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E.O. 13526: N/A
TAGS: PHUM, PGOV, OPRC, KIRF, KPAO, LO
SUBJECT: Slovak Views of Gaza Flotilla Incident

REF: 10 STATE 72296

1. (U) Post discussed refel request for reporting on any potential Gaza flotilla-related rise in Anti-Semitism with the Rabbi of Bratislava, Baruch Myers, the Spokesman of the Union of Jewish Communities in Slovakia, Jaro Franek, and the head of the Bratislava Jewish community, Peter Salner. According to Myers, he has not witnessed or received any information about any anti-Semitic attacks as a result of the flotilla incident. Franek agreed that there have been no anti-Semitic demonstrations in Slovakia of late, but noted that there has been an increase in anti-Semitic rhetoric and hate speech on extremist websites, and that the number of such websites is growing. Franek also noted that virtually all of the online articles published about the Gaza flotilla incident were followed by online discussions in which many individual commentators from the public expressed anti-Semitic and anti-Israel views. Salner said that Slovak politicians were neutral in any comments about the incident. Salner added that while the former government (which left office in July 2010) led by Prime Minister Robert Fico included nationalist politicians, it was relatively pro-Israel and did not encourage anti-Semitism.
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E.O. 13526: DECL: 2036/10/07
TAGS: PREL, PGOV, ECON, GR, TU, LY
SUBJECT: The Ambassador's Meeting with Foreign Minister Lambrinidis -
October 7

CLASSIFIED BY: Daniel B. Smith, Ambassador; REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

1. (C) Summary. 

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[Redacted] The
Ambassador thanked the Greek government for its support of
Operation Unified Protector and for its efforts to thwart a second
Gaza flotilla crisis. [Redacted]
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Greece's Economic Crisis

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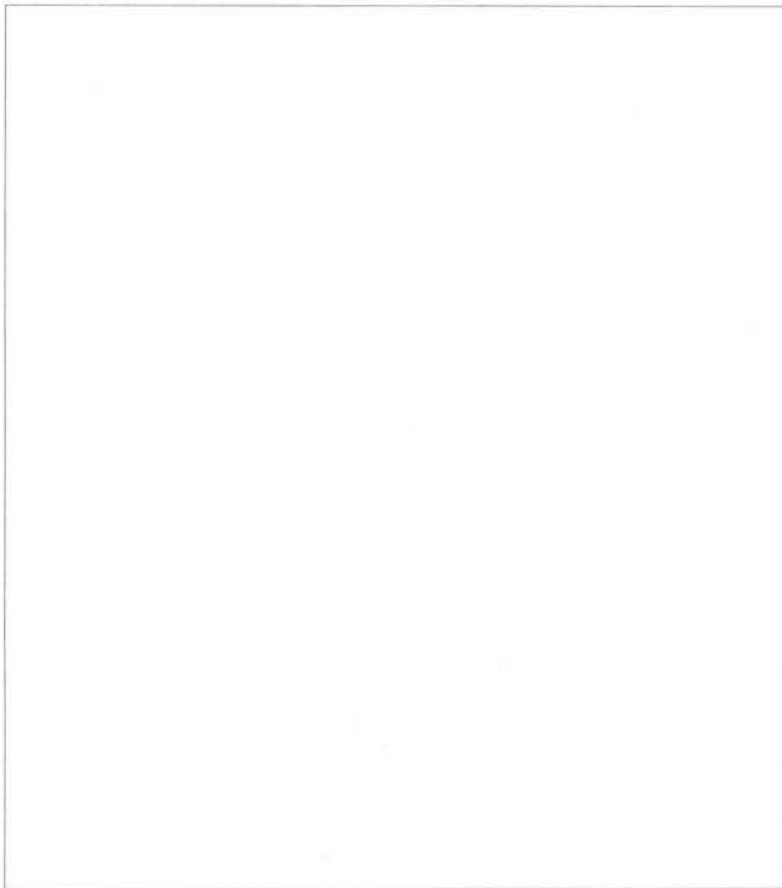
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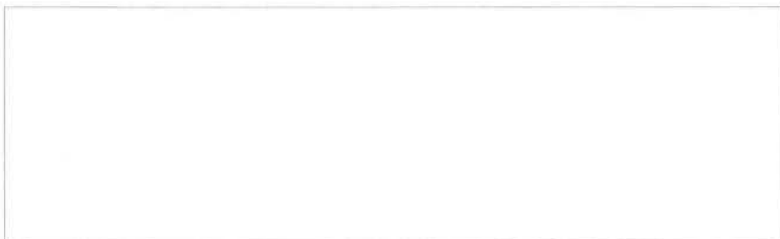


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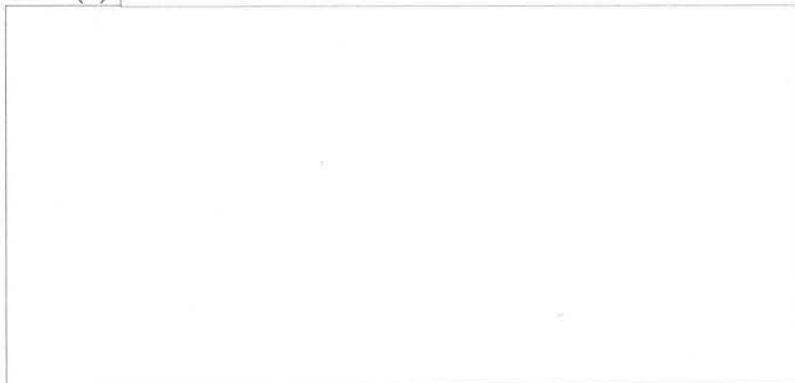
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Ambassador thanked the Greek FM for Greece's role in averting a
second Gaza Flotilla crisis. [redacted]
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E.O. 13526: N/A
TAGS: PREL, KWBG, KPAL, IS, LE, TU
SUBJECT: Calls for "parameters" and "prescriptive action" at the
December Middle East Council consultations

1. (SBU) Summary:

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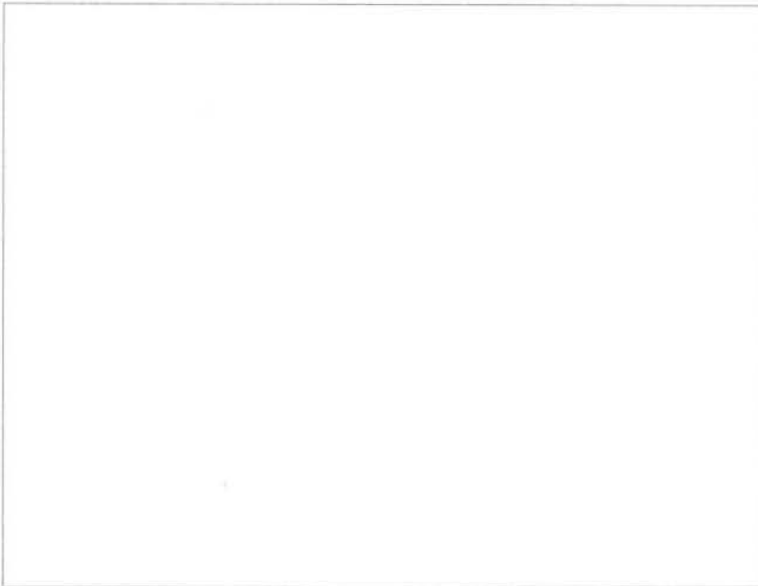
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Gaza

7. (SBU) Mexico expressed concern that the situation in and around Gaza has returned to its status prior to the conflict of December 2008-January 2010, with resumed rocket fire and daily decline in the humanitarian situation. The Austrian PermRep called for the Council to move beyond methodically counting the number of trucks entering Gaza to a comprehensive change which also includes the cessation of indiscriminate attacks against civilians. The Turkish PermRep said that the Council has failed Gaza. He said that Turkey is still awaiting submission of the Israel report to the Secretary-General's panel of inquiry on the Gaza flotilla incident, a case where "international law was violated." The UK PermRep called for a durable solution to Gaza that empowers Gaza's business community and for revitalized legitimate trade and economic activity in Gaza. The UK and France condemned rocket fire from Gaza and pressed for the immediate release of Gilad Shalit. Russia said that progress in opening Gaza's crossings has not been sufficient, but also called for the cessation of rocket fire against Israel. Gabon said that Palestinians have the "right" to import construction material for civilian use, and echoed calls for Shalit's release. China called for the complete lifting of the Gaza blockade. Lebanon accused Israel of using the ongoing Gaza blockade as a pretext for punishing the people of Gaza. Bosnia called for an immediate, sustained, and unconditional opening of the Gaza crossings as outline in UNSCR 1860.

Palestinian State building and recognition



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E.O. 13526: N/A
TAGS: ECON, EAID, KWBG, IS
SUBJECT: MFA and COGAT Brief on 2010 WB/GAZA Civil Policy Results
REF: A) 11 TEL AVIV 219 AND PREVIOUS; B) 11 JERUSALEM 125 AND PREVIOUS;

1. (SBU) Summary: On March 10, Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon and Coordinator for Government Activity in the Territories (COGAT) MG Eitan Dangot briefed the diplomatic corps on the results of changes in Israeli policies toward the West Bank and Gaza during 2010. The

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Summary.

2. (SBU) A March 10 briefing by MFA and COGAT to the Tel Aviv diplomatic corps highlighted the positive impact on the economies of the West Bank and Gaza of policy changes undertaken between mid-2008 and the end of 2010. Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon stressed

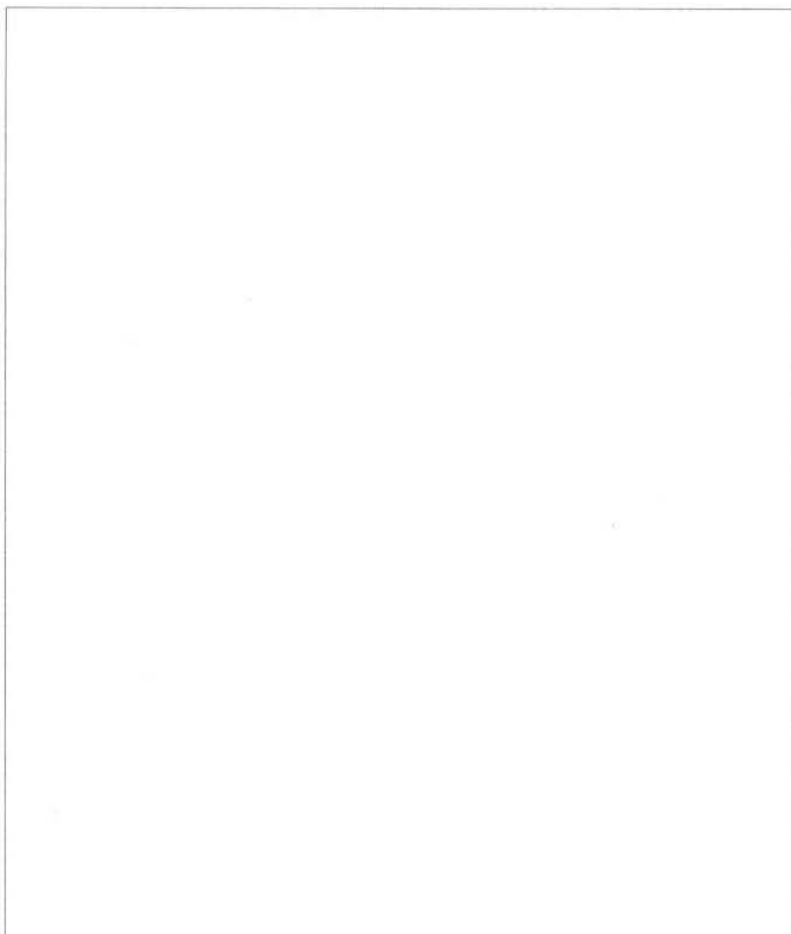
[Redacted] the effort to address humanitarian concerns in Gaza. On the latter point, he stressed the complete lack of utility of flotillas and other actions that he characterized as provocative and counterproductive. He urged the assembled diplomatic representatives to make a strong case to their respective capitals that such actions be actively discouraged.
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E.O. 13526: N/A
TAGS: PREL, PHUM, UN, SY, BO, IS
SUBJECT: Demarche Request Key USG Priorities for the June 2011
HRC Session

REF: A) 11 STATE 25113
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1. This is an action request. See paragraph 8.



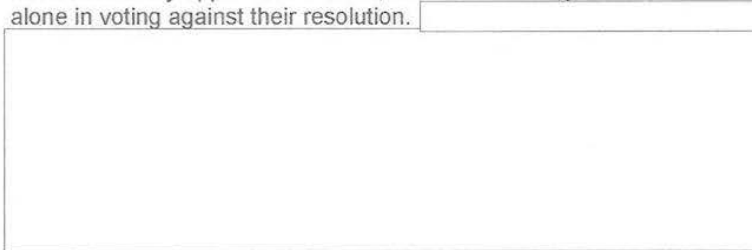
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7. Israel Background: Once again, the HRC is placing a large and disproportionate emphasis on Israel-related issues. We oppose the continued biased attention towards Israel at the HRC, including the standing agenda item on Israel. There is no other UN Member subjected to this separate treatment. At the current session, we expect to see two anti-Israel efforts. First, there will be yet another follow-up resolution regarding the May 2010 Gaza Flotilla incident, proposed by Turkey. The U.S. is the only HRC member that has consistently opposed this effort, and the Turks expect us to be alone in voting against their resolution.



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14. (Angola, Zambia, Gabon, Uganda, Mauritius ONLY) Israel Talking Points:

-- The United States continues to work to normalize Israel's relationship with the Council and prevent it from continuing to be unfairly singled out. This session will include another follow-up resolution on the May 31 2010 Gaza Flotilla incident. The United States was opposed to Resolution 14/1, which handed this Fact-Finding Mission a flawed mandate-something the Mission itself acknowledged in its September report. The U.S. has also opposed the past two follow-up resolutions. We urge that Human Rights Council not be used for actions that could disrupt the peace efforts or actions that could make it harder for Israel and Turkey to move beyond the recent strains in their historically strong bilateral relationship.
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E.O. 13526: N/A

TAGS: PREL, PGOV, UNSC, KPAL, IS, SY, LE

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE: UNSC MIDDLE EAST CONSULTATIONS, June 23

(U) This is an action message. USUN is authorized to draw from elements in paragraph two for use in the June 23 closed UNSC consultations on the Middle East.

(SBU) Begin Elements:

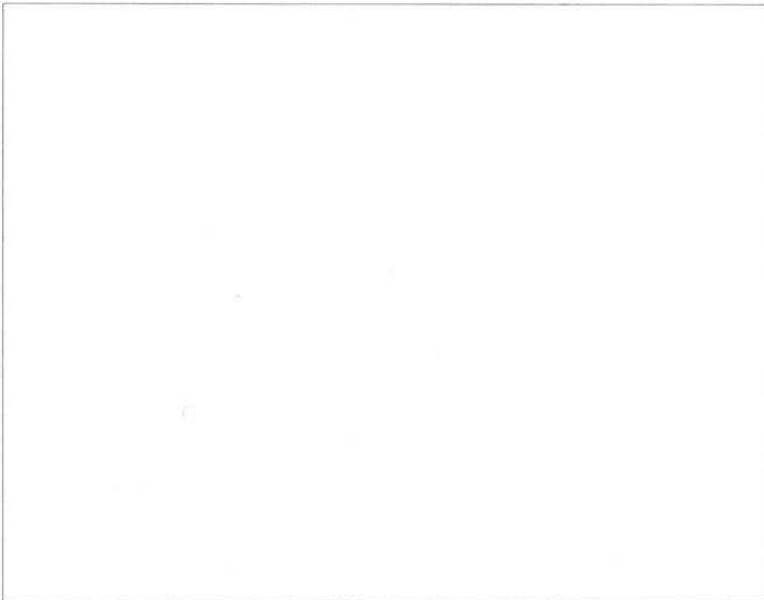


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We also remain concerned about the prospect of another flotilla of ships that may attempt to sail directly to Gaza. Recent seizures of smuggled advanced weaponry reminded us all that Israel continues to have clear and legitimate security concerns regarding cargo bound for Gaza. We applaud those who have used the existing mechanisms to deliver humanitarian cargo to Gaza to support UN-led reconstruction efforts. We strongly urge all those who wish to deliver humanitarian goods and assistance to Gaza to use these established and secure mechanisms to do so -and to avoid unnecessary and counterproductive provocative actions. This will help ensure that Gazans' humanitarian needs are addressed and Israel's legitimate security needs are met. We also urge all member states to reinforce this message with their nationals and nongovernmental organizations-and to use every legal means at their disposal to discourage additional flotillas to Gaza.



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TAGS: PREL, PHUM, UNHRC-1

SUBJECT: Results of the UN Human Rights Council 17th Session (May 30 - June 17, 2011)

1. (SBU) This is INFO only.

2. (SBU) Summary:

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[Redacted] Turkey sponsored the only Israel-related resolution, a follow-up resolution on the Gaza Flotilla incident on which we were the only no vote. The resolution's text, which was improved by moderating negotiations led by the Palestinians and the EU, now calls on the High Commissioner to submit a concluding report next June.

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Human Rights Council Session 17 - Vote Summaries

17. (SBU) Only 46 States Voted Due to Suspension of Libyan Membership rights in the Council.

L.1 - Follow up to the report of the independent international fact-finding mission on the humanitarian flotilla: Passed by vote: 36Y - 1N (U.S.) - 8A. U. S. voted no and delivered an EOJ.

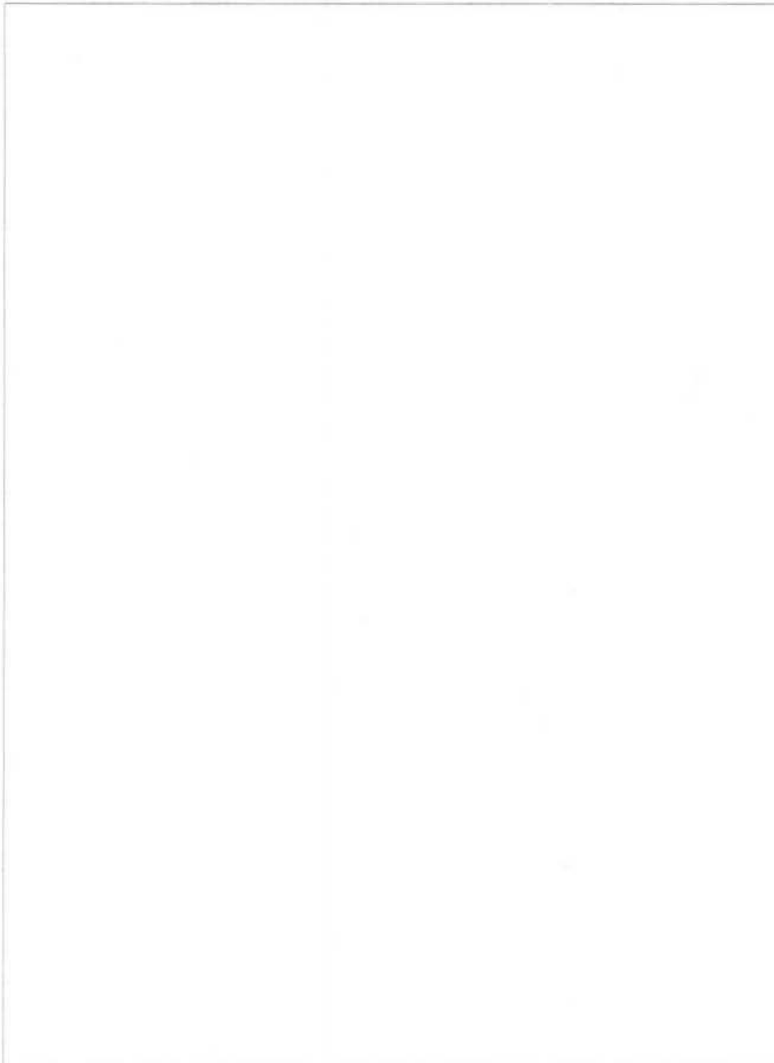
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No: U.S.

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1. Mideast
2. Iran

Key stories in the media:

All Hebrew-language newspapers this morning reported that the uranium enrichment deal signed between Iran, Turkey, and Brazil has caused concern in Jerusalem. The media is reporting that Prime Minister Netanyahu has scheduled an emergency meeting of the "Forum of Seven" ministers to discuss the Israeli response to the agreement. The cabinet ministers have been instructed not to comment on the agreement for the time being, but Industry, Trade and Labor Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer warned that "we must look carefully at Iran's actions. We have already seen how Ahmadinejad can fool the world." Israeli officials are worried that this agreement is yet another tactic by Iran in an effort to postpone the threat of international sanctions against it. Another concern raised in today's reports relates to Israel's ties with Turkey: Israeli officials said that the Turkish rapprochement with Iran could harm Israeli-Turkish relations and added that advanced technologies given to Turkey by Israel were liable to leak into the hands of the Iranians.

