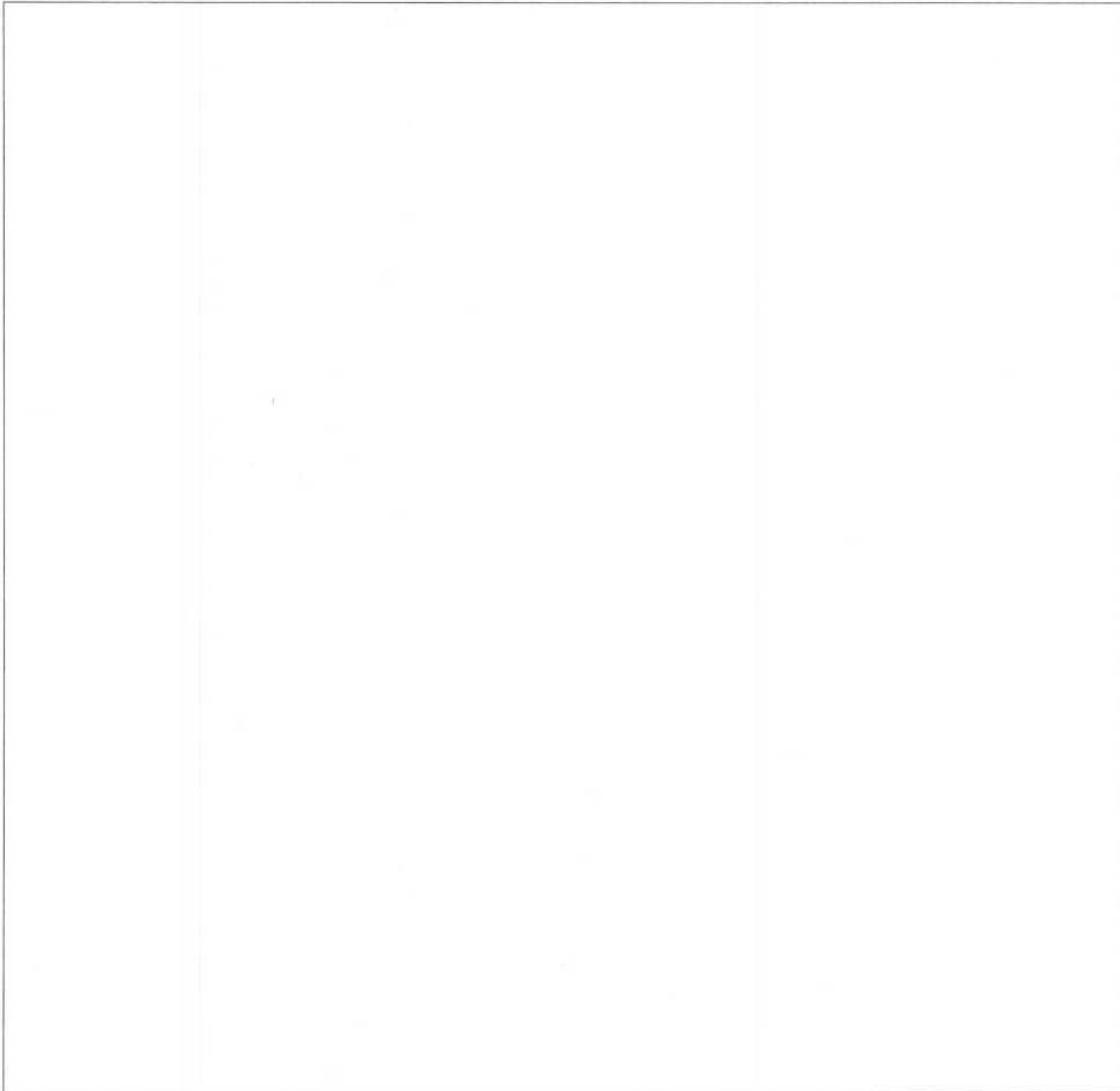


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(U) Merkel, Westerwelle Concerned About Escalation and Demand Investigation of Gaza Raid; Fate of Six Germans Still Unknown: Chancellor Merkel said she is deeply concerned about a possible escalation following Israel's raid of a humanitarian supply vessel off the Gaza strip and added that she called on Israeli PM Netanyahu in a telephone conversation on May 31 to fully examine what happened and allow international monitors during that investigation. Merkel said there was an urgent question over whether the action was proportionate but confined that more information is needed. She urged Israel to lift the blockade of the Gaza strip for humanitarian reasons and also called on Hamas to recognize Israel's right of existence and stop smuggling of weapons to Syria. FM Westerwelle, following a conversation with his Israeli

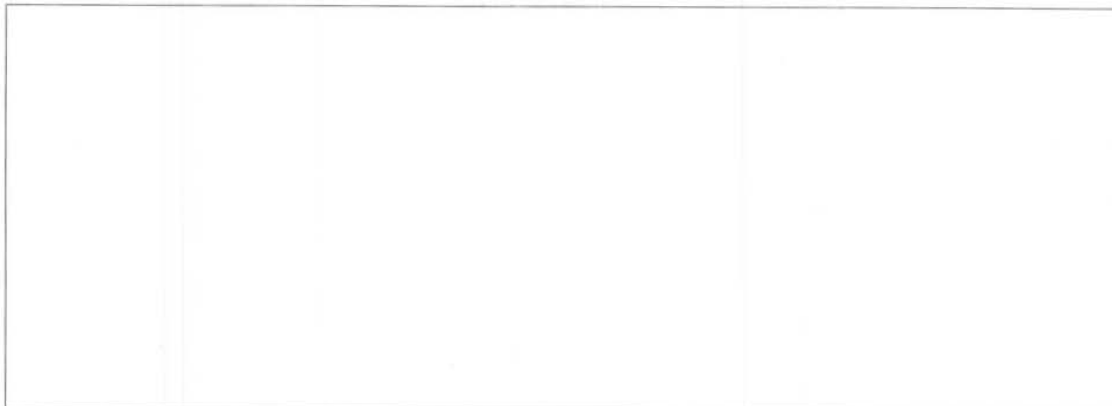
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counterpart, said he was deeply concerned, and he called for a comprehensive, transparent and neutral investigation into the incident. SPD caucus chairman Frank-Walter Steinmeier called Israel's proceedings "absolutely unacceptable" and by no means justifiable. FDP foreign policy expert Rainer Stinner said the violent raid was "shocking" and the high number of deaths and injured raises doubts about the proportionality. He said Israel's strategy to force down Hamas by blocking the Gaza strip has failed. Greens foreign policy experts also demanded an end of the Gaza blockade and requested a thorough investigation. Meanwhile, the two German Left Party parliamentarians Annette Groth and Inge Hoeger, who were part of the solidarity flotilla, returned home to Germany safely. According to the MFA, eleven Germans were on board of the ships but the fate of six is unknown for the time being. [\(Top\)](#)



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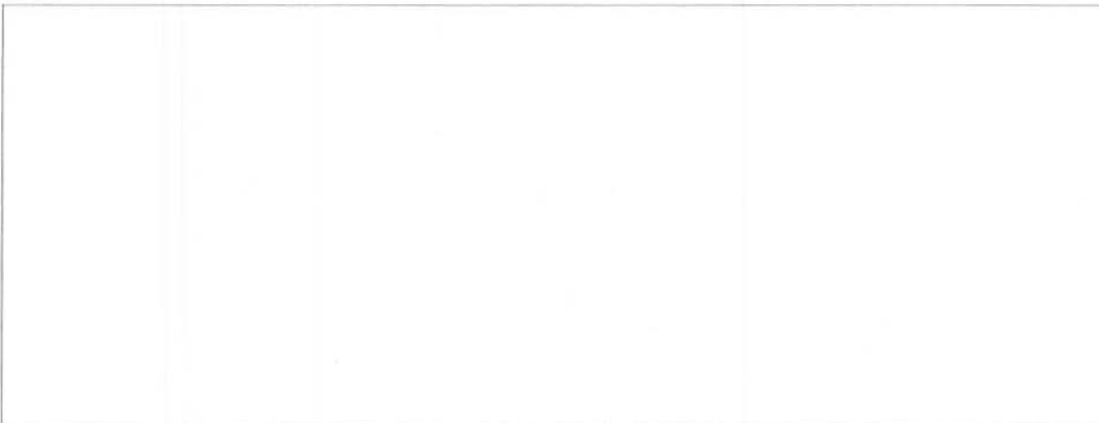
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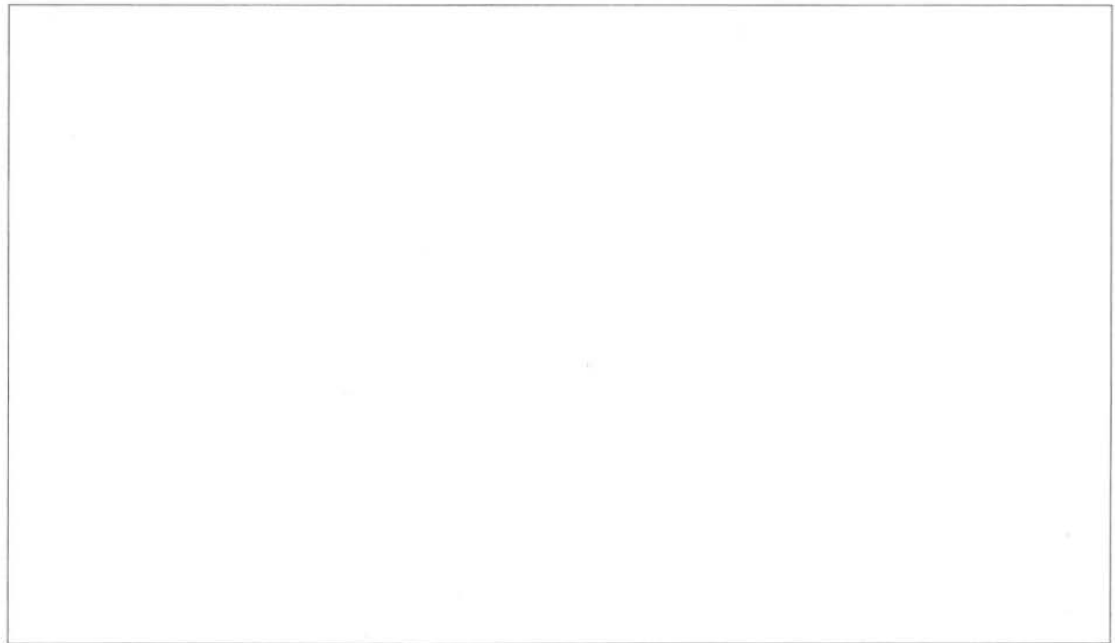
**(U) Israeli Ambassador Criticizes Aid Flotilla; Fate of One German Unknown:** The Israeli Ambassador to Germany, Yoram Ben-Zeev, defended Israel's military operation against the humanitarian Gaza flotilla, describing it as necessary. He criticized the activists by saying that their intention was not to bring aid to Gaza but to break the sea blockade. Of the eleven Germans that were on the ships, five have returned to Germany and five are still in prison in Beer Sheva. The whereabouts of one German remains unknown.



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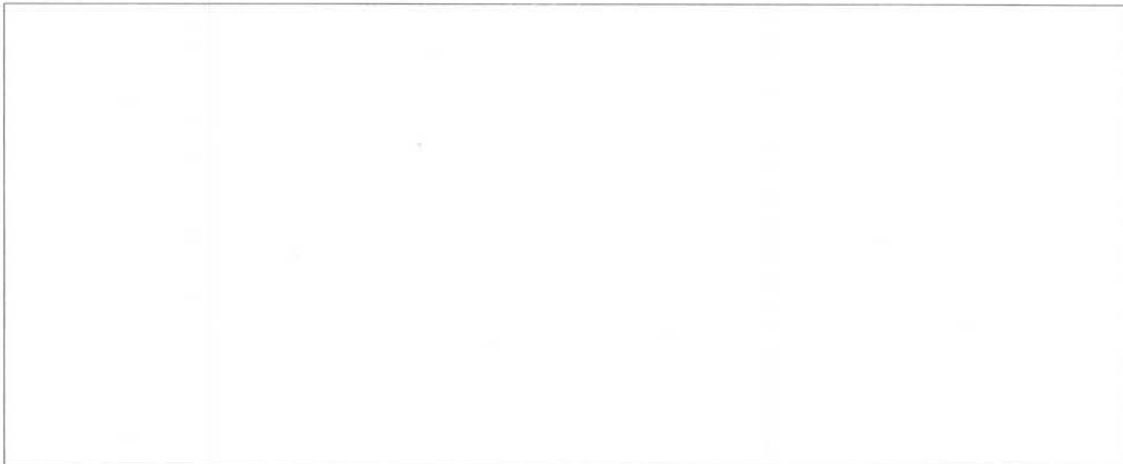
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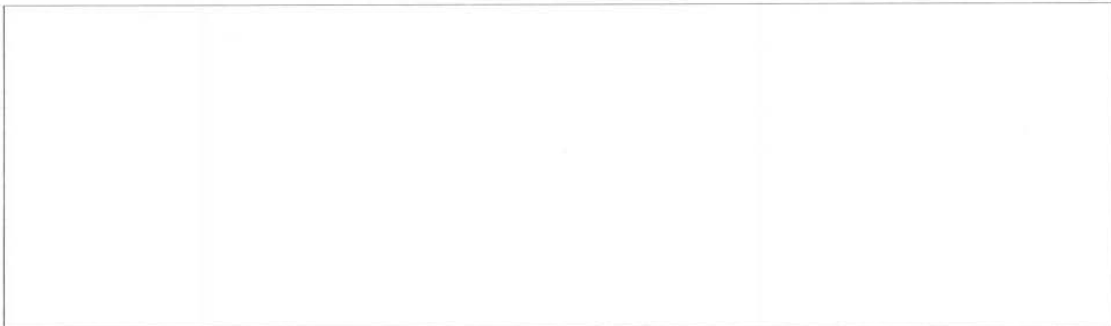
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**(U) Anti-Israeli and Anti-Semitic Hate Speech on Facebook:** The Jewish community in Berlin expressed concern about anti-Israel and anti-Semitic views on the internet prompted by the Israeli military action against the Gaza aid convoy and announced that they would call in the police and the public prosecutor's office. Chairperson Lala Susskind told the press that she was shocked by the statements and called on the German authorities to take any possible legal measure "to stop further distribution of this hate propaganda." In separate but related news, Israel's Ambassador to Germany, Yoram Ben-Zeev, met with Left Party Bundestag Floor Leader Gregor Gysi to express his criticism against Left Party politicians who were aboard the Gaza aid convoy. The Left Party told the press that Gysi protested against the Israeli operation and its maritime blockade of the Gaza Strip (although he himself was not on the flotilla). The national co-chairperson of the Left Party, Klaus Ernst, sharply criticized the Israeli ambassador saying it is "highly unusual for an ambassador to interfere in the political debate of the host country," adding that the ambassador should leave this to his government's spokesman. [\(Top\)](#)



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Right-of-center JoongAng Ilbo editorialized (06/03): "What is irrefutable is that the Israeli military fired at a vessel still at sea with civilians on board. Even if the flotilla had breached the country's embargo, the Israeli military's air raid against civilians cannot be excused. ... Israel insists that the attack was an act of self-defense. If that's true, it must cooperate fully with the international probe and prove its position. The only fundamental solution to the problem would be a peaceful pact between Israel and Palestine to establish permanent peace on the Gaza Strip. At this juncture, Israel should nurture an atmosphere for talks by easing its blockade. The Israeli government must take heed to mounting international criticism."

