

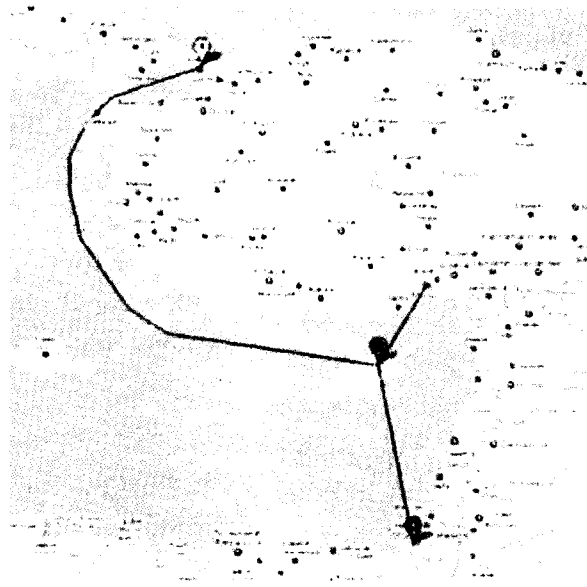


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The Hamas administration in the Gaza Strip and pro-Palestinian organizations in Europe are planning a flotilla of aid to the Gaza Strip. The coordinators of the "ship intifada" want to avoid confrontation with the Egyptians but are taking into account confrontation with the Israeli navy backed by media and diplomatic campaigns.



The scheduled route of the Turkish ships that are going to take part in the flotilla (from the website of IHH, an organization playing a major role in the flotilla, April 7, 2010)

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Overview

1. In the past several months, preparations are being made for a large-scale naval shipment of aid to be transferred to the Hamas administration in the Gaza Strip.

The flotilla is scheduled to arrive in the Gaza Strip in several weeks. Two other flotillas to the Gaza Strip are scheduled to take place in the month of June. The flotilla has been organized by a coalition of European pro-Palestinian organizations that have associated themselves with the Hamas administration in the Gaza Strip.

2. The major organizations and personalities involved in organizing the flotilla are:

a. A pro-Palestinian Islamic-oriented human rights organization in Turkey called **Insani Yardım Vakfı (IHH)**. That organization plays a key role in organizing the flotilla, having even acquired a passenger ship and a cargo ship designated specifically for those flotillas (see Appendix C for details on the organization). The organization is banned in Israel.

b. A European organization called **"The European Campaign to End the Siege on Gaza"**.

c. An international organization called **"Free Gaza"** which seeks to lift the Israeli "blockade". According to the organization's website, it has members from Australia, Britain, Cyprus, Germany, Greece, Lebanon, Palestine, and the US.

d. Pro-Palestinian organizations and activists from **Sweden and Greece** which purchased two ships for the flotilla.

e. **Hamas supporters in Britain** are also involved in organizing the flotillas (the most prominent are senior Hamas operative Muhammad Sawalha and Parliament member George Galloway). It has been reported that a flotilla of the British **Viva Palestine** organization is scheduled to depart in June.

3. **The Hamas administration in the Gaza Strip**, which is involved in organizing the flotilla, is preparing to make the most out of it in terms of propaganda and political profits. According to announcements made by **Jamal al-Khudari**, a Hamas operative who heads the "Popular Committee Against the Siege", **the possibility that Israel will try to prevent the arrival of the flotilla has been taken into account. In response, numerous actions have been planned in order to make it difficult for Israel:** the ships will depart on different dates and from different destinations. On board the ships will be politicians from Western, Arab, and Muslim countries, including parliament members, whose

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presence will be a deterring factor for Israel, as far as the organizers of the flotilla are concerned. The ships will rendezvous at a single location and **enter the Gaza Strip together, making it difficult for the Israeli navy;** the ships will be met by **100 Palestinian boats** with representatives from various sectors of Palestinian society (including children). The flotilla's arrival will be accompanied by a **media campaign with the assistance of journalists on board the ships** (interview with Al-Khudari, Al-Aqsa TV, April 5, 2010).

4. According to a press release issued after a press conference held on April 2 in Istanbul, the flotilla will consist of **at least 8 ships**, including three passenger ships, with **over 500 passengers of various nationalities** (from over 20 countries). The ships will carry **over 5,000 tons of equipment**, including cement and iron (Israel has imposed restrictions on the import of those materials into the Gaza Strip) (the website of Free Gaza, one of the organizations behind the flotilla, April 2). We believe it must be taken into consideration, as in the past, that the organizers of the flotilla, in addition to transporting equipment, will also attempt to transport financial assistance for the Hamas administration. According to a Hamas report, the ships will arrive from **Turkey, Britain, Greece, and Ireland** (Palestine-info from Istanbul, April 2, 2010).

5. It appears that the parties involved in the flotilla ("**the ship intifada**", as Jamal al-Khudari said) **are taking into consideration the possibility of confrontations with the Israeli navy**, creating a provocation that will be used by Hamas and its partners for propaganda and political gains. It is worth to mention a statement made by Muhammad Sawalha, the senior Hamas operative in Britain who was involved in launching the previous aid flotilla ("Lifeline 3"). According to Sawalha, the next aid convoy will avoid an "unwanted confrontation" with the Egyptian authorities, which happened last time. Next time, said Sawalha, "**the confrontation will be directly with the Zionist enemy itself on the high seas**" (Al-Intiqad, Hezbollah's website, January 17, 2010).¹

6. See Appendices for a summary of the statements made about the flotilla by Jamal al-Khudari and the European organizations taking part in it.

¹ See our January 29, 2010 Information Bulletin: " Hamas continues initiating anti-Israeli activities in Europe: Muhammad Kazem Sawalha is a Hamas activist living in Britain who in the past was involved in operational activities in Judea and Samaria. He is personally involved in preparations to dispatch another aid convoy to the Gaza Strip by sea to confront Israel."

Appendix A

Press release issued after a press conference held in Istanbul on April 2 by the organizers of the flotilla (according to the Free Gaza website, April 3)

“Coalition to Break the Blockade on Gaza Announced”

WRITTEN BY FREE GAZA TEAM | 03 APRIL 2010

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April 3, 2010

Istanbul, Turkey – Following months of preparation, a coalition bringing together a number of organizations and movements working to break Israel's illegal blockade on Gaza was announced yesterday in Istanbul. **The coalition, comprised of the Turkey-based IHH (Insani Yardim Vakfi) organization, the European Campaign to End the Siege on Gaza (ECESG), the Greek Ship to Gaza campaign, the Swedish Ship to Gaza campaign and the Free Gaza Movement** will launch a flotilla of ships laden with cargo, media, parliamentarians, celebrities and activists to Gaza next month.

The flotilla includes at least eight vessels, including three cargo ships, and will set sail from European ports beginning May 3, reaching the port of Gaza later in the month. Over 500 passengers from more than 20 countries will take part, and 5,000 tons of cargo, including cement, prefabricated housing, other building materials, medical equipment, and educational supplies will be delivered to Palestinians in Gaza.

The Free Gaza Movement has been launching ships to Gaza since August 2008, partnering with organizations and activists around the world on these missions. In December 2009, IHH led a land convoy to Gaza that brought tons of humanitarian aid and other supplies. In January 2010 the European Campaign brought 50 parliamentarians to Gaza in solidarity with the Palestinian people and to witness the devastation wrought by Israel's illegal policies. Ship to Gaza/Greece and Ship to Gaza/Sweden meanwhile have had ongoing campaigns in their countries to raise awareness and funds for this effort and for materials to be brought to Gaza. "Through this coalition, these organizations will be able to maximize resources, experience and commitment to ending the illegal siege on Gaza. Even as Israel continues its daily

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persecution of Palestinians, we will use this action to wake the world's consciousness about the crimes committed against Palestinians," said IHH President Bulent Yildirim.

The coalition invites organizations and individuals from around the world to join the effort by providing supplies for Gaza and contributing financial support for the mission.

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Appendix B

Details on the flotilla as related by Jamal al-Khudari, a Hamas activist and chairman of the Popular Committee Against the Siege on Gaza



Dr. Jamal al-Khudari, chairman of the Popular Committee Against the Siege on Gaza and member of the Palestinian Legislative Council (Ikhwan Online, the Muslim Brotherhood's website, April 5, 2010)

1. In early April, Jamal al-Khudari made several statements on the media on the flotilla expected to arrive in the Gaza Strip ("**the intifada of ships**"). Following are details on the flotilla as they appeared in his statements (Al-Aqsa TV, April 5; Safa News Agency, April 4; Al-Quds TV, April 2).

a. The first flotilla will include **at least ten ships; however, their number may reach twenty.**

b. **The first flotilla will depart in late April/early May 2010.** Two more flotillas are scheduled to depart in June 2010.

c. The flotillas will depart on various dates in April from **Turkey, Greece, and Ireland** (and from **Britain** as well, according to another version posted on Palestine-info).

d. Most of the participants in the flotilla will be **European and Turkish**, with only a few from Arab countries. According to Al-Khudari, the **Turkish participation** in the flotilla is particularly important.

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e. Many participants will be **parliament members from various countries** (over 50, according to Al-Khudari), activists from humanitarian organizations, journalists, engineers, and doctors. Some participants are former officials from various countries, and some are currently decision-makers. He said that their presence on the ships will make it difficult for Israel to prevent their arrival.

f. The ships will be met by **100 boats and a media campaign**. On board the boats will be journalists, photographers, activists from foreign aid organizations, observer groups, civilians who suffered from Israel's attacks, and representatives of other sectors of Palestinian society.

g. The activists arriving in the Gaza Strip will visit the sites damaged during Operation Cast Lead and hospitals, where they will meet with families of prisoners and victims.

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Appendix C

The Turkish involvement in the flotilla

Overview

1. **The Turkish involvement in the current flotilla is evident through IHH**, a Turkish Islamic-oriented pro-Palestinian human rights organization (its full name is Insani Yardim Vakfi). It is an NGO whose goal is to conduct operations in disaster areas to save lives and prevent violations of human rights. The organization operates in Arab and Muslim countries such as Iraq, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Sudan, Somalia, and more. The organization was established in 1995 and is headed by **Bulent Yildirim**.



The organization's logo

2. **Hamas places considerable importance on the Turkish participation in the aid flotilla**, and it is no coincidence that Istanbul was chosen as the place where the organizations taking part in the flotilla held the press conference announcing their intentions (April 2). We believe that **Hamas thinks that the presence of Turkish ships and activists will thwart Israel's attempts to prevent the arrival of the flotilla, and can be used to (further) compromise Israel-Turkey relations.**

3. It should be noted that **IHH was formerly involved in sending aid to the Hamas administration in the Gaza Strip**. On December 9, 2009, an aid convoy departed from Europe to the Gaza Strip by land and crossed Turkey on its way. IHH donated about 80 vehicles to the convoy to take the aid through Syria, Jordan, and Egypt to the Gaza Strip (www.insaniyardim.ihh.org/tr, hereinafter: the IHH website).

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Previous activities of the IHH organization in December 2009 (the organization's website, www.insaniyardim.ihh.org.tr, April 7, 2010)

4. IHH was formerly banned in Israel. When some IHH activists landed in Ben Gurion Airport, they were denied entry.

The organization's involvement in the flotilla of May 2010

5. IHH joined forces with several European pro-Palestinian organizations and pro-Palestinian activists from other countries to dispatch the flotilla in early May 2010, accompanied by a propaganda campaign (according to another version, the flotilla is expected to be launched in late April). The Islamic press in Turkey is engaged in intensive public relations activities ahead of the flotilla's departure. IHH director Bulent Yildirim and several other activists presented the goals of the flotilla and the media campaign at the press conference in Istanbul.



The press conference in Istanbul (www.ihh.org.tr, April 7, 2010)



Bulent Yildirim, the head of IHH (www.ihh.org.tr, April 7, 2010).

6. Following are the main issues discussed during the press conference:

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a. According to Bulent Yildirim, IHH has acquired a passenger ship able to accommodate 1080 passengers and a cargo ship with a capacity of 3,500 tons. He said that the flotilla participants can remain on board the ships for months if Israel prevents them from reaching their destination. **He further added that the flotilla would be a test case for Israel. If it resists the flotilla, it will be considered a declaration of war on the countries from which the activists came.**

b. The campaign includes seven ships: two from Turkey, two from Britain, one from Greece, and one from Ireland. The purpose of the campaign is to support the Palestinian people and prove that Israel's arbitrary blockade is not recognized by the international community and that it may be broken using legal means, as well as to prove that it is possible to exert pressure on Egypt to open the Rafah crossing, and to transport humanitarian supplies.

c. The ships will carry medicines, medical supplies, cement, and iron. **Over 1,000 people will be on board the ships, including human rights lawyers, human rights activists, representatives from civilian organizations, journalists, and artists.**

d. **Ship owners refused to lease their ships to the flotilla and therefore it was decided to purchase ships for the organization.** So far, IHH has purchased two ships: a passenger ship and a cargo ship. The acquisition was funded by donations to the Palestinian fund. Mavi Marmara is a passenger ship purchased for 1,800,000 Turkish liras. The cargo ship was purchased for 850,000 Turkish liras.² The purchased ships will be used for other campaigns and subsequently will be donated to the Palestinians.



Mavi Marmara, the passenger ship purchased for the flotilla (www.ihh.org.tr, April 7, 2010)

² According to another version, IHH said that it purchased a cargo ship in Istanbul whose name was changed to "Gaza". It was built in 1981 and sails under Turkish flag (IHH website, April 10).

e. The ship passengers will depart from Istanbul and sail to Gaza in international water. **They will make stops in the ports of Antalya, Kyrenia, and Famagusta.** Some of the cargo will be loaded in Istanbul and some in the port of Mersin. The journey will take 10-15 days, depending on weather and Israel's reaction.

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Israel: Freedom Flotilla Intercept Ends Violently ...

ISRAELI NAVAL COMMANDOS SEIZE VESSELS ...

- 31 May: Israeli naval commandos, supported by Israeli Naval and Air Forces (INF/IAF), boarded the six-ship aid flotilla heading towards the Gaza Strip 70 nm off the coast in international waters
 - Included Turkish, Greek and Kiribati-flagged ships
 - Ordered to dock in Port Ashdod, IS to offload aid and equipment, but refused
- Carried ~750 passengers from 40 countries
 - Including international VIPs

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ISRAELI OPERATION TOOK PLACE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS - 70 NM FROM ISRAELI COASTLINE

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Israel: ...Outrages International Community

INTERNATIONAL REACTION

- United Nations Security Council holding emergency session 31 May
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 - Many EU countries called in their respective Israeli ambassadors, asking for details
 - Greece cancels joint exercises, diplomatic visits cancelled
- Israel: Prime Minister Netanyahu cancels trip to U.S.

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- Arab League: Holding emergency meeting on 1 Jun
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 - Protestors raided Israel consulate
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 - PA President Mahmoud Abbas has called for a three day mourning period
- Demonstrations in Istanbul and Ankara, TU, Bosnia, the West Bank, and more expected world wide

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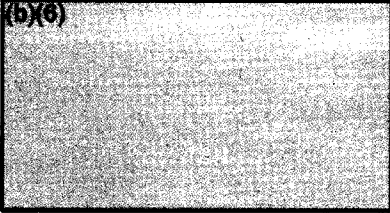
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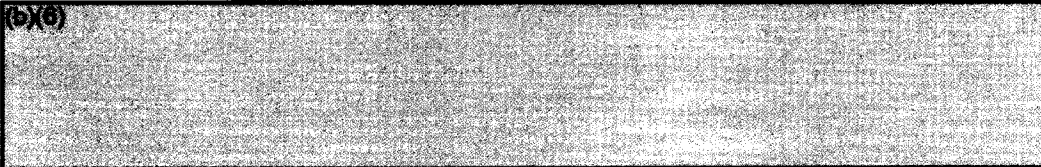
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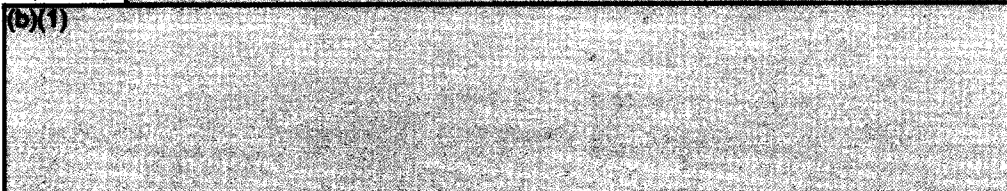


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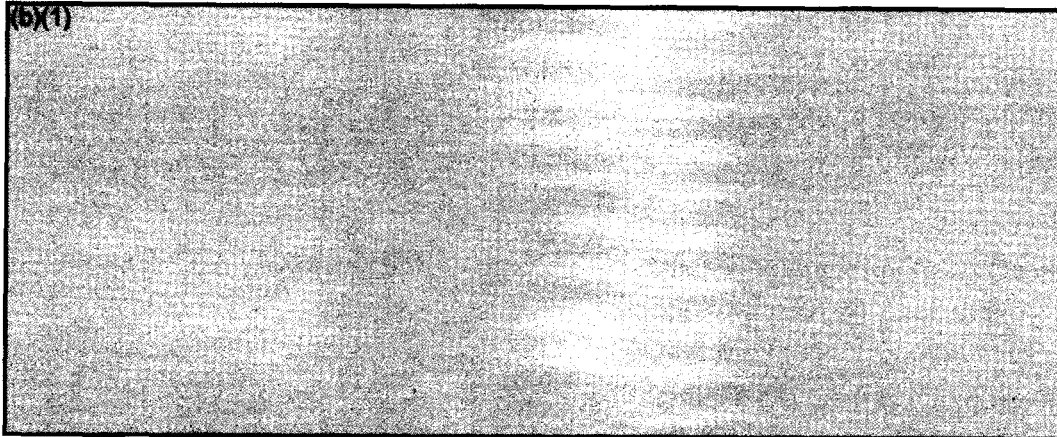
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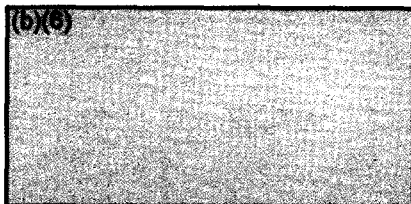
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COUNTRY: ISRAEL, CANADA, UNITED STATES

SUBJ: NETANYAHU TO RETURN TO ISRAEL IMMEDIATELY AFTER POLITICIANS SAY PRESENCE 'VITAL' (U)

REF: 1. FYI -- ISRAELI TV SAYS AID FLOTILLA TAKEOVER COMPLETED;
'OVER 10 PROTESTORS' DEAD GMP20100531738001 ISRAEL -- OSC
SUMMARY ENGLISH 0410 GMT 31 MAY 10 (U)

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Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has reached a final decision to cut short his visit to North America and to return to Israel immediately. Our political correspondent Shmu'el Tal, who is accompanying Netanyahu, reported that the prime minister will hold a working meeting with the Canadian prime minister, update him on the events related to the Gaza flotilla, and then fly from Canada to Israel. Netanyahu will thus forgo his slated meeting with US President Obama in Washington tomorrow.

Our political correspondent notes that over the last few hours, senior Israeli politicians urged Netanyahu to return to Israel because his presence here is vital. After consulting with ministers and the heads of the defense establishment, Netanyahu decided to return to Israel immediately.

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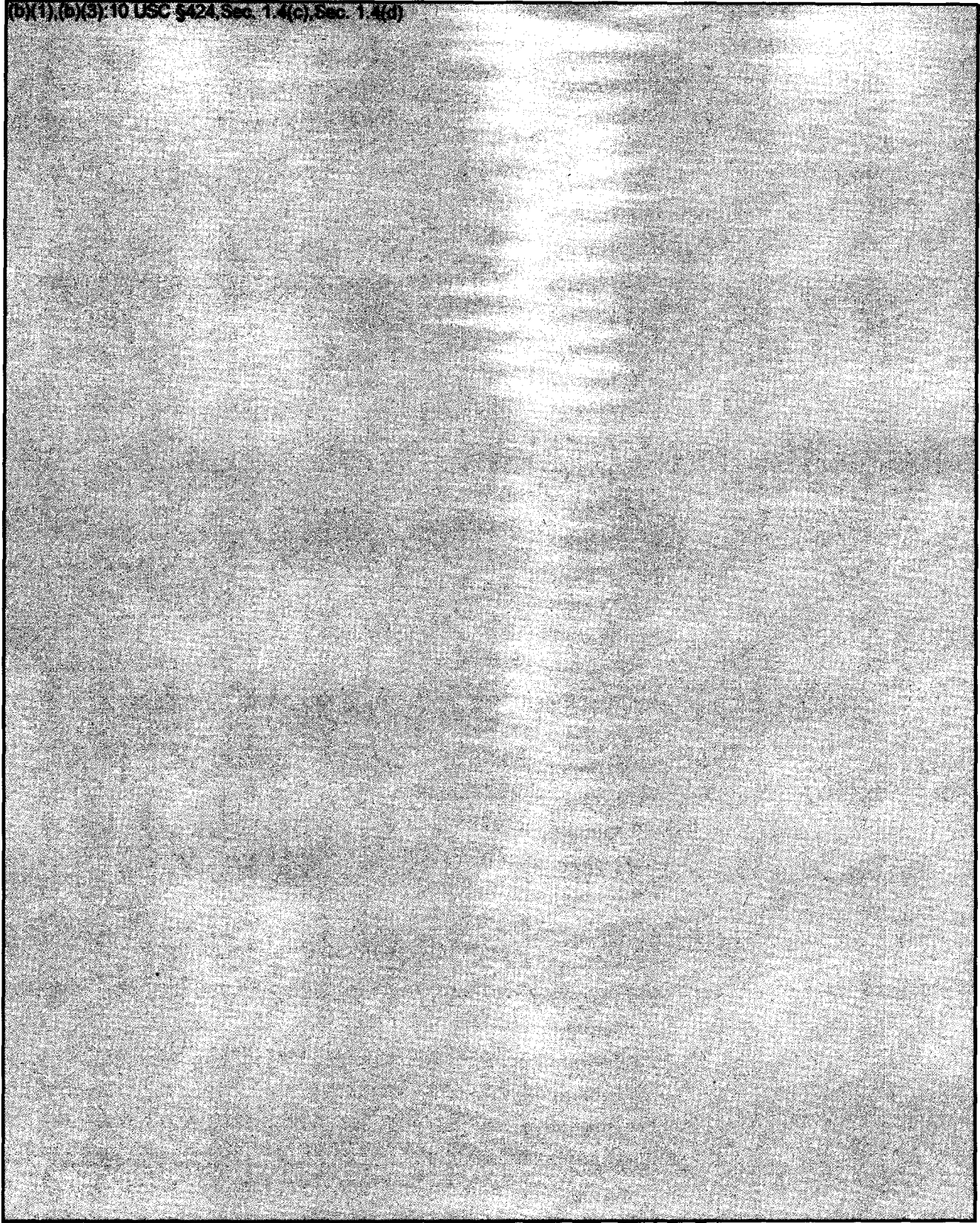
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Israel: Freedom Flotilla Intercept Ends Violently ... (U)

ISRAELI NAVAL COMMANDOS SEIZE VESSELS ...

(U)

• 31 May: Israeli naval commandos, supported by Israeli naval and air forces (INF/IAF), boarded the six-ship aid flotilla heading towards the Gaza Strip 70 nm off the coast in international waters (U) IAP20100530950012

– Included Turkish, Greek and Kiribati-flagged ships (U) IAP20100531950068

– Ordered to dock in Port Ashdod, IS to offload aid and equipment, but refused (U) IIR 6 849 0485 10

• Carried ~750 passengers from 40 countries (U) IAP20100531950068

– Including international VIPs

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

– Demonstrators onboard attacked IDF personnel with light weaponry including knives and clubs (U) IIR 6 849 0485 10

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

• 31 May: Vessels escorted to port Ashdod (U) Al Jazeera TV news 31 May

– IDF will perform security checks to identify people and equipment (U) IIR 6 849 0485 10

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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

ISRAELI OPERATION TOOK PLACE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS ~ 70 NM FROM ISRAELI COASTLINE (U)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

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Israel: ...Outrages International Community (U)

INTERNATIONAL REACTION (U)

- United Nations Security Council holding emergency session 31 May (U) GMP20100531017037, HAARETZ.com 31 May
- 31 May: Ambassadors from the 27 European Union (EU) countries are to hold emergency talks in Brussels (U) EUP20100531085020
 - Many EU countries called in their respective Israeli ambassadors, asking for details (U) EUP20100531085020
 - Greece cancels joint exercises, diplomatic visits cancelled (U) EUP20100531085020

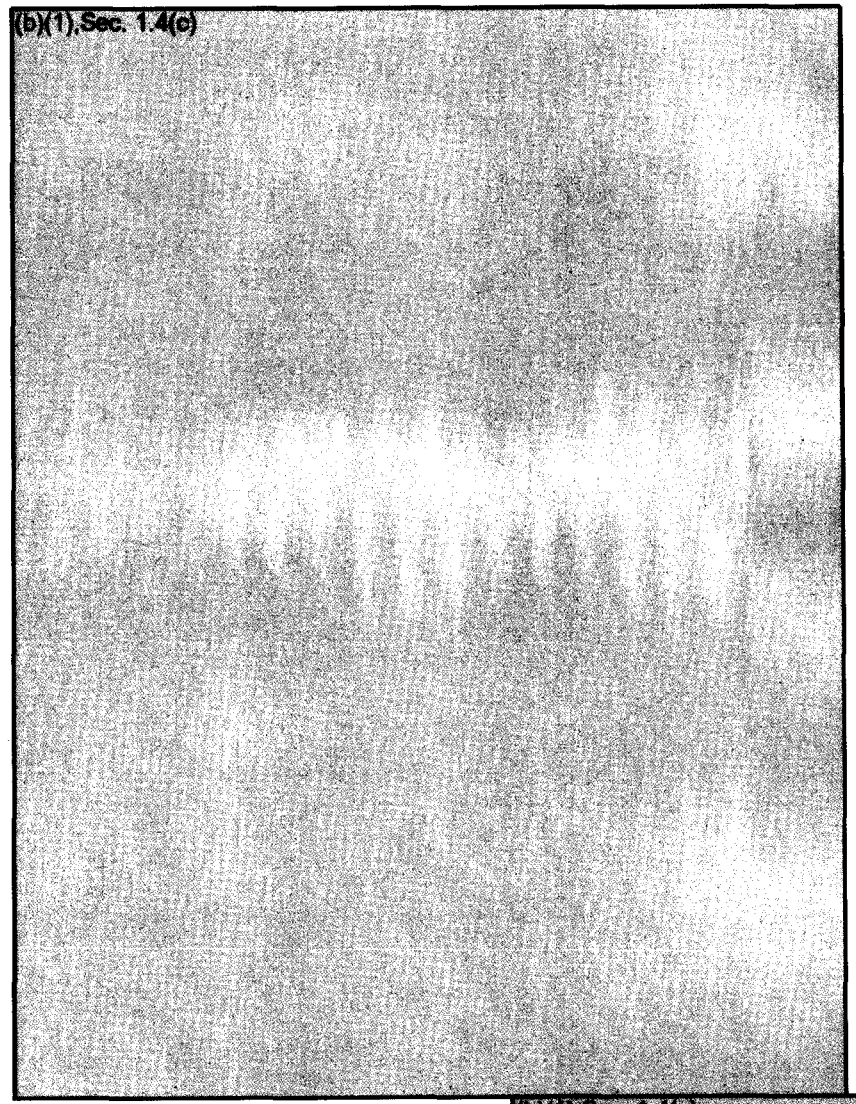
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- Israel: Prime Minister Netanyahu cancels trip to U.S. (U) GMP20100531735014

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

- Arab League: Holding emergency meeting on 1 Jun (U) Al Jazeera TV 31 May
- Turkey: Recalled Ambassador (U) GMP20100531737003
 - Foreign Minister warned raid may lead to "irreparable consequences" (U) IAP20100531950068
 - Protestors raided Israel consulate (U) IAP20100531950068
- Palestinian Authority (PA): Officials condemned the raid, peaceful protests in the West Bank (SBU) JERUSALEM 000921
 - PA President Mahmoud Abbas has called for a three day mourning period (SBU) JERUSALEM 000921

- Demonstrations in Istanbul and Ankara, TU, Bosnia, the West Bank, and more expected world wide (U) B&A, JEP2010053100512





Israel: Freedom Flotilla Intercepted (U)

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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

- Demonstrators onboard reportedly attacked the IDF naval personnel with light weaponry including knives and clubs, and possibly live fire (U) IIR 6 849 0485

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

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- IDF will perform security checks to identify people and equipment (U) IIR 6 849 0485 10

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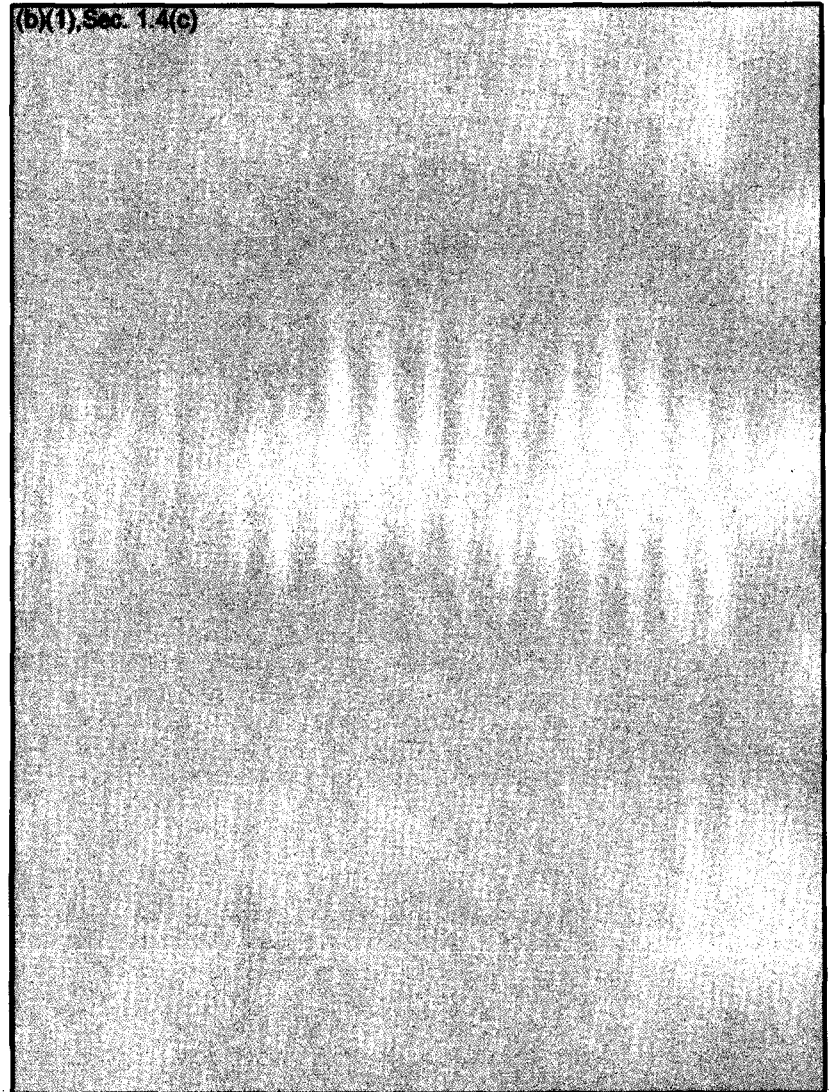


Israel: International Reaction to Freedom Flotilla Raid (U)

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 - Some joint exercises, diplomatic visits cancelled (U) EUP20100531085020
- Arab League: Calling for an emergency meeting for 1 Jun (U) Al Jazeera TV 31 May
 - Egypt: Summons its ambassador from Israel (U) Al Jazeera TV 31 May
- Turkey: Recalled Ambassador (U) GMP20100531737003
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SUBJECT: ISRAELI OFFICIALS PLAN TO BLOCK "FREE GAZA" FLOTILLA

REF: A. ANKARA 680
B. ANKARA 565
CLASSIFIED BY: A/DCM MARC SIEVERS. REASONS 1.4(B)(D)

1. (SBU) THE SELF-PROCLAIMED "FREE GAZA MOVEMENT" IS PLANNING TO RUN A FLOTILLA OF SHIPS CARRYING HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES TO GAZA IN AN EFFORT TO "BREAK THE BLOCKADE" OF GAZA (REFTELS). THE GROUP'S WEBSITE SAYS THAT THE "FREEDOM FLOTILLA" IS THE RESULT OF A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE TURKISH HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION IHH, EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN TO END THE SIEGE OF GAZA, THE PERDANA GLOBAL PEACE ORGANIZATION FROM MALAYSIA, THE GREEK AND SWEDISH SHIP TO GAZA CAMPAIGNS, AND THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION FOR LIFTING THE SIEGE ON GAZA. THE SHIPS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO APPROACH GAZA ON OR ABOUT MAY 25.