Yedioth this morning pointed out that Israel has decided to restrain itself and monitor the developments in Iran, citing Defense Minister Ehud Barak as favoring the idea of promoting an arrangement with the Palestinians and the Syrians, so as to help the Americans reach understandings with moderate Arab states on countering the Iranian buildup. Yedioth also criticized the conduct of the U.S., saying that Israel, which is not a world power, does not have the luxury of playing the fool and will end up facing the threat of Iranian military nuclear capability alone. The Americans, Fishman writes, are worried that Israel could take unilateral action and will "do everything possible to keep Israel from warming up the engines."

Maariv this morning reported that the Foreign Ministry has notified

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foreign ambassadors that Israel will not permit a planned flotilla headed for the Gaza Strip to enter the Gaza territorial waters. Foreign Ministry officials said that this was a provocation and a violation of Israeli law, and added that humanitarian aid could be transferred through the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT). The flotilla is scheduled to leave Cyprus on May 25 and reach Gaza two days later.

1. Mideast:

Block Quotes:

I. "Declaring war on the intellect"

The independent, left-leaning Ha'aretz editorialized (5/18): "By stopping the illustrious American scholar Prof. Noam Chomsky at the Allenby Bridge ... the government's outrageous treatment of those with the audacity to criticize its policies has reached new heights. Israel looks like a bully who has been insulted by a superior intellect and is now trying to fight it, arrest it and expel it. Chomsky is a controversial and bold intellectual.... His political writings and speeches ... have made him unpopular both inside and outside the United States. In many articles, petitions and open letters, he has been sharply critical of Israel's actions and policies. Israel ... has lost its last remnants of tolerance for anyone who does not join its shrinking chorus of supporters. One does not have to be an ardent supporter of Chomsky in order to agree with his view that Israel is behaving like South Africa in the 1960s....Interior Minister Eli Yishai and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu should apologize to Chomsky and make sure that he is allowed to move freely around Israel and throughout the West Bank, including Bir Zeit University. It is not yet too late to repair some of the damage caused by this harmful folly."

II. "A country with no bosses: What we don't do ourselves, our foes will force from us"

Senior columnist and longtime peace advocate Yoel Marcus wrote in the independent, left-leaning Ha'aretz (5/18): "Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer ... returned last week from a short visit to Europe. And ... he discovered there ... that Israel is in the worst situation it has ever been in. ... It's time to carry out Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's public commitment to two states for two peoples. The problem is that Israel is a country with no boss. The cabinet is divided into three parts - the silent ones, the ones who escalate tension, and the Bibi-Barak duo. The Defense Ministry has to some extent also become the Foreign Ministry. On his last trip to Washington, (Ehud) Barak and (President) Obama got together for a 40-minute unscheduled tete-a-tete. In (Barak's) opinion, the government must come up with its own peace plan. He said Israel must turn over every stone in its struggle to achieve peace. In a cabinet (with Kadima), Barak would not be defense minister unless he received a "golden share" from Netanyahu and Kadima. But either way, if Barak wants to be the nation's leader, being Bibi's right-hand man isn't enough. He must convince Netanyahu that the nation's fate is in both their hands. Whatever these two leaders don't accomplish hand in hand, America, Europe and all the foes we have managed to accumulate will force us to do via an imposed arrangement."

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2. Iran:

Block Quotes:

I. "Persian Bazaar"

Senior diplomatic correspondent Shimon Shiffer wrote in the mass-circulation, pluralist Yediot Aharonot (5/18): "Israel is expected to follow the game of the big boys, maintain a clenched jaw, and mainly-for the time being-restrain itself.... The wheeling and dealing that Ahmadinejad is conducting with the Americans, and the "Persian bazaar" method with Brazil and Turkey, will compel Obama to take military action against Iran's nuclear facilities. In opposition to this, however, other voices also arise. They accept the fact that in the foreseeable future crippling sanctions will apparently not be imposed on Iran.... In closed rooms, they say, Obama has already accepted a nuclear Iran. Defense Minister Ehud Barak believes that the solution lies in overwhelming responsiveness to the American requests, and presenting a foreign policy plan that will resolve the clash with the Palestinians. He proposes two states, with Israel returning to the 1967 borders with border revisions, and at the same time, striving to reach an agreement with the Syrians. In his view, this will make it possible to reach the goal: promoting the regional arrangement will help the Americans reach understandings with moderate Arab states, whose status and security are threatened by a strong Iran."

II. "Mockery of the Sanctions"

Military correspondent Alex Fishman wrote in the mass-circulation, pluralist Yediot Aharonot (5/18): "The Americans are willing to play the part of the world idiot versus the Iranians, but worse than that: they expect Israel to join their dance of fools as well. So perhaps the Americans can afford to make fools of themselves, after all, they are an empire. We, however, cannot. Iran took another step yesterday in the direction of obtaining military nuclear weapons-the world is getting accustomed to the idea, and the Americans are accepting it, while we-and the entire Middle East-are left alone facing this threat. We are looking at a classic story of deception. So Brazil's President Lula very much wants to save the world, and the Iranians, have decided to recycle at his expense the solution that they already rejected in the past. The Iranians have also invited Prime Minister Erdogan -to enjoy the fruits of the success. A year ago, the Americans pushed him out of the job of mediating with Iran, and now Ahmadinejad is bringing him back through the front door. Another slap in the face for the Americans. If until now the Obama administration has succeeded in mobilizing a coalition for lukewarm sanctions against Iran, it will now have to work much harder. Israel made a decision ... to wait and see what the Americans are saying and doing. Israel has to get accustomed to the idea that the US administration ... has come to terms with the Iranian nuclear program. What worries [the US] more is a unilateral Israeli initiative. Therefore, they will do everything possible to keep Israel from warming up the engines."

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Key stories in the media:

Maariv this morning reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he had "defeated" the Obama administration in this power struggle with them and had emerged with the "upper hand," having stood his own ground. According to the report, Netanyahu said these words to a number of people in "intimate" conversations that he held with them and that he was pleased that he had withstood U.S. pressure. The Prime Minister's Office denied that Netanyahu made any such statements, saying the prime minister does not think that way. "Prime Minister Netanyahu holds in great esteem the commitment by President Obama and the administration to Israel's security and their efforts to renew the peace process in our region," the Prime Minister's Office statement said.

In light of Rahm Emanuel's invitation for PM Netanyahu to meet President Obama in Washington next week, both Maariv and Yediot focus this morning on what they describe as a recent "change" in the U.S. administration's attitude towards Israel and the Netanyahu government, citing a dramatic shift away from Netanyahu's "humiliation" in Washington two months ago to the warm and convivial attitude of the past number of weeks in the behavior of U.S. officials, starting with the president. Both of the newspapers quote Israeli officials who ascribe this perceived shift in American policy to the upcoming mid-term elections in the U.S. and to fears within the Democratic Party that its candidates are liable to suffer due to a backlash within the American Jewish community for the perceived mistreatment of Israel. The papers underscore, however, that while the Americans' behavior toward Netanyahu has become markedly friendlier, their expectations of Netanyahu and his government have not changed substantively.

Yediot reported this morning that the IDF has drafted an operational

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plan to thwart any attempt by the eight-ship flotilla that would attempt to break through the blockade on the Gaza Strip - the forum of seven ministers gave its authorization to the IDF to execute that operation if need be. The Freedom Flotilla is expected to draw near the Gaza coast sometime in the next two days. Yediot describes the flotilla as being principally an effort by the Turkish government to force both Israel and Egypt to end their joint blockade of Gaza. Yediot ascribes this to the Erdogan government's Muslim Brotherhood sympathies. Israel Hayom is reporting that the Israeli plans are to stop the flotilla at all cost, but to transfer the confiscated goods to the Gaza Strip.

1. Mideast:

Block Quotes:

I. "Turkish Maneuver"

Military correspondent Alex Fishman wrote in the mass-circulation, pluralist Yediot Aharonot (5/27): "This is, first and foremost, a cynical political story of the Turkish government.... The Turkish empire is trying to remove the tool of a blockade from the hands of Israel and Egypt.... Israel has no reason to yield to this Turkish dictate. ... Even 500 wheelchairs -which are undoubtedly vital in the Gaza Strip-will not make up for the cynicism of the Turkish maneuver. We are not talking about human rights organizations that have placed humanitarian supplies on a few yachts and gone out to save the world. This flotilla is backed by IHH, a Turkish organization that is an extension of the Muslim Brotherhood in Turkey.... The Turks want a confrontation. They want images of Israeli soldiers taking over ships and beating civilians.... The policy of the blockade on the Gaza Strip may be a mistake ... but it is Israeli society that must decide on this.... It was, in effect, a foreign policy decision: Not to bow to Turkish pressure.... The handling of the ships should be firm and mainly swift. If there is no way to avoid the unflattering images, and the live broadcasts from sea should at least be as brief as possible."

II. "Explanation: Obama needs the Jewish vote"

Diplomatic correspondent Itamar Eichner wrote in the mass-circulation, pluralist Yediot Aharonot (5/27): "Top Israeli officials believe that the change in (Obama's) attitude stems entirely from domestic American political considerations. (The midterm) elections ... are of great concern at present to Obama and his supporters. ... It is no coincidence that Obama and his staff have suddenly begun to speak warmly about Israel Information received by Israeli sources ... indicate that the reason for the change in approach ... is pressure from Democrat lawmakers who are running for election.... There is a great deal of anger at Obama within the Jewish community and disappointment over his policy toward Israel. ... The fear is that the Jewish vote will gravitate away from Democratic candidates to Republicans. ... The hope is that Obama will be able to persuade Netanyahu to extend the construction freeze by means of a friendly request and thereby avoid a damaging confrontation."

III. "A question of time"

Senior commentator Ari Shavit wrote in the independent, left-leaning Ha'aretz (5/27): "... The national security situation is not

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good.... As a result of ... four lamentable events.... The Israel of 2010 is under far greater threat than the Israel of 2000.... The ice is thin, and there is no way of knowing when or where it will break. The threat of the occupation is no less severe than the threat of rocket fire. ... Because of the occupation, the political threat looms ever larger. Time is working against the State of Israel.... The right is still spreading the word that ... everything's just fine. If we don't give in, Abu Mazen will give up. If we don't blink, Obama will disappear. Don't worry, promises the right, the State of Israel has time on its side.... But that is wrong. Israel was established because its founders created facts on the ground with one hand and won diplomatic recognition of those facts with the other. Israel was established because its founders recognized when time is on the side of Zionism and when time is working against it.... The relative quiet that the IDF, the Shin Bet security service and high tech have granted us has become a toxic quiet. ... It has allowed us to ignore the threats that are closing in on us. The argument about time is an argument about life and death.... The truth is that there is no time. If we don't act in time, time will beat us. It is only the silent siren that warns us of the genuine emergency."

2. Iran:

Block Quotes:

I. "Lies and Fears"

Middle East affairs commentator Dr. Guy Bechor, a lecturer at the Interdisciplinary Center, wrote in the mass-circulation, pluralist Yediot Aharonot (5/27): "... The regime in Tehran is terrified, it is frightened to death of sanctions, of global isolation and of its own population. Iran knows that it won't be able to allow itself to have a nuclear bomb and that is why it signed the (uranium exchange) agreement. ... They realize now that they dug a pit for others, but that it was they who ultimately fell into it. Their bid to strengthen their regime only ended up weakening it further. Why did the Iranians join forces with Turkey and Brazil? Because those are countries of significance in Ahmadinejad's imaginary world.... Iran is on its own. Even Russia and China have sold it out, since it is now clear that Russia will side with the United States.... Iran is at present the most isolated country in the world, after North Korea, ostracized and outcast. Israel, of course, has benefited from this fiasco. More powerful sanctions against the regime in Tehran will now be coming.... Iran will become weaker and more limited in its weapon exports. The lie of the regime in Tehran has been laid bare, it is isolated and our work is being done for us by others. And Ahmadinejad? He will continue to fear the next blow, the closest of which is the anniversary of the election fraud this June. Fears from within and fears from without. The reality in which the Iranian regime lives is delusional, but the fears it harbors are entirely real."

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

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

News

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SUBJECTS COVERED IN THIS REPORT:

1. Mideast

Key stories in the media:

Israel Radio reported this morning that a spokeswoman for President Shimon Peres officially denied the report published in the British Guardian newspaper that Israel had signed an agreement to sell nuclear warheads to the Apartheid regime in South Africa in the 1970s. According to documents brought forward by the British newspaper, President Peres, who was defense minister at the time, was the one to negotiate with South Africa and is the one to have signed off on the deal.

Major print media this morning report about yesterday's government decision to support bills submitted by various MKs that would revoke a series of privileges from Hamas prisoners held in Israeli prisons, in an apparent bid to apply pressure on Hamas to move forward the prisoner exchange deal for Gilad Shalit's release. This refers to privileges such as newspapers and television, family visits, and academic studies. The government may, however, submit its own bill, which is expected to be a toned-down version of the existing bills. In any case, the bills are only expected to pass their preliminary reading at present, in what has been called a "warning signal" to Hamas, and the next stages of their legislation depend on the progress of negotiations on the prisoner exchange deal. The head of the task force for Gilad Shalit's release referred to this measure as being "too little, too late," whereas Hamas sources said that this would only cause the organization to stick to its positions more strongly.

Yediot and Maariv today are reporting that the Knesset House Committee is scheduled to discuss a demand to revoke parliamentary rights from Arab MKs who traveled to Libya and met with Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi. The demand to revoke such rights as parliamentary immunity, freedom of movement, and personal security was raised by MK Michael Ben-Ari of the National Union and is said to enjoy the support of the committee chairman, MK Yariv Levin

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(Likud). Knesset Speaker Reuven Rivlin has announced his opposition to the demand and the Arab MKs said that they would boycott the discussion of the committee and would petition the High Court of Justice, if necessary.

Yediot is reporting that Prime Minister Netanyahu commented yesterday on the Home Front Command exercise being carried out this week throughout Israel, calling it a "routine exercise that was scheduled long ago." Netanyahu, seeking to reassure Hezbollah as to Israel's intentions, said that Israel wanted "calm, security, and peace," and clarified that the exercise was not the result of any unusual security development.

1. Mideast:

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I. "Shalit Bill could be harmful"

Former Meretz leader, former Justice Minister, and chief Israeli promoter of the Geneva Initiative, Yossi Beilin, wrote in the independent Israel Hayom (5/24): "(The ministers who supported the 'Gilad Shalit bill') ... did so because they preferred a populist move to responsible political considerations. ... The privileges granted to prisoners ... are granted in order to ensure quiet in the prisons.... There isn't a chance in the world that revoking a few privileges from Hamas prisoners will melt the heart of this questionable organization and help bring Shalit home. What may bring him home is a deal in which thousands of Hamas prisoners are released, and the Israeli government must decide whether or not it is prepared to pay this price. It is far easier for the government to lend its hand to a childish law, which will cause damage immediately upon its implementation but, until then, will at least provide it with some public support- rather than striving for the moment of truth concerning Gilad Shalit's future."

II. "Press until they beg for a deal"

Nationalist columnist Hanoach Daum wrote in the mass-circulation, pluralist Yediot Aharonot (5/24): "The ministerial committee made an important and dramatic decision yesterday.... The only way to make a real change in the static situation ... is to apply pressure on the prisoners so that they will apply pressure to their leaders.... Israel must change its approach, and make the other side become the one that wants a deal. Firstly, it has become apparent that there is no one to talk to ... solely because of internal disputes... Secondly.... There is no possibility of freeing hostages in a successful military operation. These two facts leave Israel with the only possible option: Applying pressure.... Bureaucratic processes are legitimate, but not when someone is rotting away alive in the heart of Gaza. Our sages have already said that anyone who is merciful to the cruel will eventually be cruel to the merciful."

III. "Let them in"

Political commentator Shalom Yerushalmi wrote in the popular, pluralist Maariv (5/24): "Eight or nine ships ... are now making their way towards the Gaza Strip. ... Our goal is to permit these ships to enter after it becomes clear that there is no weaponry on them, and apparently there is none. Israel can stop these ships by force.... There will be no problem in doing so.... How will a

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country look that sends its army to sea to harass peace activists who have come to assist a population in distress? ... The only way to combat the ships on their way to the Gaza Strip ... is to counter it with a civilian flotilla, which will present the Israeli arguments and attack the inhumane and cruel treatment of Gilad Shalit by Hamas. ... The world media should mainly show civilians versus civilians, not an army versus peace activists. This will be much more correct and effective from our standpoint."

IV. "Obama's Jewish minefield is Israel's bomb"

Senior op-ed writer Akiva Eldar commented in the independent, left-leaning Ha'aretz (5/24): "U.S. President Barack Obama said he had stepped on a few mines as he took his first steps in the Middle East... It appears that the Obama administration has realized that it will not succeed where its predecessors have failed. Obama's efforts to woo Jewish politicians are like our secular politicians who make a pilgrimage to Rabbi Ovadia Yosef... They were promised that Obama would not pressure Benjamin Netanyahu's government to give back land. In simpler words: They don't want peace; there is no need for it. It's possible that Obama's withdrawal from his vision of peace ... will open the purses of a handful of Jewish donors to his party. However, it's not at all certain that a business-as-usual approach toward a right-wing government in Israel will improve Obama's lot among Jewish voters. Obama's Jewish camp is not buying the message of the poor weaking that the right wing is selling with some success in the local market... Unfortunately, Obama's mine is our bomb...; This influential community's link to the historic homeland and its influence on centers of power in the United States is one of the cornerstones of Israel's deterrence. The damage caused by the Netanyahu government to this core support of American Jews is no better than the threat of a nuclear Iran."

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Main Stories:

Palestinian Authority (PA) official daily Al-Hayat Al-Jadida and independent daily Al-Ayyam lead with news of President Abbas's joint press conference with the Prime Minister of Malaysia yesterday. During the press conference, Abbas said that the second phase of indirect talks has concluded and that when the questions regarding security and borders issues are resolved the PA can start direct talks.

Abbas added that he will be meeting with President Obama to continue discussions on security and borders issues. Abbas reaffirmed the PA's commitment to peace. According to independent daily Al-Ayyam, the White House announced this morning that President Obama will receive Abbas on June 9.

In related news, the dailies report that Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu reiterated from Paris yesterday the importance of moving quickly to direct talks saying, "The problems we have with the Palestinians can only be resolved if we sit together at the same table." Independent daily Al-Quds runs separate front page coverage citing Israeli newspaper Maariv that Netanyahu said, in closed meetings, that he had won the battle that had started between him and President Obama.

Al-Quds leads with news that the Gaza fleet aid (Freedom Fleet) is enroute to Gaza and is expected to arrive tomorrow. According to the report, the activists on board the fleet are determined to challenge the Israeli threats to obstruct the fleet's arrival. Al-Ayyam runs a lead photo of two Israeli soldiers standing in front of detention tents that Israel has set up to hold activists from the fleet upon their arrival near Ashdod port.

Al-Quds runs a lead photo of Prime Minister Fayyad participating in the Jerusalem International Marathon in Abu-Deis yesterday. Fayyad noted that next year's marathon will start at Damascus Gate of Jerusalem's Old City.

Dailies report on the conclusion of the door to door campaign aimed at raising Palestinian public awareness regarding the PA's settlement products boycott campaign. The reports note that Fayyad volunteered yesterday with the campaign. Fayyad noted that the campaign fulfilled its goal to reach almost all Palestinian households in Ramallah. He reiterated that the boycott campaign will continue.

Fayyad is quoted in the dailies emphasizing the importance of the Palestinian Investment Conference which is scheduled to be held in Bethlehem next week. He noted that the conference will help build a strong Palestinian economy that would lead to the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Dailies report on confrontations yesterday in the Silwan neighborhood of East Jerusalem between the Palestinian residents and Israeli soldiers. The clashes resulted in 10 people being injured including one pregnant woman.

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----- Al-Quds runs an editorial under the title "Settlers Prove Their Hatred to the Land and to the Olives" which asserts that

the settlers' hatred towards Palestinians is illustrated by how much they hate to see olive trees growing on Palestinian land. The writer wonders whether the Palestinians have to wait until all olive trees are uprooted before the Arab States will intervene to help.

Palestinian Cyberspace:

Palestinian cyberspace is inundated with coverage on the Gaza Freedom Flotilla. One contributor, Yousef Munayyer blogged on Palestinethinktank.com under the title "Why is Israel Afraid of a Few Boats?" Munayyer states, "Headlines and stories covering this confrontation at sea will shift the focus back to Gaza, even if only for a few hours. For Israel, Gaza is the tortured and famished step-child it locks in the basement when visitors arrive, and the activists on these boats seek to expose what Israel is doing in the Strip: imposing a draconian siege to collectively punish civilians for political aims."