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Left-leaning Hankyoreh Shinmun editorialized (06/03): "The international community's responsibility in Israel's continuous lawless behavior is great. This is because Western countries, including the U.S., held captive by Jewish lobbying forces, are not appropriately criticizing Israel. ... The international community must not only criticize Israel's outrageous action, but also pressure the country to lift its blockade of Gaza, the primary cause of the incident. Toward this end, the West, including the U.S., must abandon its unconditional pro-Israel policy. Only then will their demands for Iran to give up its nuclear program be convincing."

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#### DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS

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Vice Foreign Minister Chun Young-woo told reporters after a June 2 meeting in Washington with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg that the UN Security Council will send a symbolic message to North Korea regarding its sinking of the ROK Navy ship, Cheonan. (JoongAng, Dong-a, Hankook, Seoul)

According to a military source, North Korean soldiers at the truce village of Panmunjom in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) separating the two Koreas started wearing helmets, instead of their usual hats, at the end of last month. This seems intended to show the North's resolve amid mounting tensions on the Korean Peninsula in the aftermath of the Cheonan's sinking. (Chosun)

The ROK and the U.S. will conduct a large-scale joint military exercise in the Yellow Sea from June 8 in response to the North's attack on the Cheonan. (All)

#### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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Japan's embattled Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama resigned yesterday, just eight months after a stunning election victory. His resignation comes after his popularity plunged over his broken campaign promises on finance and to move a U.S. Marine base off Okinawa. (All)

#### MEDIA ANALYSIS

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##### -Inter-Korean Tensions

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All media on June 2 covered Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan's June 1 interview with Britain's BBC, in which he called for the restriction of cash flow into North Korea as an effective tool to punish the North (for the sinking of the ROK Navy ship, Cheonan). He was quoted: "If cash inflow into North Korea is restricted, it will lower the possibility of nuclear weapons development (in the North) and deter (its) belligerent behavior. Using military force is the last resort."

Vice Foreign Minister Chun Young-woo's June 2 press remarks following a meeting in Washington with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg also received wide press coverage. He was quoted: "There were no discussions about additional sanctions on North Korea. The UN Security Council's response (to North Korea) will be a political, symbolic and moral message. Deputy Secretary Steinberg and I agreed that the Security Council action should be something that deters North Korea's military provocation."

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Conservative Dong-a Ilbo wrote in its headline: "Seoul Likely to Seek a General UNSC Resolution, Instead of a Sanctions Resolution against N. Korea." Dong-a's sub-heading read: "(A general resolution is) weaker than a sanctions resolution, but stronger than a Chairman's Statement."

Moderate Hankook Ilbo and left-leaning Hankyoreh Shinmun interpreted Vice Foreign Minister Chun's statement as suggesting that Seoul and Washington may not seek new sanctions against North Korea.

-Resignation of Japanese Prime Minister

Right-of-center JoongAng Ilbo editorialized: "The resignation of Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama reveals the limitations of idealistic politics. ... Prime Minister Hatoyama was not able to deal with other issues, hamstrung by a row over moving an unpopular U.S. Marine base off Okinawa. ... With four prime ministers leaving office in less than a year in quick succession, Japan's political instability has emerged as a serious problem."

A commentary in conservative Dong-a Ilbo observed: "In the past, the then opposition Democratic Party of Japan would attack the frequent changes in Prime Minister under Liberal Democratic Party-ruled governments as 'disregarding public opinion.' In light of that reasoning, the Democratic Party of Japan is effectively disregarding public opinion in a matter of just eight months since its inauguration. It is uncertain whether the party can win back the Japanese public's trust. The Hatoyama Administration's short-lived eight-month rule attests to the transience of political power."

-Israel's Attack on Gaza Flotilla

Right-of-center JoongAng Ilbo editorialized: "What is irrefutable is that the Israeli military fired at a vessel still at sea with civilians on board. Even if the flotilla had breached the country's embargo, the Israeli military's air raid against civilians cannot be excused. ... Israel insists that the attack was an act of self-defense. If that's true, it must cooperate fully with the international probe and prove its position. The only fundamental solution to the problem would be a peaceful pact between Israel and Palestine to establish permanent peace on the Gaza Strip. At this juncture, Israel should nurture an atmosphere for talks by easing its blockade. The Israeli government must take heed to mounting international criticism."

An editorial in left-leaning Hankyoreh Shinmun argued: "The international community's responsibility in Israel's continuous lawless behavior is great. This is because Western countries, including the U.S., held captive by Jewish lobbying forces, are not appropriately criticizing Israel. ... The international community must not only criticize Israel's outrageous action, but also pressure the country to lift its blockade of Gaza, the primary cause of the incident. Toward this end, the West, including the U.S., must abandon its unconditional pro-Israel policy. Only then will their demands for Iran to give up its nuclear program be convincing."

OPINIONS/EDITORIALS

THOUGHTS ON THE LOCAL ELECTIONS  
(Dong-a Ilbo, June 3, 2010, Page 35)

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The local elections Wednesday saw surprisingly close races in many areas across the nation. As of 10:30 p.m., candidates were neck-to-neck for elected posts in Seoul, Incheon and the provinces of Gangwon, South Chungcheong, South Gyeongsang and Jeju.

Buoyed by President Lee Myung-bak's approval rating of more than 50 percent and the sinking of the Cheonan, candidates of the ruling Grand National Party were ahead of their opponents early on. As the day wore on, however, voters began backing opposition candidates to keep the ruling party in check. The increase in the number of young voters casting their ballots at the last minute also affected the election results. Voter turnout was 54.5 percent, the highest since the 68.4 percent turnout in the first local elections in 1995.

The ruling party failed to attract many votes since certain candidates were nominated by top leadership at the last minute. It failed to nominate qualified candidates in South Chungcheong, South Gyeongsang and Gangwon provinces due to intervention by influential party members and a conflict of interest among lawmakers. The party's failure raises questions over whether it can overcome internal division and its now lame-duck status.

Many candidates friendly to the late former President Roh Moo-hyun drew a large number of votes. Pro-Roh candidates showed good a performance in around 30 electoral districts. They include Han Myeong-sook (Seoul mayor), Ahn Hee-jung (South Chungcheong governor), Lee Gwang-jae (Gangwon governor), Rhyu Si-min (Gyeonggi governor), and Kim Du-kwan (South Gyeongsang governor). The unexpected results could indicate voter preference for a generational shift. The main opposition Democratic Party showed its limitations, however, by unconditionally nominating pro-Roh candidates instead of stressing its own vision and identity. The party needs a future-driven vision and should suggest productive policies instead of getting carried away in triumph.

The ruling and opposition parties should stop their verbal attacks against each other and instead help stabilize the lives of the people. This is the only way to unify public opinion and gather momentum for the country's further growth. No party scored a landslide victory in the local elections. Political parties failing to humbly accept the results will be judged in the next elections.

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1. Israeli flotilla attack

"Attack on International aid flotilla isolates Israel"

The pro-PRC Chinese-language Macau Daily News remarked in an editorial (6/4): "...Since Hamas took control of the Gaza Strip in 2007, Palestine-Israel relations have continued to deteriorate and Israel's iron fist has gotten tougher. Israel blocked off the Gaza

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Strip's 1.5 million residents and attempted to bully Hamas into submission by using 'collective punishment.' The three-year blockade has caused a severe humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip. Life for the Palestinians is miserable. More than 70 percent of the people are living below the poverty threshold. Palestine Authority President Abbas described the Gaza Strip as a huge 'prison.' Although there have been international calls to lift the blockade of the Gaza Strip, Israel is still hardhearted and does not plan to change. Prime Minister Netanyahu said, 'Blocking the Gaza Strip can protect Israel from missile attacks.' Thus, this policy will not be changed. Israel's stubbornness has triggered the international community's sympathy for Palestinian people and discontent with Israel. The recent anti-Israel protests in the Middle East, Europe, and the U.S. are the proof. If Israel continues to ignore the misery of people living in the Gaza Strip and turns a deaf ear to the demands of the international community, it will be 'isolated.' This is not good for Israel."

2. Economic Crisis

"U.S. municipal debts may turn into a 'European debt crisis'"

The independent Chinese -language Hong Kong Economic Times commented in an editorial (6/4): "The 'God of Stocks,' Warren Buffett, yesterday issued a warning saying that U.S. state governments' debts may develop into a huge problem. The outside world even fears that the problem may result in a debt crisis similar to Europe's current predicament. The market's confidence is currently very fragile.... Investors are highly sensitive about sovereign debt. U.S. government debt has reached US\$13 trillion -- or 90 percent of the nation's GDP. If the U.S. shoulders an additional US\$2.8 trillion in municipal debts, will this prompt new doubts concerning U.S. treasury bonds and new attacks from speculators? Will this trigger another quake in the U.S. and even global financial markets? Facing the threat of the municipal debt crisis, Washington should remove the bomb as soon as possible. However, the problem is: Washington is already heavily in debt. Does it still have the capability to deal with the problem quickly? Although the U.S. debt crisis is not as severe as the current European debt crisis, investors should not lower their guard."

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1. (SBU) Summary: On June 1, Assistant Secretary for International Organizations (IO) Esther Brimmer and UNESCO Director-General (DG) Irina Bokova met at UNESCO's Paris headquarters. The wide-reaching agenda covered several items, including the Gaza flotilla incident, [REDACTED]

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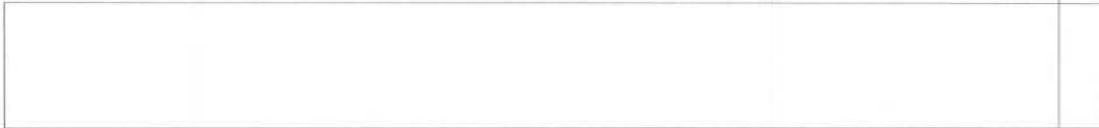
3. (SBU) On the Gaza flotilla incident, the DG said that she would issue a statement expressing concern over the possible injuries to journalists onboard. When asked by A/S whether the statement issued by the UN Security Council was not enough, the DG said she felt under pressure to say something publicly about the event. She alleged that at the conclusion of the recent Executive Board many member states felt, however wrongly, that UNESCO had tilted too far to the Israeli side on the Jerusalem items. If she did not comment on the Gaza incident, she argued, she would only further that impression. (Note: The DG did issue a statement later that evening. End note.)

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1. (SBU) SUMMARY: U.S. Mission Australia expects minimal impact on operations in response to protests of Israeli Government action against flotillas bound for Gaza. Anti-U.S. sentiment remains low country-wide and planned protests will occur during the weekend of June 5-6 when U.S. facilities are closed. The demonstrations are expected to be peaceful and have been coordinated with the local authorities.

2. (SBU) No protests are planned for Canberra. However, one peaceful protest of approximately 50 people was staged on June 1, 2010, at the nearby Israeli Embassy.

3. (SBU) No protests are planned at Consulate Melbourne. Victoria Police have advised that a group of 5,000 people will protest on June 5, 2010, at the Victoria State Parliament building. A peaceful protest at this site on June

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1, 2010, attracted a group of 2,000 to 3,000 participants.

4. (SBU) One protest is planned for Consulate Sydney on June 5, 2010. New South Wales Police advised that a group of 500 to 1,000 plan to attend.

5. (SBU) One protest is planned at Consulate Perth on June 6, 2010. Western Australia Police expect a peaceful protest that will attract 500 people. Consulate Perth has historically been the focal point of anti-Israeli protests in Western Australia.

6. (SBU) The U.S. Mission in Australia is well supported by local and federal law enforcement. The Australian Federal Police and state police forces have advised post that they will attend the anticipated protests.  
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SUBJECTS COVERED IN THIS REPORT:

1. Mideast
2. Iran

Key stories in the media:

The media reported that yesterday, apparently acceding to President Obama's entreaty, PM Benjamin Netanyahu hinted that Israel will alleviate its blockade of Gaza. Israel Radio quoted Obama as saying in an interview with CNN's Larry King that Israel "has legitimate security concerns" about Hamas-ruled Gaza, such as rockets being regularly fired from there into the Jewish state. But the President also said that Israel's blockade of Gaza "is preventing people" from pursuing economic opportunities. "I think what's important right now is that we break out of the current impasse, use this tragedy as an opportunity," to advance the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, Obama was quoted as saying.

The media reported on the bravery of the Israeli Special Forces on the commandeered Free Gaza Flotilla. HaQaretz reported that three unconscious Navy Seals were dragged into the hull of the ship Mavi Marmara during the raid. Israel Radio quoted Reuters that an Al Jazeera-TV cameraman who was present at the scene confirmed the story. Israel Radio quoted an Israeli military source as saying that there is evidence that militants had thrown firearms overboard, leaving foreign ammunition behind. The activists reportedly wrote coded instructions to abduct a soldier. Media reported that activists aboard the Mavi Marmara had signaled their intention to become martyrs (Qshahids). Israel Hayom reported that Israel intends to bring the ship Rachel Corrie to Ashdod Port. The radio later quoted senior Israeli sources as saying that, due to technical problems, the ship will not reach the Israeli or Gaza coast. Israel Radio and the leading news Web site Ynet later cited denial by the Irish state radio (RTE) of this report, saying that the ship is on the way to Gaza.

The media reported that yesterday a mass anti-Israel demonstration

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took place in Istanbul, where senior Turkish officials delivered strident speeches and P.A. and Hamas flags were bannered. Turkey and South Africa recalled their ambassadors from Israel. Last night, also, around 2,000 Israelis participated in an anti-Turkish Government protest in front of the Turkish Embassy in Tel Aviv. Beitar Jerusalem, a group of sports fans associated with hard-line Likud militants, organized the rally. Ynet quoted Turkish media reports as saying that Turkey intends to sue Israel at the Internal Court of Justice in The Hague for compensation to the families of Turkish citizens killed during the raid on the flotilla. The CourtQs Prosecutor -General has allegedly started gathering evidence in the case.

The Jerusalem Post reported that TurkeyQs Deputy Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy Selim Yeni told that newspaper yesterday that the U.S. leaned on Israel Qquite a lotQ and helped facilitate the speedy release of over 400 Turkish citizens whom the IDF had taken into custody on the Gaza-bound protest ships.

Leading media reported that yesterday four Qassam rockets were launched from Gaza into southern Israel.

HaQaretz and other media reported that yesterday an Israeli court released to house arrest Raed Salah, the leader of the northern branch of IsraelQs Islamic Movement, and three other Israeli Arab figures who participated in the flotilla. Salah accused Israeli commandos of trying to kill him and blasted IsraelQs leaders for committing a Qwar crime.Q He was quoted as saying that Zionism began in Turkey and that it will end there. Israel Radio and other media reported that yesterday Interior Minister Eli Yishai told Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein that he demands the revocation of the citizenship of Israeli Arab Knesset Member Hanin Zoabi (National Democratic Assembly Q Balad). She was on board the Gaza-bound flotilla when it was raided by Israeli forces and allegedly QspearheadedQ an attempt to harm IDF soldiers.

Israel Hayom quoted former Republican presidential candidate Arizona Senator John McCain as saying in an interview with Fox News that the IDF troops who commandeered the ships acted in self-defense.

