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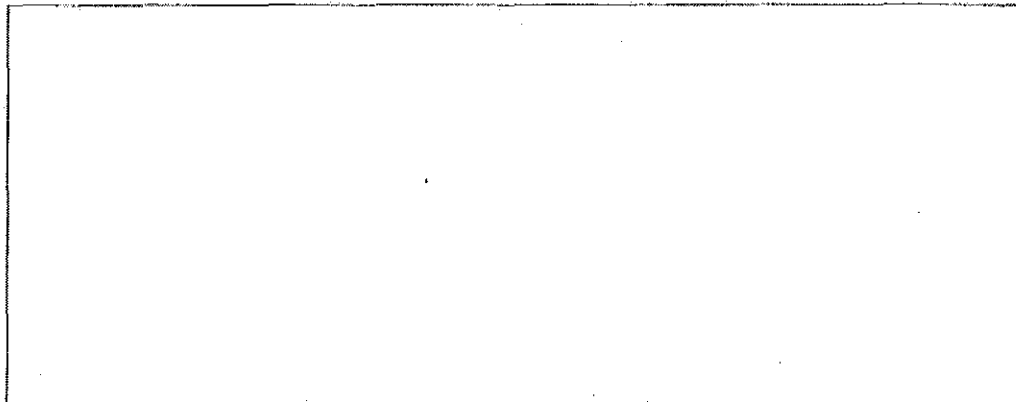
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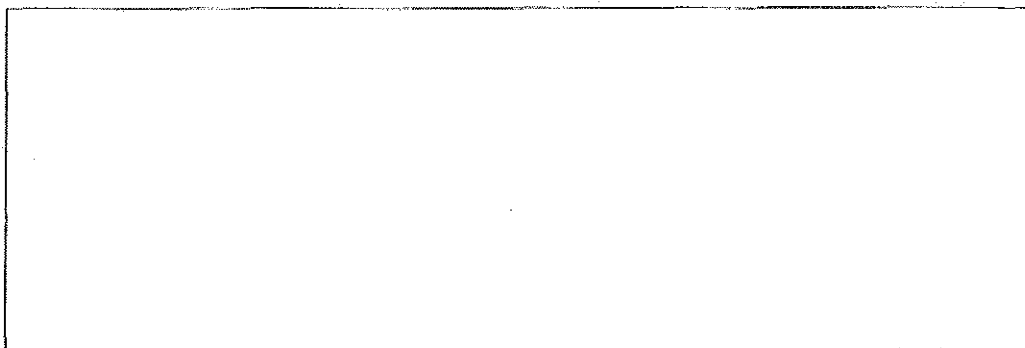
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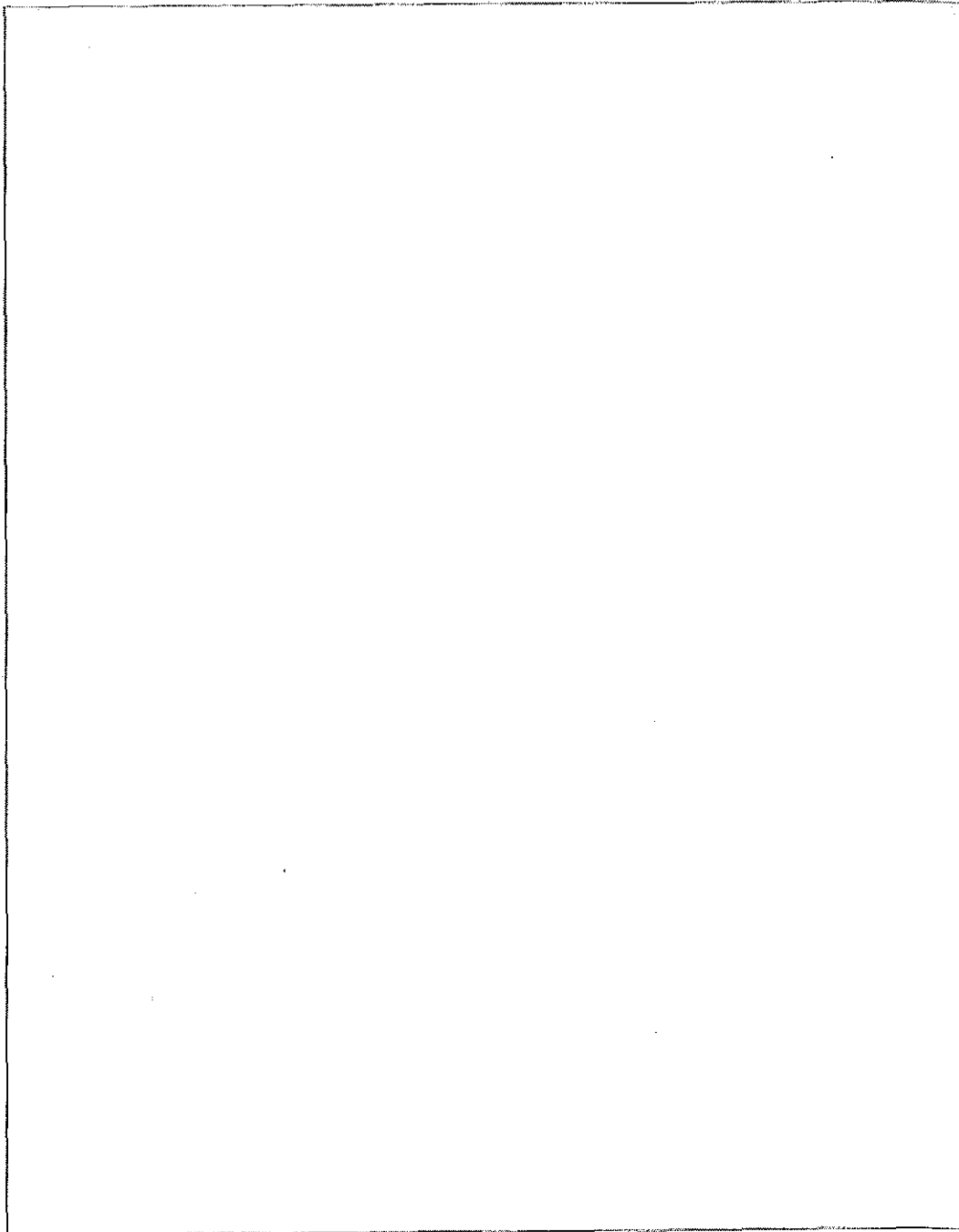
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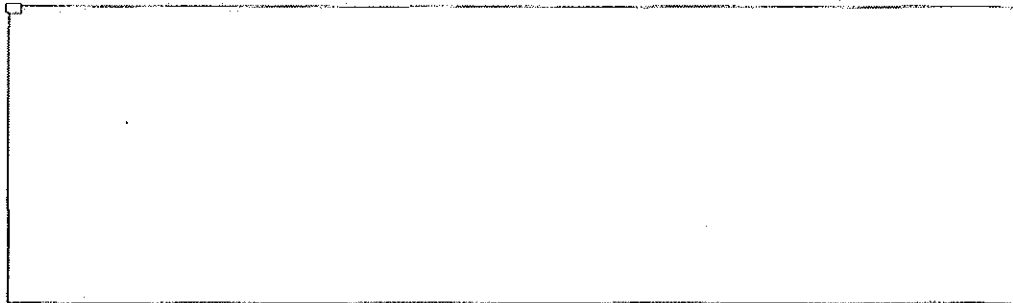
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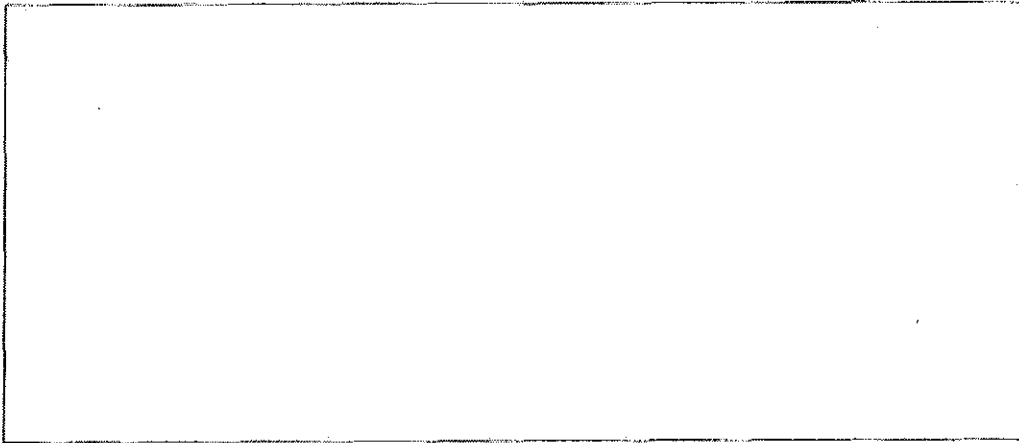
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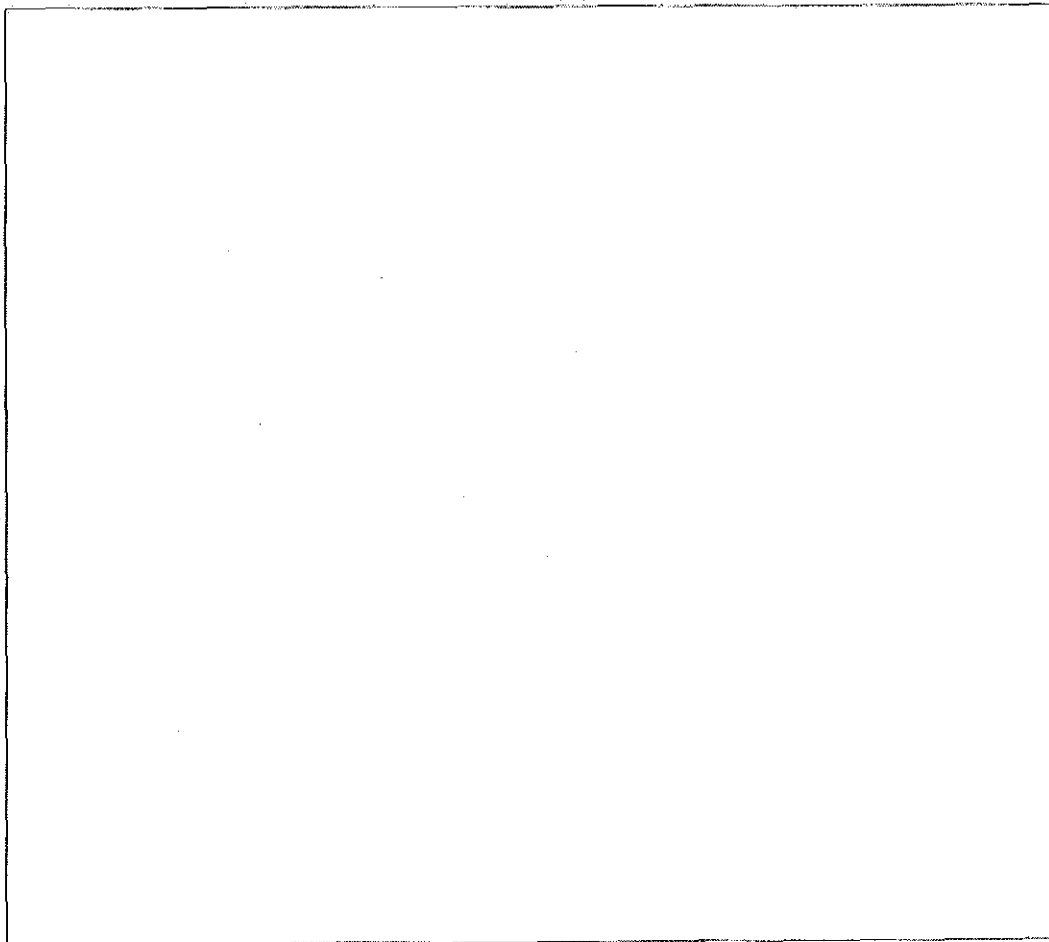
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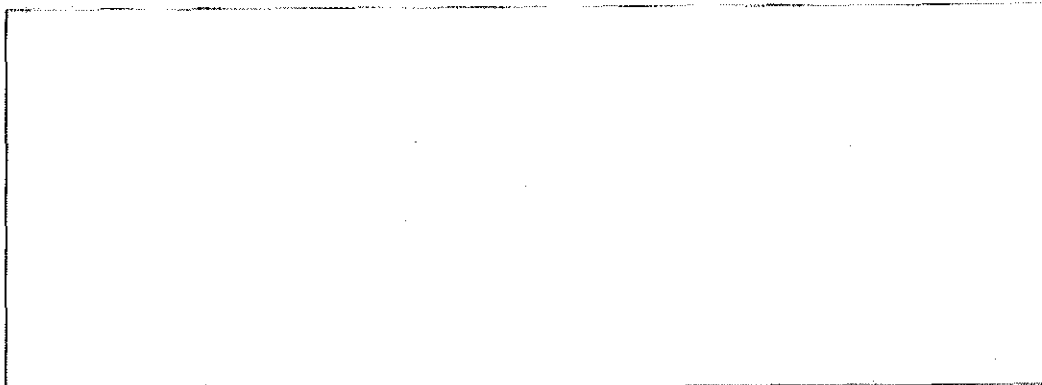
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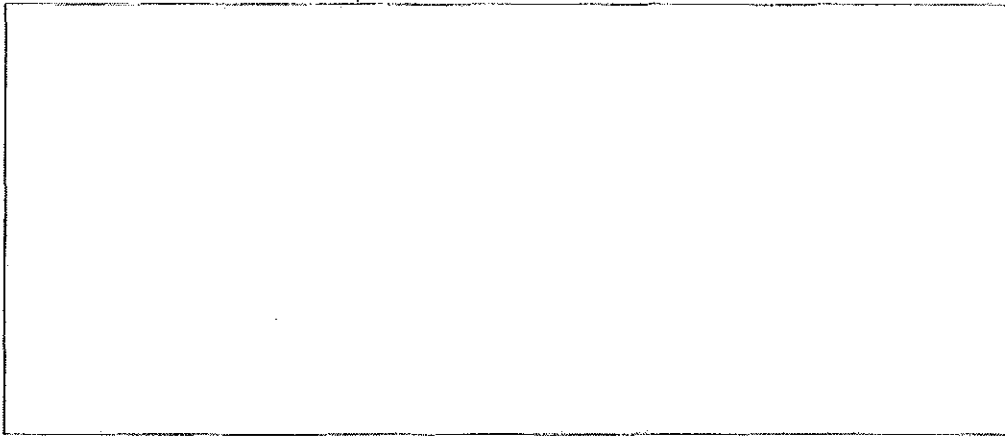
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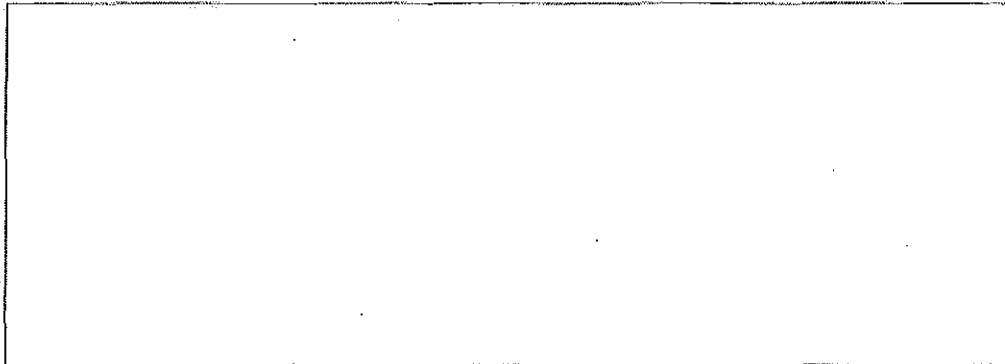
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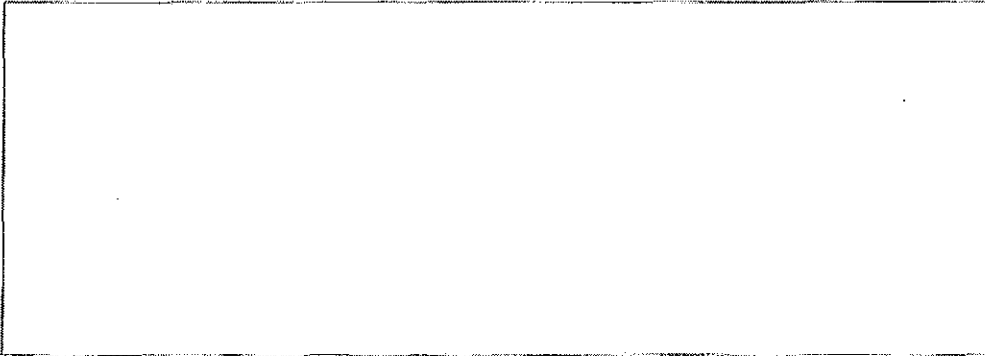
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[redacted] Israel is very appreciative of the Greek government's recent decision to prohibit vessels from traveling to Gaza from Greek ports. [redacted]

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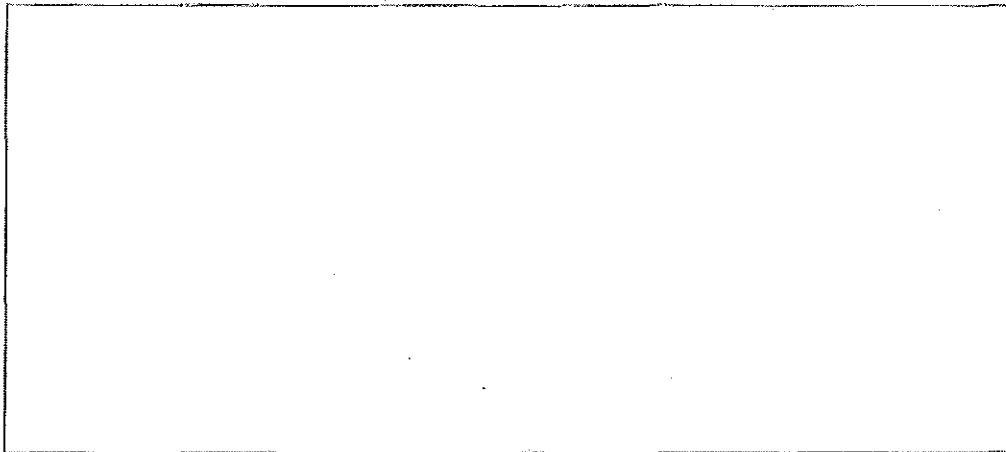
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**Subject:** EUR Assistant Secretary Gordon's January 11 meeting with EEAS Deputy S/G Helga Schmid

I. (C) Summary: In a January 11 bilateral discussion following the semi-annual EU Political Directors meeting in Dublin, Assistant Secretary Philip Gordon and EU Deputy Secretary General Helga Schmid discussed [REDACTED]

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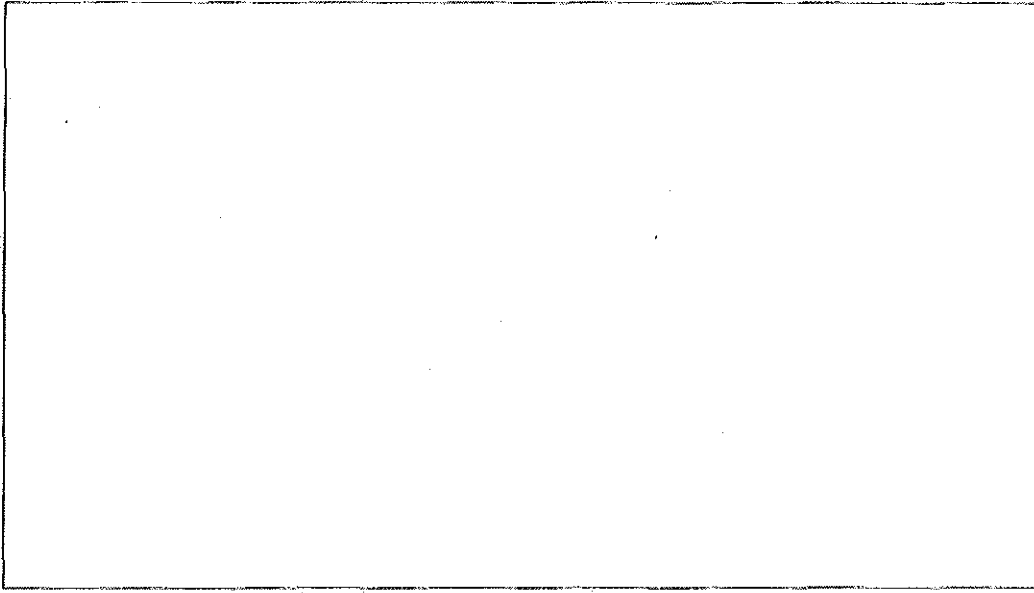
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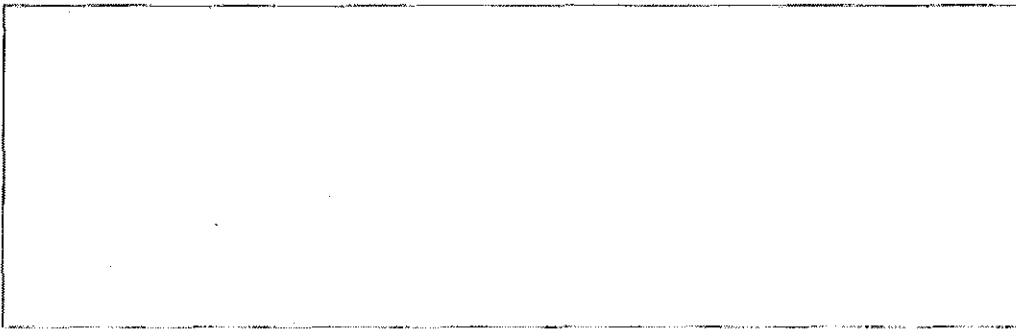


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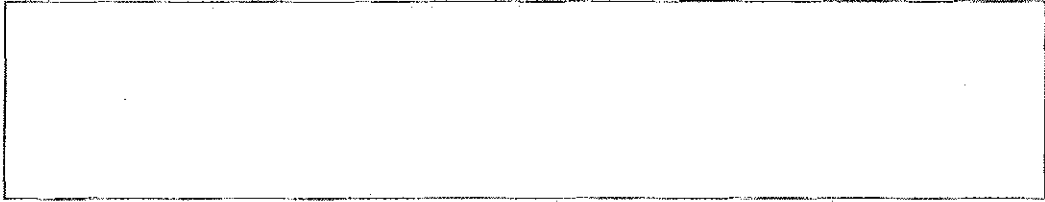


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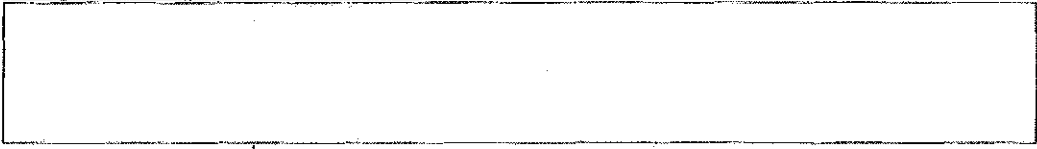
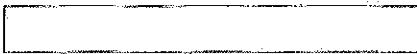
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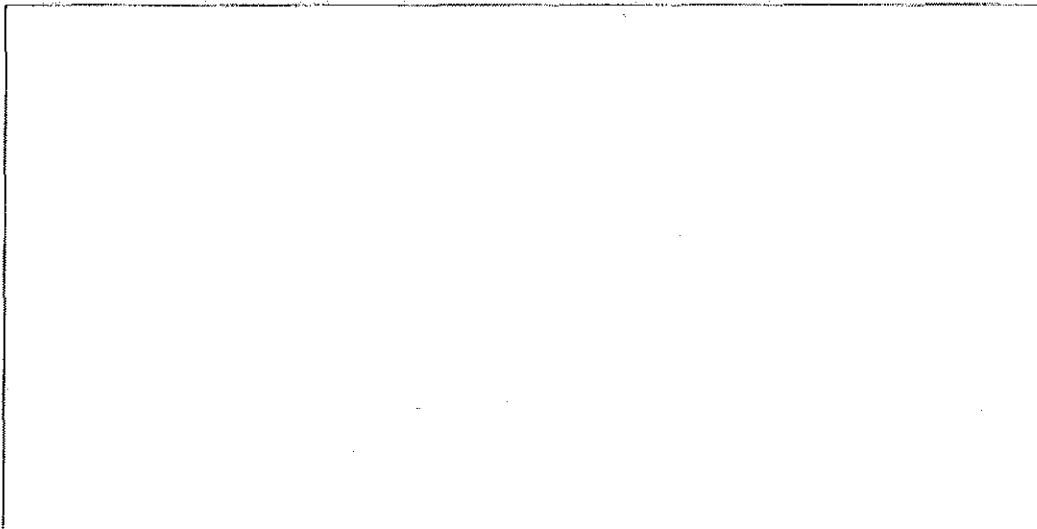
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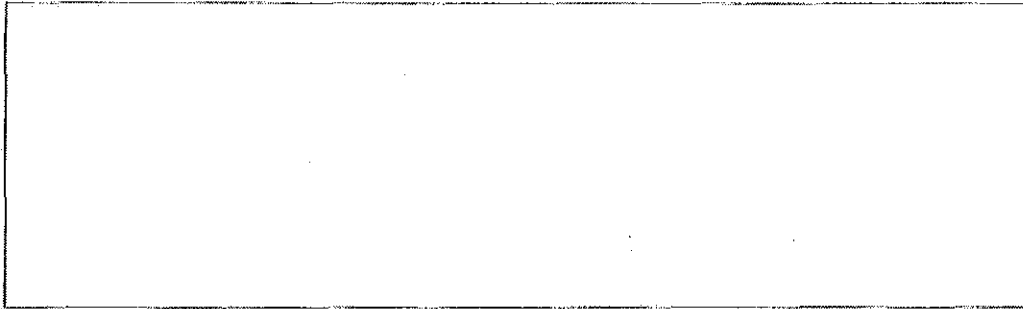
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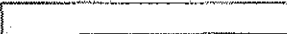
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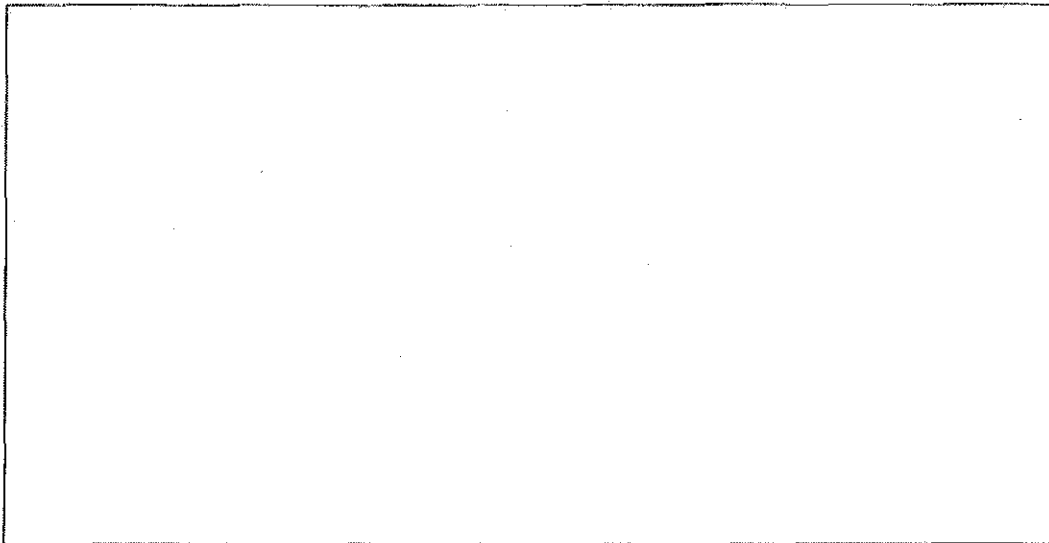
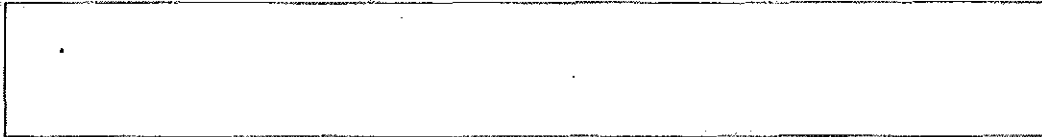


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Steadily Improving Greece-Israel Ties  
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3. (C) Greece did not establish full diplomatic relations with Israel until 1990. Greece subsequently maintained limited and discreet ties. However, following the very public deterioration of Turkish-Israeli relations after the incidents of the May 2010 Free-Gaza flotilla, Greece and Israel have both made concerted and very public efforts to build a stronger bilateral relationship. 

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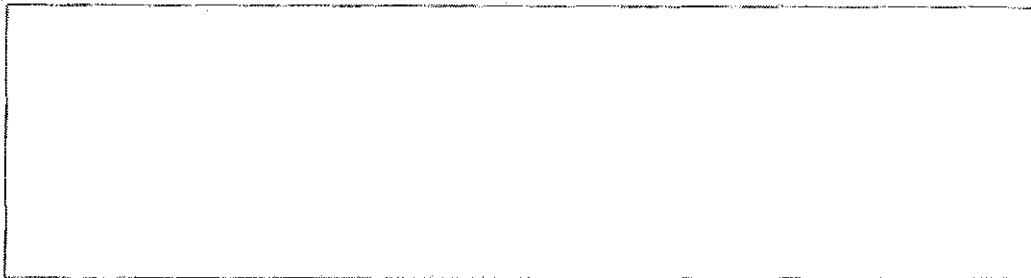
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Dan as always gets full credit!

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Don - Attached is our scenesetter for A/S Gordon's upcoming visit to Greece. Regards, Dan L.

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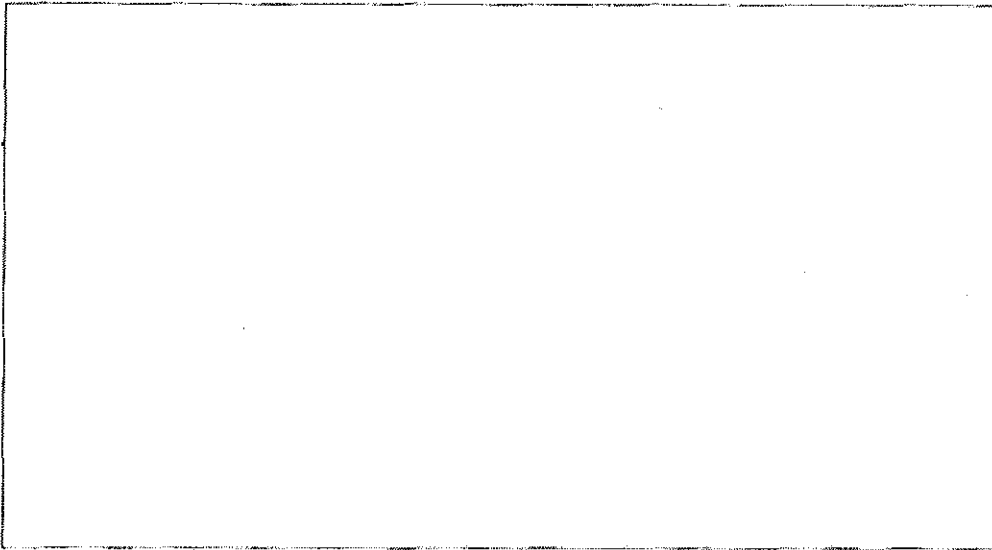
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12. (C) The new Greek government has already made clear its intention to sustain improved ties with Israel, which were first forged by the Papandreou government in the wake of the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident. Israel was very appreciative of the Greek government's July 2011 decision to prohibit vessels from traveling to Gaza from Greek ports.



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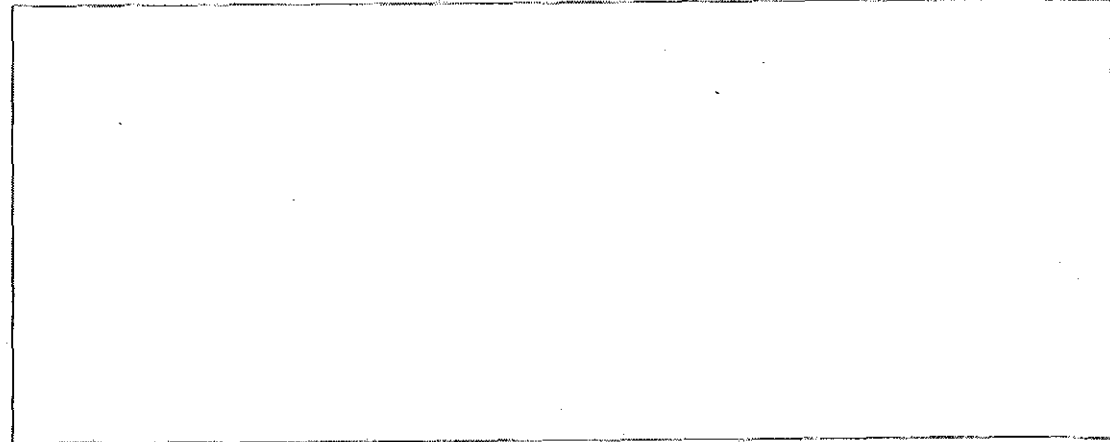
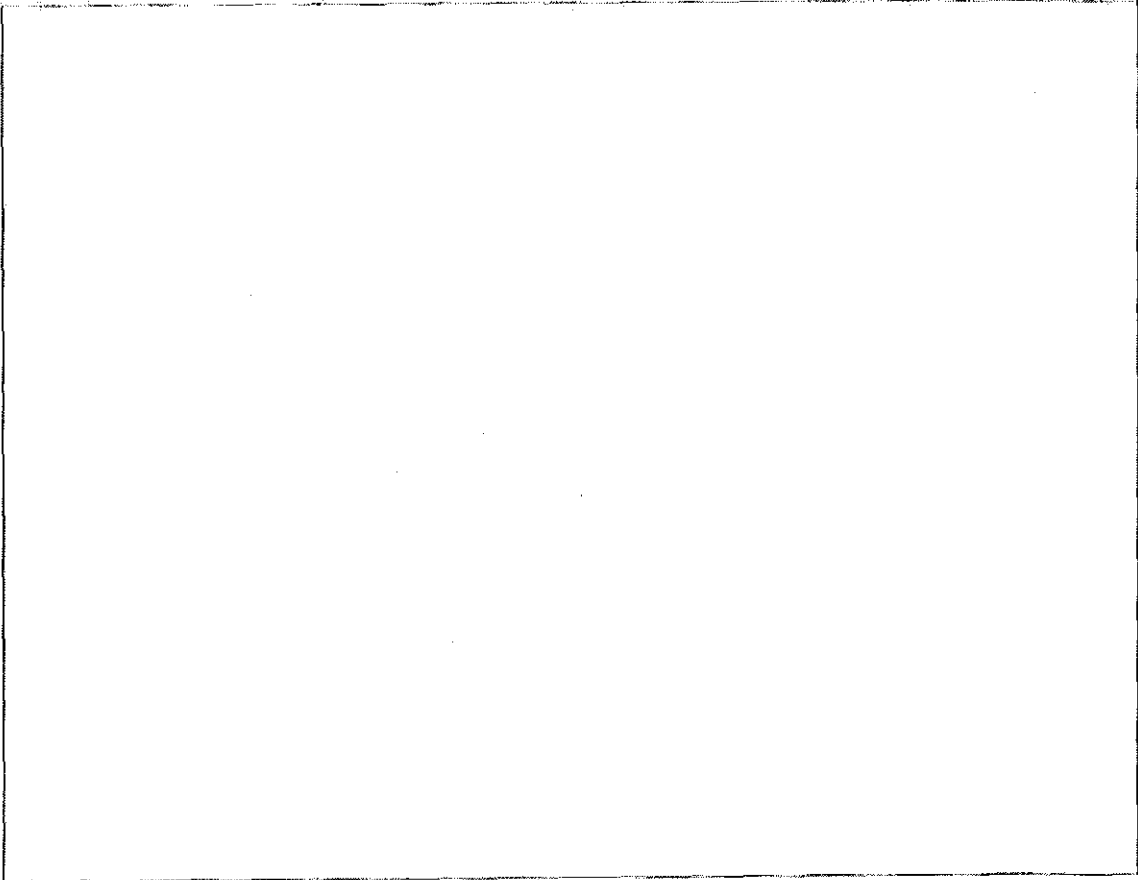
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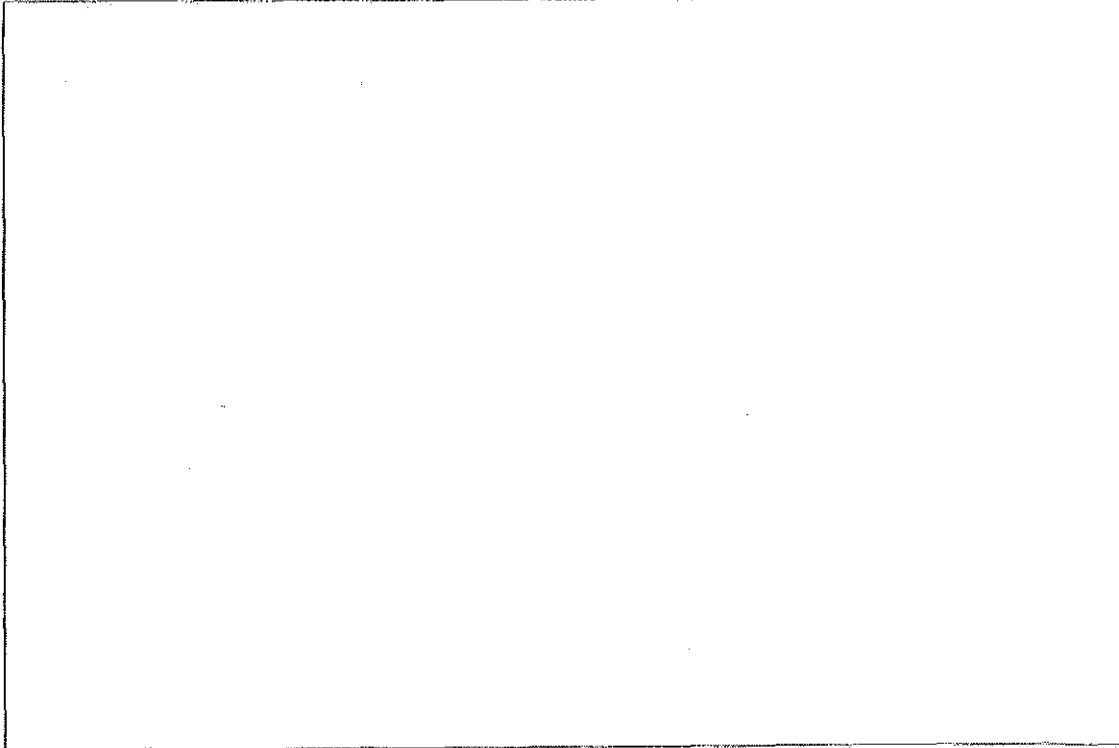
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Dan, can we chat about this when you have a couple minutes? Thanks, Dave

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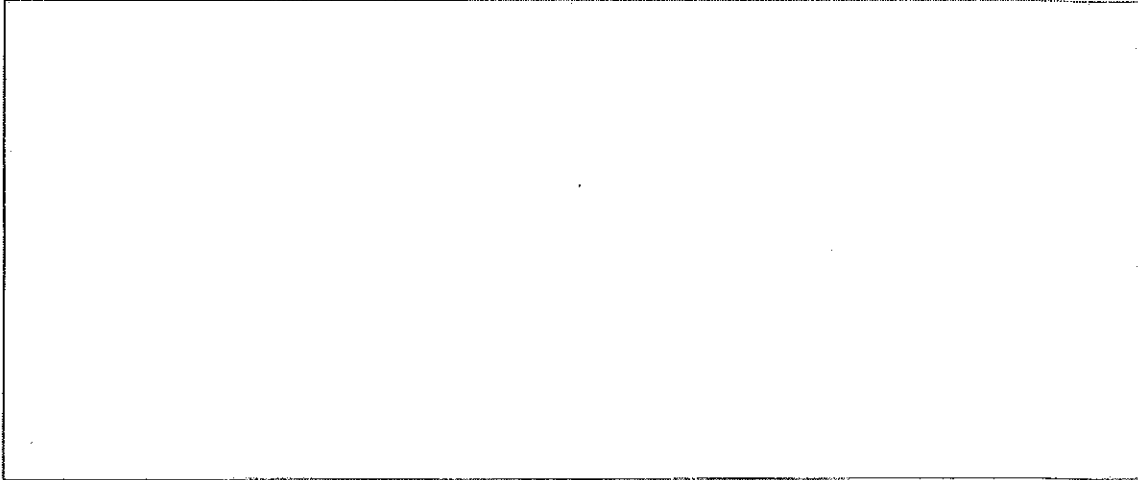
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**Thursday, March 23, 2012**

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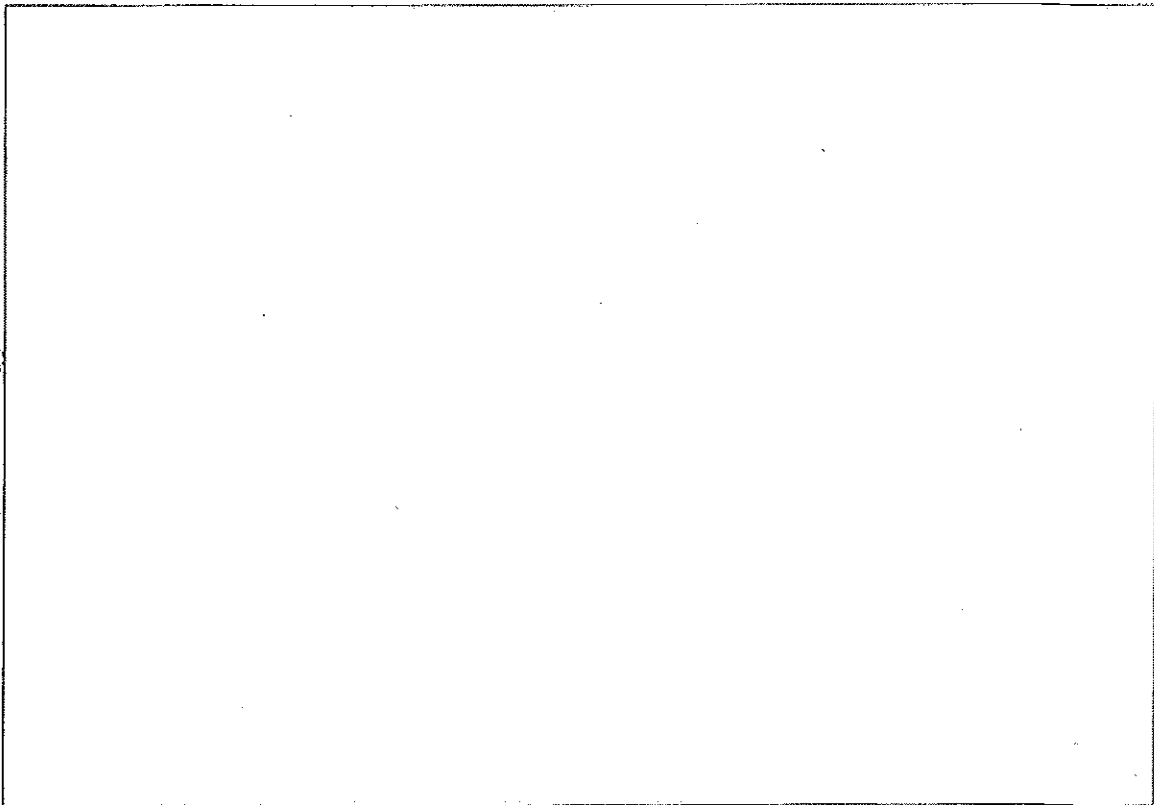
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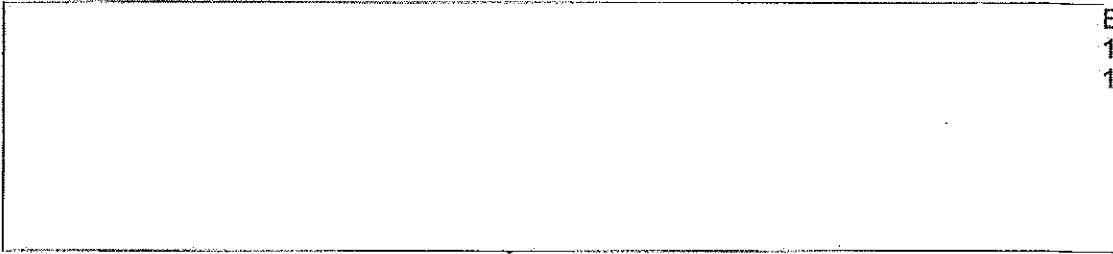
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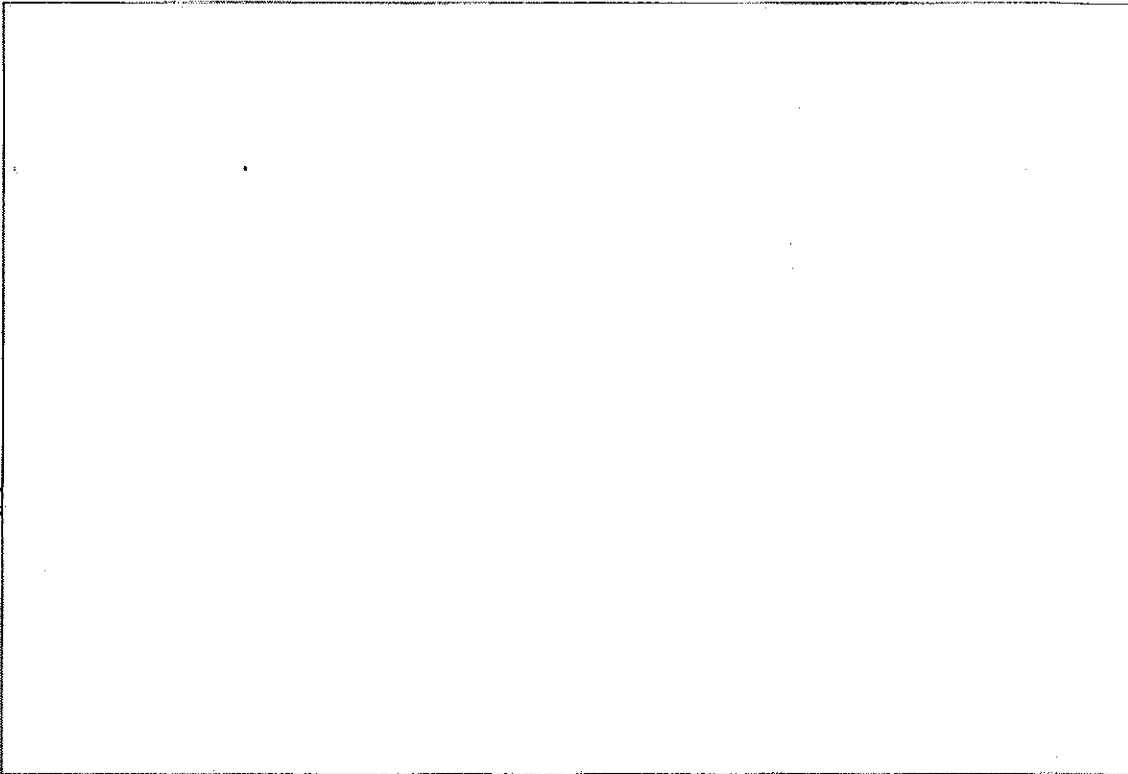
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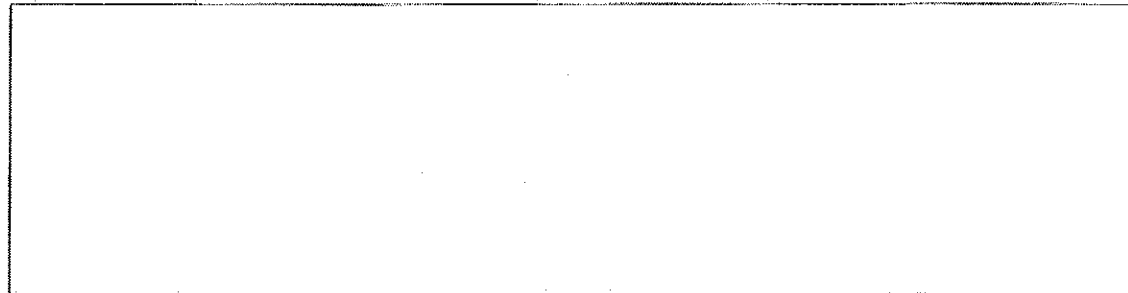


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**From:** Vidugiris, Valda (Athens)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2011 8:52 AM  
**To:** Athens POL  
**Subject:** FYI: PDAS Kaidanow and EU Counterpart on Middle East, Europe Coordination

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 7:35 PM  
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**Cc:** Hicks, Joseph T (Athens); Bartolomeo, Paola B (Athens); Lamour, Natacha; Diamond, Andrew D (Athens); Hurley, Matthew C (Athens)  
**Subject:** PDAS Kaidanow and EU Counterpart on Middle East, Europe Coordination

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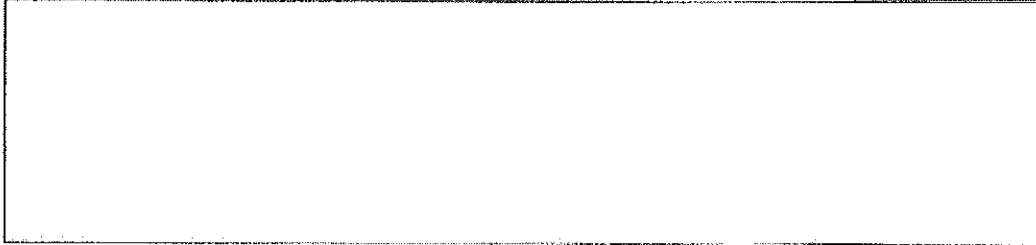
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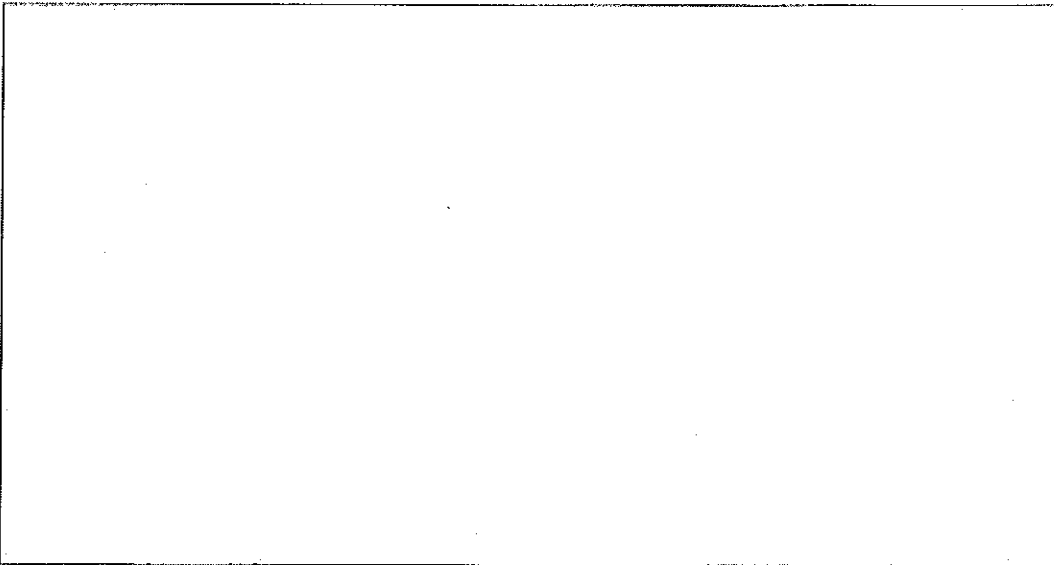
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1. (C) Summary: EUR Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Tina Kaidanow, accompanied by Ambassador Kennard, met with European External Action Service (EEAS) Deputy Secretary General Helga Schmid on September 7 for a *tour de table* of U.S.-EU coordination in the Middle East and Europe.

