

MARITIME HOMELAND THREAT ANALYSIS DIVISION  
**MARITIME INTELLIGENCE ASSESSEMENT**  
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(U) **DISCUSSION**

(U) On 11 July 2010 the first version of AQAPs English-language Inspire Magazine became available on multiple extremist Web sites and forums.<sup>A</sup> The document is 67 pages long and includes articles on bomb making, what to expect in jihad, as well as a variety of articles and interviews with prominent extremist members including Osama Bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and Anwar al-Awlaki. Despite the variety of topics discussed, the inaugural version of the magazine makes only five references to the maritime domain that indicate knowledge of both significant maritime current events as well as the importance of strategic maritime straits in the region to the US economy.

- (U) In an interview of Shaykh Abu Basir, the head of AQAP, he references the strategic importance of the Arabian Peninsula and asks for Allah to continue to grant them “effective operations against the transgressing Americans.” Furthermore, Abu Basir stated, “Because of the greed of the Americans, they have vital interests in the Arabian Peninsula. The passage ways of commerce pass through its waters and oil is stolen from it. So this place is a vein of life for the Americans.”
- (U) A short news flash section mentions the BP oil spill in the Gulf Coast. The news flash specifically cites the financial losses incurred by BP as well as the inability to contain the leak.
- (U) The magazine makes two references to the Israeli response to the Gaza aid flotilla and the violent actions of Israeli forces aboard the vessel.
- (U) The magazine calls for Muslims to “expel the polytheists from the Arabian Peninsula, by killing all of the crusaders working in embassies or otherwise, and to declare war against the crusaders in the land of the Prophet Muhammad-peace be upon him-on the ground, sea, and air.”

(U) Although only a minimal maritime nexus exists, the release of Inspire Magazine could effectively reach a new audience and prompt homegrown extremists to conduct attacks in the United States; such attacks may potentially include maritime targets. The use of well-written English in addition to quality structure and graphic designs will likely resonate with Westerners who previously were not able to access these types of documents. Furthermore, the involvement of Anwar al-Awlaki lends credibility to the magazine as well as features an American citizen to whom new (or potentially new) recruits could relate.

(U//~~FOUO~~) In addition to reaching an expanded audience, several of the magazine’s articles suggest AQAP may “lower the bar” for attacks and increase support for acts similar to the Fort Hood shooting. The magazine urges Western Muslims to strike fear in Americans and make them question the government’s ability to provide protection.

- (U) Abu Basir advises Muslims in the West that there are many forms of attack outside the AQAP modus operandi that can be deemed a success. “A man with his knife, a man with his gun.....by burning down forests and buildings, or by running over them with your cars and trucks.”

<sup>A</sup> (U) The magazine was first posted on 30 June 2010 by the Al-Malahim Establishment for Media Production; however, the version posted had been corrupted by a virus and subsequently removed or users were advised not to download the copy. The source of the virus is unknown.



# Commandant's Intelligence Highlights

## U.S. Coast Guard Intelligence Coordination Center



01 June 2010

**(U) ISRAEL – FLOTILLA INCIDENT:**

**(U) PIR: 3.3 Geo-Strategic Developments.** Coast Guard intelligence components monitor threats to US interests from governmental collapse or regional instability including effects of international naval incidents.

(U) Israeli police questioned, on 01 June, hundreds of international activists arrested aboard Turkish-backed aid ships bound for Gaza in a naval operation that left nine people dead and sparked international outcry. The UN Security Council met in an emergency session to discuss Israel's storming of the flotilla, with most members of the 15 nation body calling for a thorough investigation. "This is tantamount to banditry and piracy," Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu told the council. "It is murder conducted by a state." Most of those who died in the incident were Turks, according to a senior Israeli officer. Some 700 activists were being held in and around Israeli's port of Ashod. Israeli Internal Security Minister Yitzhak Aharonovich said most detainees would be free to go once they had undergone a process of checks and interrogations lasting about an hour. Exceptions would be those suspected of involvement in violence. They would face prosecution, the minister said (Source: Reuters, Israeli Faces Questions as it Grills Gaza Activists, 31 May 10).