Leading media reported that DM Ehud Barak and Opposition Head Tzipi Livni met a few weeks ago and discussed various political issues in a private function. Among other things, the two discussed the possibility of changing the government's makeup.

Yediot cited a secret document drafted by Muhammad Araman, a senior Hamas activist detained in Israel, which purportedly describes the Islamist groupQs plans to initiate a Qthird IntifadaQ through abductions, the launching of rockets deep into Israel, and the disruption of Israeli cellular and GPS networks.

The Jerusalem Post reported that on Monday and Tuesday HamasQs security forces raided the offices of several NGOs in Gaza, drawing sharp condemnations from local and international human rights groups.

All media reported that yesterday Noble Energy, Inc. of Houston, and Israeli tycoon Yitzhak Teshuva, who is associated with the QLeviathanQ drilling, announced that there is a 50 percent chance that huge quantities of natural gas -- to the tune of 16 trillion cubic feet -- may be found off the Haifa coast.

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I. QShip under Siege, State under Siege

Senior columnist Nahum Barnea and senior diplomatic correspondent Shimon Shiffer wrote in the mass-circulation, pluralist Yediot Aharonot (6/4): QA harsh image has been established around the world of a pirate state, which does not hesitate to kill peace activists and starve a civilian population. The Prime Minister bemoaned the hypocrisy of the world, but the firmness of the speech did not diminish the scope of the diplomatic downfall. Israel, which sought to isolate Hamas, found itself isolated, ostracized, almost a pariah. In the past, Israel firmly refused any international investigation of its military actions. It will now have to accept the formation of an international commission of inquiry. In the coming period, Israel's leadership will have to walk a tightrope between coerced surrender to foreign dictates and domestic self-pity.... The political price was much higher than was estimated in advance. The operation succeeded, but the patient died.

II. QHow to End the Blockade

The conservative, independent Jerusalem Post editorialized (6/4): QPressure is growing for Israel to lift its blockade on Gaza.... Even the U.S. is expected to press for an end to the blockade, according to the New York Times. Already in June 2009, President Barack Obama, during his Cairo speech, claimed that the measure devastates Palestinian families and does not serve Israeli interests.... The real solution to the blockade, however, is in the hands of Gaza's people. Israel has made it clear that the siege would be lifted as soon as the political leadership in Gaza agreed to recognize the existence of the Jewish state, abandoned violence, released [Gilad] Shalit, and adhered to past agreements achieved between Israel and the P.A. Israel's struggle is not with the people of Gaza but with the radical regime there that is actively working to destroy the Jewish state. Those truly interested in bringing peace and alleviating the plight of Gazans would best achieve their goal not by placing pressure on Israel to stop defending itself, but by convincing the residents of Gaza that Hamas's way is a dead end.

III. QTurkey Is Not an Enemy

The independent, left-leaning Ha'aretz editorialized (6/4): QOf all Israel's ties with Muslim countries, those with Turkey are the oldest. Until recently, in terms of strategy, that country was considered no less important than Egypt. The affair of the Gaza aid flotilla and the harsh and excessive comments by Turkey's Prime Minister against Israel have dramatically shaken the stability of these ties. Israelis now perceive Turkey as an enemy that should be denounced, or at least boycotted. But it should be pointed out that compared to Egypt, Turkey has for years maintained close and cordial ties with Israel at all levels.... Criticism of Israel by [Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip] Erdogan is not different in substance than criticism by other friends of Israel in Europe and the United States. But his style is more blatant and direct.... Israel, which is now struggling to save its good name, considers public relations the sole means for achieving its goals. But without wise policy, public relations will prove empty of substance. The first step is to rehabilitate relations with Turkey, especially with its Prime Minister. For this, political courage is necessary, which will lift

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the blockade on Gaza and bring Turkey closer to the region's political process. Without all this, Israel can only continue being pleased with itself under the political blockade imposed on it.

IV. QNo Need to Investigate, but Global Public Opinion Must Be Assuaged

Senior columnist, veteran journalist, and television anchor Dan Margalit wrote in the independent Israel Hayom (6/4): QThe plain truth is that for all intents and purposes there is no need for a commission to investigate the events aboard the Turkish Hamas ship Marmara, since everything is know, clear, and obvious.... All of Israel's Cabinet ministers have accepted [responsibility for the operation].... It is all the truer for Israel's commando fighters. Everything indicates that they deserve praise for their restraint and adherence to the original orders and for their improvisation as they understood that their lives were in danger.... The only reason why Israel should accept the establishment of any commission of investigation is the will to appease world rage against Israel, a sentiment that is not devoid of anti-Semitic, Israel-hating motives. There cannot be another reason. This is a trend, a fashion.

V. QThe New Empire

Conservative Op-Ed Page Editor Ben-Dror Yemini wrote in the popular, pluralist Maariv (6/4): QA new empire, which is more than a superpower, is sprouting in front of our very eyes. It is not that the United States is descending the scene, but, aware of its power, this empire is appearing in full splendor, standing on its feet, and turning into the master of the world. The new empire is a combination of global public opinion, which has been maturing on campuses and among cultural elites, and the automatic majority of non-democratic states in all international forums. Israel must acknowledge the existence of the empire, which might turn into an existential threat [to Israel]. Netanyahu is right when he claims that Israel must prevent the establishment of an Iranian port in Gaza.... But the way that was chosen was very bad. Instead of presenting to the world the battalions of Jihad supporters, Israel has turned them into human rights activists and victims. The empire was given a momentum.

2. Iran:

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QAmateur Fingers on the Button

Defense commentator Amir Oren wrote in Ha'aretz (6/4): QNetanyahu wants the Israeli public to believe him when he says that his performance has improved since his failure as prime minister in the 1990s, and that the present team under his leadership will be able to contain Iran. The way he and Defense Minister Ehud Barak performed in the flotilla episode makes a mockery of their pretense to proficiency and of the legend of the seriousness of the ministerial Qforum of sevenQ.... Security is too serious a matter to be left to people whose balance of achievements versus failures is so clearly tilted to the negative; amateur fingers must not be left so close to sensitive buttons. The Iranian nuclear project is worrisome, but more worrisome still is the knowledge that the person who is purporting to deal with it is Netanyahu.

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How the Headlines Read

"Israel Case At Prosecutor" *Hurriyet*  
"Prosecutor Chases Israel" *Radikal*  
"They Attacked Shouting 'One Minute'" *Milliyet, Vatan, Haberturk*  
"Volunteer Coffins" *Milliyet*  
"Gul: Turkey Will Never Forgive This Attack" *Hurriyet, Vatan, Zaman*  
"Gul: Israel Will Regret This So Much" *Sabah, Zaman, Milliyet*  
"Erdogan: They Will Lose Their Most Important Friend" *Sabah, Radikal*  
"Tens of Thousands Join Funerals" *Sabah, Haberturk*  
"Four Bullets to His Forehead" *Vatan, Zaman*  
"US Backs Israel Again: It's Israel's Right to Stop the Ships" *Vatan*  
"US' Clear Support to Israel" *Cumhuriyet*  
"US Support to Israel" *Haberturk*  
"Why Did AKP Officials Give Up Joining the Flotilla?" *Cumhuriyet*  
"Eight of Nine Killed Are Turks Killed With Bullets" *Cumhuriyet*

Editorials – US, Israel and Turkey: Are You With Us, Against Us or Is This the Right Way to be Looking at It? And What's Up with the GOT and IHH?

Pundits predominantly focus on US statements and draw attention to the Washington -Tel Aviv connection. Liberal *Radikal's* Cengiz Candar says "The Turkey-Israel-US triangle is more significant than ever. It will be best if Israel moves in a positive direction." Underlining Washington's recent statements, Murat Yetkin in the same paper warns however: "It will be a big mistake if Turkey presents this issue as one where the US has to choose between Turkey and Israel." In pro-government/Islamist *Zaman*, Huseyin Gulerce has something to say about "Washington's statements" as he finds VP Biden's remarks an indication that "Turkey has to deal with 'deep forces' in the US which act more pro-Israeli than Israel

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itself." Mainstream *Sabah*'s Mehmet Barlas has advice: "Washington has to wake up and see that Israel makes mistakes and undermines US interests in the process!" Tamer Korkmaz in *Yeni Safak* (Islamist/pro government) argues that Turkey is growing as a regional leader "despite all kinds of US efforts to impede it."

Several columnists have written pieces critical of the Turkish government's involvement with the organization that led the flotilla. Mehmet Tezkan in mainstream *Milliyet* says "The government should not tie itself to the IHH. This organization is doing its best to promote itself but the government should avoid involving itself. It is hard to understand why official-licensed buses were carrying people to the meeting place where the IHH launched Gaza protests." Yalcin Bayer in mainstream *Hurriyet* also wonders why "the IHH is only active in Palestine and turns a blind eye to suffering Muslims elsewhere," and he concludes that it "looks like the main point for them is Hamas."

#### Reporting

##### **Tens of Thousands Bid Farewell to Gaza Martyrs (*Zaman*)**

Papers continue their extensive front-page coverage of the aftermath of the Israeli raid. In Istanbul yesterday, tens of thousands of people joined the funerals held for eight of the victims. Islamist-oriented *Yeni Safak* says they were the victims of "state terror" in the Mediterranean. *Cumhuriyet* reports funeral participants shouted slogans such as "Down with Israel, down with the Zionist state," "Collaborator US," and "Hail to Hamas."

##### **19-Year Old Activist Killed by 5 Bullets (*Sabah*)**

Papers report, based on eyewitness accounts, that Israeli soldiers fired four bullets (some reports total 6) into the head of a wounded youth, 19-year-old US-Turkish citizen Furkan Dogan, and killed him. *Yeni Safak* claims Israeli soldiers even shot dead a doctor who was treating an Israeli soldier injured in the turmoil. Reporters onboard Mavi Marmara said Israeli boats first surrounded their ship and then attacked them with percussion and gas bombs, before a helicopter approached and Israeli commandos boarded the ship. *Milliyet* reports journalists and activists from the ship as saying that some of the Israeli soldiers were shouting "one minute" while firing their guns, and that they stepped on the wounds of the injured activists. *Zaman* reports a US citizen onboard, 64-year-old Paul Larudee, said Israeli officials beat him when he rejected signing some papers. Around 30 Greek activists reportedly said after returning home they were given "electroshock" under detention. According to *Zaman* and *Today's Zaman*, the Turkish Council of Forensic Medicine confirmed that eight of the nine bodies brought back from Israel belong to Turkish citizens. The ninth person was identified as a US citizen of Turkish origin. More than 500 activists who were brought to Turkey were examined on Thursday by 120 forensic medicine experts and their assistants. Quoting Omer Yagmur, an official from IHH who spoke to the doctors, 19-year-old Furkan Dogan was killed by four bullets to the head — all fired at close range — and one bullet into his chest, also fired at close range. He said Dogan was studying at a private high school in Kayseri and hoped to become a doctor in the future.

##### **Turkey Preparing to Sue Israel (*Hurriyet*)**

Turkey has taken action to collect evidence and statements for the prosecution of responsible Israelis in criminal and civil compensation cases. Statements of the returnees and the wounded activists were taken and some were sent to the Forensic Medicine Department. Prime Minister Erdogan said yesterday the Turkish government would follow up the issue.

##### **Gul: "Tel Aviv Will Regret the Attack Very Much" (*Taraf*)**

Papers report President Gul said on Thursday that Israel made one of the biggest mistakes in its history, which it would "regret very much." "Turkey will never forgive this attack in international waters. This raid will not be forgotten," said Gul, adding that the incident has left an "irreparable and deep scar." Prime Minister Erdogan, addressing a gathering of exporters yesterday, said Israel was about to "lose its only friend in the region if it does not change its mentality." Erdogan stressed that Israel would not achieve anything through piracy and violence. He implied that the US was turning a blind eye to Israeli brutality and added that Turkey would exert every effort to mobilize international reactions against Israel. "Turkey tried to preserve friendship with Israel, but the Israeli government did not understand this, and made an historic mistake. This mistake is not only made against Turkey, but against the people of 32 different countries," said Erdogan.

##### **AKP Didn't Let its MPs Join Gaza Flotilla (*Cumhuriyet*)**

*Cumhuriyet* claims some AKP lawmakers initially were planning to join the flotilla, but their party administration did not let them go. The paper says the scenarios outlined by the Turkish Foreign Ministry regarding the aid campaign did not anticipate that Israel would resort to violence to stop the flotilla. *Cumhuriyet* says that the organizers of the initiative, IHH, had consulted the military General Staff (TGS) on their Gaza campaign. The TGS, citing security concerns, warned the IHH against going to Gaza, says *Cumhuriyet*. *Cumhuriyet* says Turkish and Israeli Air Forces restricted flights over east Mediterranean in order to prevent confrontation. Routine flights of the Diyarbakir Main Jet Air Base Command to the East Mediterranean, which were planned before the recent crisis, were all postponed, reports the paper.

##### **US Administration Warned AKP on Flotilla (*Cumhuriyet*)**

*Cumhuriyet* reports from Washington that State Department spokesman Philip Crowley said they had urged Israel to show restraint while dealing with the Gaza flotilla, and that they had also warned the Turkish government about a possible clash between the Israeli forces and the flotilla. Crowley said Secretary Clinton and Foreign Minister Davutoglu had a "friendly" meeting, and that they had conveyed Turkey's concerns to Israel. Crowley reiterated that they expected Israel to hold an "urgent, reliable and impartial" investigation, reports *Cumhuriyet*.

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Summary: Coverage of Prime Minister Gilani's remarks that the "campaign' against democracy will be foiled" dominated headlines in several major newspapers on Friday morning. Media also highlighted reports that the National Assembly and the Senate unanimously condemned the Israeli attack on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla, while the National Assembly also passed a resolution against last Friday's "barbaric massacre" of Ahmadis in Lahore. All TV networks reported that prominent journalist Talat Hussain and two other Pakistani travelers have arrived in Islamabad after a brief detention by the Israeli authorities following the aid flotilla incident. Newspapers reported Secretary Clinton's vow to confront doubts over the U.S.-India partnership, saying the two democracies stand at a pivotal moment in their relations. U.S. Assistant Secretary Robert Blake's statement that "Pakistan is indispensable for U.S. success in Afghanistan," was also covered. "Daily Times" reported that UN criticism (is) not likely to stop CIA drone strikes at terrorists inside Pakistan. The same paper also claimed that the Punjab government has decided to close down all unauthorized NATO terminals over security apprehensions. "Dawn" reported that the U.S. has

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released \$5 million for Malakand projects, and "The Business Recorder" carried an Embassy press release announcing the graduation of 72 community midwives under a USAID-sponsored program.

The growing militancy in Punjab, the Orakzai victory, aftermath of the flotilla massacre, and resignation of the State Bank Governor were discussed in various editorials on Friday. In its editorial titled, "The dirty war," "The News," argued that, "The wars being waged within and around the country have civilians stirred into the battlefield mix, and are getting dirtier by the month. One of the dirtier is the War of the Drones..." "The Nation," in its article, "Cry against drones," further added, "The U.S., since it became the sole superpower, and especially since 9/11, has operated on the global political scene like a loose cannon, aggressing against sovereign states, sidelining the UN, killing and maiming people, without let or hindrance, incarcerating and torturing them in the most inhuman conditions imaginable." "Daily Times," in its editorial comment "Aftermath of the flotilla massacre," said, "Washington has asked Israel to conduct a fair and impartial investigation into the incident. This is akin to asking the Taliban to conduct an investigation into the recent massacre of the Ahmadis; merely to state this is enough to highlight its absurdity." End Summary.