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Middle East Peace Process



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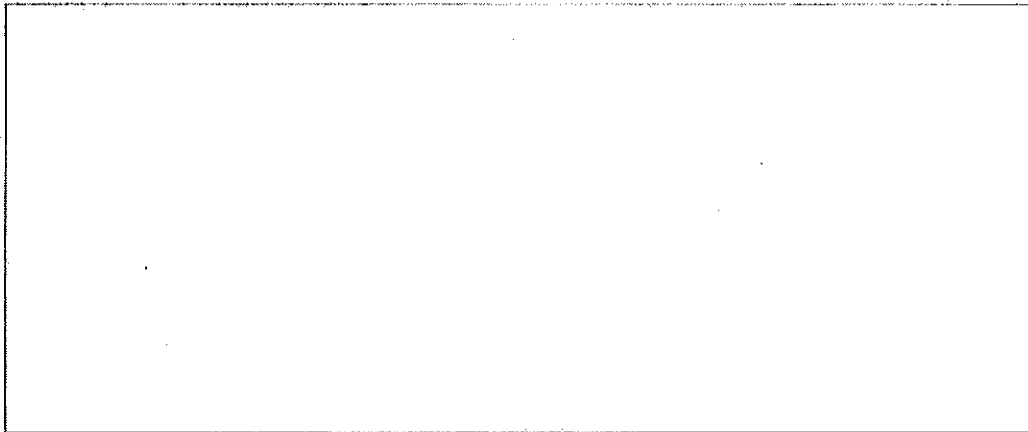


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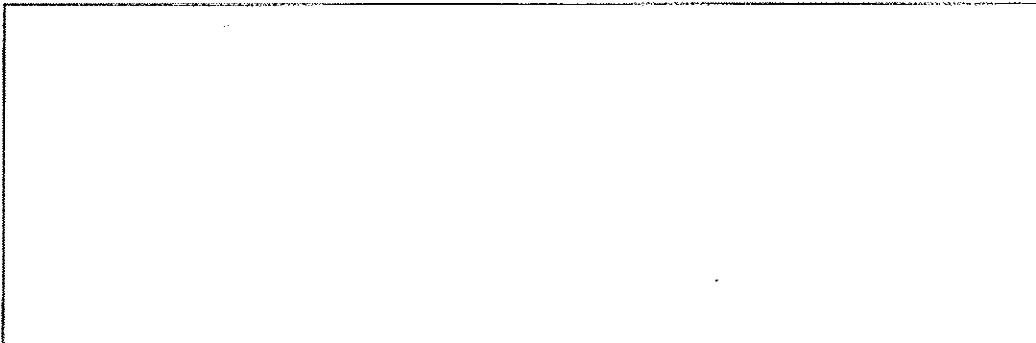


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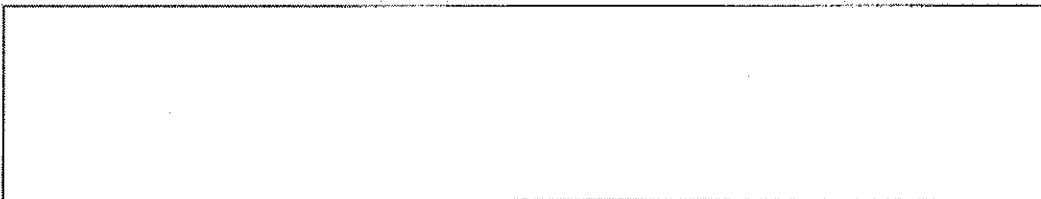


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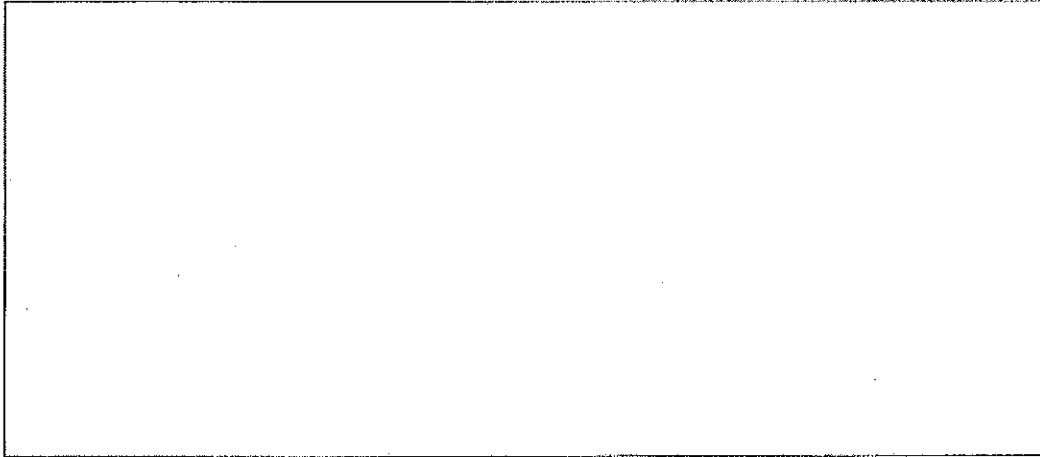
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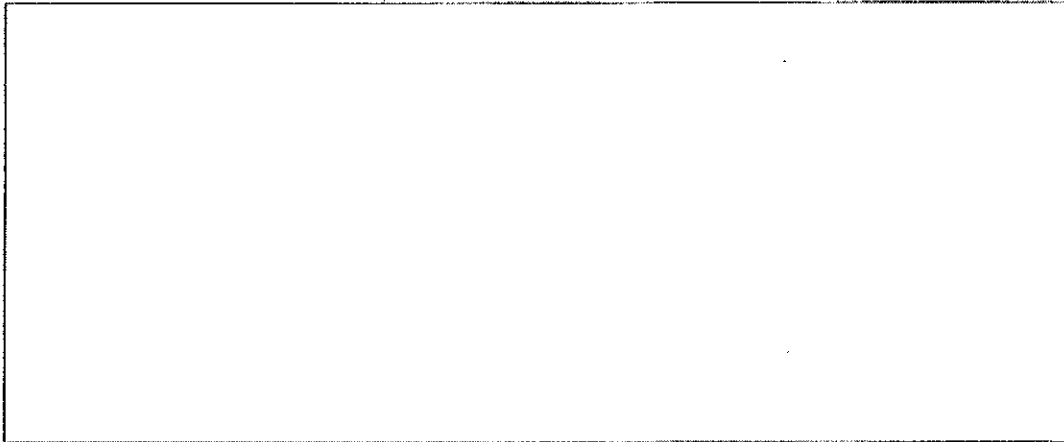
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**Georgia-Russia WTO Discussions**



**Belarus**



11. (U) PDAS Kaidanow has cleared this cable.

Signature: KENNARD

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Office: EUR

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**Drafted By:** BRUSSELS:Katkar, Emily L (Brussels)

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From: Snipes, Christopher K  
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 7:32 PM  
To: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)  
Subject: RE: Scenesetter for VP Visit

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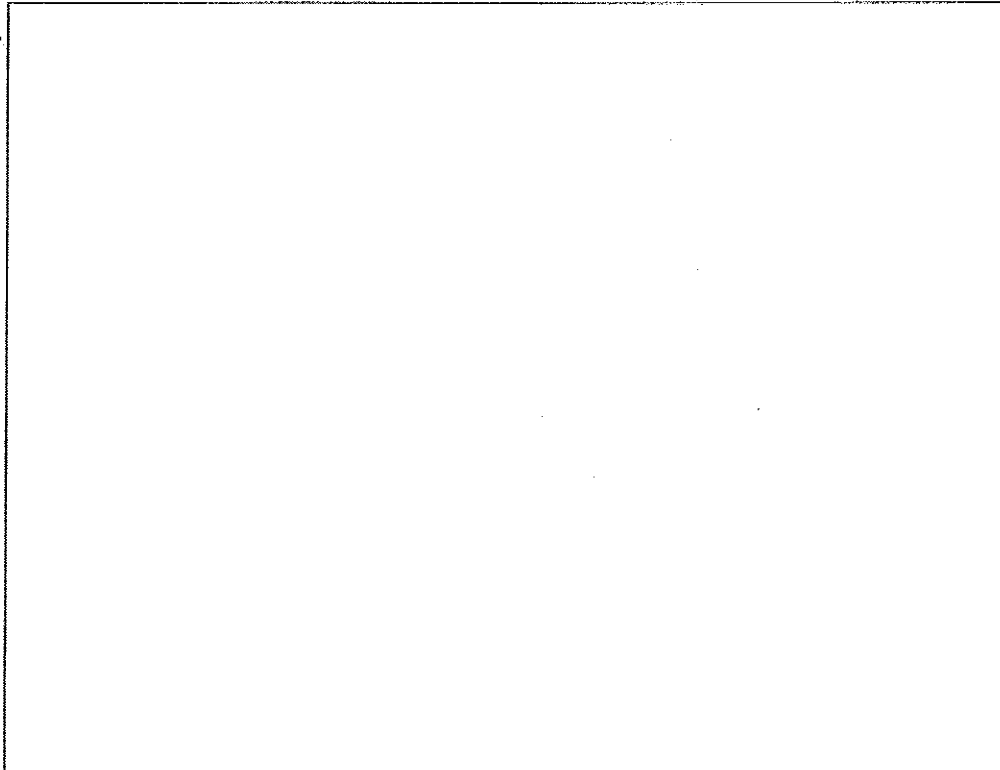
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From: Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)  
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 12:31 PM  
To: Snipes, Christopher K  
Subject: Scenesetter for VP Visit

Chris - We sent it in EXDIS. The number is 11 ATHENS 639 / DTG: 181708Z NOV 11

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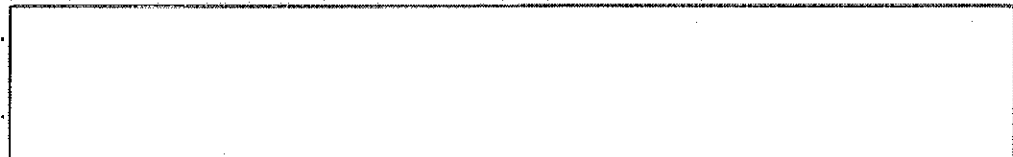
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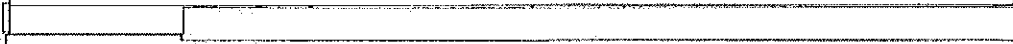
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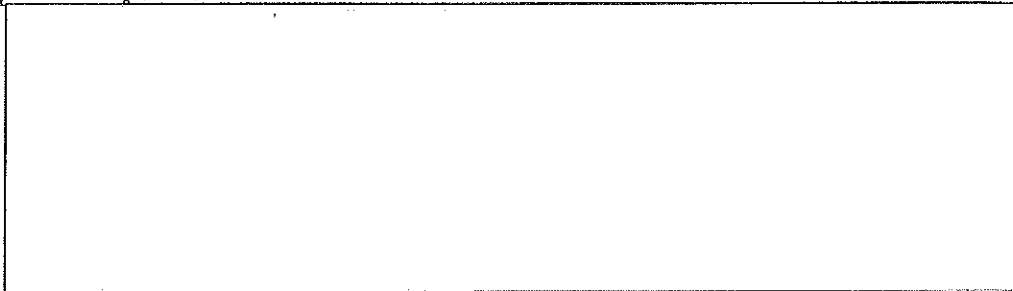


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**From:** Martin, Leah A (Athens)

**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2011 4:16 PM

**To:** Snipes, Christopher K

**Cc:** Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Cockrell, John D (Athens)

**Subject:** FW: Greece: View from MFA Working Level on Improving Ties With Israel

**Caption:** NOFORN

FYI from Athens.

Best,

Leah

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**From:** SMART Core [mailto:svcSMARTHBTsrctSPrec@state.sgov.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2011 4:15 PM

**To:** Martin, Leah A (Athens)

**Cc:** ATHENS-SMARTS; TELAVIV-SMARTS; JERUSALEM-SMARTS; MILAN-SMARTS; SMARTS, Reykjavik; Valletta, SMARTS; GENEVA, SMARTS; BAKU-SMARTS; SOFIA-SMARTS; NICOSIA, SMARTS; TBILISI, SMARTS; BARCELONA, SMARTS; OSLO-SMARTS; Stockholm-SMARTS; BELGRADE-SMARTS; Dushanbe, SMARTS; VILNIUS, SMARTS; VATICAN, SMARTS; THEHAGUE-SMARTS; USNATO, SMARTS; YEREVAN-SMARTS; PODGORICA, SMARTS; SKOPJE, SMARTS; MOSCOW-SMARTS; WARSAW-SMARTS; ANKARA-SMARTS; TALLINN, SMARTS; Sarajevo, SMARTS; PARIS-SMARTS; BERN, SMARTS; UNVIE-SMARTS; LISBON, SMARTS; DUBLIN, SMARTS; Tashkent, SMARTS; BRUSSELS-SMARTS; OSCE-SMARTS; ISTANBUL, SMARTS; BUDAPEST-SMARTS; FRANKFURT, SMARTS; ZAGREB-SMARTS; LJUBLJANA-SMARTS; MADRID-SMARTS; KYIV-SMARTS; Ottawa-SMARTS; HELSINKI-SMARTS; ASTANA-SMARTS; Tirana-SMARTS; Bishkek, SMARTS; LONDON-SMARTS; BRATISLAVA-SMARTS; PRAGUE, SMARTS; HAMBURG-SMARTS; Riga, SMARTS; USEU-SMARTS; ROME, SMARTS; KRAKOW-SMARTS; BERLIN-SMARTS; LUXEMBOURG-SMARTS; NAPLES, SMARTS; Copenhagen-SMARTS; MUNICH-SMARTS; CHISINAU-SMARTS; Pristina, SMARTS; Ashgabat, SMARTS; USUN, SMARTS; BUCHAREST-SMARTS; VIENNA-SMARTS; PMAT (Pol-Mil Action Team); [redacted]@incirllk.af.smil.mil; [redacted]@incirllk.af.smil.mil; [redacted]@dia.smil.mil; [redacted]@dfa.smil.mil

**Subject:** Greece: View from MFA Working Level on Improving Ties With Israel

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**Subject:** Greece: View from MFA Working Level on Improving Ties With Israel

1. (C/NF) SUMMARY: The Greek-Israeli relationship [redacted] according to the MFA's

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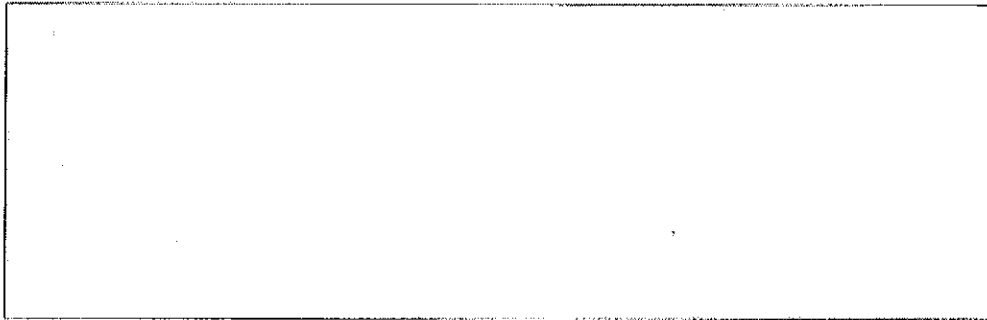
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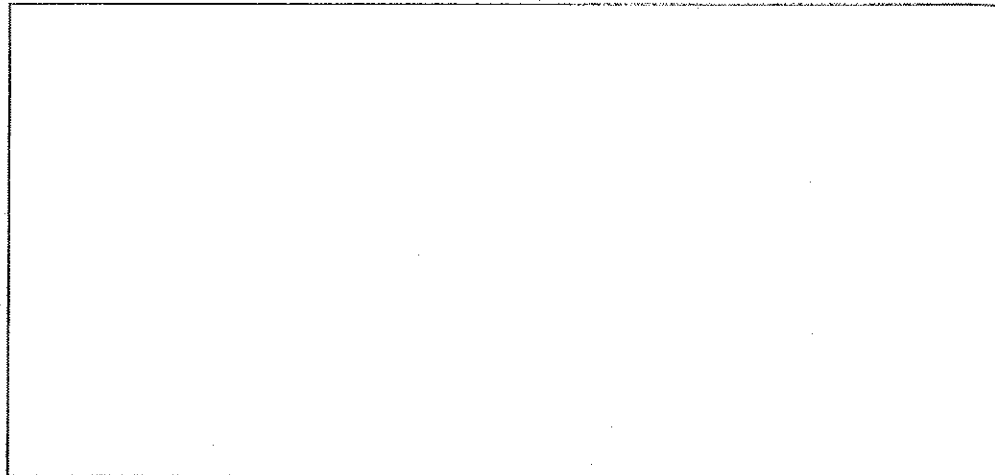
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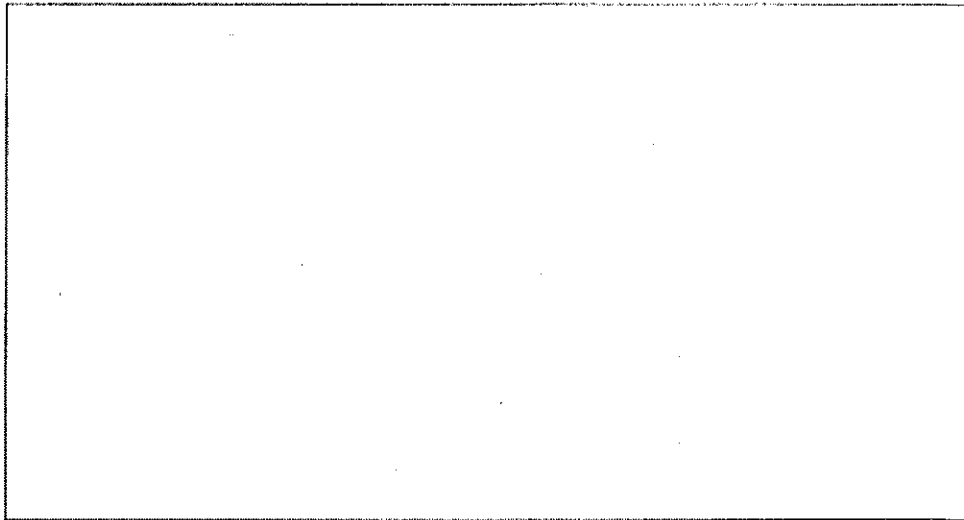


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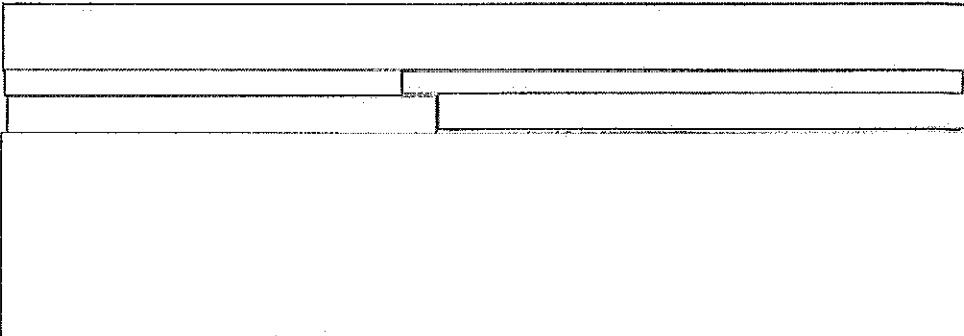
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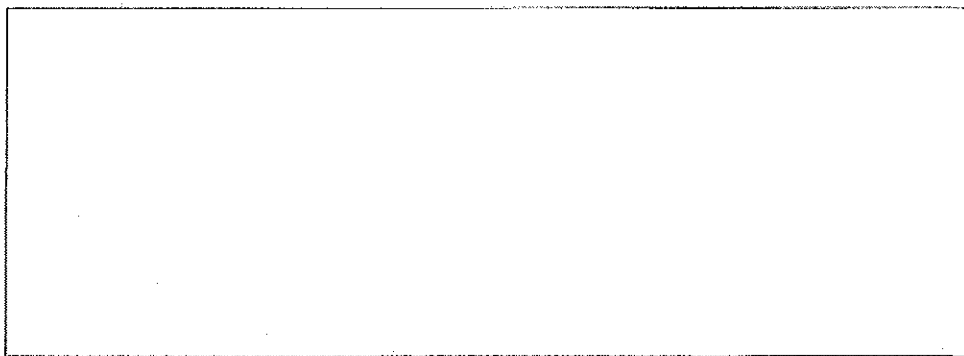
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**From:** Bennett, Virginia L (Athens)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 02, 2012 5:17 PM  
**To:** Jaberg, David E (Athens)  
**Cc:** Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)  
**Subject:** RE: (C) EUR Daily Activity Report for Friday, March 23, 2012

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**From:** Jaberg, David E (Athens)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 02, 2012 2:56 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Virginia L (Athens)  
**Cc:** Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)  
**Subject:** RE: (C) EUR Daily Activity Report for Friday, March 23, 2012

Cheers, Dave

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**From:** Bennett, Virginia L (Athens)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2012 11:48 AM  
**To:** Jaberg, David E (Athens)  
**Cc:** Lawton, Daniel J (Athens)  
**Subject:** FW: (C) EUR Daily Activity Report for Friday, March 23, 2012

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

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From: Baker, William D

Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 11:56 PM

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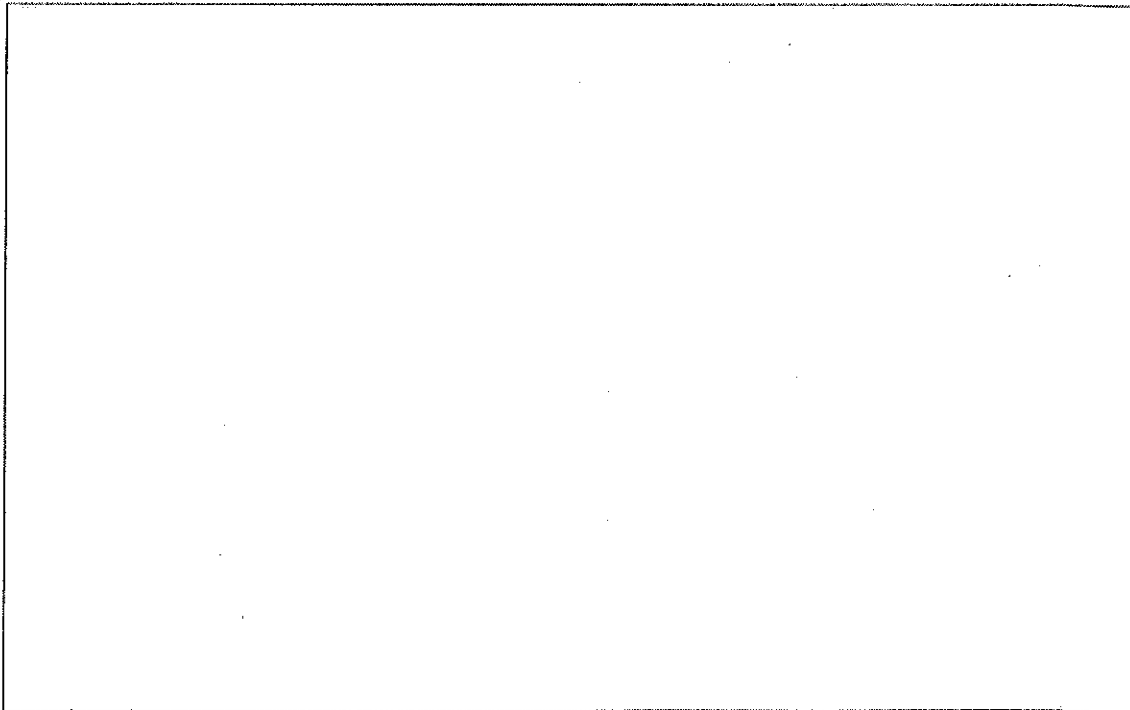
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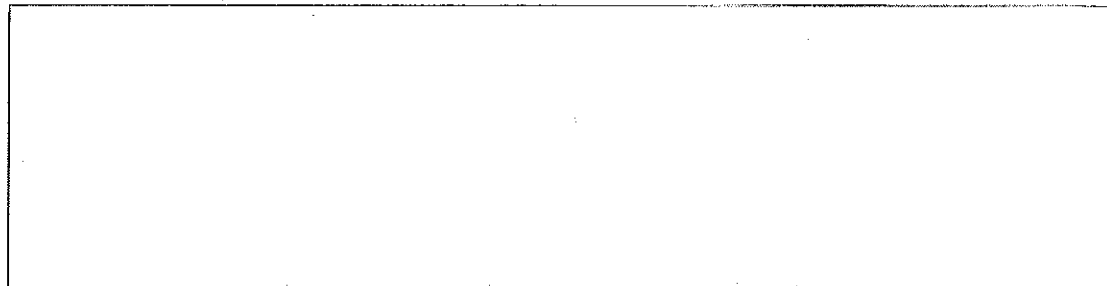
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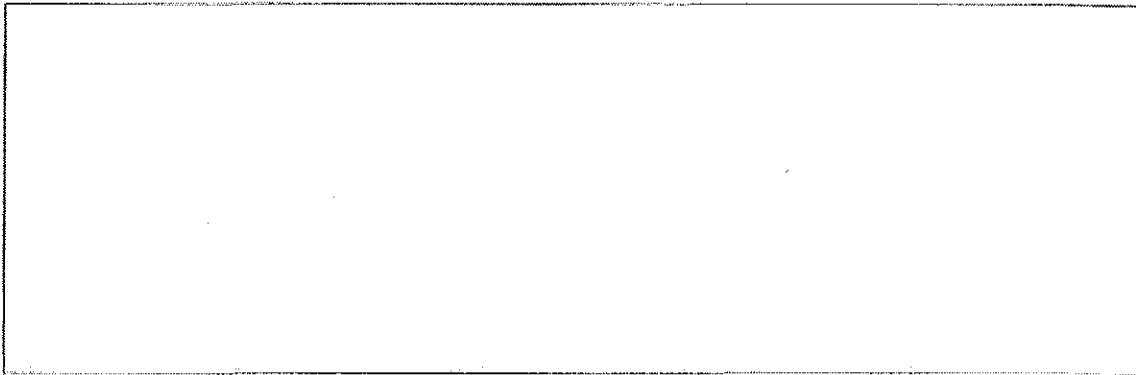
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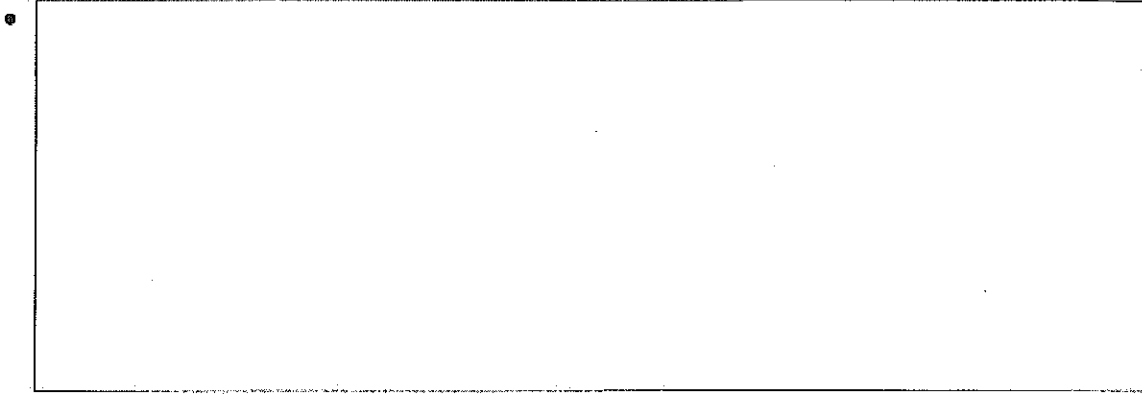


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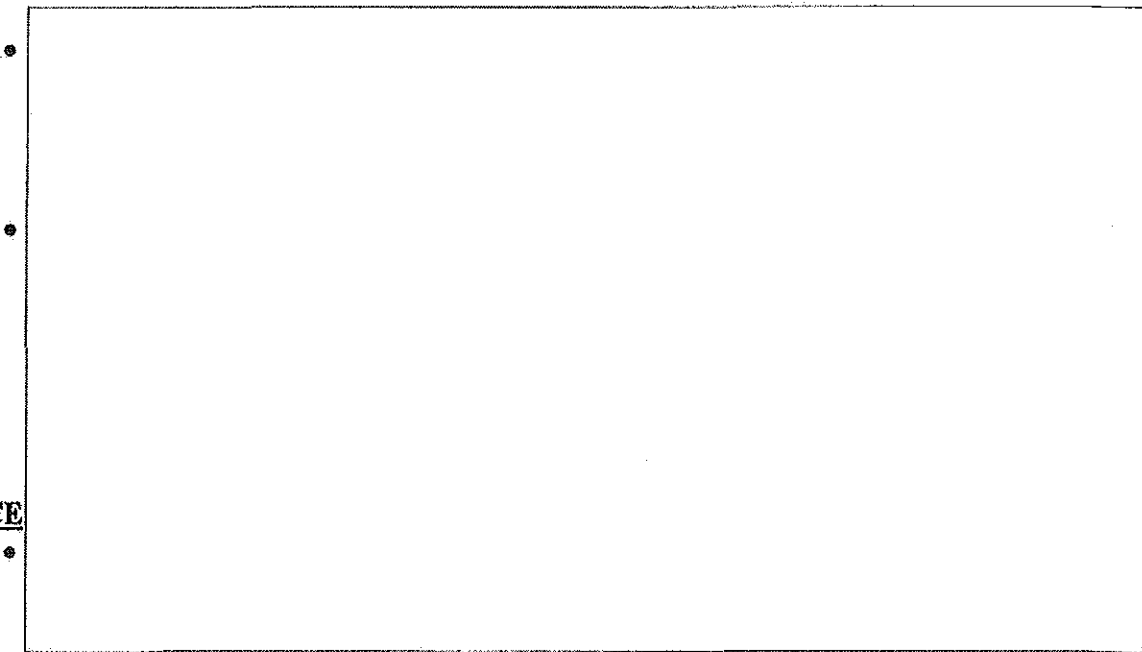
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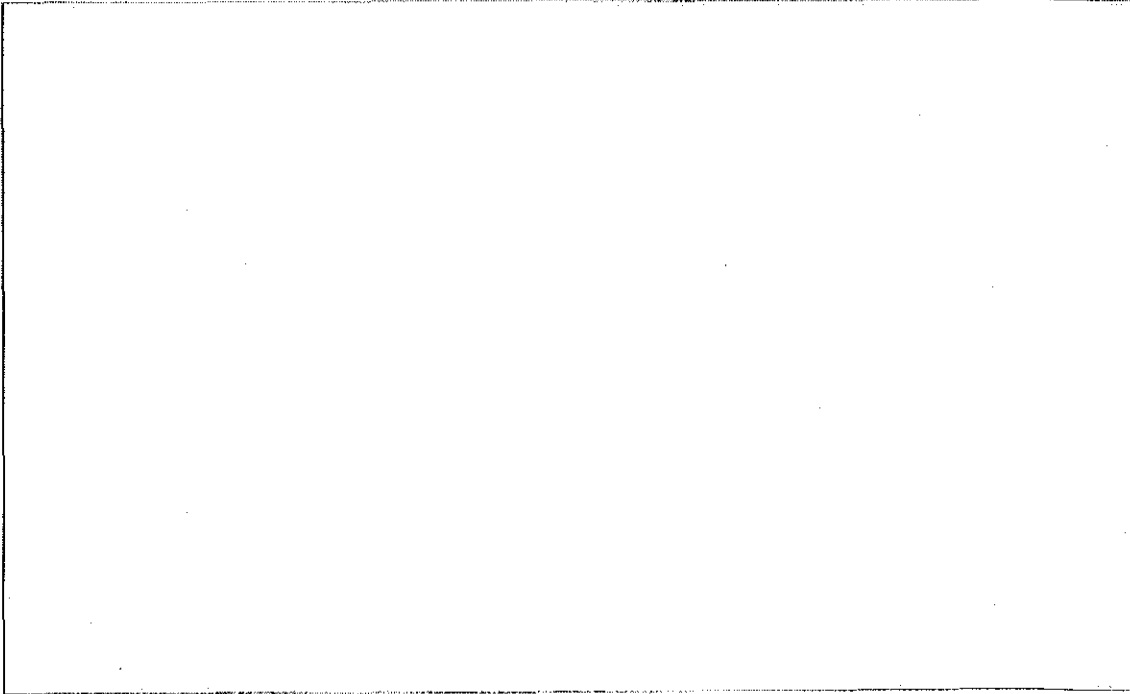
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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 02, 2011 6:54 PM  
**To:** Snipes, Christopher K; Bennett, Virginia L (Athens)  
**Cc:** Cockrell, John D (Athens); Jaberg, David E (Athens)  
**Subject:** RE: More Flotillas? [CONFIDENTIAL, Record]

Per an exchange on the low side, we gave the Greeks a heads up.

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**From:** Snipes, Christopher K  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 02, 2011 5:53 PM  
**To:** Smith, Daniel B (Athens); Bennett, Virginia L (Athens)  
**Cc:** Cockrell, John D (Athens); Jaberg, David E (Athens)  
**Subject:** FW: More Flotillas? [CONFIDENTIAL, Record]

FYI – more flotilla fun.

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**From:** Kim, Yuri J  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 02, 2011 11:48 AM  
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**Cc:** Goldberger, Thomas H; Silverman, Robert J; Levin, Jan X; [redacted] Eussen, Matthew M  
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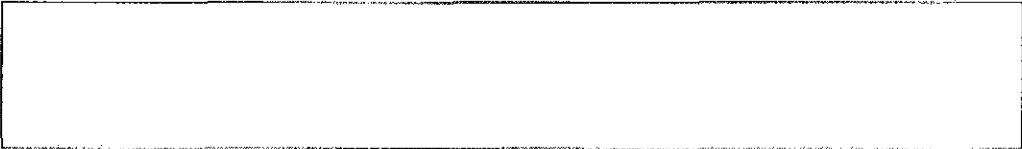
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**Cc:** Goldberger, Thomas H; Silverman, Robert J; Levin, Jan X; [redacted]; Eussen, Matthew M

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**Subject:** FW: More Flotillas? [CONFIDENTIAL, Record]



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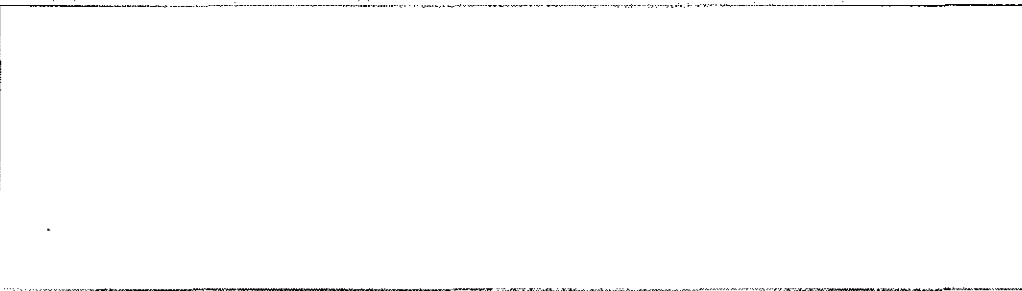
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**To:** 'Godfrey, Anthony F.'; Kim, Yuri J; Howard, Jeremiah H

**Cc:** Baily, Jess L; EUR-SE-TU-DL; Fernandes, Anthony C; Witmer, Kami A; Levin, Jan X

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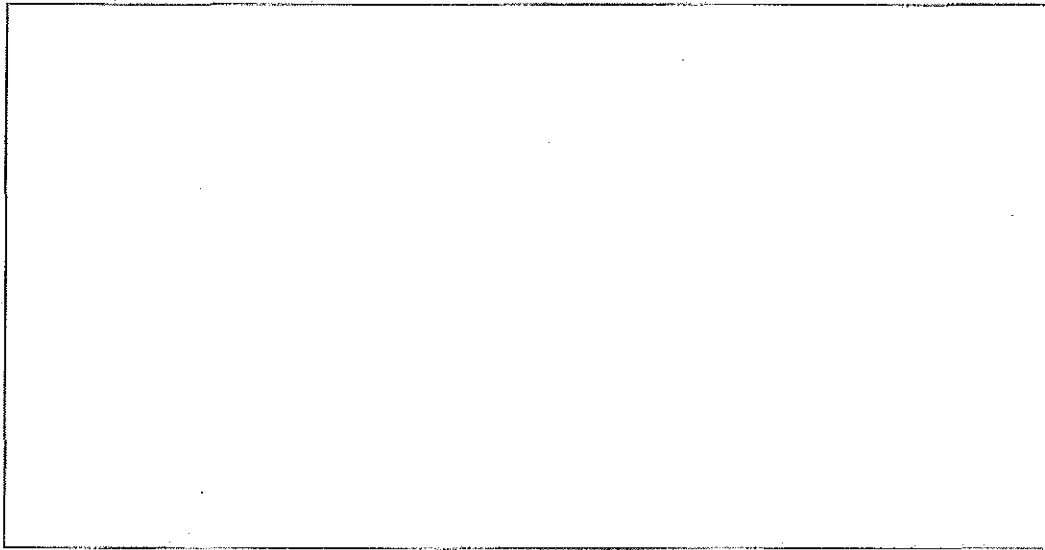
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Thanks, Ed. So to confirm, [ ]  
[ ] Look forward to the readout from  
your meeting with Haldun. Take care, Anthony.

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From: Stafford, Edward G [mailto: ]  
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Ed S.

p.s. please remember to include Ton Fernandes on any/all messages regarding Turkish Maritime issues.

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Ed's shop has lead on this. He can send you latest, which is on the unclass side.

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Hi -- anything new on the rumors of the new flotilla? Lots of interest, as you can imagine...