2. (C) (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)
(b)(1), Sec. 1.4 TOLD POLOFF MAY 11 THAT THE ISRAELI NAVY PLANNED TO INTERCEPT THE SHIPS AND DIRECT THEM TO ASHDOD, AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE LAST ATTEMPT TO LAND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN GAZA BY SEA. (b)(1), (b)(6), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)
(b)(1), (b)(6), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

3. (C) IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION. (b)(1), (b)(6), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)
(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d) TOLD ECONCOUNS THAT IF THE ORGANIZERS OF THE FLOTILLA WOULD AGREE, THE HUMANITARIAN GOODS UNLOADED IN ASHDOD WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO UNRWA OR THE ICRC FOR DISTRIBUTION. (b)(1), (b)(6), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)
(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

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TAGS: PGOV, PREL, TU, EG, IS

SUBJECT: ANGST REIGNS OVER CONVOY OF AID SHIPS TO GAZA

REF: ANKARA 467
CLASSIFIED BY: POL COUNSELOR DANIEL O'GRADY FOR REASONS 1.4(B,D)

1. ~~SECRET~~ SUMMARY: (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)
(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

END SUMMARY.

2. ~~SECRET~~ BULENT YILDIRIM, PRESIDENT OF THE TURKISH HUMANITARIAN AID FOUNDATION (IHH) (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)
(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d) HAS ANNOUNCED HIS ORGANIZATION WILL LEAD A FLOTILLA OF SHIPS TO ISRAELI-CONTROLLED
GAZA IN MAY TO "BREAK THE EMBARGO" AND DELIVER HUMANITARIAN AID (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d), TOLD US APRIL 9 THE FLOTILLA WILL CONSIST OF SEVEN SHIPS: TWO FROM TURKEY, THREE
FROM THE UK, AND ONE EACH FROM GREECE AND IRELAND. INCONSISTENT MEDIA REPORTS SAY IHH HOPES TO INCREASE THE
NUMBER OF SHIPS TO 10, 15, OR 20 (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d) SAID FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE SHIPS CAME "FROM PEOPLE IN EVERY
CITY AND EVERY TOWN OF TURKEY." (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

AN "ARTIFICIAL ISLAND"

3. ~~SECRET~~ ACCORDING TO (b)(6) IHH FULLY EXPECTS TO BE STOPPED ALONG THE MARITIME BORDER BY ISRAELI SHIPS. HE SAID THE
CONVOY WILL CREATE AN "ARTIFICIAL ISLAND" AND IS PREPARED TO STAY AT LEAST ONE MONTH. THIS "ARTIFICIAL ISLAND" WILL BE
SERVICED AND SUPPLIED BY A NUMBER OF SMALLER, FASTER BOATS THAT WILL MAKE SUPPLY RUNS TO MERSIN AND CYPRUS. IN
ADDITION TO PROVIDING A SUPPLY-LINE, THE SMALLER SUPPLY BOATS WILL ALSO FERRY AND ROTATE THE PASSENGERS, CREW,
AND MEDIA. (b)(6) SAID VIPS SUCH AS ENTERTAINERS, TURKISH MPS, AND OTHER POLITICIANS CAN BE SHUTTLED TO THE MOTHER
SHIPS WITH EASE. THE LARGE TURKISH PASSENGER SHIP WILL NOT BE AT FULL CAPACITY (b)(6) SAID THIS IS SO THE PASSENGERS
CAN BE COMFORTABLE EVEN IF THEY HAVE TO STAY LONG-TERM. WOMEN AND CHILDREN WILL REPORTEDLY BE ABOARD. BECAUSE
IHH NOW OWNS ITS OWN SHIPS, HE SAID, IT PLANS TO CONTINUE SENDING CONVOYS BY SEA TO GAZA "UNTIL THE END."

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), (b)(6), Sec. 1.4(d)

EGYPTIAN CONCERNS

(b)(1), (b)(6), Sec. 1.4(d)

9. ~~1~~ COMMENT: (b)(1), (b)(6), Sec. 1.4(d)

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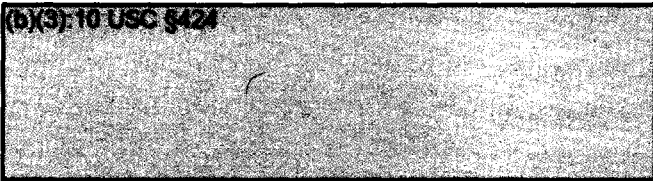
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ISRAEL

(U) Israel to Maintain Gaza Naval Blockade Integrity

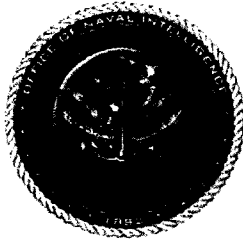
~~(S)~~ **DIA assesses Israel will maintain the integrity of the Gaza naval blockade in future attempts by activists to deliver aid to the Gaza Strip. Another Free Gaza Movement ship, the M/V Rachel Corrie is due to arrive in waters near the Israel blockade of the Gaza Strip as early as 3 June. Israel's admittance of the M/V Rachel Corrie to Gaza would be a sharp reversal of Israeli policy on aid entering the Gaza Strip, would be seen as an admission of wrongdoing in the 31 May incident, and would set a precedent that would be difficult to reverse. DIA further judges the GOI will not reconsider whether to maintain the blockade rather reevaluate its methods in maintaining it. We expect the Israel Naval Forces to tow vessels to the Israeli port of Ashdod and avoid direct contact with activists at sea if possible. Publicly, Israel will stress the Free Gaza Movement aid will reach Gazans, but through Israeli-controlled border crossings.**



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ONI Response to Flotilla Due to Sail Toward the Gaza Strip

ONI Assessment

(e) (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c), Sec. 1.4(d) information about the five vessels identified in request and in (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d) is listed below: (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c), Sec. 1.4(d)

- (C) (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c), Sec. 1.4(d)
(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c), Sec. 1.4(d)
- (U) We are unable to report on U.S. citizens participating in the event.
- (U) M/V LINDA has been renamed to M/V RACHEL CORRIE.
- (e) (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c), Sec. 1.4(d) Per your request ONI (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c), Sec. 1.4(d)
- (e) (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c), Sec. 1.4(d) ONI has (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c), Sec. 1.4(d)
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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(e)



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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(c)



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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(e)



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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(e)



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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(c)



4. ~~(SBU)~~ TURKISH PRESS REPORTED THAT BECAUSE OF THE INTERVENTION GREECE CANCELED AN AIR FORCE EXERCISE WITH ISRAEL AND CANCELED THE VISIT OF THE GREEK AIR FORCE COMMANDER, PLANNED FOR JUNE 1. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE GREEK MFA SAID THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THE 34 GREEKS THAT HAD JOINED THE FLOTILLA, AND PROTESTS OUTSIDE THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN ATHENS WERE PLANNED FOR MAY 31 AND JUNE 1.
5. ~~(SBU)~~ NOTE: SITREP 1 INCORRECTLY INDICATED THAT THE RSO IN ISTANBUL AND ANKARA SENT OUT A WARDEN MESSAGE. RSO ADANA SENT A WARDEN MESSAGE REGARDING THE PROTEST AT THE U.S. CONSULATE, BUT THE SMS MESSAGES IN ISTANBUL AND ANKARA WERE SENT ONLY TO THE EMBASSY INTRA-COMMUNITY REGARDING TRAFFIC ALERTS DUE TO PROTESTS.
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TAGS: PGOV, PREL, PHSA, TU, IS
SUBJECT: TURKEY: SITREP 3 ON IHH FLOTILLA, 4:30 PM TURKEY TIME

REF: 10 ISTANBUL 195; 10 ISTANBUL 199; 10 ANKARA 772; 10 ANKARA 774 DE OTALVARO
EMAIL OF 31 MAY 10 16:38 TO SES-0

1. ~~(SBU)~~ AT 1500 AMBASSADOR JEFFREY AND OTHER AMBASSADORS FROM UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBER STATES WERE BRIEFED BY THE MFA REGARDING THE INTERVENTION BY THE ISRAELI MILITARY ON THE HUMANITARIAN AID FOUNDATION (IHH) FLOTILLA. FOLLOWING THIS, THE MFA BRIEFED OTHER GROUPS OF AMBASSADORS FROM (1) THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL MEMBER STATES, (2) EU MEMBER STATES, AND (3) ALL OTHER STATES. ALL MEMBER STATES RECEIVED THE SAME BRIEFING.
2. ~~(SBU)~~ THE MFA CONFIRMED THAT FM DAVUTOGLU IS GOING TO NEW YORK WITH THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TODAY. THE MINISTRY PUT PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CALLING THE INTERVENTION A "GROSS VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW," HANDING OUT MAPS TO EMPHASIZE THE LOCATION OF THE INTERVENTION. THEY PLACED THE INTERVENTION AT 64 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF ISRAEL'S BLOCKADE AREA OF GAZA, WHICH COVERS 20 SQUARE NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE COASTLINE. THE MINISTRY STRESSED THAT IT RESERVES ITS RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW, THAT THIS "GRAVE" ACTION SHOULD NOT GO WITHOUT A RESPONSE, AND THAT A RESPONSE TO THE INTERVENTION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.
3. ~~(SBU)~~ THE MINISTRY ALSO STRESSED THAT ISRAEL BEARS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTERVENTION, WHICH INVOLVED AN ATTACK ON INNOCENT CIVILIANS -- INCLUDING WOMEN, CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY -- WHO WERE ON A HUMANITARIAN MISSION. WHILE TURKEY HAS WITHDRAWN ITS AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL FOR CONSULTATIONS, ITS FIRST PRIORITY IS TO DETERMINE THE WHEREABOUTS AND IDENTITY OF THE PASSENGERS WHO WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED IN ACTION, AND IT WOULD LIKE ALL OF THE PASSENGERS RETURNED TO TURKEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (NOTE: WITHDRAWING THE AMBASSADOR FOR CONSULTATIONS IS LESS DRAMATIC THAN RECALLING HIM, AND DOES NOT NECESSARILY REQUIRE A RESPONSE FROM THE GOI. END NOTE.)
4. ~~(SBU)~~ THE MINISTRY ESTIMATED THAT THE TURKISH REGISTERED SHIP THAT WAS BOARDED, THE MAVI MARMARIS, CARRIED 560 PASSENGERS NOT COUNTING THE CREW. THE MAJORITY OF THOSE PASSENGERS (353) WERE TURKS, THOUGH THERE WERE ALSO CITIZENS FROM 43 OTHER NATIONS INCLUDING ALGERIA (33 PASSENGERS), JORDAN (31), THE U.K. (28), BETWEEN 10-20 PASSENGERS FROM MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, AND KUWAIT, RESPECTIVELY, AND 3 U.S. CITIZENS.
JEFFREY

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776; DE OTALVARO EMAIL OF 31 MAY 10 AT 18:12 TO SES-0

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TAGS: PGOV, PREL, PHSA, TU, IS
SUBJECT: TURKEY: SITREP 6 ON IHH FLOTILLA

1. ~~(SBU)~~ SUMMARY: THE TURKISH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (MGK) MEETS TODAY TO SET A NEW COURSE FOR TURKEY'S BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL IN LIGHT OF THE FLOTILLA INTERCEPTION. MINISTRY OF JUSTICE CONTACTS CONFIRM PM ERDOGAN'S INTEREST IN PURSUING A POSSIBLE CRIMINAL CASE AGAINST ISRAELI OFFICIALS. PROTESTS CONTINUE IN ANKARA AND ADANA. THE TURKISH PARLIAMENT UNANIMOUSLY DENOUNCED THE FLOTILLA INTERCEPTION AS A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. END SUMMARY.
2. ~~(SBU)~~ THE TURKISH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (MGK), WHICH COMPRISES SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIME MINISTRY, TURKISH GENERAL STAFF, THE MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE TURKISH NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, POSTPONED ITS SPECIAL JUNE 2 MEETING TO EARLY AFTERNOON TO ACCOMMODATE FM DAVUTOGLU, WHO IS RETURNING TODAY FROM THE U.S. THE MEETING IS LIKELY TO RECOMMEND A NEW COURSE FOR TURKEY'S BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL IN LIGHT OF THE FLOTILLA INTERCEPTION. THE MFA TELLS US THE MGK WILL ISSUE A STATEMENT SHORTLY AFTER THE MEETING CONCLUDES.
3. ~~(SBU)~~ (b)(6) THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE CONFIRM PM ERDOGAN'S INTEREST IN PURSUING A POSSIBLE CRIMINAL CASE AGAINST ISRAELI OFFICIALS OVER THE FLOTILLA INTERCEPTION. (b)(6) WOULD NOT SPECULATE AS TO CHARGES OR A JUDICIAL VENUE.
4. (U) IN THE SOUTHERN TURKISH CITY OF ADANA, AN ESTIMATED 7,000 PEOPLE GATHERED JUNE 1 FOR AN ANTI-U.S./ISRAEL PROTEST ORGANIZED BY THE ISLAMIST FURKAN FOUNDATION ([HTTP://WWW.FURKANVAKFI.NET](http://www.furkanvakfi.net)). DEMONSTRATORS CHANTED MESSAGES AGAINST THE U.S. AND ISRAEL, BURNED U.S. AND ISRAELI FLAGS, AND CARRIED BANNERS READING: "LONG LIVE OUR ISLAMIC RESISTANCE, BLOOD OF OUR MARTYRS IS THE NEWS FOR THE VICTORY"; "EUROPE AND THE USA, ISRAEL IS YOUR PRODUCT"; "ZIONISM WILL BE BEATEN"; "WE WILL WIN"; "EVERYWHERE IS PALESTINE"; "ONE DIES AND THOUSANDS COME"; "DAMN THE ISRAELI SUPPORTERS"; "MUHAMMAD'S ARMY IS COMING"; "JEWS REMEMBER THE HAYBER WAR"; "WE ARE ALL FROM GAZA"; AND "MURDERER ISRAEL". CONSULATE ADANA EXPECTS ANOTHER PROTEST FOLLOWING FRIDAY PAYERS JUNE 4.
5. (U) IN ANKARA, PROTESTS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT JUNE 2 IN THE VICINITY OF THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. THE SIZE OF THE PROTESTS HAS DECLINED SINCE YESTERDAY; GROUPS NOW NUMBER ABOUT 45-50 INDIVIDUALS. THE PROTESTORS ARE WAVING PALESTINIAN FLAGS AND CHANTING IN ARABIC. THE POLICE, WHO REMAIN DEPLOYED IN FORCE, HAVE CLOSED STREETS NEAR THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

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6. ~~(SBU)~~ THE MFA REPORTS THREE TURKISH PASSENGER AIRCRAFT AND THREE "AMBULANCE" AIRCRAFT ARE LOADING PASSENGERS IN ISRAEL. THE MFA EXPECTS THE AIRCRAFT TO DEPART TODAY.

7. (U) TODAY, THE TURKISH PARLIAMENT UNANIMOUSLY DENOUNCED THE FLOTILLAS' INTERCEPTION AS A VIOLATION OF THE UN CHARTER AND INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT CALLED FOR UN CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL AND SANCTIONS. THE STATEMENT URGES THE GOT TO REVIEW ITS POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE GOI AND PURSUE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ACTION AGAINST ISRAELI OFFICIALS. THE STATEMENT DISTINGUISHES THE GOI FROM THE ISRAELI PEOPLE AS THE TARGET OF TURKISH NATIONAL ANGER.
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AMEMBASSY ASTANA PASS TO AMCONSUL ALMATY AMEMBASSY ANKARA PASS TO AMCONSUL ADANA
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VLADIVOSTOK AMEMBASSY BERLIN PASS TO AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO
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SUBJECT: TURKEY: SITREP 8 ON IHH FLOTILLA

REF: 10 ANKARA 799; 10 ANKARA 800; 10 ANKARA 779; 10 ISTANBUL 203

CLASSIFIED BY: DOUGLAS SILLIMAN, DCM; REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

1. ~~(S)~~ SUMMARY. NON-VIOLENT PROTESTS CONTINUED IN ANKARA, ISTANBUL, AND ADANA
JUNE 4, WITH PRESS ATTENTION FOCUSED ON THE VICTIMS OF THE ISRAELI RAID ON THE
GAZA FLOTILLA AND THEIR FUNERALS.

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(b),Sec. 1.4(d)

-- ALL BUT FIVE OF THE TURKISH IHH PASSENGERS RETURNED TO TURKEY, AND THE GOT
DOES NOT BELIEVE REPATRIATING THEM WILL BE A PROBLEM.
THE AMBASSADOR CONVEYED USG CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED AMERICAN
CITIZEN.

-- THE GOT DENIED RUMORS THAT TURKISH WARSHIPS ARE ACCOMPANYING THE NEXT SHIP IN
THE IHH FLOTILLA.

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(b),Sec. 1.4(d)

AMBASSADOR AT THE MFA

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(b),Sec. 1.4(d)

MOST TURKS BACK IN TURKEY

3. ~~(S)~~ ACTING U/S CEVIKOZ EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR U.S. ENGAGEMENT IN SECURING
THE RELEASE OF DETAINEES AND REPORTED THAT ALL OF THOSE DETAINED WERE RETURNED TO
TURKEY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FIVE WHO HAD BEEN TOO SERIOUSLY INJURED TO BE MOVED

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ON JUNE 3. TWO ADDITIONAL "AIR AMBULANCES" HAD ARRIVED IN ISRAEL IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JUNE 4, BUT IT WAS LIKELY THAT ONE OF THE FIVE WAS STILL NOT STABLE ENOUGH TO TRANSPORT. THE DAUGHTER OF THE MAN WHO WAS STILL TOO INJURED TO BE MOVED HAD BEEN TRANSPORTED TO ISRAEL AND WOULD REMAIN WITH HER FATHER, SUPPORTED BY THE TURKISH EMBASSY,

CEVIKOZ SAID. THE AMBASSADOR CONTACTED THE FAMILY OF THE TURKISH-AMERICAN DUAL NATIONAL WHO WAS KILLED IN THE ATTACK AND CONVEYED ITS CONDOLENCES. HIS BODY WAS RETURNED TO HIS HOMETOWN OF KAYSERI AND A FUNERAL WAS PLANNED FOR JUNE 4.

TURKISH NAVY NOT/NOT ACCOMPANYING FLOTILLA

4. ~~(SBU)~~ THERE WAS PRESS SPECULATION THAT A TURKISH WARSHIP MIGHT ACCOMPANY THE M/V RACHEL CORRIE, ONE OF THE NEXT BOATS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN THE IHH CONVOY. BOTH MFA ACTING U/S CEVIKOZ AND THE TURKISH NAVY DENIED THIS RUMOR. WHEN PM ERDOGAN WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT THE RUMOR, HE TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE IDEA WAS "OUT OF THE QUESTION."

MORE PROTESTS EXPECTED

5. ~~(SBU)~~ IN ANKARA, BETWEEN 100-200 PROTESTORS CONTINUE TO GATHER OUTSIDE OF THE ISRAELI EMBASSY AND THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. ON SUNDAY A GROUP OF NGOS PLAN A PROTEST IN DOWNTOWN ANKARA THAT ORGANIZERS ESTIMATE WILL ATTRACT UP TO 80,000 PEOPLE, WHILE THE POLICE BELIEVE THE NUMBER WILL BE CLOSER TO 20,000.

6. ~~(S)~~ IN ADANA, THERE WAS A FUNERAL FOR ONE OF THE DECEASED MAVI MARMARIS PASSENGERS WHO WAS FROM ADANA ON JUNE 4. CONSULATE ADANA SECURITY SOURCES REPORTED LARGE CROWDS OUTSIDE THE CITY'S CENTRAL SABANCI MOSQUE, BUT GAVE NO NUMERICAL ESTIMATES OF SIZE. ~~(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)~~

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7. ~~(SBU)~~ IN ISTANBUL, THE CEREMONY FOR THE BODIES OF THE DECEASED VICTIMS OF THE ATTACK ON THE FLOTILLA -- THEIR COFFINS DRAPED IN TURKISH AND PALESTINIAN FLAGS AND RIBBONS IN ARABIC SAYING "THERE IS NO GOD BUT GOD AND MUHAMMAD IS THE PROPHET OF GOD" -- WAS WIDELY TELEVISED AND TURKISH PRESS REPORTED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ATTENDED.

8. ~~(S)~~ ~~(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)~~

~~(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)~~

9. ~~(SBU)~~ Non Responsive

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SUBJECT: TURKEY: SITREP 4 ON IHH FLOTILLA, 6:00 PM TURKEY TIME

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10 ANKARA 776; DE OTALVARO EMAIL OF 31 MAY 10 AT 18:12 TO SES-O

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SUBJECT: TURKEY: SITREP 5 ON IHH FLOTILLA

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10 ANKARA 776; 10 ANKARA 778; 10 ANKARA 777

CLASSIFIED BY: JEREMIAH HOWARD, ACTING POLCOUNS, STATE, POLITICAL; REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

1. ~~(S)~~ SUMMARY AND COMMENT: (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

2. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

3. ~~(S)~~ THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCE'S BOARDING AND SEIZURE OF THE
SIX-SHIP HUMANITARIAN AID FOUNDATION (IHH) FLOTILLA MAY 31 REMAINS

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THE ALMOST EXCLUSIVE FOCUS OF MEDIA REPORTING AND GOT PUBLIC STATEMENTS. ACCORDING TO TURKISH CONTACTS THE TURKISH CASUALTIES -- AS MANY AS NINE DEATHS ACCORDING TO THE TURKISH AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS -- WERE CONFINED TO TURKISH-REGISTERED MAVI MARMARIS. THE TURKISH MFA ESTIMATED A TOTAL OF 560 PASSENGERS ON BOARD THAT SHIP, 353 OF THOSE TURKISH. MFA CLAIMS 33 ALGERIANS, 31 JORDANIANS, 28 BRITISH NATIONALS, BETWEEN 10-20 PASSENGERS FROM MALAYSIA, INDONESIA AND KUWAIT, RESPECTIVELY, AND THREE AMCITS WERE ALSO ON BOARD. THE MAVI MARMARIS AND FIVE OTHER SHIPS IN THE FLOTILLA HAVE BEEN DIVERTED TO ASHDOD. (b)(6)

(b)(6) TOLD VISITING CODEL DELAHUNT THAT THE GOT IS DETERMINED TO HAVE ITS CITIZENS AND THE TURKISH SHIPS RETURNED QUICKLY TO TURKEY. ONE COMPLICATING FACTOR, ACCORDING TO (b)(6) IS THE REFUSAL OF MANY OF THE TURKISH ACTIVISTS TO RETURN VOLUNTARILY TO TURKEY; ISRAEL HAS OFFERED VOLUNTARY RETURN TO 100 OF THEM WHO HAVE REFUSED; 200 MORE WERE TO BE OFFERED VOLUNTARY RETURN BUT TURKEY FEARED THEY WOULD ALSO REFUSE. MEANWHILE (b)(6) CONTINUED, THE ISRAELIS WERE INTERROGATING THOSE REFUSING, 'TREATING THEM LIKE TERRORISTS OR CRIMINALS.' WE INFER THE ACTIVISTS' HOPE TO CONTINUE THEIR PROTEST OF THE GAZA EMBARGO AND THEIR PURSUIT OF MEDIA PUBLICITY BY REMAINING IN DETENTION IN ISRAEL (SEE SEPTEL ON THE IHH CHARITY THAT ORGANIZED THIS FLOTILLA) (b)(6) SAID THAT TURKEY WOULD ASK IF TURKISH OFFICIALS COULD COME TO ISRAEL TO CONVINCING THE ACTIVISTS TO RETURN TO TURKEY. THE ISRAELI EMBASSY TOLD US THE GOT ALSO WANTS TO DISPATCH TWO "HOSPITAL PLANES" TO PICK UP THE WOUNDED TURKS IN ISRAEL. THE EMBASSY TOLD US THE GOI WILL LIKELY ACCEDE TO THIS LATTER GOT REQUEST.

4. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)
(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

5. ~~(S)~~ THE ISRAELI EMBASSY TELLS US IT IS OPERATING UNDER "EMERGENCY PROCEDURES," WITH OFFICERS AND DEPENDENTS STAYING AWAY FROM THE EMBASSY. THE TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE (TNP) HAS RAMPED UP ITS PROTECTION OF THE ISRAELI EMBASSY AND ALL US DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ARINC PUBLICLY REASSURED TURKEY'S JEWISH POPULATION THAT IT FACES NO HOSTILITY FROM FELLOW TURKISH CITIZENS. PM ERDOGAN, DEPARTING CHILE ON MAY 31, HELPFULLY, ECHOED ARINC'S REASSURANCES TO TURKEY'S JEWISH CITIZENS, BUT ALSO LABELED THE ISRAELI OPERATION "STATE TERRORISM" AND SAID TURKEY WOULD NOT REMAIN PASSIVE OR SILENT IN THE FACE OF SUCH A PROVOCATION. HE RECOUNTED IN DETAIL A VERSION OF THE BOARDING THAT EMPHASIZED THE PEACEFUL INTENT OF THE MAVI MARMARIS' PASSENGERS:

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"THEY WERE WAVING WHITE FLAGS." "THIS IS A NATIONAL CAUSE," HE SAID, "WE WILL TAKE IT UP. ISRAEL NEVER PAYS FOR THE SINS IT COMMITS. THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS. ISRAEL IGNORES THEM ALL. NO LONGER!" FONMIN DAVUTOGLU STRONGLY CONDEMNED ISRAELI ACTIONS IN A STATEMENT TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL MAY 31.

6. (SBU) GOT AND PUBLIC REACTIONS TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT HAVE BEEN POSITIVE. NATIONAL NEWSPAPER HURRIYET CALLED IT "THE STRONGEST STATEMENT SO FAR." MANY TURKS ARE LOOKING FOR A STRONGER CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL, ESPECIALLY FROM THE US. IN REACTION TO THE DEPARTMENT'S MAY 31 STATEMENT ON THE ISSUE, RULING JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (AKP) SPOKESMAN HUSEYIN CELIK SAID "THE U.S. HAS ONLY EXPRESSED THEIR GRIEF. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT IS EXPECTED FROM THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS THE END RESULT OF VETOES BY THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. ISRAEL HAS BEEN SPOILED BY THEM. WE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE A LESSON FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD. AND, IT WILL RAISE LONG AWAITED VOICES BY HUMANITY AGAINST ISRAEL, WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN LOUDER EARLIER."

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8. ~~(S)~~ MOST SENIOR TURKISH POLITICIANS HAVE BEEN QUICK TO CONDEMN ISRAEL AS WHOLLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FLOTILLA INCIDENT, AND ALL TURKS ARE LOOKING TO THE US TO CONDEMN ISRAELI ACTIONS. THE UNSC PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WAS RECEIVED WELL (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

WE ARE SOMEWHAT HEARTENED BY QUIET COOPERATION BETWEEN TURKEY AND ISRAEL TO DEFUSE THE CRISIS, AS WELL AS BY COLUMNS BY SOME TURKISH WRITERS TODAY WHO QUESTION WHETHER TURKEY DID ALL IT COULD TO PREVENT THIS CONFRONTATION (SEE SEPTTEL MEDIA REACTION).

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SUBJECT: (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4 (GAZA AID FLOTILLA) (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

REF: 10 ANKARA 565; 10 ANKARA 680; 10 ISTANBUL 179

CLASSIFIED BY: JAMES F. JEFFREY, AMBASSADOR, STATE, EXEC; REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

1. (c) (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d) TOLD THE AMBASSADOR (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)
(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

3. (c) (b)(6) TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE IHH FLAGSHIP WILL DEPART ISTANBUL MAY 22 ON A TWO-DAY VOYAGE TO THE SOUTHERN TURKISH PORT CITY OF ANTALYA, WHERE IT WILL BOARD MORE PASSENGERS. FROM ANTALYA, IT WILL PROCEED TO A RALLY POINT OFF CYPRUS, WHERE IT WILL FORM UP THE FLOTILLA WITH SHIPS SPONSORED BY OTHER EUROPEAN NGOS. FROM CYPRUS, THE FLOTILLA WILL PROCEED TOWARDS THE GAZA COAST AND ITS LIKELY CONFRONTATION WITH THE IDF.