#### TOP STORIES

News Story: 'Campaign' Against Democracy Will Be Foiled, Says Gilani - "Daily Times" (06/04)

"Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani on Thursday criticized the 'campaign' against democracy, saying the system was here to stay and all such conspiracies would be foiled. Addressing the Pakistanis living in Belgium, Gilani said the people of Pakistan had always supported democracy and would continue to do so as they believed that it was the only thing that could provide them relief in the long term."

News Story: Senate Condemns Israeli Raid On Flotilla - "Dawn" (06/04)

"The Senate strongly condemned on Thursday the Israeli commando raid on a peaceful flotilla sailing towards Gaza to deliver humanitarian and food supplies. Lawmakers from both the treasury and opposition benches demanded that the issue be taken to the International Court of Justice."

News Story: NA Condemns Killing Of Ahmadis - "Dawn" (06/04)

"It was after an apparent hesitation and a bold initiative by some women that the National Assembly on Thursday unanimously condemned Friday's "barbaric massacre" of Ahmadis in Lahore."

News Story: Talat, Others Return Home - "Business Recorder" (06/04)

"Three Pakistanis including Aaj News' executive director Syed Talat Hussain and producer Raza Mahmood Agha, detained in Israel's attack on the Gaza aid flotilla earlier this week arrived home Thursday. The third Pakistani is an aid worker of an NGO."

News Story: Clinton Urges U.S., India To Tackle Doubts To Build Ties - "Dawn" (06/04)

"The United States and India must overcome any lingering doubts



about each other as they forge a broader partnership to fight world problems, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said here Thursday. Opening a day of high-level talks, Clinton echoed Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's November call that the world's 'leading democracies must play a leading role in building a shared destiny for all human kind.'

News Story: U.S. Says Pakistan Indispensable For Success In Afghanistan - "Dawn" (06/04)

"Pakistan is indispensable for U.S. success in Afghanistan, although India also has a very important role in that country, says a senior State Department official. 'Because we understood we will not be able to succeed without the active support of our friends in Pakistan,' said the official while explaining why President Barack Obama formulated an 'integrated strategy' for dealing with terrorism in the Pak-Afghan region. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Robert Blake, however, noted that the United States had 'strongly welcomed the important role that India has played through its various reconstruction and development projects' in Afghanistan."

News Story: Indo-U.S. Dialogue: Pakistan Taken Into Confidence By U.S.: Foreign Office - "Business Recorder" (06/04)

"Pakistan on Thursday said it was taken into confidence by the United States on Indo-U.S. dialogue. The foreign Office spokesman Abdul Basit told the media during the weekly press briefing that Pakistan hopes the U.S.-India relations would be factor of stability in South Asia."

News Story: EU, U.S. Chalk Out Joint Anti-Terror Strategy - "Dawn" (06/04)

"Europe and the United States on Thursday reached a common strategy in the fight against terror, presented as a message to Islamabad on the eve of an EU-Pakistan summit. 'This declaration is a message to the Muslim world,' said Spanish Interior Minister Alfredo Rubalcaba, whose country chairs the European Union until the end of the month, after outlining a joint statement of intent."

News Story: UN Criticism Not Likely To Stop CIA Drone Strikes - "Daily Times" (06/04)

"The U.S. government's covert program using unmanned drones to strike at terrorists inside Pakistan is unlikely to stop or be changed, despite new criticism from a UN human rights expert.... In a 29-page report released on Wednesday, Philip Alston, the independent UN investigator on extra-judicial killings, called on countries to lay out rules and safeguards for carrying out the strikes, publish figures on civilian casualties and prove they have attempted to capture or incapacitate suspects without killing them."

News Story: Punjab Govt. To Close Down NATO Terminals Over Security - "Daily Times" (06/04)

"The Punjab government has decided to close down all unauthorized NATO supply terminals in the province over security fears. Official sources reveal the decision has been taken after intelligence agencies warned that terrorists are planning to attack NATO supply terminals in several areas of Punjab, including Attock and Mianwali."



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News Story: U.S. Releases \$5m For Malakand Projects - "Dawn"  
(06/04)

"The U.S. government has released the first tranche of \$5 million to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government for reconstruction projects in the Malakand region. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has made this disbursement under a \$36 million Malakand Reconstruction and Recovery Program for which a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the two sides in December last, said a senior official."

News Story: U.S. Celebrates Graduation Of 72 Community Midwives -  
"Business Recorder" (06/04)

"In a ceremony held here on Thursday, the United States celebrated the graduation of 72 community midwives who recently completed an 18-month training course to improve medical care for mothers and new-borns in communities throughout the Sindh province. The training is part of the Pakistan Initiative for Mothers and New-borns (PAIMAN), funded by the US Agency for International Development (USAID)."

#### TERRORISM/MILITARY ISSUES

News Story: Direct Attacks Ebb, IEDs On Rise In Afghan East: U.S.  
General - "The News" (06/04)

"A degraded Taliban is conducting fewer direct assaults in eastern Afghanistan, turning instead to more roadside bombs and suicide attacks, the U.S. Commander there said on Thursday. 'We realize that Afghanistan and Regional Command East are at a critical moment,' U.S. Army Major General Curtis Scaparrotti said."

News Story: FO Rejects Reports About U.S. Attack Rehearsal - "Dawn"  
(06/04)

"Pakistan says it does not believe that the United States has rehearsed unilateral strikes on terrorist targets in this country. 'We have not come across anything even indirectly in our official engagements with the U.S. to the effect that it conducted dry exercises for unilateral strikes in Pakistan,' Foreign Office spokesman Abdul Basit said on Thursday."

News Story: Mid-Term Budget Policy to Focus on War on Terror -  
"Daily Times" (06/04)

"The medium-term budget policy for 2010-13 aims at meeting the demands of the war on terror, law and order, security-related expenditures, healthcare for the poor and to address agriculture-based losses incurred in war-inflicted areas."

News Story: Qaeda Threatens To Kidnap Saudi Royals - "Daily Times"  
(06/04)

"Al Qaeda has threatened to kidnap Saudi princes and ministers in order to secure the release of a female al Qaeda operative arrested by Saudi forces, al Arabiya television reported on Thursday. In an audiotape played on al Arabiya, an al Qaeda regional commander threatened 'major operations' against the kingdom following the arrest of Haylah Al Qassir."

News Story: Top Al Qaeda Leader Killed In Drone Strike - "Dawn"  
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"Al-Fajr Media Centre, run by a Jihadi group, announced on Wednesday that top Al Qaeda operative Osama bin Ali bin Abdullah bin Damjan Al-Dawsari had been killed in a drone attack in Nezai Narray near Angoor Adda in South Waziristan."

News Story: NYC Car Bomb Suspect Agrees To Delay In Case - "Dawn" (06/04)

"Times Square car bomb suspect Faisal Shahzad has agreed to let the government delay seeking an indictment against him while it continues discussions with his lawyer, reports AP."

News Story: 'TTP Man' Killed, Three Others Held In Botched Bank Robbery - "Dawn" (06/04)

"A bank robbery was foiled, a robber was killed and three others - all suspected to be members of the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan - were arrested on Thursday when a citizen informed police about their suspicious presence in the bank branch, officials said. The four members of the TTP had targeted the bank to generate funds for the proscribed outfit, they added."

News Story: Afghan Elders Back Peace Moves With Taliban - "Business Recorder" (06/04)

"Afghan tribal leaders and other notables agreed at a peace meeting on Thursday that an opening had to be made to Taliban insurgents because neither foreign forces nor the Afghan army had been able to ensure security, the deputy head of the conference said."

News Story: Ahmadis Seek U.S. Help - "Dawn" (06/04)  
"Naseem Mahdi, the missionary in-charge of the U.S. Ahmadi community, pleaded on Thursday for international pressure on Pakistan, warning that extremists were bent on wiping out the community. He called upon the U.S. government to take every measure in its power to have all levels of government in Pakistan eliminate the laws and ordinances that had become the tools to facilitate and institutionalize the persecution of Ahmadis and had been used against other minorities."

News Story: Afghan Forces Fire Shells Inside Pak Area - "The Nation" (06/04)

"The Afghan border security force fired heavy artillery shells inside Pakistani areas in the jurisdiction of Tehsil Landi Kotal, Thursday. According to the official report, five shells hit near the Psthoki village but denied any causality. The shelling created panic among the masses of the area and they quit their routine business and hurriedly took refuge in safe places."

News Story: 5 Missiles Fired From Afghanistan Land in Pakistani Territory - "Mashriq" (04/06)

"As many as 5 missiles fired from Afghanistan landed in Pakistani territory along the Pak-Afghan border on Thursday and caused panic and harassment among the local residents. However no casualties were reported. As reports, the missiles were fired by the Afghan National Army stationed in the Nangarhar province and landed in the Zakhakhel area of Landikotal in Khyber Agency which damaged several buildings."

News Story: Possibility Of Terrorism In Lahore Today; 20,000 Policemen Deployed; 148 Arrested In Late Night Search Operation" - "Pakistan" (06/04)

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"Today, Friday, has been termed as an important day in view of a possible terrorist threat in Lahore. IG Police has instructed SSP Operations to put the Friday security plan into action. More than 20,000 policemen have been deployed around the city today, while the IG Police has also provided 1500 bulletproof jackets and helmets to the police."

News Story: My Partners Are Present In City And Can Carry Out More Attacks, Reveals Detained Terrorist" - "Pakistan" (06/04)

"Arrested terrorists have made important revelations during interrogation and said that their partners are present in the city and can carry out more attack.... According to the police, in view of these revelations, security has been intensified for important facilities and persons."

#### POLITICAL ISSUES

News Story: India Urged To Reduce Military Presence In Kashmir - "Dawn" (06/04)

"India should reduce its massive military presence in occupied Kashmir, boost its economy, and give more powers to elected officials to improve the lives of people in the troubled Himalayan region, an international security think tank said on Thursday. "Replacing military-led counter-insurgency with accountable policing and reviving an economy devastated by violence and conflict, would instill greater confidence among Kashmiris," the International Crisis Group said in a report titled 'Steps Towards Peace: Putting Kashmiris First.'"

News Story: PCNS Prepares Proposals For Pak-India Talks - "Dawn" (06/04)

"The Parliamentary Committee on National Security (PCNS) finalized on Thursday its recommendations for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the upcoming India-Pakistan dialogue. The committee advised the government to hold meaningful dialogues on the issues of Kashmir and water."

News Story: India Hopeful Of 'Building Bridges' With Pakistan - "Dawn" (06/04)

"Indian External Affairs Minister SM Krishna on Thursday expressed hope his July 15 visit to Pakistan will eliminate the trust deficit between the two countries. In an interview with an Indian news channel in Washington on the sidelines of the U.S.-India strategic dialogue, Krishna said, we are trying to build bridges with Pakistan."

#### ECONOMY/ENVIRONMENT

News Story: EU Ignoring Pak Efforts In War On Terror: Gilani - "The News" (06/04)

"Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani has stated that Pakistan's competitiveness has been adversely impacted because of its frontline state role in the war against terrorism, and it is regrettable that, while its competitors in the region are enjoying better preferential trading concessions from the EU, Pakistan's request for restoration of space in bilateral trade is still awaited. The prime minister was talking to the President of European Parliament (Poland's ex-PM) Jerzy Buzek and chairmen of various committees of the EU Parliament

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here in Brussels on Thursday."

News Story: India Violating Indus Water Treaty: FO - "Dawn" (06/04)

"India is committing severe violation of the Indus water treaty, stated the Foreign Office Spokesman, Abdul Basit in a weekly briefing on Thursday."

News Story: Formalities of Pak-Iran Gas Pipeline Completed: Qamar - "Daily Times" (06/04)

"The formalities of the Pak-Iran gas pipeline have been completed and physical work on the project would start after a survey on the pipeline is completed, Petroleum and Natural Resources Minister Syed Naveed Qamar Shah said on Thursday."

News Story: 60,000 Evacuated In Sindh As Cyclone Phet Looms - "Daily Times" (06/04)

"Authorities in Sindh have said they had evacuated around 60,000 people from coastal villages, as Cyclone Phet closes in on the country's shoreline, Munir Memon, a senior official with the provincial relief commission said."

News Story: Cyclone Phet Losing Intensity - "Dawn" (06/04)

"The intensity of tropical cyclone Phet is expected to subside when it hits the country's coastal areas on Sunday, according to the Met office, the Metrological department's Chief, Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman Chaudhry, told 'Dawn' on Thursday."

#### MISCELLANEOUS

News Story: U.S. Wants New Gaza Approach From Israel - "The Nation" (06/04)

"The Obama administration believes Israel's blockade of Gaza is untenable and wants to see a new approach that would allow more supplies into the impoverished Palestinian area while guaranteeing Israel's security, The New York Times reported Thursday."

News Story: Chinese Military Slow To Forge Ties With U.S.: Gates - "Daily Times" (06/04)

"U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates expressed disappointment Thursday at China's decision to call off his planned visit, saying the country's military was reluctant to engage in dialogue with the United States. Suggesting a rift between Chinese civilian and military leaders on the issue, Gates said it was his opinion that the PLA (People's Liberation Army) is significantly less interested in developing this relationship than the political leadership of the country."

News Story: Punjab University Vice Chancellor Reviews U.S.-Aided Degree Program - "Business Recorder" (06/04)

"Vice-Chancellor Punjab University, Professor Dr Mujahid Kamran, accompanied by the Dean Faculty of Education Professor Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Iqbal, participated in a video conference meeting to review the latest progress on the implementation of US-aided project for the new four year BEd (Hons) degree program. Director Pre-STEP University Office, Nancy George conducted the video conference."

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EDITORIALS/OP -EDS

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Editorial: The Dirty War, an editorial in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/04)

"The wars being waged within and around the country have civilians stirred into the battlefield mix, and are getting dirtier by the month. One of the dirtier is the War of the Drones.... The use of drones as target-killers should be subject to the same rules and safeguards as any other form of warfare.... Drones are more likely to breach the rules of war than soldiers fighting on the ground, who are able to opt for non-lethal ways of achieving their objective; and if they kill civilians in the process there is at least a chance that they will be held accountable for doing so. War-fighting is changing and battlefield robots like drones are going to be used increasingly to maximize strike values and minimize aggressor's casualties. The great danger is that remote war-fighting becomes a video-game for those commanding the weapons, and in video games nobody ever really dies; they just get re-booted. This abdication of accountability may indeed be criminal, in which case the rules of war need reframing and at the very least we need to be seeing credible figures for civilian casualties, not the fudged and half-hearted concoction we are fed currently."

Editorial: Cry Against Drones, an editorial in the center-right national English daily "The Nation" (cir. 20,000) (06/04)

"The UN official's call for an end to drone attacks by the U.S. in Pakistan's tribal region and Afghanistan has not come too soon.... Literally, thousands have been blown to smithereens, or simply buried under the rubble, for the only fault that they happened to be living there at the time of the tragedy and, most likely, been born there. Among these ill-starred, unknowing human beings, only a smattering included wanted militants.... The U.S., since it became the sole superpower, and especially since 9/11, has operated on the global political scene like a loose cannon, aggressing against sovereign states, sidelining the UN, killing and maiming people, without let or hindrance, incarcerating and torturing them in the most inhuman conditions imaginable. It has ignored pleas to rein in its power and conduct itself as a civilized state. Let us hope Mr. Alston's call to play by the rules pays."