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(U) This brief was produced by the Intelligence Coordination Center for the Commandant and senior service executives. Questions regarding this product may be addressed to the ICC Commandant's Intelligence Plot Indications and Warning Watch at 202-372-2842 or 202-372-2387.

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23 August 2010

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**(U) Lebanon: Ship will not Head for Gaza**

**PIR: 10.1 Worldwide Event Tracking (U)**

(U) According to open press reporting, a ship carrying female activists and aid will no longer head to Gaza via Cyprus from Lebanon after Cyprus announced it would not allow the vessel to sail from its ports. Female activists had planned to take aid to Palestinians in Gaza aboard their vessel, the M/V MARIAM, which was due to set sail from Lebanon's northern port of Tripoli for Cyprus on 22 August. Israel has warned Gaza that it will not allow ships to reach Gaza, controlled by the militant Palestinian group Hamas since 2007. Cypriot police stated the arrival and departure of ships to or from Gaza through Cyprus ports was prohibited, prompting the Lebanese transport minister to revoke permission for the ship to sail there. Spokesperson for the MARIAM, Rima Farah, stated the trip was not canceled indefinitely, but that "it was stalled because we face a reality which imposes that." Lebanon does not authorize ships to sail directly to Gaza because it is in a formal state of war with Israel, which controls Gaza waters. Cyprus was used as a launch pad for activists to reach Gaza by sea from 2008 until mid-2009. Authorities issued a ban last year, citing the island's national interests. Under intense international pressure after its lethal seizure of the Turkish MAVI MARMARA ship in May, Israel eased its blockade on Gaza. Israel says it has the right to use "all necessary means" to bar ships from reaching Gaza.

Source Document: Reuters, 21Aug 10, (U) Lebanon Ship will not Head for Gaza on Sunday: Organizers

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16 July 2010

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***(U) Venezuela: Chavez Threatens to Break Relations with Colombia***

**PIR 3.0: High Interest Persons, Groups or Activities – Geo-Strategic Developments (U)**

(U) Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez announced on 16 July that he could break relations with Colombia, immediately, after the recent accusations arriving from the government of Colombia about the alleged presence of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia and National Liberation Army guerrilla leaders in Venezuelan territory. “If they continue with their lunacy I will break relations with Colombia and that would make it harder to reestablish relations with the new government” Chavez stated. Speaking directly of President Uribe, Chavez stated “I make a call to Colombian intelligence. He is a mob leader, full of hate. We are on alert and we will not let that hateful president to fault Venezuelan sovereignty.”