Beyond our Borders blog from Gaza continued posting blogs commemorating Al-Nakba. Jehan Al Farra from Gaza blogged under "62 Years of Nakba...Next?" asserting, "We will remain strong, our heads high, and always struggling for our right to a normal, respectable life on our own land. We will keep on educating ourselves and learning, we will keep on building what has been destroyed, we will live, we will dream, and most importantly, we will take our land back one day."

Daoud Kuttab blogged under "Elections in Palestine, Again" saying, "If elections take place with a big participation, this will give a big boost to the prime minister and to President Mahmoud Abbas. Palestinians and the international community will also be looking to these elections to gauge the level of support Fayyad and his moderate policies enjoy."

Cartoon of the Week:

This cartoon appeared in Al-Quds today. It shows the Gaza "Freedom Fleet" about to arrive in Gaza. Awaiting the "Freedom's" arrival are detention tents (Ashdod prison) set up, by the Israelis, to welcome (hold) the activists.

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1. (C) Summary. During a meeting with the Ambassador on May 18, the newly elected Jewish Community leadership and Chief Rabbi Haleva expressed concerns about

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fallout of a potential confrontation between the Israeli government and the IHH (Turkish Humanitarian Aid Foundation) flotilla reportedly departing Istanbul on May 22 with the intention of breaking the blockade on Gaza (reftel). [REDACTED]

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-Chief Rabbi Haleva on AKP reforms

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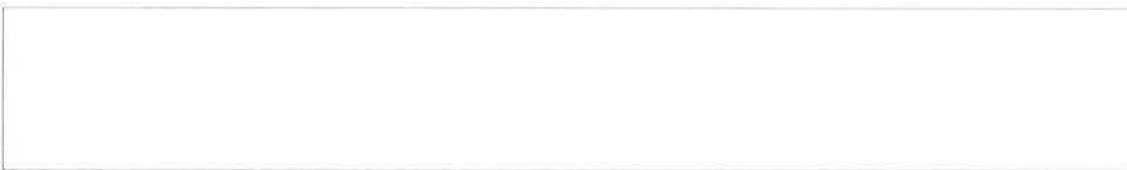
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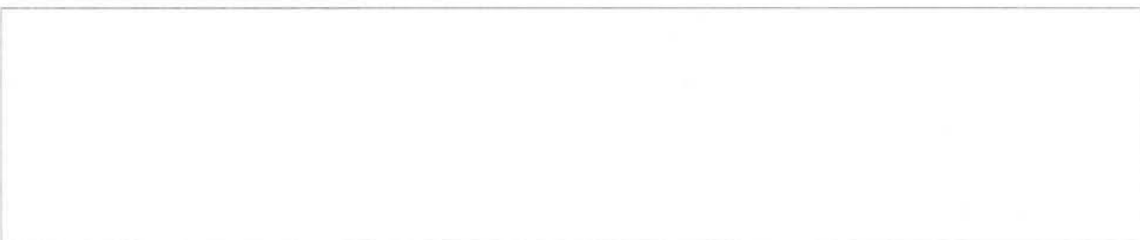
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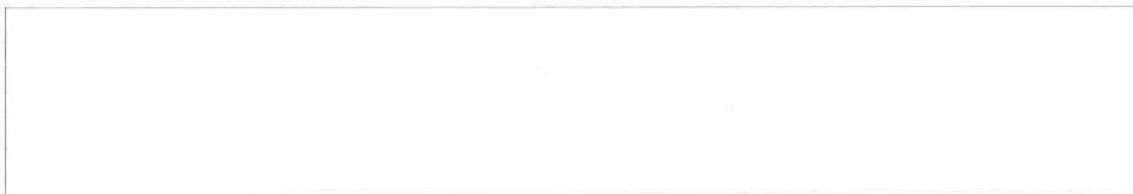
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"Don't mistreat those who took refuge with you"
-Chief Rabbi Haleva on Anti-Semitism in Turkey



6. (SBU) Always keeping a wary eye open for opportunities for Turkish citizens to translate anti-Israeli anger into anti-Semitism, the leadership expressed their concern about the potential confrontation between the Israeli government and the Turkish NGO Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH). The IHH is sending a flotilla of aid materials with the intention of breaking the blockade of Gaza, reportedly departing Istanbul for Israeli waters on May 22 (reftel).



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US Embassy Ankara – Turkey Media Reaction – May 28, 2010 as prepared by the Public Affairs Information Office

How the US is Playing/Related News**Obama Administration Has a Clear Proposal for Iran, North Korea (*Yeni Safak*)**

Yeni Safak reports from Washington that the new National Security Strategy document announced by the White House makes a "clear" offer to Iran and North Korea to choose between "dialogue" or "isolation." Articles report that the "struggle against terror" terminology was dropped from the document in favor of the statement "We are at war with the al-Qaeda terror network and the terrorists affiliated with this network." Mainstream *Milliyet* headlines "We are at War with al-Qaeda, Not Terror or Islam" and liberal *Radikal* announces "Obama Changed America's Rhetoric." Mainstream *Haberturk* headlines "America's New Enemy is 'Jihad Jane'" and reports that the "US National Security Strategy which is updated every four years emphasized foreign affairs and security."

Davutoglu to Meet Clinton in Washington (*Milliyet*)

A news commentary item in *Milliyet* says Foreign Minister Davutoglu will cut short his Latin American trip with Prime Minister Erdogan and fly to Washington Tuesday to meet Secretary Clinton for an appointment requested by Ankara yesterday. *Milliyet* calls the nuclear deal, the second-largest crisis between Turkey and the US in recent months, the first being the approval of the AGR by the HFAC. A senior US official is quoted as saying the deal with Iran failed to meet the expectations of the international community and that the US conveyed to Turkey its concerns about it. In his meeting with Clinton, Davutoglu is expected to stress that Turkey was not moving against the US and that Turkey respected the priorities highlighted in a recent letter from President Obama, according to the paper.

MFA: "US Has Created an 'Absurd' Situation" (*Cumhuriyet*)

Cumhuriyet and *Zaman* report the Turkish Foreign Ministry (MFA) Spokesman Burak Ozugergin said Thursday that Turkey wanted an "appropriate" response from Western countries regarding the uranium swap agreement with Iran. *Cumhuriyet*

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reports that Ozugergin said the US created an "absurd situation" by taking sanctions to the UN Security Council one day after the agreement was reached. Responding to a question, Ozugergin said he did not expect the agreement to cause a new crisis with the US and added that diplomacy with Iran should be pursued instead of confrontation. *Cumhuriyet's* Ankara Bureau Chief Utku Cakirozer writes that MFA sources expect the US to give a "conditional yes" to the uranium swap agreement with Iran. "Washington will likely announce today that it finds the exchange agreement 'positive.' Washington will also ask Tehran to fully stop its uranium enrichment program," emphasizes Cakirozer.

Turkey, Brazil Won't Backpedal on Iran (*Zaman*)

Papers report "Iran mediators" Turkey and Brazil said they stand behind the nuclear exchange agreement struck with Iran. Prime Minister Erdogan, in Brazil on an official visit, said after meeting with Brazilian President Lula da Silva that they would maintain their positions. President da Silva said all sides should focus on "dialogue" instead of "conflict."

Op-Ed on Turkish Foreign Policy

In "Neo-Turkey," liberal *Radikal's* Cengiz Candar opines: "Today, we are talking about a Turkey in the 'global system,' a Turkey moving forward to take its place among the top ten countries in the future. If we shift our gaze from Ankara and look at the world, we will see a different world from that seen by those in Washington with their 'Israeli glasses.' We can see the 'new Turkey' in this new world, which some brand as 'neo-Ottoman' and others 'neo non-aligned.'"

Amnesty International Blames US, EU on Israel (*Yeni Safak*)

Yeni Safak reports that in its annual report, Amnesty International (AI) blamed the US, EU and some G-20 countries for blocking the punishment of Israel by international courts over "war crimes" the Jewish state committed in Gaza. The report also accused China, India, Indonesia, Russia, Turkey and the US for "not contributing" to international justice efforts, says *Yeni Safak*.

In the Headlines

Israel Won't Allow Aid Ships' Passage into Gaza (*Hurriyet*)

Papers report Israeli Ambassador in Ankara, Gaby Levy, said Israel would not allow the humanitarian "Freedom Flotilla" of aid ships into Gaza and would detain whoever attempts to enter the strip. Levy said the fleet's orientation has been "political." Islamist-oriented *Zaman* headlines "Israel will Use Force Against Aid Fleet to Gaza." *Cumhuriyet* reports the Turkish Foreign Ministry (MFA) asked the NGOs in the convoy not go to Gaza, saying Turkey did not want new tensions in the region. "This is an aid effort organized by neither Turkey, nor other countries. We have told Israel it was time to meet the needs of the people in Gaza," MFA Spokesman Burak Ozugergin said.

'Aid Fleet' Op-Ed

Ibrahim Karagul of Islamist-oriented *Yeni Safak* writes: "Gaza is under occupation, so any Israeli intervention with the aid ships would be tantamount to piracy, because Israel's territorial waters have not been violated. Seizure of the aid ships via military operations would cause serious diplomatic and international legal problems with Israel. Reactions which would be displayed against Israel would go far beyond denouncement. If Israel uses disproportionate violence again, Turkey will have to question its diplomatic ties with Israel. Israel should know that those who went to Gaza in the ships have the backing of strong countries and also of millions of people."

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SUBJECTS COVERED IN THIS REPORT:

1. Mideast

Key stories in the media:

All of the major Hebrew-language newspapers this morning focused on the Israeli authorities' preparations for the impending clash with the flotilla headed for Gaza. Maariv provides a step by step account of the IDF operation for preventing the ships from reaching the Gaza Strip. The process will include a warning, boarding of the ships by commando forces, and deportation of the participants from Israel to their respective countries of origin. Those who refuse to identify themselves will undergo a medical examination and will be detained in Israel and await a court proceeding. The ships will then be sent for further inspection by the authorities. Israel Hayom points out that unless the flotilla turns back, Israel cannot emerge well from this affair and that it "will lead to a diplomatic and (another) PR beating for Israel." Maariv also reported that the organizers of the flotilla refused a request by the family of captured Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit to transfer letters and packages to him and to demand a meeting with him. The Shalit family expressed their disappointment and said that had they agreed, the Shalit family would have supported the flotilla.

Following a high court decision to allow Palestinians to travel on the controversial road between central Israel and Jerusalem, Yediot this morning describes the new security measures that have been placed along the route. Despite the court ruling, Palestinian motorists will only be allowed to travel on four of the 14 kilometers of road in the West Bank, and would be subject to several roadblocks and security inspections, making the road largely unfit for their use.

Yediot this morning reported on the indictment of Israeli-Arab activist Ameer Makhoul on charges of spying, making contact with a foreign agent, and aiding the enemy during wartime. According to the indictment, Makhoul travelled to Copenhagen and met a Hezbollah agent who installed software on his personal computer, allowing

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clandestine communications between the two. The indictment said that Makhoul gave the agent information on the location of several security installations, including Shin Bet and Mossad headquarters, as well as the level of preparedness of the Israeli population for wartime. Yediot commented that more and more Israeli Arabs are not only sympathizing ideologically with the enemy, but are also crossing the lines and committing treason. The commentator takes the establishment and Jewish society to task for its treatment of Israel's minorities and contends that this is the reason that Israel is "slowly losing them."

1. Mideast:

Block Quotes:

I. "Operational wisdom"

Military affairs commentator Yoav Limor wrote in the independent Israel Hayom (5/28): "Something that will most likely not happen has to happen for Israel to emerge safely from the provocative flotilla to Gaza. ... For it to suddenly be canceled or for the ships to reach Gaza, show that they're there and return home. Such a scenario would prevent the clash that will lead to a diplomatic and (another) PR beating for Israel... In this script, Israel has to choose between a bad choice and a worse choice. The bad choice is to permit the ships to reach Gaza. If that happens, the current flotilla will be the promo to a naval descent on Gaza, which will make arms smuggling and terrorist smuggling possible by sea.... That's why the security cabinet decided that the ships will not pass. ... The command ranks must use operational wisdom, as must the commandos who will take control of the ships. ... It won't be nice, but that said, it won't be violent, and then only one trouble remains—that of PR. ... We just mustn't forget that long after the passengers are expelled and the ships departed, we will remain with the real problem -Gaza."

II. "Makhoul is not alone"

Military correspondent Alex Fishman wrote in the mass-circulation, pluralist Yediot Aharonot (5/28): "... More and more of those who sympathize ideologically with the enemy not only express support of its struggle in public but also cross the lines. ... But before we discuss their guilt, we must admit to the role played by Jewish establishment and society, which by virtue of their treatment of the minorities, are gradually losing them.... (Makhoul) wanted to be part of a nationalist-Arab movement capable of both confronting and defeating Israel. ... Other members of Balad, or others like him who identify with the movement, are also quite close to the point of fully divorcing themselves from the State of Israel. And this is what ought to concern us, perhaps even more than the information he may or may not have passed on to Hizbullah.... Makhoul is already burned out. He hates the state with every part of his being. The question that now remains is what we, Israeli society, do so that Makhoul remains alone, and that intelligent people like him, who share similar views, do not seek to cross the lines as well."

III. "The Ongoing Quiet"

Senior columnist Nahum Barnea wrote in the mass-circulation, pluralist Yediot Aharonot (5/28): "Last Friday a high-ranking Palestinian Authority official, a political figure, went to the headquarters of the Central Command in northeast Jerusalem. He went

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to meet with OC Central Command Maj. Gen. Avi Mizrahi. ... Never ... has the coordination between the IDF and the PA been as efficient and as productive as it is today. If there are no terror attacks from the West Bank at the moment, it's not because Hamas, or Hizbullah, have given up on the option.... From the IDF's point of view, the main reason for the quiet is the combination of the intelligence network that the GSS and the IDF laid and the preventive activity of the PA.... The PA's war on Hamas ... began with Hamas's violent takeover of Gaza, which made it clear to Fatah that if it wished to survive, it had no choice but to cooperate with Israel. But ... this partnership can continue to work successfully only if it is fueled by Israeli willingness to be forthcoming toward the Palestinian Authority. One of the components of the partnership is the need to maintain a certain degree of conflict. ... This is its way of proving to its public that it is not a collaborator. The Israelis find it hard to understand this dualism."

IV. "Don't call it a victory"

Senior columnist and longtime peace advocate Yoel Marcus wrote in the independent, left-leaning Ha'aretz (5/28): "Many U.S. presidents since Roosevelt have had Jewish advisers. Some did not deal with our problems, while others were considered experts on Israeli affairs. ... But there has never been a Jew in the heart of the White House, at the center of the president's decisions, in a key position like Rahm Emanuel. ... The suspicious Jewish mind assumed that the ... chief of staff could not be seen alongside a black president with a Muslim background as someone who is on our side. The media described the president's moves ... as Emanuel's initiative. ... It is almost certain that the invitation to Netanyahu was meant to repair Obama's unnecessary mistakes in his treatment of us, which turned his mediator's mission into an impossible one. ... Obama deviated from good taste by humiliating Netanyahu This humiliation strengthened the Israeli right. ... After Obama's complete turnaround in the region to win over Islamic hearts, he is discovering whom he is dealing with. ... There is a scenario that if the United States wants to reach a decision in the Iranian crisis it does not and will not want to be seen as hostile to Israel. And if Rahm Emanuel is responsible for the approach that says Palestinian stubbornness is the obstacle, Netanyahu should not boast that he won. At most, a window of opportunity has been opened for him to turn the visit into an achievement."

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1. (SBU) In response to the intervention by the Israeli Military on the Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla, the MFA announced it will recall its ambassador to Israel, Oguz Celikkol, and will cancel three military exercises it had planned with Israel. It will also recall the Turkish Youth National Soccer Team before it plays its scheduled match. The press reported that PM Erdogan cut his trip to Latin America short and will return to Turkey today, while FM Ahmet Davutoglu is on his way to New York to request that the UN Security Council meet in an emergency session to discuss the intervention today. Ambassador Jeffrey has been summoned to the MFA today, with other Security Council Ambassadors, to hear the GOT position on the emergency session. Acting Prime Minister Bulent Arinc said that the intervention will be a "black stain in human history," and urged Israel to lift the blockade against Gaza so that humanitarian aid may reach Gaza. Arinc equated the intervention in international waters with an act of piracy, although he ruled out sending Turkish naval forces to the region for the time being. President Gul condemned the attack, saying that Israel "deeply wounded" the international public's conscience. He urged Israeli officials to bring an end to the developments, and urged Turks to act with restraint. Turkish Grand National Assembly Speaker Mehmet Ali Sahin said that the parliament may issue a condemnation declaration.

2. (SBU) Protests against the intervention continued. In Istanbul, a crowd of protesters that had been dispersed from the Israeli Consulate moved towards Taksim Square, in the city center. The media reported that the crowd was steadily building in size, to between 5,000-10,000 people. According to press reports, many of the protesters are carrying Turkish and Palestinian flags, are chanting slogans denouncing Israel, and are reciting prayers in Arabic. The media reports that 9 of the apparent 16 dead were Turkish, and that all of them were killed on one Turkish ship, has inflamed passions here. Press pictures of the intervention have shown Israeli soldiers pointing rifles next to Turkish flags.

3. (SBU) In Adana, a number of people gathered in front of the U.S. Consulate for a peaceful protest. The Consulate local guard force estimated there were 500-700 people while the Turkish National Police

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(TNP) estimated there were close to 4,000. The group laid a black wreath in front of the consulate, said the U.S. is an invading country, and dispersed. The TNP cooperated very well with security staff, and sent nearly all of their branch chiefs as well as the Security Director.

4. (SBU) Turkish press reported that because of the intervention Greece canceled an air force exercise with Israel and canceled the visit of the Greek Air Force Commander, planned for June 1. According to the press, the Greek MFA said they have not received any information about the welfare of the 34 Greeks that had joined the flotilla, and protests outside the Israeli Embassy in Athens were planned for May 31 and June 1.

5. (SBU) Note: SitRep 1 incorrectly indicated that the RSO in Istanbul and Ankara sent out a warden message. RSO Adana sent a warden message regarding the protest at the U.S. Consulate, but the SMS messages in Istanbul and Ankara were sent only to the embassy intra-community regarding traffic alerts due to protests.

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1. (U) SUMMARY: The Sultanate yesterday issued a statement expressing its condemnation of the Israeli actions against the 'aid' flotilla convoy intended for Gaza. Comments were released May 31 from both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Majlis Ash'shura and posted by the Government of Oman's "Oman News Agency" website. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STATEMENT: "The Sultanate of Oman followed with pain and concern the incidents of the aid flotilla convoy which was heading for Gaza and obstructed by the Israeli navy using weapons that resulted in the fall of martyrs and innocent victims. The Sultanate expresses its sincere condolences and sympathy for families of the bereaved, and also condemns the Israeli assault which contravenes with the international law. The Sultanate appeals to the international community to shoulder its responsibility towards the lifting of the blockade on Gaza Strip and provide every possible support to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank."

3. (U) MAJLIS ASH'SHURA STATEMENT: The Majlis Ash'shura condemned the Israeli aggression on the aid flotilla in a statement that said, "the assault caused the victimization of scores of innocent people. Majlis Ash'shura calls upon the international community, parliamentary councils in the world and human rights organizations to take practical steps to deter Israel and stop its recurrent aggression on the Palestinian people and humanitarian initiatives." It also echoed a similar plea on the international community and reviewed reports on parliament members kidnapped by the Israeli occupation authorities in Palestine.

3. (SBU) COMMENT: The official Omani reaction was relatively measured in comparison to other responses, in keeping with its low-key approach to foreign affairs. The separate statement from the Majlis Ash'Shura is one of the few times that the Majlis has officially issued a separate statement from the government (Foreign Ministry). END COMMENT.

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Summary: Coverage of the Israeli attack on the Gaza-bound aid flotilla in international waters dominated headlines in all newspapers on Tuesday morning. All dailies reported that a well-known Pakistan journalist Talat Hussain and two other Pakistanis who were onboard one of the ships are safe but their whereabouts are unknown. Newspapers carried front page reports of the Monday night attack on Lahore's Jinnah Hospital believed to be a "bid to free [an] arrested terrorist injured in [the] attack on Ahmedis" last Friday. Ambassador Patterson's meeting with Foreign Secretary Bashir, were carried in all major English and Urdu newspapers. Newspapers reported her statement that "the case of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui is still in the courts and therefore discussions of future plans are premature," and that she urged the Foreign Ministry to expedite travel documents for Pakistani nationals awaiting deportation. Almost all major dailies recycled a "New York Times" report that the United States is increasing pressure on Pakistan to provide more information on airline passengers as part of its efforts to combat terrorism. The U.S. Embassy's press release denying the violation of Pakistan airspace by the U.S. aircraft near

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Landikotal was also published. Media also covered a report that the fee for nonimmigrant U.S. visa applications has increased to 140 dollars. Both electronic and print media reported that the Lahore High Court has lifted the ban on Facebook with a strict warning against any future acts of blasphemy.