4. (c) COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND FROM IHH CONTACTS THAT UP TO 10 AMERICAN CITIZENS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FLOTILLA (REFTELS). GIVEN THE IHH ORGANIZERS' ENTHUSIASM FOR A MEDIA-WORTHY CONFRONTATION WITH THE IDF, THOSE AMCITS MAY BE PLACING THEMSELVES IN PHYSICAL JEOPARDY (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

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SUBJECT: ANGST REIGNS OVER CONVOY OF AID SHIPS TO GAZA

REF: ANKARA 467

CLASSIFIED BY: POL COUNSELOR DANIEL O'GRADY FOR REASONS 1.4(B,D)

1. ~~FOR~~ SUMMARY (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)
(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

2. ~~IS~~ BULENT YILDIRIM, PRESIDENT OF THE TURKISH HUMANITARIAN AID FOUNDATION (IHH) (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d) HAS ANNOUNCED HIS ORGANIZATION WILL LEAD A FLOTILLA OF SHIPS TO ISRAELI-CONTROLLED GAZA IN MAY TO "BREAK THE EMBARGO" AND DELIVER HUMANITARIAN AID. (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d) TOLD US APRIL 9 THE FLOTILLA WILL CONSIST OF SEVEN SHIPS: TWO FROM TURKEY, THREE FROM THE UK, AND ONE EACH FROM GREECE AND IRELAND. INCONSISTENT MEDIA REPORTS SAY IHH HOPES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SHIPS TO 10, 15, OR 20. (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d) SAID FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE SHIPS CAME "FROM PEOPLE IN EVERY CITY AND EVERY TOWN OF TURKEY. (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

SAYING "WE CANNOT REFUSE MONEY. (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

AN "ARTIFICIAL ISLAND"

3. ~~ISU~~ ACCORDING TO (b)(6) IHH FULLY EXPECTS TO BE STOPPED ALONG THE MARITIME BORDER BY ISRAELI SHIPS. HE SAID THE CONVOY WILL CREATE AN "ARTIFICIAL ISLAND" AND IS PREPARED TO STAY AT LEAST ONE MONTH. THIS "ARTIFICIAL ISLAND" WILL BE SERVICED AND SUPPLIED BY A NUMBER OF SMALLER, FASTER BOATS THAT WILL MAKE SUPPLY RUNS TO MERSIN AND CYPRUS. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING A SUPPLY-LINE, THE SMALLER SUPPLY BOATS WILL ALSO FERRY AND ROTATE THE PASSENGERS, CREW, AND MEDIA. (b)(6) SAID VIPS SUCH AS ENTERTAINERS, TURKISH MPS, AND OTHER POLITICIANS CAN BE SHUTTLED TO THE MOTHER SHIPS WITH EASE. THE LARGE TURKISH PASSENGER SHIP WILL NOT BE AT FULL CAPACITY. (b)(6) SAID THIS IS SO THE PASSENGERS CAN BE COMFORTABLE EVEN IF THEY HAVE TO STAY LONG-TERM. WOMEN AND CHILDREN WILL REPORTEDLY BE ABOARD. BECAUSE IHH NOW OWNS ITS OWN SHIPS, HE SAID, IT PLANS TO CONTINUE SENDING CONVOYS BY SEA TO GAZA "UNTIL THE END."

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1),(b)(6),Sec. 1.4(d)

EGYPTIAN CONCERNS

(b)(1),(b)(6),Sec. 1.4(d)

9. ~~(c)~~ COMMENT: (b)(1),(b)(6),Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1),(b)(6),Sec. 1.4(d)

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SUBJECT: TURKEY: SITREP 1 ON HUMANITARIAN AID FOUNDATION FLOTILLA, 12:00 PM.
TURKEY TIME

REF: 10 ISTANBUL 199; 10 ISTANBUL 195
DE OTALVARO EMAIL OF 31 MAY 10 AT 12:55 TO SES-O

1. (SBU) ACCORDING TO TURKISH PRESS SOURCES, AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30 A.M. ON MAY 31, THE ISRAELI MILITARY ALLEGEDLY LANDED SOLDIERS ON THE DECK OF THE TURKISH FLAGGED SHIP "BLUE MARMARA", WHILE IT WAS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS, BETWEEN 69 AND 70 MILES FROM ISRAEL'S SHORE. THE SHIP WAS PART OF THE TURKISH NGO HUMANITARIAN AID FOUNDATION (IHH) FLOTILLA ATTEMPTING TO REACH GAZA AND ALLEGEDLY DELIVER HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES. THE LATEST PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT SHOTS WERE FIRED ON THE SHIP AND SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 10 AND 16 PEOPLE WERE KILLED. ISRAEL PRIME MINISTRY SPOKESMAN GENDELMAN SAID THAT THERE WERE FIREARMS, KNIVES AND BATONS ON THE SHIP, AND THAT FIRE WAS OPENED AGAINST THE ISRAELI SOLDIERS. GENDELMAN REPORTED THAT BETWEEN EIGHT AND TEN SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED, SOME IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

2. (SBU) SO FAR THE PRESS HAS NOT IDENTIFIED ANY AMERICANS AMONG THE VICTIMS. ACCORDING TO AL JAZEERA TV, 9 OF THE DEAD ARE TURKISH CITIZENS. ACCORDING TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, IHH OFFICIAL OMER FARUK KORKMAZ REPORTED THAT ISRAELI SOLDIERS ARE TAKING THE SHIP TO HAIFA. IHH HEADQUARTERS IN ISTANBUL ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE LOST RADIO CONTACT WITH THE FLOTILLA. THE TURKISH PRESS REPORTED THAT THE ISRAELI MILITARY JAMMED THE FLOTILLA'S RADIO COMMUNICATION STARTING AT 3:30 A.M. ISRAELI TELEVISION STATIONS HAVE REPORTED THAT THE WOUNDED -- CIVILIANS AND SOLDIERS -- WERE TRANSFERRED TO HOSPITALS IN ASHKELON. TURKISH TELEVISION STATIONS REPORTED THAT PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY TO DETAIN SOME CIVILIANS IN PRISONS.

3. (SBU) FOLLOWING THE INTERVENTION, THE PRIME MINISTRY ESTABLISHED A CRISIS TASK FORCE TO FOLLOW EVENTS AFTER 7:00 A.M. DEPUTY PM BULENT ARINC, INTERIOR MINISTER BESIR ATALAY, PRIME MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY EFGAN ALA, AND TURKISH GENERAL STAFF OPERATIONS COMMANDER GENERAL MEHMET EROZ ARE FOLLOWING THE ISSUE. THE TURKISH MFA RELEASED A STRONG STATEMENT THAT CONDEMNED THE ATTACK AND PROTESTED THE USE OF FORCE BY THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES AGAINST THE CIVILIANS ON THE FLOTILLA, WHO WERE FROM MANY COUNTRIES AND WANTED TO TRANSPORT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE IN GAZA.

IT POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE WOMEN AND CHILDREN AMONG THE PASSENGERS, AND THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED REPORTS SO FAR THAT THE INTERVENTION HAD CAUSED 2 DEATHS AND MORE THAN 30 PEOPLE TO BE INJURED. IT SAID ISRAEL HAS "ONCE AGAIN CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT IT DOES NOT VALUE HUMAN LIVES AND PEACEFUL INITIATIVES THROUGH TARGETING INNOCENT CIVILIANS." CALLING THE INTERVENTION AN "INHUMAN ACT," IT SAID THE INCIDENT, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THE HIGH SEAS IN A GROSS VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, "MIGHT CAUSE IRREVERSIBLE CONSEQUENCES IN OUR RELATIONS." IT

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SAID THAT THE EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV WOULD CONDUCT INITIATIVES TO PROTEST THE EVENT, AND THAT THE INCIDENT IS BEING "STRONGLY PROTESTED" IN ANKARA, WHILE AN EXPLANATION FROM THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA HAS BEEN DEMANDED AT THE MINISTRY. IT SAID THE ACTIONS AGAINST CIVILIANS CONDUCTING PEACEFUL ACTIVITIES - - WHATEVER THEIR MOTIVES -- WERE UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ACTIONS, WHICH CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. IN CLOSING THE STATEMENT SAID "MAY GOD BESTOW HIS MERCY UPON THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES. WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED, AND SWIFT RECOVERY TO THE WOUNDED."

4. ~~(SBU)~~ (b)(6) TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE PERSONALLY COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE INTERVENTION COULD HAVE HAPPENED. HE AND OTHERS WERE WORKING WITH THE ISRAELIS, HE ADMITTED, AND THEY THOUGHT THAT THEY HAD A SOLUTION TO KEEP EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL. HE STRESSED AS WELL THAT THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES TO THE INTERVENTION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT TURKS ARE OUTRAGED THAT THE ISRAELIS ACTED WHEN THE SHIPS WERE 69 MILES FROM GAZA, IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS. HE INTIMATED THAT 'A SOLUTION' MIGHT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE, OR AT LEAST MORE UNDERSTANDING, WERE THE SHIPS INTERCEPTED -- AS HE HAD THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE -- CLOSER TO GAZA. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THE NEED TO PROTECT BOTH U.S. AND ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS FROM CROWDS OF PROTESTERS IN TURKEY, AND URGED CAUTION ON ANY ACTION UNTIL ALL OF THE FACTS WERE IN. (b)(6) IN TURN URGED FOR US TO ASK WASHINGTON TO SAY SOMETHING CRITICAL ABOUT THIS OPERATION, INDICATING THAT THIS WOULD HELP, ALTHOUGH THE AMBASSADOR DID NOT RESPOND TO THE REQUEST.

5. ~~(SBU)~~ (b)(6) TOLD THE AMBASSADOR (b)(6) (b)(6), HIS RESIDENCE HAD BEEN BLOCKADED BY PROTESTORS AND SO HE WAS UNABLE TO MOVE. HE WAS "UNDER SIEGE" (b)(6) HE ANTICIPATED "THE WORST" FROM THE TURKS, AND THAT THERE WILL BE DIPLOMATIC CONSEQUENCES TO THE INTERVENTION. THE TURKISH PRESS REPORTED THAT MFA DEPUTY U/S UNAL CEVIKOZ SPOKE TO AMBASSADOR LEVI FOR 20 MINUTES, AND IN ADDITION TO CONDEMNING THE ATTACK, HE URGED ISRAEL TO SEND THE PASSENGERS AND WOUNDED TO TURKEY IMMEDIATELY. CEVIKOZ ALSO REMINDED LEVI THAT TURKEY PRESERVES ALL ITS RIGHTS STEMMING FROM INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE TURKISH PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE VISIT OF AN ISRAELI TOURIST SHIP TO ALANYA PORT TODAY WAS CANCELLED.

6. ~~(SBU)~~ THERE WERE PROTESTS IN SEVERAL CITIES TURKEY AGAINST ISRAELI AND U.S. INSTALLATIONS. MEDIA OUTLETS REPORTED THAT A LARGE CROWD OF PROTESTORS GATHERED OUTSIDE THE ISRAELI CONSULATE IN ISTANBUL STARTING AT 5:00 A.M. THE GROUP HAD BEEN VERY AGITATED BUT AT THE MOMENT WAS CALM, AND HAD BEEN CONTAINED BY TURKISH POLICE, USING WATER CANNONS AND PEPPER GAS. MISSION RSOS SENT SMS MESSAGES THROUGH ITS WARDEN NETWORK TO AVOIDING PROTESTS IN THE AREAS AROUND ISRAELI OR U.S. DIPLOMATIC BUILDINGS. IN ADANA AT APPROXIMATELY 1:45 A.M. A GROUP OF 30-40 PROTESTORS HELD A SIT-IN IN FRONT OF THE U.S. CONSULATE FOR HALF AN HOUR, AND ANOTHER PROTEST IS EXPECTED.

7. ~~(SBU)~~ TURKISH MEDIA OUTLETS REPORT THAT HAMAS CALLED THE OPERATION "BRUTAL", AND URGENTLY URGED THE UN TO INTERFERE, WHILE PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT ABBAS TERMED THE ATTACK AS "MASSACRE" AND DECLARED THREE DAYS OF MOURNING.

8. ~~(SBU)~~ POST WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR EVENTS AND REPORT AS NEEDED.
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DE OTALVARO EMAIL OF 31 MAY 10 AT 15:17 TO SES-0

1. ~~(S)~~ IN RESPONSE TO THE INTERVENTION BY THE ISRAELI MILITARY ON THE HUMANITARIAN AID FOUNDATION (IHH) FLOTILLA, THE MFA ANNOUNCED IT WILL RECALL ITS AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL, OGUZ CELIKKOL, AND WILL CANCEL THREE MILITARY EXERCISES IT HAD PLANNED WITH ISRAEL. IT WILL ALSO RECALL THE TURKISH YOUTH NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM BEFORE IT PLAYS ITS SCHEDULED MATCH. THE PRESS REPORTED THAT PM ERDOGAN CUT HIS TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA SHORT AND WILL RETURN TO TURKEY TODAY, WHILE FM AHMET DAVUTOGLU IS ON HIS WAY TO NEW YORK TO REQUEST THAT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEET IN AN EMERGENCY SESSION TO DISCUSS THE INTERVENTION TODAY. AMBASSADOR JEFFREY HAS BEEN SUMMONED TO THE MFA TODAY, WITH OTHER SECURITY COUNCIL AMBASSADORS, TO HEAR THE GOT POSITION ON THE EMERGENCY SESSION. ACTING PRIME MINISTER BULENT ARINC SAID THAT THE INTERVENTION WILL BE A "BLACK STAIN IN HUMAN HISTORY," AND URGED ISRAEL TO LIFT THE BLOCKADE AGAINST GAZA SO THAT HUMANITARIAN AID MAY REACH GAZA. ARINC EQUATED THE INTERVENTION IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS WITH AN ACT OF PIRACY, ALTHOUGH HE RULED OUT SENDING TURKISH NAVAL FORCES TO THE REGION FOR THE TIME BEING. PRESIDENT GUL CONDEMNED THE ATTACK, SAYING THAT ISRAEL "DEEPLY WOUNDED" THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC'S CONSCIENCE. HE URGED ISRAELI OFFICIALS TO BRING AN END TO THE DEVELOPMENTS, AND URGED TURKS TO ACT WITH RESTRAINT. TURKISH GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER MEHMET ALI SAHIN SAID THAT THE PARLIAMENT MAY ISSUE A CONDEMNATION DECLARATION.

2. ~~(S)~~ PROTESTS AGAINST THE INTERVENTION CONTINUED. IN ISTANBUL, A CROWD OF PROTESTERS THAT HAD BEEN DISPERSED FROM THE ISRAELI CONSULATE MOVED TOWARDS TAKSIM SQUARE, IN THE CITY CENTER. THE MEDIA REPORTED THAT THE CROWD WAS STEADILY BUILDING IN SIZE, TO BETWEEN 5,000-10,000 PEOPLE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, MANY OF THE PROTESTERS ARE CARRYING TURKISH AND PALESTINIAN FLAGS, ARE CHANTING SLOGANS DENOUNCING ISRAEL, AND ARE RECITING PRAYERS IN ARABIC. THE MEDIA REPORTS THAT 9 OF THE APPARENT 16 DEAD WERE TURKISH, AND THAT ALL OF THEM WERE KILLED ON ONE TURKISH SHIP, HAS INFLAMED PASSIONS HERE. PRESS PICTURES OF THE INTERVENTION HAVE SHOWN ISRAELI SOLDIERS POINTING RIFLES NEXT TO TURKISH FLAGS.

3. ~~(S)~~ IN ADANA, A NUMBER OF PEOPLE GATHERED IN FRONT OF THE U.S. CONSULATE FOR A PEACEFUL PROTEST. THE CONSULATE LOCAL GUARD FORCE ESTIMATED THERE WERE 500-700 PEOPLE WHILE THE TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE (TNP) ESTIMATED THERE WERE CLOSE TO 4,000. THE GROUP LAID A BLACK WREATH IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE, SAID THE U.S. IS AN INVADING COUNTRY, AND DISPERSED. THE TNP COOPERATED VERY WELL WITH SECURITY STAFF, AND SENT NEARLY ALL OF THEIR BRANCH CHIEFS AS WELL AS THE SECURITY DIRECTOR.

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IN SILWAN BETWEEN LOCAL PALESTINIAN RESIDENTS AND SETTLERS WHO GUARD THE BEIT YONATAN BUILDING. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, SIX PALESTINIANS AND FIVE ISRAELI SOLDIERS WERE INJURED DURING THE CONFRONTATIONS. THE WADI HILWEH INFORMATION CENTER ISSUED A STATEMENT CONFIRMING THAT CLASHES BROKE OUT WHEN A GROUP OF SETTLERS AND THEIR GUARDS ATTACKED SOME PALESTINIAN CHILDREN, WHO WERE PLAYING IN FRONT OF THEIR [THE CHILDREN'S] HOMES.

THE DAILIES ALSO REPORTED THAT TWO MORE PALESTINIAN FAMILIES (SIAM AND QUNEIBI FAMILIES) IN SHEIKH JARRAH RECEIVED EVICTION ORDERS AND HAVE 45 DAYS TO EVACUATE. ACCORDING TO THE STORIES, THE NAHALT SHIMON SOCIETY PREVIOUSLY SUCCESSFULLY FILED A LAWSUIT RESULTING IN THE EVICTION OF EIGHT OTHER FAMILIES IN SHEIKH JARRAH CLAIMING THAT THE SOCIETY HAD RENTED THE LANDS BEFORE 1948.

THE DAILIES REPORTED ON PRESIDENT ABBAS'S MEETINGS WITH HIS INDONESIAN COUNTERPART DURING HIS VISIT TO INDONESIA. ABBAS IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE INFORMED THE INDONESIAN PRESIDENT OF THE GRAVE SITUATION IN EAST JERUSALEM AND GAZA AND THAT THE GOAL OF THE PROXIMITY TALKS IS TO ESTABLISH A PALESTINIAN STATE. IN RELATED NEWS, THE DAILIES QUOTE FAYYAD SAYING, "THE PNA IS KEEN ON EXERCISING ITS NATIONAL DUTY AND ROLE IN DEVELOPING ALL OF THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES- WE ARE ON THE RIGHT PATH TOWARDS THE ENDING OF OCCUPATION."

THE DAILIES REPORTED ON THE PREPARATIONS OF THE GAZA FREEDOM FLEET TO TRAVEL TO GAZA TODAY AND ISRAEL'S THREATS TO BAN THE FLEET FROM REACHING GAZA SHORES, BY USE OF FORCE, IF NECESSARY. ALL DAILIES REPORTED ON ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO PROMOTE A NUCLEAR-FREE MIDDLE EAST.

SATURDAY, MAY 29:

THE DAILIES AND PA OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY Wafa all headlined the white house announcement that president Obama and president Abbas will meet on June 9 to discuss developments in proximity talks. The reports noted that the meeting would take place one week after Obama was scheduled to meet Israeli prime minister Netanyahu. According to the statement by white house press secretary Robert Gibbs, "President Obama is looking forward to discussing with president Abbas progress made thus far in the framework of indirect negotiations and the ways that the U.S. can work on with the two parties to help move towards direct negotiations." Gibbs added that the two presidents will "discuss our ongoing efforts for cooperation to develop the institutions that the Palestinian people are aspiring for and to support the establishment of a Palestinian state." The coverage notes that Netanyahu received his invitation to meet with president Obama from president Obama's chief of staff Rahm Emanuel, while he was in town to celebrate his son's bar mitzvah. The reports characterized Obama's invitation to Netanyahu as an attempt to improve relations between Israel and the U.S. after the serious crisis in confidence which came as a result of continued settlement activities in East Jerusalem.

AL Quds and Al Ayyam front page a report by non-governmental organization Defence for Children International (DCI)-Palestine

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WHICH REVEALS GRAVE ABUSES BY ISRAELI FORCES AGAINST PALESTINIAN CHILD PRISONERS. THE REPORTED VIOLATIONS INCLUDE TORTURE, THREATS AND SEXUAL ASSAULTS BY ISRAELI ARMY AND POLICE FORCES. TO TRY TO PUT A STOP TO SUCH VIOLATIONS, DCI STATED THAT IT HAS SUBMITTED REPORTS ABOUT THE ABUSES TO THE UN, INCLUDING SWORN AFFIDAVITS FROM THE SOME OF THE ABUSED CHILDREN.

ALL PAPERS FRONT PAGE THE NEWS THAT ISRAEL PARTIALLY REOPENED ROAD 443 FOR PALESTINIANS AFTER SETTING UP BARBED WIRES ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD AND NEW CHECKPOINTS.

THE DAILIES FRONT PAGE NEWS THAT AN EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN AGREEMENT HAS PUT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO SIGN THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

THE DAILIES REPORT THAT THE U.S. REGRETS THAT ONLY ISRAEL IS MENTIONED AS NOT HAVING SIGNED THE TREATY.

THE DAILIES ALSO FRONT PAGE REPORTS THAT THE "FREEDOM FLEET" SAILED FOR GAZA TODAY AS ISRAELI WARSHIPS PREPARE TO CONFRONT THE FLEET.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, ISRAEL PLANS TO CAPTURE THE SHIPS AND ARREST THE PASSENGERS, THE UN HAS CALLED FOR RESTRAINT, AND EUROPE HAS CALLED FOR LIFTING THE "UNJUST SIEGE."

BLOCK QUOTE:

-----AL-QUDS RUNS AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "WE HAVE TO DEEPEN THE ISRAELI CRISIS" IN WHICH THE AUTHOR OPINES THAT BY COMMITTING THE ATTACK, ISRAEL HAS PROPELLED ITSELF INTO AN UNPRECEDENTED, SERIOUS POLITICAL CRISIS. THE AUTHOR BELIEVES THAT PALESTINIANS SHOULD MAINTAIN SELF-CONTROL AND LET THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOP A POSITION AGAINST ISRAEL.

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***** THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE *****

SUBJECT: MGGZ01: GAZA FLOTILLA MONITORING GROUP SITUATION REPORT NO. 3

STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

1. ~~(SBU)~~ EMBASSY TEL AVIV EXPECTS TO VISIT SHORTLY THE NINE AMERICAN CITIZENS DETAINED ON JUNE 1. WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF ANY DEATHS OR SERIOUS INJURIES INVOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS ON THE FLOTILLA, ALTHOUGH ONE WAS INJURED WHILE TAKING PART IN A PROTEST IN JERUSALEM AND HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED. NO ADDITIONAL AMERICANS HAVE BEEN DEPORTED. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY TEL AVIV E-MAIL)

ADDITIONAL FREE GAZA SHIP EN ROUTE

2. ~~(SBU)~~ A FINAL SHIP IN THE FLOTILLA, THE CAMBODIAN-FLAGGED MV RACHEL CORRIE, IS TRAVELING THROUGH THE MEDITERRANEAN FROM IRELAND. IT IS ANTICIPATED THE SHIP WILL APPROACH GAZA JUNE 3. THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS NOT DETERMINED HOW IT WILL RESPOND.

MAJORITY OF PASSENGERS NOW IN ISRAELI DETENTION

3. (U) APPROXIMATELY 480 PASSENGERS ARE NOW IN ISRAELI DETENTION AND 48 HAVE BEEN DEPORTED TO THEIR HOME COUNTRIES. (JPOST.COM)

ISRAELI ARABS CALL GENERAL STRIKE

4. (U) ISRAELI ARAB LEADERS HAVE CALLED FOR A GENERAL STRIKE, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO IMPACT MANY COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTH OF ISRAEL. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY TEL AVIV E-MAIL)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

5. (U) THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL ADOPTED A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT THAT EXPRESSES DEEP REGRET FOR "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 STATEMENT REQUESTS A PROMPT INVESTIGATION BY ISRAEL AND THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE DETAINEES AND SHIPS. (MGGZ01/USUN E-MAIL)

6. ~~(SBU)~~ THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL CONVENED A GENERAL DEBATE AT 0400 EDT TO DISCUSS THE ISRAELI RESPONSE TO THE FLOTILLA. (MGGZ01/USUN GENEVA E-MAIL)

7. ~~(SBU)~~ AT TURKEY'S REQUEST, THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL WILL MEET AT 0830 EDT IN BRUSSELS. THEY MAY SEEK A STATEMENT ALONG THE LINES OF THE UNSC STATEMENT. (MGGZ01/USNATO TELCON)

WASHINGTON MEETINGS WITH FM DAVUTOGLU

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8. ~~(S)~~ BOTH SECRETARY CLINTON AND NSA JONES WILL MEET WITH TURKISH FM DAVOTOGLU JUNE 1, FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL FROM NEW YORK. (MGGZ01/TURKEY DESK E-MAIL)

INTERNATIONAL REACTION

9. ~~(S)~~ PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES: SMALL DEMONSTRATIONS ARE OCCURRING THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. (JERUSALEM 922)

10. (U) AUSTRALIA: PM RUDD CONDEMNED "ANY USE OF VIOLENCE UNDER THE SORTS OF CIRCUMSTANCES WE HAVE SEEN" AND CALLED FOR THE LIFTING OF THE BLOCKADE OF GAZA. (ABC.NET.AU)

11. (U) CHINA: THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY EXPRESSED SHOCK AT THE ISRAELI ATTACK AND URGED ISRAEL TO SERIOUSLY IMPLEMENT UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND IMPROVE THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN GAZA. (CHINADAILY.COM.CN)

12. (U) PAKISTAN: PRESIDENT ZARDARI ISSUED A STATEMENT DESCRIBING THE INCIDENT AS "BRUTAL AND INHUMAN." (DAILYTIMES.COM.PK)

13. (U) MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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SUBJECT: TURKEY DOWNPLAYS RETURN OF GAZA FLOTILLA SHIPS

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CLASSIFIED BY: JEREMIAH HOWARD, A/POLCOUNS; REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

1. ~~(C)~~ SUMMARY: TURKISH AUTHORITIES IMPOSED SECURITY AND MEDIA RESTRICTIONS ON THE AUGUST 7 RETURN TO THE PORT OF ISKENDERUM OF THE MAVI MARMARA, THE SHIP ON WHICH EIGHT TURKS AND ONE TURKISH-ORIGIN AMERICAN DIED DURING THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES' (IDF) MAY 31 INTERDICTION OF THE GAZA HUMANITARIAN AID FLOTILLA. (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d) END SUMMARY.

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3. (U) ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTS, HUSEYIN ORUC, AN IHH BOARD MEMBER, CLAIMED THE ISRAELIS REPAIRED AND PAINTED THE MAVI MARMARA, BEFORE ALLOWING ITS RETURN, TO CONCEAL EVIDENCE OF THEIR WRONG-DOING. ORUC WARNED MORE FLOTILLAS WOULD SET SAIL TO GAZA IF ISRAEL DOES NOT LIFT ITS EMBARGO OF GAZA BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

4. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

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5. ~~(S)~~ COMMENT (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

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DE OTALVARO EMAIL OF 31 MAY 10 AT 12:55 TO SES-O

1. ~~(SBU)~~ ACCORDING TO TURKISH PRESS SOURCES, AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30 A.M. ON MAY 31, THE ISRAELI MILITARY ALLEGEDLY LANDED SOLDIERS ON THE DECK OF THE TURKISH FLAGGED SHIP "BLUE MARMARA", WHILE IT WAS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS, BETWEEN 69 AND 70 MILES FROM ISRAEL'S SHORE. THE SHIP WAS PART OF THE TURKISH NGO HUMANITARIAN AID FOUNDATION (IHH) FLOTILLA ATTEMPTING TO REACH GAZA AND ALLEGEDLY DELIVER HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES. THE LATEST PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT SHOTS WERE FIRED ON THE SHIP AND SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 10 AND 16 PEOPLE WERE KILLED. ISRAEL PRIME MINISTRY SPOKESMAN GENDELMAN SAID THAT THERE WERE FIREARMS, KNIVES AND BATONS ON THE SHIP, AND THAT FIRE WAS OPENED AGAINST THE ISRAELI SOLDIERS. GENDELMAN REPORTED THAT BETWEEN EIGHT AND TEN SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED, SOME IN SERIOUS CONDITION.
2. ~~(SBU)~~ SO FAR THE PRESS HAS NOT IDENTIFIED ANY AMERICANS AMONG THE VICTIMS. ACCORDING TO AL JAZEERA TV, 9 OF THE DEAD ARE TURKISH CITIZENS. ACCORDING TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, IHH OFFICIAL OMER FARUK KORKMAZ REPORTED THAT ISRAELI SOLDIERS ARE TAKING THE SHIP TO HAIFA. IHH HEADQUARTERS IN ISTANBUL ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE LOST RADIO CONTACT WITH THE FLOTILLA. THE TURKISH PRESS REPORTED THAT THE ISRAELI MILITARY JAMMED THE FLOTILLA'S RADIO COMMUNICATION STARTING AT 3:30 A.M. ISRAELI TELEVISION STATIONS HAVE REPORTED THAT THE WOUNDED -- CIVILIANS AND SOLDIERS -- WERE TRANSFERRED TO HOSPITALS IN ASHKELON. TURKISH TELEVISION STATIONS REPORTED THAT PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY TO DETAIN SOME CIVILIANS IN PRISONS.
3. ~~(SBU)~~ FOLLOWING THE INTERVENTION, THE PRIME MINISTRY ESTABLISHED A CRISIS TASK FORCE TO FOLLOW EVENTS AFTER 7:00 A.M. DEPUTY PM BULENT ARINC, INTERIOR MINISTER BESIR ATALAY, PRIME MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY EFGAN ALA, AND TURKISH GENERAL STAFF OPERATIONS COMMANDER GENERAL MEHMET EROZ ARE FOLLOWING THE ISSUE. THE TURKISH MFA RELEASED A STRONG STATEMENT THAT CONDEMNED THE ATTACK AND PROTESTED THE USE OF FORCE BY THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES AGAINST THE CIVILIANS ON THE FLOTILLA, WHO WERE FROM MANY COUNTRIES AND WANTED TO TRANSPORT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE IN GAZA. IT POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE WOMEN AND CHILDREN AMONG THE

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PASSENGERS, AND THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED REPORTS SO FAR THAT THE INTERVENTION HAD CAUSED 2 DEATHS AND MORE THAN 30 PEOPLE TO BE INJURED. IT SAID ISRAEL HAS "ONCE AGAIN CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT IT DOES NOT VALUE HUMAN LIVES AND PEACEFUL INITIATIVES THROUGH TARGETING INNOCENT CIVILIANS." CALLING THE INTERVENTION AN "INHUMAN ACT," IT SAID THE INCIDENT, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THE HIGH SEAS IN A GROSS VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, "MIGHT CAUSE IRREVERSIBLE CONSEQUENCES IN OUR RELATIONS." IT SAID THAT THE EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV WOULD CONDUCT INITIATIVES TO PROTEST THE EVENT, AND THAT THE INCIDENT IS BEING "STRONGLY PROTESTED" IN ANKARA, WHILE AN EXPLANATION FROM THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA HAS BEEN DEMANDED AT THE MINISTRY. IT SAID THE ACTIONS AGAINST CIVILIANS CONDUCTING PEACEFUL ACTIVITIES -- WHATEVER THEIR MOTIVES -- WERE UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ACTIONS, WHICH CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. IN CLOSING THE STATEMENT SAID "MAY GOD BESTOW HIS MERCY UPON THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES. WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED, AND SWIFT RECOVERY TO THE WOUNDED."