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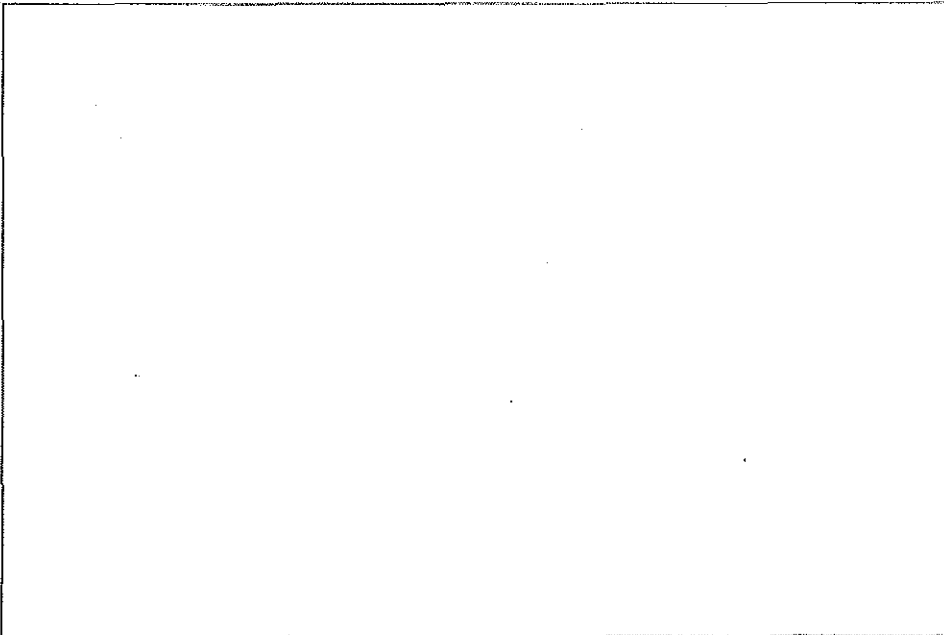
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**EUR Daily Activity Report  
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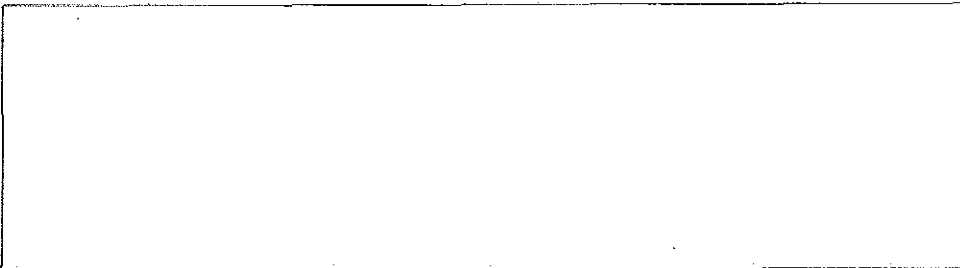
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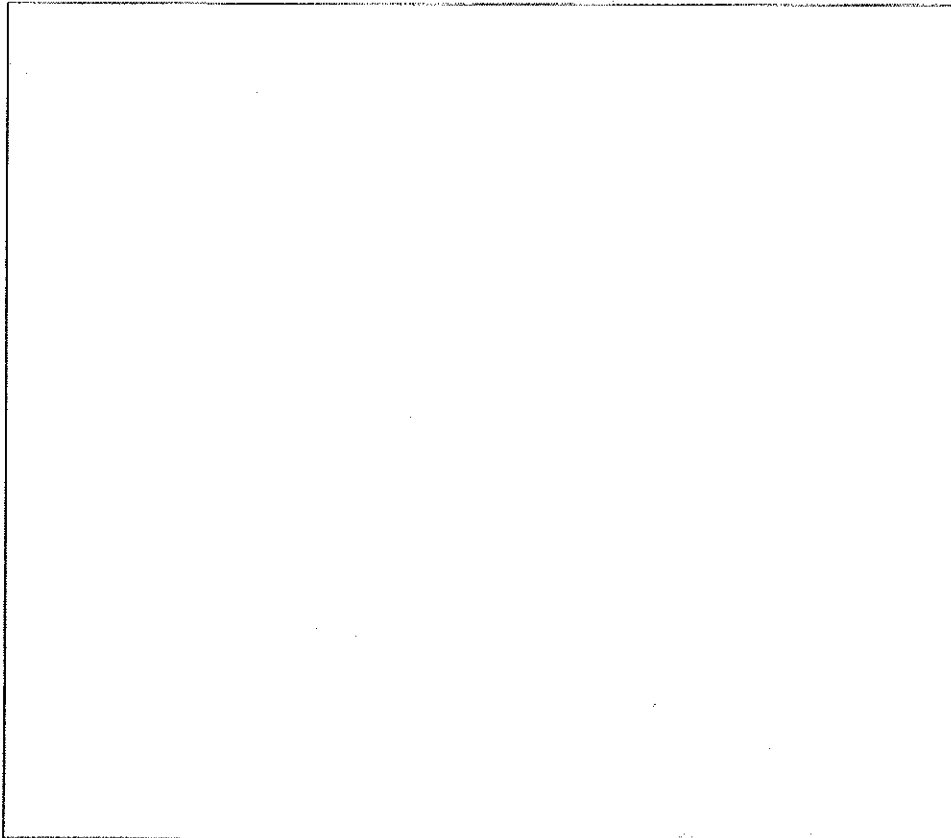
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- **(C/NF) Turkey: Erdogan Says Turkish Navy will Protect Turkish Ships in Mediterranean:** [redacted] PM Erdogan's remarks, as reported by Al Jazeera: "There is no doubt that the Turkish military ships are responsible to protect its own ships. The priority step is this. And there are humanitarian aids that we will make there. And those humanitarian assistances will not be attacked as it happened to Mavi Marmara." The statement increases tensions with Israel and feeds speculation that the Turkish navy would escort a new flotilla. Post notes that [redacted]

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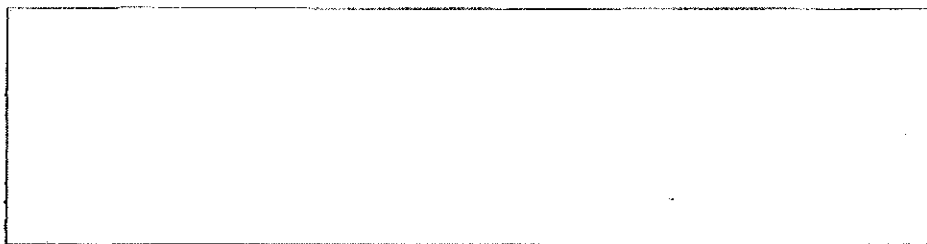
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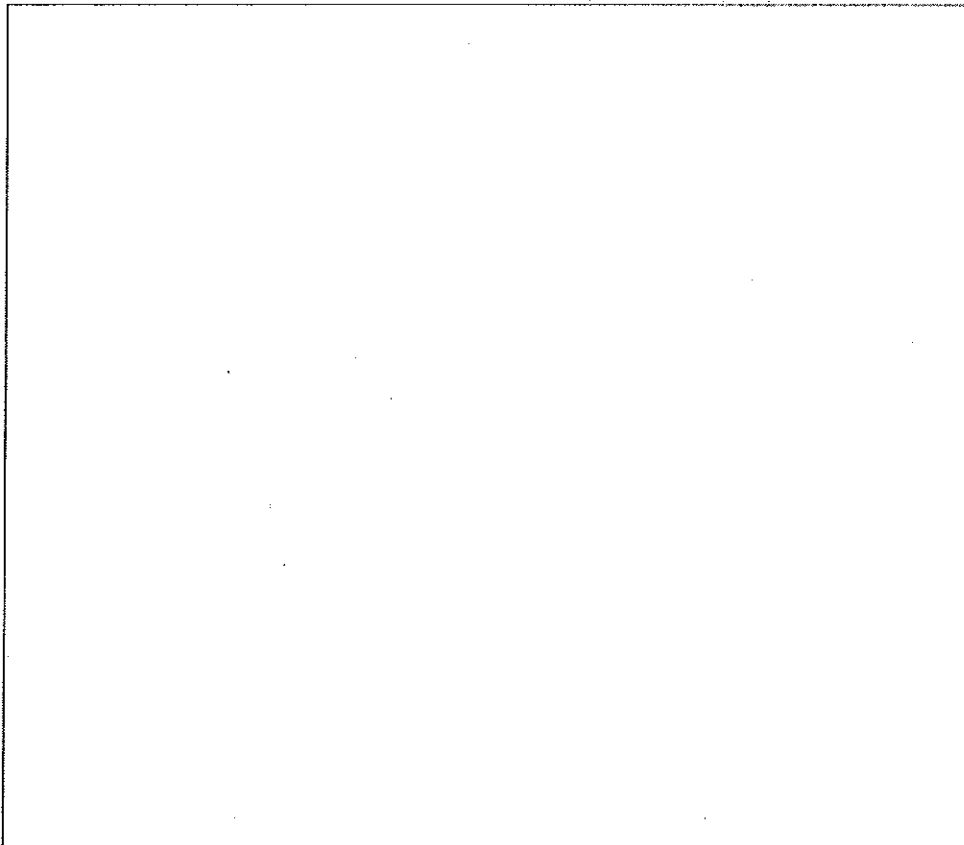
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**Importance:** High

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**Thursday, July 28, 2011**

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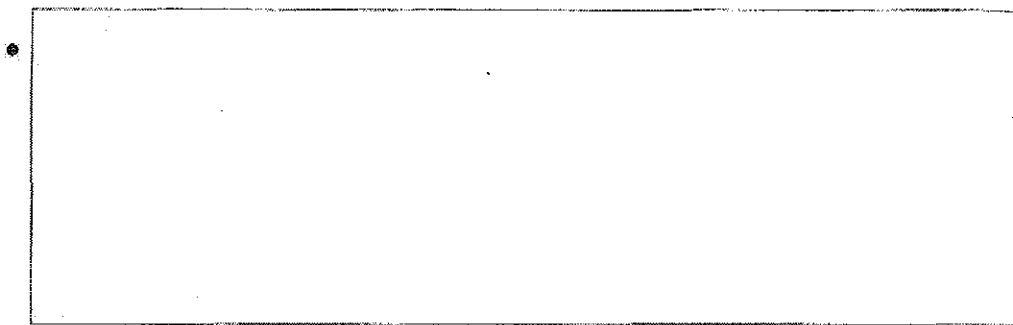
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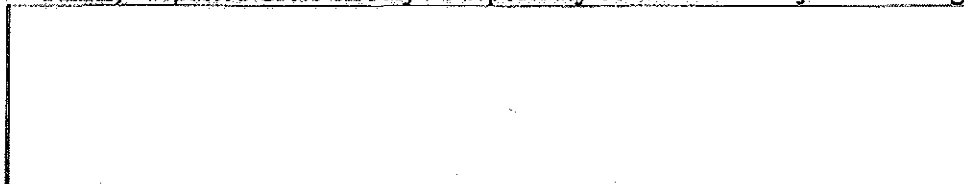
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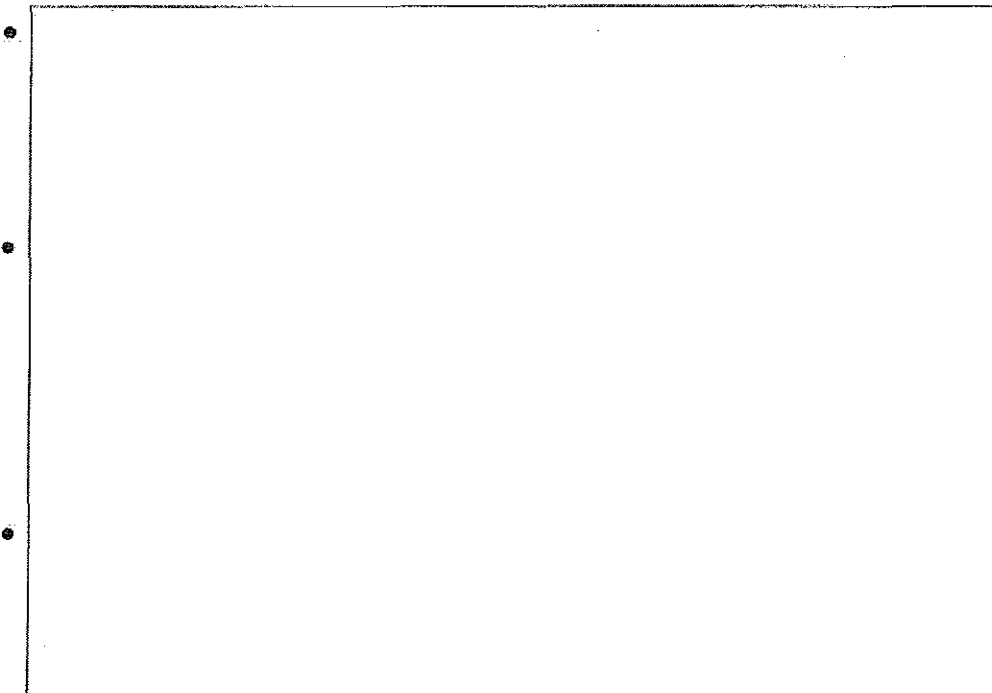
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- **(C) Turkey: New Flotilla Ship Headed to Turkey:** The ship, the "Tahrir," departed Crete on July 28 reportedly bound for Turkey. According



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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PASS TO AMCONSUL ST PETERSBURG  
Subject: Greece Bans Departure of Flotilla Vessels to Gaza, Offers to Deliver Aid

- 1. (C) SUMMARY: The Greek government's decision on July 1 to prohibit the departure of ships from Greek ports intended for Gaza was a significant shift from Greece's previous, less visibly confrontational, approach towards "Flotilla II - Stay Alive" Gaza vessels and activists. Over the July 4 weekend two boats attempting to depart Greek ports, in violation of the ban, were intercepted by the Hellenic Coast Guard, resulting in the arrest of the AMCIT captain of one of the boats. Also over the weekend, Gaza flotilla activists protested the Coast Guard action at the American Embassy and the Embassy Mission Residence (EMR).

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Greek Ban on Departure of Ships to Gaza

2. (SBU) On July 1, the Ministry of Citizen Protection released a notice to flotilla participants that the departure of ships with Greek and foreign flags from Greek ports to the maritime area of Gaza was prohibited, and that the Hellenic Coast Guard would take all appropriate measures to enforce the decision. Despite the departure ban by the Greek government (as well as an order to remain in port due to unresolved questions about the vessel's documentation and seaworthiness), the American-flagged vessel "Audacity of Hope" attempted to depart the Greek port of Perama, near Piraeus on July 1. The Hellenic Coast Guard intercepted the vessel and after a standoff at sea, the ship consented to return to port.

3. (SBU) The American captain was arrested by Greek authorities upon the ship's return to port. Embassy Athens provided regular consular services to Amcfit members of this year's "Flotilla II - Stay Alive" US Boat to Gaza organization both before and after the captain's arrest. On June 24, American Citizens Services (ACS) Chief and Counsel General met with AMCIT flotilla participants to provide a consular briefing and ACS Chief had regular contact with the captain and his attorney, including a meeting on July 5 to verify that he was in good health, understood his arrest, had legal representation, and that authorities were treating him well. The captain was released on July 6 without bail. There will be a trial at some point, but the captain will not have to return to Greece.

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5. (SBU) On July 1 some 35 demonstrators assembled outside the American Embassy to protest on behalf of the Gaza flotilla. On the evening of July 3, a group of eight people from the US Boat to Gaza organization assembled at the American Embassy and presented a letter calling for U.S. officials to defend their rights to sail out of Greece to Gaza and to request 50 tickets to the Embassy's upcoming Independence Day celebration. On both occasions the protestors dispersed peacefully. On July 4, nine demonstrators assembled outside the EMR. The demonstrators were taken into custody briefly for identification checks after stating they planned to sleep on the sidewalk in front of the EMR. The demonstrators spent under two

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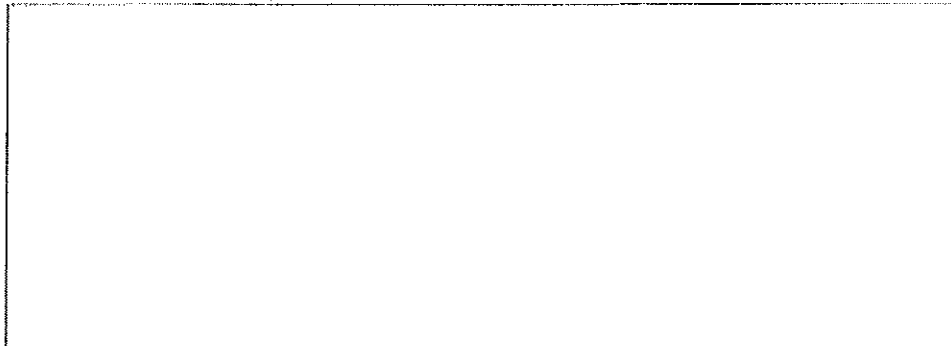
hours in the station and were released. They were never placed under arrest.

6. (SBU) In addition to the group's regular website updates and Tweets, the Embassy has received roughly 500 calls and emails since July 1 asking the USG to put pressure on Greece to allow the flotilla to proceed to Gaza.

Greek Proposal to Deliver Humanitarian Aid to Gaza

7. (SBU) PM Papandreou spoke by phone with Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas on July 3. According to reports, Abbas positively viewed a Greek government proposal to facilitate the transport of humanitarian aid to Gaza, in cooperation with the United Nations. The proposal was confirmed later in the day when the MFA released a statement announcing Greece's intention to undertake the task of transporting humanitarian aid to Gaza through "appropriate channels." The statement also reiterated Greece's ban on departure from Greek ports primarily to protect human life and stressed Greece's concurrent view that the naval blockade should be lifted. The MFA announced plans to liaise with all concerned parties, while flotilla organizers and activists decried both the Greek government's intent and Abbas' alleged backstabbing collusion with the Greeks.

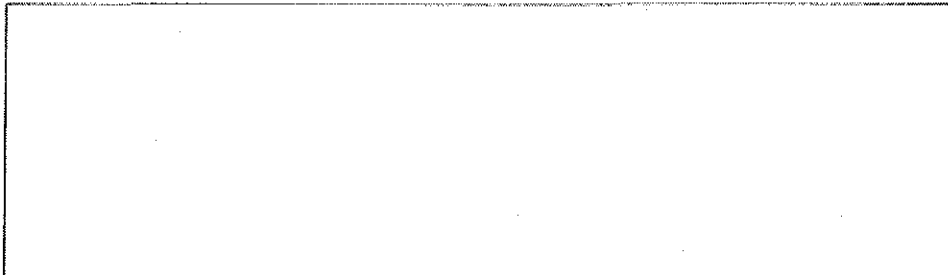
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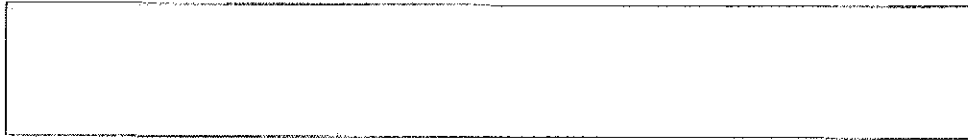


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**To:** Brandels, Charles D (Athens); Brown, Diana F (Athens); Lawton, Daniel J (Athens); Malik, Paul (Athens); McKeever, Matthew X (Athens); Teirlynck, Mary J (Athens)  
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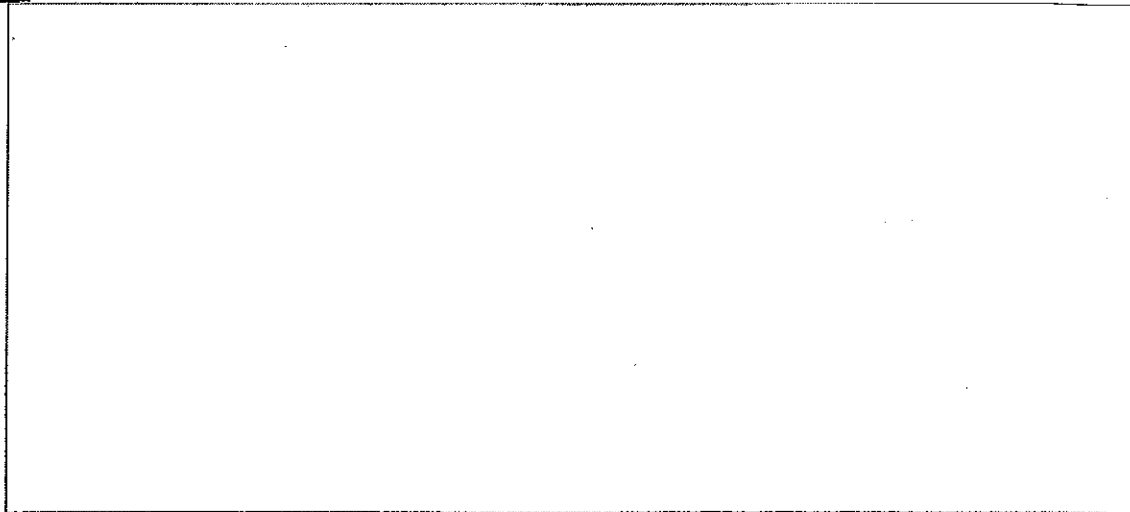
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**Subject:** (S/NF) EUR Daily Activity Report for Tuesday, June 7, 2011

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• **(S/NF) Turkey: FM Suggests "New Formula" to Avert Flotilla Crisis:** Mainstream Turkish press reported June 6 that FM Davutoglu recommended flotilla organizers evaluate whether Egypt's opening of the Rafah Border Crossing and Israel's views of a new Palestinian government will improve the situation for Gazans before launching an anniversary flotilla. Davutoglu also encouraged Israel to lift the Gaza blockade when the new Palestinian government is in place. Despite these new ideas, Davutoglu reiterated Turkey's longstanding demands for an apology and compensation as prerequisites for repairing relations with Israel.

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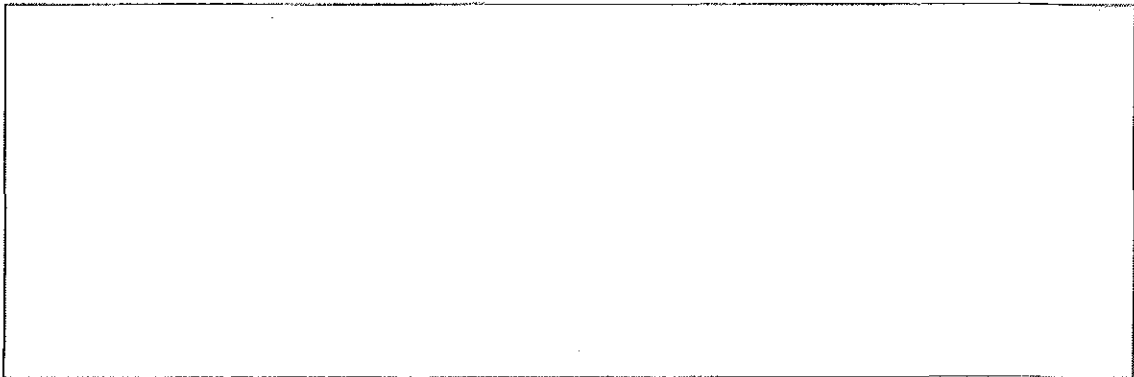
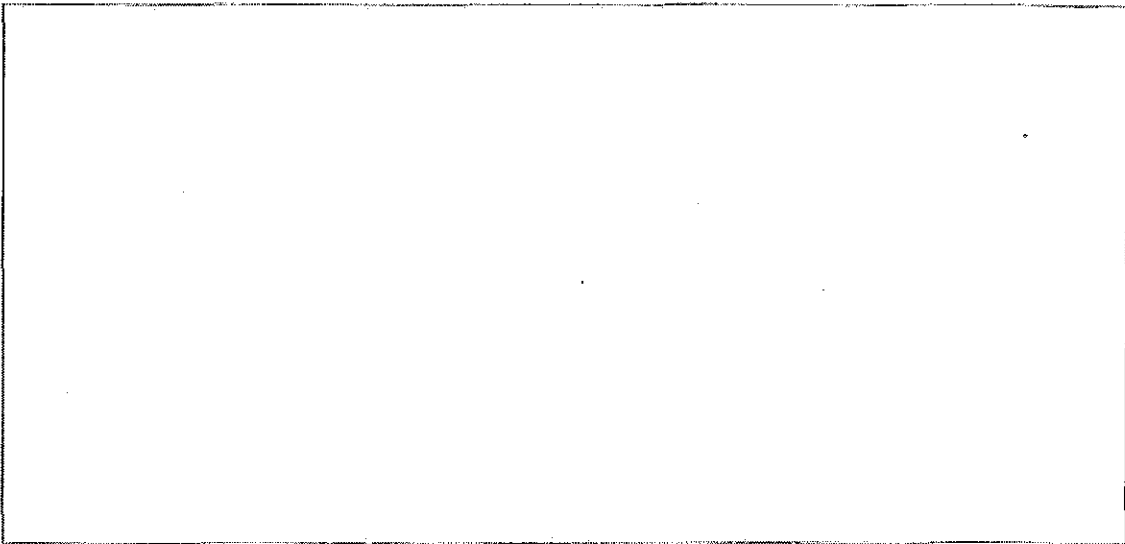
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**Cc:** Martin, Leah A (Athens)  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Scensesetter for NEA A/S Feltman's Visit to Athens - May 21

Thanks. We'll pass it to him.

**Jeremy Cornforth**  
Chief of the Political/Economic Section  
U.S. Embassy Beirut

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Jeremy - We may have missed A/S Feltman there, but thought I would forward this to you just in case. We'll have a hard copy waiting here at the Embassy as well. Regards, Dan

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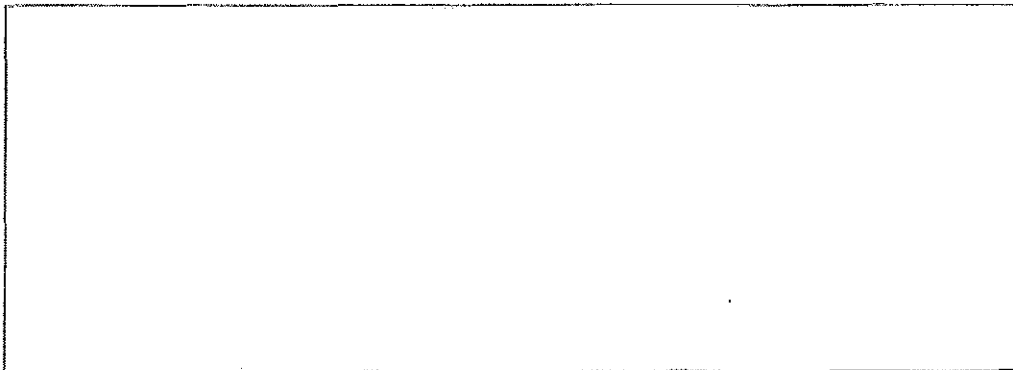
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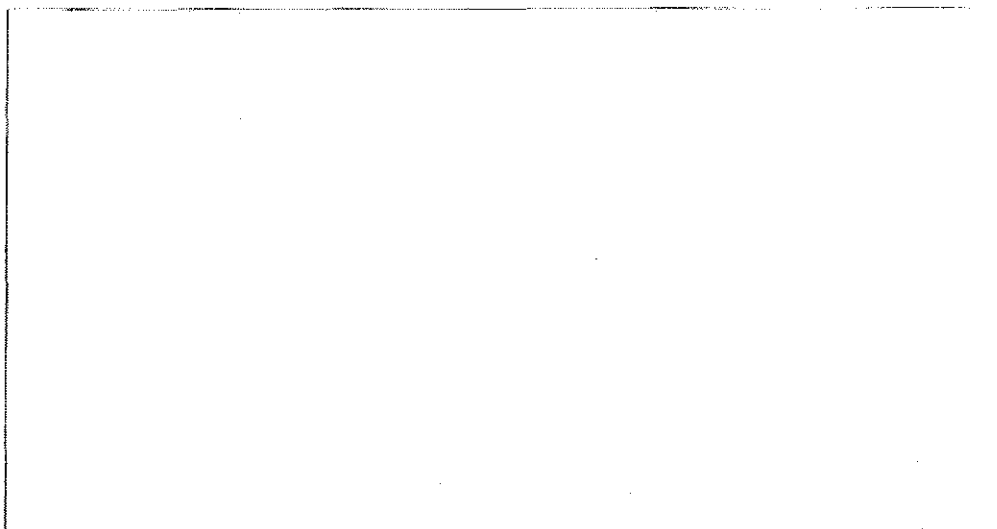
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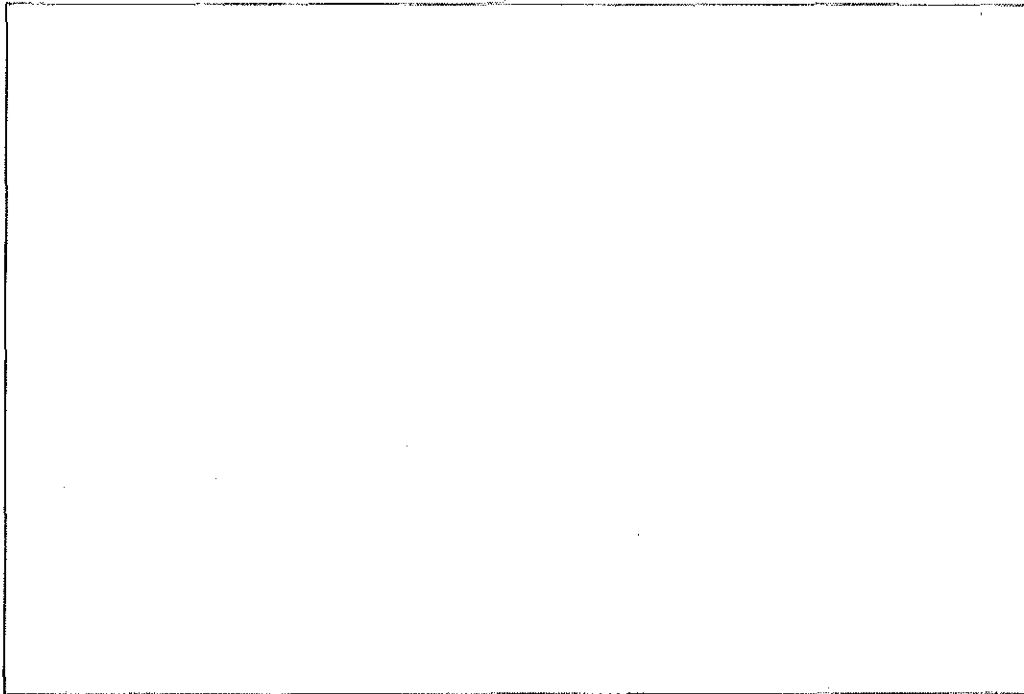


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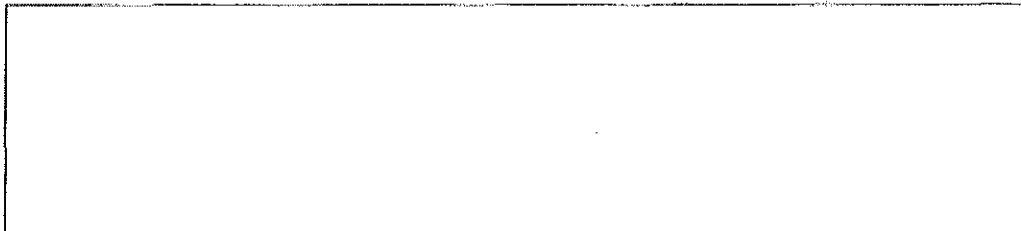
Improving Ties With Israel/MEPP

5. (C) Greece made an historic opening to Israel last summer in the wake of the Gaza flotilla incident. [redacted]  
Turkey's ties with Israel. Israeli PM Netanyahu made the first-ever visit of a sitting Israel prime minister to Greece in August 2010, and the Israeli Foreign Minister visited Athens in mid-January. Improved bilateral ties are already reflected in a significant uptick in visit of Israeli tourists to Greece. [redacted]

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[redacted] Greece has long fostered Track II initiatives in support of the Middle East Peace Process. PA President Abbas visited Papandreou in Athens in December 2010, and Greece is one of five European states to upgrade the PA's local diplomatic mission (short of recognition).

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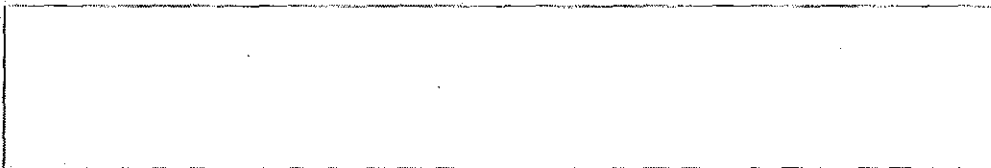
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Looks great, just a couple of typos highlighted, and one suggested edit.

Thanks,  
Dan

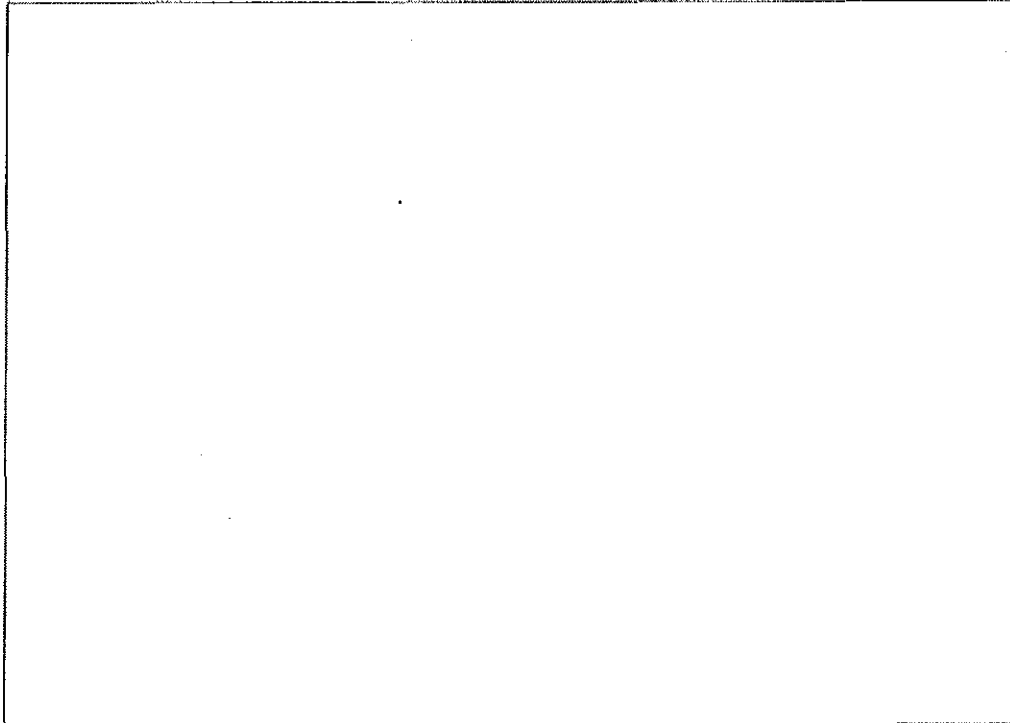
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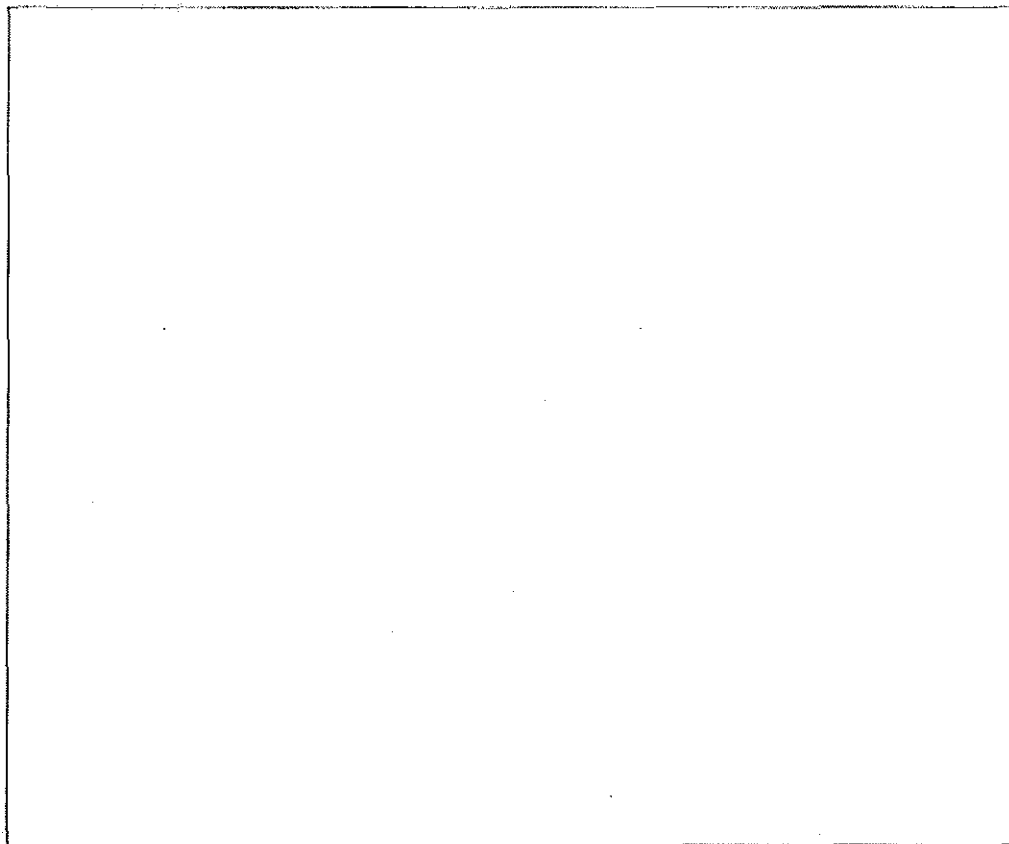
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Improving Ties With Israel/MEPP

5. (C) Greece made an historic opening to Israel last summer in the wake of the Gaza flotilla incident.

[redacted] Israeli PM Netanyahu made the first-ever visit of a sitting Israeli prime minister to Greece in August 2010, and the Israeli Foreign Minister visited Athens in mid-January. Improved bilateral ties are already reflected in a significant uptick in visits of Israeli tourists to Greece.

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[redacted] Greece has long fostered Track II initiatives in support of the Middle East Peace Process. PA President Abbas visited Papandreou in Athens in December 2010, and Greece is one of five European states to upgrade the PA's local diplomatic mission (short of recognition).

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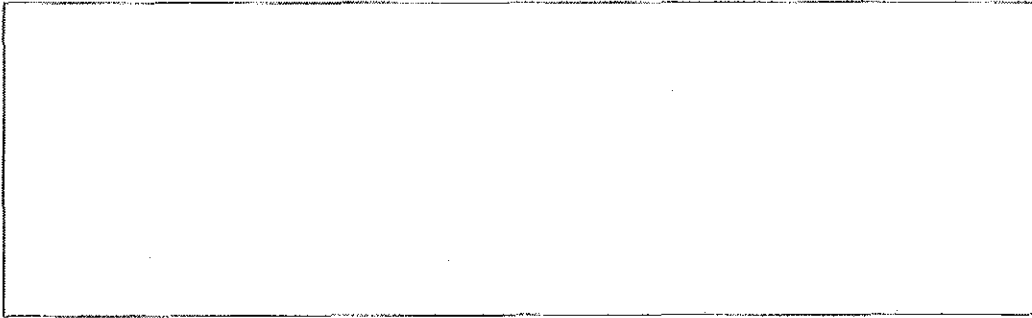
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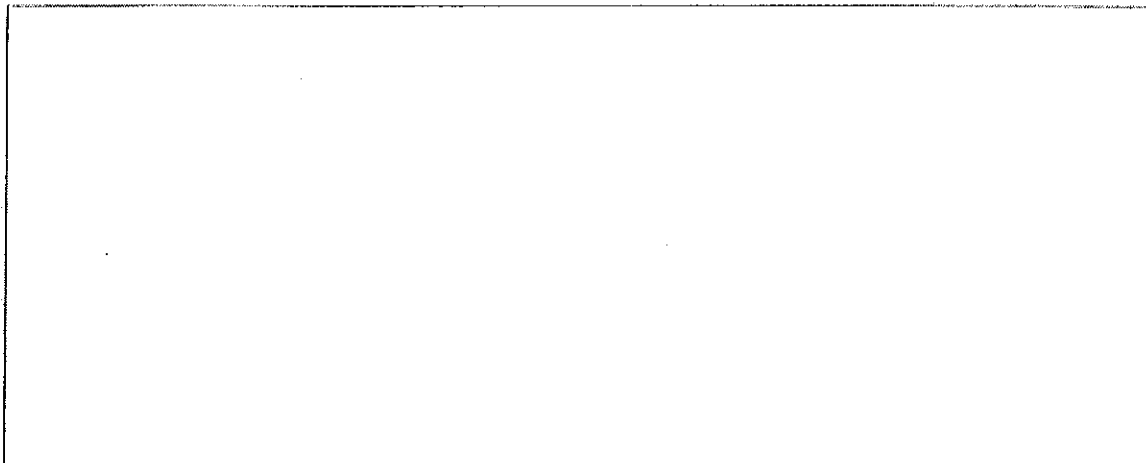
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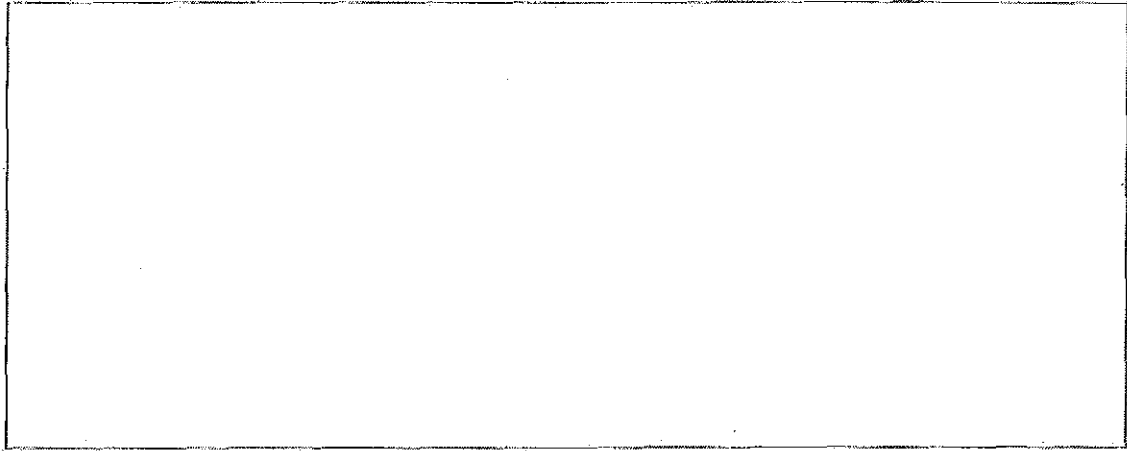




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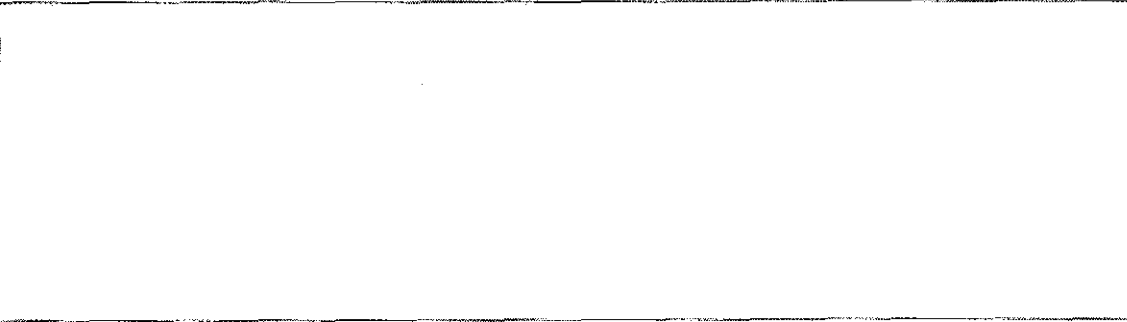
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- **(C) French Group Announces Plan to Participate in Gaza Flotilla:** A private French group announced May 10 their plans to depart from Marseille at the end of June to join the "flotilla for Gaza." Organizers claim some elected French officials and notable personalities from the world of sports and the performing arts will join them. [redacted] B1

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[redacted] On May 10, the MFA released an official 1.4(D)  
statement advising against participation in the flotilla due to the security risks involved.



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Subject: Netanyahu Visit Boosts Greek-Israeli Relations

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Not About Turkey -Really

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The Greek media had speculated that the GoG was exploiting strained relations between Turkey and Israel following the Gaza flotilla. During his August 16 press conference, Papandreou emphasized that "relations between Greece and Israel are not competitive with other bilateral or multilateral cooperation." The next day, Alternate FM Droutsas emphasized on Greek TV that improving Greek-Israel bilateral relationship is unrelated to each country's relationship with Turkey.

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Subject: GREECE: REPORTING REQUEST FOR GAZA FLOTILLA-RELATED  
RISE IN ANTI-SEMITISM WORLDWIDE

1. (U) Official and public Greek reactions to the Gaza flotilla incident were critical of Israel's actions and policy, but we are aware of only one incident by a lone student whose actions were anti-Semitic.

2. (C) Immediately following the Gaza flotilla incident, Alternate Foreign Minister Droutsas issued a statement condemning "the disproportionate use of violence" against the flotilla activists and calling the blockade against Gaza "unacceptable and politically counterproductive" (available at [www.mfa.gr/www.mfa.gr/articles/en-US/31052010\\_KL2008.htm](http://www.mfa.gr/www.mfa.gr/articles/en-US/31052010_KL2008.htm)). PM Papandreou also commented to the press that, "The violence that was exercised during today's action by the Israeli armed forces against the international humanitarian aid mission with destination Gaza cannot be excused."

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3. (U) For days following the incident, newspapers and television broadcasts provided extensive coverage, with some calling Israel's action a violation of international law, state terrorism, a deliberate massacre, etc. Protests occurred throughout the country, including a demonstration of 1,500 people outside of the Israeli Embassy in Athens. The Israeli Embassy in Athens has told us that flotilla organizers in Greece have conducted a public diplomacy campaign in many Greek cities, speaking and meeting with citizens and officials.

4. (U) Post is only aware of one subsequent event that crossed the line to anti-Semitism. A few days after the flotilla incident, a male university student attempted to spray paint a swastika onto a Jewish Holocaust monument in the northeastern city of Komotini. He claimed his actions were a "protest against the unfair death of activists who were on a peace boat to Palestine." He was caught in the act, arrested and charged with vandalism; he will be tried in September.