Weekend editions carried Admiral Mullen's statement that he is more focused on Pakistani cooperation to contain the Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan than weighing military action against militant targets in that country in retaliation for a terror attack. The Sunday editions of almost all mainstream dailies published a "Washington Post" report on their front pages that U.S. military planners are looking at options for a "unilateral strike" in Pakistan if a successful attack on U.S. soil is traced to the tribal areas." Both newspapers and TV networks reported that the U.S. Mission in Pakistan has strongly condemned the terrorist attacks in Lahore on Friday.

The Gaza-bound aid flotilla incident dominated editorial themes in Monday's newspapers. In its editorial titled, "Under a dark flag," "The News," observed that "This monstrous outrage has caught the world's attention and once again put the spotlight on the activities of a state that has been a law unto itself for most of its life," however, "The Nation," wrote in its article, "Depraved, brutal, illegal," that "it seems quite significant that the Americans could not hit upon stronger words than 'deeply regret' the loss of life, with the Obama Administration 'currently working to understand the circumstances surrounding this tragedy.'" The Urdu daily "Khabrain," in its editorial, "Rein Israel in," noted that "If the U.S. has permitted Israel to engage in terrorism, it should not have any objection to Al Qaeda and the Taliban as it is in reaction to the Israeli and American terrorist acts that the Taliban and Al Qaeda are responding." "Dawn," wrote in its editorial "Murder most foul," that "Save condemnations from around the world, one can reasonably be sure Israel will face no material consequences for this brutality on the seas." End Summary.

TOP STORIES

News Story: Israel Storms Gaza Aid Fleet, 19 Killed - "Daily Times" (06/01)

"Israeli navy commandos stormed a Gaza-bound aid flotilla in international waters on Monday, killing up to 19 pro-Palestinian activists in a raid that sparked global outrage."

News Story: Journalist Talat And Other Pakistanis Are Safe - "Dawn" (06/01)

"TV journalist Talat Hussain and two other Pakistanis who were onboard a ship that Israeli commandos stormed in international waters on Monday are reported to be safe but their whereabouts are not known. An official statement issued after Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani made a telephone call to the wife of Talat Hussain said that Interpol had informed the government that the journalist was in 'safe hands'."

News Story: Audacious Attack Follows Strike On Ahmadis: Terrorists Fail To Reach Comrade In Lahore Hospital - "Dawn" (06/01)

"Terrorists targeted Lahore's Jinnah Hospital on Monday midnight to 'free or kill' their fellow, who was injured in Friday's attack on Ahmadis' worship place in Model Town, leaving at least five persons dead and six injured. Some 10 Ahmadis and terrorist Moaz alias Amir

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Moavia were under treatment in the hospital when the terror attack took place at around 11.45pm."

News Story: Terrorists Attack Jinnah Hospital, Attack Considered Bid To Free Arrested Terrorist Who Was Injured In Attack On Ahmedis "Daily Times" (06/01)

"At least five people, including a woman, were killed when at least four unidentified terrorists stormed various wards of Lahore's Jinnah Hospital late on Monday night. Reports said the attack was an attempt to free a terrorist, who was under treatment at the hospital after being arrested following Friday's attacks on a Ahmedis' prayer facility in Model Town's C-block."

News Story: Too Early To Predict Aafia's Future, Says Patterson - "Daily Times," "Dawn," "The News," "Jang," "Ausaf," "Islam," "Jinnah," "Pakistan," "Nawa-e-Waqt," (06/01)

"US Ambassador to Pakistan Anne W Patterson said on Monday that it would be too early to discuss the future of Dr Aafia Siddiqui as the case was still in the court, a statement said on Monday. 'Dr Siddiqui has not yet been sentenced and also has the right to appeal her conviction - so the US legal process is not yet concluded,' the US ambassador said during a meeting with Foreign Affairs Secretary Salman Bashir."

News Story: US Seeks FO Help In Repatriation Of '300 Pakistanis' - "Dawn," "The News," "Daily Times," (06/01)

"American Ambassador Anne Patterson has sought the help of Foreign Office for expeditious repatriation of 300 detainees, believed to be Pakistanis, facing deportation from the United States. At a meeting with Foreign Secretary Salman Bashir on Monday, Ambassador Patterson asked Islamabad to immediately provide travel documents to the Pakistanis so that they could be repatriated."

News Story: US Seeks More Information About Travelers - "Dawn," "The News," "Daily Times," (06/01)

"The Obama administration is increasing pressure on Pakistan to provide the United States with much broader airline passenger information, a crucial tool that American investigators use to track terrorist travel patterns, but a step that Pakistan has resisted, the New York Times reported on Monday."

News Story: Correction For The Record: U.S. Aircraft - "Express," "Nawa-e-Waqt," "Islam," (06/01)

"Two daily national newspapers published articles today claiming that U.S. aircraft violated Pakistan's airspace on Sunday near Landikotal Tehsil in the Khyber Agency. This accusation is entirely false. No U.S. aircraft flew over the Khyber Agency as alleged in the articles."

News Story: Nonimmigrant Visa Application Fees to Increase June 4 - "Nawa-e-Waqt," "Ausaf," "Islam," "Mashriq," "Jinnah," "Pakistan," (06/01)

"On June 4, 2010, all U.S. Consular Sections worldwide will introduce new application fees for nonimmigrant visas. For most visas, including those for temporary visitors and students, the application fee will increase from \$131 to \$140."

News Story: Court Lifts Facebook Ban - "Dawn," "The News," "Daily

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Times," "The Nation," (06/01)

"A judge of the Lahore High Court allowed on Monday conditional access to Facebook, a social networking website, with a strict warning against any future act of blasphemy. A 12-day-old ban on the website was lifted after the Ministry of Information Technology gave an assurance that no blasphemous material would be allowed to be shown on it."

News Story: Al-Qaeda Leadership In Pakistan: Mullen - "The News" (05/31)

"Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said on Sunday he is more focused on Pakistani cooperation to contain the Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan than weighing military action against militant targets in that country in retaliation for a terror attack in the US emanating from there. Mullen, appearing on Fox News Sunday program, said he was pleased with the increase in Pakistani military success against militants along the Afghan border."

News Story: US Mulls Unilateral Pakistan Strikes, US Military Officials Say Strike Will Only Be Considered Under Extreme Circumstances - "Daily Times" (05/30)

"US military planners are looking at options for a unilateral strike in Pakistan, if a successful attack on US soil is traced to the Tribal Areas, The Washington Post reported late on Friday. US retaliation would be contemplated only under extreme circumstances, unnamed senior military officials told the Post."

News Story: U.S. Condemns Terrorist Attacks in Lahore - "The News," "Business Recorder," "Jang," "Express," "Nawa-e-Waqt," (05/29)

"The U.S. Embassy in Pakistan strongly condemns the terrorist attacks today at Garhi Shahu and Model Town, Lahore. U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Anne W. Patterson said 'cowardly assaults on people at prayer are attacks against people of all faiths.'"

TERRORISM/MILITARY ISSUES

News Story: Obama, Netanyahu Meeting Cancelled After Israeli Attack - "Dawn" (06/01)

"Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday cancelled his meeting with US President Barack Obama and rushed back home from Canada to deal with the aftermath of an Israeli military action that killed up to 19 international aid workers. Also on Monday, President Obama expressed "deep regret" over the loss of life in the attack on the aid ships."

News Story: Nation Denounces Israeli Barbarsim On Relief Workers - "The News" (06/01)

"Entire Pakistani nation on Monday stood together against use of force by Israeli army against 'Freedom Flotilla' the humanitarian mission launched to deliver aid to Palestinian in Gaza in which 20 people have lost their precious life."

News Story: At Least Nine Activists Killed: Israeli Commandos Storm Aid Fleet - "Dawn" (06/01)

"Israeli navy commandos stormed a Gaza-bound aid flotilla on Monday, killing at least nine pro-Palestinian activists in a pre-dawn raid that sparked global outrage and plunged the Jewish state into a

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diplomatic crisis. The bloody ending to the high-profile aid mission plunged the Jewish state's already troubled relations with Turkey into crisis, with Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu saying that Israel had lost all international legitimacy."

News Story: US 'Regrets' Deaths In Israeli Raid On Aid Flotilla - "Daily Times" (06/01)

"The US 'deeply regrets' the loss of life during an Israeli raid on an aid convoy to the Gaza Strip and is looking into the details of the incident, the White House said on Monday. "The United States deeply regrets the loss of life and injuries sustained and is currently working to understand the circumstances surrounding this tragedy," White House spokesman Bill Burton said in a statement."

News Story: Taseer Wants Stern Action Against Banned Outfits - "Daily Times" (06/01)

"Punjab Governor Salmaan Taseer said that the Punjab government must ensure zero tolerance towards banned religious outfits, suggesting that leniency would embolden them."

News Story: Diplomatic Efforts For Recovery Of Pakistanis Launched - "Daily Times" (06/01)

"Pakistan on Monday asked for the US government's immediate intervention in the matter regarding the recovery of Pakistani nationals who were aboard Freedom Flotilla. Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi told reporters that he had telephoned US special representative Richard Holbrooke on the issue of recovery of Talat Hussain, executive director of a private TV channel."

News Story: Israel In Eye Of Storm Over Siege - "The Nation" (06/01)

"Israel's allies froze military ties and summoned its ambassadors Monday over the storming of an aid flotilla bound for Gaza, as Muslim leaders slammed the deadly raid as "criminal" and "inhuman". UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he was "shocked" by the Israeli navy's assault on a convoy carrying hundreds of pro-Palestinian activists, lawmakers and journalists through international waters towards besieged Gaza."

News Story: Israel Faces Worldwide Condemnation - "Dawn" (06/01)

"Israel faced a wave of global outrage over the storming of Gaza-bound aid ships on Monday, as key ally Turkey froze military ties, Muslim leaders demanded UN action and protests erupted in many countries. UN chief Ban Ki-moon said he was "shocked" by the naval assault on a convoy carrying hundreds of pro-Palestinian activists through international waters, while capitals across Europe summoned Israel's ambassadors."

News Story: Zardari Earns Friend Reprieve From Agencies - "Dawn" (06/01)

"Personal intervention of President Asif Ali Zardari led to the return of his close friend and prominent businessman Riaz Laljee, who was allegedly picked up by intelligence operatives early on Sunday morning soon after his return from Dubai, it has been reliably learnt."

News Story: Terrorists Sent To Target PM House - "The Nation" (06/01)

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"Three high-profile terrorists have reportedly been sent from the tribal areas to target the Prime Minister's House situated in the Federal Capital, police sources said. According to reliable sources, Punjab-based intelligence agencies informed the Islamabad Capital Territory Police that three high-profile terrorists could target the Prime Minister House by carrying suicide attacks."

News Story: Security Issues Discussed - "Dawn" (06/01)

"Chief of the Army Staff General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani called on Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani here on Monday and exchanged views with him on security situation in the country."

News Story: 42 Killed In Orakzai Air Attacks - "Dawn" (06/01)

"Forty-two militants were killed and 18 others injured in air strikes on suspected positions in Orakzai on Monday. Officials said military planes and helicopters targeted seven places in Ghelju, Toorkani and Mamozai areas of Dabori."

POLITICAL ISSUES

News Story: US Seeks To Balance India's Role In Afghanistan - "Daily Times" (06/01)

"The Obama administration is grappling with how to balance India's role in Afghanistan as it thinks Pakistan also jostles for influence there ahead of Washington's planned troop withdrawal to start in mid-2011. US strategy in Afghanistan is set to be included on the agenda in the US-India talks this week in Washington - with Delhi seeking clarity over rival Pakistan's role, particularly in reconciliation plans with the Taliban."

News Story: Pakistani Law Fuels Hatred Of Ahmadis, Says UN - "Dawn" (06/01)

"Official discrimination in Pakistan against the Ahmadi sect fuels hatred of the community and prompts violent attacks against them, according to three UN human rights investigators. In a statement issued by the United Nations in Geneva on Monday following deadly bombings last Friday of two Ahmadi worship places in Lahore, the three said the authorities had failed to head off the attacks despite many signs that they were coming."

ECONOMY/ENVIRONMENT

News Story: VAT Being Opposed By The Rich: PM's Adviser - "Dawn" (06/01)

"The Adviser to Prime Minister on Finance, Dr Abdul Hafeez Sheikh, claimed here on Monday that those who possessed wealth and did not want to be brought into the tax net were the main opponents of Value Added Tax (VAT), which was likely to be imposed from July 1."

News Story: Petroleum Prices Reduced - "Dawn" (06/01)

"The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority reduced on Monday the prices of petroleum products by up to 8 per cent for the month of June, following a decline in crude rates in Gulf markets."

News Story: Pakistan, India Close To Deal On 2 Power Projects - "Daily Times" (06/01)

"India and Pakistan are close to an agreement on two power projects

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coming up in Indian-held Kashmir, which have been a major bone of contention between the two countries over the past two years. Confirming that a consensus had evolved on the 250 megawatts Uri-II power project on Jehlum River, Pakistan Indus Commissioner Jamaat Ali Shah told Daily Times that the issue was dealt with in the 'spirit of cooperation and as a gesture of goodwill.'

News Story: Water Level In Hunza Lake Reaches 370 Feet - "The Nation" (06/01)

"Assistant Commissioner Hunza said water level in Attaabad lake has reached to 370 feet while, the outflow from the spillway was recorded as 400 cusecs. According to details, Assistant Commissioner Hunza Zamir Abbas brushed aside the possibility of lake burst and said water outflow is 70 cusecs per second. He said that water flow is at speed of 200 cusecs from base of the lake. He said that helicopters are monitoring the whole situation."

EDITORIALS/OPINIONS

Editorial: Under A Dark Flag an editorial in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/01)

"This monstrous outrage has caught the world's attention and once again put the spotlight on the activities of a state that has been a law unto itself for most of its life... This inhuman use of force in international waters on a flotilla made up of three cargo ships and three elderly passenger ferries is well-deserving of the condemnation of it delivered by Foreign Minister Qureshi. We hope that those of Pakistani origin find their way safely home and we also hope that none of them are among the dead and injured. Today, the civilized world stands aghast at what Israel have done, and we add our voice to the condemnation of what many will understand as state terrorism."

Editorial: Depraved, Brutal, Illegal , an editorial in the center-right national English daily "The Nation" (cir. 20,000) (06/01)

"The brutal attack on the six-ship flotilla, carrying 10,000 tons of humanitarian aid and 600 passengers, for the Palestinian Gazans who have been besieged for the past three years, is just one more instance of Israel's rank depravity that, nevertheless, would hardly have surprised anyone in the international community. Much before the Jewish state was thrust upon the Palestinians and usurped their land, the forerunners of the waves of settlers acted like marauding hordes, killing and plundering, destroying and expropriating the lands and properties of local inhabitants. And since the state machinery at Tel Aviv assumed the executioner's role and powerful political forces in the world carry a dead conscience that tradition of open acts of inhumanity has flourished."

Editorial: Rein Israel In, an editorial note in the Lahore-based center-right populist Urdu daily "Khabrain" (cir. 50,000) (06/01)

"According to reports, Israel has attacked the Freedom Flotilla taking assistance for Palestinians in Gaza strip, killing 20 people, and taking the rest hostage... The question is: can the U.S., which is at war against terrorism, not see this terrorism by Israel? Have Obama and Hillary Clinton closed their eyes to Israeli deeds? Can't they see the atrocities taking place against the Palestinians? If the U.S. has permitted Israel to engage in terrorism, it should not have any objection to Al Qaeda and the Taliban as it is in reaction to the Israeli and American terrorist acts that the Taliban and Al

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Qaeda are responding."

Editorial: Murder Most Foul an editorial-note in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (06/01)

"Given the nonchalance with which the Israeli military sheds civilian blood regularly as a matter of policy, one shouldn't be shocked by the grim drama that rocked the ships carrying aid and relief workers to the Gaza Strip on Monday morning. Israeli forces boarded the vessels and killed a number of passengers, even though the flotilla carried nothing but relief goods. While Turkey condemned the cold-blooded murder on board and said Israel would have to 'endure the consequences' of this crime, all an Israeli minister could do was to utter regrets. The angry reaction by Greta Berlin, spokeswoman for the Free Gaza Movement, which had organized the aid flotilla, was telling: 'Do they think because they can attack Palestinians indiscriminately, they can attack anyone?' Yes, Israel can attack anyone - and get away with it. It has murdered several UN peacekeepers, western aid workers and journalists, and American student Rachel Corrie died when an Israeli bulldozer flattened her. The crime has largely remained unknown to the American public. . . . Save condemnations from around the world, one can reasonably be sure Israel will face no material consequences for this brutality on the seas"

Editorial: Israeli Attack On Aid Caravan For Gaza Hostages, an editorial in the popular rightist Urdu-language daily "Ausa" (cir. 10,000) (06/01)

"We don't know how the international community would treat Israel after the attack on an aid caravan which was carrying the most and much-needed amenities of life for the hapless Palestinians held hostage in the Gaza Strip. We don't expect anything good from the rulers of the Muslim countries, but we do appeal the people of these countries to exert pressure on their governments to join hands in order to put an end to the Israeli aggression against Palestinians. We urge the Muslim rulers to strongly protest against this naked aggression and boycott Israel."

Editorial: Israeli Action In Gaza, And U.S. Plan To Attack Pakistan: Is It Still Not Time For The Ummah To Awaken?, an editorial in the second-largest, nationalist Urdu daily "Nawa-i-Waqt" (cir. 150,000) (06/01)

"In violation of international laws Israel attacked vessel, Freedom Flotilla, taking aid to Gaza as a result on which at least 20 people were killed and over 50 were injured.... Israeli act of depriving Gaza of the aid and killing of those onboard the vessel is not just condemnable, it is rather a time for the formation of an Islamic bloc. Incidentally, Turkey and Iran are in favor of such an alliance with Turkey being the latest victim of the fresh Israel attack.... Is not it possible for the Pakistani Parliament to fulfill the dream of an Islamic bloc.... And if not then these atrocious anti-Muslim forces are bent upon destroying the Muslim Ummah."

Editorial: The Strike Scenario, an editorial-note in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/01)

"The pressure is on Islamabad again after just a few months of relative respite. Pentagon officials have been quoted as saying that a unilateral strike on Pakistan could be considered if a terrorist attack on US soil is linked back to it. . . . recent comments from

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Washington indicate that terrorism remains an issue that continues to dominate thinking. Islamabad needs to engage in some serious thinking on the issue. It must determine what it can do to remove from its territory the bases that promote terror. There is no denying the fact that these exist. Militants captured in Lahore following the attack on Ahmedi places of worship have again pointed fingers in the direction of North Waziristan as the place where they were trained. Centres exist too in other places. We need to ensure that the US never considers the action it has threatened by targeting them ourselves. More than anything else, it is such action that would send out the clearest signal to people everywhere of Pakistan's determination to protect its own sovereignty. This is something we need to lay out before Washington as well as our own people. Threats are not acceptable. But to stop them we must demonstrate that we are ourselves capable of taking on militants and that we possess both the means and the fortitude to do so for the sake of the citizens of our own country who have fallen in their thousands to terrorists."

Editorial: Potential Threats To Pakistan's Security, an editorial in the Karachi-based, pro-Taliban Jihadi Urdu daily "Islam" (cir. 15,000) (06/01)

"The announcement of U.S. President Barack Obama has validated our concerns regarding the threats to Pakistan's security. In this scenario, it is high time for all political and religious parties and the national institutions to join hands to ensure the protection of the country. It seems that the Pak-U.S. relations have entered a very critical phase therefore our national leadership needs to adopt a very prudent and far-sighted approach to tackle this situation."

Editorial: Punjab's Militants an editorial in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (06/01)

"The attacks on Lahore's Ahmadi community constitute further proof that the city is firmly in the crosshairs of extremists who find no act of murder or mayhem too foul. With every fresh attack it becomes clearer that the extremism problem is being grown in the province itself. An increasing body of evidence points to the fact that proscribed organizations including the Lashkar-i-Jhangvi, Sipah-i-Sahaba and Lashkar-i-Taiba continue to operate out of southern Punjab. What's more, they are swelling their ranks with members of other militant groups who are on the run from areas such as Swat and Waziristan. . . . Emergency response plans, and intelligence-gathering and sharing networks must be created in anticipation of coordinated law enforcement action. The state must move against southern Punjab's terrorist cells before the situation worsens further."

Editorial: Roots Of Terrorism, an editorial in the center-right national English daily "The Nation" (cir. 20,000) (06/01)

"Interior Minister Rehman Malik, on his visit to Lahore on Sunday, referred to the roots of the Punjabi Taliban as lying in Balochistan and FATA. He failed to connect the situation in Balochistan with that in FATA, but clearly to some extent one common trait is the marginalization of the people in both these areas by the state over the decades. It is unfortunate that the government is totally unable or unwilling to see the writing on the wall regarding the growth of terrorism and extremism in Pakistan. Had they been less blinded by US lures, they would realize that one of the major causes of post-9/11 terrorism in Pakistan has been the US policies in this region - which are increasingly revealing their anti-Muslim

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character."