4. (SBU) (b)(6) TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE PERSONALLY COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE INTERVENTION COULD HAVE HAPPENED. HE AND OTHERS WERE WORKING WITH THE ISRAELIS, HE ADMITTED, AND THEY THOUGHT THAT THEY HAD A SOLUTION TO KEEP EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL. HE STRESSED AS WELL THAT THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES TO THE INTERVENTION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT TURKS ARE OUTRAGED THAT THE ISRAELIS ACTED WHEN THE SHIPS WERE 69 MILES FROM GAZA, IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS. HE INTIMATED THAT 'A SOLUTION' MIGHT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE, OR AT LEAST MORE UNDERSTANDING, WERE THE SHIPS INTERCEPTED -- AS HE HAD THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE -- CLOSER TO GAZA. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THE NEED TO PROTECT BOTH U.S. AND ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS FROM CROWDS OF PROTESTERS IN TURKEY, AND URGED CAUTION ON ANY ACTION UNTIL ALL OF THE FACTS WERE IN. (b)(6) IN TURN URGED FOR US TO ASK WASHINGTON TO SAY SOMETHING CRITICAL ABOUT THIS OPERATION, INDICATING THAT THIS WOULD HELP, ALTHOUGH THE AMBASSADOR DID NOT RESPOND TO THE REQUEST.

5. (SBU) (b)(6) TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT (b)(6) HIS RESIDENCE HAD BEEN BLOCKADED BY PROTESTORS AND SO HE WAS UNABLE TO MOVE. HE WAS "UNDER SIEGE" (b)(6) HE ANTICIPATED "THE WORST" FROM THE TURKS, AND THAT THERE WILL BE DIPLOMATIC CONSEQUENCES TO THE INTERVENTION. THE TURKISH PRESS REPORTED THAT MFA DEPUTY U/S UNAL CEVIKOZ SPOKE TO AMBASSADOR LEVI FOR 20 MINUTES, AND IN ADDITION TO CONDEMNING THE ATTACK, HE URGED ISRAEL TO SEND THE PASSENGERS AND WOUNDED TO TURKEY IMMEDIATELY. CEVIKOZ ALSO REMINDED LEVI THAT TURKEY PRESERVES ALL ITS RIGHTS STEMMING FROM INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE TURKISH PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE VISIT OF AN ISRAELI TOURIST SHIP TO ALANYA PORT TODAY WAS CANCELLED.

6. (SBU) THERE WERE PROTESTS IN SEVERAL CITIES TURKEY AGAINST

ISRAELI AND U.S. INSTALLATIONS. MEDIA OUTLETS REPORTED THAT A LARGE CROWD OF PROTESTORS GATHERED OUTSIDE THE ISRAELI CONSULATE IN ISTANBUL STARTING AT 5:00 A.M. THE GROUP HAD BEEN VERY AGITATED BUT AT THE MOMENT WAS CALM, AND HAD BEEN CONTAINED BY TURKISH POLICE, USING WATER CANNONS AND PEPPER GAS. MISSION RSOS SENT SMS MESSAGES THROUGH ITS WARDEN NETWORK TO AVOIDING PROTESTS IN THE AREAS AROUND ISRAELI OR U.S. DIPLOMATIC BUILDINGS. IN ADANA AT APPROXIMATELY 1:45 A.M. A GROUP OF 30-40 PROTESTORS HELD A SIT-IN IN FRONT OF THE U.S. CONSULATE FOR HALF AN HOUR, AND ANOTHER PROTEST IS EXPECTED.

7. ~~(S)~~ TURKISH MEDIA OUTLETS REPORT THAT HAMAS CALLED THE OPERATION "BRUTAL", AND URGENTLY URGED THE UN TO INTERFERE, WHILE PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT ABBAS TERMED THE ATTACK AS "MASSACRE" AND DECLARED THREE DAYS OF MOURNING.

8. ~~(S)~~ POST WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR EVENTS AND REPORT AS NEEDED.
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SUBJECT: TURKEY: SITREP 2 ON IHH FLOTILLA, 2:30 PM TURKEY TIME

REF: 10 ISTANBUL 199; 10 ISTANBUL 195
DE OTALVARO EMAIL OF 31 MAY 10 AT 15:17 TO SES-O

1. ~~(SBU)~~ IN RESPONSE TO THE INTERVENTION BY THE ISRAELI MILITARY ON THE HUMANITARIAN AID FOUNDATION (IHH) FLOTILLA, THE MFA ANNOUNCED IT WILL RECALL ITS AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL, OGUZ CELIKKOL, AND WILL CANCEL THREE MILITARY EXERCISES IT HAD PLANNED WITH ISRAEL. IT WILL ALSO RECALL THE TURKISH YOUTH NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM BEFORE IT PLAYS ITS SCHEDULED MATCH. THE PRESS REPORTED THAT PM ERDOGAN CUT HIS TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA SHORT AND WILL RETURN TO TURKEY TODAY, WHILE FM AHMET DAVUTOGLU IS ON HIS WAY TO NEW YORK TO REQUEST THAT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEET IN AN EMERGENCY SESSION TO DISCUSS THE INTERVENTION TODAY. AMBASSADOR JEFFREY HAS BEEN SUMMONED TO THE MFA TODAY, WITH OTHER SECURITY COUNCIL AMBASSADORS, TO HEAR THE GOT POSITION ON THE EMERGENCY SESSION. ACTING PRIME MINISTER BULENT ARINC SAID THAT THE INTERVENTION WILL BE A "BLACK STAIN IN HUMAN HISTORY," AND URGED ISRAEL TO LIFT THE BLOCKADE AGAINST GAZA SO THAT HUMANITARIAN AID MAY REACH GAZA. ARINC EQUATED THE INTERVENTION IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS WITH AN ACT OF PIRACY, ALTHOUGH HE RULED OUT SENDING TURKISH NAVAL FORCES TO THE REGION FOR THE TIME BEING. PRESIDENT GUL CONDEMNED THE ATTACK, SAYING THAT ISRAEL "DEEPLY WOUNDED" THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC'S CONSCIENCE. HE URGED ISRAELI OFFICIALS TO BRING AN END TO THE DEVELOPMENTS, AND URGED TURKS TO ACT WITH RESTRAINT. TURKISH GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER MEHMET ALI SAHIN SAID THAT THE PARLIAMENT MAY ISSUE A CONDEMNATION DECLARATION.

2. ~~(SBU)~~ PROTESTS AGAINST THE INTERVENTION CONTINUED. IN ISTANBUL, A CROWD OF PROTESTERS THAT HAD BEEN DISPERSED FROM THE ISRAELI CONSULATE MOVED TOWARDS TAKSIM SQUARE, IN THE CITY CENTER. THE MEDIA REPORTED THAT THE CROWD WAS STEADILY BUILDING IN SIZE, TO BETWEEN 5,000-10,000 PEOPLE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, MANY OF THE PROTESTERS ARE CARRYING TURKISH AND PALESTINIAN FLAGS, ARE CHANTING SLOGANS DENOUNCING ISRAEL, AND ARE RECITING PRAYERS IN ARABIC. THE MEDIA REPORTS THAT 9 OF THE APPARENT 16 DEAD WERE TURKISH, AND THAT ALL OF THEM WERE KILLED ON ONE TURKISH SHIP, HAS INFLAMED PASSIONS HERE. PRESS PICTURES OF THE INTERVENTION HAVE SHOWN ISRAELI SOLDIERS POINTING RIFLES NEXT TO TURKISH FLAGS.

3. ~~(SBU)~~ IN ADANA, A NUMBER OF PEOPLE GATHERED IN FRONT OF THE U.S. CONSULATE FOR A PEACEFUL PROTEST. THE CONSULATE LOCAL GUARD FORCE ESTIMATED THERE WERE 500-700 PEOPLE WHILE THE TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE (TNP) ESTIMATED THERE WERE CLOSE TO 4,000. THE GROUP LAID A BLACK WREATH IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE, SAID THE U.S. IS AN INVADING COUNTRY, AND DISPERSED. THE TNP COOPERATED VERY WELL WITH SECURITY STAFF, AND SENT NEARLY ALL OF THEIR BRANCH CHIEFS AS WELL AS THE SECURITY DIRECTOR.

4. ~~(SBU)~~ TURKISH PRESS REPORTED THAT BECAUSE OF THE INTERVENTION GREECE CANCELED AN AIR FORCE EXERCISE WITH ISRAEL AND CANCELED THE VISIT OF THE GREEK AIR FORCE COMMANDER, PLANNED FOR JUNE 1. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE GREEK MFA SAID THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THE 34 GREEKS THAT HAD JOINED THE FLOTILLA, AND PROTESTS OUTSIDE THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN ATHENS WERE PLANNED FOR MAY 31 AND JUNE 1.

5. ~~(SBU)~~ NOTE: SITREP 1 INCORRECTLY INDICATED THAT THE RSO IN ISTANBUL AND ANKARA SENT OUT A WARDEN MESSAGE. RSO ADANA SENT A WARDEN MESSAGE REGARDING THE PROTEST AT THE U.S. CONSULATE, BUT THE SMS MESSAGES IN ISTANBUL AND ANKARA WERE SENT ONLY TO THE EMBASSY INTRA-COMMUNITY REGARDING TRAFFIC ALERTS DUE TO PROTESTS.
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REF: 10 ISTANBUL 195; 10 ISTANBUL 199; 10 ANKARA 772; 10 ANKARA 774
DE OTALVARO EMAIL OF 31 MAY 10 16:38 TO SES-O

1. ~~(S)~~ AT 1500 AMBASSADOR JEFFREY AND OTHER AMBASSADORS FROM UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBER STATES WERE BRIEFED BY THE MFA REGARDING THE INTERVENTION BY THE ISRAELI MILITARY ON THE HUMANITARIAN AID FOUNDATION (IHH) FLOTILLA. FOLLOWING THIS, THE MFA BRIEFED OTHER GROUPS OF AMBASSADORS FROM (1) THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL MEMBER STATES, (2) EU MEMBER STATES, AND (3) ALL OTHER STATES. ALL MEMBER STATES RECEIVED THE SAME BRIEFING.
2. ~~(S)~~ THE MFA CONFIRMED THAT FM DAVUTOGLU IS GOING TO NEW YORK WITH THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TODAY. THE MINISTRY PUT PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CALLING THE INTERVENTION A "GROSS VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW," HANDING OUT MAPS TO EMPHASIZE THE LOCATION OF THE INTERVENTION. THEY PLACED THE INTERVENTION AT 64 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF ISRAEL'S BLOCKADE AREA OF GAZA, WHICH COVERS 20 SQUARE NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE COASTLINE. THE MINISTRY STRESSED THAT IT RESERVES ITS RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW, THAT THIS "GRAVE" ACTION SHOULD NOT GO WITHOUT A RESPONSE, AND THAT A RESPONSE TO THE INTERVENTION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.
3. ~~(S)~~ THE MINISTRY ALSO STRESSED THAT ISRAEL BEARS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTERVENTION, WHICH INVOLVED AN ATTACK ON INNOCENT CIVILIANS -- INCLUDING WOMEN, CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY -- WHO WERE ON A HUMANITARIAN MISSION. WHILE TURKEY HAS WITHDRAWN ITS AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL FOR CONSULTATIONS, ITS FIRST PRIORITY IS TO DETERMINE THE WHEREABOUTS AND IDENTITY OF THE PASSENGERS WHO WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED IN ACTION, AND IT WOULD LIKE ALL OF THE PASSENGERS RETURNED TO TURKEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (NOTE: WITHDRAWING THE AMBASSADOR FOR CONSULTATIONS IS LESS DRAMATIC THAN RECALLING HIM, AND DOES NOT NECESSARILY REQUIRE A RESPONSE FROM THE GOI. END NOTE.)
4. ~~(S)~~ THE MINISTRY ESTIMATED THAT THE TURKISH REGISTERED SHIP THAT WAS BOARDED, THE MAVI MARMARIS, CARRIED 560 PASSENGERS NOT COUNTING THE CREW. THE MAJORITY OF THOSE PASSENGERS (353) WERE TURKS, THOUGH THERE WERE ALSO CITIZENS FROM 43 OTHER NATIONS INCLUDING ALGERIA (33 PASSENGERS), JORDAN (31), THE U.K. (28), BETWEEN 10-20 PASSENGERS FROM MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, AND KUWAIT, RESPECTIVELY, AND 3 U.S. CITIZENS.
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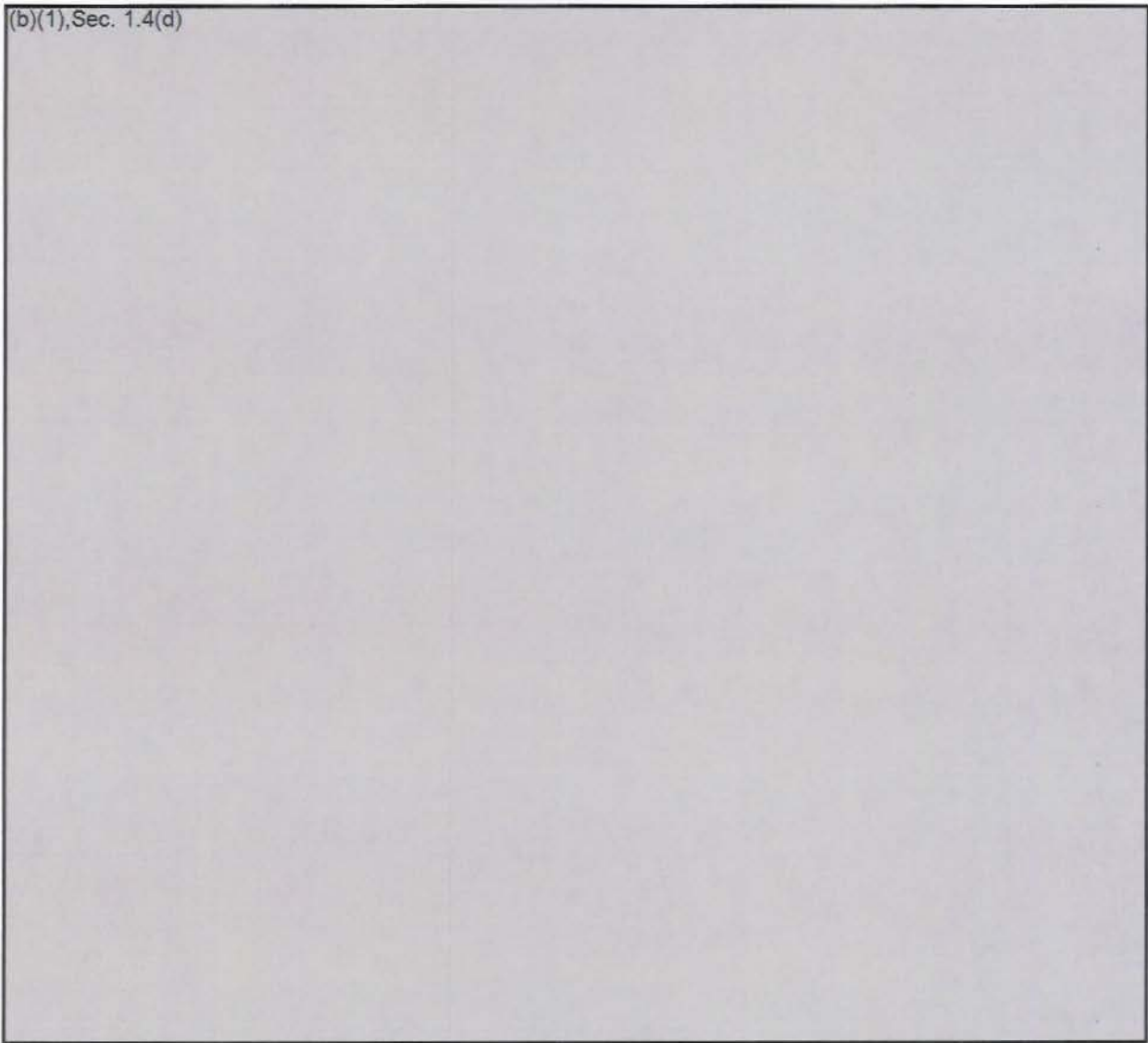
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SUBJECT: IHH: NO NEW FLOTILLA. FOR NOW

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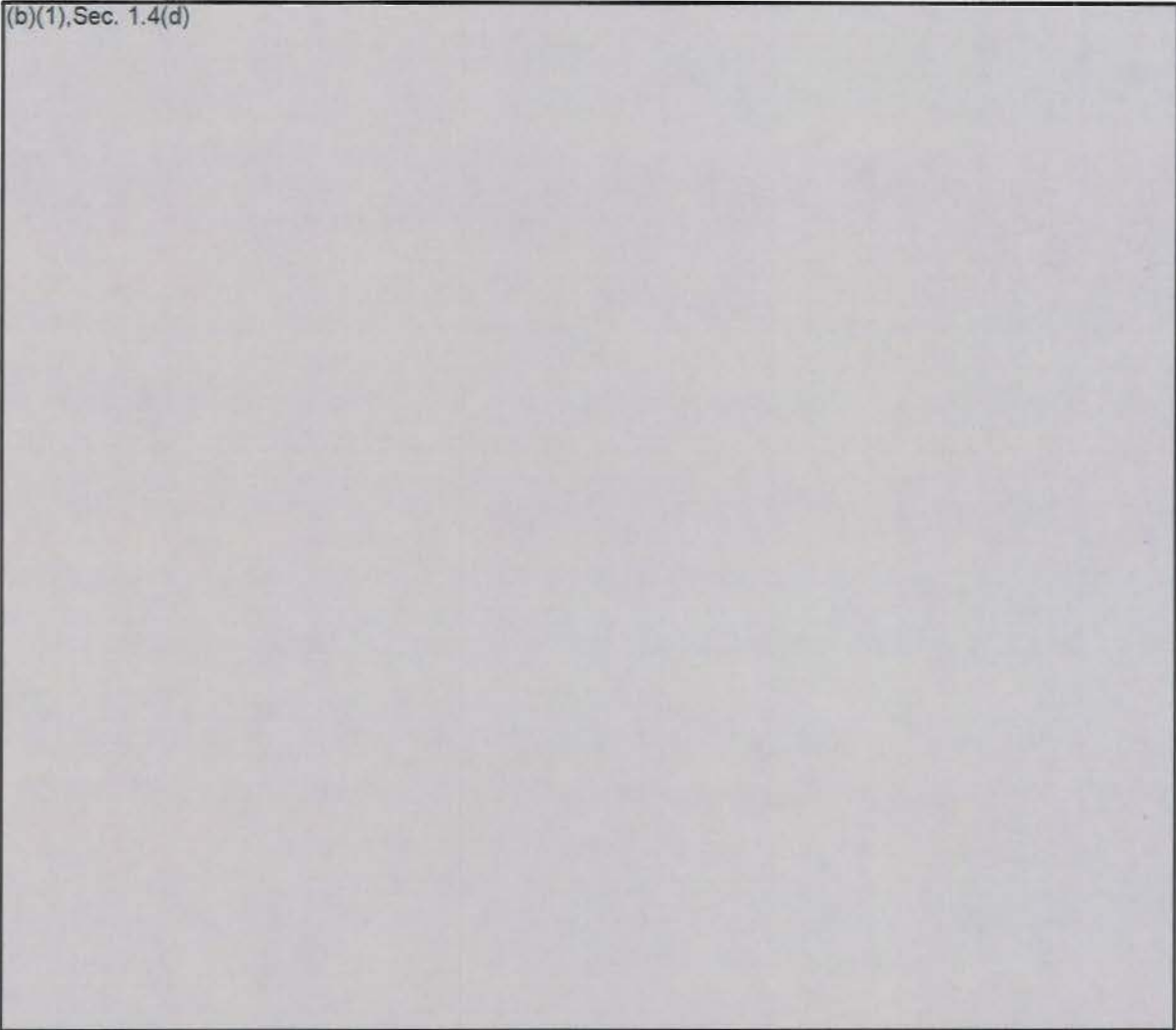
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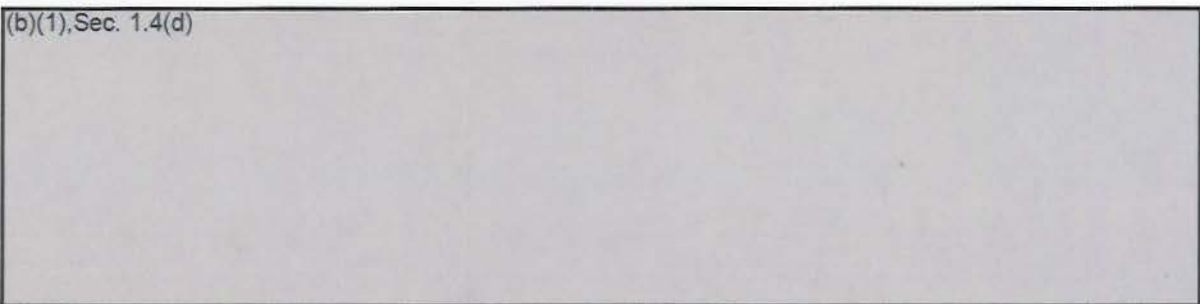
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SUBJECT: IHH AND TURKISH MEDIA ASSERT ISRAEL KNEW GAZA FLOTILLA WAS BOUND FOR EGYPT

CLASSIFIED BY: DOUG SILLIMAN, CDA, STATE, EXEC; REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

1. ~~(S)~~ SUMMARY: AN OCTOBER 25 TURKISH PRESS ARTICLE ALLEGED THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES (IDF) INTERDICTED THE GAZA-BOUND HUMANITARIAN AID FLOTILLA MAY 31 DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE TURKISH MFA HAD ADVISED THE ISRAELI MFA (AND TOLD THE US EMBASSY IN ANKARA) THAT THE SHIPS HAD AGREED TO DIVERT TO EGYPT, AND QUOTING IHH'S LEADER AS SAYING THAT HE HAD AGREED TO GO TO EGYPT. (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d) END SUMMARY.

2. (U) INFLUENTIAL TURKISH COLUMNIST ASLI AYDINTASBAS PUBLISHED IN THE TURKISH DAILY "MILLIYET" ON OCTOBER 25 A STORY ALLEGING THAT THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES (IDF) INTERDICTED THE GAZA-BOUND HUMANITARIAN AID FLOTILLA MAY 31 ALTHOUGH THE TURKISH MFA HAD TOLD THE ISRAELI MFA THAT THE FLOTILLA HAD AGREED TO DIVERT TO THE EGYPTIAN PORT OF EL-ARISH. THE "HURRIYET DAILY NEWS" QUOTED IHH CHIEF BULENT YILDIRIM AS SAYING "DURING OUR DEPARTURE, WE SAID WE WERE GOING TO GAZA, BUT THE COORDINATES THAT WE GAVE WERE TO EGYPTIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS. EVERYONE WAS AWARE OF OUR COURSE TO EL-ARISH....THE SITUATION REQUIRED US TO GO THERE." HE CLAIMED THAT THE AGREED UPON "EL-ARISH FORMULA" HAD BEEN RELAYED TO THE GOI MAY 28. THE MILLIYET STORY, CITING "TURKISH AND WESTERN OFFICIALS," SAID THAT "ANKARA FIRST INFORMED JAMES JEFFREY, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY, ABOUT THIS FORMULA AND JEFFREY THEN CALLED JAMES CUNNINGHAM, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO TEL AVIV, TO CONVEY THE INFORMATION. ISRAELI OFFICIALS SUBSEQUENTLY GOT IN TOUCH WITH ANKARA."

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

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TAGS: CASC, PREL, MOPS, TU, IS

SUBJECT: IHH SHIP TO DEPART ISTANBUL FOR GAZA FLOTILLA ON MAY 22, U.S. CITIZENS MAY BOARD

REF: 10 ANKARA 680

DERIVED FROM: DSCG 05-1 (B), (D)

1. ~~(S)~~ SUMMARY: ON MAY 17, THE TURKISH NGO HUMANITARIAN AID FOUNDATION (IHH) TOLD US THAT U.S. CITIZENS MAY BOARD IHH'S PASSENGER SHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN A FLOTILLA THAT WILL ATTEMPT TO BREAK AN ISRAELI NAVAL BLOCKADE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIANS IN GAZA (REFTEL). THE SHIP IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART ISTANBUL AT 11:00 AM ON MAY 22. IHH WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TWO CARGO SHIPS THAT REPORTEDLY WILL CONTAIN CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL, PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, MEDICINE, AND GENERATORS. IHH ADVISED THAT INTERNATIONAL MEDIA WILL BE ON THE FLOTILLA FOR LIVE REPORTING OF ANY POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION WITH THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE (IDF). THE ORGANIZATION'S PRESIDENT CALLED ON THE USG TO SUPPORT ITS EFFORT TO AID THE PALESTINIANS IN GAZA AND TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST ISRAEL IF IT "BEHAVES LIKE A PIRATE" AND ATTEMPTS TO BOARD SHIPS OF THE FLOTILLA. END SUMMARY.

U.S. CITIZENS MAY JOIN FLOTILLA FROM TURKEY

2. ~~(S)~~ ON MAY 17, IHH PRESIDENT F. BULENT YILDIRIM TOLD POLOFF THAT U.S. CITIZENS INDICATED THEY WOULD BOARD IHH'S PASSENGER SHIP SCHEDULED TO DEPART ISTANBUL ON MAY 22 AT 11:00 A.M., ALTHOUGH HE WOULD NOT PREDICT HOW MANY OF THEM WILL ACTUALLY SHOW UP. THE SHIP IS SCHEDULED TO HEAD FOR ANTALYA, WHERE ON MAY 25, IT WILL PICK UP ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS, SOME OF WHICH COULD BE ADDITIONAL U.S. CITIZENS, SAID YILDIRIM. THE SHIP WILL THEN RENDEZVOUS WITH A FLOTILLA OF SIX OTHER SHIPS FROM EUROPE AND TWO IHH CARGO SHIPS OFF THE COAST OF CYPRUS. YILDIRIM SAID THAT SOME OF THE EUROPEAN SHIPS MAY ALSO HAVE U.S. CITIZENS ON BOARD.

ONBOARD MEDIA TO REPORT FLOTILLA'S EFFORTS

3. ~~(S)~~ ASKED WHAT THE FLOTILLA PLANNED TO DO IF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO ENFORCE ITS BLOCKADE, YILDIRIM SAID "WE WILL NOT STOP." HE SAID THAT IF THE IDF ATTEMPTS TO STOP THE FLOTILLA AND TRIES TO "BOARD THE SHIPS LIKE PIRATES," THE ONBOARD REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA WILL REPORT THE ACTIONS LIVE. HE NOTED THAT THE IMAGE OF ISRAELI WAR SHIPS ATTEMPTING TO STOP A FLOTILLA BRINGING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO GAZA WOULD MAKE THE GOI LOOK RIDICULOUS. HE CALLED ON THE USG TO SUPPORT THE FLOTILLA AND SPEAK OUT AGAINST ISRAEL IF IT TRIES TO INTERFERE.

CARGO TO CONTAIN BUILDING MATERIAL, MEDICINE, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

4. ~~(S)~~ ACCORDING TO YILDIRIM, THE IHH CARGO SHIPS, SCHEDULED TO DEPART FROM MERSIN, WILL CONTAIN CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TO BUILD 12 APARTMENTS FOR HOMELESS GAZANS, PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, OVER 120 TYPES OF MEDICINE, AND GENERATORS. HE SAID THAT ALL OF THE IHH VESSELS AND CARGO JOINING THE FLOTILLA ARE OPEN TO INSPECTION BY THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AND OTHERS TO SHOW THAT THEY ARE NOT BRINGING WEAPONS OR ILLEGAL GOODS TO GAZA.

5. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

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SUBJECT: IHH WAITING FOR INVESTIGATION RESULTS TO DECIDE ON FUTURE FLOTILLA

REF: 10 ISTANBUL 179

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1. (C) SUMMARY: (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d) END SUMMARY.

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SUBJECT: GOI CONSIDERS INTERNAL INVESTIGATION OPTIONS ON GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT

REF: A. TEL AVIV 1218
B. TEL AVIV 1225
C. TEL AVIV 1239
D. TEL AVIV 1265

CLASSIFIED BY: A/DCM MARC SIEVERS, REASONS 1.4 (B),(D)

1. ~~(C)~~ SUMMARY: IN ADDITION TO THE IDF'S ON-GOING INTERNAL REVIEW OF THE MAY 31 GAZA FLOTILLA OPERATION, THE GOI ON JUNE 7 ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF A TEAM OF EXPERTS COMPRISED OF RETIRED IDF SENIOR OFFICERS TO EXAMINE THE OPERATION AND DETERMINE LESSONS LEARNED. (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4 (SEPARATELY, OPPOSITION PARTY KADIMA SUBMITTED A NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION IN THE KNESSET JUNE 7 ON "THE ATTEMPT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO SHIRK RESPONSIBILITY AND DIRECT THE CRITICISM ON THE GAZA FLOTILLA TOWARDS THE IDF'S SOLDIERS AND COMMANDERS." END SUMMARY.