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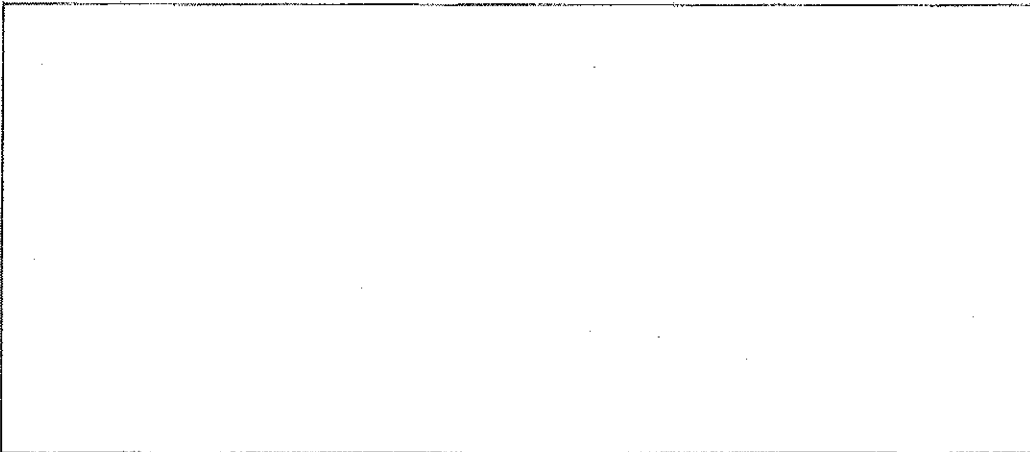
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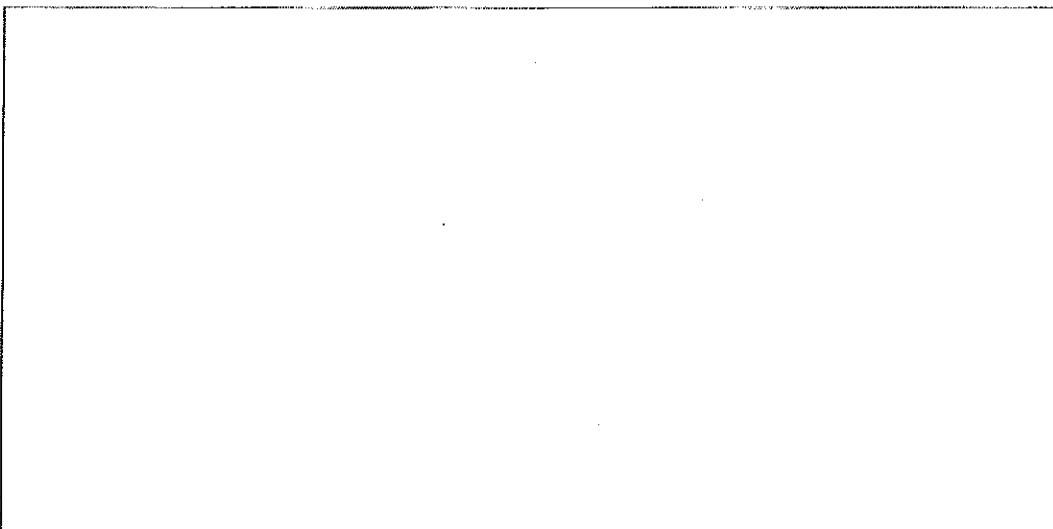
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Free Gaza Incident  a Re-think on Turkey

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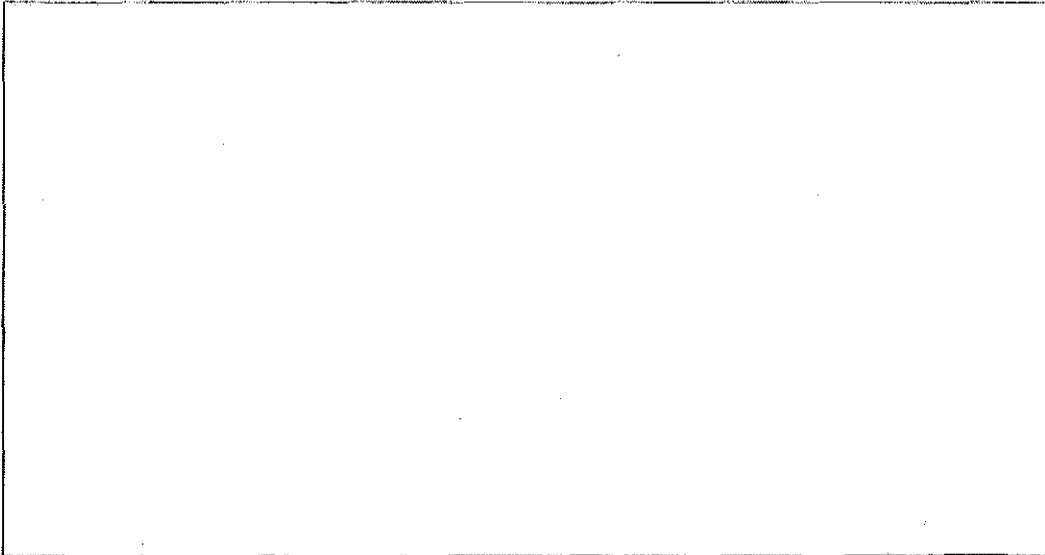
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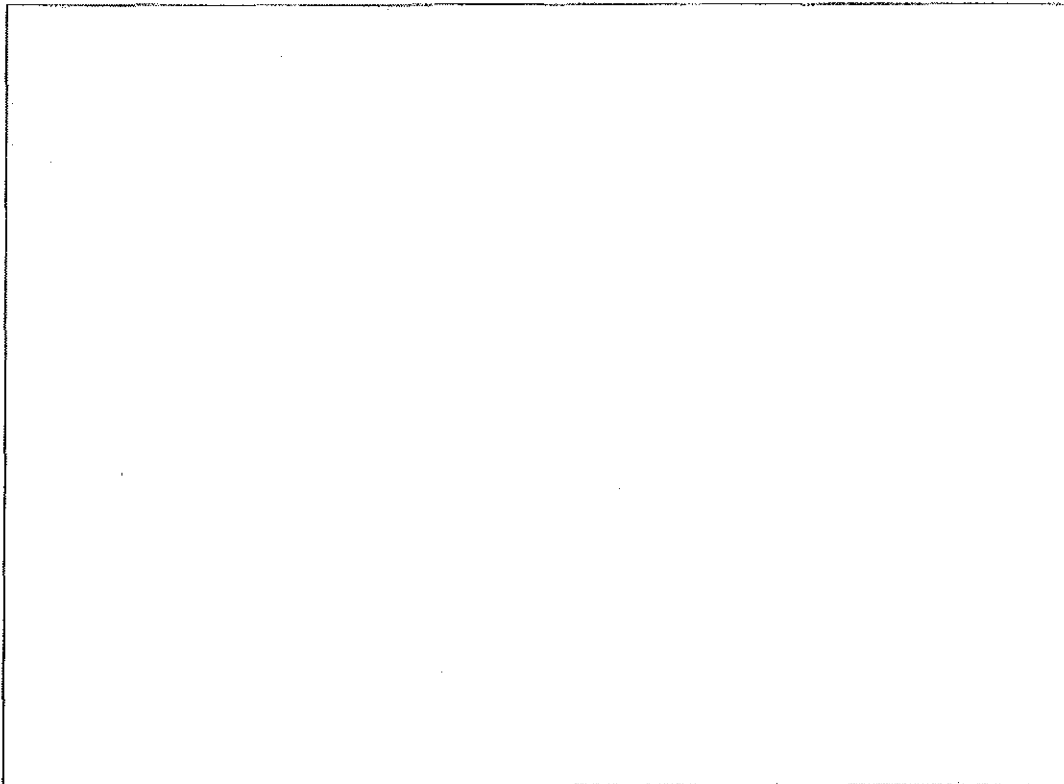
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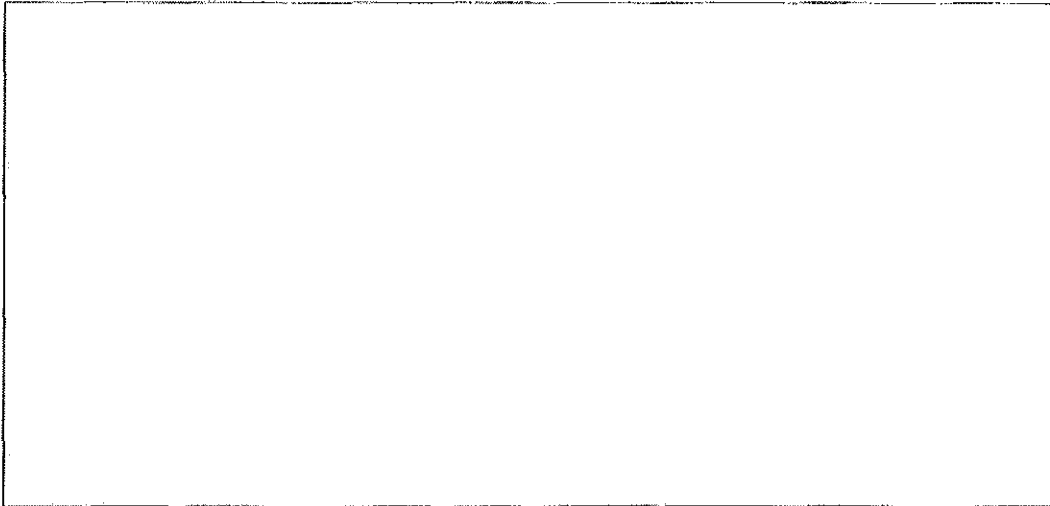
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Please see my high-slide e-mail on actions the GOL is taking to prevent the ship's departure.

**Jeremy Cornforth**  
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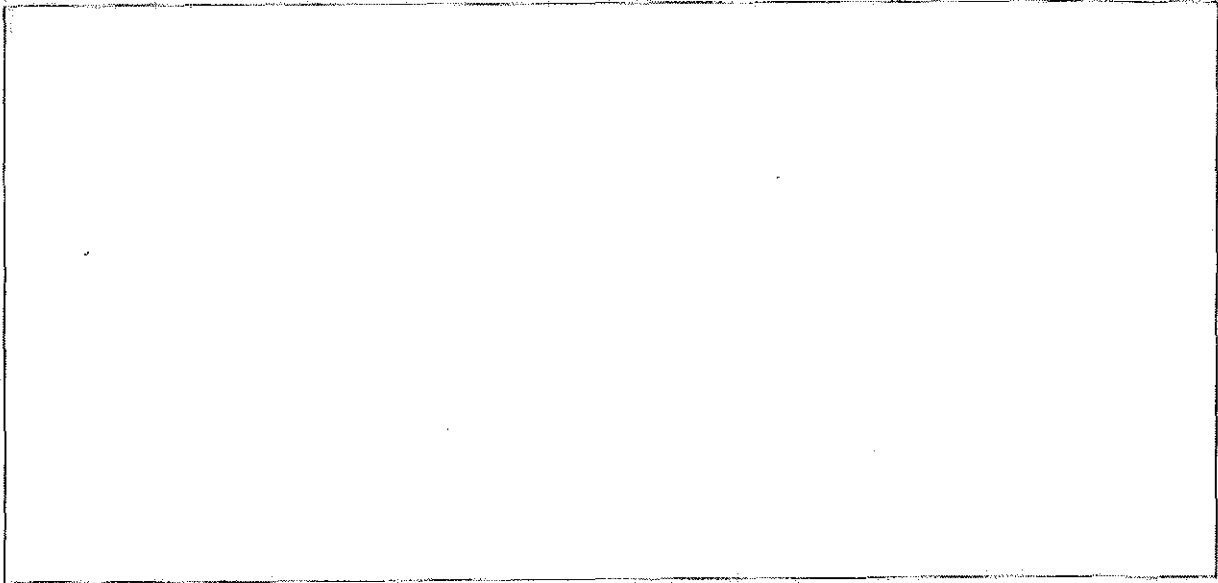
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**SECOND FLOTILLA WILL ATTEMPT TO REACH GAZA BY THE END OF THE YEAR**

PHILELEFTHEROS (Maria Psatha) reports from Athens that Freedom Flotilla II will attempt to reach Gaza by the end of the year. The organizers announced that vessels from Greece, Turkey, Sweden, England, Ireland, Spain, France, Italy, Switzerland, the U.S.A., and Latin American countries will be part of the flotilla. Activists from these and other countries will be on board. Cyprus and its ports will not be involved.



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STATUS OF THE RACHEL CORRIE  
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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. (SBU) 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. (SBU) 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  
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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)
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)

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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  
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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  
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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)

17. (U) Minimized considered.

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**From:** Goldberger, Thomas H  
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**Sent:** Fri Jun 04 18:51:45 2010  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 4, 2010

**Statement on the Gaza Flotilla by National Security Council Spokesman Mike Hammer**

The Government of Israel has stated its desire to avoid a confrontation and a repeat of Monday's tragic events on the *Mavi Marmara*. It remains a U.S. priority to provide assistance to the people of Gaza. In the interest of the safety of all involved, and the safe transmission of assistance to the people of Gaza, we strongly encourage those on board the *Rachel Corrie* and other vessels to sail to Ashdod to deliver their materials to Gaza.

We are working urgently with Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and other international partners to develop new procedures for delivering more goods and assistance to Gaza, while also increasing opportunity for the people of Gaza and preventing the importation of weapons. The current arrangements are unsustainable and must be changed. For now, we call on all parties to join us in encouraging responsible decisions by all sides to avoid any unnecessary confrontations and to ensure the safety of all involved.

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Subject: Gaza

Terry,

Attached please find Christofias' remarks to the media re: Gaza after a meeting held yesterday with Inland Revenue Services employees. No official statement has come out of the Presidency.

Best,  
Juliette



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## PRESIDENT CHRISTOFIAS DENOUNCES ISRAELI ASSAULT AGAINST FLOTILLA

CYPRUS NEWS AGENCY has reported that President Christofias said that the Government of Cyprus has denounced the Israeli assault against the flotilla of activists carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza, expressing the belief that Israel would be condemned by the international community for the death of so many people.

"No one is happy, first of all with the continuing blockade that followed the attack against Gaza in December 2008, which had catastrophic results for the Palestinians," he said, adding that "the ongoing blockade violates international law and challenges everyone's human rights."

Therefore, he underlined, "the position of principle of the Government of Cyprus is known: the killing of people is condemnable for any one of us; the loss of life of civilians constitutes a criminal act."

"The Government of Israel must retreat because it will be condemned by the whole world. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus cannot afford not to denounce these acts."

Invited to say whether he had any contacts with any of his counterparts or other officials of EU member states, President Christofias said that "the EU has already reacted," but that he hadn't held any telephone communication on this issue. "However," he added, "I am sure that other international organizations and the UN will react."

Christofias denied press reports that the decision of the Government not to allow the flotilla to use the ports of Cyprus en route to Gaza was because of hydrocarbon reserves in the Eastern Mediterranean and the setting of the Cyprus-Israel boundaries of their Exclusive Economic Zones. "No one can stop people's imagination," he said.

Invited to comment on the vital interests the Government of Cyprus has evoked regarding the ban of the use of the Cyprus ports, Christofias said, "we have not evoked them, but there are vital interests: the occupation of Cyprus, the problems we constantly face regarding Turkey's acts towards a number of countries, including Israel, regardless of the fact that Turkey is in confrontation with Israel

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now."

"When the Israeli attack on Gaza took place in December, we took a position that was clearer and tougher than the positions of many Arab countries, and we did so consciously. From there on," he said, "when the Republic of Cyprus runs the risks it was running, and calls and asks those who were undertaking the initiative to break the blockade to avoid using the Cypriot ports, I believe, having in mind the history of the position of the Republic of Cyprus and mine personally, that they should have respected us. Unfortunately, they did not respect us and I am sorry about that. They could have sailed from ports of other countries that would have given them permission."

Replying to repeated questions whether the Government of Cyprus or he personally were aware of the determination of the Israelis to attack the flotilla, and therefore the policy of the Government changed in order to protect the activists, he said that he could not have known this and that "the Government has not changed any policy."

Goushe, Saffie

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**Cc:** Riley, Robert J  
**Subject:** RE: Situation Report No.5 - Gaza Flotilla (SBU)

Folks,

To our knowledge, Greta Berlin is a person, not a ship. She indicated in an e-mail today that they (the group) may depart Cyprus because of the problems getting out of here, but she was referring to people not a ship. n

**From:** Netos, Eleftherios E  
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Nan, Alicia, Richard, Chris:

Anything new on the presence/absence of the Challenger II in Famagusta. There are several reports citing two more vessels on the way and all cite the Rachel Corrie, but not the other ship allegedly taking part . . . I see Embassy Ankara's Turkish Press Scanner reports the Greta Berlin is in the RoC and expected to leave this week, but as we know, the RoC has said it will not let any ships leave from its ports to participate.

Thanks,

Terry

**From:** Shelstad, Jeffrey  
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**SITUATION REPORT No. 5**  
**Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group MGGZ01**  
Wednesday, June 2, 2010  
0600 EDT

**STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS**

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

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### STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

- (U) Israel's inner security cabinet voted to deport remaining prisoners within 48 hours. A government statement issued late June 1 stated that "the detainees would be expelled immediately according to the procedures set by law," said a government statement issued late June 1. *(AFP)*
- (U) Turkey sent three planes to Israel to repatriate approximately 350 detained activists. *(AFP)*

### ISRAEL MIGHT CONSIDER WOUNDED AS COMBATANTS

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

### RETURN OF ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC FAMILY MEMBERS FROM TURKEY

(U) Approximately 50 people related to Israeli consulate and embassy staff in Turkey are returning to Israel, a senior official told Israeli public radio. *(AFP)*

### INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

- (SBU) Moscow condemned Israel's action against the MAVI MARMARA, asserting that the "Use of weapons against civilians and detaining ships in the open sea without any legal reason constitutes obvious and gross violations of generally accepted international standards." Embassy Moscow notes Russia likely will use this incident to push for Israel to lift the Gaza blockade. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Moscow e-mail)*
- (SBU) NATO SYG Rasmussen released a statement June 1 expressing "deep regret over the loss of lives and the other casualties resulting from the use of force" and urging the UN and the EU to conduct "a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation into the incident." He also called for "the immediate release of the detained civilians and ships held by Israel." *(MGGZ01/USNATO e-mail)*
- (U) India condemned Israel for "indiscriminate use of force" and asserted that "lasting peace and security in the region can be achieved only through peaceful dialogue." *(Xinhua)*
- (U) Lebanese President Sleiman discussed the incident with Turkish President Gul and reportedly agreed to coordinate efforts to "counter Israel's actions." *(nowlebanon.com)*
- (U) The Irish government called on Israel to allow an Irish-registered aid ship, the RACHEL CORRIE, to continue its voyage to Gaza. Late June 1, PM Cowen warned of "serious consequences" if any detained Irish citizens were harmed, and called for their immediate and unconditional release. *(bbc.co.uk)*
- (U) The Malaysian Cabinet tabled a parliamentary motion strongly condemning Israel's raid. FM Aman departed for Jordan to seek the release of the 12 Malaysians. *(Xinhua)*
- (SBU) Nicaragua suspended diplomatic ties with Israel June 1 to protest Israel's raid on the MAVI MARMARA, President Ortega's office said. Embassy Managua notes that Nicaragua has no diplomatic presence in Israel but has an embassy in Cairo. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Managua e-mail, elpueblopresidente.com)*
- (U) Iranian FM Mottaki expressed solidarity with the "martyrs" killed during the raid and added that the incident "opened some possibility" to put pressure on Israel to lift the blockade of the Gaza Strip and thereby allow the passage of medicine and humanitarian assistance. *(AFP)*
- (U) French FM Kouchner said that the raid was "a very grave mistake" and "extremely damaging to the image of Israel itself." Kouchner advocated for an international investigation and said "there should not be impunity." *(AP)*

For more information on the Gaza Flotilla, please see the Ops Portal at the following link:  
[http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza\\_Flotilla\\_2010](http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza_Flotilla_2010)

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Office of the Spokesman  
May 31, 2010

STATEMENT BY PHILIP J. CROWLEY,  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Free Gaza Flotilla

The United States deeply regrets the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident today aboard the Gaza-bound ships. We are working to ascertain the facts, and expect that the Israeli government will conduct a full and credible investigation.

The United States remains deeply concerned by the suffering of civilians in Gaza. We will continue to engage the Israelis on a daily basis to expand the scope and type of goods allowed into Gaza to address the full range of the population's humanitarian and recovery needs. We will continue to work closely with the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, along with international NGOs and the UN, to provide adequate access for humanitarian goods, including reconstruction materials, through the border crossings, while bearing in mind the Government of Israel's legitimate security concerns. However, Hamas' interference with international assistance shipments and work of nongovernmental organizations, and its use and endorsement of violence, complicates efforts in Gaza. Mechanisms exist for the transfer of humanitarian assistance to Gaza by governments and groups that wish to do so. These mechanisms should be used for the benefit of all those in Gaza.

Ultimately, this incident underscores the need to move ahead quickly with negotiations that can lead to a comprehensive peace in the region.

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**Cc:** Stewart, Nan E; Sherlock, Shawn H  
**Subject:** RE: Demarche re Challenger

Jonathan --

I just received some clarification from last night. We had a couple points which were literally lost in translation.

The Challenger II is on the GROUND in Limassol, broken, and not going anywhere. Last night my contact kept saying that it was "offshore" and not in Cyprus's territorial waters, by which he meant it is literally OFFSHORE, as in out of the water.

The Challenger III is in the water at Limassol new port, but without crew and is chained to the pier by Port & Marine Police.

Apologies for the confusion. Will send an update at mid-day.

Mike

**From:** Cohen, Jonathan R  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 8:16 AM  
**To:** Allison, Alicia P; Schellhammer, Michael W  
**Subject:** FW: Demarche re Challenger

Fyi about demarche headed our way (and thanks again Mike!)

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**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 1:31 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Jonathan R  
**Cc:** Baily, Jess L; Netos, Eleftherios E  
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Jonathan -- Thanks for all your and post's help tonight. FYI, demarche will not go out until tomorrow, so you won't have it until late in day. All understand you can essentially write your reply already. Folks just want to get the request and resolution in front channel and no one is expecting duplicate action. Many thanks, Bob

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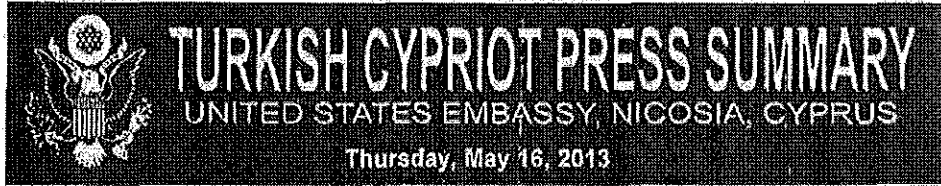
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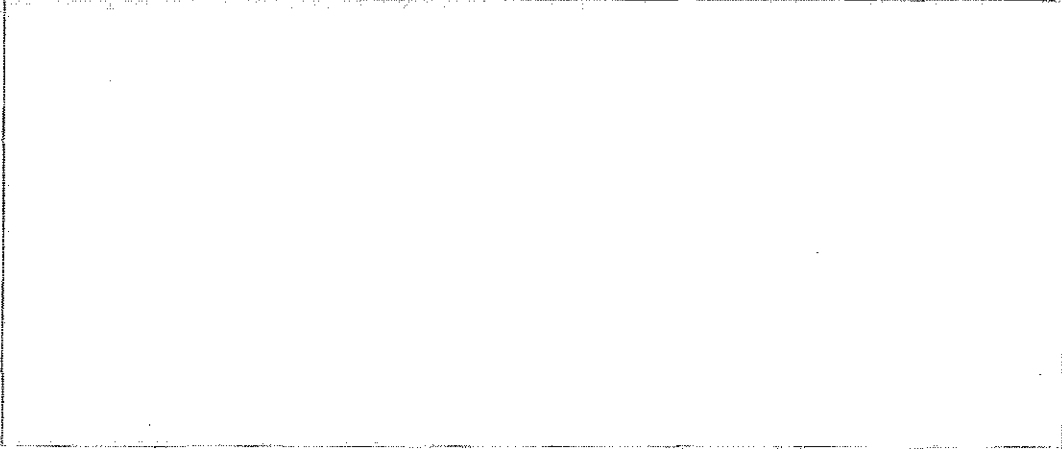
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## REACTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL'S ATTACK

**HAVADIS:** About 500 EMU students held a demonstration protesting Israel's attack on humanitarian boats, including the Mavi Marmara (Blue Marmara), on the way to Gaza, which resulted in the killing of 9 civilians on the boat (some newspapers report the number of deaths to be 19). Students carried banners saying, "Damn Israel," "Damn the PKK and Its Collaborator USA" and "Martyrs Don't Die, Nation WON'T Divide." Students also burned Israeli flags.

**HABERDAR** reports that the exact number of deaths is not known, and adds that it is between ten to twenty; nine of those who died were Turks.

**AFRIKA** reports that as always, the White House did not condemn Israel, and just stated that they feel deeply sorry for the losses and injuries. The paper also criticized the UK for not condemning Israel, but for stating that Israel needed to watch its actions.

T/C politicians also condemned the attack on the humanitarian boats as well as a terrorist attack in Iskenderun, Turkey which killed six soldiers.

"President" Dervis Eroglu said that the killing of civilians was unacceptable and urged the UN to stop Israel. "PM" Irsen Kucuk said that the attack showed that Israel did not care about international law.

Former "president" Rauf Denktas described Israel's attack as savage, and said it was unacceptable.

CTP leader Ferdi Soyer described the attacks as "fascist," and stressed they were unacceptable whatever the reason Israel gives.

Turkish FM Ahmet Davutoglu condemned Israel harshly and described the attacks as "piracy." Turkey also withdrew its Ambassador from Israel and urged Israel to apologize to Turkey.

"President" Eroglu and "PM" Irsen Kucuk sent condolence messages to Turkish PM Tayyip Erdogan and President Abdullah Gul regarding the terrorist attack in Iskenderun.

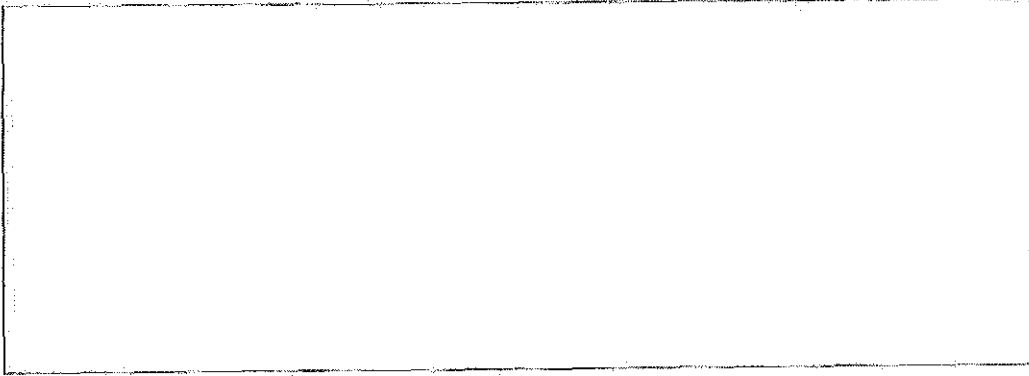
**KIBRIS** (May 29) reported that a humanitarian boat on the way to Gaza, which was not given permission to dock at Limassol, took shelter in Famagusta. The boat was a U.S. flagship with an Irish crew. On board were two German MPs, as well as other European MPs. It was reported that after being serviced in Famagusta, the boat would join the Mavi Marmara and other humanitarian boats, which left from ports in Greece, Turkey and other European countries.



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## G/C PRESS SUMMARY JUNE 1, 2010

### ISRAEL STORMS FLOTILLA BOUND FOR GAZA

ALL media outlets have reported that Israeli marines have stormed the flotilla bound for Gaza in international waters killing 19 activists. An unknown number were wounded. The flotilla was aiming to break the Israeli blockade of Gaza and deliver aid to Palestinians in Gaza.

Many countries have voiced shock and outrage at the bloody end to the international campaigners' bid to break the blockade. Turkey has accused Israel of "state terrorism" in international waters.

The EU has demanded an independent inquiry and an end to the Gaza embargo.

### CYPRUS CONDEMNS ISRAELI ASSAULT

President Christofias said that the Government of Cyprus denounced the Israeli assault against the flotilla of activists carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza, expressing the belief that Israel would be condemned by the international community for this assault.

"No one is happy, first of all with the continuing blockade that followed the attack against Gaza in December 2008, with catastrophic results for the Palestinians," he said, adding that "the ongoing blockade violates International Law and challenges everyone's human rights."

He also denied reports that the decision of the Government not to allow the flotilla to use the ports of Cyprus had anything to do with the exploitation of hydrocarbon reserves in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Acting Government Spokesman Titos Christofides said on Friday that the decision of the government to forbid the sailing of ships from Cyprus to Gaza was taken with a view to serve the vital interests of the country.

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## **DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN NICOSIA**

About 300 Palestinians demonstrated near the Israeli Embassy in Nicosia last night. They threw rocks at the Police, who were preventing them from reaching the Embassy. Four people were arrested.

## **WHY CYPRUS DIDN'T ALLOW FLOTILLA TO USE ITS PORTS?**

POLITIS (Soteris Paroutis and Andreas Riris) wrote on Saturday that the reason the Government of Cyprus did not allow the flotilla to use Cypriot ports was due to the possibility of a joint exploitation of hydrocarbon reserves with Israel. A huge reserve of hydrocarbon has been found in Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) block number 12, which is next to an Israeli block. Two thirds of the reserve is located in Cyprus' block and one third in Israel's. US *Noble Energy* has secured block 12. Cyprus will try to reach an agreement with Israel in an effort to set the boundaries of the EEZ of the two countries.

## **G/C PRESS SUMMARY JUNE 2, 2010**

### **FOREIGN MINISTER KYPRIANOU CONTACTS ISRAELI COUNTERPART**

Foreign Minister Marcos Kyprianou said that Cyprus recognized the right of Israel and its people to live in conditions of security, and condemned the launching of missiles from Gaza against Israeli citizens. He stated, however, that he considered that the blockade on Gaza was not the solution, and that the flow of humanitarian aid should not be obstructed.

Kyprianou contacted Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs Avigdor Lieberman on Monday, and met the Head of the General Delegation of Palestine in Cyprus, Khalid Najjar, yesterday, expressing sorrow over the loss of human lives in the Israeli assault against the flotilla carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza.

He said Cyprus supported the termination of the blockade on Gaza, especially concerning humanitarian aid, adding that the Republic was awaiting an in depth, objective investigation into the assault. Kyprianou expressed hope that the

incident would not affect the proximity talks, noting that the successful outcome of the talks would contribute towards stability.

#### **AKEL CONDEMNS ISRAELI ASSAULT**

AKEL Secretary General Andros Kyprianou called on the international community, the UN and the EU "to condemn the new barbaric and inhumane Israeli crime." Speaking at a rally organized by AKEL and its organizations PEO, (labor union) EDON, (youth wing) POGO (womens organization) and EKA (farmers group) at Eleftheria square in Nicosia to condemn the Israeli assault against the flotilla that attempted to break the blockade of Gaza, Kyprianou called on the international community to "deal substantially with the suffering of the Palestinian people."

In a resolution that was approved by the demonstrators and addressed to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, AKEL "strongly condemns the new Israeli cruelty, this time against activists attempting peacefully to deliver humanitarian aid to occupied Gaza."

#### **DISY LEADER SAYS MIT AGENTS ON BOARD PASSANGER SHIP TO GAZA**

DISY Chairman Nicos Anastasiades said that, "taking into consideration supreme national interests, the Government made the right decision to ban the use of the Cypriot ports by the activists." He said that DISY did not disagree with the decision of the Government because "there was information that on board the passenger ship were MIT agents --the Turkish Secret Service." At the same time Anastasiades condemned the Israeli acts saying that, "It was a barbaric massacre of a peaceful effort to lift the isolation of the Palestinians living in Gaza." He also noted that no one was justified to exploit these efforts and to compare them to the "so called isolation of the T/Cs."

#### **TWO MORE SHIPS HEADING TOWARDS GAZA**

PHILELEFTHEROS writes that two more ships are heading towards Gaza in an effort to break the blockade. Israel has warned that it would prevent them from reaching Gaza. One of the ships is the *MV Rachel Corrie*, named after American

activist Rachel Corrie who was killed by an Israeli excavator in 2003 while she was trying to prevent the demolition of a Palestinian house.

### **G/C PRESS SUMMARY JUNE 3, 2010**

#### **ISRAEL CANCELS FERRY SERVICES TO FAMAGUSTA**

ALITHIA (Panayiotis Tsangaris) writes that Israel has stopped all negotiations regarding ferry services between Haifa and Famagusta. Israel has decided not to allow the ferry services because the port of Famagusta is not legal and is not under the control of the Republic of Cyprus.

In the meanwhile, labor unions and other Israeli organizations called on the Israeli citizens to avoid visiting Turkey. They encourage the Israelis to visit Cyprus and the Greek islands.

ALL PAPERS refer to the crisis between Israel and Turkey after the raid against the flotilla aiming to break the blockade of Gaza. They also note that under international pressure, Israel has freed most of the activists, who accused the Israeli authorities of torturing them.

#### **G/C-T/C POLITICAL PARTIES CONDEMN ISRAELI ACTS AGAINST FLOTILLA**

G/C and T/C political parties, which attend bicomunal meetings hosted by the Slovak embassy, condemned the violence used by the Israeli government against the flotilla in international waters, which was carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza.

In a joint communiqué issued after their meeting yesterday, the parties said they were pleased to hear the decision that the negotiating process on the Cyprus problem will continue from the point where it was interrupted, and encouraged Cyprus President Demetris Christofias and Turkish Cypriot leader Dervis Eroglu to find an early solution on the basis of the agreed framework of bizonal, bicomunal federation, with a political equality as it is defined in the relevant Security Council resolutions.



## G/C PRESS SUMMARY JUNE 7, 2010

### GREEK AND CYPRIOT INITIATIVE TO INCREASE FLOW OF AID TO GAZA

President Christofias has undertaken the initiative to investigate ways to increase the flow of humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip in cooperation with Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou. To this end, Foreign Minister Marcos Kyprianou traveled to Israel as a presidential envoy for a series of meetings. Kyprianou met with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Avigdor Lieberman, Minister of Defense Ehud Barak and representatives of the Palestinian Authority.

On Saturday, Kyprianou visited Jordan where he met with his Jordanian counterpart and the Chairman of the Palestinian authority Mahmoud Abbas. On Monday he will visit Cairo.

### ISRAEL STOPS ANOTHER SHIP TRYING TO BREAK THE BLOCKADE OF GAZA

Israeli navy boarded the "*Rachel Corrie*" on Saturday to enforce a blockade of Gaza and arrested all activists, who did not resist. Among those arrested was Nobel Peace Laureate **Mairead Maguire**. The boat ignored Israeli orders to divert to Ashdod port where Israel had offered to unload the cargo and deliver it to Gaza after inspecting it.

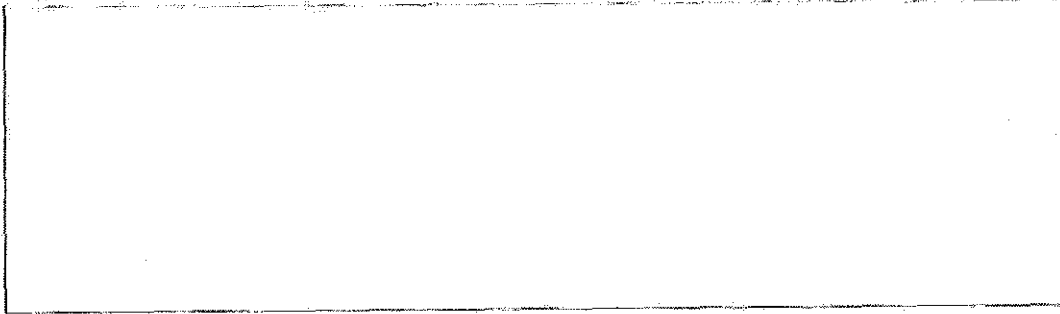
ALITHIA notes that in its communication with "*Rachel Corrie*," the Israeli authorities used the previous name of the boat, "*Linda*."

## G/C PRESS SUMMARY JUNE 8, 2010

### GAZA MOVEMENT TO CLOSE ITS CYPRUS HEADQUARTERS

The "Free Gaza Movement" has decided to close its headquarters in Cyprus by the end of the week, in an effort not to cause any problems to the Government of Cyprus. The move follows Nicosia's refusal to allow activists to use the island's ports last week when they attempted to break the Israeli blockade of Gaza.

**ISRAELI YACHTS AND SHIP TO PROTEST TURKISH OCCUPATION**



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Goushe, Saffie

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**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 11:28 AM  
**To:** Sherlock, Shawn H; Allison, Alicia P; Stewart, Nan E; Schellhammer, Michael W  
**Cc:** Ogle, Karen L  
**Subject:** FW: Ankara Query

Ankara wants to confirm that the Madi Marmara never entered Cypriot territorial waters. Am I correct that it did not?

Richard

**From:** Ogle, Karen L  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 1:40 PM  
**To:** Hanrahan, Richard F  
**Subject:** Ankara Query

Hello Rich: I figured at some point we'd have to cross paths on the flotilla issue. I was wondering if the ship, Madi Marmara ever actually docked or entered Cyprus? We know it left Antalya to meet the rest of the ships, but can you confirm if it ever entered Cypriot territorial waters? CA has asked us to do the CRDA, and of course we will, but we're just trying to get the facts straight for our notes.

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**From:** Schellhammer, Michael W  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 5:54 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Jonathan R; Allison, Alicia P; Sherlock, Shawn H; Stewart, Nan E; Langan, William B  
**Subject:** Current status of Challenger craft

The Challenger II remains damaged, on the land, at Limassol new port. Repairs can take up to a month.

The Challenger III remains chained to the pier, in the water at Limassol new port, without a captain or crew. I assume that the police chained the boat to the pier.

The Port and Marine Police continue to observe both closely. No change to Cyprus policy – Cyprus does not intend to let any FG craft operate from ports or territorial waters.

Mike

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Goushe, Saffie

From: Cohen, Jonathan R  
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2010 12:04 PM  
To: 'fourbancic@'; Allison, Alicia P; Woods, William H; Schellhammer, Michael W  
Subject: Fw: A new Gaza Blockade Runner on the way

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For discussion tomorrow am.

From: Grubb, Jason B  
To: Cohen, Jonathan R; Silverman, Robert J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Parker, Andrew C; Cyril, Todd A  
Cc: Tel Aviv POL Section; NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-SEMEP-DL; Schellhammer, Michael W; Palm, Robert H  
Sent: Sun Sep 26 11:49:53 2010  
Subject: Re: A new Gaza Blockade Runner on the way

Israeli press is reporting that a 33-foot catamaran named "Irene" from the UK-based group "Jews for Justice" may have set sail from Turkish controlled northern Cyprus ert Gaza...

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Bob- to check into the Cyprus side of this (and this is the first we've heard and very surprising given previous assurances and policy declarations) we need to know the NAME of the boat.

In the meantime, we'll get some lines out to Cypriot port folks in case they have anything.

Please get name of yacht from Israelis and pass to us. Thanks,  
Jonathan

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[redacted] who arrived back in town today from holiday in Croatia, called with info from the MFA sit room. A yacht set sail today from Limossal in Cyprus intending to reach Gaza. Sometime tomorrow morning the yacht should reach Israeli naval blockade line in international waters.

The yacht passengers are roughly half Israelis, and many of the others are diaspora Jews (e.g. [redacted] an AmCit and Holocaust survivor). We expect the vessel to be in contact with the Israeli Navy. Per [redacted] they don't have humanitarian supplies, and [redacted] believes the Navy will tow them to Ashdod.

Three follow-up requests:

Todd [redacted] said his thought about towing was just his guess, neither he nor MFA is in touch with Navy. We should be in touch to see what the plan is. I would like to know.

Jonathan Cohen - I asked [ ] why the Cypriots let the yacht head for Gaza, just out of curiosity. He didn't know. Jonathan, any thoughts on this?

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Jason - I mentioned to [ ] that you are our flotilla chief and will follow up tomorrow. He said you should feel free to call [ ] in the first instance, but also him for updated info (tomorrow [ ] is out).

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**Categories:** Working



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YNET 16:58 , 08.20.10

### Barak: Lebanon must stop Gaza sail

Defense minister urges Beirut to stop Gaza-bound Mifiam, set to sail Sunday; says sail an 'act of provocation,' ship will not be allowed to reach Strip

Roni Spfer

Defense Minister Ehud Barak urged Beirut Friday to stop the Lebanese ship carrying women activists who announced they will try and reach the Gaza Strip, in an attempt to breach its blockade.

In a statement released by the Defense Ministry, Barak urged Lebanon to "exercise responsibility and stop the Gaza-bound flotilla set to leave its waters."

The sail, set to leave on Sunday, "Has nothing to do with humanitarian aid and is an act of hostile provocation, with all it entails."

Barak stressed that Israel will allow the ship to dock in Ashdod or Egypt, but will have no choice but to stop it, should it try to reach Gaza.

"This act is meant to assist a terror group that wants nothing but to hurt and murder Israeli citizens," said Barak.

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Thursday saw the organizers of the Miriam say they will begin making their way to Gaza on Sunday. Nevertheless, Cyprus, whose territorial waters the ship is supposed to cross on its way, announced it will deny it entry.

The Cypriot ambassador to Lebanon said that the Miriam will be turned back when it reaches Cyprus.

Barak stressed that Israel allows humanitarian aid into Gaza "subject to security checks and in accordance to international rules and guidelines."

Israel, added Barak, has called on the elements in the international community, which have influence over Lebanon, to act to stop the "provocation flotilla," as he called it.



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Nope - it's unclass after all.

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Looks like it could be a catamaran.

Any reason we can't provide the shots to the GOC?

Mike

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Many thanks to Bob for looping in USEU. I've widened the lasso to include my deputy and ME watcher, Mary Curtin.

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[redacted] (who was in Israel earlier today) told me at 19:00 that he had received similar requests from GOI officials. We compared notes on efforts, and he was going to make some calls of his own. B6

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[redacted] called this evening, to request again that the US try to dissuade Lebanese from letting the SS Maryam out of Tripoli. I said we are doing everything we can. (Tom received same request from MOD [redacted])

B6

Only news he had was that Israel is also contacting EU High Rep Ashton with the same request. Best, Bob

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[redacted] said the mfa has also asked the unsyg rep michael williams and the french gov't to request of the Lebanese Gov't not to let the maryam leave tripoli, and renewed the request for us to do same.

Bob

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All:

Thanks for the updates – very useful. Please keep Jesse Levinson from IPA in the loop on this issue – he has the point for us on this particular ship.

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**Subject:** RE: Lebanese Gaza flotilla update, August 20, 2010: Israelis Contacting Ashton to Intervene with the Lebanese

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MFA called to say that in addition to Ashton, they are approaching Blair, Michael Williams, Ban Kimono, the President of the Security Council, Cyprus, and Russia to urge that everything be done to prevent the ships in Tripoli from heading to Gaza. If it turns out that the ships list their destination as Famagusta, they will also approach Turkey.

**From:** Silverman, Robert J  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2010 8:26 PM  
**To:** Silverman, Robert J; Sutphin, Paul R; Cornforth, Jeremy A; Cohen, Jonathan R; Walles, Jacob; Daughton, Thomas F (Beirut); Schedlbauer, Amy W; Sindle, James M; Jacoby, Julia I; Goldberger, Thomas H; Tsou, Leslie M; Evans, Jennifer R; Shampaine, Nicole D; Riggs, Susan J; Schellhammer, Michael W; Davis, Christopher R  
**Cc:** Schlicher, Ronald L; Allison, Alicia P; Woods, William H; Stewart, Nan E; Scariatelli, Adam W; Riley, Robert J; Baily, Jess L; Levinson, Jesse S  
**Subject:** RE: Lebanese Gaza flotilla update, August 19, 2010: Israelis Contacting Ashton to Intervene with the Lebanese

[redacted] called this evening, to request again that the US try to dissuade Lebanese from letting the SS Maryam out of Tripoli. I said we are doing everything we can. (Tom received same request from MOD [redacted])

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Only news he had was that Israel is also contacting EU High Rep Ashton with the same request. Best, Bob

**From:** Silverman, Robert J  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 18, 2010 9:42 PM  
**To:** Sutphin, Paul R; Cornforth, Jeremy A; Cohen, Jonathan R; Walles, Jacob; Daughton, Thomas F (Beirut); Schedlbauer, Amy W; Sindle, James M; Jacoby, Julia I; Goldberger, Thomas H; Tsou, Leslie M; Evans, Jennifer R; Shampaine, Nicole D; Riggs, Susan J; Schellhammer, Michael W  
**Cc:** Schlicher, Ronald L; Allison, Alicia P; Woods, William H; Stewart, Nan E; Scariatelli, Adam W; Riley, Robert J; Baily, Jess L; Levinson, Jesse S  
**Subject:** Re: Lebanese Gaza flotilla update, August 17, 2010: Transport Minister gives permission for Mariam to depart for Cyprus

[redacted] told me tonight that either frn minister Lieberman or one of dep dg naor gilon (europe) or rafi barak (senior dep dg) will call cypriot counterparts tomorrow with a request to not accept the ss maryam into cyprus.

[redacted] said the mfa has also asked the unsyg rep michael williams and the french gov't to request of the Lebanese Gov't not to let the maryam leave tripoli, and renewed the request for us to do same.

Bob

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**From:** Sutphin, Paul R  
**To:** Cornforth, Jeremy A; Cohen, Jonathan R; Walles, Jacob; Daughton, Thomas F (Beirut); Schedlbauer, Amy W; Sindle, James M; Jacoby, Julia I; Goldberger, Thomas H; Tsou, Leslie M; Evans, Jennifer R; Shampaine, Nicole D; Riggs, Susan J; Silverman, Robert J; Schellhammer, Michael W

**Cc:** Schlicher, Ronald L; Allison, Alicia P; Woods, William H; Stewart, Nan E; Scariatelli, Adam W; Riley, Robert J; Baily, Jess L; Levinson, Jesse S  
**Sent:** Wed Aug 18 16:02:23 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Lebanese Gaza flotilla update, August 17, 2010: Transport Minister gives permission for Mariam to depart for Cyprus

All:

Thanks for the updates -- very useful. Please keep Jesse Levinson from IPA in the loop on this issue -- he has the point for us on this particular ship.

**Paul Sutphin**

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**From:** Cornforth, Jeremy A  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 18, 2010 8:45 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Jonathan R; Wallis, Jacob; Daughton, Thomas F (Beirut); Schedlbauer, Amy W; Sindle, James M; Jacoby, Julia I; Goldberger, Thomas H; Tsou, Leslie M; Evans, Jennifer R; Champaine, Nicole D; Riggs, Susan J; Silverman, Robert J; Schellhammer, Michael W  
**Cc:** Schlicher, Ronald L; Sutphin, Paul R; Allison, Alicia P; Woods, William H; Stewart, Nan E; Scariatelli, Adam W; Riley, Robert J; Baily, Jess L  
**Subject:** RE: Lebanese Gaza flotilla update, August 17, 2010: Transport Minister gives permission for Mariam to depart for Cyprus

The organizers announced that they will hold a press conference at 1300 tomorrow to announce a Saturday launch. Furthermore, there was no sign of activity around the boat today, so I don't think it will leave tonight or tomorrow. I am attaching two photos of the ship.

We'll send a short round-up cable later today summarizing all the information we have.