Editorial: Terrorists In South Punjab, an editorial in the leading mass circulation populist, often sensational Urdu daily "Jang" (cir. 300,000) (06/01)

"It seems that the terrorist attacks have become the most powerful tool for the anti-Pakistan forces to destabilize our country. The deadly incidents of Lahore provide a clear evidence that this monster has managed to spread its tentacles to South Punjab. The intelligence agencies' reports also show that the terrorist outfits have established their foothold in this area. We think that the time has come for our ruling elites to address the root causes of terrorism and take immediate and effective steps to arrest the rapid growth of this menace. . ."

Editorial: Terrorism In Punjab, an editorial in the Peshawar-based Urdu-language daily "Mashriq" (cir. 55,000) (06/01)

"The recent statement by Interior Minister, Rehman Malik, that the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) is involved in the Friday's terrorist attacks in Lahore needs to be supplemented by irrefutable evidence which can be presented in a court of law to incriminate this organization. We think that it would be too early to hold the TTP responsible for the Lahore terrorist attacks unless and until it is proven guilty of this crime. We are no sympathizers of this organization, but any allegation without concrete evidence would provide the Americans a justification to raise a finger against Pakistan or take some action on their own."

Editorial: The Term Punjabi Taliban, And Intention To Launch Operation, an editorial in the Urdu daily "Waqf" (circ. 5000) (06/01)

"Our entire country is engulfed in terrorism, and the U.S. is talking about a unilateral strike. U.S. Admiral Mike Mullen's statement also confirms this U.S. plan. He has said that the Al Qaeda leadership is present in Pakistan, and added that more than action in Pakistan he is looking towards cooperation from Islamabad. This latest statement by Admiral Mullen is symbolic of U.S. double standards, a U.S. norm for several years."

Editorial: A Report Published In The U.S. Media, an editorial in the Lahore-based independent Urdu daily "Din" (circ. 5000) (06/01)

"The U.S. intentions disclosed in the Washington Post will not eventually produce positive results for Pakistan... The Pakistan government should prepare to hold a direct dialogue with the U.S. officials to avoid a major [U.S] offensive, and try to inform the Obama administration what our priorities are as a sovereign independent country, and how far we can go to defend ourselves."

Editorial: Military Operation In North Waziristan, And The U.S., an editorial in the center-right Urdu daily "Pakistan" (cir. 10,000) (06/01)

"A press report quoting diplomatic sources has said that in principal Pakistan has decided to take action against those of the militants' hideouts in North Waziristan and other areas which will be allude to by the Americans.... It is believed that whether the operation in is North Waziristan or any other location the public reaction against it will be severe. The question of the country's sovereignty and national honor will push the issue of terrorism in the background. In view of the fact it is imperative for Pakistan

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not to allow Americans attack on North Waziristan and other areas... America and its western allies should provide funding for development in the tribal areas. This is the effective way for ending extremism in the region."

Editorial: U.S. Should Think Before Operation In Pakistan, an editorial in the Lahore-based center-right populist Urdu daily "Khabrain" (cir. 50,000) (06/01)

"According to U.S. media reports, the U.S. has conducted a dry run for a ground assault on Pakistan in case another incident like the Times Square were to happen... The fact is that the U.S. is finding excuses to prolong its stay in Afghanistan. Even American analysts have admitted that the U.S. is not withdrawing from Afghanistan due to its interests there, as it is only through this country that it can monitor the Middle East, Central Asia and China. The U.S. should really think hard before interfering in Pakistan because this action could have dangerous consequences. The Pakistani nation will not tolerate the killing of their compatriots."

Editorial: A United Fight, an editorial in the Lahore-based liberal English language daily "Daily Times" (cir. 10,000) (06/01)

"... It is imperative that the government, intelligence services and military establishment all stop assuming that some parts of the country are safe from terrorism as we are now caught in a countrywide all out war against the militants. If the terrorists can find the will to collaborate for their long-term goals, we must come together to share resources, intelligence and logistical support to eliminate the threat they pose. ..."

Opinion: Terrorism & The Economy, an op-ed by Shahid Javed Burki in the Karachi-based center-left independent national English daily "Dawn" (cir. 55,000) (06/01)

"The latest incident of attempted terrorism in the United States which has links with Pakistan has administered another blow to our economy. The reference here of course is to the attempt by Faisal Shahzad, a 30-year-old American citizen of Pakistani origin, who attempted to detonate a bomb in Manhattan's Times Square. ... Pakistan's counter-terrorism strategy, which has been extensively praised by American generals, is now coming apart at the seams - all because of North Waziristan. What is the connection between the perception that Pakistan has become the centre of international terrorism and the country's economic recovery? The most important link is via Pakistan's dependence on external capital flows for its economic survival. Of the many types of flows Pakistan depends on, at least three would be seriously affected by the growing apprehension that most acts of terrorism."

Opinion: The Looming Twin Offensives, an op-ed by Rahimullah Yusufzai in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/01)

"The US military commanders would prefer coordinated offensives by the Nato forces and Pakistani army on both sides of the Durand Line around the same time, in a bid to squeeze the militants out and stop their cross-border infiltration and escape. ..."

Opinion: The Tide Of Bigotry, an op-ed by Zafar Hilaly in the populist, often sensational national English daily "The News" (cir. 55,000) (06/01)

"After the carnage of Lahore and the threat of the Taliban to visit

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similar destruction on the other minorities in Pakistan, including the 25 per cent of the population who are Shias, unease, nay fear, is rife. Rumours corroborated by foreign sources reveal that the population of Hindus in Pakistan has declined, not because they have stumbled upon some magic birth-control potion, but because they are fleeing the country. Similarly, Christians are terrified that some bigot or the other might report them for blasphemy, a charge which the police are reluctant to rebut and magistrates terrified to dismiss. The nagging feeling that the government has already lost the battle against extremism has now acquired the force of conviction. . . . With the government unable to protect them, the minorities have two options either to bow to the inevitable and accept their fate while power inexorably flows into the hands of overt or closet fundos; or to protect themselves by any means that they can. And this can have dangerous consequences. There is still time for the federation not only to act and stop the rising tide of bigotry, but also to reverse it."

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SUBJECTS COVERED IN THIS REPORT:

1. Mideast

Key stories in the media:

All Hebrew-language dailies this morning are devoted almost exclusively to yesterday's lethal IDF raid on the international flotilla bound for Gaza, during which nine international protestors were killed and more were wounded, including several Israeli navy soldiers. All of the newspapers are analyzing the tactical actions taken by the naval force, which apparently came ill-prepared to deal with such fierce opposition and violence from the self-proclaimed "peace activists." All of the newspapers show photographic evidence of the violence inflicted on the soldiers as they boarded the "Mavi Marmara," including images of the types of knives and clubs used against the soldiers. The newspapers are also laden with play-by-play graphics of the operation, alluding that the soldiers were walking into "a trap" (which was Yediot's headline). The general consensus in the papers, however, appears to be that the Naval Commandos who carried out the raid were to be commended and not condemned for their conduct under harsh conditions.

Aside from the military aspect of the raid, today's newspapers also attempt to criticize the strategic decision-making process and to ask whether the political echelon had not failed in insisting to stop the flotilla from reaching the Gaza shores. The press is also criticizing Prime Minister Netanyahu for responding publically only 12 hours after the incident, citing his indecision whether to cut his trip short or continue as planned. Much of the anger in the press from the failure of the mission is directed towards Defense Minister Ehud Barak. Maariv is reporting about unrest within the Labor Party in the aftermath of the dramatic turn of events at sea yesterday. Maariv addresses the potential ramifications of the flotilla raid on the Israeli political scene, citing the potential for a national unity government. In Yediot, a senior columnist enumerates the various reasons he believes it is imperative for Barak to resign as defense minister in the wake of yesterday's events.

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The newspapers this morning also focused on the international political fallout from the flotilla incident, bringing coverage of international condemnation of Israel and protests around the world. A large part of the coverage in this aspect is focusing on the deterioration of relations with Turkey, with Yediot reporting that the Turks are "promising revenge." Yediot's correspondent, who was dispatched to Istanbul, is quoting an IHH activist who said the flotilla was indeed a pre-planned trap for Israel in order to isolate it internationally. Both Yediot and Maariv focus some of their criticism on Israel's public diplomacy efforts, which were - yet again - completely absent and drowned out by the various anti-Israel speakers who dominated the international media coverage of the incident.

1. Mideast:

Block Quotes:

I. "The test of the result"

Senior columnist Nahum Barnea wrote in the mass-circulation, pluralist Yediot Aharonot (6/1): "Ehud Barak taught us that what counts is the test of the result. If that is the test, the overpowering of the Turkish protest ship ended with bitter disappointment. ... The question that still needs to be asked is why did Israel give those thugs exactly what they wanted.... Could Israel have decided otherwise and when. ... In the distant past, Israel knew how to sabotage hostile vessels when they were docked. ... That option was raised this time as well, but was rejected for technical reasons. ... Would it not have been better to have allowed the ships to pass and, by so doing, to deflate the propaganda balloon of its air? No, say the advocates of an operation. ... The blockade on Gaza would have been broken. ... The blockade on Gaza has failed: it hasn't prevented the influx of weapons, munitions and terrorists into Gaza, and it hasn't weakened Hamas. ... The exercises were based on faulty intelligence, which failed to assess correctly the intentions of the violent group that took part in the flotilla. ... The intention of the people on deck was to kill. In that kind of situation, there was no choice but to use live gunfire. The commandos held back for a long time ... and by so doing prevented additional bloodshed.... Israel's public image will deteriorate. The West Bank is liable to burn. The Arab sector in Israel is liable to burn. It is reasonable to assume that (Netanyahu) cancelled the meeting because he realized that the

predicament at sea had depleted it of all its advantages. Instead of being received with an embrace, he was going to find himself being rebuked. Instead of talking about Iran, he was going to be asked about the civilians who were killed."

II. "Barak, resign"

Chief Economic Editor and senior columnist Sever Plotker wrote in the mass-circulation, pluralist Yediot Aharonot (6/1): "Israel's enemies have been suggesting ... that the bloody events on the flotilla are an inseparable part of the Israeli government's deliberate policy. ... There is only one way to disprove that lie and to nip it in the bud: the immediate resignation of Ehud Barak as defense minister. Barak's resignation is necessary for reasons of proper governance, ministerial responsibility, leadership and ...

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for reasons that pertain to Israel's fate... All that matters is the test of the result, an expression that Ehud Barak is so very fond of. And in the test of the result the defense minister failed miserably. A swift resignation by Barak will facilitate lowering the height of the flames against Israel and will purge, to some degree, the toxic anti-Israel atmosphere.... If Barak does not resign, Israel will be perceived in international public opinion as a country ... that ought to be given collective punishment as a sovereign entity. The war between Israel and Hamas is not over. It is still fully under way. Ehud Barak ... this week lost his authority to lead Israel to victory. His penthouse in the Akirov Towers awaits him."

III. "It's not enough to be right"

Diplomatic correspondent and television anchor Ben Caspit wrote in the popular, pluralist Maariv (6/1): "First of all, let's be clear: we are in the right in this story. ... A bloodthirsty, primitive terror organization controls Gaza.... The Turkish flotilla is as much a "peace flotilla" as Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is Mother Theresa. If I were Netanyahu, I would not apologize to Turkey and I wouldn't blink. The Turks are the last who can preach morals to us. ... The naval operation ... was complete stupidity ... Astronomic damage will be caused to Israel because of this, in innumerable spheres. ... Topping this pyramid of failures are those who gave the incredibly dumb order to land ... fighters into a floating hornets' nest.... Anyone who knows Ehud Barak knows to what extent he avoids responsibility. So where was he this time? Did it not cross his mind that it could be that Israel was walking into a trap that had been planned beforehand? ... (Barak) walked, like a fool, straight into a trap laid by a heinous anarchistic organization.... And where was Netanyahu? ... The question is how ... the worst possible decision imaginable was ultimately made. ... There is nothing that Obama needs less right now than a picture with Netanyahu.... If these are the results of a takeover attempt of an unarmed ship a quarter of an hour from Ashdod, what should we think about a clash with Iran? ... Israeli deterrence took a bad blow. The Israeli image took a mortal blow. And all this happened deep in international waters and turned Israel in a pirate state. What will we do when the next flotilla comes? How did Barak put it, "we will know what to do." Just as he knew after the kidnapping of the three soldiers on Mt. Dov, and the way he knew this time."

IV. "The failure will trickle down into the political arena"

Political commentator Shalom Yerushalmi wrote in the popular, pluralist Maariv (6/1): "Amir Peretz along with MK Daniel Ben Simon wanted yesterday to issue a harsh statement against ... Ehud Barak, and to demand that he resign. The arguments put forward ... were that Barak had acted irresponsibly.... Peretz and Ben Simon decided to put off issuing their statement.... In the coming number of days, a political war is going to erupt over the terrible fiasco at sea.... The greater Israel's isolation in the world becomes and once the talks with the Palestinians are cut off ... the domestic criticism will increase. Israel must form a state commission of inquiry in the aftermath of the failure on the Marmara. The political ramifications in the aftermath of such a formative incident are clear. ... But the international crisis will trickle inwards. ... Netanyahu, personally, never truly recovered in his first term as prime minister from the Western Wall tunnel riots. ... Yesterday former minister Yaakov Edri (Kadima), a regular visitor at Netanyahu's home, said that he would speak with him this Saturday about forming a national unity government, because there was no time better suited for that than the present. Netanyahu will listen and

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might even agree with Edri, but it is clear that he lacks either the courage or the ability to remove either Lieberman or Yuval Steinitz from their posts for the benefit of Tzippi Livni and Shaul Mofaz."

V. "In the Turkish Mud"

Giora Eiland, former Director of Israel's National Security Council, wrote in the popular, pluralist Maariv (6/1): "... It seems to me that the decision to carry out the takeover was the correct one, in comparison to the other alternative that faced us yesterday, which was to allow the flotilla to pass without hindrance. ... A month ago the flotilla to Gaza still hadn't crystallized... Israel could have said to Turkey the following: We would have no objections to a maritime line that ran from Turkey to Gaza.... If Turkey had agreed to that - good for us; had it refused, Israel could have publicized the fact of that offer and Ankara's refusal. Why wasn't an idea of that sort even considered? ... Our approach to this issue, like ... is to remain passive as long as there isn't any crisis, and only when one erupts do we try to figure out what to do. ... We have defined the Hamas regime as illegal and have invested tremendous resources to prevent anyone in the world from talking to it. There is nothing to be gained by this approach. ... The way of coping with Hamas is by creating military deterrence, on the one hand, and encouraging arrangements that do not undermine our real interests, on the other.... In terms of the Israeli interest, there is no reason why the Rafah border crossing between Gaza and Egypt shouldn't be open all the time and without any presence of the Palestinian Authority, international or Israeli inspectors. It is enough that the Egyptians undertake to prevent weapons from being smuggled in. An arrangement of that sort, like a maritime arrangement with similar characteristics with Turkey, could have dispelled the notion of a 'siege on Gaza.' It is a shame that we weren't wise enough to initiate that in time."

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At least 10 Killed as Israel Attacks Gaza-bound Aid Flotilla

DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS

Vice Foreign Minister Chun Young-woo visited Washington yesterday to hold in-depth discussions on Seoul's plan to refer the sinking of the ROK Navy ship, Cheonan, to the UN Security Council. (Chosun, Dong-a, Hankookm Segye, Seoul, all TVs)

According to a diplomatic source, China rejected Seoul's proposal to send a team of Chinese experts to the ROK to verify the results of an international probe into the Cheonan's sinking. (Chosun) Russian naval experts, meanwhile, arrived in Seoul yesterday to begin their own analysis of the Cheonan investigation results. (All)

According to the May 31 issue of The New York Times, surprised by how easily an ROK warship was sunk by what an international investigation concluded was a North Korean torpedo fired from a midget submarine, the U.S. will provide the ROK with the technology to detect, track and counter North Korea's submarines. (JoongAng, Hankook, Segye, all TVs)

Adm. Mike Mullen, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, warned during a May 30 interview with "Fox News Sunday" of further provocations by North Korea, saying: "North Korean leader Kim Jong-il just doesn't seem to do single things." (JoongAng, Dong-a, Seoul, all TVs)

According to the Unification Ministry, the North Korean agency in charge of managing the inter-Korean Kaesong Industrial Complex said on May 30 that North Korea will continue efforts to develop the joint industrial complex and will not allow ROK companies to take their equipment out of the complex. (All)

This statement may suggest North Korea's intention to keep the joint industrial complex alive. The statement also clearly contradicts the North Korean military's May 27 warning that it would consider blocking all ROK personnel and their vehicles from entering the complex. (All)

MEDIA ANALYSIS

-Inter-Korean Tensions

All ROK media over the weekend covered a May 29-30 trilateral summit on Jeju Island between President Lee Myung-bak, Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama and Chinese Premier WEN Jiabao.

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Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao was widely quoted as saying: "We need to dispel the impact of the Cheonan incident, gradually ease tension and especially avoid a clash."

Conservative Chosun Ilbo editorialized on May 31: "There is still a long way to go before the trilateral summit can become the centerpiece of Northeast Asian diplomacy. Although peace and security in the region were raised for the first time, the leaders did not deal directly with the 'North Korean threat,' which is the main security concern in the region. The summit ended with Chinese Premier Wen merely suggesting that his government will not continue to support North Korea if the North is found responsible for the sinking of the Cheonan. If the summit is to prove to be more than just an annual social gathering, it must be able to produce a united response to serious security threats in the region, such as the Cheonan's sinking."

An editorial in right-of-center JoongAng Ilbo argued: "If China is a responsible country promoting justice, as Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao has expressed, it should actively join international efforts to pressure North Korea to accept its wrongdoing, apologize and promise to stop the recurrence of such an aggression. The whole world will watch closely what measures China will take in the process of discussions at the UN Security Council to punish North Korea."

Conservative Dong-a Ilbo editorialized: "It is understandable for China not to want an escalation of a crisis on the Korean Peninsula, in a situation where the U.S. and Japan agree to the ROK's imposition of sanctions against North Korea, while Pyongyang vows to fight such measures. Nevertheless, Beijing should have focused on who caused the sinking, instead of expressing fears over the potential consequences of the incident. China is also oblivious to the ROK's cautious approach toward militarily punishing North Korea. The most urgent task for now is to mete out an appropriate punishment on the culprit who caused the tension and the risk of conflict."

Left-leaning Hankyoreh Shinmun editorialized: "China is said to have proposed a joint investigation with the U.S. and the two Koreas to find the exact cause of the Cheonan's sinking. This kind of international probe will give a boost to the credibility and completeness of the ROK's investigation into the ship sinking. In this regard, there is no reason for the ROK not to accept the Chinese proposal."

Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference

Right-of-center JoongAng Ilbo editorialized today: "This time, NPT member countries succeeded in issuing a final statement after almost a month of fierce debates. This development can be construed as progress, compared to the 2005 Review Conference, when member nations failed to adopt a declaration due to the conflict of interests between them. Still, it remains to be seen whether the statement will be effective because there are still unresolved issues arising from the friction between nuclear and non-nuclear weapons states. Furthermore, even though the member countries decided to hold an international conference on denuclearization of the Middle East in 2012, Israel immediately refused to participate. Also, Iran, which has been under strong suspicion for its nuclear ambition, is not mentioned at all. The conference also fell short of securing a safety mechanism to prevent Iran from emerging as 'another North Korea' by prohibiting unilateral secession from the NPT. Regardless, the conference did confirm the international

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community's consensus on the need to maintain the NPT's basic framework for the reduction of nuclear arms, prevention of nuclear proliferation, and peaceful use of nuclear resources. That is a small but significant achievement."

OPINIONS/EDITORIALS

JOINT STATEMENT HAS NO BITE
(Dong-a Ilbo, May 31, 2010, Page 35)

President Lee Myung-bak, Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao held a trilateral summit Saturday and Sunday on Jeju Island and issued a joint statement on the sinking of the ROK naval patrol ship Cheonan. The statement said, "The leaders of China and Japan attached importance to the joint investigation conducted by ROK and foreign experts and the responses of each country, and the leaders of three countries agreed on continuous cooperation and proper responses for regional peace and stability." This is too weak to bear any meaning on the Cheonan's sinking.

Regrettably, the statement made no mention of North Korea, though a scientific and objective investigation proved that the North sank the Cheonan and the world recognizes the probe results. The three countries have a vested interest in preserving peace in Northeast Asia, but by issuing such a statement, they have turned a blind eye to the communist country's provocation that broke regional peace and killed 46 ROK servicemen. Under this situation, joint countermeasures are out of the question. China is mostly to blame for the meaningless statement.