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3. (U) IN ADDITION TO THE IDF'S INTERNAL REVIEW, IDF CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF LTG ASHKENAZI HAS APPOINTED MAJOR GENERAL (RES) GIORA EILAND, A FORMER HEAD OF THE ISRAELI NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL STAFF WHO IS CURRENTLY AT A TEL AVIV THINK TANK, TO HEAD A TEAM OF EXPERTS TO EXAMINE THE GAZA FLOTILLA OPERATION AND ESTABLISH SUBSEQUENT LESSONS LEARNED. THE TEAM OF EXPERTS WILL BE COMPRISED OF FORMER IDF SENIOR OFFICERS, INCLUDING FORMER HEAD OF THE OPERATIONS DIVISION BG (RES) AVIV KOHAVI, FORMER HEAD OF IDF INTELLIGENCE AND A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE ISRAELI NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL BG (RES) YUVAL HALAMISH, AND THE FORMER HEAD OF THE ISRAEL NAVY OPERATIONS BRANCH COL (RES) BEN TZION DAABUL. THE TEAM WILL ANALYZE THE IDF'S REVIEW OF THE OPERATION WITH THE AIM OF DETERMINING "COMMON THEMES" TO ESTABLISH LESSONS LEARNED; NONE OF THE EXPERTS WERE PART OF THE OPERATIONAL CHAIN DURING THE GAZA FLOTILLA OPERATION. THE TEAM OF EXPERTS INTENDS TO PRESENT ITS FINDINGS TO LTG ASHKENAZI BY JULY 4.

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- ~~(S)~~ THE SELF-PROCLAIMED "FREE GAZA MOVEMENT" IS PLANNING TO RUN A FLOTILLA OF SHIPS CARRYING HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES TO GAZA IN AN EFFORT TO "BREAK THE BLOCKADE" OF GAZA (REFTELS). THE GROUP'S WEBSITE SAYS THAT THE "FREEDOM FLOTILLA" IS THE RESULT OF A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE TURKISH HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION IHH, EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN TO END THE SIEGE OF GAZA, THE PERDANA GLOBAL PEACE ORGANIZATION FROM MALAYSIA, THE GREEK AND SWEDISH SHIP TO GAZA CAMPAIGNS, AND THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION FOR LIFTING THE SIEGE ON GAZA. THE SHIPS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO APPROACH GAZA ON OR ABOUT MAY 25.
- ~~(S)~~ ISRAELI DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR FOR FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ERAN LERMAN TOLD POLOFF MAY 11 THAT THE ISRAELI NAVY PLANNED TO INTERCEPT THE SHIPS AND DIRECT THEM TO ASHDOD, AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE LAST ATTEMPT TO LAND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN GAZA BY SEA. LERMAN SAID THE ISRAELI NAVY WOULD DO IT & AS GENTLY AS POSSIBLE.8 ONCE IN ASHDOD, THEY WOULD OFFLOAD THE SHIPS AND ANYTHING THAT WAS A & LEGITIMATE HUMANITARIAN8 SUPPLY WOULD BE LOADED ONTO TRUCKS AND DRIVEN DIRECTLY TO GAZA, IN FRONT OF AS MANY TELEVISION CAMERAS AS THE ISRAELIS COULD MUSTER.
- ~~(S)~~ IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, MG EITAN DANGOT, THE MODS COORDINATOR FOR GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE TERRORIES (COGAT), TOLD ECONCOUNS THAT IF THE ORGANIZERS OF THE FLOTILLA WOULD AGREE, THE HUMANITARIAN GOODS UNLOADED IN ASHDOD WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO UNRWA OR THE ICRC FOR DISTRIBUTION. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT THEM TO AGREE TO THE DIVERSION, BECAUSE DOING SO WOULD NEGATE THE MEDIA IMPACT THAT A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE ISRAELI NAVY AND THE CONVOY WOULD AFFORD. ISRAELI NAVY OFFICERS HAVE TOLD EMBASSY DAO THAT THEY ALSO DO NOT EXPECT THE NGOS ORGANIZING THE FLOTILLA TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED DIVERSION TO ASHDOD, BUT THE NAVY IS CONFIDENT THAT IT CAN MANAGE AN INTERDICTION WITH MINIMAL FORCE. ULTIMATELY IT IS A POLITICAL DECISION ON WHETHER TO ALLOW THE VESSELS INTO GAZA, BUT THE NAVY EXPECTS THAT IT WILL BE DIRECTED TO STOP THE VESSELS AND IT IS PREPARING FOR THAT SCENARIO.

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SUBJECT: JERUSALEM MEDIA REACTION (06/01): ISRAELI NAVAL INTERDICTION "FREEDOM FLEET MASSACRE" CONSUMES LOCAL MEDIA

MAIN STORIES:

THE THREE PALESTINIAN DAILIES LEAD WITH NEWS OF THE ISRAELI "ATTACK" AGAINST THE FREE GAZA FLOTILLA ENROUTE TO GAZA YESTERDAY. THE LEADING HEADLINES ACCUSE ISRAEL OF COMMITTING A "MASSACRE." INDEPENDENT DAILY AL-AYYAM MAIN HEADLINE READS "FREEDOM FLEET MASSACRE: NINE KILLED AND THE WORLD IS AGAINST ISRAEL." INDEPENDENT DAILY AL-QUDS MAIN HEADLINE READS "AN ISRAELI MASSACRE AGAINST A HUMANITARIAN FREEDOM FLEET" AND QUOTES THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ERDOGAN SAYING THE ATTACK REPRESENTS "STATE TERRORISM." PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY (PA) OFFICIAL DAILY AL-HAYAT AL-JADIDA'S LEADING HEADLINE STATES "NINE MARTYRS, MOSTLY TURKISH, KILLED DURING FREEDOM FLEET MASSACRE."

THE MAIN STORIES FOCUS ON THE EMERGENCY UN SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) MEETING, CALLED AT TURKEY'S REQUEST, TO DISCUSS THE ISRAELI ATTACK. AL-AYYAM REPORTS THAT FOLLOWING THE 90-MINUTE MEETING, MEMBERS CONDUCTED CLOSED-DOOR DISCUSSIONS TO TRY TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON A PROPOSED STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE ATTACK. THE COVERAGE DESCRIBES THE U.S. REACTION AS "CONSERVATIVE."

ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, U.S. DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN ALEJANDRO WOLFF STATED THAT THE U.S. DEEPLY REGRETTED THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE AND INJURIES SUFFERED BY THOSE INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT ABOARD THE GAZA-BOUND SHIPS AND THAT THE U.S. IS WORKING TO ASCERTAIN THE FACTS, AND EXPECTS THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WILL CONDUCT A FULL AND CREDIBLE INVESTIGATION. THE REPORTS WERE DISPARAGING OF WOLFF'S CRITICISM OF THE FLOTILLA'S ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE GAZA SIEGE UNDERSCORING WOLFF'S STATEMENT THAT TRYING TO GET ASSISTANCE IN THROUGH THE SEA WAS "INAPPROPRIATE."

AL-HAYAT AL-JADIDA REPORTS THAT ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU CANCELLED HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OBAMA. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, PRESIDENT OBAMA REQUESTED TO KNOW ALL THE DETAILS OF THE ISRAELI ATTACK. AL-QUDS FRONT PAGES NEWS OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S 15-MINUTE PHONE CALL WITH NETANYAHU AND HIS REQUEST TO KNOW, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ALL THE DETAILS OF THE ATTACK.

THE DAILIES REPORT PRESIDENT ABBAS'S CONDEMNATION OF THE ATTACK, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS A "MASSACRE TO STOP THE WORLD FROM HELPING OUR PEOPLE" AND HIS CALL FOR THREE DAYS OF MOURNING. AL-HAYAT AL-JADIDA REPORTS THAT THE PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALLED FOR THOSE

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE "MASSACRE" TO BE PUNISHED AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED "WAR CRIMINALS." PRESIDENT ABBAS WILL SEND A DELEGATION FROM THE PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND FATAH CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO GAZA TO PURSUE RECONCILIATION. DURING ITS WEEKLY CABINET MEETING, THE PA CABINET CONDEMNED THE ATTACK AND CALLED FOR ENDING THE INTERNAL PALESTINIAN DIVISION. FATAH CENTRAL COMMITTEE ISSUED A STATEMENT WHICH STATED THAT THE "ISRAELI CRIME IS AN ATTACK AGAINST THE SOVEREIGNTY OF 30 COUNTRIES."

REPORTS IN THE THREE DAILIES NOTE THAT A GENERAL PROTEST WILL TAKE PLACE IN WB PALESTINIAN CITIES AND INSIDE THE GREEN LINE TODAY. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY IN SEVERAL WESTERN CAPITALS INCLUDING LONDON AND BRUSSELS.

THE DAILIES REPORT THAT THE ARAB LEAGUE WILL HOLD AN EMERGENCY MEETING TODAY TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE "ISRAELI ATTACK" AND THE ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET TOMORROW. THE DAILIES ALSO FOCUSED ON THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY PRIME MINISTER FAYYAD'S OFFICE YESTERDAY CANCELLING ALL "CELEBRATORY EVENTS" SCHEDULED DURING THE PALESTINE INVESTMENT CONFERENCE JUNE 2-3 IN LIGHT OF THE "ISRAELI CRIME."

AL-QUDS FRONT PAGES NEWS ABOUT THE INTERVIEW OF HAMAS POLITICAL BUREAU CHIEF IN DAMASCUS KHALED MISHAL WITH THE GUARDIAN PUBLISHED YESTERDAY. ACCORDING TO THE INTERVIEW, MISHAL SAID THAT THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION COMMUNICATES WITH HAMAS BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO ANNOUNCE THE COMMUNICATIONS.

AL-HAYAT AL-JADIDA FRONT PAGES NEWS THAT AN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY ACTIVIST WAS INJURED YESTERDAY AFTER PARTICIPATING IN A DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE ISRAELI SOLDIERS NEAR QALANDIA CHECKPOINT TO PROTEST THE ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST THE FLOTILLA. MAAN ENGLISH REPORTED THAT THE INJURED WOMAN WAS AMERICAN JOURNALIST EMILY HOLOW MOBAYS WHO SUSTAINED AN INJURY TO HER EYE WHEN A "SOUND BOMB" LAUNCHED TO DISPERSE THE CROWD STRUCK HER FACE. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS AND OTHERS BEING CIRCULATED ON PALESTINIAN CYBERSPACE, THE WOMAN WAS UNDERGOING SURGERY THIS MORNING BUT WAS LIKELY TO LOSE THE INJURED EYE.

WEEKEND STORIES:

SUNDAY, MAY 30:

THE THREE DAILIES FRONT PAGE NEWS THAT SIX PALESTINIANS WERE KILLED AND 16 INJURED (FIVE CRITICALLY) ON SATURDAY AS A RESULT OF THE EXPLOSION OF A GAS CYLINDER INSIDE ONE OF THE TUNNELS NEAR THE EGYPTIAN-PALESTINIAN BORDERS IN RAFAH IN THE SOUTHERN GAZA STRIP. LOCAL SOURCES SAID THAT THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED DURING AN ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE SENSITIVE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. ACCORDING TO HAMAS SOURCES, SATURDAY'S INCIDENT IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE WORST SINCE THE DEATHS OF FOUR PEOPLE IN APRIL WHO DIED WHEN EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS SPRAYED POISONOUS GAS INTO THE TUNNEL IN WHICH THE FOUR WERE WORKING. REPORTS NOTE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE DOCUMENTED 150 PALESTINIAN DEATHS AS A RESULT OF WORKING IN THE TUNNELS.

ALL THREE DAILIES HEADLINE NEWS OF THE SECOND DAY OF ONGOING CLASHES

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SUBJECT: MGGZ01: GAZA FLOTILLA MONITORING GROUP SITUATION REPORT NO.11

STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS

1. (U) AUTOPSIES REVEALED THE NINE DEAD TURKISH ACTIVISTS HAD BEEN SHOT A TOTAL OF 30 TIMES, MOSTLY AT CLOSE RANGE, AND FIVE WERE KILLED BY GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO THE HEAD. (UK GUARDIAN)

SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA

2. ~~(SBU)~~ EMBASSY TEL AVIV REPORTS RACHEL CORRIE WAS BOARDED BY IDF WITHOUT RESISTANCE OR INJURIES AND WILL ARRIVE IN ASHDOD IN TWO HOURS. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY TEL AVIV E-MAIL)

3. ~~(SBU)~~ THREE ISRAELI NAVAL SHIPS HAD TAILED RACHEL CORRIE FOR SEVERAL HOURS AND MADE FOUR DEMANDS FOR THE SHIP TO CHANGE COURSE. THE VESSEL REFUSED TO COMPLY. (XINHUA)

INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

4. (U) TURKEY: PROSECUTORS ARE CONSIDERING INDICTMENTS AGAINST SENIOR ISRAELI FIGURES FOR THE MAVI MARAMARA DEATHS. (JERUSALEM POST)

5. (U) MALTA: ON JUNE 4, APPROXIMATELY 200 PEOPLE PROTESTED PEACEFULLY IN VALLETTA AGAINST THE ISRAELI USE OF FORCE ON THE GAZA FLOTILLA. (TIMES OF MALTA)

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SUBJECT: MGGZ01: GAZA FLOTILLA MONITORING GROUP SITUATION REPORT NO.12

STATUS OF THE RACHEL CORRIE

1. (U) THE IDF BOARDED THE RACHEL CORRIE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES FROM GAZA. AN ISRAELI SPOKESWOMAN SAID THE BOARDING WAS BY SEA, RATHER THAN BY HELICOPTER, AND TOOK JUST FIVE MINUTES. (YNET)

2. (U) THE RACHEL CORRIE WAS TOWED BY TWO ISRAELI NAVAL VESSELS AND ARRIVED IN THE PORT OF ASHDOD FIVE HOURS AFTER THE TAKEOVER. (AFP)

3. ~~(S)~~ THE 19 PASSENGERS AND CREW ARE BEING HELD AT A FACILITY IN HOLON NEAR TEL AVIV, ACCORDING TO THE IRISH CONSUL. THE CONSUL BELIEVES THE PASSENGERS ARE PRIMARILY FROM IRELAND, MALAYSIA, AND THE PHILIPPINES; ONE MIGHT BE BRITISH AND ONE CUBAN. THERE WERE NO AMERICAN CITIZENS ABOARD. ON JUNE 6, THE CORRIE'S PASSENGERS AND CREW WILL BE TAKEN TO THE BEN GURION AIRPORT DETENTION FACILITY AND OFFERED IMMEDIATE REPATRIATION. THOSE WHO DO NOT ACCEPT WILL HAVE 72 HOURS TO APPEAL, AND POST COMMENTS THEY WILL LIKELY BE REPATRIATED AT THE END OF THAT TIME. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY TEL AVIV E-MAIL)

4. ~~(S)~~ ISRAEL RADIO REPORTS THERE ARE 500 TONS OF CEMENT ON BOARD. ISRAELI MOD OFFICIALS ARE ASSESSING WHETHER IT CAN BE DELIVERED BY THE UN. WHILE THE DISTRIBUTION COULD BE DONE BY UN RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY OR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS, NEITHER HAS AGREED TO DO SO AT THE CURRENT TIME, AND HAMAS HAS SAID IT WILL NOT PERMIT DISTRIBUTION. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY TEL AVIV E-MAIL)

INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

5. (U) ISRAEL: THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID THAT ISRAEL WOULD CONTINUE TO ENFORCE THE BLOCKADE AS LONG AS HAMAS LEADERS REFUSE TO MEET CONDITIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE, INCLUDING A RENUNCIATION OF VIOLENCE AND THE RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL. (AP)

6. (U) TURKEY: AN AUTOPSY REPORT FOR THE MAY 31 VICTIMS WILL BE SENT TO THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN ISTANBUL IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS TO BE USED AS EVIDENCE AGAINST ISRAEL IN A POSSIBLE COURT CASE. (AP)

7. (U) EGYPT: PRESIDENT MUBARAK HAS ORDERED THE PASSENGER TERMINAL WITH GAZA TO OPEN DAILY, RATHER THAN SPORADICALLY. (AP)

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8. (U) MALAYSIA: THE MALAYSIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE DEMANDING THAT ISRAEL ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL ACTIVISTS REMOVED FROM THE RACHEL CORRIE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER PLANS TO ESCORT THE MALAYSIAN DETAINEES INVOLVED IN THE MAY 31 RAID FROM TURKEY TO KUALA LUMPUR JUNE 6. (KLN.GOV.MY)

9. (U) NORTHERN IRELAND: DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER MCGUINNESS DESCRIBED THE LATEST ISRAELI INTERVENTION AS A RAID AND SAID, "THE RACHEL CORRIE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO PROCEED TO GAZA WITHOUT ISRAELI AGGRESSION. THIS IS AN ATTACK ON AN IRISH FLAGGED VESSEL AND IT DEMANDS A STRONG RESPONSE BY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT." (BBC.CO.UK)

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE RESPONDS

10. (U) REPRESENTATIVE KUCINICH (D-OH) CALLED FOR WASHINGTON TO IMPOSE DIPLOMATIC AND FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES ON ISRAEL, CITING THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH TURKEY AND IRAQ. HE ALSO CALLED FOR AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT. (AFP)

PROTESTS

11. (U) UK/CYPRUS: THE FREE GAZA MOVEMENT ANNOUNCED IT WILL RELOCATE TO LONDON AFTER CLOSING ITS CYPRUS HEADQUARTERS DUE TO THE COUNTRY'S DECISION TO BAN THE DEPARTURE OF ANY GAZA-BOUND SHIPS. IT PLANS TO SEND AS MANY AS THREE MORE SHIPS IN COMING MONTHS AND REPORTS THAT FOUR CAPTAINS ALREADY HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR THE MISSIONS. (AP)

12. (U) ISRAEL: THOUSANDS OF ISRAELI ACTIVISTS MARCHED IN TEL AVIV TO PROTEST ISRAELI POLICIES, INCLUDING THE RECENT RAIDS ON GAZA-BOUND SHIPS. DURING THE PROTEST, A SMOKE GRENADE WAS HURLED AT PROTESTORS OUTSIDE THE TEL AVIV MUSEUM, BUT NO ONE WAS INJURED. (YNET)

13. (U) TURKEY: APPROXIMATELY 5000 PROTESTORS GATHERED IN ISTANBUL FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZED BY THE FOUNDATION FOR HUMANITARIAN RELIEF (IHH), A KEY ORGANIZER OF THE FLOTILLA INTERCEPTED ON MAY 31. (TIMESONLINE.CO.UK)

14. (U) UK: THE SCOTTISH PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN ORGANIZED A PROTEST IN EDINBURGH THAT ATTRACTED NEARLY 3000 PEOPLE, INCLUDING A MAY 31 RAID SURVIVOR. THE CAPTAIN OF THE RACHEL CORRIE IS SCOTTISH. (BBC.CO.UK)

15. (U) UK: THOUSANDS OF PROTESTORS IN LONDON MARCHED FROM DOWNING STREET TO THE ISRAELI EMBASSY. (TIMESONLINE.CO.UK)

16. (U) SWEDEN: SWEDISH DOCKWORKERS ARE LAUNCHING A BLOCKADE OF ISRAELI SHIPS AND GOODS FROM JUNE 15 TO 24. (AP)

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STATUS OF M/V RACHEL CORRIE DETAINED PASSENGERS AND CREW

1. (SBU) ISRAEL HAS DEPORTED OR WILL DEPORT THE PASSENGERS AND CREW OF THE M/V RACHEL CORRIE. ONE UK CITIZEN, ONE CUBAN, AND SIX MALAYSIANS HAVE ALREADY LEFT; ONE FILIPINO AND FIVE IRISH CITIZENS ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE BY JUNE 7. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY TEL AVIV TELCON)

INTERNATIONAL REACTION

2. (SBU) IRAN: ACCORDING TO THE SEMI-OFFICIAL MEHR NEWS AGENCY, ALI SHIRAZI, SUPREME LEADER KHAMENEI'S REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS REPRESENTATIVE, SAID ITS FORCES ARE READY TO PROVIDE A MILITARY ESCORT TO CARGO SHIPS SEEKING TO BREAK ISRAEL'S GAZA BLOCKADE. (REUTERS)

ISRAELI REACTIONS

3. (SBU) ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, MICHAEL OREN, STATED ON FOX NEWS SUNDAY THAT ISRAEL WILL REJECT AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO STUDY ITS COMMANDO RAID ON A GAZA-BOUND AID SHIP IN WHICH NINE PRO- PALESTINIAN ACTIVISTS WERE KILLED, SAYING, "WE ARE REJECTING AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION. WE ARE DISCUSSING WITH THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION A WAY IN WHICH OUR INQUIRY WILL TAKE PLACE." (REUTERS)

4. (SBU) THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES STATED THAT SIX OF THE ACTIVISTS ABOARD THE M/V MAVI MARMARA HAVE LINKS TO HAMAS OR ISLAMIC JIHAD, ACCORDING TO THE MEDIA. TWO OF THE SIX ARE IDENTIFIED AS AMERICAN CITIZENS: (b)(6)

(b)(6) ACCORDING TO EMBASSY TEL AVIV, EACH HAS LEFT ISRAEL. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY TEL AVIV TELCON, HAARETZ)

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE RESPONDS

5. (SBU) REPRESENTATIVE SARBANES (D-MD) RELEASED A STATEMENT JUNE 4 NOTING THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT "DELIVERING HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE RESIDENTS OF GAZA WAS NOT THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THOSE PILOTING THE MAVI MARMARA" AND THAT "THE PERSISTENCE OF THE MAVI MARMARA IN SEEKING TO BREACH THE BLOCKADE WAS INTENDED TO PROVOKE A CLASH WITH ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES." (BIGNEWS.BIZ; REP. SARBANES' PRESS RELEASE)

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CLASSIFIED BY: ROBERT THOMAS, SENIOR WATCH OFFICER, S/ES-O FOR REASON: 1.4(B) AND (D)

STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

1. ~~(S/P)~~ A FAMILY MEMBER CONFIRMED THAT 19 YEAR-OLD TURKISH-AMERICAN CITIZEN, FURKAN DOGAN, WAS AMONG THOSE KILLED ON THE MAVI MARMARA. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY ANKARA E-MAIL)

2. ~~(S/P)~~ EMBASSY OFFICIALS LOCATED PREVIOUSLY UNACCOUNTED FOR ISRAELI-AMERICAN CITIZEN, (b)(6) IN RAMALLAH. EIGHT AMERICAN CITIZENS DEPARTED FROM TEL AVIV TO ISTANBUL, ANOTHER TO ATHENS, AND TWO TO JORDAN. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY TEL AVIV E-MAIL)

STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS

3. (U) THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED THREE ACTIVISTS FROM IRELAND, AUSTRALIA, AND ITALY REMAIN IN ISRAEL FOR "TECHNICAL REASONS," WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY FURTHER INFORMATION. SEVEN ADDITIONAL ACTIVISTS ARE STILL HOSPITALIZED IN ISRAEL. (ISRAEL RADIO NEWS)

4. ~~(S/P)~~ ISRAEL TURNED OVER 120 DETAINEES FROM MUSLIM AND ARAB COUNTRIES TO JORDAN. (AMMAN 1231)

OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA

5. ~~(S/P)~~ (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d) AND THE FREE GAZA MOVEMENT ANNOUNCED IT WILL DELAY ITS ARRIVAL TO GAZA UNTIL JUNE 7 TO MAXIMIZE MEDIA COVERAGE. (MGGZ01/EUCOM E-MAIL)

6. (U) MEDIA REPORT THE ISRAELI NAVY INTENDS TO BOARD THE RACHEL CORRIE IF NECESSARY, BUT RELEASED NO ADDITIONAL SPECIFICS. (MA'ARIV)

STATUS OF HUMANITARIAN GOODS

7. ~~(S/P)~~ TRUCKLOADS OF GOODS ARRIVED IN KEREM SHALOM BUT HAVE NOT ENTERED GAZA. UNRWA AND ICRC ARE WAITING FOR PERMISSION FROM TURKEY TO SECURE THE ITEMS. HAMAS IS DISALLOWING ANY FURTHER ENTRY OF GOODS INTO THE AREA. (MGGZ01/SPECIAL ENVOY FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE E-MAIL)

ISRAELI RESPONSE

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SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

7. ~~(S)~~ THERE HAS BEEN A SLIGHT UPTICK IN PROTEST ACTIVITIES AND VIOLENCE IN THE WEST BANK AND ALONG THE GAZA-ISRAEL BORDER, INCLUDING SPORADIC MORTAR FIRING FROM GAZA. JERUSALEM REMAINS TENSE. (JERUSALEM 928)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

8. (U) ASEAN-GCC: FOREIGN MINISTERS CONDEMNED THE ISRAELI RAID AS "AN ACT OF VIOLENCE," AND URGED RELEASE OF THE DETAINEES AND AN END TO THE BLOCKADE. (MGGZ01/EAP E-MAIL)

9. (U) UNHRC: THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL APPROVED A PALESTINIAN-DRAFTED RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE "OUTRAGEOUS ATTACK BY THE ISRAELI FORCES" BY A VOTE OF 32 YES, THREE NO (U.S.), NINE ABSTENTIONS, AND THREE NO-SHOWS. THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHES AN INTERNATIONAL FACT-FINDING MISSION TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. (MGGZ01/IO BUREAU E-MAIL)

INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

10. ~~(S)~~ EGYPT: THE GOVERNMENT OPENED THE RAFAH CROSSING INDEFINITELY AND ALLOWED SHIPMENT OF ELECTRIC GENERATORS INTO GAZA, THE FIRST NON-FOOD OR MEDICAL SHIPMENT FROM EGYPT SINCE THE 2008-2009 GAZA CONFLICT. REPORTEDLY, 200 TO 800 GAZANS HAVE CROSSED INTO EGYPT. (CAIRO 611)

11. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

12. (U) PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY: PRESIDENT ABBAS REJECTED CALLS TO SUSPEND PROXIMITY TALKS. (JPOST.COM)

13. ~~(S)~~ JORDAN: A WARDEN MESSAGE WAS ISSUED WARNING AMERICAN CITIZENS TO AVOID CROWDS AND MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE DUE TO ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT AND EXPECTED PROTESTS. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY AMMAN E-MAIL)

14. (U) EU: MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNED ISRAELI ACTIONS. SOME CALLED FOR SUSPENDING THE EU- ISRAEL ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT. ONE MEP CALLED FOR OPENING TALKS WITH HAMAS. (MGGZ01/USEU DAILY REPORT E-MAIL)

15. (U) TUNISIA: A GAZA SOLIDARITY DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE IN TUNIS. (TUNIS 395)

16. (U) MINIMIZED CONSIDERED.
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(NOTE: THE TURKEL COMMISSION HAS BEEN TASKED BY THE GOI TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER ISRAEL'S BLOCKADE, THE ACTIONS ISRAEL TOOK TO ENFORCE THE BLOCKADE ON MAY 31ST, AND ISRAEL'S MECHANISMS FOR EXAMINING AND INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS AND CLAIMS RAISED IN RELATION TO VIOLATIONS OF THE LAWS OF ARMED CONFLICT GENERALLY CONFORM WITH THE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. MANDELBLIT SAID HE WOULD SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT AND GIVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY BEFORE THE TURKEL COMMISSION, AS WILL THE IDF CHIEF OF STAFF AND THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE. END NOTE.)

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SUBJECT: GOI RESPONSE TO GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT

1. ~~(SBU)~~ SUMMARY: DURING SEVERAL MAY 31 PRESS CONFERENCES AND BRIEFS TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, ISRAELI OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT THE GOI WAS "SORRY FOR ANY LOSS OF LIFE," BUT THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT LIES ENTIRELY IN THE HANDS OF THE FLOTILLA'S ORGANIZERS. ACCORDING TO GOI OFFICIALS, THE GOI MADE EVERY ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE FLOTILLA ORGANIZERS TO UNLOAD ITS CARGO OF HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES IN THE ISRAELI PORT OF ASHDOD, WHEREIN IT WOULD BE SENT TO GAZA ACROSS LAND BORDER CROSSINGS FOLLOWING IDF INSPECTION. ACCORDING TO GOI AND IDF OFFICIALS, GAZA FLOTILLA ACTIVISTS REJECTED ALL SUCH OVERTURES, CLEARLY STATING THEIR INTENTION TO BREAK THE IDF'S NAVAL BLOCKADE. GOI OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT IDF COMMANDOS WERE MET WITH "EXTREME VIOLENCE" BY ACTIVISTS ON ONE OF THE SIX FLOTILLA SHIPS. THE GOI CLAIMS IDF COMMANDOS HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO "RESPOND IN KIND" IN SELF-DEFENSE. CASUALTY NUMBERS REMAIN SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION, BUT THE ISRAELI MOD ESTIMATED 10 FATALITIES AND 36 WOUNDED, TEN OF WHICH ARE ISRAELI COMMANDOS. IDF OFFICIALS ARGUE THAT UNDER INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW THE IDF CAN BOARD ANY VESSEL INTENDING TO BREAK ITS NAVAL BLOCKADE, WHICH IS JUSTIFIED DUE TO THE GOI'S ONGOING ARMED CONFLICT WITH HAMAS. END SUMMARY.

DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER BRIEF

2. ~~(SBU)~~ DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER DANNY AYALON HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE TO REGISTER THE GOI'S EARLY REACTION IN RESPONSE TO THE IDF INTERDICTION OF THE GAZA FLOTILLA DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MAY 31. AYALON SAID THAT THE GOI WAS "SORRY FOR ANY LOSS OF LIFE." HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GAZA FLOTILLA WAS NOT A HUMANITARIAN MISSION. AYALON SAID THE GOI OFFERED TO HELP TRANSFER THE FLOTILLA'S REPORTED 10,000 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES TO THE GAZA STRIP THROUGH OFFICIAL LAND BORDER CROSSINGS " BUT THAT GAZA FLOTILLA ACTIVISTS HAD REFUSED THE OFFER. INSTEAD, AYALON INDICATED THAT GAZA FLOTILLA OFFICIALS SAID THEIR INTENT WAS TO "BREAK THE BLOCKADE" ON GAZA "AND WAS THEREFORE NOT A HUMANITARIAN MISSION.