Editorial: Drone Attacks Are A License To Kill, an editorial in an editorial in the second-largest, nationalist Urdu daily "Nawa -i-Waqt" (cir. 150,000) (06/04)

"UN special representative on extrajudicial killing Phillip Anniston has demanded an immediate halt to drone attacks on suspected terrorists and said that sending orders for killing while sitting far away from the battlefield demonstrates a sick mindset.[He added] that drone strikes in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Israel and Chechnya are a violation of international regulations.... It is cruel and unfortunate if these drone strikes are happening with the Pakistan government's compliance.... Killing women and children in their homes cannot be justified even if the CIA is conducting these strikes with Pakistan government's consultation. In fact while CIA, Russia and Israel should be tried for war crimes for violating international regulations, those who allow these strikes should also be brought to justice."

Editorial: Aftermath Of The Flotilla Massacre, an editorial in the

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Lahore-based liberal English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (06/04)

"Muted admonishments from the international community and western media-backed Israeli propaganda might just see the flotilla fiasco drown in the murky waters of double standards and silent complicity.... Washington has asked Israel to conduct a fair and impartial investigation into the incident. This is akin to asking the Taliban to conduct an investigation into the recent massacre of the Ahmedis; merely to state this is enough to highlight its absurdity.... It is time the entire world wakes up and takes stock of the atrocities Israel has been inflicting on the Palestinians, especially since the 2007 Gaza war. To seal off a population of 1.5 million and bombard them with artillery fire and aerial attacks and subject them to a consistent lack of necessities like food and water is an act of sheer barbarism. Gaza is one big concentration camp and the Israelis have ironically taken on the mirror image of their erstwhile Nazi oppressors. The flotilla attack must be recognized as a war crime and stringent measures must be taken to punish the perpetrator and prevent such an occurrence in future."

Editorial: Orakzai Victory, an editorial in the Lahore-based liberal English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (06/04)

"Newspapers reported that the army has declared victory in Orakzai Agency, creating an impression that the area has been freed of militants for good. Nothing could be further from the truth.... The main thrust of the Orakzai offensive may be over, but that can lull one into false complacency.... Experience shows that when the pressure mounts, the militants melt away, as survival of a guerrilla is his victory, but re-emerge when they find the military in a holding mode.... The civil administration and other security forces, such as the paramilitary and the police, must take over in the wake of the main operation so that the military is freed to conduct mopping up and make sure there is no resurgence or regrouping of the militants."

Editorial: Indian Role in Afghanistan, an editorial in the Islamabad-based rightist English daily "Pakistan Observer" (cir. 5,000) (06/04)

"He (William J. Burns) categorically stated that the United States would not ask India to reduce its high profile role in Afghanistan and instead claimed that Indian role is key to future success in Afghanistan. This should leave no doubt that after its exit from Afghanistan the United States has plans to assign some significant role to India and it is quite obvious that it would amount to presence of a continued threat to the security and interests of Pakistan.... Let it be known to the United States that there can't be sustainable peace and stability in Afghanistan without safeguarding of legitimate strategic interests of Pakistan. The United States has every right to foster its ties with India but this should not be at the cost of Pakistan. Why the United States should assume the status of spokesman for India by referring time and again to so-called activities of 'Lashkar-e-Tayyaba'? The United States must strike a balance in its dealings with Pakistan and India and must not look Pakistan through Indian prism."

Editorial: Another Battle, an editorial in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/04)

"As if we do not see enough confrontation in a country where ethnic, sectarian and other kinds of conflict have become the norm, we now

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see the opening up of new hostilities. The interior minister has joined the Punjab governor in directing attention towards terrorist outfits based in southern Punjab and urging action against these groups.... Today, madressahs run by hard-line organizations exist alongside centers where moderate traditions continue to be espoused. Most people continue to hold on to these; some favor violence. The Punjab government needs to emphasize this and ensure there is no confusion over this."

Editorial: Punjabi Taliban, an editorial in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (06/04)

"This, though, is not the time for political intrigue, and the leadership of both parties must act forcefully and promptly to quell rumor, speculation and tit-for-tat comments. There ought to be only one focus at the moment: dealing with the very real and the very serious problem of militancy in Punjab. Centre, province and the security forces will all need to work in concert if the threat is to be defeated but that cannot happen if the political parties are squabbling. Both sides need to act with a greater sense of responsibility and urgency. On its part, the PPP needs to stop public comments by its ministers that could rile the PML-N. Interior Minister Rehman Malik's job is to ensure the internal security of Pakistan, which obviously includes Punjab. He, and others, need to focus on policy, not politics. On its part, the PML-N needs to shed its quasi-denial mode and get on with the business of fighting the real threat: the militants."

Editorial: Lahore High Court Directs Pakistan Government To Raise Derogatory Sketches Issue At UN Forum, an editorial in the leading mass circulation populist, often sensational Urdu daily "Jang" (cir. 300,000) (04/06)

"It seems that the real motive behind the repeated publication of blasphemous material by the western media is to provoke the Muslims, so that they resort to violent protest which can later be used as a ploy to launch a military aggression against the Muslim countries in the name of the war against terrorism. In this context, the order of the Lahore High Court (LHC) in which it has directed the Pakistan government to raise the derogatory sketches issue at the UN forum by June 15, represents the collective voice of the Muslim world and the government should act upon it without any delay."

Editorial: UN Report, an editorial in the Lahore-based center-right populist Urdu daily "Khabrain" (cir. 50,000) (06/04)

"The UN report criticizes U.S. role and says America cannot be given a license to kill. The U.S. intelligence agency CIA is not an army, but an illegal force and does not have the right to kill. This report can be termed quite courageous but the real issue is that the UN does not have a [military] force to ensure the implementation of its resolutions. The same report has reviewed Israel's violations of human rights and condemned them. The need is for the UN to get its reports and resolutions implemented also."

Opinion: Rationality Wanted, an op-ed by Gulmina Bilal Ahmad in the Lahore-based liberal English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (06/04)

"Rationality has become a rare commodity whereas emotional statements, decisions and reactions have become the norm. This could be the only reason behind the provincial categorization of the Taliban. The Pakhtuns are quick to point fingers at the Punjabi

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Taliban, whereas the Punjab government furiously denies their presence. It is a matter of record that 726 of the 1,764 members of banned organizations like the Lashkar-e-Jhangvi and Jaish-e-Mohammad belong to south Punjab. South Punjab also has about 44 percent of the country's religious seminaries. However, this is not about Punjab or Sindh. This is about the country and the fact that, at various levels, intolerance and extremist mindsets create havoc for the country at large."

Opinion: Pak-India War in Afghanistan, an op-ed by Saleem Safi in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/04)

"All other international and regional players have had to leave the scene to quit the game, but India and Pakistan have had no pause since 1947. Because of Afghanistan's refusal to recognize Pakistan from day one due to the Durand Line issue and India's attempts to exploit this animosity, the proxy war has not come to an end. As against its treatment of other states in its immediate neighborhood, India has been more generous to Afghanistan. Not for love of Afghans but because of its ambitions to use Afghanistan for settling scores with Pakistan. In response, the Pakistani establishment always looked at Afghanistan in the context of the country's animosity with India."

Opinion: Israel's Challenge To The World, an op-ed by Kuldip Nayar in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (06/04)

"Yet Tel Aviv's attitude should not come as a surprise because it has clearly told the world that it will treat the Palestinians and their woes in its own way.... America is the only nation which can put pressure on Israel. But every U.S. President assesses how much he can do without annoying the powerful Jewish lobby in America.... The attack on the flotilla indicates how power has become the arbiter in the world.... The entire international community has to sit up and take note. Israel cannot get away with it as it has so far by reducing the people of Palestine to a commodity that Tel Aviv can use in the manner it likes. Israel is not the face of the Jews who are generally known as a peace-loving community. It should not be allowed to blacken their faces."

Opinion: Side-Effect - Flotilla, an op-ed by Harris Khalique in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/04)

"The American government continues with its policy on the Palestinian-Israeli issue, and the coyness of the President of the United States and the audacity on the part of the mainstream U.S. media comparable only to that of Netanyahu confirm that the Israeli government will smoothly get away with another crime against humanity. One is sure that a UN Security Council resolution to condemn the act, if any at all, will be vetoed by the U.S. as usual. This is what you call persistence."

Opinion: Israeli Piracy & U.S. Callousness, an op-ed by Ghaznavi in the Islamabad-based rightist English daily "Pakistan Observer" (cir. 5,000) (06/04)

"Israel has committed piracy on high seas, in complete disregard of international maritime laws as well as humanitarian considerations.... Unfortunately, the UN once again failed as a neutral world body and watchdog for the free world. Israel faced heavy criticism in an emergency session of the United Nations

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Security Council in response to its deadly attack on the aid flotilla trying to breach the Gaza blockade, but attempts to issue a formal statement stalled after the United States rejected the strong condemnation sought by Turkey.... Unfortunately, it is the U.S. administration, which is a prisoner of its own conscience. If it pushes this gross act of Israeli piracy under the carpet too, that day is not far when Israel will dictate U.S. foreign and defence policy too. It already controls U.S. media and its finances thus its hold on the U.S. jugular will be complete."

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1. Lead Stories Summary

All print and electronic media outlets had the same lead story today: the CDU's nomination of Lower Saxony's Minister President Christian Wulff as presidential candidate. FAZ and Sueddeutsche carried the identical headline: "Christian Wulff to Become President," while Die Welt headlined: "Wulff Against Gauck." Berliner Zeitung headlined: "The Candidate" showing a picture of Wulff and Tagesspiegel said: "CDU/CSU and FDP Nominating Wulff." Financial Times Deutschland had the irreverent headline: "Mom Gets Son-in-Law." Only Handelsblatt carried a different story dealing with the upcoming G-20 finance ministers meeting and spoke of an "ice age" between Berlin and Washington under the headline: "Savings Chancellor Versus Debt President." Editorials focused on Christian Wulff and on the planned closed-door meeting to approve savings measures.

2. (Mideast) Gaza Flotilla

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*Frankfurter Allgemeine* (6/4) carried several reports on the aftermath of the Israeli raid on the Gaza flotilla. One dealt with the Israeli reaction under the headline: "Wooden Blocks Turned into Iron Rods" and wrote: "It is still unclear what happened during the storming of the 'Solidarity Fleet,' but Israel is resisting an international investigation and is instead trying to prove how violent the activists on the ships were."

In a report on the Turkish reaction to the raid on the flotilla, *Frankfurter Allgemeine* (6/4) wrote under the headline "Turkey Demands Apology," that "Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan said it is a welcome consequence of the Israeli attack on the Gaza flotilla that the situation of the Palestinians is now again attracting greater attention. In addition, he criticized that Israel always defines criticism of Israel as anti-Semitism. Erdogan said in Ankara on Thursday: 'No one believes this any longer.' ... In a resolution that was adopted in the Turkish parliament on Thursday, it called upon Israel to apologize for the 'inhuman attack' on May 31, punish the ones who are responsible, and pay compensations to the victims."

*Tagesspiegel* (6/4) carried a report under the headline: "Gaza Activists Announcing New Ships – Grand Reception for Returnees in Istanbul," and reported that the activists "were welcomed in Istanbul like heroes. Thousands of people shouted; 'We are proud of you.' The paper added: "In view of the widespread anger of the Turks at Israel, new activities for Gaza are likely. An IHH spokesman said that many more ships than the previous six ones would soon set off on a voyage [to Gaza]."

"U.S. Calling for Relaxation of Gaza Blockade," headlined *Financial Times Deutschland* (6/4) and wrote: "The U.S. government is working under high pressure to defuse the diplomatic crisis following the Israeli storming of the Gaza 'solidarity flotilla.' Washington is working on a relaxation of the blockade of the Gaza Strip but also on setting up an independent investigative committee that is to examine the bloody incident. With this approach, President Obama is trying to help Israel get out of the current isolation. Friends and enemies condemned the storming of the six ships because it was out of proportion. All nine victims come from Turkey and one of them had a U.S. passport. The government in Ankara is irritated by the subdued U.S. reaction."

*Deutschlandfunk* (6/3) commented: "Israel and the United States no longer have the same interests in the Middle East. Since Israel's behavior is weakening the U.S. allies in the region – be it Jordan's King Abdullah or Egypt's President Mubarak – it will weaken the U.S. influence .... The Arab neighbors will now receive the Turks with open arms.... And what about the Europeans? Irrespective of whether it w Israel's war in the Gaza Strip or Mossad's assassination attack in Dubai, the Europeans only made statements that were as soft as wax and no one took it seriously, neither the Israelis nor the Arabs. Thus, the Europeans are forfeiting their reputation and the ability to influence events. The EU cannot be indifferent to the fact that Israel is stirring up the situation in the Middle East again and again. The citizens in Europe must demand a change of their governments' policies toward the Middle East and insist on a policy that serves their own European interests."

In an editorial *Frankfurter Allgemeine* (6/4) said: "It was a previous Israeli strategy not to admit any mistakes or to show weakness. In the meantime, it has turned into an obsession that no longer protects the country but is detrimental to Israel. Prime Minister Netanyahu has dismissed demands to lift the Gaza blockade even though Israel has not achieved one of its goals...and now Israel even rejects an independent investigation of the military operation against the Gaza flotilla, even though its justification must really be doubted when applying international law and even though the implementation of the operation was out of proportion ...."

In an editorial, under the headline: "Alone Against the Rest of the World," *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* (6/4) argued: "With its stubborn attitude, Israel is even infuriating its closest allies. With this Rambo operation against ships loaded with relief goods, Israel has caused an outrage everywhere in the world. But now the leadership in Jerusalem is about to worsen the situation by stubbornly justifying the operation that went far beyond the original goal. With it, Israel is now risking an international isolation .... If Israel has nothing to hide, as the government and the military have asserted again and again, it should not be opposed to an international investigative commission .... In this case, the stubbornness of the Israeli leadership is not only scandalous but even counterproductive. "

*Financial Times Deutschland* (6/4) judged under the headline: "The Ultra-Right-Wing State" that "the government of Benjamin Netanyahu and Avigdor Lieberman does not give a damn about human rights. As long as this remains the case, the West should suspend Israel's privileged status. It was easy for the West to find reasons for this privileged status as long as Israel was a state that abided by rule of law, but these privileges should no longer be granted to Netanyahu and Lieberman. Their temporary freeze would be a signal that the current

situation cannot go on - also towards the Israelis who do not support the policy of their government. Israel's right wing is arguing that human rights violations are based on the state of war in which the country is. If Netanyahu and Lieberman are allowed to continue as before, the Middle East will remain in its current state."

*Berliner Zeitung* (6/4) observed in an editorial: "It has long been clear that never before has a policy been as counterproductive as Israel's policy towards the Gaza Strip. But it is new that an increasing number of politicians openly say so.... The Gaza policy must be redefined. The problem with the Palestinian house of poverty is that it can no longer be ignored. Even the rapprochement talks between Israel and the moderate Palestinian leadership must now dedicate their attention to the Gaza question. Much will depend on whether the Obama government considers the previous Gaza policy not only to be 'questionable' but also sees a need to revamp it."