Wen told reporters, "The most urgent thing is to eliminate the adverse effects of the Cheonan incident, gradually alleviate tension and avoid conflict." It is understandable for China not to want an escalation of a crisis on the Korean Peninsula, in a situation where the U.S. and Japan agree to the ROK's imposition of sanctions against North Korea, while Pyongyang vows to fight such measures. Nevertheless, Beijing should have focused on who caused the sinking, instead of expressing fears over the potential consequences of the incident. China is also oblivious to the ROK's cautious approach toward militarily punishing North Korea. The most urgent task for now is to mete out an appropriate punishment on the culprit who caused the tension and the risk of conflict.

Wen said, "We should make all-out efforts to improve peace and stability, and without this, we cannot talk about development." Is he really unaware of who is undermining peace and stability in Northeast Asia? China should show its commitment to regional peace and stability not with rhetoric but with action. Instead of using a roundabout way to mention who threatens peace, it must name the culprit and urge North Korea to apologize, hold those responsible accountable and promise not to do it again.

Wen said China is a responsible nation, but the country has failed to fulfill its responsibility as a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council and the world's second-largest economy. In contrast, Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama paid respects to the 46 Cheonan crewmen and urged the North to assume responsibility.

AN ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE NPT
(JoongAng Ilbo, June 1, 2010, Page 34)

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In the final statement adopted at the 2010 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference in New York on Friday, 189 member nations declared that they cannot accept North Korea as a nuclear weapons state. Denouncing North Korea's nuclear tests in 2006 and 2009 in an emphatic tone, the declaration explicitly states that North Korea is not allowed to obtain nuclear power status. Therefore, it emphasized that North Korea should scrap its existing nuclear arsenals and nuclear programs in a complete and verifiable manner and return to the NPT regime at the earliest date possible. This is the first time such strong rhetoric has been included in the declaration.

It is worth noting that North Korea's "blood ally," China, is also among the signatories to the statement. Other nonaligned countries that maintain relatively close ties with the North - countries from Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Central and South Americas - also joined in. A rebuke such as this that comes from 189 countries amounts to a consensus by the international community. If North Korea does not want isolation from the world, it should listen to what they say. The North should understand that the global community does not buy the argument that they can possess nuclear weapons just because they are not a member of the NPT. It is an open s-e-c-r-e-t that the country has consistently been building up its nuclear arsenal by taking advantage of its intermittent membership in the NPT.

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S. KOREA-CHINA-JAPAN MEETING SENT PROMISING SIGNAL
(Chosun Ilbo, May 31, 2010, Page 35)

The leaders of the ROK, China and Japan met on Jeju Island on Saturday and Sunday and adopted a blueprint for a comprehensive cooperative partnership over the next decade called "Trilateral Cooperation Vision 2020." The plan includes a free trade agreement, strengthened cooperation in security, joint efforts to fight global warming, increased exchanges of human resources, concerted efforts to deal with North Korea's nuclear weapons program and fighting drug trafficking.

This was the third trilateral summit since 2008. The fixture was created in the belief that the three countries cannot afford to be left behind in the trend toward economic integration in Europe and

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North America. The aim is to promote economic cooperation and integration, maintain peace and stability in Northeast Asia and eventually to create a regional community.

For the first time, President Lee Myung-bak, Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao took up the issue of regional security, while previous meetings focused primarily on economic issues. The three leaders began their meeting on Saturday with a moment of silence for the 46 ROK sailors who died aboard the Navy corvette Cheonan and agreed to uphold the results of a multinational investigation into the sinking of the warship, while respecting the reactions of different members of the international community. They also vowed to continue cooperating to deal with the sinking.

The issue of Korean unification was also raised for the first time. Lee said his country's goal is to get North Korea to open up its economy and strive toward peaceful unification through that process. Hatoyama pledged support for "swift" unification, and Wen said he "wholeheartedly supports" Lee's vision.

There is still a long way to go before the trilateral summit can become the centerpiece of Northeast Asian diplomacy. Although peace and security in the region were raised for the first time, the leaders did not deal directly with the 'North Korean threat,' which is the main security concern in the region. The summit ended with Chinese Premier Wen merely suggesting that his government will not continue to support North Korea if the North is found responsible for the sinking of the Cheonan. If the summit is to prove to be more than just an annual social gathering, it must be able to produce a united response to serious security threats in the region, such as the Cheonan's sinking.

Another difficult task facing the three countries is how to resolve the ramifications of their painful history. This latest meeting demonstrated the potential (benefits) and challenges of the trilateral summit.

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Media Highlights: Humanitarian Aid Ships for Gaza Crisis

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World in Uproar (*Hurriyet*)

All media outlets cover in extensive detail the Israeli commando attack on a humanitarian aid flotilla carrying pro-Palestinian activists on a mission to bring aid to the blockaded Gaza Strip. Television news organizations reported yesterday and today that the raid left 19 killed and dozens wounded onboard. On Monday, thousands took to the streets around Turkey in protest of the pre-dawn Israeli assault on the ships. Tuesday papers report the Obama Administration voiced concern on Monday about the Israeli attack on the ships. White House spokesman Bill Burton said in a statement that the US "deeply regrets the loss of life and injuries sustained" in the incident. Deputy PM Bulent Arinc said on Monday Turkey was withdrawing its ambassador to Israel, canceling three joint military exercises, and calling on the UN Security Council to meet urgently over Israeli action against the aid ships. Arinc also said there was "no threat" against the Jewish citizens in Turkey, and that 73 million Turkish people felt no hostility against Jewish citizens. Prime Minister Erdogan said from Chile on Monday that Israel's attack violated international law. "This is organized, state-sponsored terror," said Erdogan. Following the attack, Greece suspended military exercises with Israel, and the US demanded an emergency investigation into the incident. The EU called for an enquiry into the deaths aboard the ships seized by Israel's navy and urged Israel to allow free flow of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip.

"Israel Strikes Humanity" says leftist-nationalist *Cumhuriyet*, reporting that "unarmed" civilians had been killed aboard the ships. "State Terror" headlines mainstream *Milliyet*, quoting PM Erdogan. "Global Uproar against Israeli Massacre," says mainstream *Sabah*. "Bloody Raid in International Waters" writes mainstream *Hurriyet*. *Hurriyet* claims the raid was ordered by Prime Minister Netanyahu. Leftist *Taraf* reports witnesses as saying Israeli commandoes opened fire before boarding the ships. "Shamefulness" reads a headline in mainstream *Vatan*. *Vatan* says Israeli officials tried to justify the attack by saying that the activists on the ship were "lynching" Israeli soldiers, but notes the explanation was "ridiculous." "War Crimes on Open Seas," says *Radikal* daily, adding that that Israeli troops' operation was an "attack on humanity." "Whole World in Uproar" says a banner headline in Islamist-oriented *Zaman*. "The Children of Hitler" reads a full front page headline in

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Islamist-oriented *Yeni Safak*, which says "Israel knows only how to kill (harkening back to the PM's Davos confrontation with President Peres)." *Yeni Safak* describes the attack as a "nasty assault carried out by a pirate state." Papers carry photos of wounded activists handcuffed by Israeli soldiers. Papers also report that opposition parties CHP and the Islamist SP, as well as the ruling AK Party deputy chairman Huseyin Celik, all noted the PKK attack in the city of Iskenderun over the weekend, which killed seven Turkish soldiers, and claimed that it was "no coincidence" it happened at the same time as the Israeli raid.

Pundits Comment -- Universal Criticism of Israel's Action but Many also See Turkish Responsibility

Newspaper columns predominantly blame Israel for its actions and draw attention to the fact that Turkey-Israel relations have gotten irreversibly worse. Cengiz Candar in liberal *Radikal* calls for "equal punishment for Israel" as he defines Israel as "a rouge state acting like pirates." Pro government *Zaman*'s Nedim Hazar thinks "this incident will bring the current Israeli administration to an end." Similarly pro government *HaberTurk*'s Fatih Altayli thinks the Israeli government has lost its legitimacy: "The current government is doing the most serious harm to its people. It must resign immediately because it has become a terrorist state." Mainstream *Hurriyet*'s Oktay Eksi finds both the Ankara and Tel Aviv governments provocative and expects no improvement "as long as both remain in charge, and as long as Israel gets away with its actions thanks to American support." Some commentators discuss "related factors" that led to the incident. Mass appeal *Posta*'s Mehmet Ali Birand calls "Israel's actions by far the most dangerous and most harmful step in its relations with Turkey, but responding as calmly as possible will be the best thing." Sedat Ergin in mainstream *Hurriyet* does not foresee any improvement "unless an official apology comes from the Israeli government." Murat Yetkin in liberal *Radikal* voices the opposition's concerns: "As CHP [has said], it is not understandable why the MFA did not foresee this and no precautions were taken. Moreover when Deputy PM Arinc was talking about the flotilla moving ahead against Israel's warnings, he was in a way reconfirming what was coming next." Mainstream *Aksam*'s Oray Egin draws attention to "unspoken facts" as he holds both the Turkish government and the Israeli government accountable: "Turkey insisted on not following the humanitarian aid procedure despite Israel's warning about it repeatedly. The Turkish government deliberately let them go and violate Israel's regulations. Israeli action cannot be justified but the Turkish government is also responsible for this outcome." Sami Kohen in mainstream *Milliyet* also notes similar facts: "With this incident the Turkish-Israeli relationship comes to a dead-end. However Israel also had shown the procedure for international aid to Gaza but we preferred to do it our way."

Among pro government papers, *Yeni Safak*'s coverage is particularly sensational. It sent its reporters and columnists with the flotilla. Despite screaming anti-Israeli headlines, however, some relatively restrained reactions (by this paper's standards) are voiced in today's columns. While Salih Tuna calls Israel "worse than the most bloody terrorist organization in the world," Ali Bayramoglu talks about "hate and violence shaping Israel's psychology" and warns that "we should not let this create any type of anti-semitism in Turkey." Fehmi Koru regrets "American support for Israel regardless of the nature of Israel's action" and concludes: "This time it is more serious than ever. Therefore it is going to be a litmus test for the international community as well."

Mainstream *Milliyet*'s Mehmet Tezkan notes efforts to draw a link between the PKK attack on Turkey's Iskenderun port and the Israeli attack on the flotilla: "Israel's attack is a demonstration of defiance to the entire world. On the other hand, the government has to bring evidence if they really believe in the linkage between the two attacks. The fact of the matter is, Syrian members in the PKK and their ability to travel freely to Turkey makes another possibility to think over."

Jeffrey: "No Link Between PKK Attack, Israeli Raid" (*Cumhuriyet*)

Cumhuriyet reports Ambassador Jeffrey saying claims of a link between the PKK attack in Iskenderun and the bloody Israeli raid on the Gaza aid flotilla were "absurd." Jeffrey told *Cumhuriyet*, "We denounce the PKK attack. We are shocked. Our cooperation efforts with Turkey will continue to grow." Jeffrey voiced condolences over the lives lost in the Israeli raid, and said a detailed statement should be expected from Washington. On the US-Iraq-Turkey three-side anti-terror mechanism, Jeffrey said a long-term and multi-dimensional fight in which the three sides would cooperate was needed.

Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Press Release

The Turkish Foreign Ministry issued the following statement yesterday which was widely covered in the press: "We protest in the strongest terms the use of force by the Israeli Defense Forces against the civilians from many countries who want to transport humanitarian assistance to the people in Gaza, and among whom there are women and children, which, according to the initial information available, resulted in the death of 2 persons and injury of more than 30 people. Israel has once again clearly demonstrated that it does not value human lives and peaceful initiatives through targeting innocent civilians. We strongly condemn these inhuman acts of Israel. This grave incident which took place in high seas in gross violation of international law might cause irreversible consequences in our relations. Besides the initiatives being conducted by our Embassy in Tel Aviv, this unacceptable incident is being strongly protested and explanation is demanded from Israel's Ambassador in Ankara, who has been invited to our Ministry. Whatsoever the motives might be, such actions against civilians who are involved only in peaceful activities cannot be accepted. Israel will have to bear the consequences of these actions which constitute a violation of international law. May God bestow His mercy upon those who lost their lives. We wish to express our condolences to the bereaved families of the deceased, and swift recovery to the wounded."

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London Media Reaction Report, Tuesday, June 1, 2010

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- II) Texts
 - A. Israel

- 1. "From blockade to bloodshed" - an editorial in the left-of-center "Guardian" (06/01)

"Nothing has done more to establish Israel's status as a pariah state among its neighbours than the actions of its armed forces..."

"There was nothing on board those ships that constituted a threat to Israel's security, so Binyamin Netanyahu's argument that his troops were acting in self-defence has no validity. They should not have been there in the first place..."

"The blockade should end, but that will only be the start of the U-turn which is now required. Closely allied to Gaza's physical isolation is its political one. The international consensus is also crumbling on isolating Hamas by insisting it recognise Israel before it is allowed to join a national unity government with Fatah. Russia broke the taboo first two weeks ago when its president, Dmitry Medvedev, met Khaled Meshal, the Hamas

leader in Damascus, but other countries in Europe are now planning to follow suit. Brick by brick, this policy is coming part, and in a strange way Israel is helping."

2. "Violence at sea: Israel has the right to prevent arms being smuggled to Gaza. But too often its actions have been counter-productive and damaged its cause" - an editorial in the conservative "Times" (06/01)

"...the storming of the ships, the death of at least ten people and the worldwide condemnation of Israel's actions are a disaster for Binyamin Netanyahu's Government...."

"The Netanyahu Government will now come under pressure, not least from the Americans, to change its policies. But to many in Israel, this would now appear as surrender to pro-Hamas militants; to Israel's enemies it would justify the foolhardy attempt to break the blockade by force. Mr. Netanyahu was due to meet President Obama today, to discuss ways to return to indirect talks with the Palestinians. The meeting has now been postponed, and with it a chance to repair what should be a strong and enduring alliance. That, and the fractured relationship with Turkey, is perhaps the biggest casualty of yesterday's violence."

3. "Turkey turns away" - an editorial in the conservative "Daily Telegraph" (06/01)

"...Turkish ties with both Syria and Iran have improved, the first exemplified by joint border exercises, the second by a deal, mediated with Brazil, under which Iran would send uranium abroad for enrichment."

"This shift of focus should give the European Union pause for thought. French and German opposition has condemned Turkey's accession negotiations to a snail's pace. The EU should not be surprised, therefore, if Ankara turns its face eastwards. Equally, questions arise for Mr Erdogan. The Gazans are undoubtedly suffering but their government has driven out the main Palestinian group, Fatah, and fired rockets into Israel in pursuit of its policy of destroying the Jewish state. As the man responsible for Turkish security, Mr Erdogan knows that the government in Jerusalem has to vet goods brought into the Strip. A secular, non-Arab country, Turkey is in a unique position to mediate between Israel and the Palestinians. Its prime minister appears instead to have chosen a more biased role designed to appeal to his domestic Islamic constituency."

4. "A costly misjudgment by Israel" - an editorial in the left-of-center "Independent" (06/01)

"...If Israel's international reputation was in negative territory before this happened - and it was only just beginning to recover from the damage done by its lethally heavy-handed invasion of Gaza at the start of 2009 - it is now back where it was in those darkest of days. The outcry has been universal...."

"The longer-term cost of yesterday's attack goes beyond the deaths and injuries. It is not only Arab countries to varying degrees hostile to Israel that are united in their indignation. Turkey was one of Israel's few friends in the region, but relations, already deteriorating, are now at rock bottom. The Turkish Prime Minister described Israel's action as 'state terrorism'. Nor can a new Palestinian intifada be ruled out. But what this whole sorry and destructive chapter also demonstrates is the urgent need for a negotiated end to the isolation of Gaza. This is in everyone's interests, including Israel's. After yesterday, however, it looks even further away than ever."

5. "Israel reveals its true face: The murder of these peace activists will count. Sanctions must surely be the price" - a commentary by author Ahdaf Soueif in the left-of-center "Guardian" (06/01)

"...It does not matter what spin the Israeli government tries to put on this; the only link between Israeli words and Israeli deeds is this: Israel uses words as a decoy and an obfuscation and a cover for its deeds. It has done so for 62 years. These internationals, dead now, murdered, have ensured that anyone who does not see this is willfully blind..."

"...People everywhere see and understand what is happening. Many of us feel that Palestine is nearing its South Africa moment. This latest outrage must push it closer. And it will.

"Donations will, I'm sure, flood in to the other relief boats waiting in harbour. More and more people will take the boycott to heart. More civil bodies will insist on divestment from companies that do business with Israel. The time has come for the governments that represent us to stop engaging with Israel lies and excuses. The price of Israel's action today has to be to put the issue of sanctions squarely on the table."

6. "A catastrophic and bloody own goal" - an analysis by Middle East editor Ian Black in the left-of-center "Guardian" (06/01)

"Israel's bloody interception of the Gaza aid flotilla looked like a catastrophic own goal from the moment the news broke. It quickly brought calls to lift the blockade of the Gaza Strip and looks likely to increase pressure to deal with Hamas, the Palestinian Islamist movement that controls the area but is shunned as a terrorist group by Israel, the US, Britain and the EU..."

"It is clear that the flotilla controversy will attract a huge amount of international attention and generate heated condemnation of Israel. Even diehard supporters of Israel admitted it will find it difficult to spin away this story. But the question that really matters is whether, politically, anything will really change in its wake."

7. "A blow to relations with its key ally in the Middle East"- an analysis

by columnist Patrick Cockburn in the left-of-center "Independent" (06/01)

..."The once-warm relationship has turned more sour and acrimonious over the past several years, but the attack on the *Mavi Marmara*, the fact that most of the dead are Turkish, and the pictures of Israeli commandos stalking past railings draped with the Turkish flag, will have an explosive impact.

"...Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and the Islamic AKP have weakened the military's grip on power since they formed a government in 2002. Willingness to cooperate with the US and supports its alliance with Israel is no longer true of the younger officers as it is of the older generals....

"Turkey is a more essential ally in the Middle East than it has been for years. It is playing a critical role in Iraq, helping the US to withdraw its forces more easily and Ankara's alliance with Israel has been a key plank of US diplomacy in the Middle East. The Turkish Foreign Ministry had warned earlier that Israeli action on the flotilla would have 'irreversible consequences' and for once this diplomatic cliché may turn out to be true."

8. "Western leaders are too cowardly to help save lives" - an analysis by columnist Robert Fisk in the left-of-center "Independent" (06/01)

..."Where were our politicians yesterday? Well, we had the ridiculous Ban Ki-moon, the White House's pathetic statement, and dear Mr. Blair's expression of 'deep regret and shock at the tragic loss of life'...

"...Our politicians are too spineless, too cowardly, to take decisions to save lives. Why is this? Why didn't we hear courageous words from Messrs Cameron and Clegg yesterday?...

"How did we get to this point? Maybe because we all grew used to seeing the Israelis kill Arabs, maybe the Israelis grew used to killing Arabs. Now they kill Turks. Or Europeans. Something has changed in the Middle East these past 24 hours - and the Israelis (given their extraordinarily stupid political response to the slaughter) don't seem to have grasped what has happened. The world is tired of these outrages. Only the politicians are silent."

9. "End of ties with Tel Aviv may push Ankara further eastwards" - a commentary by Middle East correspondent James Hider in the conservative "Times" (06/01)

..."The Israeli commando raid has not only left at least nine people dead, but also appears to have driven the final nail into the coffin of the already strained ties between Israel and Turkey...

"Israeli analysts believe that the deterioration of ties with Turkey was beyond its control. They believe that Turkey, having been kept waiting too long by the European Union for membership, is turning its interest and influence eastwards in what they call 'neo-Ottomanism', the policy that

could reshape the power structure in the region and make Ankara - traditionally a bridge between East and West - a new force in the Middle East."

10. "Consequences may be dire for Netanyahu" - a commentary by Middle East correspondent Adrian Blomfield in the conservative "Daily Telegraph" (06/01)

..."International outrage is gaining momentum and a damage limitation exercise launched by Mr. Netanyahu's ministers seems unlikely to turn the tide..."

"For Israel, the diplomatic consequences could be dire. The Arab world has reacted with predictable fury, but, much more worryingly, Israel has, in Turkey, alienated its closest Muslim friend. Relations with Ankara were already strained; it is difficult to see how they could possibly revive after this.

"The US and Europe will be more circumspect, at least until the facts become clearer, but there will be some diplomats who share Russia's assertion that the operation amounted to a 'crude violation of international law'."

B. Oil Spill

1. "A disaster is now turning into a catastrophe" - a commentary by environment editor Geoffrey Lean in the conservative "Daily Telegraph" (06/01)

..."It is...embarrassing that Obama opened up vast areas of US waters to oil drilling just weeks before this accident. But though it may give him an opportunity to push more strongly for a promised expansion of renewable energy, there is little sign of the spill doing much to wean the US off its addiction to the black stuff. Thirty per cent of the fuel used to transport Americans comes from the Gulf and, even now, about half of them approve of offshore drilling.

"There will undoubtedly be tougher controls on the oil industry: one revelation of the crisis has been how poorly it was regulated.

"Indeed, Obama announced last week that 33 deepwater drilling operations in the Gulf - 22 of them off Louisiana - would be suspended immediately, and that no new ones considered for at least six months.