Source Document: Caracas el Universal Online, 16 Jul 10

***(U) Israel: Gaza Flotilla Organizer Indicates More Convoys to Gaza Land***

**PIR 3.0: High Interest Persons, Groups or Activities – Geo-Strategic Developments (U)**

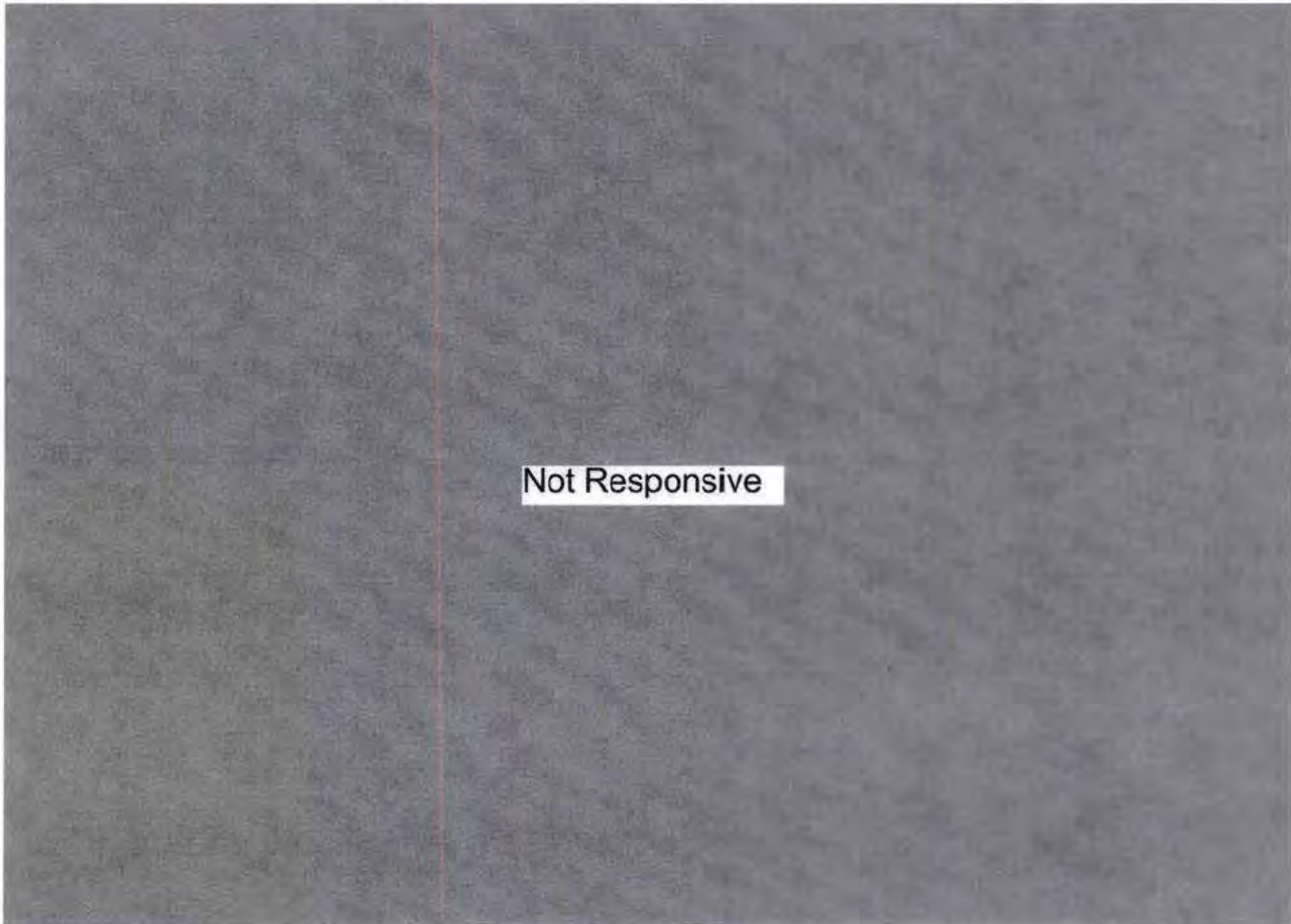
(U) The Turkish activist organization the Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH) that organized the flotilla of aid ships bound for Gaza in May 2010 announced on 16 July, that the group will continue efforts to bring supplies to Gaza, not only by sea, but “land convoys will head for Gaza” as well. IHH leader Bulent Yildirim, speaking at an Istanbul conference attended by Muslim activists and litigators, said that “more flotillas will head to Gaza in the coming months, and additional convoys by land. This, together with many more surprises that we will reveal soon.” Following the deadly raid on the Turkish ship MAVI MARMARA, Israel decided to ease the conditions off a three-year blockade on Gaza. Israel imposed the siege in 2007 after Hamas took control over the Gaza Strip. Though some restrictions have been lifted, Israel decided to maintain the naval blockade on the territory.

Source Document: Beirut al-Manar TV Online, 17 Jul 10

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 **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**  
**INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS**  
INTELLIGENCE COORDINATION CENTER 23 September 2011

(U) The US Coast Guard Intelligence Highlights informs the Commandant and his staff of global events, activities, and issues. To create it, the Commandant's Intel Plot screens recent Coast Guard, other agency, and open source reports and analysis against the Commandant's Priority Intelligence Requirements (PIRs). Additionally, Coast Guard intelligence components use this feed to develop products, review other agency dissemination, and initiate requests for information. Analysis and conclusions in this product do not necessarily reflect official positions of the Coast Guard or the Department of Homeland Security. Questions concerning the content should be addressed to the appropriate supporting intelligence staff.