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

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**From:** Cohen, Jonathan R  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 18, 2010 3:33 PM

**To:** Waller, Jacob; Daughton, Thomas F (Beirut); Schedlbauer, Amy W; Sindle, James M; Jacoby, Julia I; Goldberger, Thomas H; Tsou, Leslie M; Evans, Jennifer R; Shampaine, Nicole D; Riggs, Susan J; Silverman, Robert J; Schellhammer, Michael W  
**Cc:** Cornforth, Jeremy A; Schlicher, Ronald L; Sutphin, Paul R; Allison, Alicia P; Woods, William H; Stewart, Nan E; Scarlattelli, Adam W; Riley, Robert J; Baily, Jess L  
**Subject:** RE: Lebanese Gaza flotilla update, August 17, 2010: Transport Minister gives permission for Mariam to depart for Cyprus

Jake et al,

Reliable official Cypriot sources are telling us they have heard the Junieh Star (aka the "Mariam") is scheduled to sail either tonight or tomorrow morning from Tripoli with an all-female passenger list for the RoC port of Larnaca where it will pick up additional passengers (unclear if any are AMCIITS). The Cypriots assure us that if the ship declares before arrival here that its destination after Cyprus is Gaza, it will not be allowed in. If it declares once here its intent to depart for Gaza, it will not be permitted to leave. If it declares another destination and veers off course for Gaza it will be in violation of international maritime law.

The ship has not yet directly contacted the Cypriot port authorities and the Cypriots will be watching for it on their coastal/port control radar, which sees almost all the way to Lebanon. They promise to let us know if/when they have more information. Note that the timing for departure they have differs from what we had heard, and also that the Cypriots believe it is a catamaran, which was not our understanding.

Hope this is helpful. We'll send in anything additional we dig up.

Cheers,  
Jonathan

**From:** Waller, Jacob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 17, 2010 9:52 PM  
**To:** Daughton, Thomas F (Beirut); Schedlbauer, Amy W; Sindle, James M; Jacoby, Julia I; Goldberger, Thomas H; Tsou, Leslie M; Evans, Jennifer R; Shampaine, Nicole D; Riggs, Susan J; Silverman, Robert J; Cohen, Jonathan R; Schellhammer, Michael W  
**Cc:** Cornforth, Jeremy A; Schlicher, Ronald L; Sutphin, Paul R  
**Subject:** Re: Lebanese Gaza flotilla update, August 17, 2010: Transport Minister gives permission for Mariam to depart for Cyprus

Jonathan:

Do you have any info on where this ship might dock in Cyprus and how the authorities (ROC or TRNC) might handle it?

Thanks, Jake

**From:** Daughton, Thomas F (Beirut)  
**To:** Waller, Jacob; Schedlbauer, Amy W; Sindle, James M; Jacoby, Julia I; Goldberger, Thomas H; Tsou, Leslie M; Evans, Jennifer R; Shampaine, Nicole D; Riggs, Susan J; Silverman, Robert J; Cohen, Jonathan R; Schellhammer, Michael W  
**Cc:** Cornforth, Jeremy A  
**Sent:** Tue Aug 17 14:44:57 2010  
**Subject:** Lebanese Gaza flotilla update, August 17, 2010: Transport Minister gives permission for Mariam to depart for Cyprus

Hizballah's Al-Manar reported tonight that Lebanese Transportation Minister Ghazi Aridi had given permission for the *Mariam*, a ship intending to break the Gaza blockade, to sail from the Lebanese port of Tripoli to Cyprus. We contacted [redacted] who confirmed that Aridi issued the necessary papers at

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1700 today. [ ] said the ship's sponsors will hold a press conference here on Thursday, August 19, and that they plan to B6 sail on Sunday, August 22.

Minister Aridi confirmed to us late this evening that he issued permission today for the *Mariam* to sail to Cyprus. Inspectors from the ministry have fully inspected the ship and the ship's owners have finally managed to produce all of the legally required paperwork. In addition, they finally indicated Cyprus on their application instead of leaving the destination blank, so Aridi had no option but to approve the application, he said. Aridi added that he warned the organizers that if they pledge to sail to Gaza during their press conference, he will revoke their permit because it is illegal to sail to an Israeli-occupied port. Aridi surmised that the organizers must still receive docking clearance from Cyprus before departing. (Note: There is no indication that Aridi has given permission for the *Julia*, the other boat identified as being prepared by the flotilla organizers, to depart. The *Julia* reportedly has seaworthiness problems that it has been unable to overcome.)

We will follow up with the offices of the prime minister and president tomorrow morning.

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Goushe, Saffie

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**From:** Stewart, Nan E  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2010 1:29 AM  
**To:** Allison, Alicia P; Chue, Jason; Langan, William B  
**Cc:** Schellhammer, Michael W; Cohen, Jonathan R  
**Subject:** FW: Message for Ms. Greta Berlin re Free Gaza Sailing

FYI, nan

**From:** Irish [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 18, 2010 4:59 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Nan E; Franklin Lamb  
**Subject:** Re: Message for Ms. Greta Berlin re Free Gaza Sailing

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Hi Nan. It's good to hear from you. We do not have a passenger list of the women on board and are not sure there are any Americans. I have copied our colleague, Franklyn Lamb, who may be able to answer your question.

Thank you. Greta

On Wed, Aug 18, 2010 at 3:54 PM, Stewart, Nan E <[StewartNE1@state.gov](mailto:StewartNE1@state.gov)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Berlin,

I am with the U.S. Embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus. You might recall that we corresponded earlier at the time of the last sailing of vessels attempting to break the Gaza blockade. You've also communicated in the past with Richard Hanrahan from this office. Richard has left Nicosia for his onward assignment.

As before, we are very interested to know if there are or will be American citizens onboard the ship or ships that we hear are scheduled to depart from Tripoli, Lebanon on Saturday, August 21. Any information you might be able to provide would be very helpful.

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Best regards,

Nan Stewart

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Goushe, Saffie

From: Chue, Jason  
 Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 10:05 AM  
 To: Allison, Alicia P  
 Cc: 'John Rhatigan'  
 Subject: FW: Press release from Free Gaza Movement, June 4 2010

Alicia – Even after leaving Post, John Rhatigan is helping us with info! Attached is background on the Rachel Corrie and allegations of Israeli sabotage, from the Free Gaza Movement organizers. Notable sentence: "So we are going to make sure the Rachel Corrie is well protected and that Israel is put on notice that anything that happens to her, the passengers and the crew will rest with Israel. As a result of these threats, we're going to pull Rachel Corrie into a port, add more high-profile people on board, and insist that journalists from around the world also come with us." – Jason

From: John Rhatigan [redacted]  
 Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 2:46 PM  
 To: Chue, Jason  
 Cc: Dickstein, Juliette A; [redacted]  
 Subject: FW: Press release from Free Gaza Movement, June 4 2010

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Hi JC,

I figured you're probably following this issue. Once in a while I get an email from these people; I think Kyriakos does as well, since my name was added to a list I filled out at one of their press conferences we attended together. We never actually mentioned we were from the Embassy, btw - hence the [redacted] email. Anyway, thought I should send this along, and if I get anything else, I'll send that as well...

JR (JJ)

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From: "angela@icahd.org" <angela@icahd.org>  
 To: angela@icahd.org  
 Sent: Thu, June 3, 2010 8:07:56 PM  
 Subject: fw: Press release from Free Gaza Movement, June 4 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Cyprus, June 4, 2010) On Tuesday, Colonel Itzik Tourgeman told the Knesset Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee on Tuesday that two more ships are on their way to try and break the naval blockade of Gaza. The head of research in the operations division said, "The ships have not reached their target as of today because covert action was taken against them." <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/Flash.aspx/187299>

We had suspicions about our two boats, Challenger 1 and 2 and their mechanical problems as they sailed toward the flotilla, but we were not going to say anything unless we could prove it. Turns out we didn't have to prove it. Israeli mouthpieces did.

The Guardian ran a piece the same day, saying,

Israel gave strong indications today that its forces had secretly sabotaged some of the ships bound for Gaza as part of the freedom flotilla.

Matan Vilnai, the deputy defence minister, was asked on Israel Radio whether there had not been a smarter alternative to direct assault. He answered that "all possibilities had been considered," adding: "The fact is that there were less than the 10 ships that were due to participate in the flotilla."

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An unnamed Israel Defence Force source who briefed the Knesset's foreign affairs and defence committee on the widely criticised armed interception of the flotilla at sea, also spoke of "grey operations" being mounted against the flotilla."

We were lucky that our two captains were superbly trained and able to offload the passengers safely.

So we are going to make sure the Rachel Corrie is well protected and that Israel is put on notice that anything that happens to her, the passengers and the crew will rest with Israel. As a result of these threats, we're going to pull Rachel Corrie into a port, add more high-profile people on board, and insist that journalists from around the world also come with us.

And sabotage happens with more than deeds. It also happens with words. In today's Haaretz, Barak Ravid reported,

"A diplomatic solution seems imminent to allow the humanitarian aid vessel the Rachel Corrie to dock without incident at the Ashdod Port. According to European diplomats and senior Foreign Ministry officials in Jerusalem, quiet messages have been exchanged over the past few days between Israel and the group operating the ship, to allow it to dock."

This, too, is sabotage in writing. We called Haaretz and the reporter. He did not return our call.

We have no intention nor would we ever have any intention of ever docking in Ashdod.

Contact: Greta Berlin 00 357 99 18 72 75

Mary Hughes, 00 357 96 38 38 09

Angela Godfrey-Goldstein  
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"We have got to understand that they dream our dreams and we dream theirs." The late Rachel Corrie, when aged ten.

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter" Martin Luther King.



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Goushe, Saffie

**From:** Netos, Eleftherios E  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:51 AM  
**To:** Urbancic, Frank C; Cohen, Jonathan R; Ellckson-Brown, James; Adams, Jessica L; Dickstein, Juliette A; Allison, Alicia P; Stewart, Nan E; Hanrahan, Richard F  
**Subject:** FW: Statement by the Secretary General of NATO on Israeli operation against ships bound for Gaza

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**From:** Baez, Alejandro X  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:49 AM  
**To:** EUR-RPM-DL; 'Bradley, Tobin J.'; McEldowney, Nancy E; [REDACTED] CIV, OSD-POLICY; Jeffrey, James F; B3.DOD-CP; Sherwood-Randall, Elizabeth D.  
**Cc:** USNATO POL; Ross, Rebecca; USNATO ODA Directors; Julazadeh, David J; Szczepanik, Jeffrey P; Harrison, Paul Q;  
**Subject:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
Statement by the Secretary General of NATO on Israeli operation against ships bound for Gaza

01 Jun. 2010

Press Release: (2010) 074

## Statement by the Secretary General of NATO on Israeli operation against ships bound for Gaza

Today the North Atlantic Council (NAC) met for an extraordinary meeting to discuss the recent Israeli operation against ships bound for Gaza. There was an extensive exchange of views among Allies on all aspects of this tragic event.

I would like to express my deep regret over the loss of lives and the other casualties resulting from the use of force during the incident involving the convoy sailing to Gaza. I offer sincere condolences to the families of all victims and condemn the acts which have led to this tragedy. I add my voice to the calls by the United Nations and the European Union for a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation into the incident.

As a matter of urgency, I also request the immediate release of the detained civilians and ships held by Israel.

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**Goushe, Saffie**

**From:** Stewart, Nan E  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:00 AM  
**To:** Allison, Alicia P  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you for asking for the passenger list

Alicia,

FYI, n

**From:** Irish [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 6:43 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Nan E  
**Cc:** [redacted] Hanrahan, Richard F; Netos, Eleftherios E  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you for asking for the passenger list

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Thank you Nan. We will not be leaving from Cyprus thanks to the Cypriot government's refusal to let us board passengers out of their 12 mile limit. So we will probably leave Cyprus and work somewhere else.

We have appreciated your concern and thank you for staying in touch with us.

Best regards,

Greta Berlin

On Tue, Jun 1, 2010 at 6:40 PM, Stewart, Nan E <StewartNE1@state.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Berlin and Mr. Kysia,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am the new consular chief at the U.S. Embassy in Nicosia. I work with Consul Richard Hanrahan, with whom you have previously interacted.

I offer my personal sincere condolences on your loss of friends and colleagues. The United States deeply regrets the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident aboard the Gaza-bound ships.

We appreciate very much your openness in dealing with us in the past, and hope that we may be able to continue contacting you with respect to the safety and welfare of American citizens. We have received reports that two additional ships may be en route to Gaza: the Irish-flagged "Rachel Corrie," and the U.S.-flagged "Challenger II." We're wondering if you might be able to confirm these reports, and advise if there are American citizens aboard? The information we have is that the "Rachel Corrie" has departed Malta and should arrive at its destination on late Wednesday or Thursday. The information also states that the "Challenger II" was in Cyprus for repairs; we have heard that one of your ships went to Famagusta for repairs. Would that be

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the "Challenger II?" If not, can you confirm that the "Challenger II" is participating, and its whereabouts at this time?

Any information you could provide us at this time would be most appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best regards,

Nan Stewart

Consul

U.S. Embassy Nicosia

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From: Irish [mailto: ]  
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 2:21 PM  
To: Hanrahan, Richard F  
Subject: Re: Thank you for asking for the passenger list

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Dear Mr. Hanrahan: Thank you so much for your inquiry regarding sailing to Gaza at the end of May. We are not sailing from Cyprus but from many other ports in the Mediterranean.

Would you let me know where I can access the Privacy Act Waivers? Is it possible to download them from the State Department website? Thank you. Best regards. Greta Berlin

On Thu, May 13, 2010 at 12:00 PM, Hanrahan, Richard F <[HanrahanRF@state.gov](mailto:HanrahanRF@state.gov)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Berlin,

According to recent press reports Free Gaza ships may again attempt to travel to Gaza from Cyprus. I would be very grateful if you would provide me a list with the names and dates of birth of any passengers who are U.S. citizens, and encourage them to sign Privacy Act waivers.

Sincerely,

Richard Hanrahan

U.S. Consul

U.S. Embassy

Nicosia, Cyprus

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From: Irish [redacted]  
Sent: Sunday, April 04, 2010 7:44 PM  
To: Hanrahan, Richard F  
Subject: Thank you for asking for the passenger list

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Dear Richard: I have just received your request about passengers who are going to go on the flotilla. I do have a couple of questions for you.

1. We are not leaving from Cyprus this time but from Greece, Turkey, Sweden and Ireland.
2. Do we still send the names to you or do we contact the U.S. Consulate/Embassy in the countries where the passengers embark?

Thank you for your concern. We'd like to also state that the only threat in the area is Israel's response to a human rights mission. We do hope you let them know that their brutal responses to American citizens will not be tolerated.

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Greta Berlin  
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**From:** Stewart, Nan E  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2011 7:05 AM  
**To:** Allison, Alicia P  
**Cc:** Cohen, Jonathan R  
**Subject:** RE: BBC Article on Free Gaza Movement - Organizer of the Gaza Flotillas

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Alicia, that was my impression as well. I'll be happy to send an e-mail to see what I can find out. n

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**From:** Allison, Alicia P  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2011 12:04 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Nan E  
**Cc:** Cohen, Jonathan R  
**Subject:** Fw: BBC Article on Free Gaza Movement - Organizer of the Gaza Flotillas

Nan: just for situational awareness fyi - I was under the impression FG was no longer Cyprus-based? Is that your impression? Let's chat this aft

**From:** Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 15, 2011 04:07 AM  
**To:** Allison, Alicia P  
**Subject:** FW: BBC Article on Free Gaza Movement - Organizer of the Gaza Flotillas

Hi Alicia,

Great seeing you a few weeks ago in Istanbul. Has the Embassy dealt much with the Cyprus based NGO The Free Gaza Movement? Some in Washington seem to think the Istanbul based IHH organized the last ill fated Gaza Flotilla but it was actually the Free Gaza Movement. Another flotilla is being planned by the Movement around May 31.

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Below is an interesting BBC article on The Free Gaza Movement.

Please say hi to

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Best, Sal

Link to BBC article with photos:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/10202678>

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The Free Gaza Movement, the group behind the Gaza aid flotilla, is a broad coalition of human rights activists and pro-Palestinian groups that has been trying to break Israel's blockade of Gaza since 2008.

It is a registered charity based in Cyprus and is endorsed by international figures, including South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mairead Corrigan Maguire.

But in recent years Israeli intelligence agencies say it has grown to include dangerous Islamic organisations with terrorist links.

The six-ship flotilla was carrying 10,000 tonnes of medicine, construction materials and education supplies - the movement's largest operation to date.

There were more than 650 passengers, among them representatives of the Malaysian-based Perdana Global Peace Organisation, the Greece and Sweden-based Ship to Gaza group, and the large Turkish charity, IHH.

The Mavi Marmara, the lead ship stormed by Israeli troops, was operated by IHH, a group banned by Israel in 2008.

IHH raises some of its money from Islamic religious groups and has strong sympathy among Turkey's Islamist-rooted ruling party.

IHH, founded in 1992, is now active in 120 countries and has been present in recent disaster areas including Haiti.

The Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center (ITIC) - an Israel-based non-governmental organisation which has close ties to the Israeli Defense Forces - does not dispute the organisation's legitimate philanthropic activities.

But the ITIC says the Turkish charity is an overt supporter of Hamas - an Islamic militant group that seized power in Gaza in 2007, and is branded by Israel, the EU and US as a "terrorist organisation".

The ITIC says it also has evidence the IHH has helped provide weapons and funds for "Islamic terrorist elements in the Middle East".

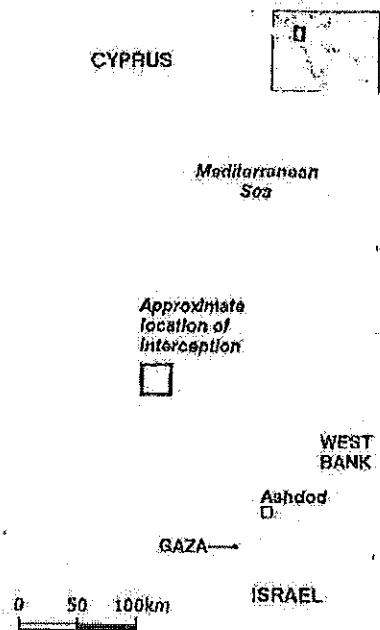
But Greta Berlin, a director of the Free Gaza Movement, said the claim that IHH has links to radical Islamist groups was "utterly scurrilous".

She said those on board the Mavi Marmara were unarmed civilians trying to get aid to Gaza.

She told the BBC News website that the Israelis acted illegally in international waters and now "they are trying to blacken the reputations of all of us".

### **Permanent sea lane**

Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Daniel Ayalon described the Free Gaza Movement mission as an "outrageous provocation".



"The organisers are well-known for their ties with global Jihad, al-Qaeda and Hamas," said Mr Ayalon. "They have a history of arms smuggling and deadly terror."

He said weapons were found onboard and used against the soldiers. Israel insists its commandos acted in self-defence, while enforcing a legal blockade of Gaza.

The Free Gaza Movement states its mission is "to overcome this brutal siege through civil resistance and non-violent direct action, and establish a permanent sea lane between Gaza and the rest of the world".

It attempted to make its first deliveries to Gaza in summer 2008, and tried again in 2009.

The earliest aid deliveries were allowed to reach Gaza but later attempts were intercepted.

Despite the deadly consequences of its latest aid mission, the Free Gaza Movement says it is already considering sending "a second wave" of boats to Gaza.

*Salvatore A. Amodeo*

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From: Sindle, James M  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 12:27 PM  
To: Netos, Eleftherios E; Riley, Robert J  
Cc: Marsh, Denise M; Goodman, Ilan A; Allison, Alicia P; Stewart, Nan E; Hanrahan, Richard F  
Subject: RE: Two Additional Ships Heading to Gaza

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Pol-Mil Officer  
Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs  
U.S. Department of State

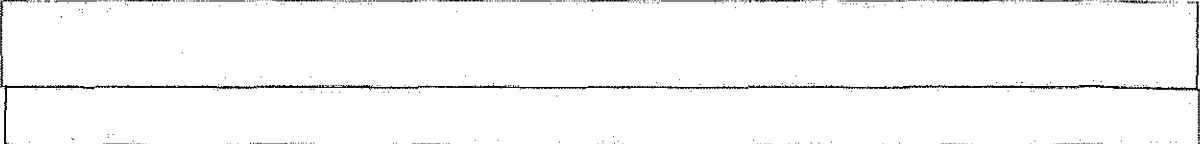
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From: Netos, Eleftherios E  
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 12:15 PM  
To: Sindle, James M  
Cc: Riley, Robert J; Marsh, Denise M; Goodman, Ilan A; Allison, Alicia P; Stewart, Nan E; Hanrahan, Richard F  
Subject: RE: Two Additional Ships Heading to Gaza

Jim,

Embassy Nicosia (looped in above) has reached out to two Cyprus-based Amcits affiliated with the Free Gaza Movement. They confirm earlier reports that Free Gaza will not be operating out of Cyprus due to the RoC's refusal to permit vessels participating in this flotilla to leave from its ports.



Thanks,

Terry **REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer**

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**From:** Sindle, James M

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:32 AM

**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group

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**Subject:** Two Additional Ships Heading to Gaza

Colleagues:

There is press reporting that the Free Gaza Movement is sending two additional vessels to Gaza. The first ship is Ireland's "Rachel Corrie," with about 10 passengers on board including Denis Halliday, the Irish former UN Human Rights Coordinator in Iraq. The second ship is the US-flagged "Challenger II", which dropped out of the first flotilla to undergo repairs in Nicosia. According to Free Gaza Movement spokesperson Audrey Bomse in Larnaca, the Rachel Corrie left Malta on her way to Gaza the night before last and she should be coming near Crete today. Arrival is expected around Gaza between late Wednesday and sometime Thursday.

If anyone has additional information on the status of the vessels and the number, nationalities, and the names of the passengers aboard please forward it to the collective. It should help us in terms of tracking any arrests in advance of detainment. CG Istanbul and Embassy Ankara reaching out to the IHH organizers was valuable in this regard during the first iteration. GOI has told Embassy Tel Aviv that the IDF still intends to intercept these vessels, but is reviewing how to do it.

Many Thanks,

**Jim Sindle**

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Mike,

We appreciate your swift action on this issue. We look forward to Cyprus' response.

v/r,

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U.S. Embassy Nicosia delivered demarche in referenced cable, Subject: ARMS/SECURITY TEAMS ABOARD U.S. FLAGGED MERCHANT VESSELS, to the Cyprus Department of Merchant Shipping on 8 Jul 10.

Suspense for Cyprus to respond is 28 Jul 10. However, as the Post action officer/POC (below) will be TDY until 29 Jul 10, we will send the post response as soon as possible.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

v/r

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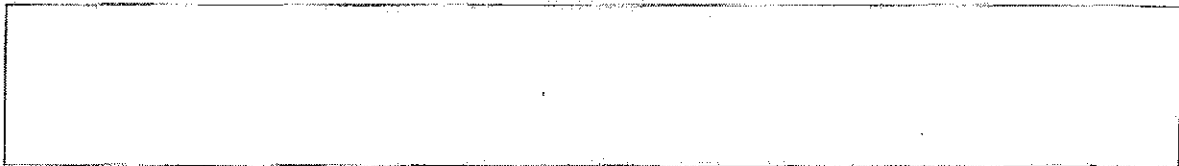
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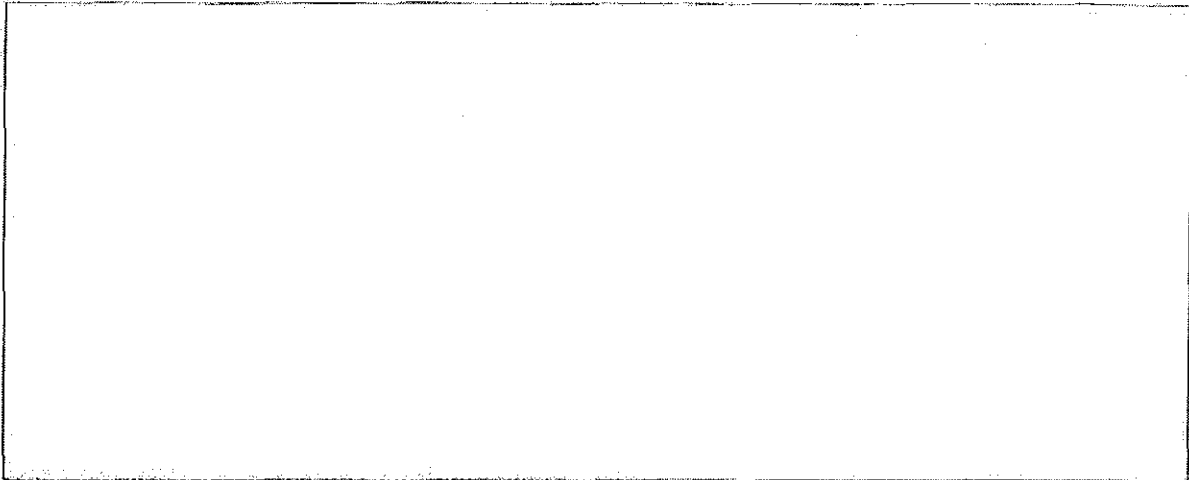


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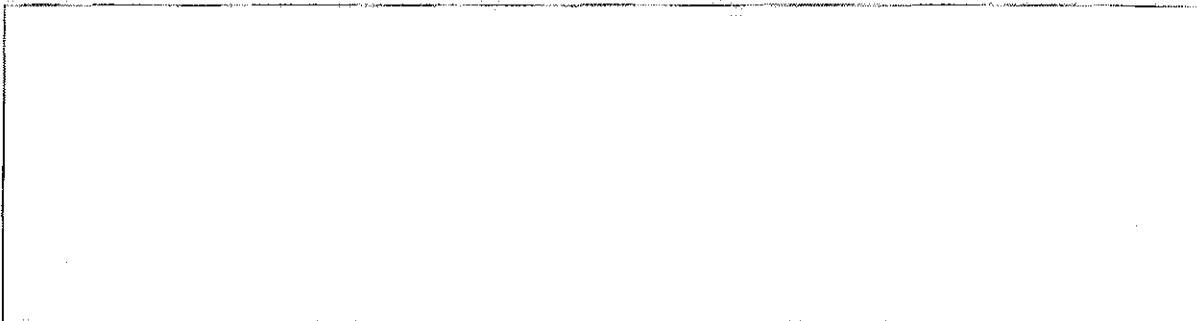
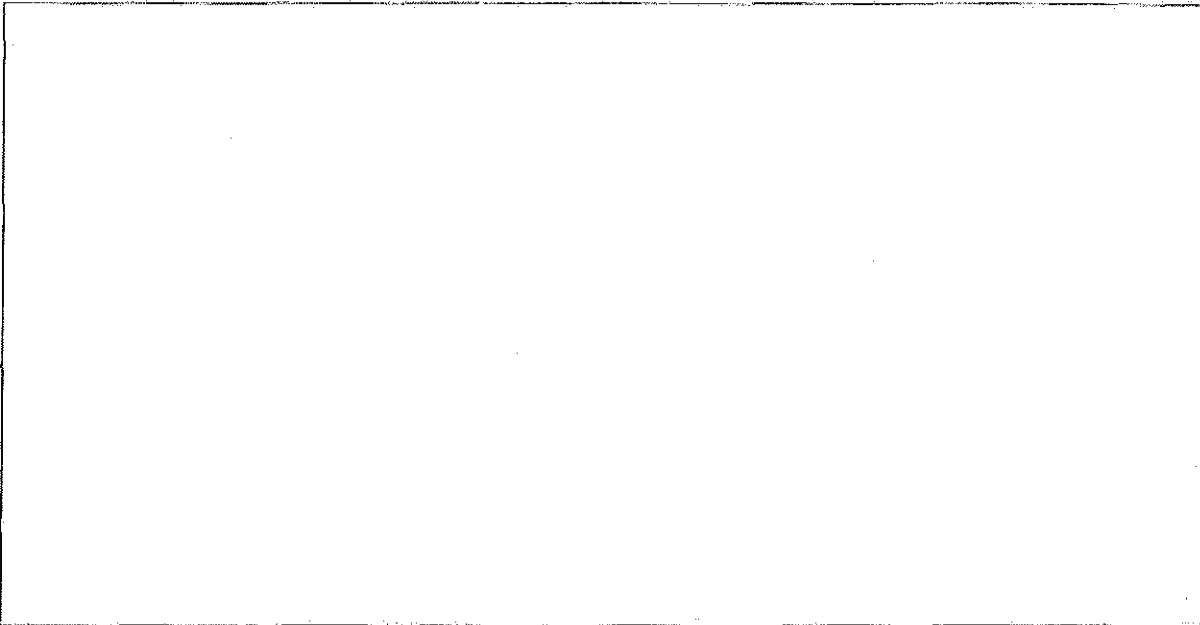
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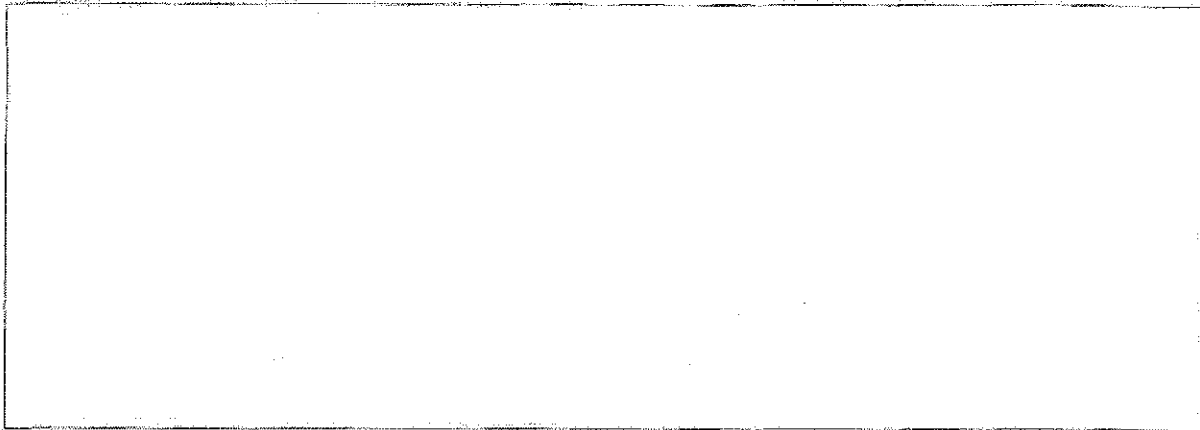
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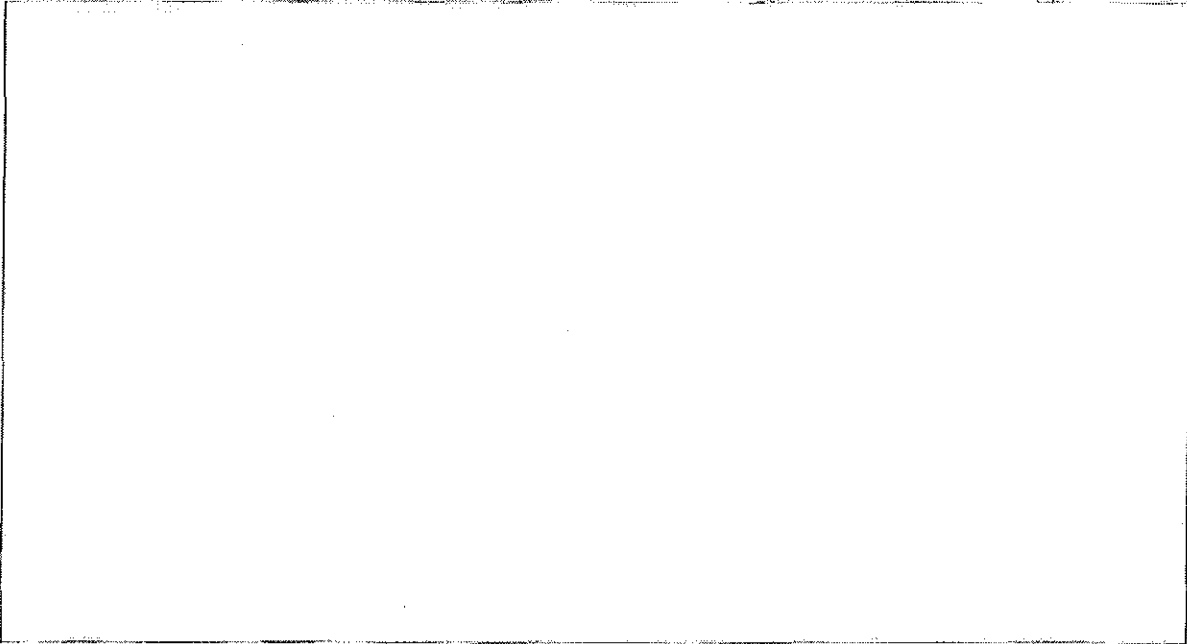
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**Israel blocking contact with flotilla detainees: sister**

BRUSSELS, June 2, 2010 (AFP) - Israel is preventing relatives from getting news from the hundreds detained after troops attacked a Gaza aid flotilla, the sister of a Belgian detainee told anti-Israeli protesters in Brussels Wednesday. Some 350 demonstrators, many carrying Turkish flags, protested outside EU headquarters in Brussels, shouting slogans such as "Israel assassin, Europe accomplice" and "permanent intifada until liberation." [...] Fatima El Mourabiti is one of four Belgians still believed to be being dealt with by the Israelis following the deadly commando raid in international waters [...]. EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton told Palestinian premier Salam Fayyad in Brussels on Tuesday that Europe will intensify its efforts to get Israel to lift its Gaza blockade.



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**(EU) EU/ISRAEL: Europe "rushed to judgment" following recent incidents off Gaza, Israel says** Brussels, 08/06/2010 (Agence Europe) - "European Officials Rushed to Judgment and Condemned Israel's Attempts to Stop Illegal Flotilla," headlined The Israel Project (TIP), directing readers to official sources for further clarification. The EU is criticised for being "quick to condemn" Israel's campaign, whereas "US leaders, more cautious, backed Israel as the fuller story emerged". According to TIP, "at least three among the dead set out to become martyrs". Most of the criticism was directed at French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who said he "condemns the disproportionate use of force" and his Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner, who said, "Nothing can justify the use of such violence, which we condemn". UK Foreign Secretary William Hague is also criticised for calling on Israel "to act with restraint and in line with international obligations", practically demanding an inquiry: "It will be important to establish the facts about this incident, and especially whether enough was done to prevent deaths and injuries". The Irish and Belgians are not spared by the criticism either: Irish Foreign Minister Micheál Martin for saying that "the reports of up to 15 people killed and 50 injured, if confirmed, would constitute a totally unacceptable response by the Israeli military" and Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Steven Vanackere who also spoke of "the disproportionate use of force". Israel claims that it had the right to impose a naval blockade on Gaza. (...) TIP refutes the claim that Israel is preventing humanitarian aid from getting to Gaza and provides detailed information. Overall, "over one million tons of humanitarian supplies were delivered by Israel to the people of Gaza in the past 18 months - that's equal to nearly one ton of aid for every man, woman and child in Gaza".

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EU condemns deadly assault against international peace flotilla sailing to Gaza and calls for unconditional lifting of blockade and inquiry  
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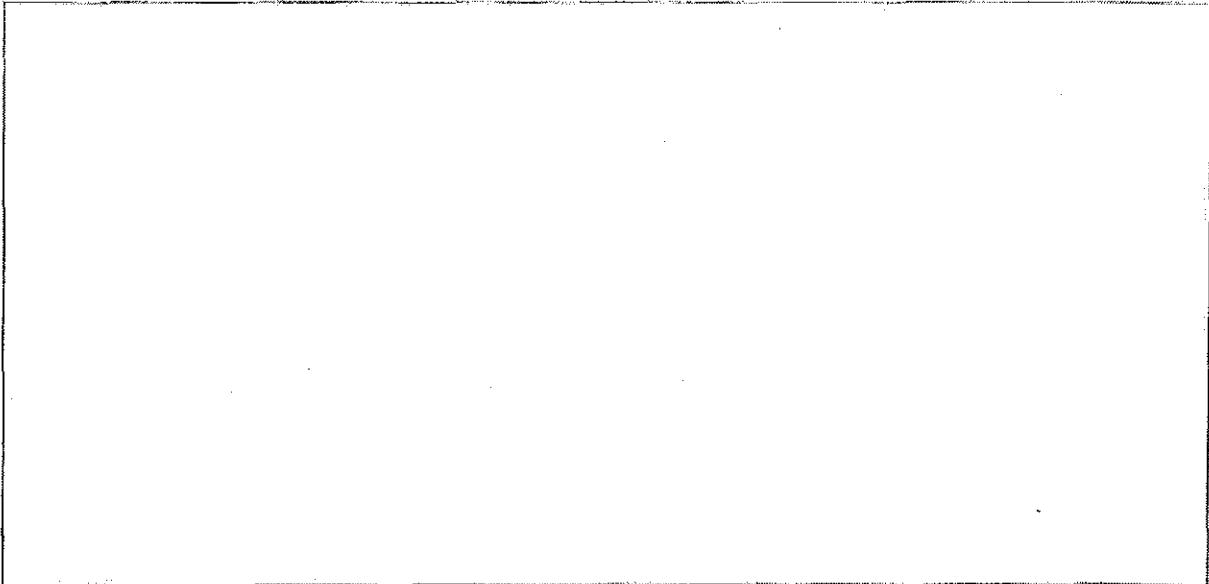
Brussels, 31/05/2010 (Agence Europe) - [...] Speaking in Warsaw on Monday, EU High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy Catherine Ashton said in a press conference that she had spoken to Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman to express "our deepest concern about the tragedy" and call for "an immediate inquiry into the circumstances" surrounding the attack. She also stated the "importance of opening the crossings for humanitarian aid to go through, to ensure that ordinary people have a better existence" than that which she saw when she visited Gaza. Ashton also offered her condolences to the families of the victims and stated that coordination would continue with EU ambassadors throughout the day. Several member states have already recalled their ambassadors. In a press release published on Monday morning, European Parliament President Jerzy Buzek expressed his outrage. "Despite repeated calls for all involved to act with restraint and responsibility, the interception of the convoy in international waters has resulted in many casualties. This is an unjustified attack, which has claimed at least a dozen lives," he said. [...] During a press conference in the European Parliament on Monday 31 May, Véronique de Keyser (S&D, Belgium), returning from a Parliamentary mission to Gaza, one of the tasks of which was to assess the scale of the consequences of the blockade, went further in calling for the EU, not just to ask for, but to "bring about the end of the blockade by whatever means necessary". She denounced Israel's disproportionate action, stated that "here a red line has been crossed" and said she feared a "logic of concerted escalation" threatening the peace process. She added, "We want an independent international inquiry. We want results from EU ambassadors, using all available means, including sanctions, if necessary". She argued that "an investigation by Israel is not enough". [...] The GUE/NGL Group strongly condemned the "unacceptable practices" against vessels manned by unarmed civilians and called for the EU to "respond immediately to such impunity". They called for "the immediate suspension of the association agreement with Israel and a debate at Parliament's next session with High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy, Ms Ashton".

**EU demands inquiry into Israeli military action**

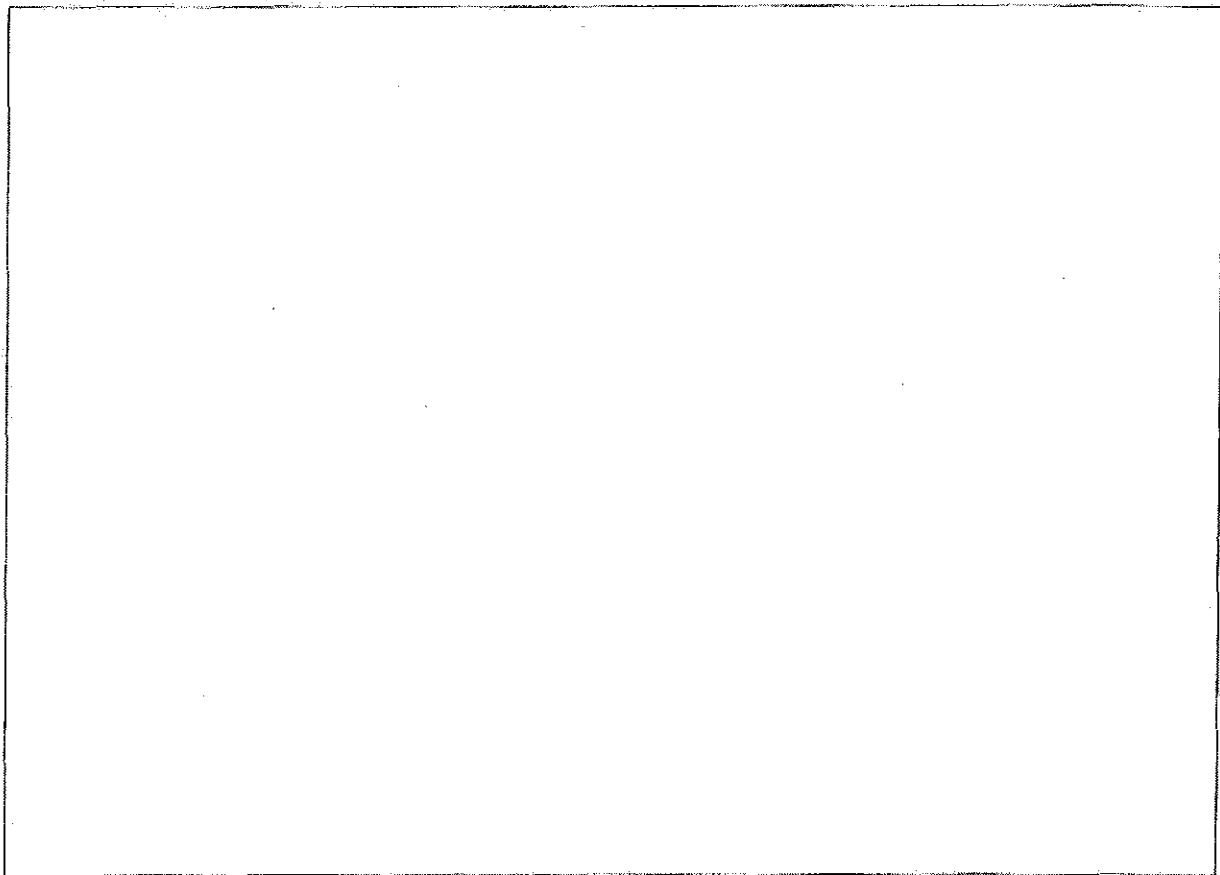
BRUSSELS, May 31 (Reuters) - The European Union called for an immediate inquiry into deaths aboard aid ships seized by Israel's navy on Monday and urged Israel to allow the free flow of humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip. "The EU condemns the use of violence that has produced a high number of victims among the members of the flotilla and demands an immediate, full and impartial inquiry into the events and the circumstances surrounding them," EU High Foreign Policy Representative Catherine Ashton said in a statement. She spoke after an emergency meeting of member states' envoys to Brussels to discuss the incident, in which at least 10 people were killed after six ships tried to break Israel's blockade of the Islamist-controlled Palestinian territory. "The EU does not accept the continued policy of closure. It is



unacceptable and politically counterproductive. We need to urgently achieve a durable solution to the situation in Gaza," Ashton said.