"That, however, will do even more damage to the battered state, by shutting down the oil industry as well as its fisheries. For the people of the Gulf coast, that will be no better than plunging from the Plaquemines festival's frying pans into its fires."

2. "Americans should be thanking BP" - a commentary by author David

Strahan in the left-of-center "Independent" (06/01)

..." It may seem grotesque to suggest an upside given the scale of this human tragedy and unfolding environmental disaster: the 11 dead and their grieving families; the potentially devastated wetlands and the sub-sea plumes of crude and toxic dispersant; the lost livelihoods of Louisiana fishermen; and the \$30bn hit to BP shareholders - that's anyone with a pension in this country. But there may be benefits....

"...the spill may finally spur Americans, who make up 5 per cent of the world's population but guzzle 25 per cent of the oil supply, to get serious about cutting their consumption. America has always been an obstacle to international progress on climate change, but the problem is no longer the country's leadership, as it was under President Bush, but popular opinion. In a poll taken after Climategate, almost half of all Americans said they believe there is no scientific consensus around climate change or that it is not happening. But the images of the devastation caused by the slick may finally force them to confront the real costs of their own way of life - the more so when dolphins begin to be washed up on Florida beaches - if President Obama can frame the debate correctly....

"Obama conceded to expanding offshore drilling to buy off Republican opposition to his much watered down Climate Change Bill. He now has an opportunity to outflank the "drill baby, drill" brigade using the calamitous results of their own moronic credo. It is also the perfect opportunity to ram home that American "energy independence" is a fantasy when based on fast-depleting oil, but entirely feasible with a shift to electrification of ground transport and massive investment in renewables. To pull it off, the President will have to resist the temptation to succumb to a xenophobic blame game, but if he does, and uses the slick to steer America towards a more sustainable energy policy, we should all be thanking BP."

C. Afghanistan

1. "Helmand is not a failure, but a British success" - a commentary by veteran Captain Doug Beattie MC in the conservative "Times" (06/01)

..."...any sense that the Americans are stepping in to save us is hard to countenance. There is an analogy with the Second World War, where the British (alongside others) held back the Nazi onslaught for four long years, only for the US to enter the conflict and bring about victory. Now we have the Americans saying that they will have Helmand under control within 18 months, as if everything that went before - every British life lost, every effort made - added up to nothing. However, in reality US forces can only step in because of what went before. This is not a British failure in Helmand. With limited resources it is a British success."

2. "British commanders never given the troops or resources to do job properly" - a commentary by foreign editor Richard Beeston in the conservative "Times" (06/01)

...“Last year in Basra, after six unhappy years in southern Iraq, the British relinquished the area to the Americans and withdrew to focus on the mission in Afghanistan.

“British commanders will be at pains to emphasise that there is no comparison between the two. Afghanistan is a Nato-led effort with full international support. Britain is the second-largest contributor. It took on the toughest mission, to stabilize Helmand province, more than four years ago. It has no plans to leave.... Nevertheless, the handover of command in Helmand is significant.

“There is talk of moving the headquarters from Lashkar Gah to Camp Leatherneck, the main US Marine base. The Americans have more people, more money and far more equipment to do the job. While everyone is careful not to bruise British pride, the operation is inevitably being Americanised.

“The uncomfortable truth is that the British have never had enough troops and resources to do the job.”

D. Resignation of German President

1. “He should not have resigned. All he did was tell the truth” - a commentary by Thomas Kielinger, UK correspondent of the German national daily ‘Die Welt’ in the left-of-center “Independent” (06/01)

“Like a bolt from the blue the resignation of Germany’s President Horst Kohler has struck the German political landscape and set it ablaze. The sudden departure of the country’s highest office-holder presents the most populous nation in central Europe with something bordering on a constitutional crisis that is totally unprecedented....

“The reasons he gave during his brief press conference yesterday may sound rational and to the point, but there is a huge gulf between the complaints that a head of state may have about his country’s political culture and the subsequent decision to pull the communications cord and jump from the train....

“To protect trade routes may not have been the paramount reason why the West went into Afghanistan. But Germany depends on her exports. To remind his listeners of this vital connection the president did no more than speak the obvious truth....

“..While Mr. Kohler has every right to castigate Germany’s monochrome intellectual culture he has, I think done his country a great disservice by suddenly resigning.”

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1. (SBU) Summary: Prime Minister Najib Razak and Foreign Minister Anifah Aman denounced Israel's actions toward the Free Gaza Movement flotilla and called for UN action on May 31 and June 1. A group of 50-100 demonstrators drawn from opposition Parliamentarians, a conservative Malay NGO called Perkasa, and other groups of NGOs, held peaceful demonstrations in front of the U.S. Embassy on June 1 and presented petitions and protest letters addressed to President Obama. Further, larger demonstrations are expected on Friday, June 4, after midday prayers. The GOM did not contact the U.S. Embassy officially on this issue. End Summary.

2. (SBU) Several political party groups and NGOs staged peaceful demonstrations in front of the U.S. Embassy on June 1, presenting a total of seven documents (e-mailed to EAP/MTS) – letters to President Obama and various petitions – to Policouns outside the Embassy's gates, with local media on hand. One group included nine Members of Parliament from the opposition parties, Islamic Party of Malaysia (PAS), the People's Justice Party (PKR) and the Democratic Action Party

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(DAP). While most of the letters called on the U.S. to take action against Israel, one NGO group said that their message was targeted only at the government of Israel, using the USG as a conduit. In the only untoward incident, one demonstrator, described in press reports as a Palestinian, slashed his legs with a penknife before being restrained. Police provided protection for the Embassy and Embassy operations were not interrupted.

3. (SBU) Malaysia had a strong interest in the Free Gaza Movement flotilla. The Perdana Global Peace Organization, headed by former Prime Minister Mahathir, reportedly financed three of the flotilla's ships. Prime Minister Najib Razak's wife Rosmah Mansor was reported to be providing financial support. The 17 Malaysian participants in the flotilla included a member of Parliament, several journalists, and NGO representatives; 11 Malaysians were reportedly aboard the Mavi Marmara when it was boarded by the Israeli navy; no Malaysians have been reported as injured or killed. The organization of the flotilla received prominent press coverage, and news of the interception of the flotilla and deaths aboard ship was the leading news story on May 31 and June 1.

4. (SBU) On June 1, Prime Minister Najib was quoted as saying that the "whole world should condemn the action of this cruel regime," adding that Tel Aviv had no respect for international law. On May 31, Foreign Minister Anifah Aman issued a statement demanding that Israel cease its "inhumane" treatment of the activists, calling for their immediate release, and calling for a UN Security Council emergency meeting. Former Prime Minister Mahathir called the interceptions "a ridiculous action on a non-combatant ship that carried no weapons." He added that the Israelis "can do anything they want, break any international law without care and they will be protected by certain people."

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1. (SBU) Ahmed Aoun, Director of the Americas Department at the General People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation (MFA equivalent), summoned the Charge on June 1 to transmit a letter from Libyan leader Muammar al-Qadhafi to President Obama. The same letter was released via the Jamahiriya News Agency (JANA), a state-run media company. A scan of the original Arabic-language letter has been emailed to NEA/MAG and will also be sent via pouch to the Department.

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Your Excellency Mr. President

Barack Hussein Obama

The burden of this heinous crime shall not be borne by the Israelis, but rather by the United States and the poor American taxpayers who fund this colonial entity, and finance the Sixth Fleet that protects it. The boats that killed dozens of unarmed civilians – philanthropists and peace advocates from all nations – would not have dared to do so without their faith in the American Sixth Fleet. On the other hand, if the Israelis were defending Gaza, why do they not allow the displaced Palestinians to return to their homes from which they were expelled? It would then become one democratic state for Palestinians and Israelis, and fulfill the proposals of the White Book (Isratine), and abandon the ridiculous initiatives advocating a two-state solution. Today's events are an example of what we can expect from having two neighboring states: Gaza and the so-called Israel.

Isn't this reason enough, Mr. President, to spare the American people from financing such a terrorist mafia and to come to the side of the suffering, homeless Palestinian people?

Muammar al-Qadhafi

President of the Arab Summit

Tripoli, May 31, 2010.

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: DEATHS ON GAZA FLOTILLA SPARK RAGE IN YEMEN

1. SUMMARY. The May 31 Israeli offensive against a flotilla of ships bound for Gaza has triggered fervent condemnation and large protests in Yemen. Three Yemeni Members of Parliament were aboard the flotilla and were reportedly arrested by Israeli forces. On May 31 Yemen's Parliament issued a statement condemning Israel's "criminal" actions, and some MPs called for the mustering of an "Islamic army" to confront Israel. Thousands protested in Sana'a on June 1, demanding UN intervention to end the blockade of Gaza. The Israeli-Palestinian issue resonates strongly in Yemen, and this latest incident has intensified Yemeni condemnation of Israel. END SUMMARY.

2. Yemenis awoke on May 31 to nonstop coverage on Al-Jazeera of the melee between Israeli forces and pro-Palestinian activists in the "freedom flotilla." Saudi-affiliated MBC reported that three Yemeni Members of Parliament were aboard the flotilla and were among those arrested in the fray: Mohammad al-Hazmi, Haza'a al-Maswari and Abdulkhaliq Shaihoon, all from the Islah opposition party. Independent website News Yemen reported that Hazmi, one of Yemen's most prominent and conservative imams, was recorded on video scuffling with an Israeli soldier while saying, "God is great, God is great!" Quasi-independent Mareb Press reported that Maswari had been injured. Yemen's Parliament issued a statement on May 31 saying, "The Zionist entity could not commit such crimes against humanity without the support of international powers that claim to

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support human rights."

3. On June 1, tens of thousands of protesters gathered in Sana'a's Sabaiyn Square, paralyzing traffic. (Note: Contacts reported that several ministries instructed their employees to attend the protest, and observers saw busloads of students being ferried to the site. End Note.) The speakers at the protest included Ahmed bin Dagher, Assistant Secretary-General of the ruling General People's Congress, and Sadiq al-Ahmar, nominal leader of the Hashid tribal confederation. Demonstrators demanded UN intervention to end the Gaza blockade, called on all Arab nations to sever diplomatic ties with Israel, and urged the Palestinian Authority to immediately end negotiations with Israel. Al-Jazeera aired footage of the protest. Ministry of Defense mouthpiece 26 September reported that thousands of people also gathered on June 1 to protest in the town of Dhamar.

4. On Facebook, Yemeni contacts posted statuses reflecting their condemnation of the attack and their praise for Turkey's decision to withdraw its ambassador to Israel. A representative posting said, "Many thanks to the Turkish champions, and shame, shame, shame on all who support the blockade in one way or another."

5. COMMENT. The Israeli-Palestinian issue resonates more strongly in Yemen than perhaps any other international issue. Whenever there is a skirmish at Al-Aqsa or a bombing in Gaza, Yemenis take to the streets to denounce the "Zionist entity." With this latest high-profile incident being cast as a ruthless attack on innocent civilians, Yemenis remain unlikely to support any Arab overtures of peace toward Israel. END COMMENT.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS PRESS SUMMARY – HEADS-UP

A Quick Look at the Brazilian Press
Tuesday, June 01, 2010

Summary:

Headlines in Brazilian news media today were dominated by coverage of the Israeli raid on the Gaza-bound humanitarian flotilla and the GoB's reaction of "shock and disgust" to the attack. Op-eds and commentary roundly criticized Israel and looked at the implications of the raid for the Iranian nuclear situation, with one columnist concluding that Israel's actions have made U.S.-Brazil cooperation on Iran even more important. Papers and television reported on President Lula's commitment to lobby for the Brazil-Turkey-Iran nuclear exchange and against sanctions. Op-eds in *O Globo* strongly criticized the GoB's confrontational stance towards the U.S. on Iran and wrote that Iran's decision to continue enriching uranium is tantamount to a declaration that it is pursuing nuclear weapons. Papers reported that the U.S.-Brazil cotton negotiations are being viewed with skepticism by the GoB, and that the GoB will attempt to restart beef exports to the U.S. Also making news were Lula's criticism of the U.S. handling of the BP oil spill and the GoB move to begin construction of a new nuclear power plant.

Israeli raid on flotilla:

Israel receives broad international condemnation for raid on flotilla

Israel attacks civilian fleet, kills 10, prompts international condemnation – *O Estado de S. Paulo* A8, A10, A11: <http://migre.me/KMZq>, <http://migre.me/KN0m>

Israel attacks humanitarian fleet, prompts protests around the world – *Folha de S. Paulo* A12

World condemns Israel for attacking humanitarian fleet – *O Globo* 26-28: <http://migre.me/KN11>

Brazil asks Israeli ambassador to give explanation – *Folha de S. Paulo* A14

Amorim: "We couldn't be more shocked." – *Folha de S. Paulo* A14:

Brazilian who was aboard attacked ship is in "good health," says Israel – *O Estado de S. Paulo* A11: <http://migre.me/KN0R>

Brazilian survives attack – *Folha de S. Paulo* A14

TV- *Jornal Nacional* 05/31/2010: Israel attacks Turkey ships and kill 10 people. <http://migre.me/KOFH>

TV- *Bom Dia Brasil* 06/01/2010: UN condemns Israeli attack on humanitarian ships <http://migre.me/KOUq>

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Papers report that the international community condemned Israeli navy commandos for attacking a humanitarian fleet transporting 10,000 tons of aid to Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, killing at least nine. Press reports highlight that the GoB "received the news with shock and consternation" and called the Israeli Ambassador to Brasilia, Giora Becher, to explain the episode. Foreign Minister Celso Amorim reportedly urged the United Nations to act, and Special Adviser to the Brazilian Presidency, Marco Aurelio Garcia, said that the episode highlights the need to pursue Brazil's stance of seeking dialogue to solve the Middle East's problems. Press reports covered the status of Iara Lee, who was on one of the fleet's six ships bound for Gaza and holds US and Brazilian citizenship, saying Israeli officials have listed her as being "in good health." Lee will reportedly be deported from Israel, after refusing to leave Israel voluntarily.

Op-ed by Eliane Catanhede: The "march of madness" moves focus from Iran to Israel – *Folha de S. Paulo* A2: Columnist concludes that the attack on the flotilla and the number of deaths moves the focus away from Iran and onto Israel, leaving Washington and the other powers "under fire and without words to impose sanctions against the Iranian regime, at least for now."

Article by Clovis Rossi: "Israeli troops used excessive force" – *Folha de S. Paulo* A14: Clovis Rossi concludes that the Israeli government used disproportionate force in the raid on the humanitarian ships because it knows that it can weather international condemnation if it means greater domestic political approval.

Column (Marcos Nobre): U.S. is key for preventing an Israeli-Iranian war – *Folha de S. Paulo* A2: According to the columnist, the United States represents "the last line of defense" against the "Israeli extreme right's" drive to start a war with Iran. According to the columnist, the Israeli attack against humanitarian ships makes it "essential" for Brazil to "stop its skirmishes with the U.S. and stop strengthening Iran."

Blog (Gustavo Chacra): Killing of 10 people aboard humanitarian fleets only worsens Israel's image – De Beirute a Nova York: According to *Estado's* New York correspondent, actions like Israel's attack against a humanitarian ship (whether or not the soldiers acted in self-defense, as Israel claims) only serves to alienate the U.S. Jewish community, especially young Jewish liberals in New York, from the fate of Israel. <http://migre.me/KMxQ>

Blog (Marcos Guterman): The Israeli Navy's "un-intelligence" – Even if all of the arguments presented by Israel to justify the use of force in invading a humanitarian ship are true, Israel has given yet another example of its use of "un-intelligence" in recent military actions and provided its adversaries with yet another propaganda boost. <http://migre.me/KMPJ>

TV- Bom Dia Brasil 06/01/2010: Commentator Alexandre Garcia says that the GoB asked the Israeli Ambassador to explain the attacks. According to Brazilian minister of Foreign Relations Celso Amorim, the humanitarian help would not be needed if the blockade of Gaza Strip ended. <http://migre.me/KOXB>

Iran:

Lula promises Iran to continue to lobby for nuclear agreement – *O Estado de S. Paulo* A14/ *Folha de S. Paulo* A15: Papers report President Lula promised President Ahmadinejad that this week he would call the three presidents who may be able to change the U.S. decision in favor of sanctions – Sarkozy (France), Medvedev (Russia) and Hu Jintao (China). *Folha* quotes GoB's Foreign Affairs Advisor Marco Aurelio Garcia as saying the U.S. was reaching out to many countries to dissuade them from supporting the Iran-Turkey-Brazil. "There has been this systematic attempt [by the U.S.] to, in one way or another, dissuade a peace initiative, which we have been supporting." Paper also says Lula has been irritated by the U.S. attempt to undo the deal. Yesterday Lula said Brazil was tired of being treated as "second class" and that "in order to conduct international politics it is necessary to have mutual respect in relations." <http://migre.me/KN12>

TV- Jornal Nacional 05/31/2010: According to IAEA, Iran already has 5,7 kg of uranium enriched to 20%. <http://migre.me/KOPK>

Column (Sonia Racy): Amorim, Garcia irritated by White House reference to "instruction" – *O Estado de S. Paulo* D2: Social columnist Sonia Racy says Brazil's Foreign Minister Amorim and GoB's Foreign Affairs Advisor Marco Aurelio Garcia were irritated with the use of the word "instructions" by the White House when explaining the contents of the letter President Obama sent to President Lula. <http://migre.me/KN04>

Editorial: Brazilian diplomacy bets on confrontation against USG – *O Globo* 6: Editorial criticizes Brazilian diplomacy for advocating a confrontational stance towards the USG on Iran, as Brazilian authorities are publicly disagreeing with Washington. According to *O Globo*, Brazil's desire to seek new ways to negotiate with Tehran is legitimate, but the GoB

shows a lack of sensitivity, common sense and responsibility for allowing Iran to buy time to build its nuclear capacity. The daily also criticizes the GoB for trusting Tehran when the U.S. has never, with good reason, done so. *O Globo* also points out that the GoB did not correctly interpret President Obama's letter to Lula, "Brazilian diplomacy only read the parts of the letter which were interesting [for the country]," writes the daily, adding that Brazil is ruining its reputation as a trustworthy interlocutor, "on behalf of an outdated and out of context leftism."

Op-ed (Sergio Guerreiro Ribeiro): Iran tells the world it plans to build nuclear bombs – *O Globo* 7: Nuclear engineer Sergio Guerreiro Ribeiro writes an op-ed saying that Iran's refusal to stop enriching its uranium to 20% tells the world that it intends to build nuclear weapons. "[By signing an agreement with Iran,] Brazil is running the risk of losing credibility by supporting an agreement that may yield political dividends in the short run, but will have severe effects especially in a world which is constantly threatened by extremist regimes," writes Ribeiro.

Blog (Marcos Guterman): IAEA shows why agreement with Iran is a "farce:" Iran still has 2.2 tons of LEU – <http://migre.me/KMOD>

Blog (Miriam Leitao): Blogger asks reader: "Was Brazil justified in joining Iran's nuclear controversy?" – MiriamLeitao.com: In the last such poll, 75% of the 1,495 readers who voted said they did not agree with the Lula Administration's foreign policy on Iran, Venezuela, North Korea and Cuba. <http://migre.me/KMAB>

Blog (Miriam Leitao): Blogger comments on her interview with Minister C. Amorim about Iran, UN Security Council – MiriamLeitao.com: <http://migre.me/KMCK>, and <http://migre.me/KMDt>.

NPT:

Blog (Gustavo Chacra): Arab and non-aligned countries run laps around the U.S. in NPT negotiations – De Beirute a Nova York: According to *Estado's* New York correspondent, Arab countries achieved a major coup in the NPT review conference by barring any reference to Iran and by including a reference to Israel's nuclear program in the final statement. <http://migre.me/KMxp>

Blog (Alon Feuerwerker): Blogger discusses geopolitical implications of a hypothetical nuclear-armed South America – Blog do Alon: <http://migre.me/KMIO>

Cotton and Beef:

Brazilian negotiators skeptical about cotton deal – *Valor Economico* B12: Without citing sources, paper reports that sources close to the negotiations between Brazil and the United States to avoid sanctions against U.S. cotton subsidies are skeptical about the chances of success in the meeting scheduled for tomorrow in Sao Paulo. <http://migre.me/KMZf>

Brazil and US discuss beef residue – *Valor Economico* B12: Paper reports that according to Brazil's Agricultural Ministry Inspection Director Nelmon Oliveira, the GoB will try to resume beef exports to the U.S. next week. Last week the Brazilian Ministry decided to halt beef exports after the U.S. recalled meat processed by JBS, after finding traces of the drug, Ivermectina, above levels permitted by U.S. regulation. A Brazilian mission will travel to the U.S. on June 7 and 8 to meet with the USDA to resolve the issue.