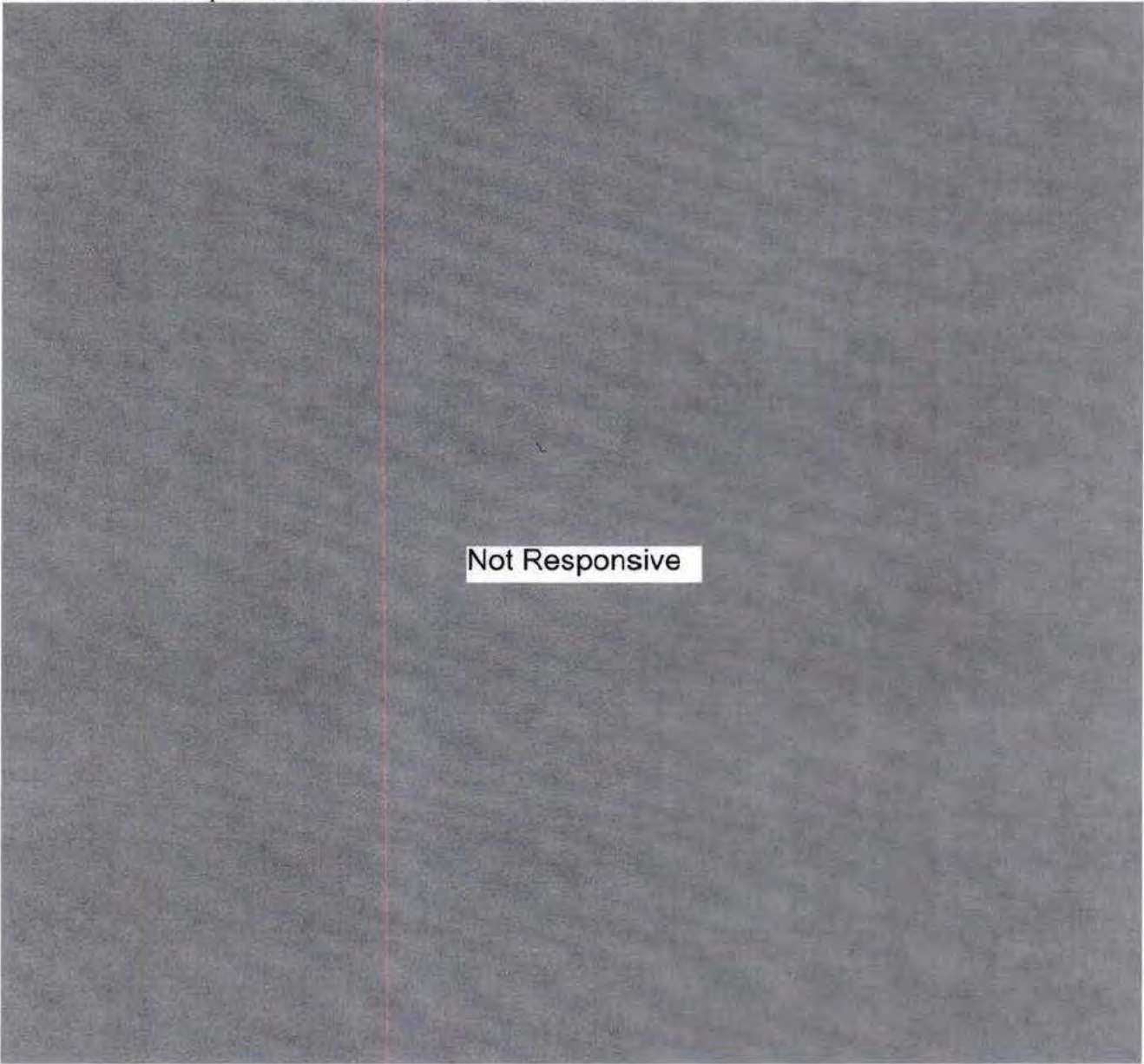


(U) Recent Turkish/Israeli tension stems back to an Israeli Special Forces raid on Gaza Freedom Flotilla participant M/V MAVI MARMARA, the lead vessel in a group six. The ship was part of the Turkish Non-Governmental Organization Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla attempting to reach Gaza and allegedly deliver humanitarian supplies. The issue gained momentum again in 2011 when a leaked copy of a United Nations (UN) report on the assault was published in open press. A UN panel determined the raid was "excessive and unreasonable" but legal and stated Israeli commandos faced "organized and violent resistance from a group of

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passengers.” After Israel failed to comply with Turkish demands of apologizing for the incident, Turkey imposed sanctions on Israel and is now preparing to deploy three warships to the Eastern Mediterranean to defend ships carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza.