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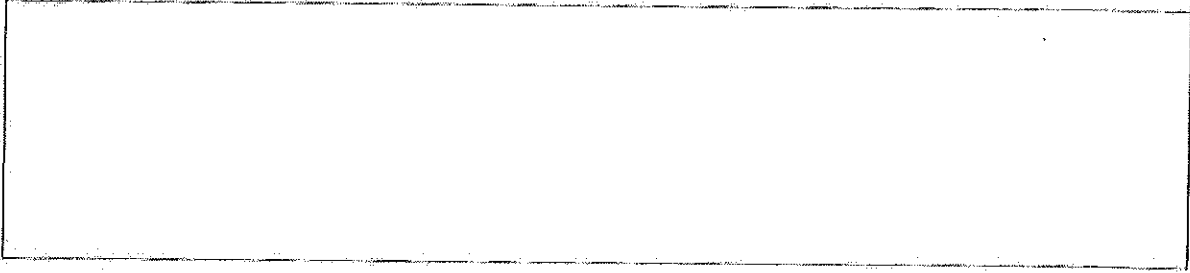


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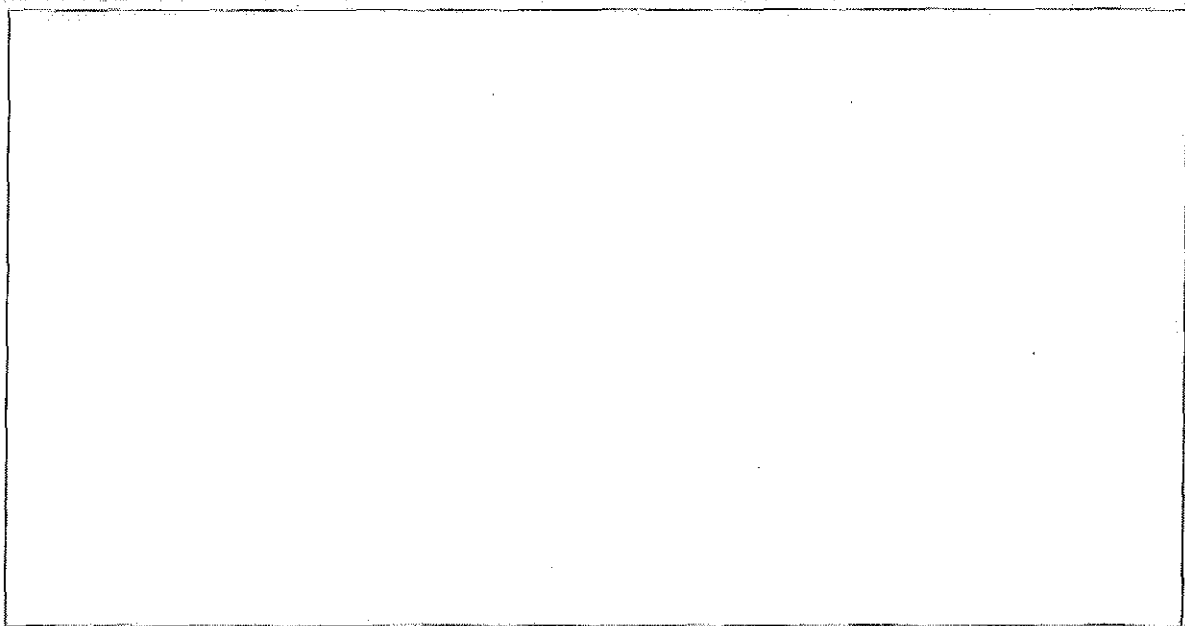
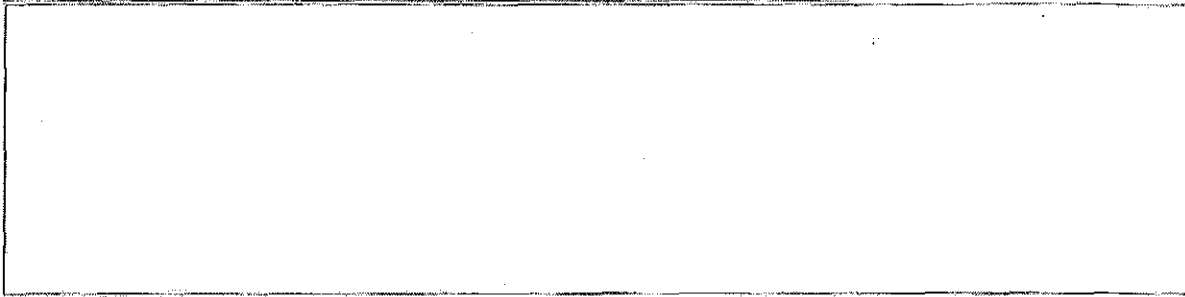
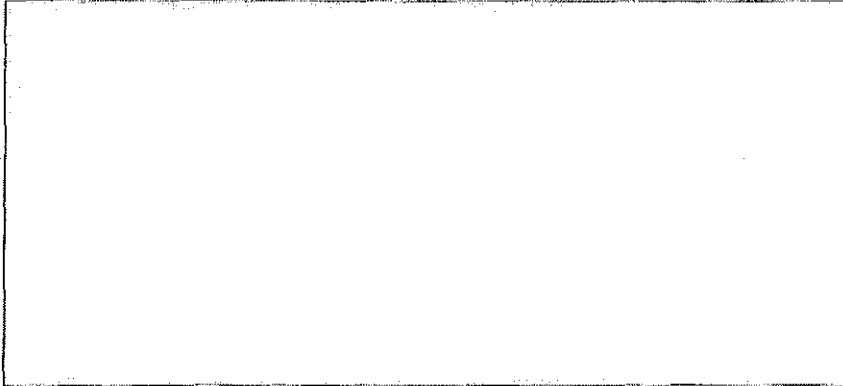
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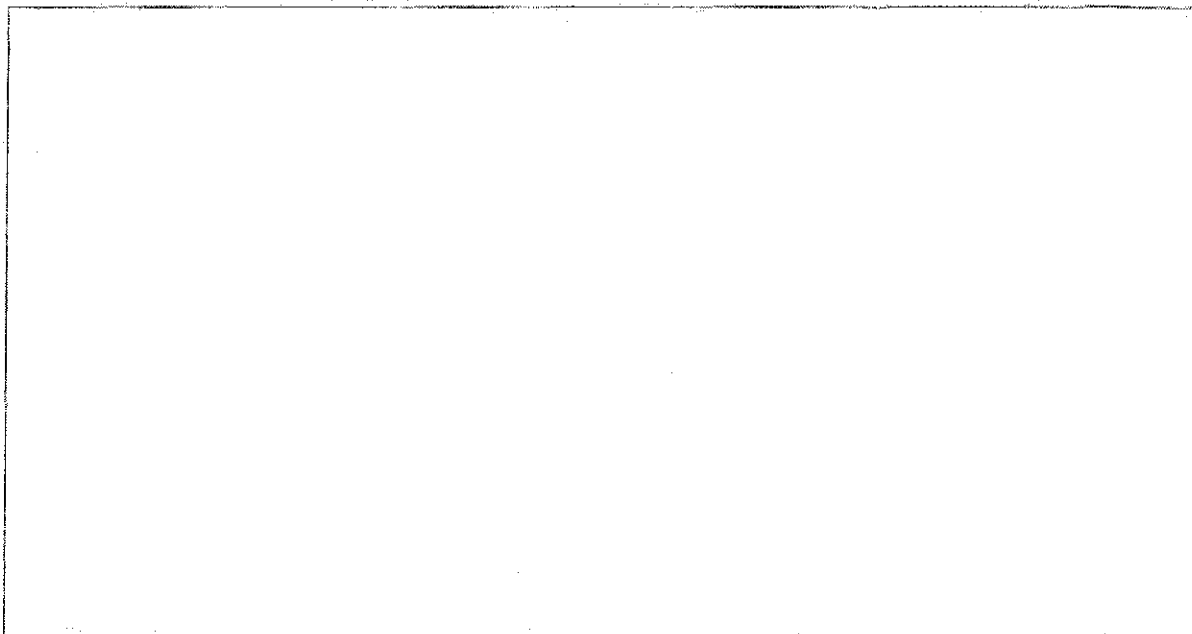
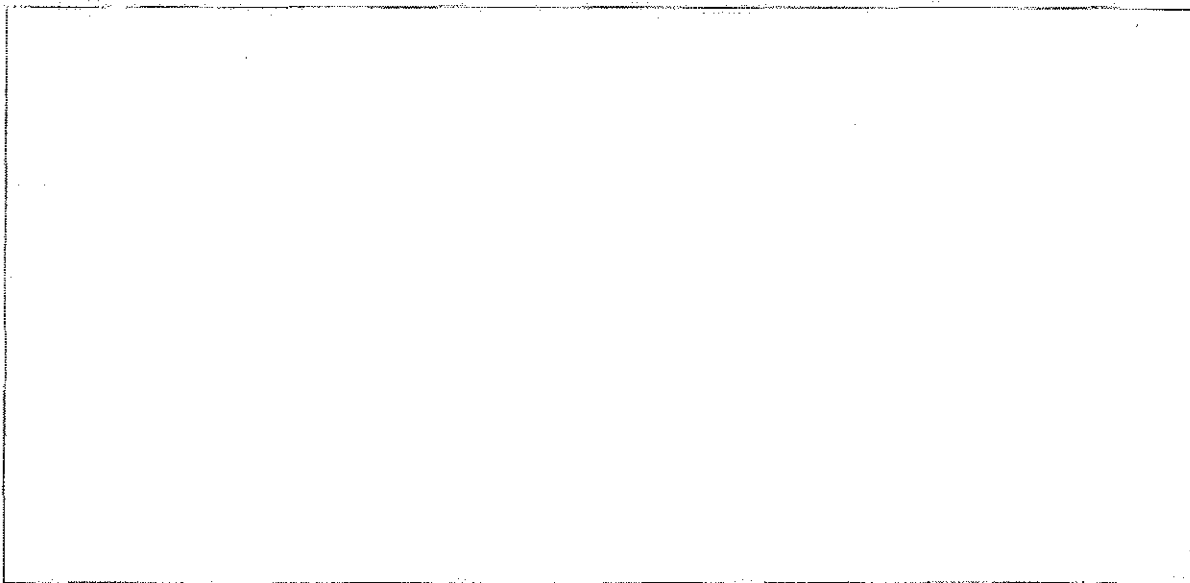
**EU/ISRAEL: Member states hope for relaxation of Gaza blockade "in next few days" - EU, ready to play role, is examining "options"**

Brussels, 14/06/2010 (Agence Europe) - EU foreign ministers have urged Israel to put an end to the blockade of Gaza and to agree to the "immediate, sustained and unconditional opening" of crossings to allow humanitarian aid, goods and people to move in and out of Gaza. "The situation in Gaza remains unsustainable"; the blockade imposed by Israel is "unacceptable and politically counter-productive," EU member states say in conclusions adopted by the Foreign Affairs Council in Luxembourg on Monday 14 June. Any solution to lighten the suffering of the people of Gaza must, however, address "Israel's legitimate security concerns" and include "a complete stop to all violence and arms smuggling into Gaza", ministers say. The EU stands ready to contribute to the implementation of a mechanism that ensures "full and regular access" to Gaza by land and, if possible, by sea, ministers state, too. [...] In their conclusions, ministers also condemn the use of violence in the Israeli raid on the humanitarian flotilla bound for Gaza. They also reiterate the EU call for an "immediate, full and impartial inquiry into these events" and the circumstances surrounding them. The EU says that to command the confidence of the international community this inquiry "should include credible international participation". The Israeli government has announced that a former Israeli Supreme Court judge, Jacob Turkel, will lead the Israeli commission of inquiry into the events of the raid on the flotilla. Israel intends to invite two international figures - Nobel Peace Prize winner David Trimble and Canada's former chief military prosecutor, retired Brigadier General Ken Watkin - to take part as observers in the investigation.

**Israel approves inquiry into Gaza flotilla attack**

JERUSALEM (AP) June 14 2010- The European Union on Monday called Israel's closure of Gaza "unacceptable" and offered to play a role in opening the borders, as Israel appointed three Israeli experts and two foreign observers to a commission to investigate its deadly raid on a Gaza-bound flotilla. [...] The most notable dissent has come from President Barack Obama, who called the Gaza closure unsustainable. The U.S. pressure resonates more with the Israelis because of their close alliance with Washington. International envoy Tony Blair also weighed in with a call to ease the blockade and said there were indications Israel was prepared to consider doing that. [...] A U.N. spokesman said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon doesn't reject the Israeli investigation but still wants an international inquiry. In Washington, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the Israeli move was "an important step forward" in meeting Security Council demands. "We believe that Israel certainly, as a government, has the institutions and certainly the capability to conduct a credible, impartial and transparent investigation," he said. In rejecting an international inquiry, Israel argued that the United Nations and other global bodies have a long history of bias against Israel. From the Israeli point of view, the outcome of its inquiry appeared dictated by its mandate. First, the panel will examine the justification and legality of the Gaza blockade, then look at how Israeli actions to enforce the closure conform with international law. Lastly, a government statement said, it will examine "actions taken by those who organized -- and participated in -- the flotilla, and their identities." Israel claims the pro-Palestinian activists who attacked naval commandoes with iron rods, clubs and knives were well-trained mercenaries eager for a fight. Flotilla organizers insist the Israelis opened fire first. Speaking after the Cabinet vote, Israeli Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu told members of his Likud Party that "difficult days lie ahead," but that forming the commission was the best of a series of poor options. "I want to make it clear that the flotilla to Gaza was not a one-time event. We are in the midst of a tough and continuous struggle against the state of Israel," he said.



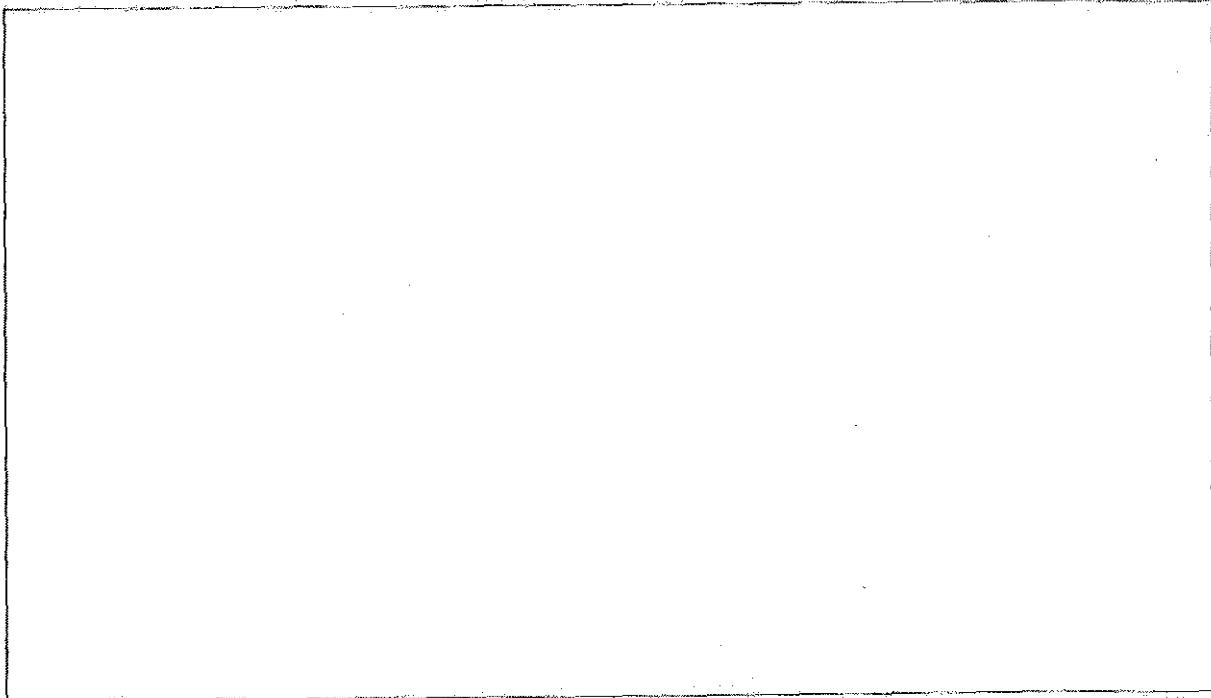
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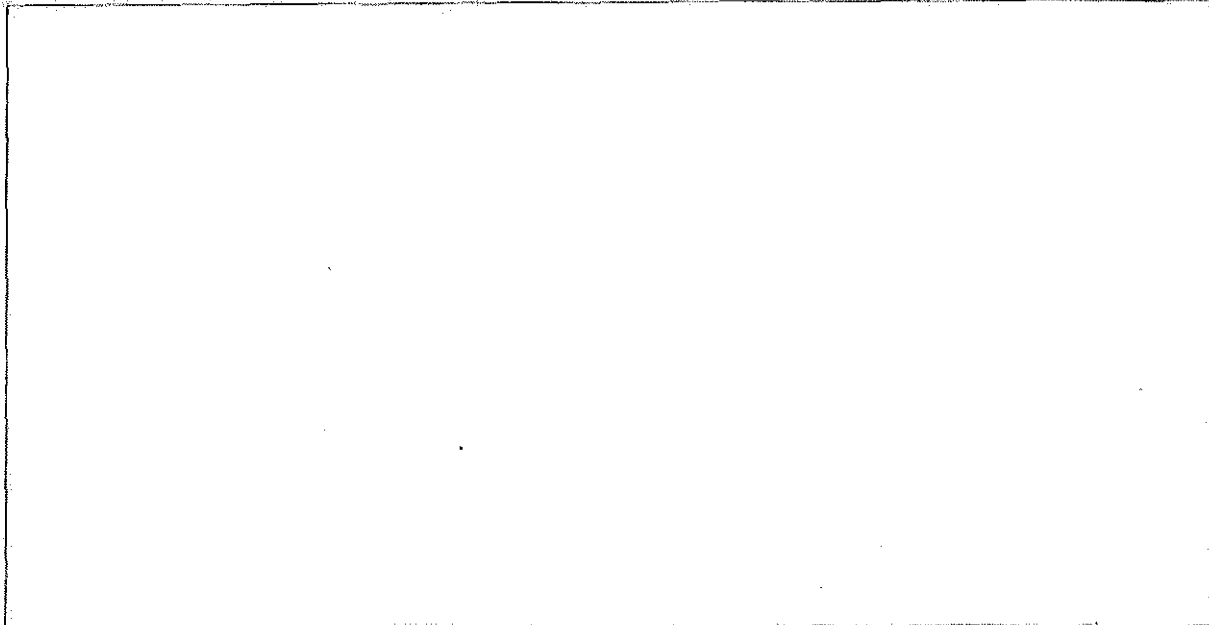
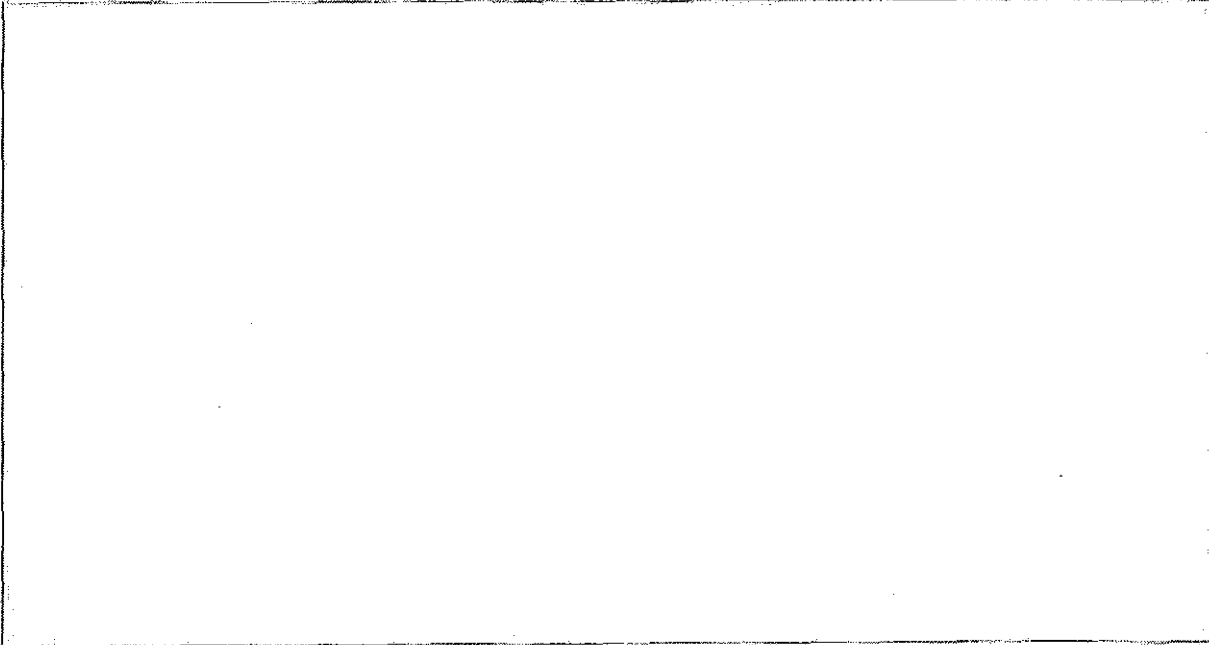


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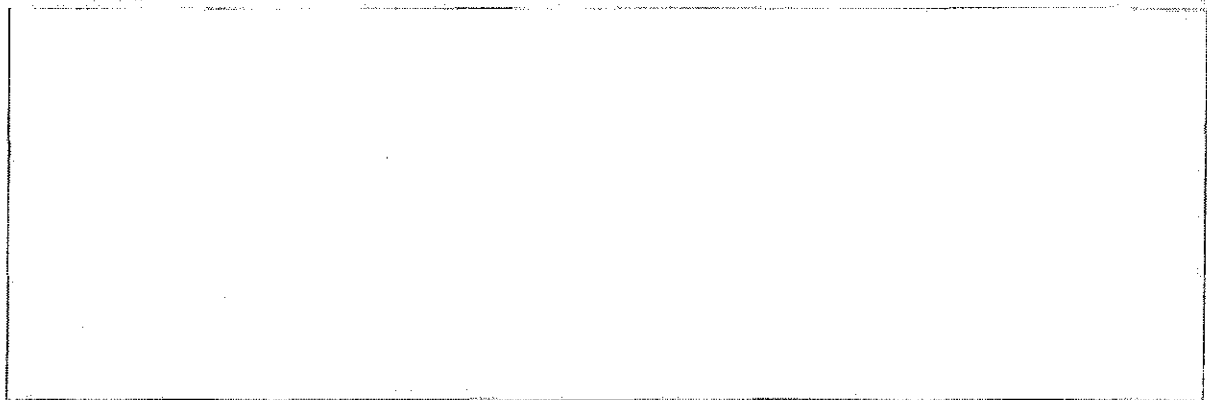
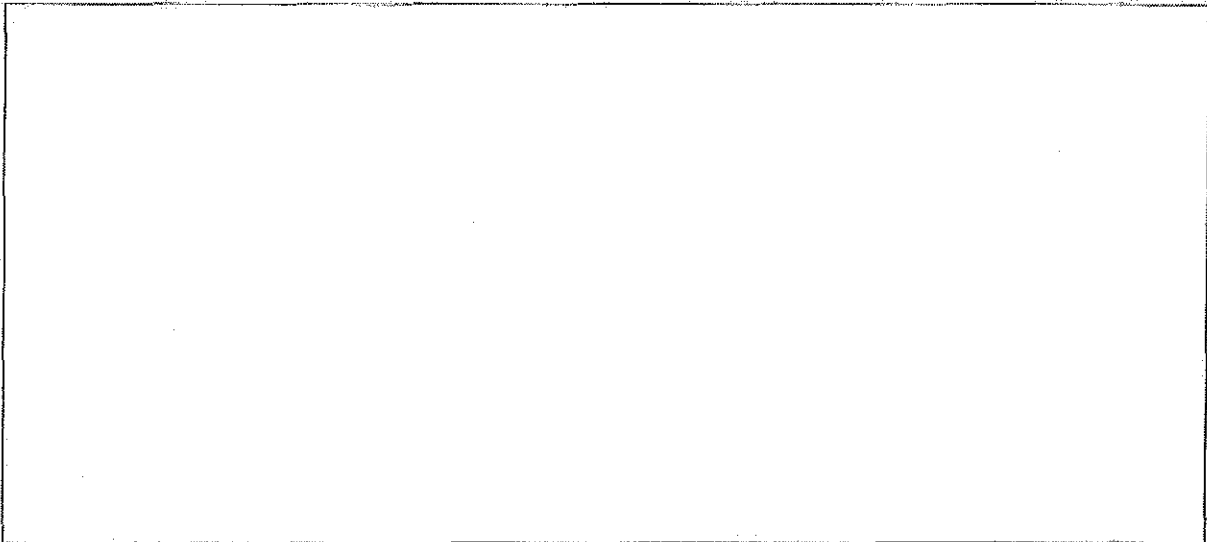
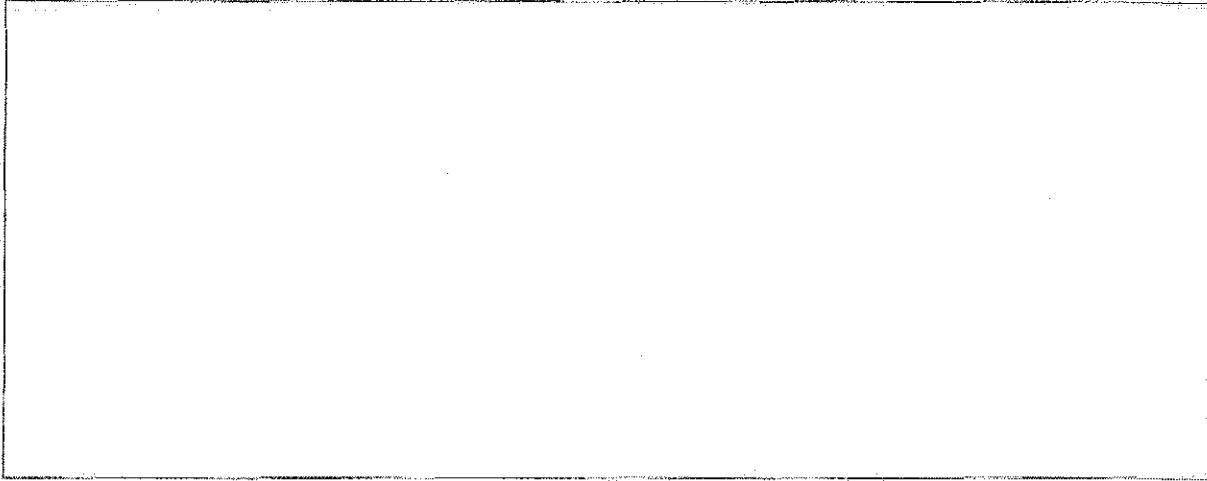
**Ambassador from Arab League feels "humiliated" by EU declaration on Gaza**

Brussels, 15/06/2010 (Agence Europe) - The ambassador from the Arab League to the EU, Abdelwahab Derbal, said that he had experienced "a feeling of humiliation" during his reading of the EU's declaration on Gaza, adopted on Monday 14 June. He said that this "lacked respect for the victims of Gaza". Derbal said that the European declaration is "in perfect harmony with the joint declaration of the three European ministers for foreign affairs" (Kouchner, Moratinos and Frattini, published in Le Figaro on 11 June), entitled, "Gaza after the tragedy", which, according to Derbal, "defends the aggressor and not the victim". The commission of inquiry, as recommended by the EU in its declaration, will be a kind of smokescreen, according to the Arab League ambassador. He pointed out that a commission of inquiry worthy of respect had to be "neutral and the aggressor should not be part of it ... It must be international



because the problem is, by definition, international". Finally, he said that "the EU should not contribute to reducing the Palestinian question, which is a problem regarding people and the state, to just a question of humanitarian aid and charity. European blindness must not continue in this direction".

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**EU to reserve judgment on Israeli probe into Gaza naval raid**  
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**US lawmakers blast 'disgraceful' Turkey over Iran, Israel**

WASHINGTON (AFP) 16 June — US lawmakers slammed "disgraceful" Turkey on Wednesday over its ties to Iran and charged Ankara had the "blood" of nine Turks killed in an Israeli raid on a Gaza-bound aid ship on its hands. "There will be a cost if Turkey stays on its present heading of growing closer to Iran and more antagonistic to the state of Israel," warned Representative Mike Pence, the number three House Republican [...]. "As far as I'm concerned, Turkey is responsible for the nine deaths aboard that ship, it is not Israel's troops that are responsible," said Democratic Representative Shelley Berkley [...]. Berkley said she had turned Turkish officials away from her office this week and would continue to do so "until I see and change in policy" and vowed to fight against Turkey's accession to the European Union [...]. "They don't deserve to be a part of the EU until they start behaving more like the European nations and a whole lot less like Iran," she said.

**EU to reserve judgment on Israeli probe into Gaza naval raid**

BRUSSELS (AP) Jun 16 - The EU says it will reserve judgment on the probe into the deadly raid on the flotilla trying to break the blockade of Gaza, after Israel rejected calls for an international inquiry but allowed two foreign observers to participate. Ashton described Israel's decision to set up an independent commission as a "step forward." But she noted the EU will follow the work of the panel "before drawing further conclusions." "The EU has long called for an end to the Israeli blockade. But Ashton said "the political parameters have changed, the circumstances now are different." Israeli officials said Wednesday they will soon significantly ease the Gaza blockade.

**EU may send naval mission towards Gaza: Ashton**

STRASBOURG (AFP) Jun 16 - The EU may send a naval mission towards Gaza to help control the transit of goods if Israel lifts its blockade of the Palestinian territory, the bloc's foreign affairs chief said Wednesday. Catherine Ashton said there may be a "maritime option for a CSDP (Common Defence and Security Defence Policy) mission," adding however that such an option would be "more complex" than

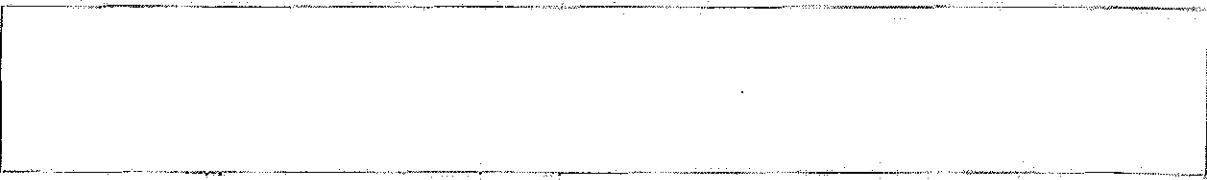


helping monitor land crossings into Gaza [...] Ashton added that the EU border mission at the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt, which has been largely inactive since 2005, "could be reactivated" and Europe is ready to support the opening of other land crossings [...] However she admitted that "it will not be easy to find an agreed way to lift the blockade." Also at the EU parliament pro-Palestinian groups announced that they plan to send another aid flotilla for Gaza next month, similar to the one involved in the deadly Israeli attack.

**Turkish flotilla organisers to send more Gaza ships**

BRUSSELS, June 16 (Reuters) - A Turkish pro-Palestinian group said on Wednesday it will send another aid flotilla to Gaza next month [...] The Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Aid (IHH) told members of the European Parliament it had assembled six ships for the next flotilla and put out an appeal for others to join [...] Richard Howitt, a British member of the European Parliament who organised IHH's press conference at the parliament in Strasbourg, said the European Union had an obligation to ensure respect for humanitarian law and access for the next flotilla. "If this terrible tragedy tips the balance so that the international community finally insists on full and unhindered humanitarian access to Gaza, then some good can still come out of it," he said, referring to the deaths in the last convoy.

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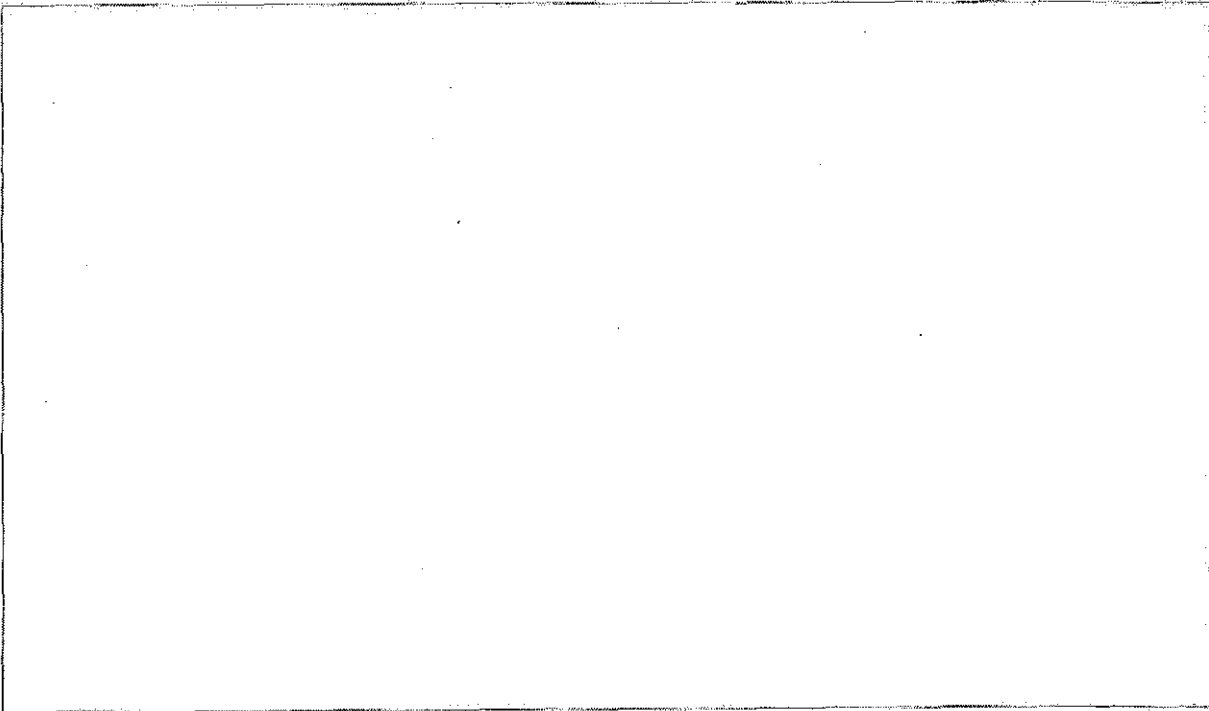


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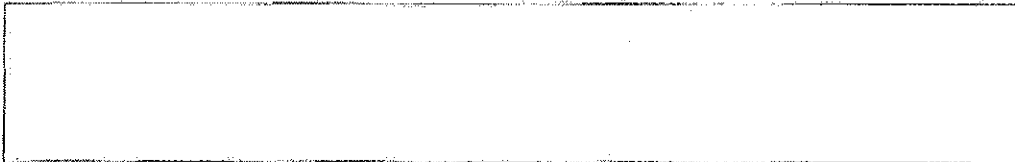
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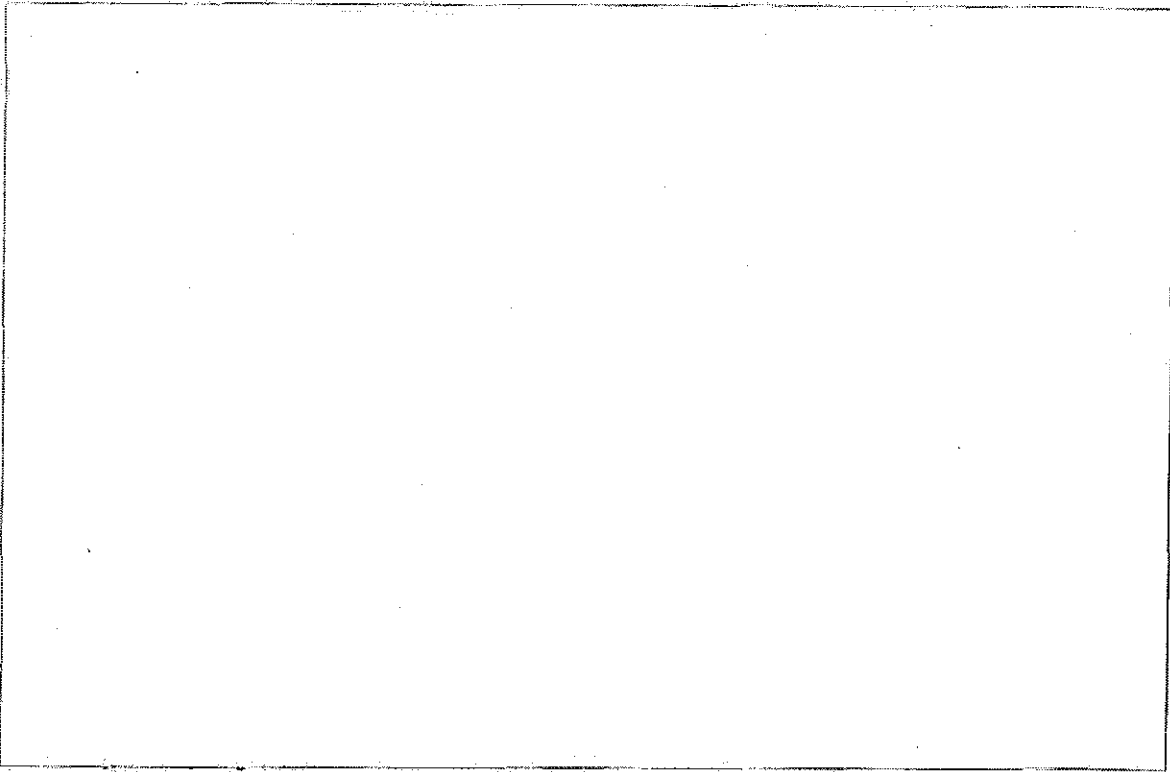
JERUSALEM (AP, June 17) - Israel agreed Thursday to ease its three-year-old land blockade of the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip, hoping to quell international outrage over its deadly raid on a flotilla bound for the Palestinian territory. In one of the major changes, Israel will allow in more desperately needed construction materials for civilian projects, provided those projects are carried out under international supervision, government and military officials said. Israel has barely allowed in goods such as cement and steel, fearing Hamas militants could use them to build weapons and fortifications. The policy has prevented rebuilding thousands of homes and other buildings damaged in Israel's war with Hamas last year. An Israeli military official told The Associated Press all foods would be allowed in to the impoverished territory, effective immediately. Authorities had previously allowed a short and constantly changing list of foods in, but the list has been growing incrementally in recent months. Israel is maintaining its naval blockade intended to keep weapons shipments out of the hands of Hamas. "This is a step in the right direction," said Cristina Galach, spokeswoman for the European Union presidency. However, Hamas was not satisfied. "We want a real lifting of the siege, not window-dressing," said Hamas lawmaker Salah Bardawil.

**EU greets plan to ease Gaza blockade with 'great interest'**

BRUSSELS, June 17, 2010 (AFP) - EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton reacted with "great interest" to Israel's decision Thursday to ease its blockade of the Hamas-run Gaza Strip, offering Europe's support with the process. "We're looking with great interest to what the Israeli cabinet has said this morning," the EU high representative for foreign and defence matters said on the margins of an EU summit in Brussels. She added that there should no longer be "a list of goods that are allowed into Gaza" but a list of proscribed items -- arms and other materials which could have military uses -- "so we open up many more products so that ordinary people can get on with their lives." However Ashton stressed that Israel must also hold a credible enquiry into the events of May 31 when Israeli commandos attacked an aid flotilla heading for the blockaded Gaza strip, leaving nine Turkish activists dead. The decision by Israel's security cabinet to lift the Gaza blockade came in the wake of mounting international calls to ease the misery of the four-year action against the impoverished Palestinian territory in the wake of the deadly raid. Under the plan, Israel will "liberalise the system by which civilian goods enter Gaza (and) expand the inflow of materials for civilian projects that are under international supervision," the government said in a statement. But it also stressed that Israel would "continue existing security procedures to prevent the inflow of weapons and war material." Ashton stressed that Israel's announcement remains a decision "in principle." She said she hoped the Israeli government can now follow up "very quickly with the detail which we should look at with interest and hope that we can push forward, offer our support and ensure that the people of Gaza actually can now move towards getting a normal life."

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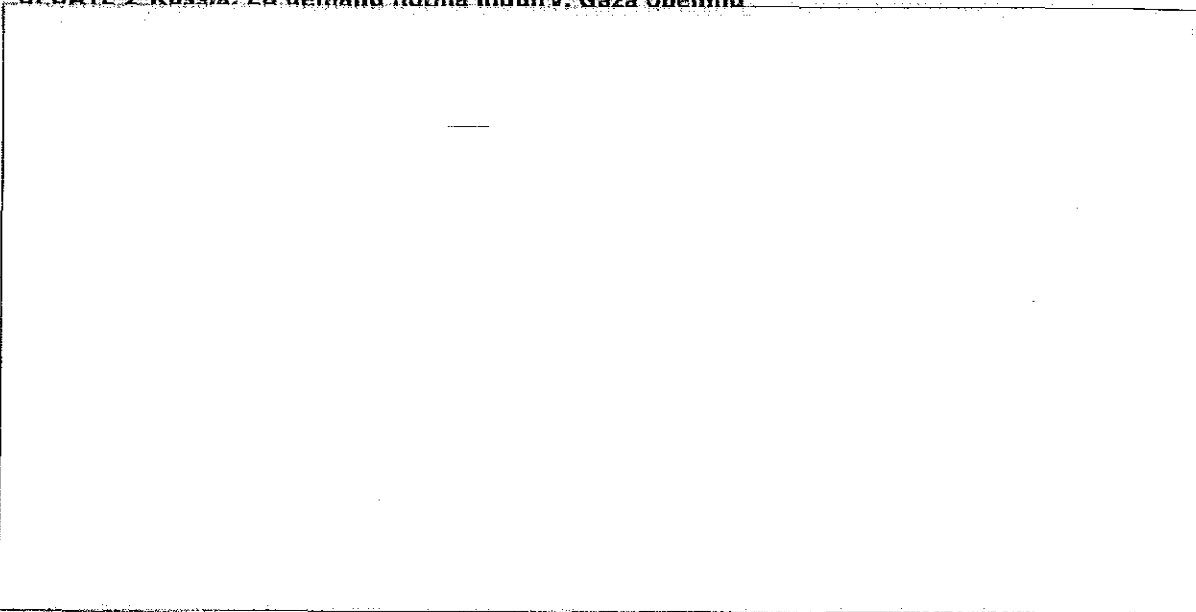
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**EU ready to intensify efforts to lift Gaza blockade: Ashton**

BRUSSELS, June 1, 2010 (AFP) - Europe will intensify its efforts to get Israel to lift its Gaza blockade, following the attack on an aid flotilla, EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton told the Palestinians Tuesday. She gave the assurance to Palestinian premier Salam Fayyad, during telephone talks Tuesday, the day after Israeli troops stormed the Gaza-bound aid flotilla and left nine people dead, an EU spokesman said. Her message was that "the blockade of Gaza should end" and "she's willing to step up efforts in this respect and to discuss with (EU) member states how to work further in this direction," spokesman John Clancy said. Ashton also stressed the importance of the role of the Palestinian Authority in normalising the situation in the Gaza Strip, which is run by the Hamas Islamist group. To that she would welcome a visit to Gaza by Palestinian Authority president Mahmud Abbas, according to Clancy. [...] Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Tuesday ordered the opening of the Rafah border crossing to allow humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip.

**EU, UN condemn attack on Gaza aid convoy**

BRUSSELS, 1 JUNE (European Voice) - The EU's member states have called for an "immediate, full and impartial inquiry" into Israel's assault on a naval convoy delivering aid to the Gaza Strip, according to a statement issued by Catherine Ashton, the Union's foreign policy chief, after a meeting of EU security ambassadors in Brussels yesterday (31 May). The statement goes beyond the "immediate inquiry by Israel" that Ashton had demanded earlier yesterday, before the member states had discussed the issue. Individual member states, including Sweden, which had citizens on board the Gaza-bound flotilla, wanted stronger language condemning Israel's actions. "The humanitarian situation in Gaza remains a source of grave concern," the statement said. "The EU does not accept the continued policy of closure. It is unacceptable and politically counterproductive. We need to urgently achieve a durable solution to the situation in Gaza." [...] Early this morning, the 15 members of the United Nations Security Council issued a statement condemning the violence and loss of life. The negotiations dragged on into the middle of the night, with diplomats from the United States - Israel's closest ally - and Turkey trying to bridge their differences. Among the sticking points was whether the UN Security Council should explicitly call for an "international" investigation or merely for an "independent" inquiry, the wording that was agreed on in the end.

**(EU) EU/ISRAEL/GAZA: Indignation and calls for strong response from EU**

Brussels, 01/06/2010 (Agence Europe) - Following the Israeli military operation against the "Peace" flotilla which was headed for Gaza, the sense of outrage is increasing. There have also been calls for a strong response from the EU to Israel. "I am deeply shocked," said French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner. "Nothing can justify violence on this scale," he stated, adding that "these events are a reminder to us that the current situation in Gaza is untenable and that an urgent response is needed". "We will do whatever has to be done to prevent this tragedy from leading to any further escalation of violence," he said. In the European Parliament, French Socialist MEP Kader Arif said that the attack was "morally unacceptable" and called for a "firm reaction". The Parliament will very shortly have to decide whether to enhance relations with Israel, in its commercial chapter, noted Arif, who has responsibility for this matter for the Socialist Group. "I will stick to the position expressed by my group in 2008 at the time of the tragic Israeli military intervention in Gaza: so long as international law is not respected, or the blockade on Gaza lifted, or a real commitment to peace given, I will oppose closer relations," he said. Tokia Saïfi (EPP, France), speaking on behalf of the EMPA (Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly) political, security and human rights committee, said that "it is not by acting in this way that Israel will shift dialogue towards peace and bring about a lasting resolution of the conflict in the Middle East".

#### **Flottille: l'Iran dénonce les "actes barbares" d'Israël**

BRUXELLES, 1 juin 2010 (AFP) - L'Iran, par la voix de son ministre des Affaires étrangères Manouchehr Mottaki, a de nouveau dénoncé mardi l'assaut militaire israélien contre la flottille d'aide pro-palestinienne, en parlant d'"actes barbares". "Des innocents ont été tués, assassinés par les actes barbares d'Israël", a déclaré le ministre dans un discours prononcé au Parlement européen à Bruxelles, où il était invité. "Cela montre que l'Iran a raison en ce qui concerne la nature de ce régime", a ajouté le chef de la diplomatie iranienne au sujet de l'Etat hébreu. Peu auparavant en Iran, le guide suprême, l'ayatollah Ali Khamenei, avait qualifié l'attaque israélienne contre la flottille chargée d'aide humanitaire pour Gaza de "preuve que le sionisme est le nouveau visage, en plus violent, du fascisme", selon la télévision d'Etat.M. Mottaki a commencé à être interrogé dans l'après-midi à huis clos par la commission des Affaires étrangères du Parlement européen. A son arrivée, une dizaine de députés européens conservateurs, italiens surtout mais aussi britanniques, ont protesté contre sa venue à l'entrée de la salle en dénonçant les violations des droits de l'Homme en Iran, a constaté un journaliste de l'AFP. Ils ont brandi des photos de Neda, cette jeune Iranienne tuée par balles en juin 2009 lors de la répression à Téhéran des manifestations anti-Ahmadinejad. Son sort avait beaucoup ému la communauté internationale et fait d'elle une icône de la contestation. L'un des élus européens, le Britannique Struan Stevenson, a lancé au ministre iranien "pas de meurtrier au Parlement!" et "régime fasciste". "Votre présence est une honte", a-t-il encore dit. Les élus ont été bousculés par le service de sécurité du Parlement pour permettre à M. Mottaki de pénétrer dans la salle.