3. ~~(SBU)~~ AYALON SAID THAT ALLOWING THE GAZA FLOTILLA TO REACH GAZA WOULD HAVE SET A PRECEDENT, OPENING A CHANNEL FOR THE SMUGGLING OF WEAPONS AND OTHER BANNED GOODS INTO GAZA. HE SAID THIS ULTIMATELY WOULD HAVE CAUSED "MORE BLOODSHED." AYALON SAID THE MOVEMENTS ORGANIZERS DID NOT HEED THE IDF'S CALLS TO PEACEFULLY FOLLOW THEM TO ASHDOD. HE SAID THAT AT LEAST TWO PISTOLS THAT WERE FIRED AT IDF COMMANDOS WERE FOUND ON BOARD ONE OF THE SHIPS, AND THAT NO SOVEREIGN COUNTRY WOULD HAVE TOLERATED SUCH VIOLENCE.

4. ~~(SBU)~~ AYALON CALLED ON ALL COUNTRIES INVOLVED TO DO "EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER" TO CALM THE SITUATION AND BRING IT TO A PEACEFUL END. HE NOTED THAT THE TURKISH NGO IHH THAT ORGANIZED THE FLOTILLA WAS WELL-KNOWN TO MAINTAIN TIES WITH HAMAS, AND WAS ONLY INTERESTED IN PROVOKING A VIOLENT CONFRONTATION.

BRIEF TO FOREIGN AMBASSADORS

5. ~~(SBU)~~ IN A LATER BRIEF TO FOREIGN AMBASSADORS, MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL YOSSI GAL AND IDF DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC COORDINATION COL ASSAF ORION NOTED THAT THE IDENTIFICATION OF DEAD AND WOUNDED GAZA FLOTILLA PARTICIPANTS WOULD TAKE SOME TIME. THEY NOTED THAT THE MFA WOULD REACH OUT PROACTIVELY TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES ONCE IDENTIFICATION OF PARTICIPANTS HAD BEEN COMPLETED, ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT CLEAR HOW LONG THE PROCESS OF IDENTIFICATION WOULD TAKE.

6. ~~(SBU)~~ GAL AND COL ORION INDICATED THAT ALL FATALITIES/INJURIES OCCURRED ON BOARD THE SHIP "MAVI MARMARA." COL ORION NOTED THAT ACTIVISTS ARMED WITH KNIVES AND METAL BARS ON BOARD THE MARMARA WERE PREPARED FOR IDF COMMANDOS. HE SAID IT WAS UNCLEAR IF THE ACTIVISTS WERE ARMED WITH GUNS IN ADVANCE OR TOOK FIREARMS FROM THE IDF BOARDING PARTY. COL ORION SAID ONE IDF COMMANDO WAS NEARLY BEATEN TO DEATH WITH A METAL BAR.

7. ~~(SBU)~~ COL ORION SAID THE INTERDICTION TOOK PLACE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS. HE SAID THE GOI ASSERTED THE LEGAL RIGHT TO INTERCEPT THE FLOTILLA IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS DUE TO THE MILITARY BLOCKADE IN PLACE AS A RESULT OF THE ARMED CONFLICT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HAMAS.

MOD BRIEF

8. (SBU) DURING A SUBSEQUENT PRESS CONFERENCE, DEFENSE MINISTER BARAK SAID THE GOI WAS "SORRY ABOUT THE RESULTS," BUT THAT RESPONSIBILITY LIES SOLELY IN THE HANDS OF THE GAZA FLOTILLA ORGANIZERS. HE SAID THAT THE GOI HAD ASKED THE ORGANIZERS TO HEAD TO ASHDOD AND SEND ITS HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES TO GAZA FOLLOWING IDF SECURITY CHECKS, BUT THAT SUCH CALLS WERE REJECTED.

9. (SBU) BARAK INDICATED THAT IDF COMMANDOS HAD BEEN ATTACKED DURING THE TAKEOVER OF ONE OF THE FLOTILLA SHIPS. DURING THE INCIDENT, IDF COMMANDOS USED ANTI-RIOT GEAR AND LIVE FIRE AGAINST THE FLOTILLA ACTIVISTS WHO HAD USED VIOLENCE.

10. (SBU) BARAK SAID HE HAD SPOKEN TO TURKISH OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS PRESIDENT PERES AND PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN CANADA. BARAK NOTED THAT THERE IS NO STARVATION OR HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN GAZA. THE AREA IS CONTROLLED BY HAMAS, AN ORGANIZATION BARAK SAID WAS ARMING ITSELF WITH ROCKETS TO HARM AND THAT HAVE HARMED ISRAEL. HE SAID IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE GOI STANDS BY ITS RIGHT TO INSPECT ANY SHIPS APPROACHING GAZA.

11. (SBU) BARAK SAID ISRAEL WILL ACT WITH DETERMINATION TO PROTECT ITS SOVEREIGNTY. HE DESCRIBED THE TURKISH NGO IHH THAT ORGANIZED THE FLOTILLA AS A "VIOLENT ORGANIZATION THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HUMANITARIAN AID" WHOSE INTENDED PURPOSE WAS TO BREAK THE BLOCKADE OF GAZA. BARAK CALLED ON ALL COUNTRIES INVOLVED TO REMAIN CALM, AND FOR ARAB STATES AND PALESTINIANS NOT TO ALLOW THIS INCIDENT TO DISRUPT ON-GOING PROXIMITY TALKS.

12. (SBU) IDF CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF LTG ASHKENAZI STATED THAT THE IDF INTERDICTION INTENDED TO THWART AN ATTEMPT TO BRING CONTRABAND INTO GAZA. HE SAID THAT THE EVENTS THAT TRANSPIRED ON THE IHH-OWNED MARMARA WERE UNIQUE FROM EVENTS ON THE OTHER FIVE FLOTILLA SHIPS. LTG ASHKENAZI SAID IDF COMMANDOS HAD BEEN ORDERED TO USE RESTRAINT, BUT FACED "EXTREME VIOLENCE" AS THEY BOARDED THE MARMARA. SOME IDF COMMANDOS WERE WOUNDED BY GUNSHOTS AND STABBINGS. SUCH VIOLENCE NECESSITATED SELF-DEFENSE " HE NOTED THAT AT LEAST TEN ACTIVISTS WERE KILLED, AND SEVERAL DOZENS WOUNDED.

13. (SBU) IDF NAVY COMMANDER VICE ADMIRAL ELIEZER MAROM ADDED THAT IDF COMMANDOS "HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO RESPOND IN KIND" TO THE VIOLENCE THEY FACED " THE SITUATION COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE IF THE IDF COMMANDOS HAD NOT ACTED WITH RESTRAINT. HE NOTED THAT ALL WOUNDED ACTIVISTS WERE TREATED BY ISRAELI SOLDIERS ON BOARD THE MARMARA, AND AIRLIFTED TO ISRAELI HOSPITALS.

J5 BRIEF

14. (SBU) IDF J5 STRATEGIC DIVISION CHIEF BRIGADIER GENERAL YOSSI HEYMANN INDICATED THAT THE IDF OPERATION WAS STILL ON-GOING; TWO OF THE SIX FLOTILLA SHIPS HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO ASHDOD, INCLUDING THE CHALLENGER I. BG HEYMANN SAID THAT ALL OTHER SHIPS " INCLUDING THE MAVI MARMARA -- WOULD BE BROUGHT INTO ASHDOD LATER THE EVENING OF MAY 31. HE SAID THAT 10-14 ACTIVISTS HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY KILLED OR INJURED, WITH ANOTHER 30 MODERATELY WOUNDED. BG HEYMANN NOTED THAT TEN IDF COMMANDOS HAD BEEN WOUNDED INCLUDING ONE WITH SERIOUS AND ONE WITH MODERATE WOUNDS.

15. (SBU) BG HEYMANN SAID THE INTERDICTION OCCURRED APPROXIMATELY 70 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE COASTLINE. BASED ON THE LAWS OF ARMED CONFLICT, BG HEYMANN SAID A COUNTRY PARTY TO A CONFLICT MAY LEGALLY IMPOSE A NAVAL BLOCKADE TO PREVENT SHIPS FROM ENTERING OR EXITING ITS TERRITORY OR TERRITORIAL WATERS. HE REFERENCED THE GOI'S ONGOING CONFLICT WITH HAMAS, AND SAID INTERNATIONAL LAW PERMITS THE CAPTURE OF SHIPS, EITHER HOSTILE OR NEUTRAL, THAT SEEK TO BREACH A NAVAL BLOCKADE. BG HEYMANN SAID A MARITIME VESSEL MAY BE BOARDED PRIOR TO ENTERING THE AREA UNDER NAVAL BLOCKADE IF THERE ARE REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT THE VESSEL INTENDS TO BREACH THE BLOCKADE.

OVERALL SECURITY SITUATION

16. (SBU) ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS THAT THE ISRAELI POLICE AND PRISON SERVICE WERE PLACED ON THE HIGHEST STATE OF ALERT FOLLOWING NEWS OF THE VIOLENT INTERDICTION. FOLLOWING A JOINT EVALUATION CONDUCTED BY INTERNAL SECURITY MINISTER YITZHAK AHARONOVITCH AND POLICE COMMISSIONER DUDI COHEN, THE ISRAELI POLICE WILL BLOCK CERTAIN ROADS AND ROUTES, INCLUDING THE WADI ARA AND TEMPLE MOUNT AREA. THE ISRAELI NSC'S COUNTERTERRORISM BUREAU ISSUED A WARNING TO ALL ISRAELI CITIZENS TRAVELING IN TURKEY TO REMAIN IN PLACE AND MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS INSTEAD OF ATTEMPTING TO DEPART TURKEY AT THIS TIME.

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Israel: Freedom Flotilla Intercept Ends Violently ... (U)

ISRAELI NAVAL COMMANDOS SEIZE VESSELS ... (U)

- 31 May: Israeli naval commandos, supported by Israeli Naval and Air Forces (INF/IAF), boarded the six-ship aid flotilla heading towards the Gaza Strip 70 nm off the coast in international waters (U) IAP20100530950012
 - Included Turkish, Greek and Kiribati-flagged ships (U) IAP20100531950068
 - Ordered to dock in Port Ashdod, IS to offload aid and equipment, but refused (U) IIR 6 849 0485 10
- Carried ~750 passengers from 40 countries (U) IAP20100531950068
 - Including international VIPs

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

ISRAELI OPERATION TOOK PLACE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS ~ 70 NM FROM ISRAELI COASTLINE (U)

- Demonstrators onboard attacked IDF personnel with light weaponry including knives and clubs (U) IIR 6 849 0485 10

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

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- 31 May: Vessels escorted to port Ashdod (U) Al Jazeera TV news 31 May
 - IDF will perform security checks to identify people and equipment (U) IIR 6 849 0485 10

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Israel: ...Outrages International Community (U)

INTERNATIONAL REACTION (U)

- United Nations Security Council holding emergency session 31 May (U) GMP20100531017037, HAARETZ.com 31 May
- 31 May: Ambassadors from the 27 European Union (EU) countries are to hold emergency talks in Brussels (U) EUP20100531085020
 - Many EU countries called in their respective Israeli ambassadors, asking for details (U) EUP20100531085020
 - Greece cancels joint exercises, diplomatic visits cancelled (U) EUP20100531085020
- Israel: Prime Minister Netanyahu cancels trip to U.S. (U) GMP20100531735014

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

- Arab League: Holding emergency meeting on 1 Jun (U) AI Jazeera TV 31 May
- Turkey: Recalled Ambassador (U) GMP20100531737003
 - Foreign Minister warned raid may lead to "irreparable consequences" (U) IAP20100531950068
 - Protestors raided Israel consulate (U) IAP20100531950068
- Palestinian Authority (PA): Officials condemned the raid, peaceful protests in the West Bank (SBU) JERUSALEM 000921
 - PA President Mahmoud Abbas has called for a three day mourning period (SBU) JERUSALEM 000921
- Demonstrations in Istanbul and Ankara, TU, Bosnia, the West Bank, and more expected world wide (U) B&A, EUP20100531060055

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

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Israel: Freedom Flotilla Intercepted (U)

ISRAELI NAVAL COMMANDOS SEIZE VESSELS ... (U)

- 31 May: Israeli naval commandos, supported by Israeli naval and air forces (INF/IAF), boarded the six-ship aid flotilla heading towards the Gaza Strip (U)

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- Ordered to dock in Port Ashdod, IS to offload aid and equipment, but refused (U) IIR 6 849 0485 10
- Carried ~750 passengers from 40 countries (U)

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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

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- Demonstrators onboard reportedly attacked the IDF naval personnel with light weaponry including knives and clubs, and possibly live fire (U) IIR 6 849 0485 10

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

ISRAELI OPERATION TOOK PLACE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS ~ 70 NM FROM ISRAELI COASTLINE (U)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

- 31 May: Vessels escorted to port Ashdod (U) Al Jazeera TV news 31 May

- IDF will perform security checks to identify people and equipment (U) IIR 6 849 0485 10

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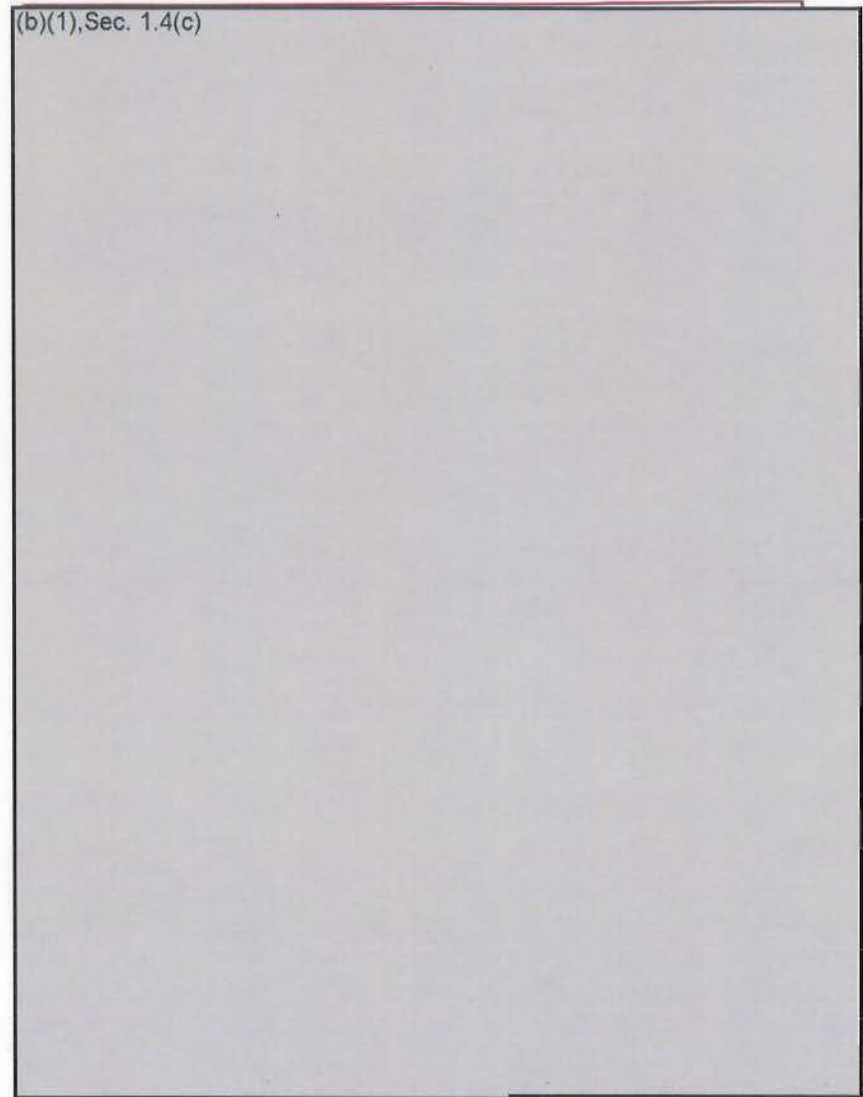


Israel: International Reaction to Freedom Flotilla Raid (U)

INTERNATIONAL REACTION (U)

- United Nations Security Council holding emergency session 31 May (U) GMP20100531017037, HAARETZ.com 31 May
- 31 May: Ambassadors from the 27 European Union (EU) countries are to hold emergency talks in Brussels (U) EUP20100531085020
 - Many EU countries convoking their respective Israeli ambassadors, asking for details (U) EUP20100531085020
 - Some joint exercises, diplomatic visits cancelled (U) EUP20100531085020
- Arab League: Calling for an emergency meeting for 1 Jun (U) Al Jazeera TV 31 May
 - Egypt: Summons its ambassador from Israel (U) Al Jazeera TV 31 May
- Turkey: Recalled Ambassador (U) GMP20100531737003
 - Foreign Minister warned raid may lead to "irreparable consequences" (U) IAP20100531950068
 - Protestors raided Israel consulate (U) IAP20100531950068
- Palestinian Authority (PA): Officials condemned the raid, peaceful protests in the West Bank (U) JERUSALEM 000921
 - PA President Mahmoud Abbas has called for a three day mourning period (U) JERUSALEM 000921

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~~(S)~~ IHH SHIP TO DEPART ISTANBUL FOR GAZA FLOTILLA ON MAY 22,
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1. ~~(S)~~ SUMMARY: (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

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END SUMMARY.

U.S. CITIZENS MAY JOIN FLOTILLA FROM TURKEY

2. ~~(S)~~ On May 17, (b)(6) told poloff that U.S. citizens indicated they would board IHH's passenger ship scheduled to depart Istanbul on May 22 at 11:00 a.m., although he would not predict how many of them will actually show up. The ship is scheduled to head for Antalya, where on May 25, it will pick up additional passengers, some of which could be additional U.S. citizens, said Yildirim. The ship will then rendezvous with a flotilla of six other ships from Europe and two IHH cargo ships off the coast of Cyprus. (b)(6) said that some of the European ships may also have U.S. citizens on board.

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3. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)
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CARGO TO CONTAIN BUILDING MATERIAL, MEDICINE, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

4. ~~(S)~~ According to (b)(6) the IHH cargo ships, scheduled to depart from Mersin, will contain construction material to build 12 apartments for homeless Gazans, playground equipment, medical equipment, over 120 types of medicine, and generators. He said that all of the IHH vessels and cargo joining the flotilla are open to inspection by the diplomatic community and others to show that they are not bringing weapons or illegal goods to Gaza.

5. ~~(S)~~ COMMENT (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)
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~~(S)~~ Israeli Embassy on the Gaza Flotilla Crisis

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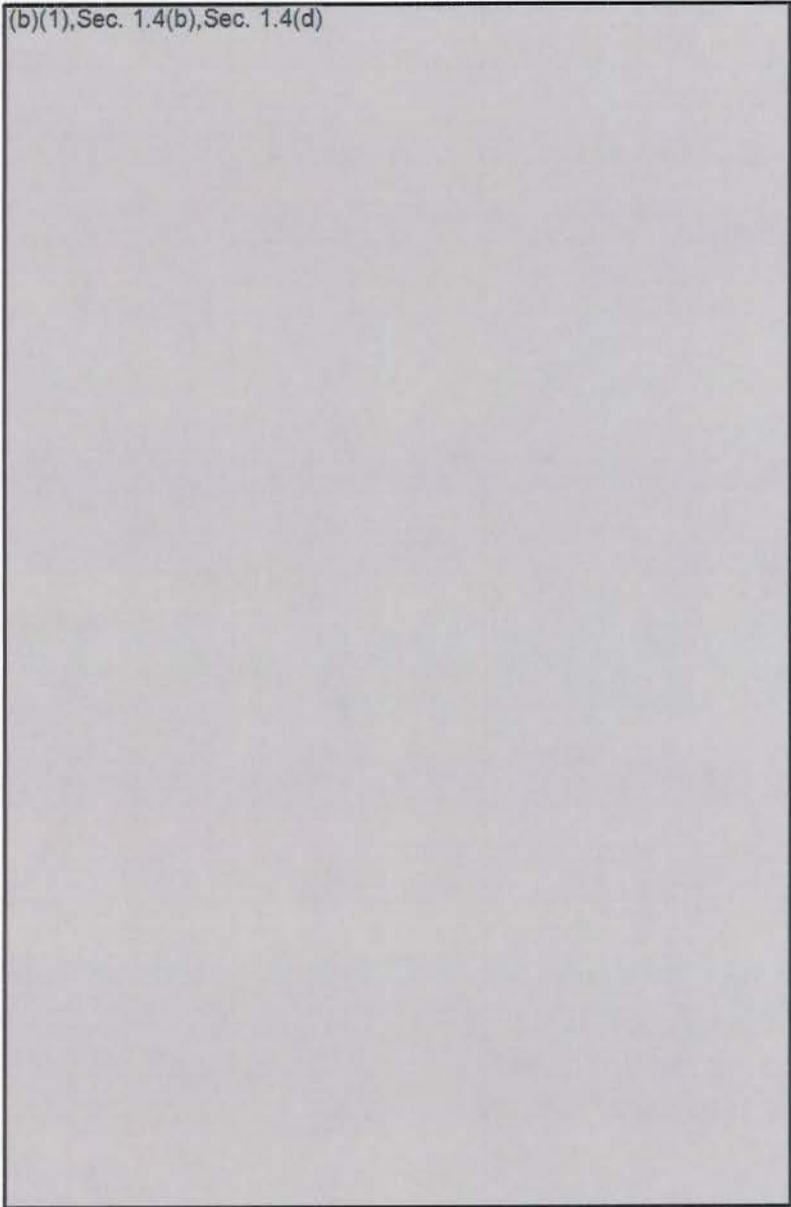
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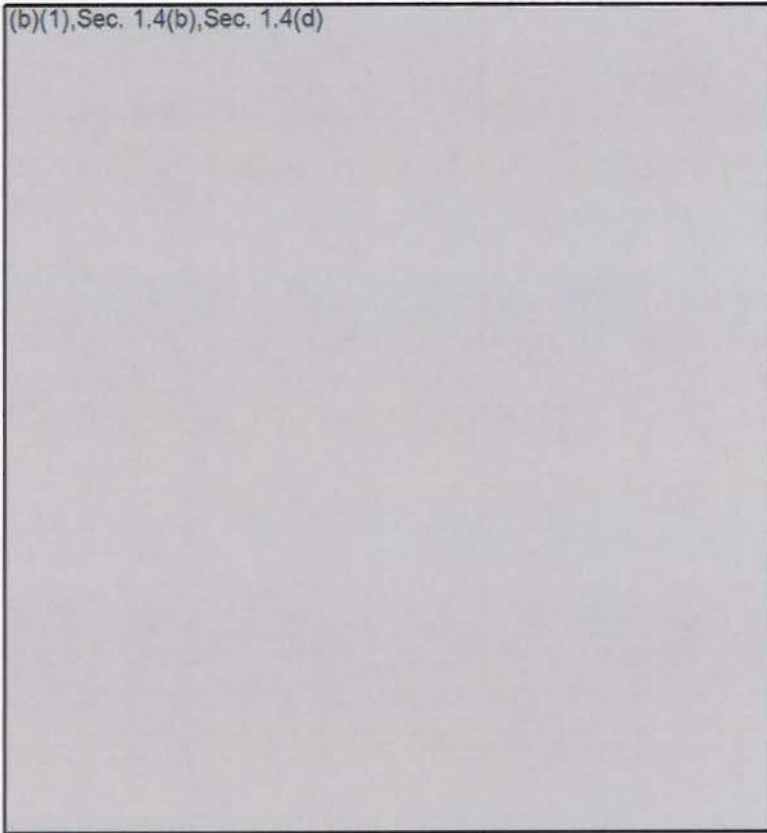
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1. ~~(S)~~ SUMMARY (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)
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2. ~~(S)~~ (b)(6) TOLD US MAY 10 THAT "AT LEAST FOUR OR FIVE AMERICANS" WILL PARTICIPATE IN HIS NGO'S HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FLOTILLA TO GAZA LATER THIS MONTH. THEY WILL JOIN NATIONALS FROM TURKEY, THE UK, IRELAND, GREECE, BELGIUM, SPAIN, FRANCE, RUSSIA, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, VENEZUELA, BOSNIA, MACEDONIA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, ALGERIA, JORDAN, MOROCCO, NIGER, SOUTH AFRICA, SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, BAHRAIN, AND MALAYSIA. (b)(6) EXPECTS THAT LIST TO GROW PRIOR TO THE NINE-SHIP FLOTILLA'S PLANNED MAY 23 DEPARTURE TO DELIVER 5000 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID TO GAZA (REFTEL). (b)(6) SAID THE PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE EUROPEAN POLITICIANS, INCLUDING SEVERAL GREEK MPS. TEN TURKISH MPS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SAILING WITH THE FLOTILLA.

ISRAELI REACTION

(b)(1),(b)(6), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

5. (U) IHH PRESIDENT BULENT YILDIRIM ANNOUNCED AT A MAY 6 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT IZZET SAHIN, A TURKISH NATIONAL AND WEST BANK REPRESENTATIVE FOR IHH, WAS ARRESTED BY ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES APRIL 27 WHILE PASSING THROUGH A BETHLEHEM-AREA CHECKPOINT. ACCORDING TO IHH, IZZET IS BEING HELD WITHOUT FORMAL CHARGES. YILDIRIM CONTENDED SAHIN'S ARREST IS AN ISRAELI GOVERNMENT EFFORT TO PRESSURE IHH INTO CANCELLING THE CONVOY.

COMMENT

6. ~~(S)~~ (U) THE NEWS THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FLOTILLA IS ESPECIALLY UNWELCOME GIVEN OUR PERCEPTION IHH WOULD ALMOST CERTAIN WELCOME THE PUBLICITY ARISING FROM A CONFRONTATION AT SEA BETWEEN THE FLOTILLA AND THE IDF. MANY MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES PROMISE TO BE ON HAND.
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SUBJECT: GAZA FLOTILLA AFTERMATH - SITREP 1

REF: TEL AVIV 1210
CLASSIFIED BY: A/DCM MARC SIEVERS. REASONS 1.4(B), (D).

1. AS OF JUNE 1 AT 5 P.M. LOCAL TIME:

POLITICAL-MILITARY

2. ~~REF~~ MOD OFFICIALS INFORMED AMBASSADOR CUNNINGHAM THAT THE GOI HOPED TO DEPORT TODAY SOME 30 JORDANIANS AND 50 OTHER "ARABS" (WHICH THE AMBASSADOR UNDERSTOOD TO MEAN MUSLIMS IN GENERAL) VIA THE ALLENBY CROSSING TO JORDAN.

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(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(b),Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1) ALL REPATRIATIONS REPORTEDLY ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD PENDING RESOLUTION OF AN ORDER BY ATTORNEY GENERAL WEINSTEIN SUPPORTING A REQUEST BY THE ISRAEL NATIONAL POLICE TO REVIEW THE IDENTITIES OF ALL DETAINEES AND INTERROGATE THOSE SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT IN VIOLENT ATTACKS ON ISRAELI MILITARY PERSONNEL. THE CABINET IS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,S ORDER SINCE IT CONTRADICTS ASSURANCES MADE BY DEFENSE MINISTER BARAK AND THE MFA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY.

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GAZA FLOTILLA RENDEZVOUS POINT NEAR CYRUS IN A LITTLE MORE THAN THREE DAYS, WITH AN EXPECTED ARRIVAL NEAR GAZA SOMETIME ON SATURDAY, JUNE 5. IDF OFFICIALS TOLD DAO THAT THEY HAVE YET TO DETERMINE HOW THEY WILL HANDLE THE RACHEL CORRIE, BUT STRESSED THAT THEY WILL NOT ALLOW IT TO REACH GAZA.

6. (SBU) (b)(6) TOLD A/DCM THIS AFTERNOON THAT BARAK AGREED YESTERDAY TO TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER DAVUTOGLU'S REQUEST TO EXPEDITE THE RETURN OF TURKISH NATIONALS. BARAK ASKED THAT THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR WORK WITH MOD POL-MIL DIRECTOR AMOS GILAD. ACCORDING TO (b)(6) GILAD ARRANGED FOR A TURKISH AMBULANCE AIRCRAFT, WHICH (b)(6) SAID WAS JUST LANDING AT BEN GURION AIRPORT AS THEY SPOKE, TO REPATRIATE THE TURKISH WOUNDED. (b)(6) SAID THE REPATRIATION OF OTHER TURKISH DETAINEES, AS WELL AS OTHER NATIONALITIES, WAS COMPLICATED BY AN ISRAELI LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT DEPORTEES SIGN A RELEASE FORM, WHICH HE SAID ABOUT 400 DETAINEES OF VARIOUS NATIONALITIES HAD REFUSED TO SIGN. WE ARE FOLLOWING UP WITH MFA ON THIS ISSUE.

7. (SBU) FOLLOWING THE CONVERSATION WITH (b)(6) MFA (b)(6) (b)(6) CALLED A/DCM REGARDING EFFORTS TO ARRANGE DEPORTATION OF ALL DETAINEES, AS WELL AS THE RETURN OF REMAINS OF THE TEN DEAD. CONTRARY TO OUR CONVERSATION WITH MOD (b)(6) SAID THE MFA HAS THE LEAD IN FOLLOWING UP WITH THE TURKISH EMBASSY. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT EFFORTS TO ARRANGE THE RETURN OF TURKISH WOUNDED HAS BEEN HALTED BY ORDER OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN RESPONSE TO AN ISRAELI NATIONAL POLICE REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE THE WOUNDED AND REVIEW THE IDENTITIES OF THE OTHER DETAINEES IN CASE THEY WERE INVOLVED IN VIOLENT ATTACKS ON ISRAELI SOLDIERS. (b)(6) SAID THE CABINET IS CURRENTLY MEETING AND HE ASSUMED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ORDER WOULD BE DISCUSSED SINCE IT CONTRADICTED MOD AND MFA ASSURANCES TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. BARAK THOUGHT HE MIGHT HAVE AN UPDATE AFTER 20:00 LOCAL TIME THIS EVENING.