### 3. (Afghanistan) Peace Jirga

*Frankfurter Rundschau* (6/4) carried a full-page report on the peace Jirga in Kabul under the headline: "Peace Tent under Fire" and reported that the "Afghan President did not allow the attack to intimidate him." The paper also reported that German media were not accredited for the Jirga and the official reason was: "Too little space, even though international media were accredited. Observers in Kabul assume that the government thus wants to take revenge for the Afghanistan trip of former President Köhler who visited Bundeswehr soldiers a while ago without meeting the government in Kabul."

*Frankfurter Allgemeine* (6/4) reported that the "peace Jirga is the first large-scale purely Afghan political conference since the ouster of the Taliban. But it is still far away from a consensus on the future treatment of the Taliban." *Sueddeutsche* also carried a report on the meeting under the headline: "And the Brother is Sending Missiles - At the peace conference, President Karzai is calling upon the insurgents to renounce violence, but they answer his appeal with an attack on the Jirga."

In an editorial under the headline: "Old Wisdoms in a Beer Hall Tent," *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* (6/4) opined: "Of course, Afghanistan will not resemble a Westminster democracy, not even after the end of this peace Jirga. It will not bring peace but it allows a few conclusions about the president's real power. Hamid Karzai is consolidating his position after the falsified elections last year. He emphasizes that the fate of Afghanistan is a matter for the Afghans to decide, not for foreigners, and he brings back an important element of Afghan politics: the Jirga is a national process in the Afghan decision-making process. That is why the peace assembly would be a good thing if the most important prerequisite for peace were not missing: the presence of the enemy.... One thing is certain: It will be Afghanistan itself that must establish peace. Never before has something like this been successfully imposed on the country. Peace under Afghan terms means a stability that has been borrowed for a certain period of time. Currently, Hamid Karzai is presenting his friends. They are sitting in a German beer hall tent in Kabul and should tell his country and their international guardians: we will choose the Afghan way to more peace - or to another war."

Regional daily *Märkische Oderzeitung* of Frankfurt on the Oder (6/4) had this to say; "Washington and the Taliban are still far away from direct talks even though there are secret talks between the Karzai government and the insurgents. And even if there is a secret agreement, there are still enough explosive political issues. Surrounding powers such as Russia, China, India, Iran, and Pakistan pursue their own interests in Afghanistan. Tajiks, Uzbeks, and other ethnic tribes are afraid of being pushed to the sidelines in an agreement with the Taliban, who are dominated by Pashtuns."

### 4. (U.S.) Oil Spill

Under the headline "BP CEO: We are Helpless," *Sueddeutsche* (6/4) reported that BP is unable to get the spill under control and wrote: "The BP oil company is helplessly facing the oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. CEO Tony Hayward conceded that the company was not well prepared for an accident. In the meantime, President Obama announced that he wants to push for a change in the energy policy of his country. The U.S. President want to take advantage of the public outrage in the U.S. at the oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico and use it as a political means of pressure for his climate policy that has thus far not been crowned with success. In an address in Pittsburgh he said that he wants to push a new energy and climate bill that will speed up America's departure from the use of oil."

*Financial Times Deutschland* (6/4) headlined: "Oil Spill Expands to Entire Industrial Sector - U.S. Change of

Policies Jeopardizes Business – Premiums to Increase, Sector Fears Tax Increases." The daily wrote: "Just as the vast oil slick in the Gulf of Mexico is spreading, so too the economic damage is widening. In the meantime, not only BP is affected but the entire industrial sector is faced with dramatic losses. This accident...has caused a rethinking. This industrial sector, which was popular among investors because of its high dividends, is now becoming discredited. Due to the disaster, risks are coming to the fore which even analysts considered impossible. Especially deep sea drilling, which enthused technology freaks and resulted in billions of profits, is now under fire even in the U.S. government which was previously friendly to this industrial sector."

In an editorial, *Die Welt* (6/4) argued under the headline: "And the Oil Continues to Sputter" that "Everything appears like a writing on the wall because, in this case, too, a chain reaction was set in motion that reminds us of the financial crisis. All sides involved bear guilt and responsibility, with BP in first place.... But politicians also failed as controllers because the U.S. allows cheap gas to act as an engine for its society. This prompted Washington to take on a lax attitude when it comes to controls and restrictions .... This disaster cannot be compared with floods or a tsunami; when they are over, aid materializes and the great clean-up begins. But what would happen if this oil could not be reined in? A product from nature destroys nature. How paradoxical. Who could help? And what if there is no solution? The feeling of helplessness is unbearable."

#### 5. (Economic) Financial Regulations

Under the headline: "End the Blockade," *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* (6/4) had this to say: "With breathtaking speed, the European Commission is presenting new proposals to make financial transactions in Europe safer and to protect taxpayers from having to save needy banks. But the question is whether the Commission's proposals will also be approved by the member states and the European Parliament. A look at the state of the talks reveals a clear 'no.' Thus far, hardly any new rule has been adopted. The bills are stuck in the European bodies ... and the consequences are dramatic. Almost two years after the outbreak of the financial crisis, the European banks can continue to do whatever they like .... The leading role that the EU claimed for itself at the G-20 meeting at the end of 2008 has thus far been nothing but empty words .... In its misery, the Commission has appealed to the EU leaders to give up their blockade and it addressed its appeal primarily to three countries: Germany, the UK, and France. Was it not those very countries that called for an efficient European oversight agency in 2008? If Angela Merkel and her colleagues do not want to lose their credibility, they must take action now. They have the opportunity to do so at the EU summit in mid-June."

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1. (U) At the June 3 plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament (CD), Minister Ri Jang Gon (DPRK) accused South Korea and the United States of conspiring against his country. Upon the conclusion of a "sham investigation", he said, the latter two had "wrongly attributed" the recent sinking of the South Korean warship "Cheonan" to the DPRK. Their motive, he claimed, was to impede the DPRK's efforts to become a powerful and prosperous country by 2012. Since this goal requires the maintenance of peace on the Korean peninsula, he asserted that "anyone with logic cannot accept" the allegations leveled against the DPRK. South Korea and the United States, he said, have already shown their true colors by supporting the deadly raid on the humanitarian aid flotilla destined for Gaza in the UN Human Rights Council. They are now "foolishly" seeking to punish the DPRK for a crime that it did not commit through sanctions or the use of force. As a result, "a war may break out at any moment." The DPRK, he added, stands ready to defend itself under every possible circumstance, including war.

2. (U) Following this intervention, CD President Alex Van Meeuwen (Belgium) asked delegations to address their bilateral concerns outside of the CD. On a point of order, the DPRK representative said that the issue to which he referred was not simply bilateral in scope: a real threat of war involving a nuclear-armed state loomed on the Korean peninsula, which concerned the CD, and "we have the right to say anything relating to the security of our region."

3. (U) Noting he was speaking without specific instructions, Ambassador Im Han-Taek (South Korea) expressed "sadness" that the DPRK had denounced another Member State in the CD without substantiation. South Korea has presented evidence clearly demonstrating the DPRK's culpability in the sinking of a South Korean vessel, he said – an act that violated the UN Charter and the Korean Armistice Agreement. Further, the South Korean ambassador said that the DPRK's characterization of his government's vote in the Human Rights Council concerning the Gaza-bound flotilla was factually incorrect.

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4. (U) Following this intervention, the President once again asked delegations to address their bilateral concerns outside of the CD. Agreeing with the President that the CD was not the proper forum in which to discuss regional issues, AMB Kennedy said that she was nonetheless compelled to address the DPRK representative's claims since they were directed against her country as well as the ROK. While agreeing that the present situation on the Korean peninsula was grave, she said she rejected every other item that he had raised and associated herself with the points made by the ROK Rep. The investigation carried out on the sinking of the ROK vessel had been scrupulous and painstaking and had conclusively demonstrated where the culpability for the sinking lay.

5. (U) The DPRK had provided copies of its statement to the news media in advance of its delivery to the Conference.

6. (U) Link to full text of DPRK statement as prepared for delivery:

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1. (SBU) SUMMARY: The Security Council met in an emergency session on May 31, in response to requests from Turkey and Lebanon, to discuss Israel's handling of its interdiction of a flotilla sailing to Gaza. Many Council members condemned the Israeli actions and Turkish FM Davutoglu made a particularly harsh statement criticizing Israel, calling the incident "banditry and piracy." The Israeli Deputy Perm Rep and Palestinian Observer also spoke, after which the Council went into consultations and negotiations to draft a Presidential Statement (PRST). Over the next 13 hours, the U.S. delegation negotiated with the Turkish delegation to produce a PRST which condemned "those acts which resulted in the loss of at least ten civilians and many wounded," called for a "prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation conforming to international standards," and requested the immediate release of the ships and civilians held by Israel. The PRST also expressed concern about the incident's potential effect on the proximity talks, and urged the parties to act with restraint and avoid unilateral or provocative actions. END SUMMARY.

2. (SBU) In response to written requests from Council members Turkey and Lebanon to convene a formal Council meeting, the Council decided in consultations on May 31 to hold an emergency Council debate on the recent incident in the Eastern Mediterranean with the participation of all Council members, Israel, the Palestinian Observer and a briefing by the Secretariat. That debate was held in the Chamber immediately following the Council's consultations. [Note: The provisional verbatim meeting record can be found at <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resq/uide/scact2010.htm>. End note.]

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Secretariat briefing

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3. (SBU) Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs Oscar Fernandez-Taranco briefed the Council that, in the early hours of May 31, Israeli naval forces had boarded a six-ship convoy heading to Gaza. He noted that the stated purpose of the convoy was to deliver humanitarian assistance and to break the Israeli blockade on Gaza. He referred to Israeli government statements in the lead-up that it would not allow the convoy to proceed and that the vessels would be stopped, the cargo inspected and then transferred to Gaza, and any individuals onboard deported. He said that "de facto authorities in Gaza" had formed a committee to receive the convoy.

4. (SBU) He referred to the Secretary-General's spokesman's May 28 statement that "all involved act with a sense of care and responsibility and work for a satisfactory resolution." Though the Israeli navy had told the convoy it could not proceed to Gaza, the convoy nevertheless proceeded, he briefed, and the Israeli navy acted to intercept it by boarding the vessels some 40 nautical miles off the coast in international waters. While the Israelis were able to take control of all six vessels, "there was serious violence" on the main passenger vessel (the "Mavi Marmara") he said, with at least ten killed and 30 injured and six Israeli military injured, according to the information at the time. He underscored that it was "not possible to state definitively the sequence or details of what happened" and that the UN has "no independent information of what transpired."

5. (SBU) He referred to Israeli government statements that the demonstrators on board used knives and clubs against the IDF naval personnel, and possibly live fire from a weapon grabbed from an IDF soldier. He referred to Israeli statements that the seriously injured had been taken by helicopter to hospitals in Israel and that five of the ships had arrived under escort to the Israeli port of Ashdod but the "Mavi Marmara" had not yet been brought into port. He referred to Israeli authorities' expressions of regret about the casualties but noted that they blamed the activists for the violence. He noted Palestinian President Abbas' condemnation of Israel's actions, the killing of the activists, and the declaration of three days mourning. He summarized the Secretary-General's statement that he is shocked by the killings, that he condemned the violence, and called for a full investigation to determine how the bloodshed took place and stressed that Israel must provide a full explanation. Fernandez-Taranco underscored that Israel should provide access to detainees and for all parties to adhere to international law, including international humanitarian law and the law of the sea. He concluded by saying that "today's bloodshed would have been avoided if repeated calls on Israel to end the counterproductive and unacceptable blockade had been heeded." He said that the only way forward for Gaza is a "different and more positive strategy that implements resolution 1860."

Turkish FM

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6. (SBU) Turkish Foreign Minister Davutoglu was the first Council member to speak. In a sharply worded statement, he said it was a "very sad and tragic occasion when one state member of this august house has committed a serious crime" in total disregard of UN system values. He termed Israel's actions a "grave breach of international law," "tantamount to banditry and piracy," "aggression in high seas," "murder conducted by a state," and said "the distinction between terrorists and states has been blurred." He characterized the "sole aim" of the "multinational civilian flotilla" representing 32 countries as providing "much needed relief to the children of Gaza." He called the use of force "not only inappropriate, but also disproportionate." Referring to freedom of navigation, he claimed that no vessel can be stopped or boarded without the consent of its captain or the flag state. He said that this "unacceptable action" was perpetrated by those who had taken advantage in the past of "ships carrying refugees" and they should be more aware of the importance of humanitarian assistance and of the "dangers and inhumanity of ghettos" as in Gaza. He called on the Security Council to adopt a Presidential Statement "condemning the Israeli act of aggression, demanding an urgent inquiry," and calling for all responsible to be punished.

Council members

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7. (SBU) A number of Council members joined Turkey in specifically condemning Israel's use of force/violence, including Austria, Bosnia, Brazil ("vehemently condemns"), and Mexico. The Lebanese Perm Rep, in a harshly worded statement, said, it was a "flagrant violation of the Charter," as well as of "international law, international humanitarian law and the law of the sea." He said the perpetrators of this "wanton attack" must be punished. Japan condemned the "violent acts of hostility that caused this tragic incident." Russia called the stopping of ships on the high seas without justification a "gross violation of the norms of international law." China condemned Israeli actions targeting humanitarian workers and civilians. All Council members spoke of the need to open up the crossings to Gaza, with some noting the need for the implementation of resolution 1860. Some called on Israel to provide a full and transparent account of what had occurred while others called for an independent investigation. Many called for Israel to provide immediate consular access to the detained activists. Almost all Council members expressed concern that this incident happened at this time during the peace process and some flagged it as a reason why the negotiations need to be successfully concluded.

Palestinian Observer

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8. (SBU) The Palestinian Permanent Observer said that the Palestinian Authority had declared three days of mourning and that all of those killed

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were "martyrs of Palestine." He referred to "Israel's blatant acts of aggression" and condemned its actions. He attributed the violence to the silence of the international community and its inability to hold Israel accountable for its "war crimes." He called for an "independent, impartial, international investigation into this crime" and for all of those detained to be released.

Israeli Deputy Perm Rep

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9. (SBU) Just before the Israeli Deputy Perm Rep was called on to speak, the Lebanese Perm Rep, as Security Council President, handed the gavel over to his deputy and left the Chamber, as did the Turkish Foreign Minister and the Palestinian Permanent Observer. The Israeli Perm Rep underscored that the purpose of the convoy was to break Israel's maritime blockade of Gaza and referred to the convoy passengers' use of weapons to attack Israeli soldiers. He said that, if the mission had been truly humanitarian, its organizers would have accepted the Israeli government's offer to transfer the assistance through the Israeli port of Ashdod and overland to Gaza. He commented that there is no humanitarian crisis in Gaza and referred to UN Special Coordinator Serry's recent remarks to the Security Council.

10. (SBU) The Israeli Deputy Perm Rep stressed the state of armed conflict between Israel and the Hamas authorities in Gaza, the fact that rockets had been fired at Israel as recently as that morning, and that there continue to be attempts to smuggle arms by sea. He termed the maritime blockade a "legitimate mechanism of armed conflict" and said that Israel had provided the appropriate notification of the blockade to governments and the flotilla organizers. Nevertheless, the flotilla leader had publicly responded, "They are going to have to forcefully stop us." He described the organizers, the IHH, as having a radical anti-Western orientation and having provided previous support to Hamas and global jihad elements. He said that it was clear that there was an effort to "lynch" the soldiers boarding the one vessel and the soldiers acted in self-defense. He said the IDF would conduct a "debriefing" on the matter and will share it. He said that Israel "deeply regretted any loss of innocent life" and noted that the full picture will continue to unfold. He called for all to embrace the positive developments of the past few weeks in the peace process.