(U) The Turkish Navy’s most capable surface vessels include eight OLIVER PERRY-class frigates, four BARBAROS-class frigates, and six D’ESTIENNE D’ORVES-class corvettes. This complement of vessels combines for a respectable anti-surface, anti-air, and anti-submarine warfare force.



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14 June 2010

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**(U)(~~C~~) Israel: Taking Charge of Post-Crisis Environment**

**PIR 10.4: Piracy and Maritime Crime - Coastal State Response (U)**

(U)(~~C~~) On 07 June, Israeli Defense Force (IDF) Chief of the General Staff Ashkenazi ordered a formal inquiry into the naval raid on the M/V MAVI MARMARA. IDF's probe seeks to derive tactical/operational conclusions from the raid. On 09 June, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu will convene a separate commission to investigate the incident. According to Israeli press, at least one American will be included on the commission. Netanyahu's probe will address circumstances of the flotilla raid, legality of Israel's naval and land blockade of the Gaza Strip, and whether the Navy used proportionate force. Notably, the Iranian Red Crescent Society announced two Iranian aid ships will set sail for Gaza by 11 June. Israel responded that it would not permit an Iranian ship to dock in Gaza.

(b)(1) [1.4 (c)]

\_\_\_\_\_ IDF will continue interdictions of vessels which seek to break the blockade of Gaza.

Source Document: Secretary of Defense/Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Intelligence Update, 09 Jun 10

(U)(~~C~~) Israel: Taking Charge of Post-Crisis Environment

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**(U) MIDDLE EAST****(U) Israel: "Free Gaza" Flotilla to Provoke Navy "**

**Source:** (U) Intelligence community product, no source data provided.

**Summary:** ~~(S//NF)~~ On 25 May, a flotilla of civilian ships will attempt to break the Israeli "blockade" and deliver humanitarian supplies to the Gaza Strip. The Turkish non-governmental organization Humanitarian Aid Foundation is leading the effort. Nine ships carrying approximately 600 passengers and 5,000 tons of supplies are en route. On 11 May, the Israeli Deputy National Security Advisor confirmed the Israeli Naval Force (INF) will intercept the flotilla and direct them to Ashdod port, Israel, "as gently as possible." Several journalists are to travel with the flotilla, as well as citizens from over 24 nations, including France, the United Kingdom and Russia. Egyptian officials are reportedly concerned the flotilla will reroute to Egypt in order to avoid the INF. (b)(1) [1.4 (c), (d)]

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(b)(1) [1.4 (c), (d)]

Source Document: (U) US Central Command, Joint Intelligence Operations Center, Daily Intelligence Update, 19 May 10; POC:

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**Sources:**

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**(U) Malaysia: Counter-Piracy**

PIR 10.4: Piracy and Maritime Crime - Coastal State Response<sup>(U)</sup>

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**(U) ~~(C//NF)~~ Israel: Inquiry Clears Government, Navy in Gaza Raid**

PIR 3.2: High Interest Persons, Groups or Activities - LE Concerns - Organized smuggling, crime, activities, or lack of effective maritime governance (U)

(U) ~~(C//NF)~~ According to the press, an Israeli inquiry cleared the Israeli government and Navy of wrongdoing in the 31 May 2010 seizure of the Turkey-flagged M/V MAVI MARMARA, which resulted in nine deaths. In its 245-page report, the Turkel Commission, an Israeli advisory committee, stated the passengers were at fault for the violence. ~~(b)(1)~~  
The Defense Intelligence Agency comments the commission's findings will probably strain Tel Aviv and Ankara rapprochement talks. Turkey is publicly denouncing the findings, while Ankara continues to demand an Israeli apology for the raid and provide compensation for the victims.