#### **Gaza flotilla assault: The world unites in condemnation of Israel's actions: Key strategic relationship with Turkey damaged - Netanyahu's planned visit to White House cancelled**

The Guardian (June 1, 2010) Israel's calculated gamble in sending commandos to raid the Mediterranean flotilla looked likely last night to exact a high price, leaving it increasingly isolated internationally and diplomatically and losing the vital public relations war in the Middle East. The first and biggest casualty of what appeared to many as a rash act of night time derring-do was Israel's relationship with what used to be its key strategic, regional and Muslim ally, Turkey. Anger erupted on the streets of Istanbul and Ankara, with Israeli flags burned as thousands took to the streets and marched on the Israeli consulate. The Netanyahu government is advising Israelis to stay away from Turkey. Turkey's prime minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, described the Israeli raid as "an act of inhumane state terrorism", while the foreign ministry spoke of "an act of piracy" and of "irreparable damage" to relations between Ankara and Tel Aviv. Three of the six ships flew the Turkish flag, the convoy was organised by a Turkish charity, and several hundred of those on board the ships were Turks. "We had a very good relationship with Israel, but we have had all kind of difficulties in the past," said a senior diplomat in Ankara, Selim Yenel. "This tops them all." (...) The fury on the streets was mirrored by high-level rage. Ankara recalled its ambassador from Israel. Erdogan rushed home from a trip to Latin America to deal with the fallout. "Israel has targeted innocent civilians," said the foreign ministry in Ankara. "It has shown yet again that it does not care about human lives or peace initiatives." Noting that the dawn raid occurred in international waters, Ankara hinted at demanding legal redress. The Turks convened an emergency meeting of generals and security ministers and called off military exercises with Israel, as did Greece. The United Nations security council was expected to meet last night in New York over the incident. "I heard the ships were in international water. That is very bad," said Ban Ki-moon, the UN secretary-general. The Obama administration, while

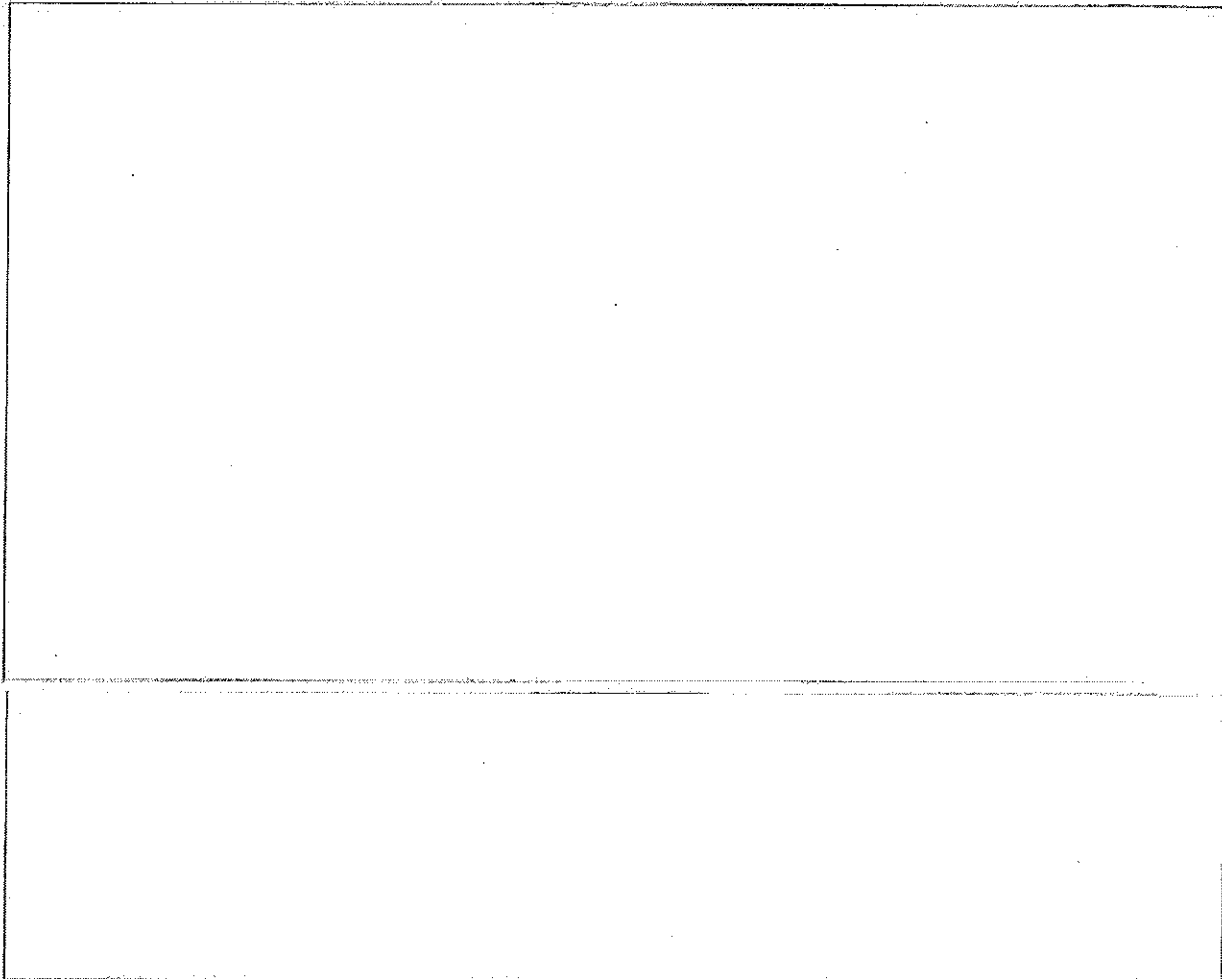


regretting the death toll, reserved judgment on apportioning blame. "The United States is currently working to understand the circumstances surrounding this tragedy," said White House spokesman William Burton. The Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, cancelled plans to visit Obama at the White House today.

**UPDATE 2-Russia, EU demand flotilla inquiry, Gaza opening**

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia, June 1 (Reuters) - Russia and the European Union condemned on Tuesday Israel's use of deadly force in the storming of an aid flotilla and urged the opening of crossings into Gaza. In a joint declaration during a Russia-EU summit in the southern Russian city of Rostov-on-Don, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton demanded a "full and impartial inquiry". "The death of people is irreparable and absolutely unjustified," Russian President Dmitry Medvedev told a news conference with EU leaders. EU President Herman Van Rompuy called the deaths "inexplicable". "We regret the loss of life, condemn the use of violence and demand an immediate, full and impartial investigation," he said. "I appeal for a durable solution to be found to the situation in Gaza," Van Rompuy said, referring to the enclave run by Hamas Islamists. Their joint declaration added: "The EU and Russia call for immediate opening of crossings for the flow of humanitarian aid, commercial goods and people to and from Gaza." The remarks were a show of solidarity between the European Union and Moscow, which has traditionally supported the Palestinians but has also cultivated closer ties with Israel in recent years. Along with the United States and United Nations, Russia and the EU are members of the international "quartet" seeking Middle East peace. In separate statements on Monday, both had condemned Israel's use of force and criticized the blockade on Gaza.

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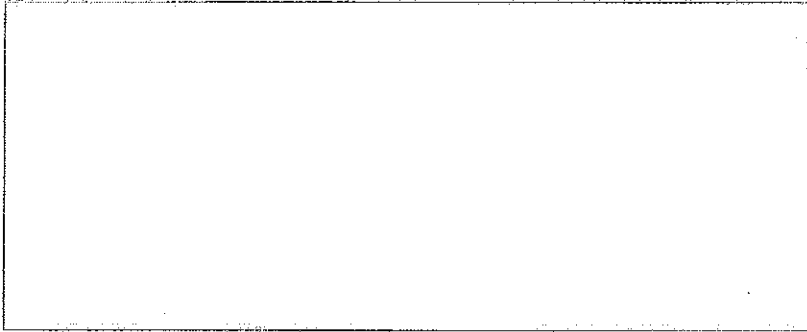
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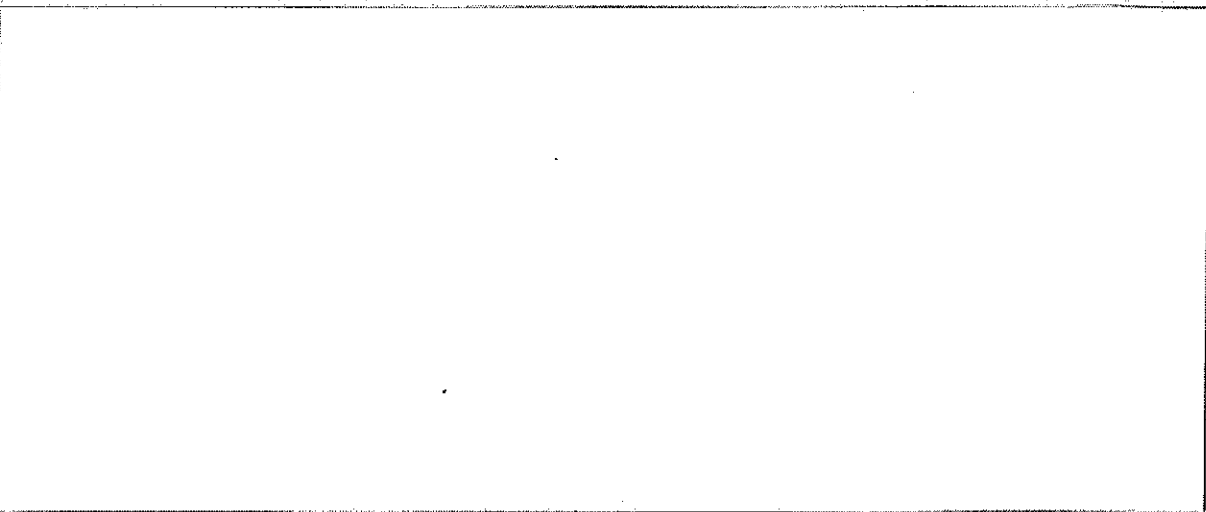
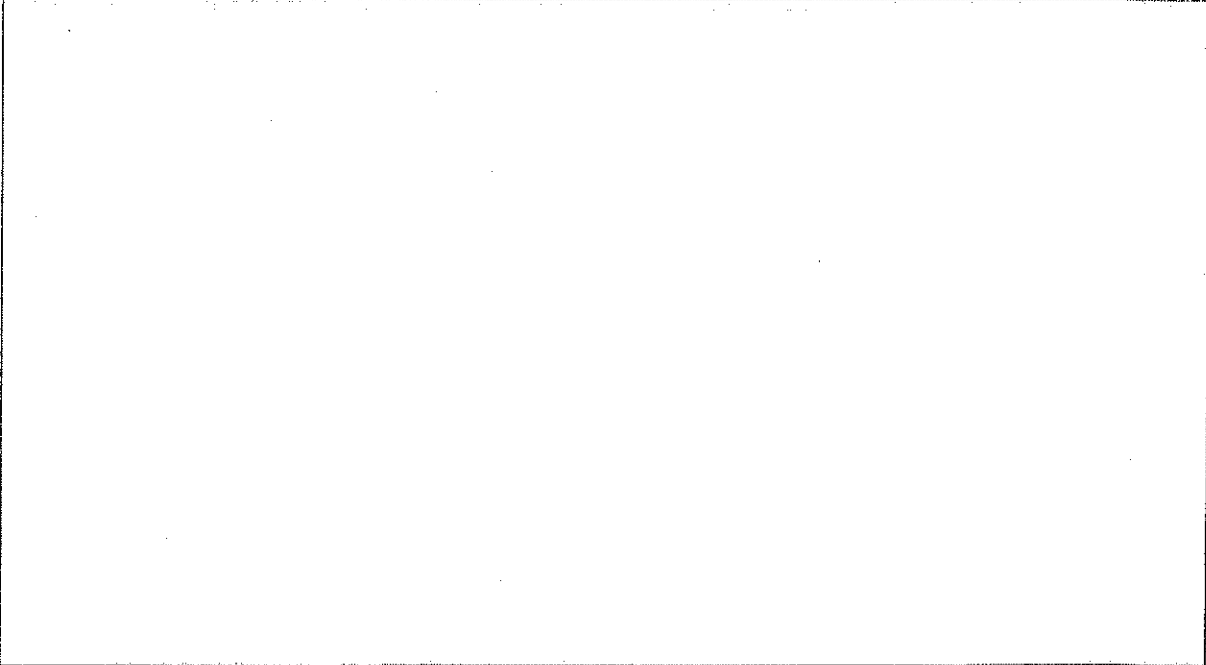




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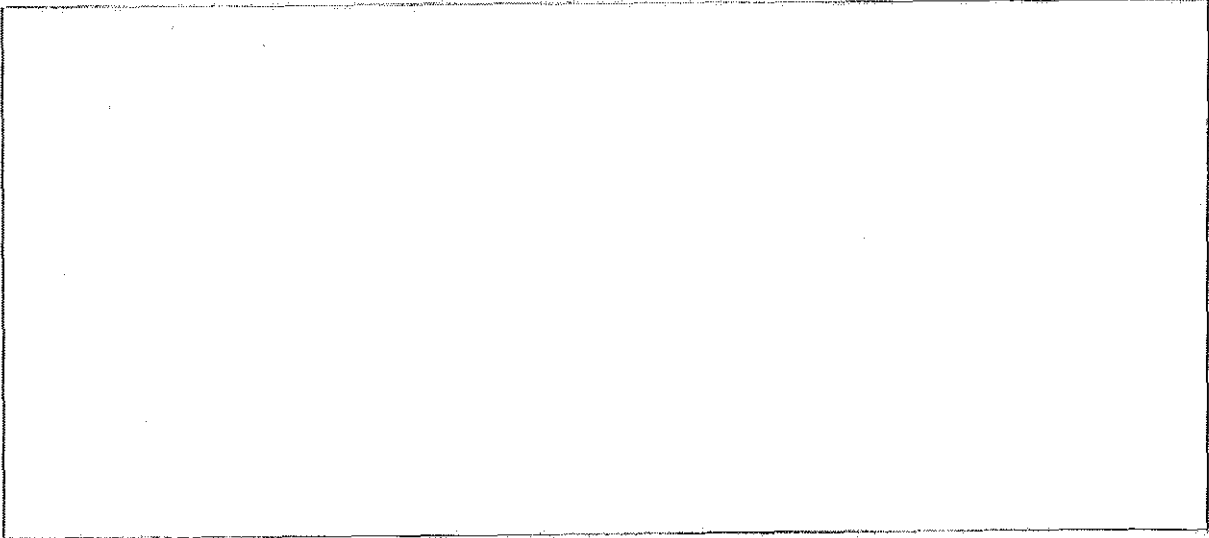
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**EU/MIDDLE EAST: Liebermann invites EU ministers to visit Gaza**

Brussels, 28/06/2010 (Agence Europe) - EU foreign ministers have been invited to visit Gaza, Israeli Social Affairs Minister Yitzhak Herzog stated on Sunday 27 June. He said that EU ministers could, in this way, see for themselves that the bleak picture painted from the outside does not correspond to the reality on the ground in Gaza. The minister confirmed what Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini said in Rome on Thursday, following a meeting with Avigdor Lieberman. Lieberman issued an invitation to EU ministers to visit the territory, currently under Israeli blockade, to see that there is no humanitarian crisis, it was reported in the international press, which sees this invitation above all as a way of putting a de facto end to the diplomatic blockade on the Palestinian enclave. The accuracy of this view may be tested in the coming days as a new "peace flotilla" is preparing to leave from Lebanon. Israel's reaction will be closely monitored.

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**Royster, Steven B**

**From:** Pisani, Kristen L  
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**To:** Netos, Eleftherios E; Allison, Alicia P; Hanrahan, Richard F; Panico, Christopher J.  
**Cc:** Riley, Robert J  
**Subject:** RE: Situation Report No.5 - Gaza Flotilla (SBU)

Folks,

To our knowledge, Greta Berlin is a person, not a ship. She indicated in an e-mail today that they (the group) may depart Cyprus because of the problems getting out of here, but she was referring to people not a ship. n

**From:** Netos, Eleftherios E  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 1:34 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Nan E; Allison, Alicia P; Hanrahan, Richard F; Panico, Christopher J.  
**Cc:** Riley, Robert J  
**Subject:** Fw: Situation Report No.5 - Gaza Flotilla (SBU)

Nan, Alicia, Richard, Chris:

Anything new on the presence/absence of the Challenger II in Famagusta. There are several reports citing two more vessels on the way and all cite the Rachel Corrie, but not the other ship allegedly taking part . . . I see Embassy Ankara's Turkish Press Scanner reports the Greta Berlin is in the RoC and expected to leave this week, but as we know, the RoC has said it will not let any ships leave from its ports to participate.

Thanks,

Terry

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

**From:** Shelstad, Jeffrey  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group

Sent: Wed Jun 02 06:14:05 2010  
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Operations Center

**SITUATION REPORT No. 5**  
**Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group MGGZ01**  
Wednesday, June 2, 2010  
0600 EDT

**STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS**

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

**STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS**

- (U) Israel's inner security cabinet voted to deport remaining prisoners within 48 hours. A government statement issued late June 1 stated that "the detainees would be expelled immediately according to the procedures set by law," said a government statement issued late June 1. (AFP)
- (U) Turkey sent three planes to Israel to repatriate approximately 350 detained activists. (AFP)

**ISRAEL MIGHT CONSIDER WOUNDED AS COMBATANTS**

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

**RETURN OF ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC FAMILY MEMBERS FROM TURKEY**

(U) Approximately 50 people related to Israeli consulate and embassy staff in Turkey are returning to Israel, a senior official told Israeli public radio. (AFP)

**INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS**

- (SBU) Moscow condemned Israel's action against the MAVI MARMARA, asserting that the "Use of weapons against civilians and detaining ships in the open sea without any legal reason constitutes obvious and gross violations of generally accepted international standards." Embassy Moscow notes Russia likely will use this incident to push for Israel to lift the Gaza blockade. (MGGZ01/Embassy Moscow e-mail)
- (SBU) NATO SYG Rasmussen released a statement June 1 expressing "deep regret over the loss of lives and the other casualties resulting from the use of force" and urging the UN and the EU to conduct "a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation into the incident." He also called for "the immediate release of the detained civilians and ships held by Israel." (MGGZ01/USNATO e-mail)
- (U) India condemned Israel for "indiscriminate use of force" and asserted that "lasting peace and security in the region can be achieved only through peaceful dialogue." (Xinhua)
- (U) Lebanese President Sleiman discussed the incident with Turkish President Gul and reportedly agreed to coordinate efforts to "counter Israel's actions." (nowlebanon.com)



- (U) The Irish government called on Israel to allow an Irish-registered aid ship, the RACHEL CORRIE, to continue its voyage to Gaza. Late June 1, PM Cowen warned of "serious consequences" if any detained Irish citizens were harmed, and called for their immediate and unconditional release. *(bbc.co.uk)*
- (U) The Malaysian Cabinet tabled a parliamentary motion strongly condemning Israel's raid. FM Aman departed for Jordan to seek the release of the 12 Malaysians. *(Xinhua)*
- (S) Nicaragua suspended diplomatic ties with Israel June 1 to protest Israel's raid on the MAVI MARMARA, President Ortega's office said. Embassy Managua notes that Nicaragua has no diplomatic presence in Israel but has an embassy in Cairo. *(MGGZ01/Embassy Managua e-mail, elpueblopresidente.com)*
- (U) Iranian FM Mottaki expressed solidarity with the "martyrs" killed during the raid and added that the incident "opened some possibility" to put pressure on Israel to lift the blockade of the Gaza Strip and thereby allow the passage of medicine and humanitarian assistance. *(AFP)*
- (U) French FM Kouchner said that the raid was "a very grave mistake" and "extremely damaging to the image of Israel itself." Kouchner advocated for an international investigation and said "there should not be impunity." *(AP)*

For more information on the Gaza Flotilla, please see the Ops Portal at the following link:  
[http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza\\_Flotilla\\_2010](http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza_Flotilla_2010)

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**Cc:** Williamson, James G; Cizek, Michael; Grace, James E; Harding, Tracy H; Kazzie, Nagi F; Owen, Dan S; Papadakis, Artemis X; Pharo, Erin M; Pittman, Chad H; Schellhammer, Michael W; Woods, William H  
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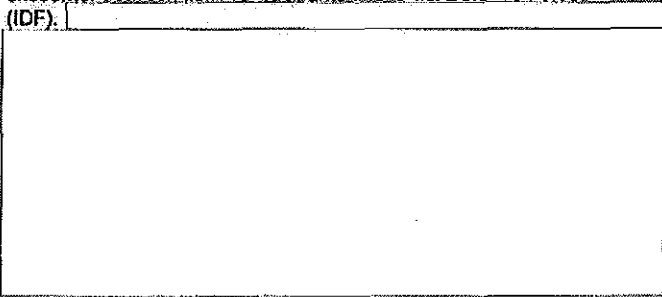
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Classified by: Ronald L. Schlicher, Acting Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State  
Reason(s): 1.4 (b), (d)

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

BACKGROUND

2. (C) Planning is underway for a flotilla of vessels sponsored by a number of international NGOs and other groups to attempt to break the Israeli maritime blockade of Gaza, ostensibly to deliver humanitarian aid, in late May. The broader purpose of this flotilla is to make a deliberately provocative demonstration of opposition to the blockade. Recalling the tragic May 31, 2010 incident aboard the M/V Mavi Marmara that led to the deaths of nine flotilla participants, the USG is deeply concerned about the possibility of another violent encounter between flotilla participants and Israel Defense Forces (IDF).



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GENERAL TALKING POINTS

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

**BEGIN TALKING POINTS**

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

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

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

The United States remains deeply concerned by conditions created by Hamas's takeover in Gaza, but we note that the humanitarian situation has significantly improved over the last year, including through large increases in the range and scope of goods and materials moving in, an increase in international project activity, and the gradual expansion of exports. We will continue to work with Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and others to do more to ensure that the needs of the people of Gaza are being met.

Recent seizures by Israel and Egypt of advanced military systems, weapons, and ammunition bound for terrorist groups in Gaza, as well as ongoing rocket and mortar attacks from Gaza against Israeli civilians, highlight the continuing problem of the smuggling of illicit arms or goods that could be used to produce arms to Gaza. This underscores the need for security inspection of cargo bound for Gaza. Israel has a right to take appropriate measures to ensure that arms smuggling to terrorist groups is not taking place.

We therefore strongly urge groups seeking to send humanitarian assistance to Gaza to use existing non-provocative and non-confrontational mechanisms to ensure delivery of aid to Gaza and to allow for a security inspection of the goods being transferred. The purpose of the impending flotilla seems to be more about making a political statement than actually improving the lives of the people of Gaza. Attempts by the flotilla to deliver goods directly to Gaza, without allowing security inspections, would be neither appropriate nor responsible.

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

There are a number of specific steps we ask that you consider:  
 - We urge you to speak out publicly about the potential safety risks involved in attempting to breach the blockade, the importance

of ensuring that goods moving to Gaza are screened for illicit weapons smuggling or dual-use materials, and that any organization seeking to deliver humanitarian assistance to Gaza should use the existing mechanisms for the transfer of such assistance.

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

(Note for demarche posts: In the past, humanitarian assistance to Gaza has also been delivered through the port of El-Arish, Egypt. Embassy Cairo (see para 8) is requested to confirm with the Egyptian transitional authorities that this mechanism will be available for cargo from this flotilla. Posts should not/not discuss this potential channel with host governments until the current Egyptian authorities confirm it will be available.)

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

(FOR ALL POSTS EXCEPT TEL AVIV)

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

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

END TALKING POINTS

#### GAZA COUNTER ARMS SMUGGLING INITIATIVE POINTS

4. (SBU) FOR EMBASSIES ATHENS, BERLIN, COPENHAGEN, THE HAGUE, NICOSIA, OSLO, OTTAWA, LONDON, PARIS, ROME:

—Your country is a participant in the Gaza Counter Arms Smuggling Initiative (GCASI) along with the United States and others. As we have already noted, the recent Israeli and Egyptian arms seizures and the elevated levels of rocket and mortar attacks against Israeli civilians demonstrate the need to stop arms smuggling to Gaza. The April 7 attack by Hamas against a school bus with an anti-tank missile was a particularly heinous act of terrorism.

—GCASI participants should seize this moment to take concrete steps to prevent these flotilla ships from circumventing the existing mechanisms for scanning goods entering Gaza. We also encourage your country to consider proposing to the Norwegian chair concrete, practical steps for stopping smuggling at the June 27-28 GCASI meeting in Oslo. While we appreciate the information sharing that has thus far taken place at previous GCASI meetings, the recent escalation along the Gaza-Israeli border underscores the need for GCASI to be more active and effective.

CAPITAL-SPECIFIC POINTS

5. (C/REL CYPRUS) FOR EMBASSY NICOSIA:

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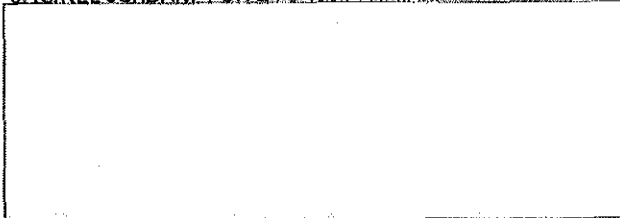
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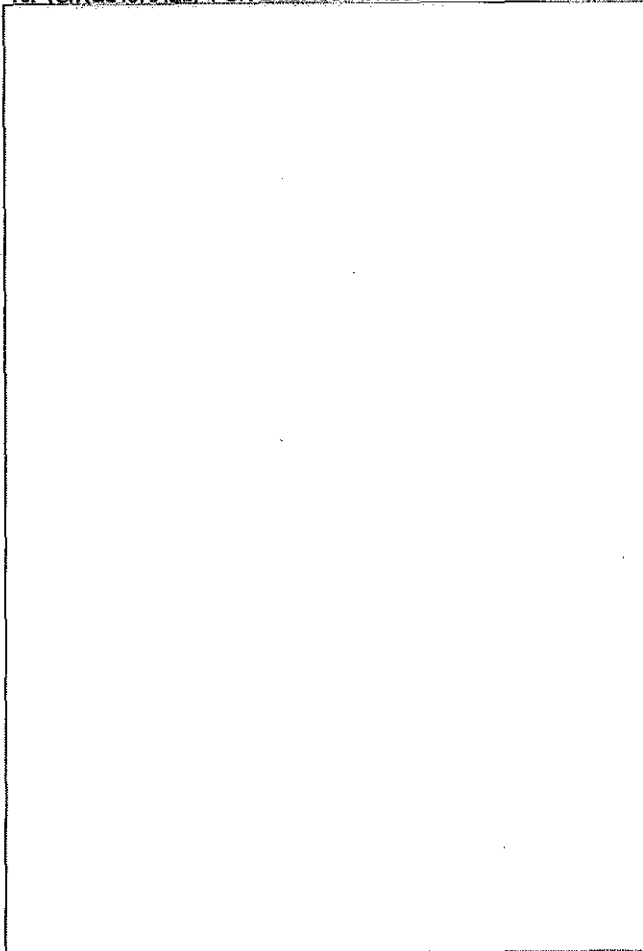
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9. (S/REL JORDAN) FOR EMBASSY AMMAN:



10. (C/REL ISRAEL) FOR EMBASSY TEL AVIV:



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**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

11. (SBU) Embassies should report results of efforts by cable to NEA/IPA as soon as is practicable. Please contact Jim Sindle at (202)

647-4386 or via e-mail for any necessary, additional background information or argumentation to meet our objectives.

CLINTON

**Signature:** CLINTON

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**To:** Stewart, Nan E  
**Cc:** Hanrahan, Richard F; Netos, Eleftherios E  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you for asking for the passenger list

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Thank you Nan. We will not be leaving from Cyprus thanks to the Cypriot government's refusal to let us board passengers out of their 12 mile limit. So we will probably leave Cyprus and work somewhere else.

We have appreciated your concern and thank you for staying in touch with us.

Best regards,

Greta Berlin

On Tue, Jun 1, 2010 at 6:40 PM, Stewart, Nan E <StewartNE1@state.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Berlin and Mr. Kysia.

**REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer**

Allow me to introduce myself. I am the new consular chief at the U.S. Embassy in Nicosia. I work with Consul Richard Hanrahan, with whom you have previously interacted.

I offer my personal sincere condolences on your loss of friends and colleagues. The United States deeply regrets the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident aboard the Gaza-bound ships.

We appreciate very much your openness in dealing with us in the past, and hope that we may be able to continue contacting you with respect to the safety and welfare of American citizens. We have received reports that two additional ships may be en route to Gaza: the Irish-flagged "Rachel Corrie," and the U.S.-flagged "Challenger II." We're wondering if you might be able to confirm these reports, and advise if there are American citizens aboard? The information we have is that the "Rachel Corrie" has departed Malta and should arrive at its destination on late Wednesday or Thursday. The information also states that the "Challenger II" was in Cyprus for repairs; we have heard that one of your ships went to Famagusta for repairs. Would that be the "Challenger II"? If not, can you confirm that the "Challenger II" is participating, and its whereabouts at this time?

Any information you could provide us at this time would be most appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best regards,

Nan Stewart

Consul

U.S. Embassy Nicosia

E-mail: [stewartnel@state.gov](mailto:stewartnel@state.gov)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2010 2:21 PM  
**To:** Hanrahan, Richard F  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you for asking for the passenger list

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Dear Mr. Hanrahan: Thank you so much for your inquiry regarding sailing to Gaza at the end of May. We are not sailing from Cyprus but from many other ports in the Mediterranean.

Would you let me know where I can access the Privacy Act Waivers? Is it possible to download them from the State Department website? Thank you. Best regards. Greta Berlin

On Thu, May 13, 2010 at 12:00 PM, Hanrahan, Richard F <[HanrahanRF@state.gov](mailto:HanrahanRF@state.gov)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Berlin.

According to recent press reports Free Gaza ships may again attempt to travel to Gaza from Cyprus. I would be very grateful if you would provide me a list with the names and dates of birth of any passengers who are U.S. citizens, and encourage them to sign Privacy Act waivers.

Sincerely,

Richard Hanrahan

U.S. Consul

U.S. Embassy

Nicosia, Cyprus

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From: Irish [mailto:  
Sent: Sunday, April 04, 2010 7:44 PM  
To: Hanrahan, Richard F  
Subject: Thank you for asking for the passenger list

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Dear Richard: I have just received your request about passengers who are going to go on the flotilla. I do have a couple of questions for you.

1. We are not leaving from Cyprus this time but from Greece, Turkey, Sweden and Ireland.
2. Do we still send the names to you or do we contact the U.S. Consulate/Embassy in the countries where the passengers embark?

Thank you for your concern. We'd like to also state that the only threat in the area is Israel's response to a human rights mission. We do hope you let them know that their brutal responses to American citizens will not be tolerated.

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**Cc:** Schellhammer, Michael W; Cohen, Jonathan R  
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**From:** Irish [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 18, 2010 4:59 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Nan E; Franklin Lamb  
**Subject:** Re: Message for Ms. Greta Berlin re Free Gaza Sailing

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Hi Nan. It's good to hear from you. We do not have a passenger list of the women on board and are not sure there are any Americans. I have copied our colleague, Franklyn Lamb, who may be able to answer your question.

Thank you. Greta

On Wed, Aug 18, 2010 at 3:54 PM, Stewart, Nan E <StewartNE1@state.gov> wrote:

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

Dear Ms. Berlin,

I am with the U.S. Embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus. You might recall that we corresponded earlier at the time of the last sailing of vessels attempting to break the Gaza blockade. You've also communicated in the past with Richard Hanrahan from this office. Richard has left Nicosia for his onward assignment.


As before, we are very interested to know if there are or will be American citizens onboard the ship or ships that we hear are scheduled to depart from Tripoli, Lebanon on Saturday, August 21. Any information you might be able to provide would be very helpful.

Best regards,

Nan Stewart

Consul

U.S. Embassy Nicosia

  
[witnessgaza.com](http://witnessgaza.com)  
[www.frccgaza.org](http://www.frccgaza.org)  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/frccgaza>

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**Royster, Steven B**

**From:** Pisani, Kristen L  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2013 3:42 PM  
**To:** Royster, Steven B  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you for asking for the passenger list  
  
**Categories:** Working  
**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**SensitivityCode:** Sensitive  
**SMARTCategory:** Working

SBU  
This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

**From:** Stewart, Nan E  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 6:40 PM  
**To:** 'Irish'; [redacted]  
**Cc:** Hanrahan, Richard F; Netos, Eleftherios E  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you for asking for the passenger list

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Dear Ms. Berlin and Mr. Kysia,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am the new consular chief at the U.S. Embassy in Nicosia. I work with Consul Richard Hanrahan, with whom you have previously interacted.

I offer my personal sincere condolences on your loss of friends and colleagues. The United States deeply regrets the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident aboard the Gaza-bound ships.

We appreciate very much your openness in dealing with us in the past, and hope that we may be able to continue contacting you with respect to the safety and welfare of American citizens. We have received reports that two additional ships may be en route to Gaza: the Irish-flagged "Rachel Corrie," and the U.S.-flagged "Challenger II." We're wondering if you might be able to confirm these reports, and advise if there are American citizens aboard? The information we have is that the "Rachel Corrie" has departed Malta and should arrive at its destination on late Wednesday or Thursday. The information also states that the "Challenger II" was in Cyprus for repairs; we have heard that one of your ships went to Panagusta for repairs. Would that be the "Challenger II?" If not, can you confirm that the "Challenger II" is participating, and its whereabouts at this time?

Any information you could provide us at this time would be most appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best regards,

**REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer**

Nan Stewart

Consul  
U.S. Embassy Nicosia  
E-mail: [stewartncl@state.gov](mailto:stewartncl@state.gov)

**From:** Irish [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2010 2:21 PM  
**To:** Hanrahan, Richard F  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you for asking for the passenger list

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Dear Mr. Hanrahan: Thank you so much for your inquiry regarding sailing to Gaza at the end of May. We are not sailing from Cyprus but from many other ports in the Mediterranean.

Would you let me know where I can access the Privacy Act Waivers? Is it possible to download them from the State Department website? Thank you. Best regards. Greta Berlin

On Thu, May 13, 2010 at 12:00 PM, Hanrahan, Richard F <[HanrahanRF@state.gov](mailto:HanrahanRF@state.gov)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Berlin,

According to recent press reports Free Gaza ships may again attempt to travel to Gaza from Cyprus. I would be very grateful if you would provide me a list with the names and dates of birth of any passengers who are U.S. citizens, and encourage them to sign Privacy Act waivers.

Sincerely,

Richard Hanrahan

U.S. Consul

U.S. Embassy

Nicosia, Cyprus

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**From:** Irish [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 04, 2010 7:44 PM  
**To:** Hanrahan, Richard F  
**Subject:** Thank you for asking for the passenger list

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Dear Richard: I have just received your request about passengers who are going to go on the flotilla. I do have a couple of questions for you.

1. We are not leaving from Cyprus this time but from Greece, Turkey, Sweden and Ireland.
2. Do we still send the names to you or do we contact the U.S. Consulate/Embassy in the countries where the passengers embark?

Thank you for your concern. We'd like to also state that the only threat in the area is Israel's response to a human rights mission. We do hope you let them know that their brutal responses to American citizens will not be tolerated.

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Greta Berlin  
[www.freegaza.org](http://www.freegaza.org)

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Greta Berlin  
[www.freegaza.org](http://www.freegaza.org)

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**Royster, Steven B**

**From:** Pisani, Kristen L.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2013 3:42 PM  
**To:** Royster, Steven B  
**Subject:** FW: Response from FGM  
**Attachments:** ~WRD000.jpg

**Categories:** Working  
**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**SensitivityCode:** Sensitive  
**SMARTCategory:** Working

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**From:** Stewart, Nan E  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2011 5:17 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Jonathan R; Allison, Alida P  
**Subject:** Response from FGM

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**From:** Irish [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2011 4:54 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Nan E  
**Subject:** Re:

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Thank you Nan. We appreciate that you are concerned about us. Hopefully that will translate back to Washington, and someone will do something about Furkan Dogan, an American who was assassinated by Israel on the last flotilla.

We are still a Cyprus-based charity and will remain that, but, thanks to the Cypriot government cowering under the covers and playing footsie with Israel, we are no longer allowed to leave from Cyprus. Fortunately, not all countries feel the same way.

Sorry if I'm a bit cynical at the moment but we lost one of our dearest and most remarkable young men, killed in Gaza last Friday, allegedly by some unheard-of-before Islamic group. We want to know who was behind the murder.

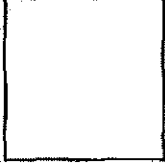
If anything changes, you can be sure I will let you know.

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Best regards, Greta

On Mon, Apr 18, 2011 at 3:34 PM, Stewart, Nan E <[StewartNE1@state.gov](mailto:StewartNE1@state.gov)> wrote:



Dear Greta,

We have communicated previously regarding the activities of the Free Gaza Movement. We had heard that you had relocated your headquarters to another country but recently saw press reports naming Cyprus as your base. These reports mention that you have some upcoming activities planned. As always, we are concerned about the safety and well-being of any American citizens who might be involved. Can you advise if you have sailings planned? We greatly appreciate any information you can provide.

Sincerely

*Nan E. Stewart*

*Consular Chief*

*U.S. Embassy Nicosia, Cyprus*

*Telephone: (357) 2239-3307*

*E-mail: [stewartnei@state.gov](mailto:stewartnei@state.gov)*

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Greta Berlin, Co-Founder

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<http://www.flickr.com/photos/freegaza>



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### Results

No hits were returned from CLASS.

No hits were returned from CLASP.

#### 1. Source: MIV

Hit Name: [Redacted]  
Social Security: [Redacted]  
Gender: [Redacted]  
Passport: [Redacted]  
Issue Date: [Redacted]  
Expiration Date: [Redacted]  
Date of Birth: [Redacted]  
Place of Birth: [Redacted]  
Amendment Flag: A  
Endorsement Code: VP1  
Status: I (Issued)  
Cartridge: 0220578804

#### 2. Source: MIV

Hit Name: [Redacted]  
Social Security: [Redacted]  
Gender: [Redacted]  
Passport: [Redacted]  
Issue Date: [Redacted]  
Expiration Date: [Redacted]  
Date of Birth: [Redacted]  
Place of Birth: [Redacted]  
Alias Name: [Redacted]  
Amendment Flag:  
Endorsement Code: 45  
Status: I (Issued)  
Cartridge: 3202947073

#### 3. Source: MIV

Hit Name: [Redacted]  
Social Security: [Redacted]  
Gender: [Redacted]  
Passport: [Redacted]  
Issue Date: [Redacted]  
Expiration Date: [Redacted]  
Date of Birth: [Redacted]  
Place of Birth: [Redacted]  
Alias Name: [Redacted]  
Amendment Flag:  
Status: I (Issued)  
Cartridge: 3200382211

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No hits were returned from IPDB.  
No hits were returned from SSA.

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**Name Check Results** 22-Aug-2008 4:48 pm

**Name**

**Name Type** **Subject**

**DOB**  **POB**

**Item Status** Complete

**CLASS Hit(s)** 0

**CLASP Hit(s)** 0

**SSA Hit(s)**

**DMF Hit(s)**

**PPT Hit(s)** 3

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### Activity Log

Description	Type	Source	Created By	Create Date
<b>New Case</b> A new case was created. - TLV200823514610056	Status Update	System	ZUCKERMAN, EVE	22-Aug-2008
<b>New WW Created</b> New WW Created.	Status Update	System	ZUCKERMAN, EVE	22-Aug-2008
<b>Name Check executed 08/22/08 12:48 PM (UTC+03:00)</b> Name Check batch 1 executed 08/22/2008 12:48:27 PM (UTC+03:00) by ZUCKERMAN, EVE: Results for Subject [ ] received 08/22/2008 12:48 PM (UTC+03:00): CLASS-E: 0 hit(s) (Complete) CLASP: 0 hit(s) (Complete) IPDB: 0 hit(s) (Complete) MIV: 3 hit(s) (Complete)  Total CLASS-E Hits: 0 Total CLASP Hits: 0 Total IPDB Hits: 0 Total MIV Hits: 3	Name Check Results	System	ZUCKERMAN, EVE	22-Aug-2008
<b>Subject Core Biographical Data Updated</b> Modified by user: ZUCKERMANE Critical Field Change: Subject Surname New Value: [ ] Old Value: No Previous Value  Critical Field Change: Subject Middle Name New Value: [ ] Old Value: No Previous Value  Critical Field Change: Subject Given Name New Value: [ ] Old Value: No Previous Value	Status Update	System	ZUCKERMAN, EVE	22-Aug-2008
<b>Subject Core Biographical Data Updated</b>	Status Update	System	ZUCKERMAN, EVE	22-Aug-2008

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Description	Type	Source	Created By	Create Date
Modified by user: ZUCKERMANE				
Critical Field Change: Subject Middle Name New Value: [redacted] Old Value: No Previous Value				B6
Critical Field Change: Subject Given Name New Value: [redacted] Old Value: [redacted]				
Subject Core Biographical Data Updated	Status Update	System	ZUCKERMAN, EVE	22-Aug-2008
Modified by user: ZUCKERMANE				
Critical Field Change: Subject State of Birth New Value: [redacted] Old Value: No Previous Value				
Critical Field Change: Subject Country of Birth New Value: USA - United States Of America Old Value: No Previous Value				
Welfare/Whereabouts Service Closed	Status Update	System	TANUS, GEORGE	14-Sep-2012
Welfare/Whereabouts Service was closed on 8/22/2008 3:00:00 AM by TANUSGX Welfare/Whereabouts Service was closed by TANUSGX on 9/14/2012 10:45:29 AM				
Case Closed	Status Update	System	TANUS, GEORGE	14-Sep-2012
Closed Case: TLV200823514610056 - Welfare/Whereabouts Service was closed by TANUSGX on 9/14/2012 10:45:29 AM				

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### Medical Assistance

<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Attending Physician</u>	<u>Insurance Information</u>
<u>U.S. Medical Provider</u>	<u>Local Medical Provider</u>	<u>Known Medications</u>
<u>Medical Escort</u>	<u>Release Date</u>	
<u>Diagnosis</u>		

### Medical Evacuation

<u>Evacuation</u>	<u>Destination</u>
<u>Carrier</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>Payment Source</u>
<u>Itinerary</u>	

### Medical Health

Information Source of Treatment

Details of Treatment

### Judicial Assistance

<u>Case Name</u>	<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Deposition</u>
<u>Subpoena and Service of Process</u>		<u>Host Country Clearance</u>
<u>Status Inquiry</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>	

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**Extradition**

<b><u>Case Name</u></b>	<b><u>Initiating Court</u></b>	<b><u>Requesting U.S. Agency</u></b>
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**Embassy Inquiry**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Comments</u></b>
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**Provisional Arrest Information**

**Dates:**

<b><u>Arrest</u></b>	No Arrest	<b><u>Court Decision</u></b>	No Court Decision
<b><u>Notification</u></b>	No Notification	<b><u>Extradition</u></b>	No Extradition
<b><u>Due Date</u></b>	No Due Date	<b><u>Request Sent</u></b>	No Request Sent
<b><u>Notification of Extraditability</u></b>	No Notification of Extraditability		

<b><u>Charges</u></b>	<b><u>Request Dipnote Number</u></b>
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**Evidence Sent to State**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Description of Evidence</u></b>
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**Federal Benefits**

<b><u>Assistance Date</u></b>	<b><u>Benefit Type</u></b>
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**Denial of Freedom to Travel**

<b><u>Nature of Denial</u></b>	<b><u>Prohibiting Travel</u></b>	<b><u>Relationship</u></b>	<b><u>Protest Information</u></b>
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<b><u>Attorney Representing Client</u></b> No Attorney	<b><u>Actions Taken</u></b>
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**Contacts**

<b><u>Name   Organization   Phone</u></b>	<b><u>Relationship Type   Description</u></b>
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### Proof Of Citizenship

<u>Document Type</u>	<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Place of Issue</u>

### Proof Of Identification

<u>Document Type</u>	<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Place of Issue</u>

### Privacy Act

<u>Taken Date   By</u>	<u>Delivery Method   Level   Statement</u>	<u>Waiver Type   Granted</u>

### Activity Log

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Subject Core Biographical Data	Status Update	System	ZUCKERMAN,EVE	22-Aug-2008		22-Aug-2008
Subject Core Biographical Data	Status Update	System	ZUCKERMAN,EVE	22-Aug-2008		22-Aug-2008
Subject Core Biographical Data	Status Update	System	ZUCKERMAN,EVE	22-Aug-2008		22-Aug-2008
Welfare/Whereabouts Service C	Status Update	System	TANUS,GEORGE	14-Sep-2012		14-Sep-2012
Case Closed	Status Update	System	TANUS,GEORGE	14-Sep-2012		14-Sep-2012

### Welfare and Whereabouts Service Status

<u>Service Id</u> TLV200823514610060	<u>Service Created By</u> TLV20052591222988M	<u>Service Create Date</u> 22-Aug-2008	<u>Date Last Edited</u> 14-Sep-2012
<u>Service Status</u> Closed	<u>Last Edited By</u> TANUSGX		

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**Royster, Steven B**

**From:** Pisani, Kristen L  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2013 3:36 PM  
**To:** Royster, Steven B  
**Subject:** FW: Free Gaza Movement  
**Attachments:** Image002.jpg

**Categories:** Working  
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**Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**SensitivityCode:** Sensitive  
**SMARTCategory:** Working

SBU  
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**From:** Cohen, Jonathan R  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2011 2:30 PM  
**To:** Stewart, Nan E  
**Cc:** Allison, Alicia P  
**Subject:** RE: Free Gaza Movement



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Thanks,  
Jonathan

SBU  
This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

**From:** Stewart, Nan E  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2011 2:15 PM  
**To:** Cohen, Jonathan R  
**Cc:** Allison, Alicia P  
**Subject:** Free Gaza Movement

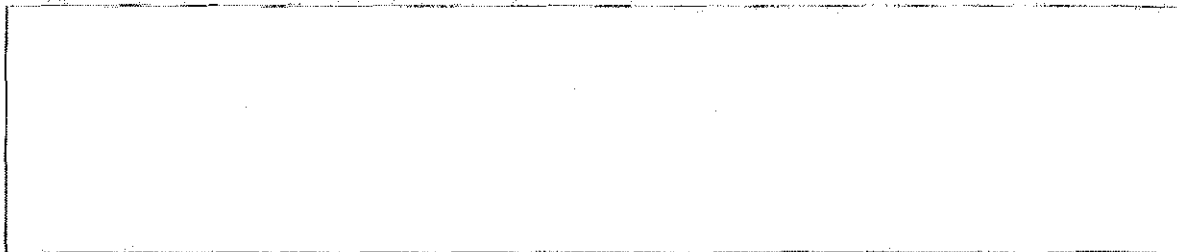
Jonathan,

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

I just spoke with Alicia, who indicated that your and the Ambassador were interested in opening lines of communication with the Free Gaza folks again. I'm happy to do so.

I thought I would send something along the lines of:

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Sincerely"

*Nan E. Stewart*  
*Consular Chief*  
*U.S. Embassy Nicosia, Cyprus*  
*Telephone: (357) 2239-3307*  
*E-mail:*

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**Country Team Meeting Notes – June 1, 2010**  
**Note taker: Anita Aguasvivas**

**Ambassador Frank Urbancic, Jr.**

- (SBU) In your conversations be aware of the sentiment concerning the Israeli actions with the Gaza flotilla and feed in comments to Alicia and the POL section. Whatever you can contribute will be helpful in what we send to Washington.