PRST

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11. (SBU) The Council then returned to consultations which were suspended to allow for almost thirteen hours of largely bilateral negotiations between the Turkish and U.S. delegations on the text of a Presidential statement (PRST). Shortly after 1:30 a.m. on June 1, under the just-begun Mexican Presidency of the Security Council for the month of June, the Council formally adopted the Presidential Statement. Begin text of Security Council Presidential Statement (S/PRST/2010/9) on the recent incident in the Eastern Mediterranean:

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"The Security Council deeply regrets the loss of life and injuries resulting from the use of force during the Israeli military operation in international waters against the convoy sailing to Gaza. The Council, in this context, condemns those acts which resulted in the loss of at least ten civilians and many wounded, and expresses its condolences to their families.

"The Security Council requests the immediate release of the ships as well as the civilians held by Israel. The Council urges Israel to permit full consular access, to allow the countries concerned to retrieve their deceased and wounded immediately, and to ensure the delivery of humanitarian assistance from the convoy to its destination.

"The Security Council takes note of the statement of the UN Secretary-General on the need to have a full investigation into the matter and it calls for a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation conforming to international standards.

"The Security Council stresses that the situation in Gaza is not sustainable. The Council re-emphasizes the importance of the full implementation of Resolutions 1850 and 1860. In that context, it reiterates its grave concern at the humanitarian situation in Gaza and stresses the need for sustained and regular flow of goods and people to Gaza as well as unimpeded provision and distribution of humanitarian assistance throughout Gaza.

"The Security Council underscores that the only viable solution to Israeli-Palestinian conflict is an agreement negotiated between the parties and re-emphasizes that only a two-State solution, with an independent and viable Palestinian State living side by side in peace and security with Israel and its other neighbours, could bring peace to the region.

"The Security Council expresses support for the proximity talks and voices concern that this incident took place while the proximity talks are underway and urges the parties to act with restraint, avoiding any unilateral and provocative actions, and all international partners to promote an atmosphere of cooperation between the parties and throughout the region." End text.

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## PUBLIC AFFAIRS PRESS SUMMARY – HEADS-UP

A Quick Look at the Brazilian Press

Friday, June 04, 2010

### Summary:

Brazilian new media today included continued reporting on the Israeli raid on the Gaza-bound flotilla, particularly on Israel's decision to uphold its blockade and the deterioration of the Israel-Turkey relationship. Op-eds and columnists critiqued what they viewed as USG silence on the issue, juxtaposing it to the USG stance on Iran. Papers reported on Defense Minister Jobim's statements supporting Iran's right to nuclear power, while a special feature in Valor covered Brazil's position on Iran in the context of an emerging new global order. Media also reported on the decreasing likelihood of a deal in the cotton dispute; meetings between Brazil and China in the lead-up to the G-20; a 2 million strong evangelical march in Sao Paulo; and U.S. Mission efforts to bolster English teaching in Brazil through teacher training and exchanges.

### Israeli Flotilla Raid Media Reaction:

#### **Continued Coverage of Israeli Flotilla Raid and Israel/Palestine Issues**

TV Globo/Globo News/O Globo 26-27/Jornal do Brasil A2-A3: Television news coverage focused on world condemnation of the Israeli raid, and reports that Israel agrees to international participation in investigations. Globo News also reported that Israel will study plans to expand assistance to Palestinians in the region. Brazilian papers report that after an emergency meeting with his security cabinet, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has decided not to allow the Irish ship "Rachel Corrie" to arrive in Gaza with humanitarian aid. However, both dailies highlight that Netanyahu may relax his stance on blocking ship access to the Gaza Strip over the coming days, as he said he was studying "creative ways" to allow the arrival of humanitarian aid to the Palestinian territory. In related news, Turkish President Abdullah Gul said that the relationship between Turkey and Israel will never be the same again after the Israeli attack on a Turkish humanitarian aid flotilla last Sunday. Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan added that Israel may lose its only friend in the region if it does not change its mentality. According to the NGO Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief (IHH), three activists from the attacked Turkish flotilla are still missing. <http://migre.me/L.Gul>

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**TV-** Jornal Nacional 06/03/2010: Israel agrees to international participation in the investigations of its raid on the Gaza-bound flotilla. <http://migre.me/LGVd>

**TV-** Jornal da Globo 06/03/2010: Under international pressure to end blockade in Gaza, Israel announces that will study plans to expand assistance to Palestinians in the region. <http://migre.me/LH2B>

**TV-** Globo News Sem Fronteiras 06/04/2010: World condemns Israeli raid on humanitarian ships. <http://migre.me/LH8Q>

**Eliane Catanhede: "Terrorism" – Folha de S. Paulo A2:** Columnist Eliane Catanhede details how poorly she was treated at the airport in Eilat, Israel, during a recent visit, and adds that Israel's reaction to the humanitarian flotilla was a serious mistake. She also notes that Israel can no longer rely on only the U.S., "especially when the U.S. faces various global challenges, has exported the financial crisis to the world, holds an uncertain future and – worst of all – just received a blow in the announcement that one of the people killed in the flotilla raid was a Turkish-American. Is Iran isolated? So is Israel. Radicals feed on themselves and radicalism destroys. Your turn, Barack Obama." <http://migre.me/LG3i>

**Op-ed: Sociologist criticizes Sec. Clinton's "silence on Israel"**

*Jornal do Brasil* A11: In an op-ed in Rio de Janeiro's *Jornal do Brasil*, Brazilian sociologist Gilson Caroni Filho writes that the world must not expect Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to propose trade or financial sanctions, or military intervention against Tel Aviv. Caroni Filho believes that Clinton saves these practices for Iran, "a NPT signatory country with no track record of aggression against neighbors or state acts of piracy." The sociologist highlights Clinton's double standards, noting that she is unlikely to condemn or warn Israel, but at the same time has warned Brazil for the country's opinions on the Iranian nuclear program. "On [Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu and his soldiers, one can only wait for Hillary's complicit silence regarding these murderers," writes Caroni Filho, who also believes that the UN Security Council is being too lenient towards Israel. <http://migre.me/LGbZ>

**Blog Gustavo Chacra – From Entebbe to Gaza – Israel loses war of public opinion.** <http://migre.me/LGJj>

**Article by Janio de Freitas: "The face and soul" – Folha de S. Paulo A6:** Columnist writes that the current situation in the Middle East is a result of U.S. actions and UN Security Council veto power. [from Thursday, June 3rd]

Iran:

**Jobim supports GoB view on Iran**

*O Globo* 2: Columnist Ilmar Franco writes that Brazilian Defense Minister Nelson Jobim voiced his support for the Iranian nuclear program during a Brazilian Army-sponsored summit on regional security. In a reference to Iran, Jobim said that the use of nuclear power for peaceful purposes is as important to Brazil as it is to other countries. He criticized the U.S. for using atomic bombs in World War II, saying that the act was unjustifiable because it killed civilians who "had nothing to do" with the war. <http://migre.me/LGaj>

**New Global Chess:**

*Valor Econômico EU&Fim de Semana*: Valor's weekend supplement analyzes the risks and responsibilities of the new international order, highlighting the fact that the actions of players such as Brazil and Turkey in strategic issues, including their agreement with Iran, are drawing more international attention. Former Brazilian Ambassador to the U.S., Roberto Abdenur writes that Brazil needs to correct certain distortions and mistakes, "We should not make the mistake of overestimating the reduction of U.S. power, or the ascension of other players such as China and India." <http://migre.me/LGWC> <http://migre.me/LGXS>

World Cup:

**"Sponsor" Folha de S. Paulo A2-** Cartoon depicts Brazil and FIFA as sponsors of Robert Mugabe's decimation of Zimbabwe, in response to the Brazil-Zimbabwe friendly match played on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Cotton Dispute:

**Brazil-U.S. cotton deal remains distant** – *Folha de S. Paulo* B4: Washington correspondent Andrea Murta and Geneva correspondent Luciana Coelho report that the chances that Brazil and the U.S. will reach a consensus regarding U.S. subsidies to cotton are dwindling. *Folha* says there have been no advances in proposals since the last meeting held in Washington May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> (but cites no sources for this statement). <http://migre.me/LG4S>

**"Thanks to Brazil"** – *O Estado de S. Paulo* B5: Paper reproduces a *Washington Post* editorial about the cotton dispute between Brazil and the U.S. saying that U.S. subsidies are an obstacle to free and fair trade. The editorial also claims that they complicate U.S. relations with the rest of the world, and that Brazil's victory in cotton trade case exposes America's wasteful subsidies <http://migre.me/LGD2>

NPT:

**Editorial: "Nuclear World"** – *Folha de S. Paulo* A2: Paper says the Non-Proliferation Treaty review agreement maintained the status quo and made some advances but does not contribute to reducing nuclear arsenals. <http://migre.me/LFZe>

**Blog do Lampreia – Brazilian Nuclear Program**. Lampreia reposts an article published in *Der Spiegel*, questioning Brazil's nuclear program. Lampreia states that Brazil's nuclear program is acknowledged as peaceful by the international community. <http://migre.me/LGPY>

Education:

**U.S. Mission-sponsored English teaching training and exchange**

*O Dia* p.10 (and cover): Rio de Janeiro newspaper reports that the U.S. Embassy, concerned with the level of English teaching in the Brazilian public school system and with eyes on the 2016 Olympic Games, is investing in free teacher-training courses that include the possibility of immersion programs in the U.S. The daily quotes Embassy Cultural Affairs Officer Jean Manes as saying, "The Embassy has a six-year project in Rio. The time leading up to the Games. Our focus is on the teacher, who is critical to learning...if you invest in those who teach, the students receive higher quality [results] in the classroom." The daily also writes that public school students from Madureira, RJ will receive [Access] scholarships from the U.S. Embassy and USAID to study English at bi-national center IBEU.

**Coca-Cola promotes videoconference between U.S. and Brazilian students**

*O Globo* 25: Columnist Maria Fernanda Delmas writes that Coca-Cola is promoting videoconference chats in Spanish between students from Brazilian public schools and youngsters from the U.S. The chats are part of the Coca-Cola Institute's "Valuing the Young" program (*Valoriza ção do Jovem*, in Portuguese), whose main purpose is to prevent young people from dropping out of school.

Business, Trade and Economics:

**Brazil and China hold pre-G20 summit talks**

*O Globo* 23: Brazilian Finance Minister Guido Mantega met yesterday with his Chinese counterpart Xie Xuren in Beijing to discuss a common position that the BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India and China) will adopt regarding the reform of the global financial system during the upcoming G20 summit in Canada, later this month. Both countries agreed that the U.S. dollar must be replaced by a multi-currency system as the global reserve currency, in order to avert sudden exchange rate



imbalances. <http://migre.me/LGZn>

**Brazilian IPR specialist releases new book in the U.S.**

*O Globo* 16: Columnist Ancelmo Gois writes that Brazilian intellectual property rights specialist Nehemias Gueiros is releasing his latest book, "Copyright Law and the Internet, An Insight on the Legal Impact of the Web" in the U.S.

**U.S. hotel chain considers investing in Rio**

*O Globo* 24: Paper reports that U.S. businessman Keith Menin, owner of the Mondrian hotel chain, is in Rio with plans to purchase an old hotel in the city for retrofitting, writes columnist Maria Fernanda Delmas. According to the journalist, Menin is touring the high-income neighborhoods of Leblon, Ipanema and Copacabana to search for potential acquisition targets.

Religion:

**"March for Jesus" draws 2 million people in Sao Paulo** – *Folha de S. Paulo* A10: The founder of the evangelical Church for the Rebirth of Christ, Estevam Hernandes, spoke at a rally about what he considers to be discrimination against evangelicals. Hernandes did not mention a pending court case against him in the U.S. ((Article does not mention what the charges are.))

Government and Politics:

**President Lula's official agenda for today** – Blog do Noblat: The president will be in Brasilia all day today. At 10:00 he meets with Minister of Defense, Nelson Jobim: <http://migre.me/LGHM>

**Editorial: "Praising ravenousness"** – *O Estado de S. Paulo* A3: Paper says President Lula supports First World taxes in return for Third World services. <http://migre.me/LG6C>

**Brazilian Solicitor General criticizes Brazilian electoral system, praises U.S. system**

*Jornal do Brasil* A6: Brazilian Solicitor General Luis Inácio Adams criticized the Brazilian electoral system, which prevents potential candidates from officially beginning their campaigns more than 90 days before the elections. According to Adams, Brazilians need more than 90 days to get to know and choose their candidates. Adams believes that the U.S. electoral system is a model to follow.

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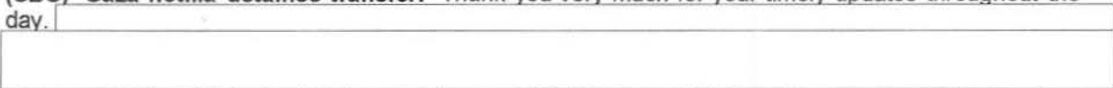


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(SBU) **Gaza flotilla detainee transfer:** Thank you very much for your timely updates throughout the day.



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All is quiet today in Lebanon with regard to this issue, but the returnees received a hero's welcome and the press continues to be extremely critical of Israel and perceived U.S. shielding of Israel from international criticism. Our two threatened demonstrations were cancelled yesterday (though the

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police were deployed in anticipation anyway). There is still the possibility of a demonstration in Awkar Square sometime this weekend, but it does not appear to be gaining much momentum. Most protest activity in the Beirut area has taken place in front of the ESCWA building downtown; all of it has been peaceful and relatively small.



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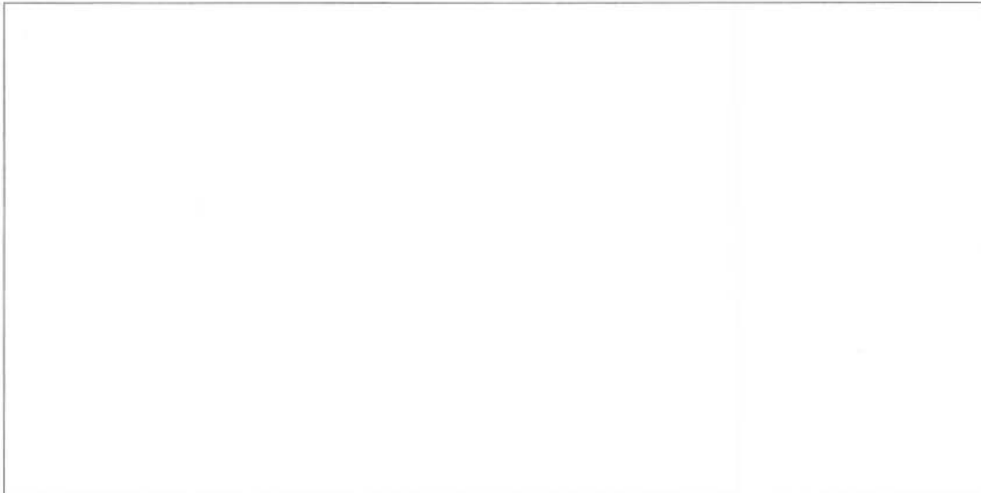


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(U) Foreign Minister Kouchner reiterated in the National Assembly June 2 the GOF contention that Israel applied "disproportionate force" in attempting to block the flotilla of ships headed toward Gaza. He said the act was unjustified, violated international law, diminished hopes for peace, and highlighted the urgency of a return to direct talks between Israeli and Palestinian leaders. Because of France's friendship with Israel, Kouchner said, its government can ask the Israeli government to recognize the mistake it has made and to return to the path of peace.