Source Document: Chief of Naval Operations, Morning Intelligence Summary, 24 Jan 11

**(U) Haiti: Cholera Fatality Rate Gradually Declining**

PIR 12.2 Humanitarian Crisis- Disaster Recovery, Response & Relief- Domestic Crisis- Natural Disaster<sup>(U)</sup>

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**Parker, Frank**

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**From:** Parker, Frank  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2011 1:31 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]; D13DPW/DPeloquin; D14DPW/BHofferber; D17DPW/JBoyer; D1DPW/JMauro; D5DPW/BDunn; D7DPW/APowell; D8DPW/TWendt; D9DPW/KDunn; Walters, John; Baca, Michael  
**Cc:** D11DPWa/MVanHouten; D13DPWa/JMoriarty; [REDACTED]; D17DPWa/DSeris; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; D7DPWmi/JEmbres; D8DPWa/SHadley; [REDACTED]; Christensen, Eric CAPT; Cook, Pauline F CAPT; Sollosi, Mike; Tlapa, Gregory CDR; Connors, Timothy CDR; [REDACTED]; Navarro, Randall CDR; Radice, James  
**Subject:** Special Notice for Local Notices to Mariners (LNM)/NAVCEN Website  
**Attachments:** GazaNoticeFinal.docx  
**Importance:** High

**Districts:**

The attached Special Notice is being issued in response to a request by the National Security Staff. The notice has been cleared through the State Department and CG Legal. Please publish the Special Notice in your next LNM.

**NAVCEN:**

Please add the notice or a link to the NAVCEN website.

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**Gaza Maritime Area**

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**Subject:** NAVAREA/HYDROLANT/HYDROPAC Warning  
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Peter:

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U.S. Department  
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**United States  
Coast Guard**

**LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS**

**District 8 GULF**

**Week: 21/11**

8TH DISTRICT LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS  
GULF OF MEXICO  
Econfina River, FL to the Rio Grande, TX  
LIGHT LIST VOLUME IV  
NOTICE NUMBER 21/11  
May 25, 2011

References: COMDTPUB P16502.4, Vol. IV, 2011 Edition and Coast Pilot V.

COAST GUARD DISTRICT 8, WATERWAYS, (504) 671-2327, 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. (CST)  
NIS WATCHSTANDER PHONE (703) 313-5900 24-HOURS A DAY  
INTERNET ADDRESS [HTTP://www.navcen.uscg.gov](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov)

2011 SPECIAL NOTICE TO MARINERS <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lnmDistrict&region=8&ext=g>  
GULF OF MEXICO LNM VIA INTERNET <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lnmDistrict&region=8&ext=g>

**BROADCAST NOTICE TO MARINERS COVERED IN THIS EDITION**

ORIGINATING UNIT	BEGINNING BNMS	ENDING BNMS
CCGD8	BNM 0072-11 (D8)	BNM 0075-11 (D8)
CCGD8 (OB)	BNM 0073-11 (OB)	BNM 0075-11 (OB)
CCGD8 (DPB)	BNM 0507-11 (DPB)	BNM 0507-11 (DPB)
SECTOR MOBILE (MO)	BNM 0452-11 (MO)	BNM 0477-11 (MO)
SECTOR NEW ORLEANS (NO)	BNM 0711-11 (NO)	BNM 0742-11 (NO)
SECTOR HOUSTON-GALVESTON (GA)	BNM 0500-11 (GA)	BNM 0516-11 (GA)
SECTOR CORPUS CHRISTI (CC)	BNM 0274-11 (CC)	BNM 0296-11 (CC)

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**ABBREVIATIONS**

**A through H**

ACOE - Army Corps of Engineers  
ADRIFT - Buoy Adrift  
AICW - Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway  
Al - Alternating  
B - Buoy  
BKW - Breakwater  
bl - Blast  
BNM - Broadcast Notice to Mariner  
bu - Blue  
C - Canadian  
CHAN - Channel  
CGD - Coast Guard District  
C/O - Cut Off  
CONT - Contour  
CRK - Creek  
CONST - Construction  
DBN/Dbn - Daybeacon  
DBD/DAYBD - Dayboard  
DEFAC - Defaced  
DEST - Destroyed  
DISCON - Discontinued  
DMGD/DAMGD - Damaged  
ec - eclipse  
EST - Established Aid  
ev - every  
EVAL - Evaluation  
EXT - Extinguished  
F - Fixed  
fl - flash