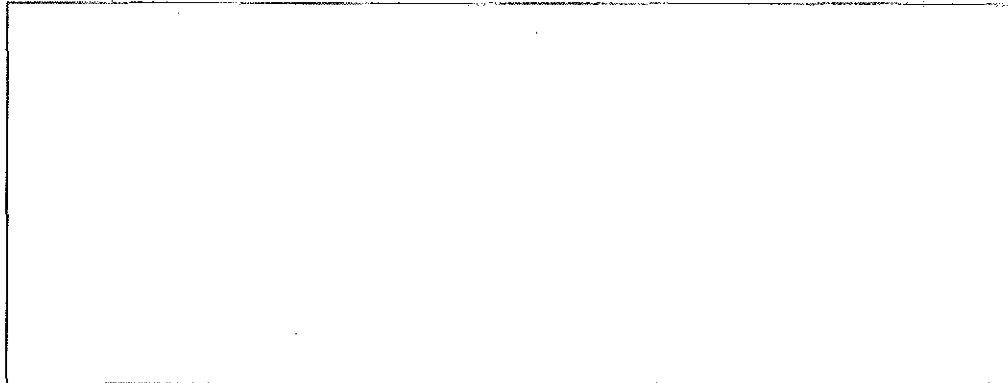
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**DCM Jonathan R. Cohen**

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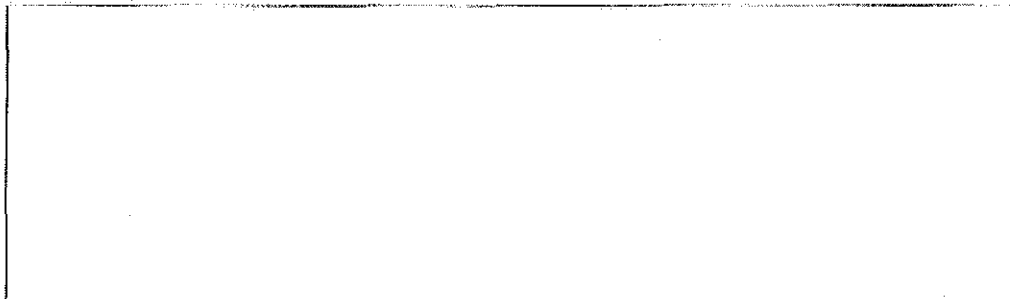
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**Political (Alicia Allison)**



- (SBU) Please review official White House/State statements on Free Gaza incident for your information, though PAS takes lead on press inquiries.



**Econ (Jim Carouso)**



**Public Affairs (Juliette Dickstein)**

- (U) Gaza situation is the overwhelming media item.

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USAID (Alan Davis)

Nothing to Report

Management (Warren Hadley)

[Redacted]

NR

Force Protection Detachment

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

NR

Defense Attaché

[Redacted]

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Nothing to Report

RSO (Shawn Sherlock)

- (U) A demonstration was held at Israeli Embassy of approximately 200 people resulting in some injuries. There were also demonstrations in Athens, all stemming from the recent Gaza situation.

Consular (Nan Stewart)

[Redacted]

NR

MSG (Chris Ivanov)

[Redacted]

NR

DEA (Artemis Papadakis)

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Nothing to Report.

Regional Affairs (Stephanie Slaymaker)

[Redacted]

NR

OSC (Doug Gill)

Nothing to Report

CLO (Lisa Ramber)

[Redacted]

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DCM Jonathan Cohen

[Redacted]

NR

- (SBU) Thank you to DAO and FPD for working the Gaza flotilla issue. There are currently 2 US flag vessels in Limassol, but reports are they are unlikely to go anywhere in the near future.

[Redacted]

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Regional Affairs (Matt Sweeney)

- (U) Nothing to report.

DAO [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

NR

Management (Warren Hadley)

- (U) Nothing to report.

Public Affairs (Juliette Dickstein)

- (U) Nothing to report.

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Consular (Nan Stewart)

[Redacted]

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Political (Chris Panico)

- (U) Nothing to report.

USAID (Alan Davis)

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DEA (Erin Phraao)

- (U) Nothing to report.

OSC (Mitch Cutler)

POL (Alicia Allison)

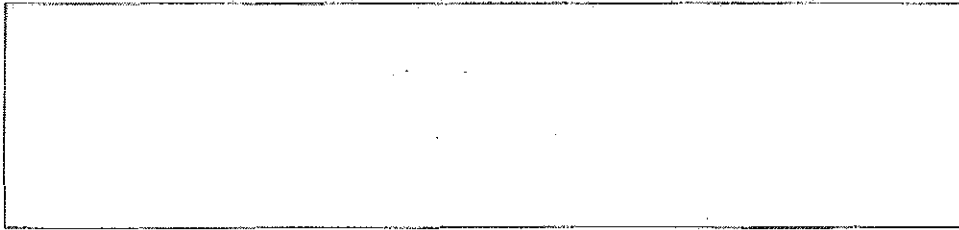
RSO (Shawn Sherlock)

CLO (Lisa Ramber)

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DOD-CP, NR

**Country Team Meeting Notes – June 22, 2010**  
**Note taker: Devin Miller**

**Ambassador Frank Urbancic, Jr.**

[Redacted]

NR

- (SBU) Embassy Nicosia is watching carefully events related to ongoing efforts to break the Gaza blockade.

**DCM Jonathan R. Cohen**

[Redacted]

**Political (Chris Panico)**

[Redacted]

**Econ (Jim Carouso)**

[Redacted]

**Public Affairs (Jim Ellickson-Brown)**

[Redacted]

**USAID (Alan Davis)**

[Redacted]

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**Management (Ron Hernandez)**

[Redacted]

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**Force Protection Detachment**

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

NR

**Defense Attaché**

[Redacted]

B3 DOD-CP

[Redacted]

NR

**DEA (Erin Phrao)**

[Redacted]

NR

**Regional Affairs (Matt Sweeney)**

- (U) Nothing to report.

**OSC (Mitch Cutler)**

[Redacted]

NR

**Consular (Nan Stewart)**

[Redacted]

NR

**RSO (Shawn Sherlock)**

[Redacted]

NR

**CLO (Lisa Ramber)**

[Redacted]

NR

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The Ambassador's Meeting with Cypriot FM Kyprianou

Bilateral/Miscellaneous

- **Overseas Cypriots:**
- **Christofias Remarks:**
- **UNGA/Smithsonian/October 1 Events:**
- **Franchise/Fulbright:**
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E.O. 12958, Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)



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Policy Issues

• **Israel:**

[Redacted]

NR.

• **Iran:**

[Redacted]

• **Kosovo:**

[Redacted]

• **Gaza Boats:** I was glad to see that ROC continues to do the right thing in terms of boats aiming to reach Gaza.

[Redacted]

Talks

• [Redacted]

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Gousha, Saffie A

From: Plsani, Kristen L  
 Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 11:05 AM  
 To: Henderson, Alexander C; May, James H  
 Subject: FW: M/V Estelle  
 Attachments: 12-TEL%20AVIV-3100.eml.pdf

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From: Coffey, Lindsay M  
 Sent: Friday, October 19, 2012 4:18 PM  
 To: Plsani, Kristen L;  
 Subject: M/V Estelle

B3 DOD-PII

All,

We've been following another possible Gaza flotilla for the past couple of days. This cable out of Tel Aviv suggests that the S/V Estelle claimed it was going to Larnaca when it left Greece, but will instead pass through Egyptian waters en route to Gaza. We haven't seen/heard anything here to suggest that the boat is actually going to Larnaca, but I wanted to double check to see what you might be hearing on the ground.

Thanks,  
 Lindsay

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

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1. (SBU) According to the Israeli MFA, the "Swedish Boat to Gaza," the Estelle (Finnish flagged, IMO: 5108883), was located southeast of Crete on October 18 and progressing on a course for Gaza, rather than its stated destination of Larnaca, Cyprus. The earliest estimate for the boat's arrival in Gazan territorial waters is in the late evening of October 19. According to the Israeli MFA, there are no known AmCits onboard, but a number of passengers joined illegally by alighting off the coast of Crete without going through Greek customs and immigration checks. The MFA estimates that the ship is consuming about 1.7-2 tons of fuel per day with a capacity of 17 tons (revised upward from earlier estimates of 1 ton per day). The ship was fully loaded with 17 tons of fuel upon its departure from Naples on October 6 and should have run out of fuel by now. The MFA believes this bolsters social media reports that the ship took onboard supplies and fuel while off the Cretan coast.

2. (SBU) The MFA confirms that the IDF will interdict and board the ship, if it is clear that it is attempting to approach the Gaza coast, but will also offer for the materials to be shipped into Gaza once the items are screened. The largest operational question is route. While the ship declared that it would travel to Larnaca, Cyprus, Cyprus has a standing ban on allowing ships to depart with an intent to go to Gaza. The MFA told us October 18 that two alternate routes, direct to

Gaza and along the Egyptian coast, are more likely, with the current vessel track on <http://www.marinetraffic.com> putting the vessel through Egyptian waters before attempting to enter Gaza.

3. (SBU) While the MFA believes the whole act is intended as a provocation, it also believes that the passengers do not intend to respond to an interdiction with violence but "peaceful resistance," i.e., ignoring hails and orders to heave to. While they have attempted to secure a complete passenger manifest, the illegal boarding in Crete made this difficult. According to social media websites, the MFA believes that as many as seven national parliamentarian members, from Canada (one), Greece (two), Sweden (two), and Spain (one-two), may be on board. The MFA will continue to update us as they learn more.

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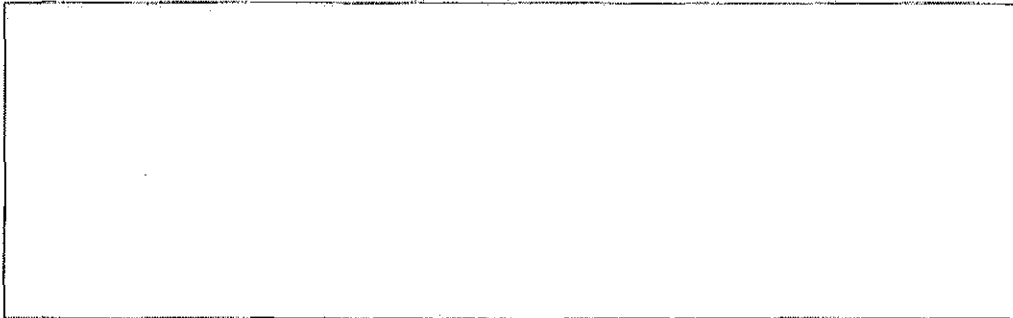
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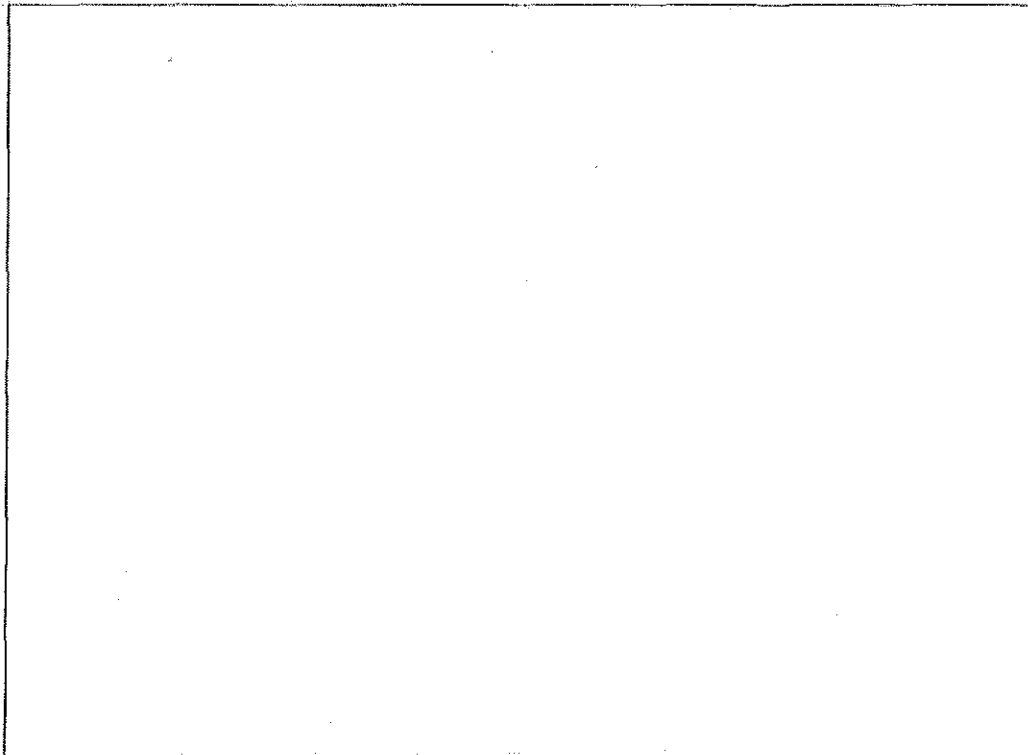
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- (C) The Free Gaza Movement will once again be launching trips to Gaza via Cyprus. The DCM asked the Acting Consular Chief to find out whether any American citizens are on board and to coordinate with our consular colleagues in Tel Aviv to notify all Americans traveling to the region of the limits of consular assistance.

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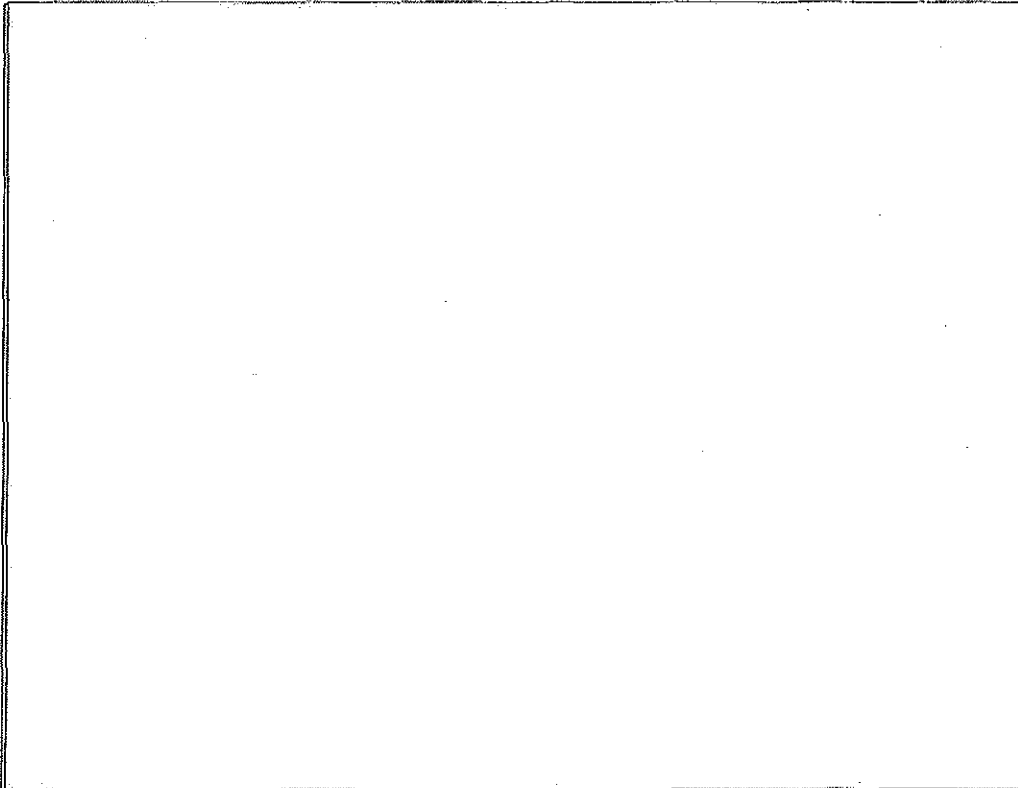
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- (U) Nothing to report.

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1. The Turkish daily "Milliyet" reported Deputy PM Cemil Cicek as saying he and PM Erdogan observed signs of serious torture on Turkish activists wounded during the Israeli Defense Force's interdiction of the Mavi Marmaris. Erdogan and Cicek had visited the wounded activists in hospital.

2. A June 5 protest in Istanbul's Caglayan square attracted several thousand people. Turkish National Police (TNP) have told us to expect a large protest in downtown Ankara on Sunday, June 6, at 16:00. TNP expects 20,000 protestors; the protest's Islamist NGO organizers claim they will draw at least 80,000 people.

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10 ISTANBUL 203

1. (SBU) Summary. Prime Minister Erdogan admonished Israel, saying "Thou shalt Not Kill," and defended Hamas as a group that is defending its land.

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-- Prosecutors are examining witness testimony and autopsy reports to determine whether there is a basis to press charges against Israeli officials.

-- The IHH is seeking "martyr" status for the deceased passengers so they will receive additional benefits from the GOI.

-- In Adana, a funeral for one of the passengers drew large crowds and anti-Israel statements, but no violence. In Istanbul, the media focused on returned wounded passengers, one of whom voiced support for Hamas.

-- Turkish religious leader Fethullah Gulen issued a statement critical of the GOI and the IHH actions in the clash. End summary.

#### GOI Still Smarting, Considering Legal Options

2. (U) Speaking at a World Environment Day celebration in Konya on June 4, PM Erdogan rebuked Israel's use of deadly force on the passengers of the Mavi Marmaris, citing the condemnation in the sixth of the Old Testament's Ten Commandments: "Thou Shalt Not Kill" in English, Turkish, and Hebrew. Erdogan also said he did not regard Hamas as a terrorist organization. "They are defending their land."

3. (U) The press reported that the prosecutor in Istanbul's Bakirkoy Office has opened an investigation into the attack on the Mavi Marmaris, with assistance from the prosecutor's office in Ankara, to determine whether there is a basis for charges against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Defense Minister Ehud Barak and Chief of General Staff Gabi Ashkenazi in a Turkish court. The prosecutor in Istanbul plans to use testimony gathered from wounded passengers on the IHH Flotilla ships and autopsy reports of the deceased U.S. and Turkish citizens as evidence in the case. If there is sufficient evidence, the prosecutor could charge the Israeli officials with murder, injury, taking hostages, attacking Turkish citizens on the open seas, and piracy.

#### Turks Continue to Mourn, Focus on Flotilla

4. (U) On June 4 CNN Turk reported that Yavuz Dede, Vice President of the IHH, delivered a petition to the Prime Ministry requesting that the GOI declare the nine people who died on the Mavi Marmaris "martyrs." According to Turkish law, their status as "martyrs"

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would entitle their families to welfare payments, housing assistance, and state scholarships for their children.

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5. (SBU) In Adana, the media reported that on June 3 the body of Cetin Topcuoglu -- one of the nine people killed during the Gaza flotilla incident -- was brought by his wife from Istanbul to Adana. A letter written by Topcuoglu to a local radio station before he joined the flotilla asked for people to pray for him to become a martyr. After bringing her husband's body from Istanbul to Adana, Cigdem Topcuoglu, said, "Hopefully, we, my son and I, will take our places in the next flotilla to follow". Topcuoglu's funeral on June 4 at the Sabanci Central Mosque in Adana drew between 30,000-40,000 people, including the provincial police director, governor, members of parliament, mayors and other officials. The ceremony was quiet and non-violent. Several times demonstrators chanted anti-Israeli slogans but no anti-American slogans. The most common chant by the crowd was "The Islamic movement cannot be stopped." While men made up the majority of the crowd, there were thousands of women as well, almost half of which were -- unusual for Turkey -- fully veiled in black.

6. (U) In Istanbul, the media interviewed wounded passengers who were still in hospitals. At least one of the wounded voiced solidarity with Hamas and urged Hamas to continue its struggle. The reporter highlighted that the American citizen who was killed had five wounds which allegedly were shot from a distance of less than 45 cm from his body. There are reportedly more than 20 wounded passengers still in hospitals, five in critical condition. The press reported that two more wounded individuals from the flotilla arrived in Turkey today. Another funeral will be held on the Asian side of the city for a deceased passenger on June 5, and protests may follow the funeral. On June 4, a non-violent crowd of approximately 100 demonstrators marched to within one kilometer of the U.S. consulate, but did not approach it. The crowd was reportedly shouting anti-Israel statements and carrying banners and flags.

7. (U) Renowned Turkish religious leader Fethullah Gulen, who lives in the United States, released a statement to the Wall Street Journal that criticized both Israel and the IHH in the flotilla incident. Pro-Gulen newspaper Zaman stressed the importance of conducting an international investigation, and opined the forensic medical exams given to the released volunteers were the first step in such an investigation. Other religiously-affiliated newspapers emphasized the "martyrdom" of the victims of the attack on their front pages.

8. (U) All major newspapers, news channels and wire services carried the statement by NSC Spokesman Mike Hammer, which said, among other things, "The current arrangements [in Gaza] are unsustainable and must be changed." Turkish media interpreted this statement to mean "the siege over Gaza cannot be sustained."

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1. (C) 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.



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-- 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.

-- Conservative religious groups appear to be organizing most of the protests, while officials of the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) claim to have attended protests to appeal for calm. End Summary.

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**MOST TURKS BACK IN TURKEY**

3. (SBU) 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 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. (C) 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.

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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. (C) Mission sources and a polling company indicate that many of the groups organizing the protests in Ankara, Adana and Istanbul are conservative religious groups. In Istanbul a prominent businessman and a respected journalist said they believed the Saadet (Felicity) Party (SP) was behind the flotilla, and claimed that one of the men who died in the flotilla unsuccessfully ran for office under SP in the last elections, and told family members before departing that he intended to become a martyr on the trip.

9. (SBU) According to [redacted] (see REF A) and an [redacted] the AKP has not issued a call for supporters to turn out for protests. AKP members instead, they claimed, have attended protests to reinforce their position as leaders, to draw attention from opposition political parties, and to deliver a message that people should act with calm and common sense and refrain from violent acts.

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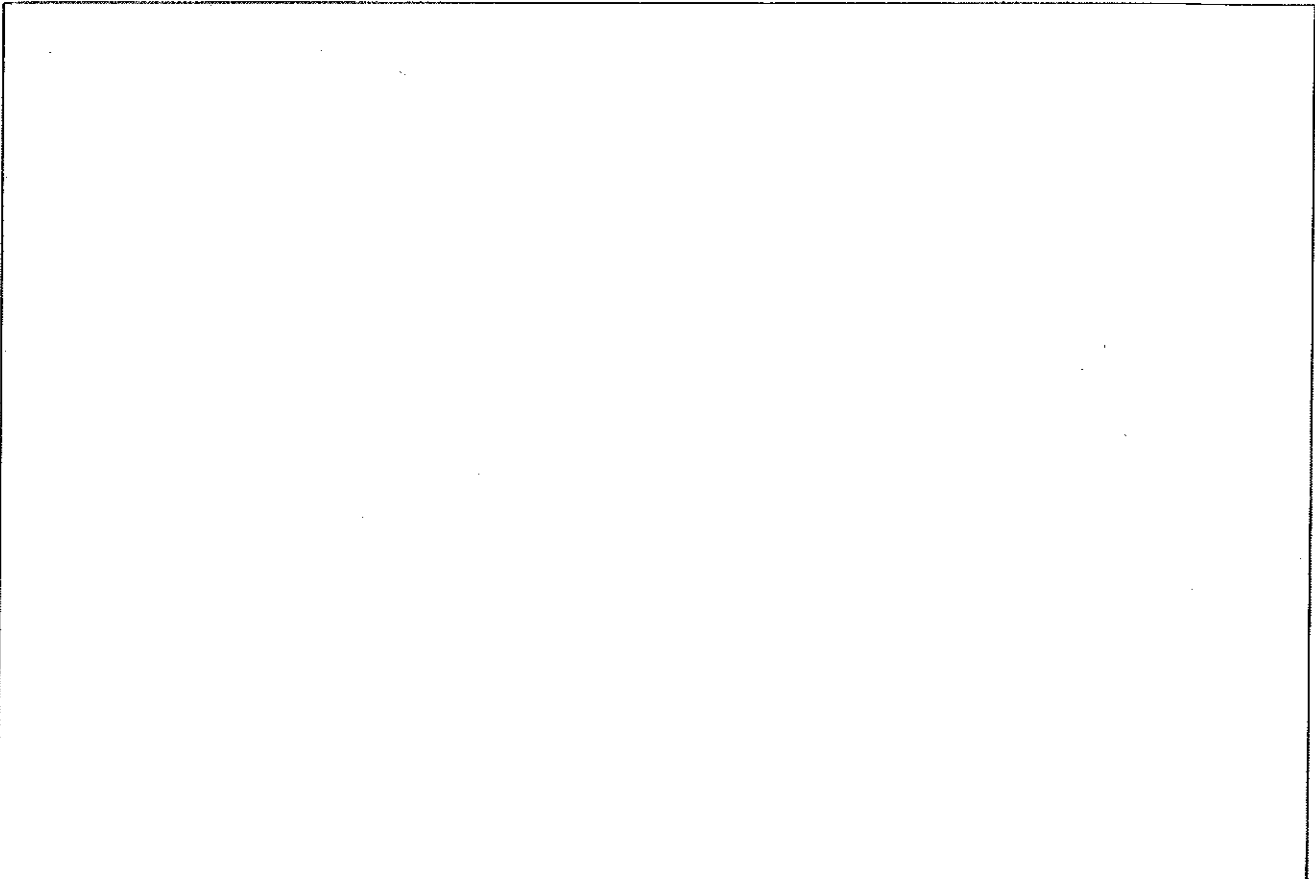
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**Subject:** FW: Close Hold: Mr. Donilon's Meeting on [redacted] (06/08)

Please see JoAnn's excellent comments and work from these to comment or add further thoughts. Thanks.

**From:** Dolan, JoAnn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 10:20 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: Close Hold: Mr. Donilon's Meeting on [redacted] (06/08)

Comments on paper:



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**From:** Jacobson, Linda  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 8:11 AM  
**To:** Dolan, JoAnn  
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**From:** Townley, Stephen G  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 7:45 AM  
**To:** Jacobson, Linda; Pomper, Stephen E; Gorove, Katherine M; Banos, Mariano H  
**Cc:** Schwartz, Jonathan B; Harris, Robert K  
**Subject:** Close Hold: Mr. Donilon's Meeting on [Redacted] (06/08)

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See attached for discussion at the WH this afternoon. Let's please try to have thoughts/reactions compiled by late morning. Please keep close hold. Thanks, Stephen

**From:** Zimmerman, Thomas S. [Redacted]  
**To:** [Redacted]; Reed, Julia G; Ross, Dennis B.  
[Redacted]; Shapiro, Daniel B. [Redacted] McDonough, Denis R.  
[Redacted]; Alhassani, Mehdi K. [Redacted]; Rhodes, Benjamin J.  
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Samantha J. [Redacted] DeRosa, Mary B. [Redacted]; Egan, Brian J.  
[Redacted]; Sherwood-Randall, Elizabeth D. [Redacted]; Brink,  
Bridget A. [Redacted] Alexander, Diane J; Lavy, Brendan L; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Donoghue,  
Joan E. [Redacted] Barks-Ruggles, Erica J; Harris, Grant T;

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**Cc:** Donilon, Thomas E. [Redacted]; Lang, Kimberly C. [Redacted];  
Strickler, Adam G. [Redacted]; Phillips, Katherine J. [Redacted]  
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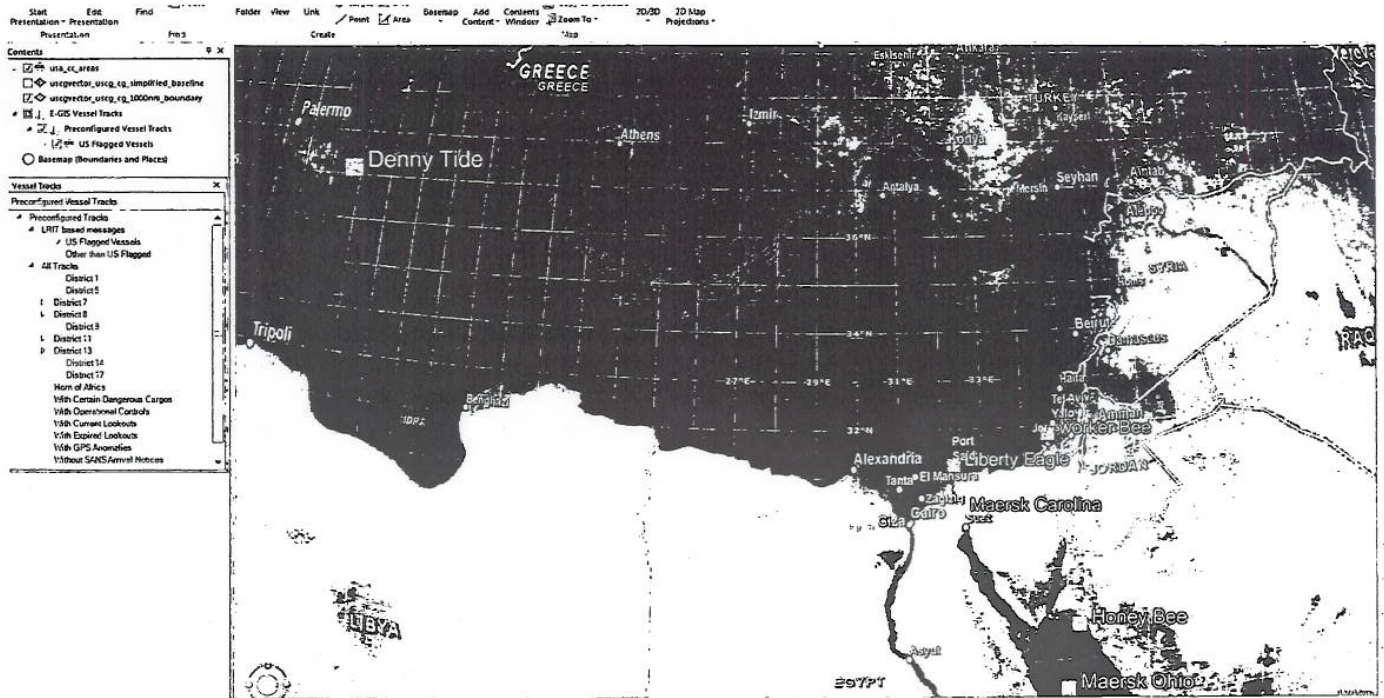
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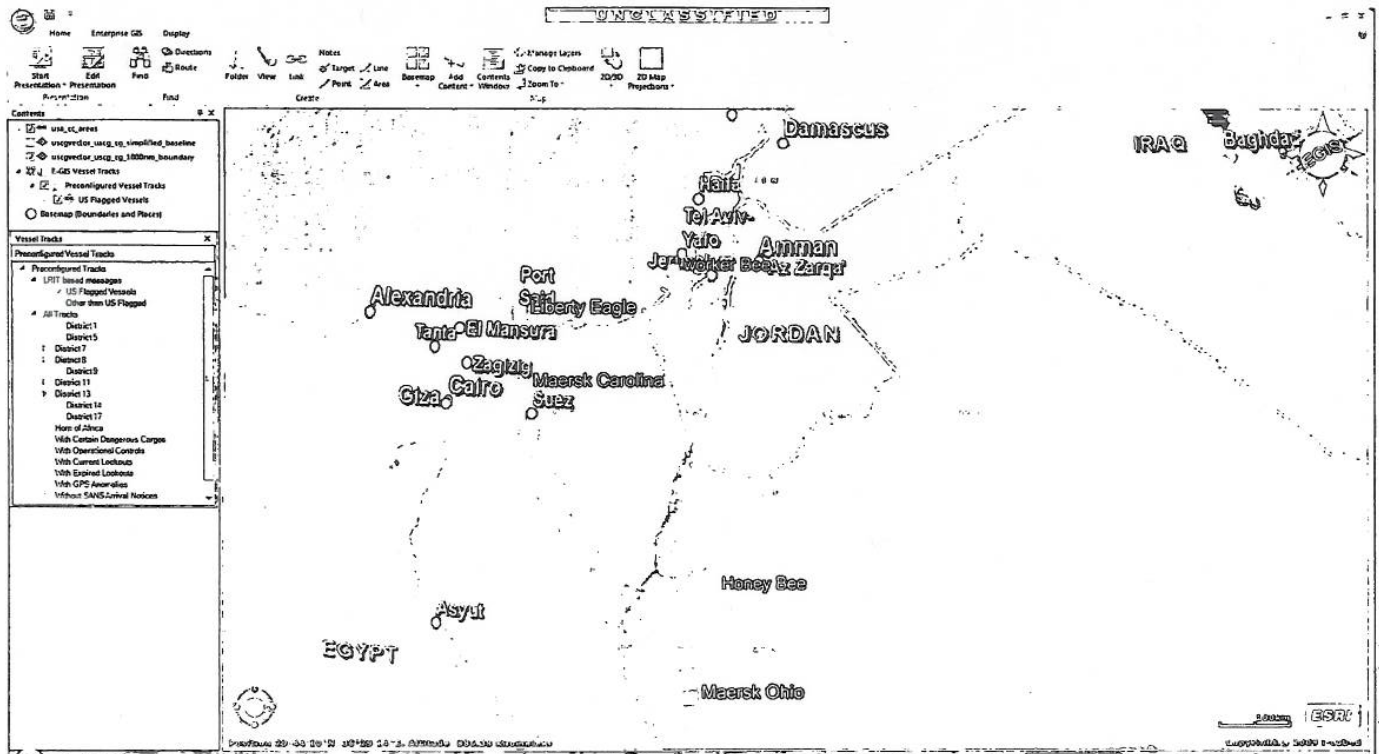


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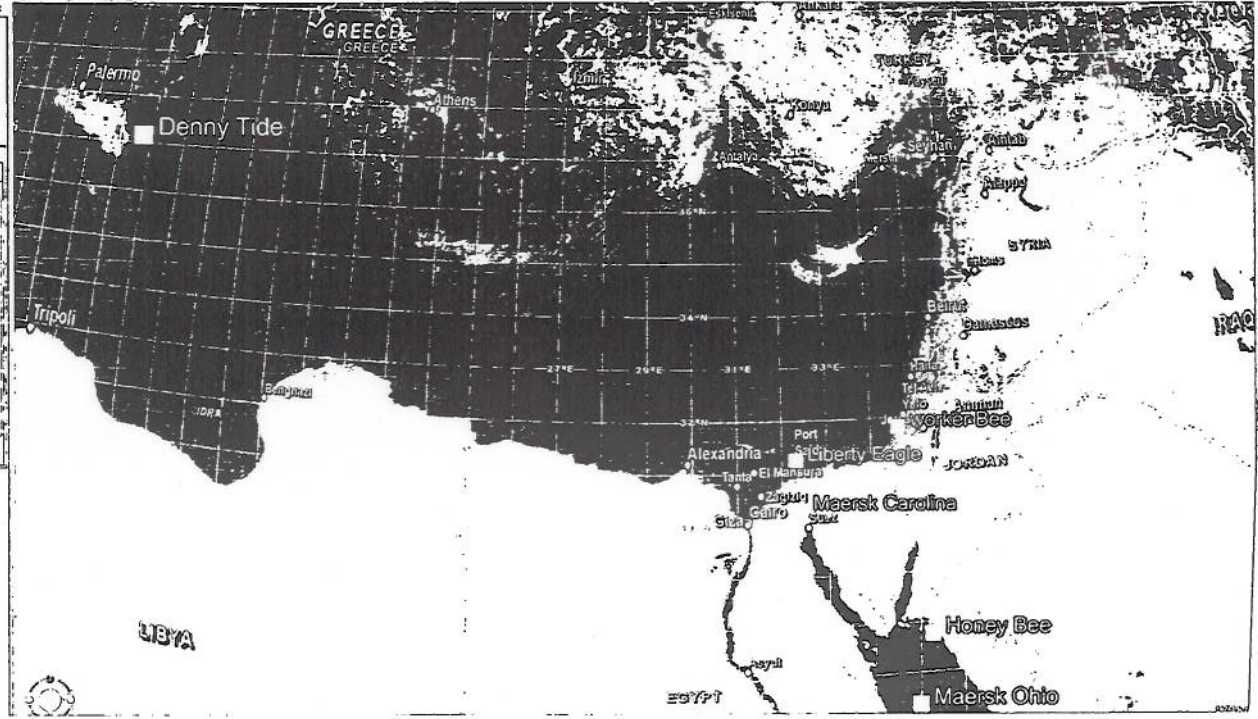


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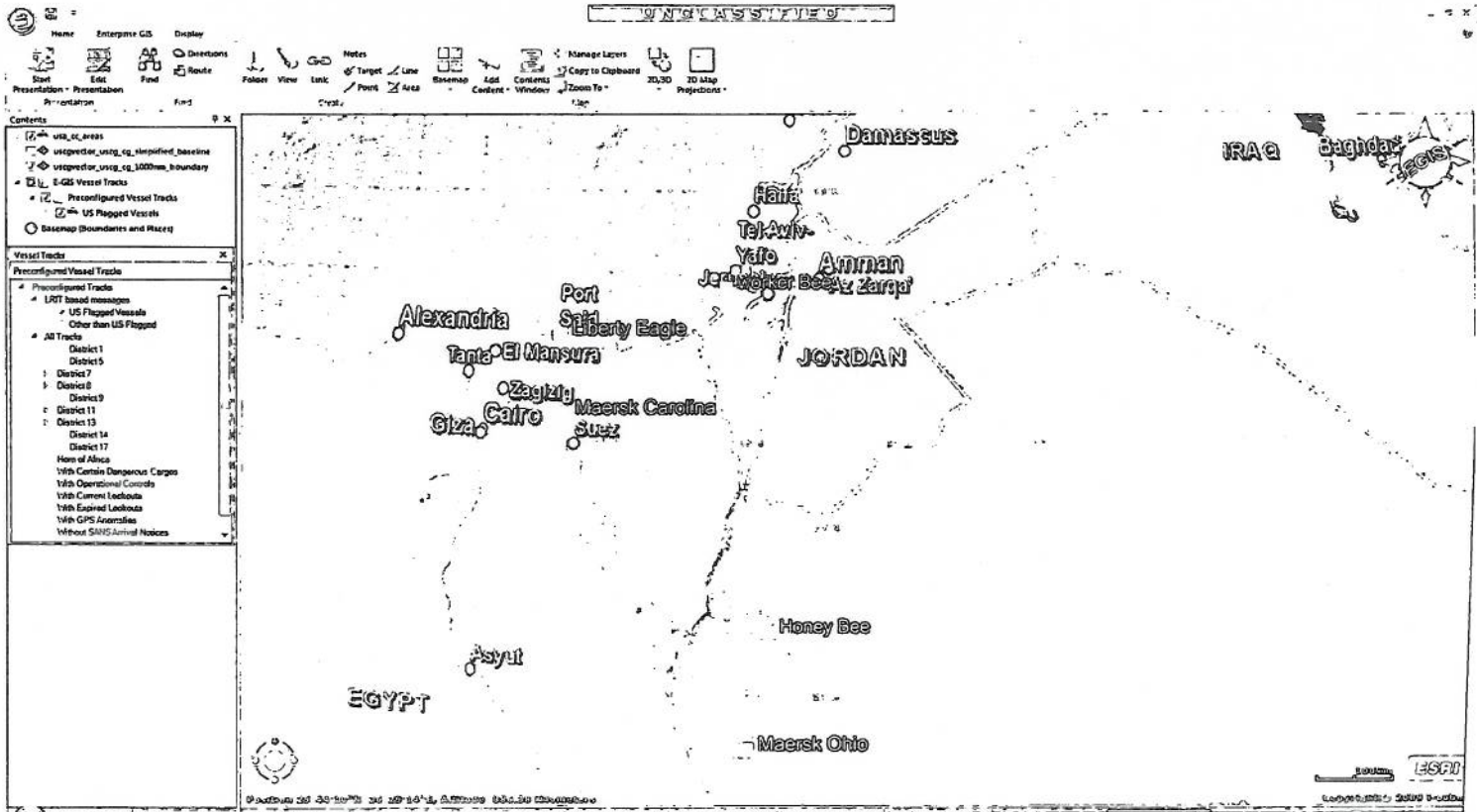
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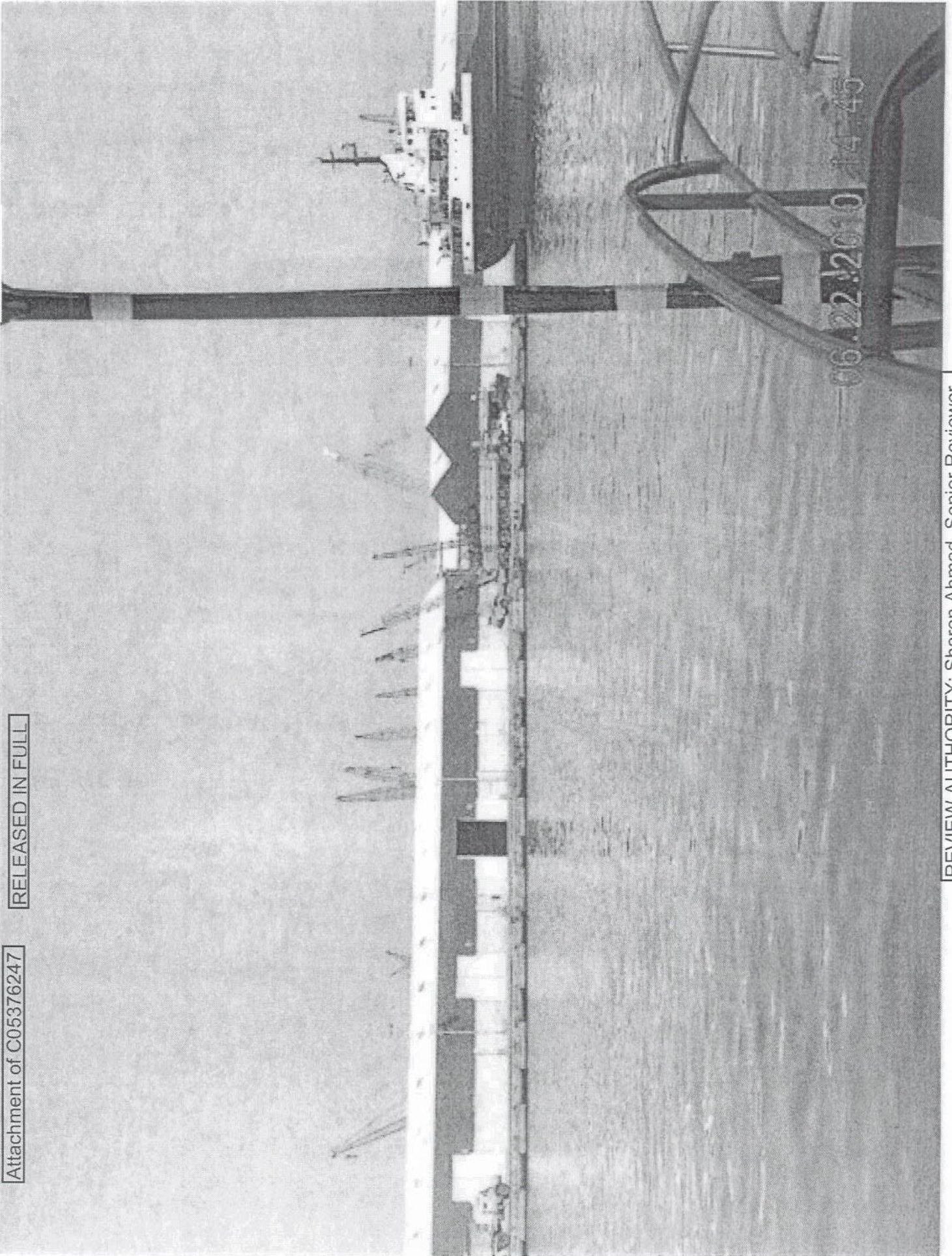
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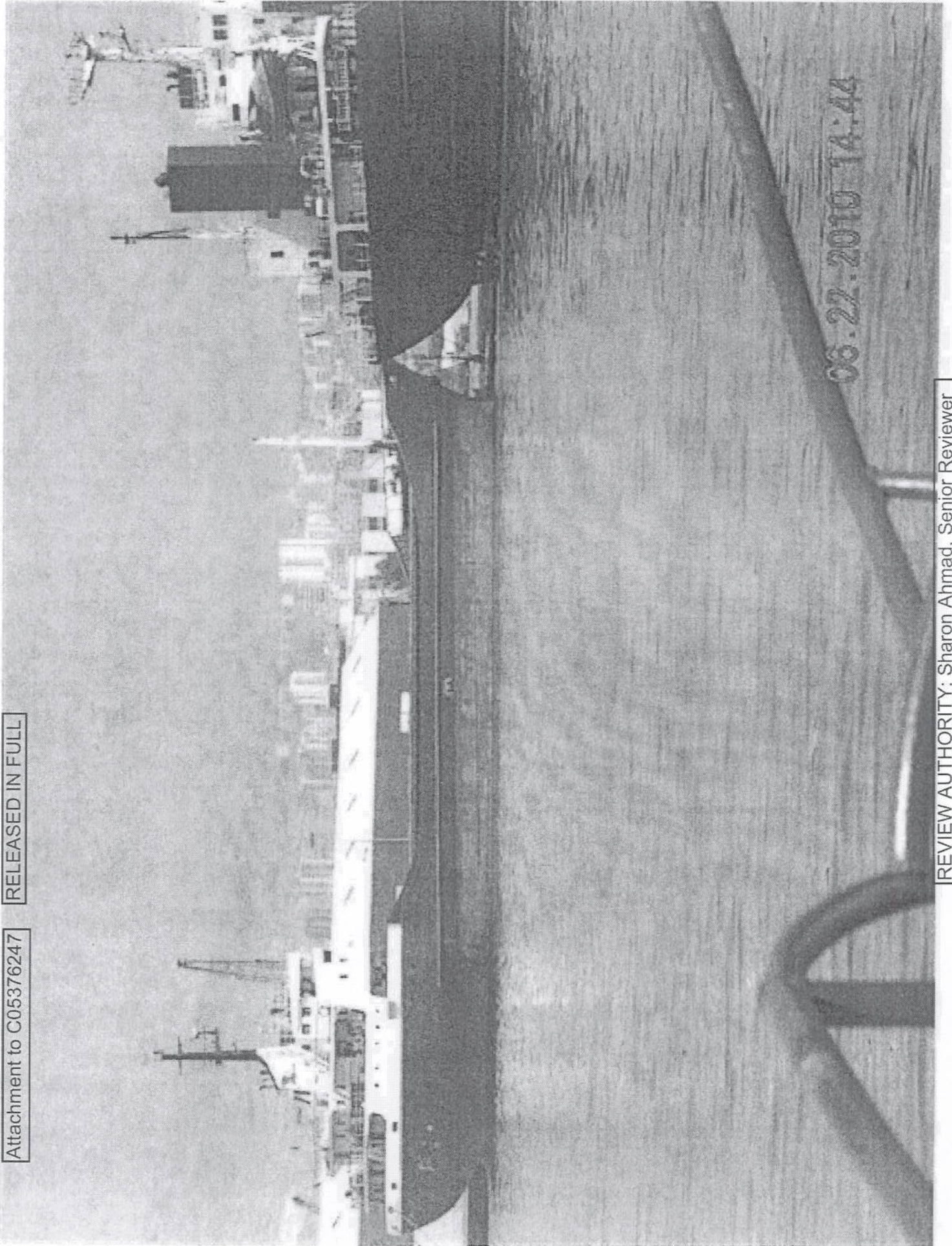
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