8. (SBU) OF THE TEN DEAD, ONLY THREE HAD TURKISH ID CARDS OR PASSPORTS ON THEM. (b)(6) SAID THE ASSUMPTION IS THAT THEY ARE ALL TURKISH CITIZENS, BUT THE MFA IS WORKING WITH THE TURKISH EMBASSY TO IDENTIFY THE REST OF THE DEAD. THE RETURN OF THE BODIES IS ALSO HALTED TEMPORARILY BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ORDER.

9. (SBU) ISRAELI MAGEN DAVID ADOM AND TURKISH RED CRESCENT REPRESENTATIVES VISITED FOUR ISRAELI HOSPITALS TODAY. (b)(6) SAID THERE ARE 42 TURKISH NATIONALS IN ISRAELI HOSPITALS, OF WHOM THE RED CRESCENT IDENTIFIED 24 WHO ARE READY TO RETURN TO TURKEY. THE TURKISH AMBULANCE PLANES ARE WAITING TO TRANSPORT THE WOUNDED WHO ARE READY TO TRAVEL BUT THEIR DEPARTURE IS BEING DELAYED PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S INTERVENTION.

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10. (SBU) REGARDING THOSE AT THE BEER SHEVA DETENTION CENTER, (b)(6) EXPLAINED THAT ISRAELI LAW REQUIRES DEPORTEES TO SIGN A RELEASE FORM IF THEY AGREE TO IMMEDIATE DEPORTATION. THOSE WHO REFUSED TO SIGN MAY BE DEPORTED AFTER 72 HOURS IF THERE IS NO COMPLAINT OR INVESTIGATION AGAINST THEM. (b)(6) SAID ABOUT 40 TURKS HAVE SIGNED THE RELEASE AND LEFT THE COUNTRY LAST NIGHT.

11. (SBU) (b)(6) SAID JORDAN HAS OFFERED TO FACILITATE THE REPATRIATION OF CITIZENS OF MUSLIM STATES THAT DO NOT HAVE RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. AT LEAST ONE INDONESIAN AND ONE LEBANESE ARE AMONG THE WOUNDED, AND THE JORDANIANS ARE HANDLING THEIR REPATRIATION ONCE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S HOLD IS RESOLVED.

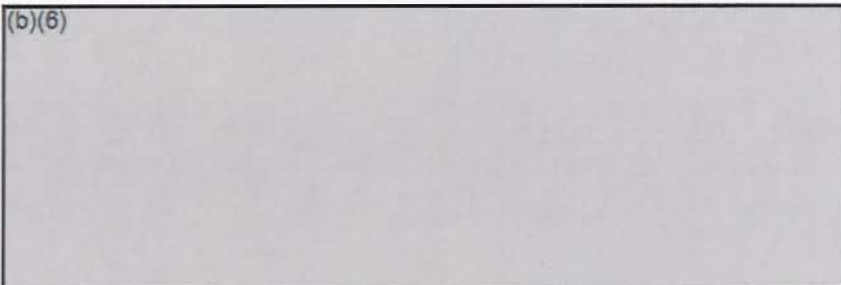
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12. (SBU) TEL AVIV CONSULS ARE CURRENTLY VISITING WITH 11 DETAINEES AT THE ELLA PRISON IN BEERSHEVA. THE FIVE MEN AND SIX WOMEN ARE IN GOOD HEALTH AND ARE FREE TO MEET WITH THE CONSULS. TWO OTHER DETAINEES WERE BRIEFLY HOSPITALIZED AND RELEASED TO DETENTION (b)(6). TWO DETAINEES (b)(6) ACCEPTED REPATRIATION LAST NIGHT. CG WILL VISIT ONE DETAINEE AT GIVON PRISON THIS EVENING.

13. (SBU) THE CONDITIONS AT ELLA ARE CROWDED, WITH CONSULS FROM MANY COUNTRIES MEETING WITH THEIR NATIONALS IN A COMMON SPACE. MEN AND WOMEN ARE HELD SEPARATELY. IMMIGRATION JUDGES HAVE SEEN SOME OF THE DETAINEES AND PROVIDED DEPORTATION ORDERS FOR THE DETAINEES TO SIGN. IF THEY SIGN, THEY AGREE TO DEPORTATION WITHIN 72 HOURS. IF THEY REFUSE, THEY ARE BEING TOLD THEY COULD WAIT UP TO 30 DAYS FOR AN IMMIGRATION HEARING. A HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER FROM JERUSALEM, WELL-KNOWN TO SOME OF THE DETAINEES, IS PRESENT. THE GENERAL POLITICAL VIEW OF THE DETAINEES IS THAT THEY WERE KIDNAPPED ON THE HIGH SEAS, ARE ILLEGALLY IN ISRAEL, AND ARE BEING HELD HOSTAGE. MANY OF THEM ARE RELUCTANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR OWN DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS.

14. (SBU) PRISON AUTHORITIES REPORT AT LEAST 100 DETAINEES NOT YET REGISTERED AND RELEASED TO DETENTION FACILITIES. UPDATED LIST EXPECTED IN ANOTHER FOUR HOURS.

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SECURITY

15. ~~(SBU)~~ ISRAELI NATIONAL POLICE ARE SLATED TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF THE REMAND OF 18 YOUTHS ARRESTED MAY 31 FOR RIOTING IN UMM AL-FAHM, NAZARETH, FUREIDIS AND HAIFA. A POLICE STATEMENT SAID, "WE WILL CONTINUE WITH A FIRM POLICY AGAINST ANYONE WHO USES ANY KIND OF VIOLENCE. WE WILL ALLOW PROTESTS, BUT NOT RIOTS." MEANWHILE, THOUSANDS OF NORTHERN DISTRICT POLICE OFFICERS ARE PREPARING FOR POSSIBLE SCENARIOS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTING, NORTHERN DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF SHIMON KOREN IS HOLDING TALKS WITH LEADERS OF THE ARAB PUBLIC IN HOPES OF MAINTAINING CALM AND RESTRAINT.

16. ~~(SBU)~~ THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ISRAELI ARAB COMMUNITY IN ISRAEL CALLED FOR A GENERAL STRIKE TO TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 1. THIRTY ARAB WOMEN MARCHING IN JERUSALEM WITH TURKISH FLAGS ON JUNE 1 WERE DISPERSED WITHOUT VIOLENCE BY POLICE AFTER THEY ATTEMPTED TO BLOCK A MAIN ROAD AS THEY MARCHED TO THE TURKISH CONSULATE IN A SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR THE FLOTILLA.

17. ~~(SBU)~~ SEVERAL ISRAELI ARAB LEADERS WERE ON THE FLOTILLA, INCLUDING SHEIKH RAED SALAH, THE LEADER OF THE NORTHERN BRANCH OF THE ISLAMIC MOVEMENT WHO RECENTLY WAS ACQUITTED OF INCITING DISTURBANCES ON THE TEMPLE MOUNT. TENSIONS WERE VERY HIGH UNTIL THIS MORNING WHEN FALSE RUMORS ABOUT SHEIKH SALAH'S DEATH, INJURY, OR SURVIVAL OF A SUPPOSED ISRAELI ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT WERE DISPELLED. THE LEADER OF THE SOUTHERN BRANCH OF THE ISLAMIC MOVEMENT, HAMAD ABU DAA, BAS, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ARAB HIGHER MONITORING COMMITTEE, MUHAMMAD ZEIDAN, WERE ALSO ON BOARD THE SHIPS. ALL THREE WERE ARRESTED AND BROUGHT BEFORE THE ASHKELON MAGISTRATES COURT FOR A JUNE 1 HEARING APPROVING THEIR CONTINUED DETENTION AND INTERROGATION. KNESSET MEMBER HANEEN ZOABI (BALAD), WHO HAD ALSO BEEN ON ONE OF THE SHIPS OF THE FLOTILLA, WAS RELEASED DUE TO HER PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY AND PROMPTLY HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE, DECLARING THE FLOTILLA A "VICTORY." MK JAMAL ZALHAKA (BALAD), WHO WAS NOT ON THE FLOTILLA, DESCRIBED THE COMMANDO RAID PUBLICLY AS A "MASSACRE WHOSE RESULTS WERE NOT A MATTER OF CHANCE" AND CALLED FOR NETANYAHU AND BARAK TO RESIGN AND BE PROSECUTED IN AN INTERNATIONAL COURT FOR WAR CRIMES.

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PRESS REPORTING

18. (U) THE ISRAELI PRESS HAS BEEN HEAVILY CRITICAL OF ALMOST ALL ASPECTS OF THE GAZA FLOTILLA OPERATION. THE CRITICISM AND COMMENTARY OF THE AFFAIR WERE MAINLY DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS, EACH FOCUSING ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF THE OPERATION: FROM THE SOLDIERS ON THE GROUND, TO THE MILITARY COMMAND, AND ALL THE WAY UP TO THE POLITICAL ECHELON, WITH SOME BLUNT AND UNABASHED CALLS FOR THE RESIGNATION OF DEFENSE MINISTER EHUD BARAK.

19. (SPO) THE ONE, ALMOST-CLEAR CONSENSUS AMONG THE COMMENTATORS WAS THAT THE SOLDIERS SHOULD NOT BE BLAMED FOR THE MISHAP, WHICH WAS ILL-PREPARED BY THEIR COMMANDERS. SEVERAL REPORTERS WHO WERE EMBEDDED WITH THE NAVY FORCES BROUGHT FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS OF THE ACTIONS, ATTESTING TO THE BRAVERY OF THE SOLDIERS ON THE SHIPS, WHO WERE FACED WITH ODDS MUCH GREATER THAN THEY HAD EXPECTED.

20. (SPO) THE CRITICISM INTENSIFIES AS THE PUNDITS AND COMMENTATORS CLIMB UP THE RANKS AND BEGIN ANALYZING THE IDF PREPAREDNESS FOR THE MISSION. LT. GEN. GABI ASHKENAZI, USUALLY A MEDIA FAVORITE, WAS TODAY ONE OF THOSE BLAMED FOR THE LACK OF EFFECTIVE PLANNING. THE CRITICISM RANGED FROM LACK OF INTELLIGENCE ON WHAT THE PROTESTORS WERE PREPARING ON BOARD THE "MAVI MARMARA," THE RELATIVELY SMALL SIZE OF THE FORCE THAT BOARDED A SHIP CARRYING 600 PASSENGERS, AND THE NAVY'S DECISION TO EQUIP THE SOLDIERS WITH LESS-THAN-LETHAL WEAPONS (PAINTBALL GUNS).

21. (SPO) BUT THE HARSHTEST CRITICISM WAS SAVED FOR THE POLITICAL ECHELON, AND IN PARTICULAR THE DEFENSE MINISTER. SENIOR COLUMNISTS AND COMMENTATORS ASKED WHETHER THE MILITARY-POLITICAL ECHELON, HEADED BY EHUD BARAK, HAD MADE THE RIGHT DECISION TO CONFRONT THE FLOTILLA IN SUCH A WAY, RATHER THAN LETTING THE FLOTILLA PASS THROUGH TO GAZA, OR PLACING THE BRUNT OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HUMANITARIAN AID TO GAZA IN THE HANDS OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. CUNNINGHAM

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SUBJECT: MGGZ01: GAZA FLOTILLA MONITORING GROUP SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS INVOLVED

1. ~~(SBU)~~ NINE AMCITS, INCLUDING TWO JOURNALISTS, WERE REPORTEDLY ONBOARD THE FIRST TWO SHIPS TO DOCK IN THE ISRAELI PORT OF ASHDOD; THREE ARE SCHEDULED TO BE DEPORTED FROM BEN GURION AIRPORT THE MORNING OF JUNE 1. THE REMAINING INDIVIDUALS ARE HELD AT A DETENTION FACILITY NEAR BEER SHEEVA. THE MFA WILL PROVIDE CONSULAR ACCESS TO AMCITS THE MORNING OF JUNE 1. (OPS/EMBASSY TEL AVIV E-MAIL)
2. ~~(SBU)~~ ONE AMCIT REPORTEDLY RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES AND WAS TREATED AT BARZILAY HOSPITAL, BUT WAS NOT ABOARD THE TURKISH VESSEL, MAVI MARMARA, WHERE CONFRONTATIONS WITH THE IDF OCCURRED. (OPS/EMBASSY TEL AVIV E-MAIL)
3. ~~(SBU)~~ THE MFA PRESUMES A NUMBER OF UNACCOUNTED AMCITS ARE ON THE MAVI MARMARA, WHICH HAS YET TO DOCK. (OPS/EMBASSY TEL AVIV E-MAIL)
4. ~~(SBU)~~ THE DEAD HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO A FORENSIC LAB, BUT IT MAY BE SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE THEY ARE IDENTIFIED. (OPS/EMBASSY TEL AVIV E-MAIL)

TURKEY APPEALS TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL

5. ~~(SBU)~~ TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER DAVUTOGLU SAID ISRAEL TREATED INTERNATIONAL AID WORKERS AS "COMBATANTS," AND "THE PEACE PROCESS HAS BEEN SUFFOCATED BY A SINGLE ACT OF AGGRESSION." TURKEY IS SEEKING A UNSC PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT DEMANDING: ISRAEL APOLOGIZE TO COUNTRIES AND INDIVIDUALS HARMED IN THE INCIDENT; AN "URGENT INQUIRY" BE CONDUCTED BY THE UN; INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE; IMMEDIATE REPATRIATION OF THE DEAD AND WOUNDED; DELIVERY OF ALL SHIP CARGO TO GAZA; AN END TO THE GAZA BLOCKADE. (OPS/EMBASSY TEL AVIV E-MAIL)

GAZA REACTION

6. ~~(SBU)~~ HAMAS CALLED FOR A THREE-DAY STRIKE IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES, BUT HAS NOT SO FAR ENFORCED IT, EVEN IN GAZA. EMBASSY CONTACTS SUGGEST THE APPARENT LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR PROTESTS REFLECTED SCANT HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN GAZA, ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION. OTHERS, HOWEVER, SAW INITIATIVES LIKE THE "FREE GAZA" FLOTILLA AS INTENDED TO SUPPORT ONLY HAMAS AND ITS BENEFICIARIES. (JERUSALEM 922)

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA REACTION

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7. (U) **UNITED NATIONS**: U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL BAN KI-MOON SAID "IT IS VITAL THAT THERE IS A FULL INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE EXACTLY HOW THIS BLOODSHED TOOK PLACE. I BELIEVE ISRAEL MUST URGENTLY PROVIDE A FULL EXPLANATION," HE SAID. (REUTERS)
8. (U) **UNITED KINGDOM**: FOREIGN SECRETARY WILLIAM HAGUE: "I DEPLORE THE LOSS OF LIFE DURING THE INTERCEPTION OF THE GAZA FLOTILLA... WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY ADVISED AGAINST ATTEMPTING TO ACCESS GAZA IN THIS WAY, BECAUSE OF THE RISKS INVOLVED. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THERE IS A CLEAR NEED FOR ISRAEL TO ACT WITH RESTRAINT AND IN LINE WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS..." (REUTERS)
9. (U) **GERMANY**: GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ULRICH WILHELM: "THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS SHOCKED BY EVENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL WATERS BY GAZA... EVERY GERMAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS UNCONDITIONALLY ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO SELF DEFENSE," SAID WILHELM, BUT ADDED THAT ISRAELI ACTIONS SHOULD CORRESPOND TO WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE "BASIC PRINCIPLE" OF PROPORTIONALITY. (REUTERS)
10. (U) **EUROPEAN UNION**: HIGH REPRESENTATIVE CATHERINE ASHTON: "EXPRESSES HER DEEP REGRET AT THE NEWS OF LOSS OF LIFE AND VIOLENCE AND EXTENDS HER SYMPATHIES TO FAMILIES OF THE DEAD AND WOUNDED," SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR ASHTON. "ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION SHE DEMANDS A FULL ENQUIRY ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THIS HAPPENED... THE CONTINUED POLICY OF CLOSURE IS UNACCEPTABLE AND POLITICALLY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. SHE CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE, SUSTAINED AND UNCONDITIONAL OPENING OF THE CROSSING FOR THE FLOW OF HUMANITARIAN AID, COMMERCIAL GOODS AND PERSONS TO AND FROM GAZA." (REUTERS)
11. (U) **EGYPT**: "PRESIDENT HOSNI MUBARAK CONDEMNS ISRAEL'S EXCESSIVE AND UNJUSTIFIED USE OF FORCE AGAINST INNOCENT CIVILIANS," STATE NEWS AGENCY MENA SAID, ADDING THAT MUBARAK STRESSED EGYPT'S SUPPORT OF GAZA'S PALESTINIANS. (REUTERS) 12. (U) **PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES**: PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT MAHMOUD ABBAS DECLARED THREE DAYS OF OFFICIAL MOURNING FOR THE DEAD AND SAID, "WHAT ISRAEL HAS COMMITTED ON BOARD THE FREEDOM FLOTILLA WAS A MASSACRE." (REUTERS)
13. (U) **SAUDI ARABIA**: THE CABINET DECLARED, "THIS ATTACK IS AN ACT OF HOSTILITY THAT REFLECTS INHUMANE PRACTICES THAT DEFEY THE WHOLE WORLD ... AND THE INSISTENCE TO STARVE THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ... AND KILL INNOCENT PEOPLE." (REUTERS)
14. (U) **ARAB LEAGUE**: SECRETARY-GENERAL AMR MOUSSA CALLED FOR AN EMERGENCY MEETING TO DISCUSS WHAT THE BODY THAT GROUPS 22 ARAB STATES DESCRIBED AS ISRAEL'S "TERRORIST ACT." (REUTERS)
15. (U) **SPAIN**: SECRETARY OF STATE DIEGO LOPEZ GARRIDO SAID, "SPAIN UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNS THE ISRAELI ATTACK ON THE HUMANITARIAN FLOTILLA AND IT DOES SO AS A COUNTRY AND AS THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE EU COUNCIL. SPAIN HAS SUMMONED THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO ASK HIM FOR EXPLANATIONS OF THE ATTACK." (REUTERS)
16. (U) ADDITIONAL UPDATES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR INTELLIPEDIA PORTAL ON THE UNCLASSIFIED SYSTEM AT: [HTTP://WWW.INTELINK.GOV/WIKI/PORTAL:GAZA-FLOTILLA-2010](http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/portal:GAZA-FLOTILLA-2010).
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CLASSIFIED BY: WALTER PARRS, SENIOR WATCH OFFICER, S/ES-O FOR REASON: 1.4(B) AND (D)

STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS

1. (U) THREE OF FIVE REMAINING INJURED TURKISH CITIZENS LANDED IN ANKARA AND TWO ARE STILL IN ISRAELI HOSPITALS. (YNETNEWS.COM)

OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA

2. ~~(SPO)~~ EMBASSY TEL AVIV BELIEVES THE ISRAELIS ARE ESCORTING THE RACHEL CORRIE TO ASHDOD PORT, BUT THE EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE CONFIRMATION. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY TEL AVIV E-MAIL)

3. ~~(SPO)~~ THE FREE GAZA MOVEMENT SAYS NONE OF THE RACHEL CORRIE PASSENGERS IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. (MGGZ01/BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS E-MAIL)

PALESTINIAN INVESTMENT CONFERENCE

4. (U) SPECIAL ENVOY FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE MITCHELL COMMENTED THE FLOTILLA INCIDENT SHOULD NOT HAMPER PROGRESS ON PROXIMITY TALKS, MEDIA REPORT. PM FAYYAD HAD LIMITED INVOLVEMENT IN THE CONFERENCE, BUT ADDITIONAL ARAB STATE REPRESENTATION WAS HIGH. (AL-HAYAT AL-JADIDA)

SECURITY UPDATE

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ISRAELI RESPONSE

6. (U) ISRAELI OFFICIALS DENY THE GOVERNMENT IS RESISTING PRESSURE TO FORM AN INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE. (AL-QUDS)

7. (U) MEDIA REPORT ISRAEL IS SEEKING "NEW WAYS" TO ALLOW CIVILIAN GOODS TO ENTER GAZA. PM NETANYAHU PROMISED QUARTET REPRESENTATIVE TONY BLAIR, ISRAEL WILL EASE THE BLOCKADE BUT WILL NOT ALLOW SHIPS TO REACH GAZA. (NYTIMES.COM)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

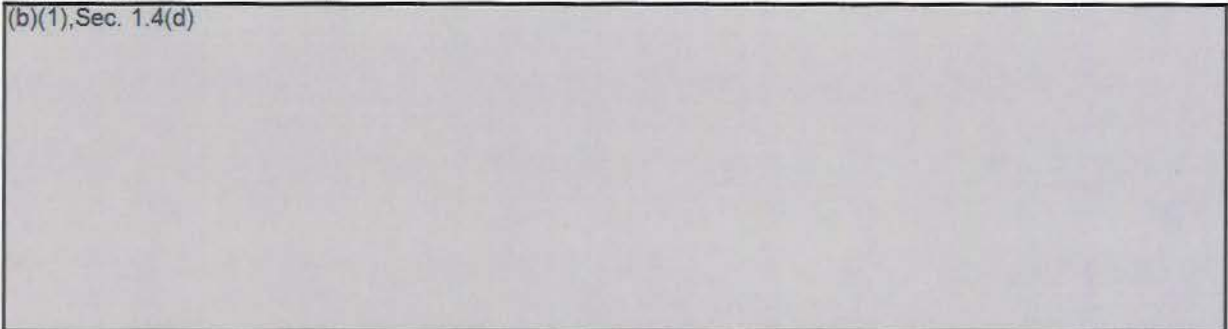
8. ~~(SPO)~~ THE EGYPTIAN CHAIR OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) COORDINATING BUREAU RELEASED A STATEMENT CONDEMNING THE ISRAELI BLOCKADE OF GAZA AND IDF ACTIONS. (NAM PRESS RELEASE)

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INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)



12. (U) FRANCE: THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OPPOSES THE MISSION OF THE RACHEL CORRIE AND DOES NOT PLAN TO PURSUE ISRAEL FOR INTERDICTING THE MAVI MARMARA. (ISRAEL RADIO NEWS)

13. (U) GREECE: ASSISTANT FM DROUTSAS RELEASED A STATEMENT CONDEMNING IDF ACTIONS AND SUPPORTING THE LAWFUL ACTIVITIES OF NGOS. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY ATHENS E- MAIL)

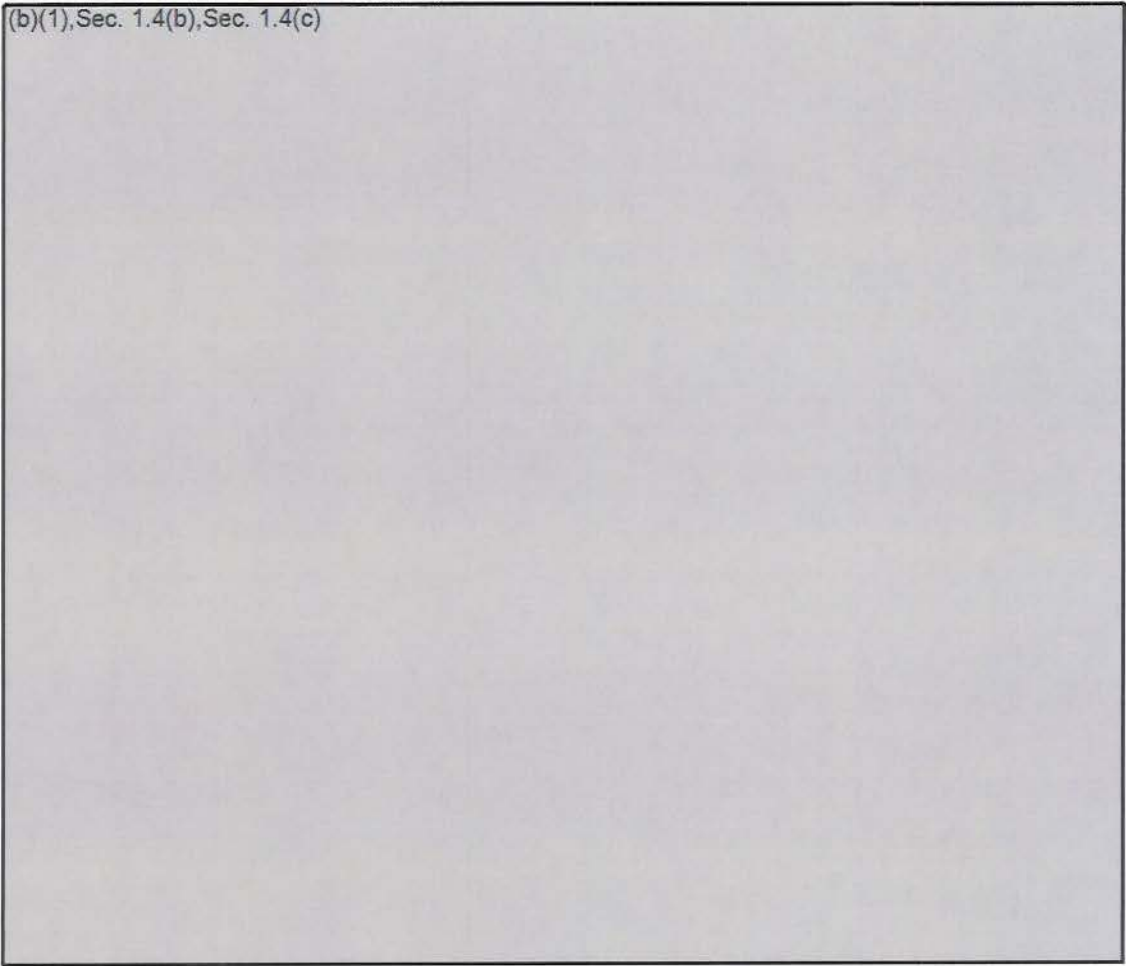
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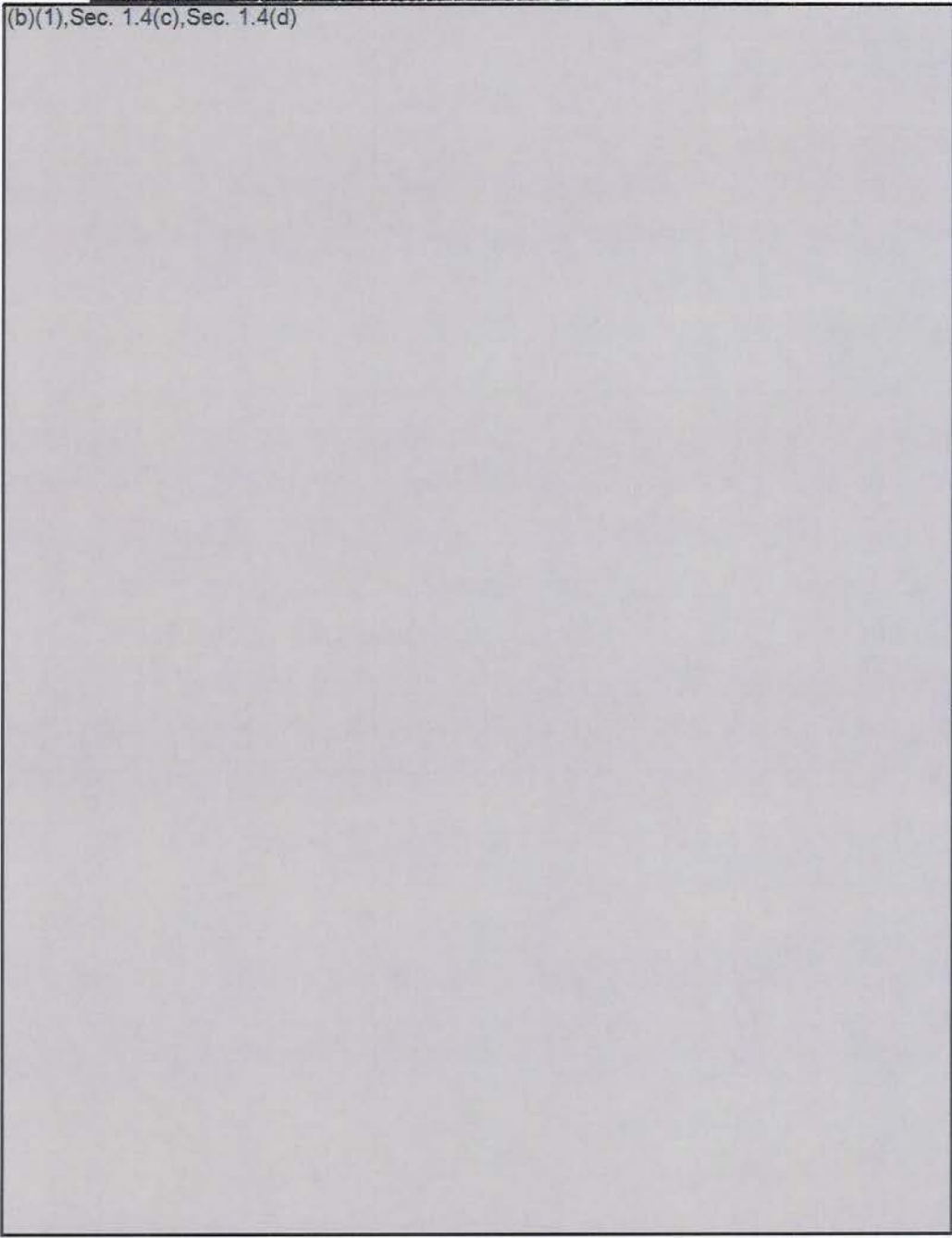
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5. Thank you for your cooperation.

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(b)(1),(b)(3):10 USC §424,(b)(3):50 USC § 3024(i),Sec. 1.4(c)

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(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

SUMMARY: (U) SEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, TEXT PARAGRAPH 1, BELOW.

TEXT: 1. (b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c) THE ISRAELI BOARDING OF AND EVENTS ABOARD THE AID SHIP, MV RACHEL CORRIE ON 5 JUNE 2010.