(U) Sporadic incidents of conflict and violence linked to the Gaza flotilla took place June 2 in France. Contacts reported the stoning of a synagogue in Strasbourg; several media outlets covered an aggressive shouting match that broke out at Charles de Gaulle airport between small groups of Jews and Muslims, which ultimately required over 30 policemen to contain; pro-Palestinian groups staged small demonstrations in several cities around the country; Union for a Popular Movement (UMP) Secretary General Xavier Bertrand cancelled his scheduled visit to Israel, Egypt and the Palestinian territories. (JMiller)

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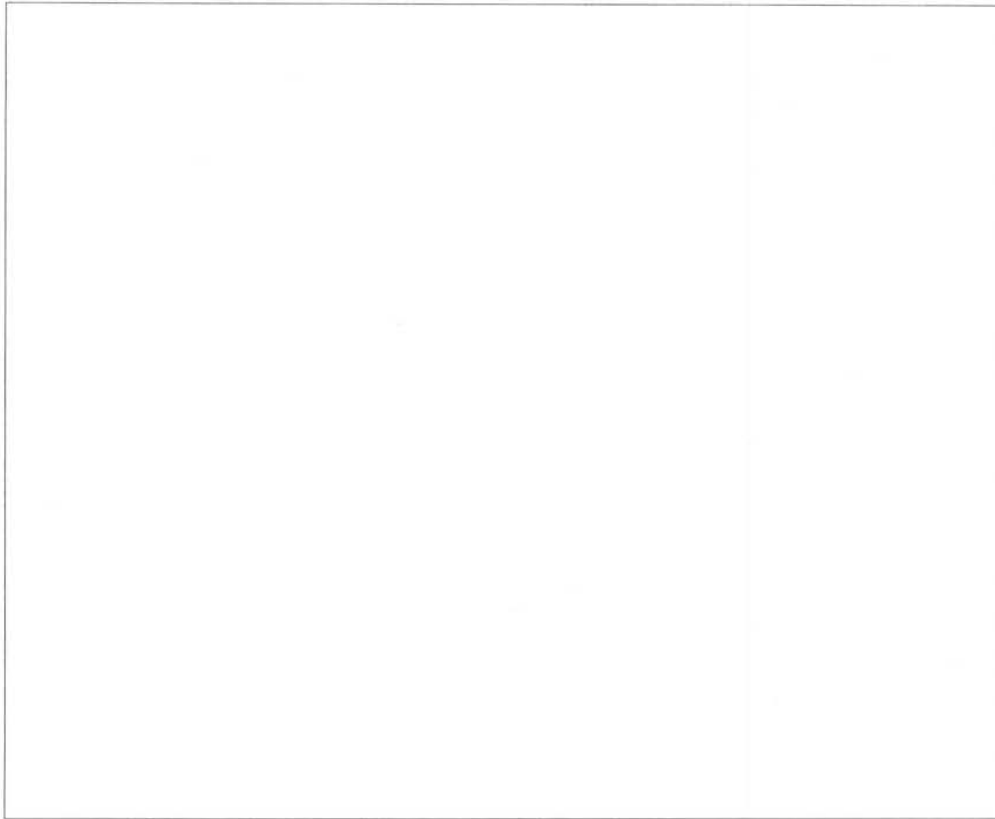
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Assistant Secretary for NEA Jeffrey Feltman  
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NSC Senior Director for European Affairs Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall  
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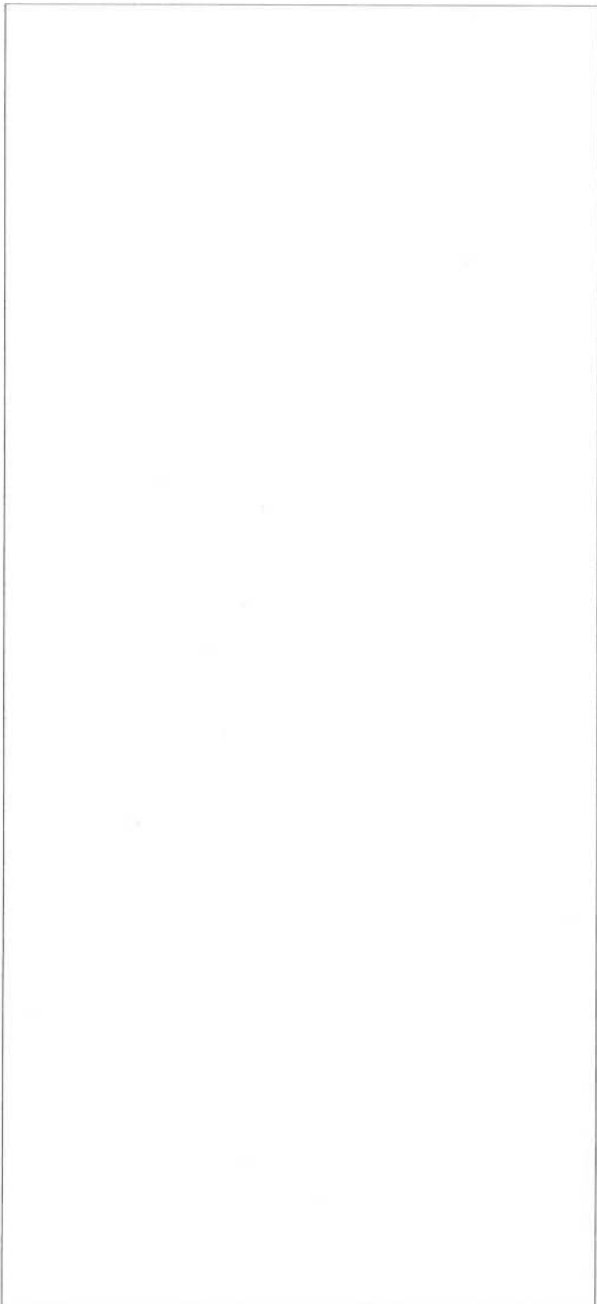
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spokesman Burak Ozugergin  
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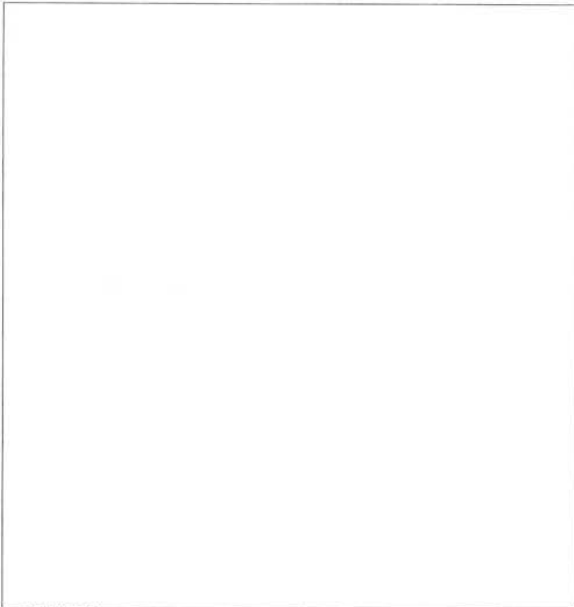
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- 3. DPOB: [REDACTED]
- 4. PASSPORT: [REDACTED]
- 5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: [REDACTED]  
USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: [REDACTED]
- 6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
- 7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: May 31, 2010, Ashdod Port
- 8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: Normal
- 9. CHARGES: Unspecified
- 10. PLACE OF DETENTION: Ella Detention Center, Beer Sheva
- 11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deportation

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12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: N/A

13. POSSIBLE SENTENCE: Deportation

14. ATTORNEY: No.

15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: On 06/01/10, subject signed a PAW to include family and friends only. Subject specifically listed his

[redacted]

16. NOK: [redacted]

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

18. ACCESS: On 06/01/10, Conreps visited subject at the Ella Detention Center, 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).

20. MISTREATMENT: On 06/01/10, subject signed a report of mistreatment indicating that [redacted] was shot twice with rubber bullets and beaten by IDF soldiers. Subject did not show ConOff or Conasst any injuries or bruising nor request Post facilitate medical treatment.

21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: Two cell phones, luggage

22. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS: Deportation

23. EMDA: N/A

24. REMARKS: Applicant is [redacted] [redacted] appeared healthy and strong. Subject was on the Mavi Marmara ship. Subject claims the [redacted] was shot twice with what [redacted] thought were rubber bullets during the incident. [redacted] added that during interrogation the IDF were "nice." Subject told Con Assistant that [redacted] had two video tapes with [redacted] and asked if she could smuggle them out of the prison for [redacted] Conasst declined but asked subject how [redacted] had kept the video tapes with [redacted] Subject said "no one checked my bag and don't worry we managed to get it in." Subject told Conasst that "we will manage to get them [the tapes] out".

CONOFFs accompanied subject to [redacted] appearance before an immigratin judge at the detention facility. Subject told the Judge that [redacted] is Palestinian but that [redacted] is an Amcit living in Northern Virginia. Subject was asked if [redacted] heard the IDF warning against "breaking the seige line;" subject said that [redacted] did not but added that if [redacted] had been the captain of the boat [redacted] would have ignored the warning and continued on to Gaza to deliver the aid items.

Subject was subsequently deported to Jordan with other Jordanian nationals on 06/01/2010.

Subject called Post on 06/04/2010 to thank ConOffs and Con Assistants for their visit. [redacted] told conoff that when he learned that detainees were being deported to Jordan, [redacted] identified [redacted] as a Jordaninan and left with them. Subject told ConOff that [redacted] needs to return to the States for "a meeting" next week

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but [ ] does not have his US passport. ConOFF explained to [ ] that [ ] can go to the US Embassy in Amman to apply for an emergency passport. Disposition of subject's current US passport is unknown.

Post considers this case closed.

25. ADVISING NOK OR OTHERS: Conoff notified NOK.

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**Signature:** CUNNINGHAM

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4. PASSPORT: [REDACTED]

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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

8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: visible bruise and scrape on forehead

9. CHARGES: unspecified

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

11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deported

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Charles Daris,  
Senior Reviewer

12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: N/A

13. POSSIBLE SENTENCE: Deportation

14. ATTORNEY: Subject has appointed an attorney, [redacted]  
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15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: On 06/01/10, subject signed a full PAW. He specifically listed [redacted] and [redacted]  
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18. ACCESS: On 06/01/10, Conreps visited subject at the Ella Detention Center, 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).

20. MISTREATMENT: On 06/01/10, subject completed a report of mistreatment indicating that he was hit on the head as he was trying to protect another passenger.

21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: Luggage

22. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS: Deported

23. EMDA: N/A

24. REMARKS: Subject was on the Sfendoni ship.

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

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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: 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: 05/31/10, Ashdod

8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: Subject complained of a headache and soreness from harsh physical treatment. [REDACTED] also said that [REDACTED] needed an inhaler from [REDACTED] baggage. ConOFF notified Prison authorities who said that it would be retrieved.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Charles Daris,  
Senior Reviewer

9. CHARGES: Unspecified



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

11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deported

12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: N/A

13. POSSIBLE SENTENCE: Deported

14. ATTORNEY: No.

15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: On 06/01/10, subject signed a PAW to include family, friends, members of Congress, and members of the media only. She specifically included [redacted]

[redacted]

16. NOK: [redacted]

[redacted]

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

18. ACCESS: On 06/01/10, 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).

20. MISTREATMENT: On 06/01/10, subject completed a report of mistreatment indicating that [redacted] received several blows to the head, shoulders and back, and was pulled violently by the arms. Subject was able to see a doctor during detention.

21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: Passport, all personal items, luggage, medications, items for donation.

22. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS: N/A

24. REMARKS: Subject was on the Mavi Marmara. [redacted] claimed that during the incident IDF Navy personnel shot at and threatened passengers and that the Mavi Marmara passengers were unarmed and had surrendered. [redacted] said that a loaded weapon was pointed at [redacted] for "no reason". [redacted] also claimed that after detention they were held for four hours in the sun with no shade.

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

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

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: 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

8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: Normal

9. CHARGES: Unspecified

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

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Charles Daris, Senior  
Reviewer

- 11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deported
- 12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: N/A
- 13. POSSIBLE SENTENCE: Deportation
- 14. ATTORNEY: Subject stated that the Free Gaza Movement has hired Attorney, [redacted] (phone no. unknown).
- 15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: On 06/01/10, subject signed a full PAW. [redacted] specifically listed [redacted] and 6 friends.
- 16. NOK: [redacted]
- 17. NOTIFICATION: On 05/31/10, Post was notified of subject's arrest by the MFA.
- 18. ACCESS: On 06/01/10, 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).
- 20. MISTREATMENT: None alleged.
- 21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: U.S. Passport, small violet colored suitcase, black backpack, wallet with identification, credit cards, 500 Euros in cash, USD350 in cash, PC Vaio laptop, Blackberry, small Sony digital camera, clothes, books, camera cords, military ID, VA card, cables and external battery.
- 22. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS: Deported.
- 23. EMDA: N/A
- 24. REMARKS: Subject appeared healthy. Subject was on the Challenger I boat. Subject complained that [redacted] had arthritis, and that the prison gave [redacted] ibuprofin upon request.
- 25. ADVISING NOK OR OTHERS: Conoff spoke to subject's sister.

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1. NAME: [REDACTED]

2. SEX: [REDACTED]

3. DPOB: [REDACTED]

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: [REDACTED]

7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: 05/31/10, Ashdod Port

8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: Normal

9. CHARGES: Unspecified

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

11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deportation

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Charles Daris,  
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12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: N/A

13. POSSIBLE SENTENCE: Deportation

14. ATTORNEY: No.

15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: On 06/01/10, subject signed a full PAW. [redacted] specifically listed [redacted]

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20. MISTREATMENT: On 06/01/10, subject completed a report of mistreatment indicating that a stun grenade was thrown six inches from [redacted] face. However, ConOff did not see any indications of injuries or bruising. Subject did not complain of any injuries or bruising and stated that [redacted] was uninjured.

21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED:

- U.S. passport
- Documents
- Cell phone and satellite phone
- Two cameras
- Luggage, black with yellow tape
- Luggage, blue with name tag
- GPS
- Spot locator
- 3 walkie talkies
- Clothes

22. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS: Deportation.

23. EMDA: N/A

24. REMARKS: On approximately a dozen occasions, subject's daughter, [redacted] contacted Post to request information about subject's welfare and health. [redacted] advised Post that subject is suffering from congenital heart failure.

Subject, however, appeared healthy and stated that [redacted] was, indeed healthy. Subject had a 2-week supply of prescription medication for cholesterol and had no medical complaints. Subject was seen by a doctor in the detention facility. Subject was on the Challenger I boat.

25. ADVISING NOK OR OTHERS: Conoffs spoke to subject's wife on 6/1/10 and communicated with subject's daughter via phone and email on 5/31, 6/1, 6/2, and 6/3/2010.

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