**I through O**

I - Interrupted  
ICW - Intracoastal Waterway  
IMCH - Improper Characteristic  
INL - Inlet  
INOP - Not Operating  
INT - Intensity  
ISL - Islet  
Iso - Isophase  
kHz - Kilohertz  
LAT - Latitude  
LB - Lighted Buoy  
LBB - Lighted Bell Buoy  
LHB - Lighted Horn Buoy  
LGB - Lighted Gong Buoy  
LONG - Longitude  
LNM - Local Notice to Mariners  
LT - Light  
LT CONT - Light Continuous  
LTR - Letter  
LWB - Lighted Whistle Buoy  
LWP - Left Watching Properly  
MHz - Megahertz  
MISS/MSNG - Missing  
Mo - Morse Code  
MSLD - Misleading  
N/C - Not Charted  
NGA - National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency  
NO/NUM - Number  
NOS - National Ocean Service

**P through Z**

PRIV - Private Aid  
Q - Quick  
R - Red  
RACON - Radar Transponder Beacon  
Ra ref - Radar reflector  
RBN - Radio Beacon  
REBUILT - Aid Rebuilt  
RECOVERED - Aid Recovered  
RED - Red Buoy  
REFL - Reflective  
RRL - Range Rear Light  
RELIGHTED - Aid Relit  
RELOC - Relocated  
RESET ON STATION - Aid Reset on Station  
RFL - Range Front Light  
RIV - River  
s - seconds  
SEC - Section  
SHL - Shoaling  
si - silent  
SIG - Signal  
SND - Sound  
SPM - Single Point Mooring Buoy  
SS - Sound Signal  
STA - Station  
STRUCT - Structure  
St M - Statute Mile  
TEMP - Temporary Aid Change  
TMK - Topmark

FI - Flashing  
G - Green  
HAZ - Hazard to Navigation  
HBR - Harbor  
HOR - Horizontal Clearance  
HT - Height

NW - Notice Writer  
OBSCU - Obscured  
OBST - Obstruction  
OBSTR - Obstruction  
Oc - Occulting  
ODAS - Anchored Oceanographic Data Buoy

TRLB - Temporarily Replaced by Lighted Buoy  
TRLT - Temporarily Replaced by Light  
TRUB - Temporarily Replaced by Unlighted Buoy  
W - White  
Y - Yellow

**Additional Abbreviations Specific to this LNM Edition:**

AHOP Above Head of Passes  
BHOP Below Head of Passes  
HSC Houston Ship Channel  
MRGO Mississippi River - Gulf Outlet  
HWY Highway  
IHNC Inner Harbor Navigation Canal  
F/V Fishing Vessel

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**SECTION I - SPECIAL NOTICES**

This section contains information of special concern to the Mariner.

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**Coast Pilot 5 - New Edition**

PUBLICATION - National Ocean Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - U.S. Coast Pilot 5, Gulf of Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands, 39th Edition, is ready for issue and may be obtained from:

Federal Aviation Administration  
Aero Nav Products  
Printing & Distribution Group, Distribution Team  
10201 Good Luck Road  
Glenn Dale, MD 20769-9700

and authorized NOAA chart agents. Price \$30.00.

The 2011 Edition cancels the preceding 2010 Edition.

All corrections to the previous edition issued in Notices to Mariners are incorporated in this edition.

Mariners are encouraged to use the convenient RECORD OF CHANGES form on Page V of this book. All Coast Pilot changes published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Notice to Mariners, and on the internet at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm> are serially numbered (i.e., Change No. 1, Change No. 2, etc.) to assist you in tracking the changes.

LNM: NOAA

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) encourages the maritime public to report information concerning suspicious activity to their local Federal Bureau of Investigation Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) Office, [www.fbi.gov/contact/fo/fo.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/contact/fo/fo.htm), or to other appropriate authorities. Individuals can contact the DHS Watch and Warning Unit, at (202) 323-3205, or toll free at 1-888-585-9078, or by E-Mail to [nipc.watch@fbi.gov](mailto:nipc.watch@fbi.gov). The U.S. Coast Guard reminds the maritime industry that they may also report information concerning suspicious activity to the National Response Center (NRC), at 1-800-424-8802.

LNM: DPW

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