2. (b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c),Sec. 1.4(d) THE ISRAELI NAVY INTERCEPTED THE AID VESSEL RACHEL CORRIE USING A FRIGATE AND 4 TO 6 ZODIAC RUBBER BOATS APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES AWAY FROM THE GAZA COAST. HOWEVER, ISRAELI NAVAL FORCES WERE IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE SHIP FROM A MUCH FURTHER DISTANCE. THE ISRAELIS (b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c),Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c),Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1) INSTRUCTED THEM TO TURN AROUND AND NOT PROCEED TO GAZA (b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1),(b)(3):10 U.S.C. § 424,Sec. 1.4(b),Sec. 1.4(c),Sec. 1.4(d)

4. (b)(3):10 U.S.C. § UPON BOARDING AND SECURING THE MV RACHEL CORRINE, THE ISRAELI COMMANDOS DID NOT MISTREAT THE VOLUNTEERS. ONCE IN ASHDOD, THE ISRAELIS PROVIDED THE VOLUNTEERS WITH FRUITS AND WATER DURING THEIR DETENTION UNTIL THEIR RELEASE.

(b)(1),(b)(3):10 U.S.C. § 424,Sec. 1.4(b),Sec. 1.4(c)

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~~(U FOUO)~~ WARNING: THIS CABLE IS CLASSIFIED ~~TOP SECRET~~ (b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

~~(S REL USA GDR)~~ ISRAELI AIR FORCE ATTACK HELICOPTER AND UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE UNITS AT PALMAHIM WERE AT INCREASED READINESS (b)(1),Sec. 1.4 THE UNITS MAY HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO INCREASED READINESS TO RESPOND TO POTENTIAL UNREST IF THE ISRAELI NAVY INTERCEPTS THE M/V RACHEL CORRIE, WHICH WAS REPORTEDLY EN ROUTE TO THE GAZA STRIP TO TRY AND BREAK THE ISRAELI BLOCKADE ON 5 JUNE.

~~(S//NF)~~ THIS INFORMATION IS IN ADDITION TO THAT REPORTED IN THE NGA I&W CABLE IW1006452 FOR 5 JUNE.

TEXT:

1.I&W: ISRAELI READINESS IP NIMAIMONI

~~(S REL USA GDR)~~ AIR FACILITY --

- PALMAHIM AB AFLD (b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

~~(S REL USA GDR)~~ SIX AH-1 COBRA WERE ON ALERT PADS (b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

(b) COBRA ARE NOT NORMALLY PARKED ON THE ALERT PADS, SUGGESTING THE ATTACK HELICOPTERS SQUADRON IS AT INCREASED READINESS. FIVE HERMES 450 UAV'S ALSO REMAINED ON THE SOUTHERN OPERATIONS APRON AND THREE MORE WERE ALSO VISIBLE IN THE UAV OPERATIONS AREA WITHIN THE SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE AIRFIELD. THE SIGHTING OF COBRA ON ALERT PADS AND HERMES 450 UAV'S IN RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBERS ON A SATURDAY SUGGEST THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCE IS PREPARING FOR POSSIBLE REACTION(S), IN THE GAZA STRIP OR ELSEWHERE, FOLLOWING THE POSSIBLE INTERCEPTION OF THE M/V RACHEL CORRIE, WHICH WAS EN ROUTE TO THE GAZA STRIP ON 5 JUNE. THE VESSEL IS ASSOCIATED WITH A FLOTILLA OF MERCHANT VESSELS CARRYING VARIOUS SUPPLIES AND ATTEMPTING TO BREAK THE SEA BLOCKADE OF GAZA. A PREVIOUS ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE BLOCKADE WAS INTERDICTED ON 31 MAY.

~~(S REL USA GDR)~~ NINE UH-60 BLACK HAWK HELICOPTERS ALSO REMAINED AT THE AIRFIELD SINCE (b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c) ALL OF THE BLACK HAWK REMAINED IN NORMAL PARKING POSITIONS IN THE NORTHERN HELICOPTER OPERATIONS AREA.

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

(U) COLLATERAL REFERENCES:

~~(U FOUO)~~ OPEN SOURCE CENTER. EUP20100604071002, 4 JUNE 2010. "NOBEL PRIZE WINNER SAYS IRISH AID BOAT PLANS TO BREAK ISRAELI BLOCKADE." DOCUMENT IS CLASSIFIED U.

~~(U FOUO)~~ OSC. GMP20100604739004, 4 JUNE 2010. "ISRAEL SAYS NOT SEEKING CONFRONTATION WITH RACHEL CORRIE", NAVY TO ACT FIRMLY." DOCUMENT IS CLASSIFIED U.

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~~(S//NF)~~ ISRAELI AIR AND NAVAL FORCES INVOLVED IN THE INTERDICTION OF THE GAZA FLOTILLA WERE OBSERVED. NAVAL FORCES WERE ESCORTING GAZA FLOTILLA SHIPS TO ASHDOD ON 31 MAY (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

~~(S//NF)~~ ADDITIONAL HELICOPTER ASSETS ARRIVED AND ONE KC-130 HERCULES TANKER REMAINED AT RAMAT DAVID AIRFIELD.

~~(S//NF)~~ AT LEAST TWO TEL NOV-BASED CH-53 SEA STALLION HEAVY-LIFT HELICOPTERS WERE INVOLVED IN INTERDICTION EFFORTS AGAINST THE PRO-PALESTINIAN FLOTILLA OFF THE COAST OF ISRAEL ON 31 MAY.

~~(S//NF)~~ TWO SUPER DVORA MK II-III PATROL BOATS (PB'S) DEPARTED, AND PROBABLE AMBULANCES, BOX-BODIED TRUCKS, AND ONE MINIVAN WERE OBSERVED AT THE QUAY WHERE INTERNMENT TENTS REMAINED IN PLACE AT ASHDOD NAVAL BASE. ONE SAAR 5 CORVETTE (FPL) AND ONE SAAR 4.5 GUIDED MISSILE PATROL COMBATANT (PGG) REMAINED OUT OF PORT AT ELAT NAVAL BASE, WHILE THE ICEBIRD-CLASS MULTIPURPOSE VESSEL "ALMOG" REMAINED DEPLOYED TO NEARBY ELAT PORT INSTALLATION. THE FPL ORDER OF BATTLE REMAINED BELOW NORMAL LEVELS AT HAIFA.

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1. I&W: ISRAELI READINESS

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~~(S//NF)~~ (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) ON 34 OF 47
ISRAELI FORCES READINESS INDICATIONS & WARNING TARGETS (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) ANALYSIS OF THIS DATA
REVEALS REPORTABLE ACTIVITY AT SIX FACILITIES.

~~(S//NF)~~ * - DENOTES A NON-I&W TARGET.

~~(S//NF)~~ ACTIVITY RELATED TO GAZA AID FLOTILLA:

* AL MOG SEARCH DSA D75967

~~(S//NF)~~ ISRAELI NAVAL FORCES WERE PROBABLY ESCORTING GAZA FLOTILLA SHIPS TO ASHDOD, (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) THE POSSIBLE MV MAVI MARMARA WAS NEAR 323253N 0334553E, ABOUT 100 KILOMETERS EAST OF THE ISRAELI COAST, WITH A PROBABLE CH-53 HELICOPTER OVERHEAD AND EIGHT SMALL BOATS AND

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A PB NEARBY. TWO SAAR 4-4.5 GUIDED MISSILE PATROL CRAFT-COMBATANTS (PTG-PGG) WERE APPROXIMATELY 600 METERS AND 1,200 METERS NORTH OF THE MAVI MARMARA. ELSEWHERE, BETWEEN 40 AND 60 KILOMETERS EAST OF THE ISRAELI COAST, THREE POSSIBLE MERCHANT SHIPS WERE NEAR POSSIBLE PB'S, ALL UNDERWAY IN THE DIRECTION OF ASHDOD. THESE MERCHANT SHIPS WERE NEAR 320710N 0342101E, 321315N 0340705E, AND 321435N 0340855E.

~~(S-REF)~~ NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT THE FOLLOWING INSTALLATIONS:

GROUND FACILITIES --

NORTHERN COMMAND

ABU FULA ARTILLERY INSTALLATION
AMIAD HEADQUARTERS AND STORAGE INSTALLATION
GOLANI REAR AKKO INSTALLATION
ROSH PINNA ARMY INSTALLATION
ROSH PINNA YIFTAH INSTALLATION
SHOMERA ARTILLERY CAMP WEST
ZEFAT HEADQUARTERS INSTALLATION
ZEFAT STORAGE INSTALLATION

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

CENTRAL COMMAND

BET NEHEMYA INSTALLATION
MISHOR ADUMIM INSTALLATION
NAHSHONIM MIL INSTALLATION
REHOVOT INSTALLATION

~~(S-REF USA GDD)~~

AIR FACILITIES --

RAMAT DAVID AFLD

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

~~(b)(1), Sec. 1.4~~ ADDITIONAL HELICOPTER ASSETS ARRIVED AND ONE KC-130 HERCULES TANKER REMAINED AT RAMAT DAVID AIRFIELD SINCE 30 MAY, (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4 ONE AH-1 COBRA ATTACK HELICOPTER AND ONE UH-60 BLACK HAWK UTILITY HELICOPTER ARRIVED. ADDITIONALLY, A SECOND AS-565 PANTHER ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE HELICOPTER WAS OBSERVED. ALTHOUGH IT WAS UNCLEAR IF THIS PANTHER HAD JUST RETURNED TO THE AIRFIELD OR HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM SHELTER, IT APPEARED TO BE TAXIING TOWARD THE NORMAL PANTHER PARKING AREA. IN ADDITION TO THE HELICOPTER ARRIVALS, NORMAL F-16 FALCON FIGHTER AIRCRAFT FLIGHT OPERATIONS WERE IN PROGRESS. ONE FALCON WAS LINED UP FOR TAKEOFF AT THE END OF RUNWAY 11 AND FOUR ADDITIONAL FALCON WERE ON NEARBY READY APRONS. ONE OTHER F-16 APPEARED TO BE TURNING ONTO RUNWAY 15. OBSERVED AIR ORDER OF BATTLE (AOB) INCLUDED TEN F-16, FIVE AH-1, ONE UH-60, TWO AS-565, AND ONE KC-130.

TEL NOV AFLD

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

~~(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)~~ AT LEAST TWO TEL NOV-BASED CH-53 SEA STALLION HEAVY-LIFT HELICOPTERS WERE ACTIVE IN INTERDICTION EFFORTS AGAINST THE PRO-PALESTINIAN FLOTILLA OFF THE COAST OF ISRAEL ON 31 MAY, (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) ONE CH-53 WAS OBSERVED HOVERING OVER THE TURKISH-FLAGGED VESSEL MAVI MARMARA AT 0833Z ON 31 MAY WHILE A

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SECOND CH-53 WAS OBSERVED EN ROUTE TO THE INTERDICTION SITE. THE CH-53 WERE LIKELY EVACUATING CASUALTIES FROM THE SHIP FOLLOWING THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN PRO-PALESTINIAN ACTIVISTS AND ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE PERSONNEL. FOUR CH-53, WHICH DEPARTED TEL NOV AIRFIELD BY 30 MAY, REMAINED ABSENT. IN ADDITION, TRANSPORT-SUPPORT VEHICLES ASSOCIATED WITH UNIT 669 COMBAT SEARCH AND RESCUE DEPARTED A SUPPORT AREA SINCE 0909Z ON 30 MAY. (b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1),Sec. AOB AS OF 0701Z INCLUDED SEVEN F-15 EAGLE, 13 CH-53, AND ONE HERON TP UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE.

(S REL USA CDR) NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT THE FOLLOWING INSTALLATIONS:

BEN GURION AFLD
HATSERIM AFLD
HATZOR AFLD
MAHANAIM I BEN YAAKOV AFLD
NEVATIM AB AFLD
OVDA AFLD
PALMAHIM AB AFLD
RAMON AFLD
SDE DOV AFLD

AIR DEFENSE FACILITIES --

DIMONA SAM SITE A12 46
EYN SHEMER ARROW ATBM SITE
HAIFA SAM SITE A01 41
PALMAHIM I-HAWK INSTALLATION
YAVNE ARROW ATBM SITE
ZEPAT SAM INSTALLATION

NAVAL FACILITIES --

ASHDOD NAVAL BASE HQ A NAV AMMO STOR

(b)(1),Sec. ANALYSIS OF 0701Z 31 MAY PANCHROMATIC IMAGERY REVEALED TWO SUPER DVORA MK II-III PB'S DEPARTED SINCE 0507Z ON 31 MAY. ELSEWHERE, EIGHT PROBABLE AMBULANCES, THREE BOX-BODIED TRUCKS, AND ONE MINIVAN WERE OBSERVED AT THE QUAY WHERE INTERNMENT TENTS REMAINED IN PLACE, NEAR 314946N 0343840E.

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c) SUBSEQUENT ANALYSIS OF 0834Z 31 MAY OSIC IMAGERY SHOWED SEVERAL VEHICLES PROBABLY REMAINED AT THE QUAY WHERE INTERNMENT TENTS REMAINED IN PLACE, NEAR 314946N 0343840E. OFFSHORE, A POSSIBLE INTERNMENT OPERATION WAS IN PROGRESS APPROXIMATELY 70 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF THE PORT. A POSSIBLE PB WAS NEAR 321219N 0340208E, HEADING SOUTHEAST, WHILE A POSSIBLE MERCHANT VESSEL WAS 800 METERS SOUTH OF THE PB ON THE SAME COURSE.

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)
* ELAT NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD

(S REL USA CDR) ONE SAAR 5 FFL AND ONE SAAR 4.5 PGG REMAINED OUT OF PORT AT ELAT SINCE 0121Z ON 30 MAY. (b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c) THE VESSELS DEPARTED ELAT BETWEEN 0121Z ON 30 MAY AND 0507Z ON 31 MAY. THE

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VESSELS ARRIVED AT ELAT NAVAL BASE FROM THEIR HOMEPORT AT HAIFA
(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c) ALSO, THE ICEBIRD-CLASS MULTIPURPOSE
VESSEL "ALMOG" REMAINED DEPLOYED TO NEARBY ELAT PORT INSTALLATION.

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

(U) COLLATERAL REFERENCE:

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

~~(S REL USA CCR)~~

HAIFA NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

~~(S REL USA CCR)~~ THE FFL ORDER OF BATTLE REMAINED BELOW NORMAL
LEVELS AT THIS PRIMARY ISRAELI NAVAL BASE, ACCORDING TO
ANALYSIS OF 0659Z 31 MAY PANCHROMATIC IMAGERY. ONE SAAR 5 FFL
DEPARTED SINCE 0118Z 30 MAY. THREE SAAR 5 FFL REMAINED OUT OF
PORT, TWO OF WHICH ARE PROBABLY SUPPORTING INTERDICTION
OPERATIONS WITH ONE RECENTLY DEPARTED FROM ELAT NAVAL BASE (BE
0447-00317). IN ADDITION, SIX SAAR 4-4.5 PTG-PGG WERE OUT OF
PORT, FIVE OF WHICH ARE PROBABLY ALSO SUPPORTING INTERDICTION
OPERATIONS WITH ONE RECENTLY DEPARTED FROM ELAT NAVAL BASE.

~~(S REL USA CCR)~~ NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT THE
FOLLOWING INSTALLATIONS:

- ATLIT NAVAL COMMANDO BASE

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

- PROBABLE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STORAGE FACILITIES --

- GEDERA PROBABLE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STORAG

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

- MISSILE FACILITY --

- ZAKARIYA MISSILE SUPPORT FACILITY

(b)(1),Sec. 1.4(c)

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~~(S REL USA EVERY)~~ COMMENTS AND QUERIES REGARDING THIS REPORT
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(U ~~FOUO~~) WARNING: THIS CABLE IS CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET (b)(1), Sec. 1.4

~~(S NF)~~ THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE (IAF) WAS ACTIVE OFF THE COAST OF GAZA WHERE ISRAELI NAVAL FORCE (INF) PATROLS ALSO CONTINUED.

~~(S REL USA GDR)~~ AN INCREASED READINESS LEVEL CONTINUED AT PALMAHIM AIRFIELD; HOWEVER, AT A LOWER LEVEL THAN 5 JUNE. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT RAMON AIRFIELD BUT OBSERVED F-16 FLIGHT OPERATIONS MAY HAVE BEEN RELATED TO FIGHTER OPERATIONS OFF GAZA. THE FIVE DETAINED VESSELS FROM THE FREE GAZA MOVEMENT FLOTILLA REMAINED AT ASHDOD PORT INSTALLATION. THE CORVETTE (FFL) ORDER OF BATTLE RETURNED TO NORMAL LEVELS AT HAIFA NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD WITH THE RETURN OF ONE SAAR 5 FFL AND ONE SAAR 4-4.5 GUIDED MISSILE PATROL CRAFT-COMBATANT (PTG-PGG).

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

TEXT:

1.I&W: ISRAELI READINESS IP NIMAISMONI

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~~(S REL USA FVEY)~~ * - DENOTES A NON-I&W TARGET.

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GROUND FACILITIES --

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*GAZA STRIP L51359

~~(S NF)~~ (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE (IAF) WAS ACTIVE OFF THE COAST OF GAZA AND THAT THE ISRAELI NAVAL FORCE (INF) PATROLS CONTINUED. AT LEAST THREE IAF F-16 MULTIROLE FIGHTERS WERE OBSERVED OFF THE COAST OF THE CENTRAL GAZA STRIP, WHILE THREE AH-1 ATTACK HELICOPTERS WERE OFF THE COAST OF GAZA CITY. FINALLY, FIVE INF PATROL BOATS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT PATROLS OFF THE COAST OF GAZA.

~~(S NF)~~ NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT THE FOLLOWING INSTALLATIONS:

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NORTHERN COMMAND

ABU FULA ARTILLERY INSTALLATION (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
SHOMERA ARTILLERY CAMP WEST (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
ZEFAT HEADQUARTERS INSTALLATION (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
ZEFAT STORAGE INSTALLATION (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

CENTRAL COMMAND

BET NEHEMYA INSTALLATION (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
MISHOR ADUMIM INSTALLATION (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
REHOVOT INSTALLATION (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

~~(S REL USA GDR)~~

AIR FACILITIES --

PALMAHIM AB AFLD (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

~~(S REL USA GDR)~~ AN INCREASED READINESS LEVEL CONTINUED AT PALMAHIM AIRFIELD; HOWEVER, AT A LOWER LEVEL THAN 5 JUNE,

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

THREE AH-1 COBRA ATTACK HELICOPTERS REMAINED ON ALERT PADS VICE SIX ON 5 JUNE AND FOUR AT (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) ALSO, THE NUMBER OF HERMES 450 UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAV'S) OUTSIDE OF SHELTER HAD BEEN REDUCED TO MORE NORMAL LEVELS. TWELVE HERMES WERE OBSERVED; FOUR OF THESE WERE ON THE NORTHERN READY APRON. AS MANY AS 24 HERMES (INCLUDING FIVE ON THE SOUTHERN UAV OPERATIONS APRON) HAD BEEN OBSERVED (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) ACTIVITY IN THE UH-60 BLACK HAWK UTILITY HELICOPTER AREA, HOWEVER, CONTINUED TO BE NORMAL; 10 WERE IN NORMAL PARKING POSITIONS.

~~(S REL USA GDR)~~ (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) AN INCREASED READINESS LEVEL HAD OCCURRED IN THE BLACK HAWK AREA. TWO BLACK HAWK HAD BEEN MOVED ONTO ALERT PADS; WHILE TWO OTHERS HAD DEPARTED NORMAL PARKING POSITIONS. ONLY SIX REMAINED IN NORMAL PARKING POSITIONS COMPARED TO (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) AS THE COBRA AREA WAS NOT OBSERVED (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED IF THE INCREASED READINESS LEVEL CONTINUED THERE. IN THE HERMES 450 UAV AREAS, AT LEAST TWO HERMES REMAINED ON THE NORTHERN READY APRON; HOWEVER, IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED HOW MANY OTHER HERMES REMAINED OUTSIDE OF SHELTER.

THE INCREASED READINESS LEVEL AT PALMAHIM IS LIKELY IN PREPARATION TO RESPOND TO UNREST PROMPTED BY THE RECENT INTERDICTIONS OF "GAZA AID" VESSELS.

RAMON AFLD (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

~~(S REL USA GDR)~~ NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT RAMON

AIRFIELD. (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) HOWEVER, TWO F-16 STORM FIGHTERS WERE ON A WESTERN READY APRON AND A THIRD F-16 WAS ON A TAXIWAY HEADED TOWARD THE

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READY APRON. ADDITIONALLY, 18 AH-64 APACHE REMAINED IN NORMAL PARKING POSITIONS.

~~(S REL USA GBR)~~ NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT THE FOLLOWING INSTALLATIONS:

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BEN GURION AFLD (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
HATSERIM AFLD (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
HATZOR AFLD (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
MAHANAIM I BEN YAAKOV AFLD (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
NEVATIM AB AFLD (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
OVDA AFLD (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
RAMAT DAVID AFLD (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
SDE DOV AFLD (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
TEL NOV AFLD (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

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AIR DEFENSE FACILITIES --

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DIMONA SAM SITE A12 46 (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
EYN SHEMER ARROW ATBM SITE (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
HAIFA SAM SITE A01 41 (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
PALMAHIM I-HAWK INSTALLATION (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
YAVNE ARROW ATBM SITE (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)
ZEFAT SAM INSTALLATION (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

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NAVAL FACILITIES --

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*ASHDOD PORT INSTALLATION (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

~~(S REL USA GBR)~~ THE FIVE DETAINED VESSELS FROM THE FREE GAZA MOVEMENT FLOTILLA, MV RACHEL CORRIE, MV MAVI MARMARA, MV DEFNE, MV SOFIA, AND THE MV GAZZE, REMAINED BERTHED AT THE MOLE,

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) IN

ADDITION, THE HOLDS OF THE MV RACHEL CORRIE WERE OPEN; ALONG WITH THE HOLDS OF THREE OTHER CARGO VESSELS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FLOTILLA.

~~(S REL USA GBR)~~ THE INF SAAR 5 CORVETTE (FFL) "LAHAV" AND THE SAAR 4-4.5 GUIDED MISSILE PATROL CRAFT-COMBATANT (PTG-PGG), PROBABLY THE "YAFFO" RETURNED TO THEIR HOME PORT OF HAIFA NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD BY (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

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*ELAT PORT INSTALLATION (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

(S REL USA GBR)

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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

~~(S REL USA GBR)~~ THE CORVETTE (FFL) ORDER OF BATTLE RETURNED TO NORMAL LEVELS AT THIS PRIMARY ISRAELI NAVAL BASE, (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c) ONE SAAR 5 FFL, ONE SAAR 4-4.5 GUIDED MISSILE PATROL CRAFT-COMBATANT (PTG-PGG), AND THE TODD 228FT-CLASS MISCELLANEOUS AUXILIARY (AG) "NIR" RETURNED TO PORT. ONE SAAR 5 FFL AND ONE SAAR 4-4.5 PTG-PGG REMAIN DEPLOYED TO ELAT NAVAL BASE.

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

(U) COLLATERAL REFERENCES:

(U) OPEN SOURCE CENTER. SERIAL: FEA20100605005813, 5 JUNE 2010. "ISRAEL SEIZED AID BOAT HEADED FOR GAZA". DOCUMENT IS CLASSIFIED U.

(U) OPEN SOURCE CENTER. SERIAL: GMP20100605748002, 5 JUNE 2010. "ISRAELI NAVY SEIZES IRISH AID SHIP, NO INJURIES REPORTED". DOCUMENT IS CLASSIFIED U.

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

~~(S REL USA GBR)~~ NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT THE FOLLOWING INSTALLATIONS:

ASHDOD NAVAL BASE HQ A NAV AMMO STOR (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

ATLIT NAVAL COMMANDO BASE (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

~~(S REL USA FVEY)~~ COMMENTS AND QUERIES REGARDING THIS REPORT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE NGA TIME-DOMINANT OPERATIONS CENTER, OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, AT (b)(1), (b)(3): 10 USC §424, Sec. 1.4(c)

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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

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c. 1.4
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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

10-L-1242/CCR Gallagher/ONI/000563

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

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(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(c)

8. ~~(S)~~(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

(b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)

9. (U) MEDIA REPORT ISRAEL DECIDED TO RELEASE FLOTILLA DETAINEES IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO HELP THE UNITED STATES GARNER SUPPORT FOR UN SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN. (YNETNEWS.COM)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

10. ~~(S)~~ ARAB LEAGUE: FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED TO ASK THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO URGE AN END TO THE ISRAELI BLOCKADE OF GAZA. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY RIYADH E-MAIL)

Non Responsive

12. ~~(S)~~ A JUNE 3 INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION MEETING WAS INTERRUPTED BY CUBA, INDONESIA, SYRIA AND VENEZUELA CONDEMNING ISRAELI ACTIONS. TURKEY IS EXPECTED TO PUSH FOR OFFICIAL IMO CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL AT THE JUNE 7 MEETING. (MGGZ01/BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS E-MAIL)

INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

13. (U) TURKEY: PM ERDOGAN SAID FULL RESTORATION OF DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH ISRAEL WAS CONTINGENT UPON ENDING ISRAEL'S BLOCKADE OF GAZA. (NYTIMES.COM)

14. (U) SOUTH AFRICA: THE AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL WAS RECALLED JUNE 3. (YNETNEWS.COM)

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15. (U) ECUADOR: THE AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL WAS RECALLED JUNE 3. (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)

16. (U) EU: THE EUROPEAN JEWISH CONGRESS CALLED ON THE EU TO BAN THE FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS AND HUMANITARIAN RELIEF (IHH) AND OTHER "TERRORIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS". (EUROPEAN JEWISH CONGRESS PRESS RELEASE)

17. (U) SAUDI ARABIA: FLOTILLA DISCUSSIONS INTERRUPTED MEETINGS BETWEEN A U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND MEMBERS OF THE SAUDI BUSINESS COMMUNITY AT THE JEDDAH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ON JUNE 2. (SAUDI GAZETTE, AL-WATAN, SHAMS)

18. (U) UK: FORMER FS MILIBAND RESTATED THE BRITISH CALL FOR AN END TO THE BLOCKADE AS THE ONLY WAY TO LIMIT HAMAS' CONTROL OVER THE REGION. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE UNITED STATES E-MAIL)

19. ~~(S)~~ AUSTRALIA: PM RUDD CALLED FOR AN INDEPENDENT INQUIRY AND AN EASING OF THE BLOCKADE. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED STATES E-MAIL)

20. (U) MINIMIZED CONSIDERED.
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SUBJECT: MGGZ01: GAZA FLOTILLA MONITORING GROUP SITUATION REPORT NO. 6

CLASSIFIED BY: GREG MACRIS, SENIOR WATCH OFFICER, S/ES-O FOR REASON: 1.4(B) AND (D)

STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

1. ~~(S)~~ THIRTEEN AMERICAN CITIZENS WERE TRANSFERRED TO BEN GURION AIRPORT AND ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART BY JUNE 3. THREE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN DUAL-NATIONALS ARE DEPARTING TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN: KUWAIT, JORDAN, AND IRELAND. ONE ISRAELI-AMERICAN WAS RELEASED WITHOUT CONDITIONS, AND THE EMBASSY IS TRYING TO LOCATE ONE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN CITIZEN. (MGGZ01/EMBASSY TEL AVIV E-MAIL)

STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS

2. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

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OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA

3. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

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HUMANITARIAN GOODS

4. ~~(S)~~ UNRWA AND ICRC ARE UNABLE TO CONFIRM THAT EIGHT TRUCKLOADS ACTUALLY ENTERED GAZA FROM ISRAEL. MEDIA REPORT 10 ADDITIONAL TRUCKLOADS WILL BE TRANSFERRED ON JUNE 2. (MGGZ01/PRM E-MAIL)

ISRAELI RESPONSE

5. (U) PM NETANYAHU PUBLICLY DEFENDED THE MILITARY OPERATION, EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BLOCKADE FOR ISRAELI SECURITY, AND REJECTED INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE TO LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION OF IDF ACTIONS. (REUTERS)

6. (U) PRO-IDF DEMONSTRATORS ARE CALLING FOR A BOYCOTT OF TURKISH PRODUCTS. (TEL AVIV 1225)



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1. ~~(S)~~ SUMMARY (b)(1), Sec. 1.4(d)
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2. ~~(S)~~ (b)(6) TOLD US MAY 10 THAT "AT LEAST FOUR OR FIVE AMERICANS" WILL PARTICIPATE IN HIS NGO'S HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FLOTILLA TO GAZA LATER THIS MONTH. THEY WILL JOIN NATIONALS FROM TURKEY, THE UK, IRELAND, GREECE, BELGIUM, SPAIN, FRANCE, RUSSIA, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, VENEZUELA, BOSNIA, MACEDONIA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, ALGERIA, JORDAN, MOROCCO, NIGER, SOUTH AFRICA, SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, BAHRAIN, AND MALAYSIA. (b)(6) EXPECTS THAT LIST TO GROW PRIOR TO THE NINE-SHIP FLOTILLA'S PLANNED MAY 23 DEPARTURE TO DELIVER 5000 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID TO GAZA (REFTEL). (b)(6) SAID THE PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE EUROPEAN POLITICIANS, INCLUDING SEVERAL GREEK MPS. TEN TURKISH MPS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SAILING WITH THE FLOTILLA.

ISRAELI REACTION

(b)(1), (b)(6), Sec. 1.4(b), Sec. 1.4(d)

5. (U) IHH PRESIDENT BULENT YILDIRIM ANNOUNCED AT A MAY 6 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT IZZET SAHIN, A TURKISH NATIONAL AND WEST BANK REPRESENTATIVE FOR IHH, WAS ARRESTED BY ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES APRIL 27 WHILE PASSING THROUGH A BETHLEHEM-AREA CHECKPOINT. ACCORDING TO IHH, IZZET IS BEING HELD WITHOUT FORMAL CHARGES. YILDIRIM CONTENDED SAHIN'S ARREST IS AN ISRAELI GOVERNMENT EFFORT TO PRESSURE IHH INTO CANCELLING THE CONVOY.

COMMENT

6. ~~(S)~~ THE NEWS THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FLOTILLA IS ESPECIALLY UNWELCOME GIVEN OUR PERCEPTION IHH WOULD ALMOST CERTAIN WELCOME THE PUBLICITY ARISING FROM A CONFRONTATION AT SEA BETWEEN THE FLOTILLA AND THE IDF. MANY MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES PROMISE TO BE ON HAND.
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