Marfrig sells meat to U.S. through Uruguay – *O Estado de S. Paulo* B16: Paper reports Marfrig announced it would meet the U.S. demand for processed meat by using its plants in Uruguay. <http://migre.me/KNbS>

Government and politics

President Lula's official agenda for today – Blog do Noblat: The president has events scheduled in Sao Paulo and Brasilia today. <http://migre.me/KMuz>

GoB begins construction of Angra 3 nuclear power plant – *O Globo* 21: Brazil's Nuclear Energy Commission (CNEN) issued a license yesterday for the Angra 3 nuclear plant, clearing the last major bureaucratic obstacle to the construction of the US\$ 8.4 billion project. The plant will be Brazil's third nuclear power station and will be built close to the other two in Angra dos Reis in the state of Rio. Operations are scheduled to start in 2015. The daily notes that the construction license was granted 24 years after the GoB first signaled its intention to build the plant. <http://migre.me/KO6A>

Lula criticizes U.S. for Gulf Coast oil spill – *O Dia* 4: President Lula criticized the U.S. publicly yesterday regarding the

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oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. He noted, "Just imagine if it were Petrobras! Imagine if it were in Guanabara Bay and the scandal [accusations] that would be made against us for it! But because it is in the U.S., it is being dealt with quite differently..."

Defense Ministry rules out demilitarizing Brazil's air traffic control – *O Globo 23/Jornal do Brasil* A15: The Brazilian Defense Ministry ruled out transferring the responsibility for Brazil's air traffic control to civilians, after the release of a 400-page report by consultancy group McKinsey, prepared at the request of Brazilian federal development bank BNDES and President Lula. In a note, the Defense Ministry writes that the Brazilian Air Force is competently performing air traffic control. In related news, a study by GoB-sponsored think-tank IPEA reports that eight of Brazil's largest airports are nearing full operational capacity, showing that investments are needed as World Cup 2014 approaches.

Blog (Alon Feuerwerker): Blogger comments on economic, political elements of drug trade in Afghanistan, Brazil, Bolivia and Mexico – Blog do Alon: <http://migre.me/KMFN>

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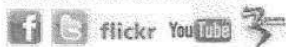
Oliver Stone barred from entering Brazil in Sao Paulo for not having a visa – *O Estado de S. Paulo* C3: Paper reports U.S. filmmaker Oliver Stone and his team were stopped for two and a half hours at Guarulhos airport for not having visas. According to the paper, the Federal Police resolved the issue and permitted them entry into the country after Ministry of Foreign Affairs' approval. <http://migre.me/KNgB>

Dilma Rousseff to meet Oliver Stone – *O Globo* 2: In a small note, columnist Ilmar Franco writes that Brazilian Presidential pre-candidate Dilma Rousseff (Workers Party) will meet filmmaker Oliver Stone in Brasilia. Yesterday, Stone launched his new movie, "South of the Border" in São Paulo.

Blog (Paulo Moreira Leite): Ambassador Shannon is a fan of Pegadinhas do Muçã and Panico na TV – Vamos Combinar: <http://migre.me/KMKs>

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1. ~~(C)~~ Summary: GoA leaders expressed "dismay" June 1 at the loss
of life during the Israeli raid of a Gaza-bound flotilla and called
for restraint. Pro-Palestinian and pro-Islamic groups held
non-violent protests in Vienna. The fallout from the incident will
set back recent improvements in Austro-Israeli relations. End
Summary.

Chancellor/Vice Chancellor Statements

2. (U) In a June 1 statement, GOA leaders expressed "dismay" at the
violent outcome of the Israeli raid. Chancellor Faymann said
Austria could not remain silent after such an incident, while at
the same time noting that the GOA would wait for an independent
investigation before making a final assessment. The Chancellor
expressed sympathy for the victims and called on all parties
involved to lower tensions. Faymann added that, as a UNSC member,

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Austria would "actively work toward ending the violence." Vice Chancellor Proell, who had just returned from a three-day visit to Israel, called the Israeli reaction "utterly excessive and improper."

FM, UN Ambassador Weigh In

3. (U) Austrian FM Spindelegger called the bloodshed "shocking" in a May 31 statement and said he was "dismayed at the bloody escalation of events." He called on Israel to exercise restraint and directed the MFA Secretary General to summon the Israeli Ambassador. Spindelegger further called on Israel to end the Gaza blockade, "as the UN Security Council and the EU have emphatically and repeatedly demanded." The MFA said the Austrian Embassy in Tel Aviv was investigating reports that Austrian citizens were on board the flotilla.

4. (U) Thomas Mayr-Harting, Austria's Ambassador to the UN, said Israel had brought about the situation through its failure to abide by UN resolutions. Mayr-Harting urged Israel to adhere to international law.

Rallies Held in Vienna

5. (U) A number of pro-Palestinian and pro-Islamic groups held rallies in Vienna June 1 to protest the incident. A group of demonstrators held a vigil in front of the Israeli Embassy. The organization "Stop the Massacre in Gaza" called on the GOA to promote sanctions against Israel in the UNSC and pressed Chancellor Faymann to cancel his June 23-24 visit to Israel.

Comment: A Setback in Bilateral Relations

6. (C) The GOA had gone a long way toward patching up its relationship with Israeli, damaged by the election of Kurt Waldheim

as President in 1986 and by the participation of the far-right Freedom Party in the governing coalition following elections in 1999. [redacted] were hoping their visits would help advance that process further. The fallout from this incident will set that process back, as anti-Israeli sentiment rises among Austrians.

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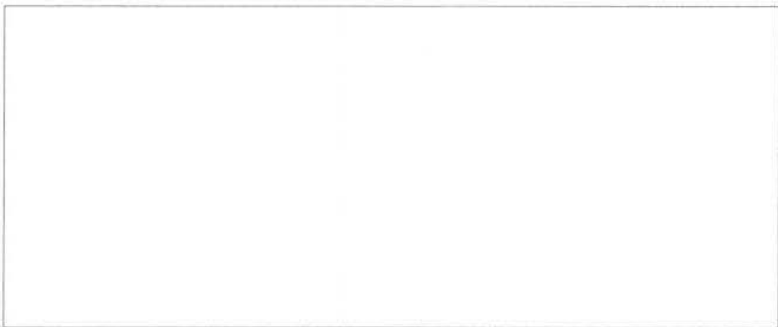
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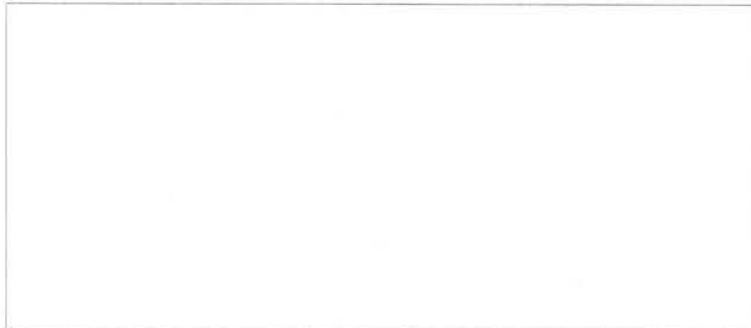
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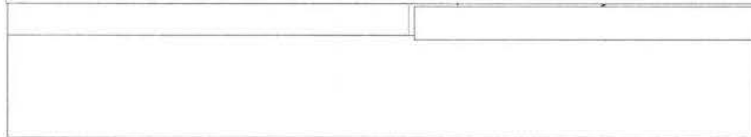


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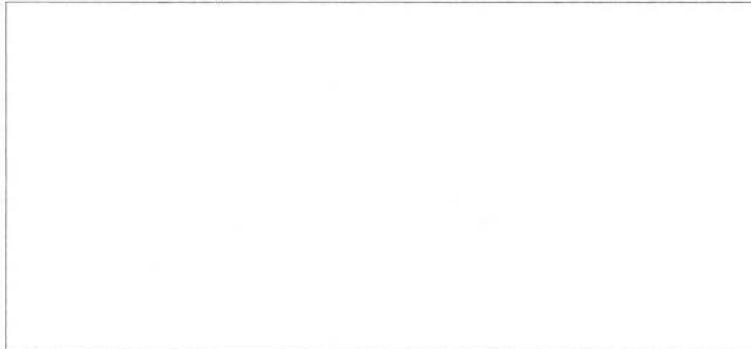
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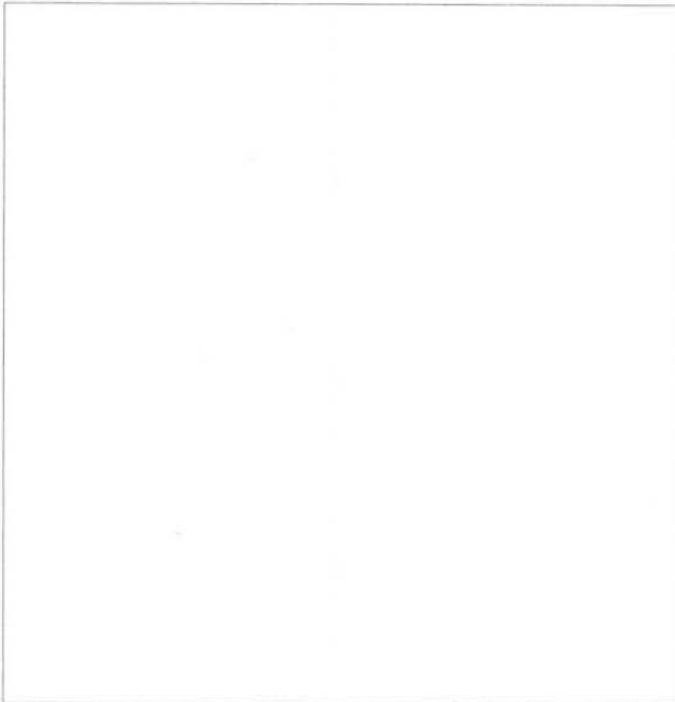
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THE TURKS AND GAZA

5. (C) Responding to PolOff,s queries about Muslim sentiment towards the U.S., he noted that many were still upset over the Gaza Flotilla incident and hoped the U.S. would take "necessary steps to end the blockade." [redacted]

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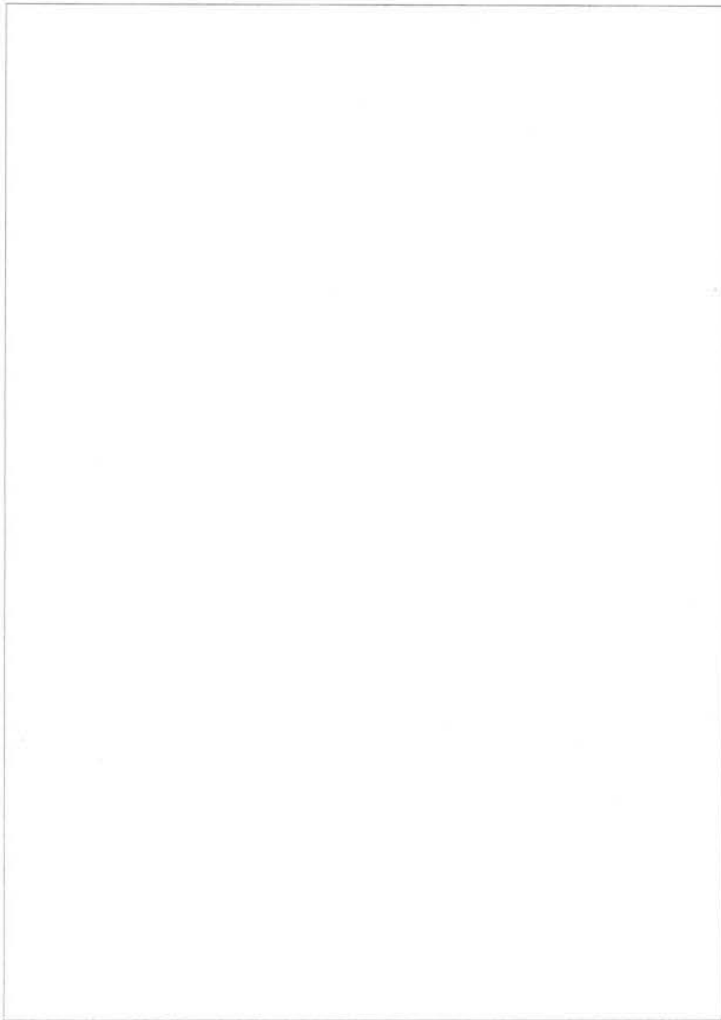
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E.O. 13526: DECL: 2020/07/14
TAGS: PREL, EUN, ETTC, GG, IR, IS, AJ, TU, AM
SUBJECT: US-EU Political Dialogue: A/S Gordon's Meeting with the EU
27 Political Directors in Brussels

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

1. (C) SUMMARY. Following the morning's formal Political Directors
dialogue (septel), at an informal working lunch which followed, A/S
Gordon brought all 27 member-state Political Directors up to date
on Middle East Peace Process issues - Netanyahu's call at the White
House, the state of Mitchell's proximity talks

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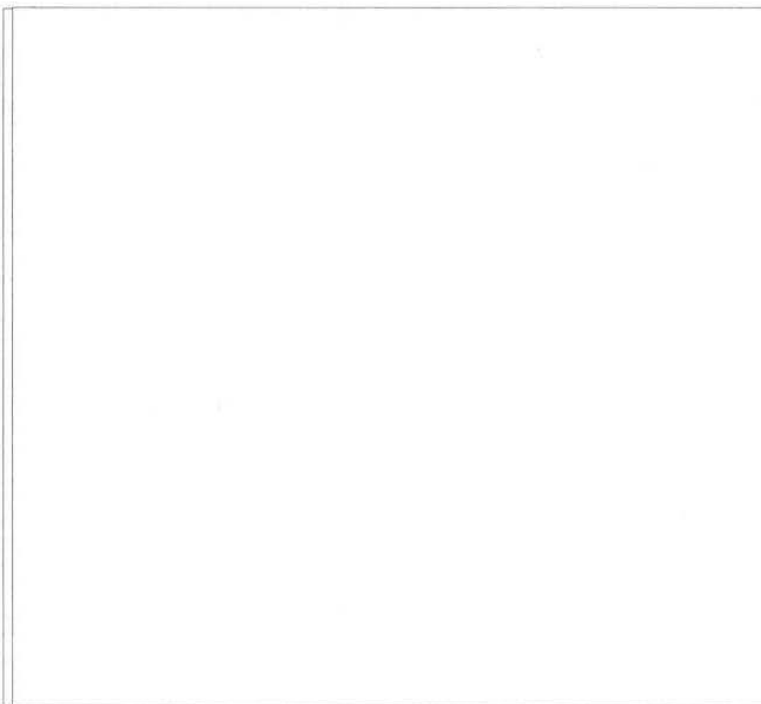
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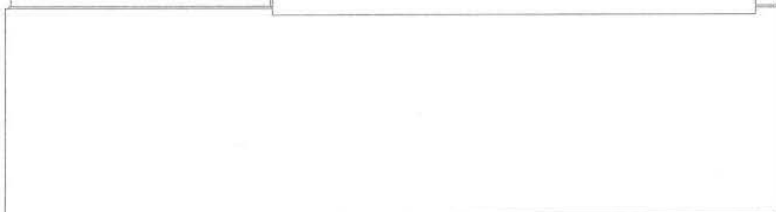
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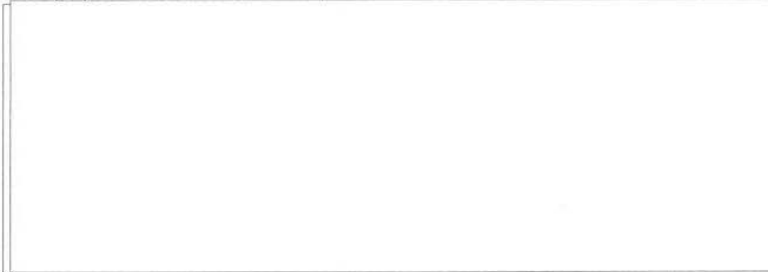
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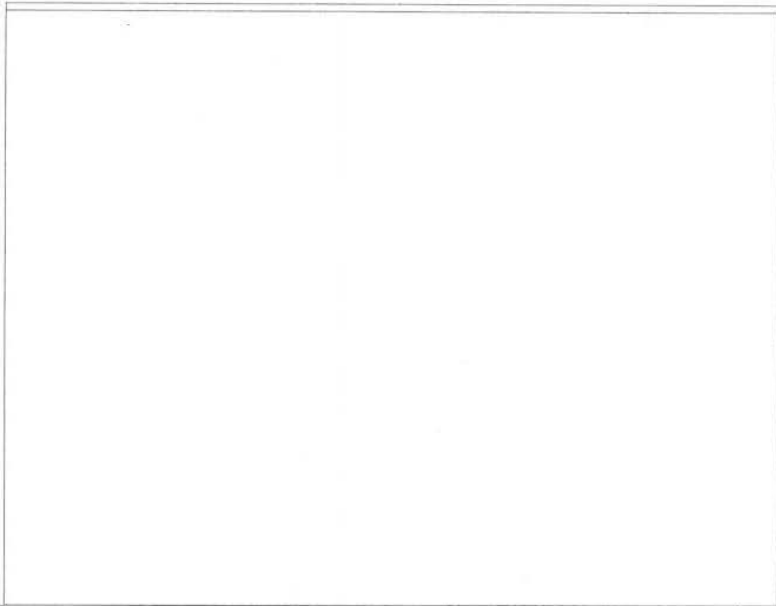


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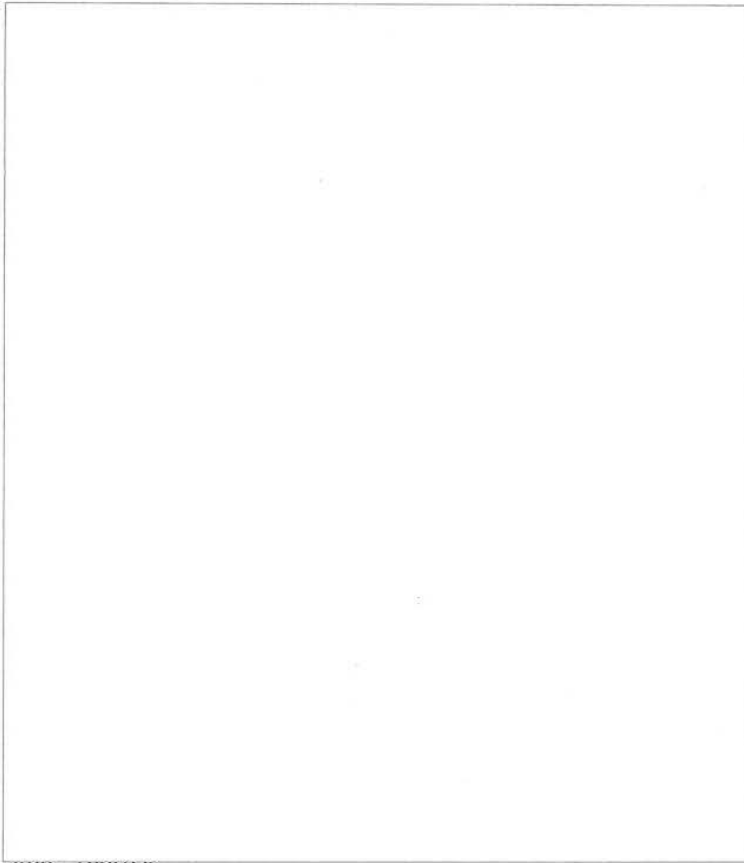
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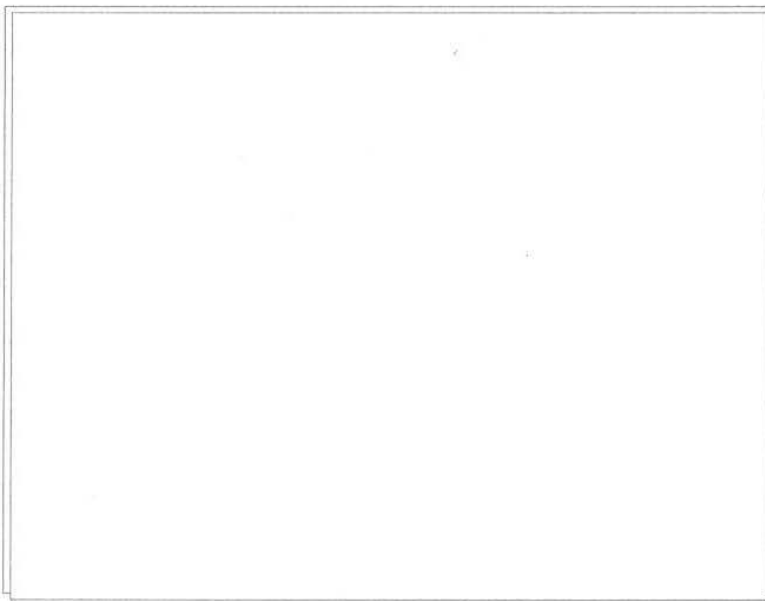
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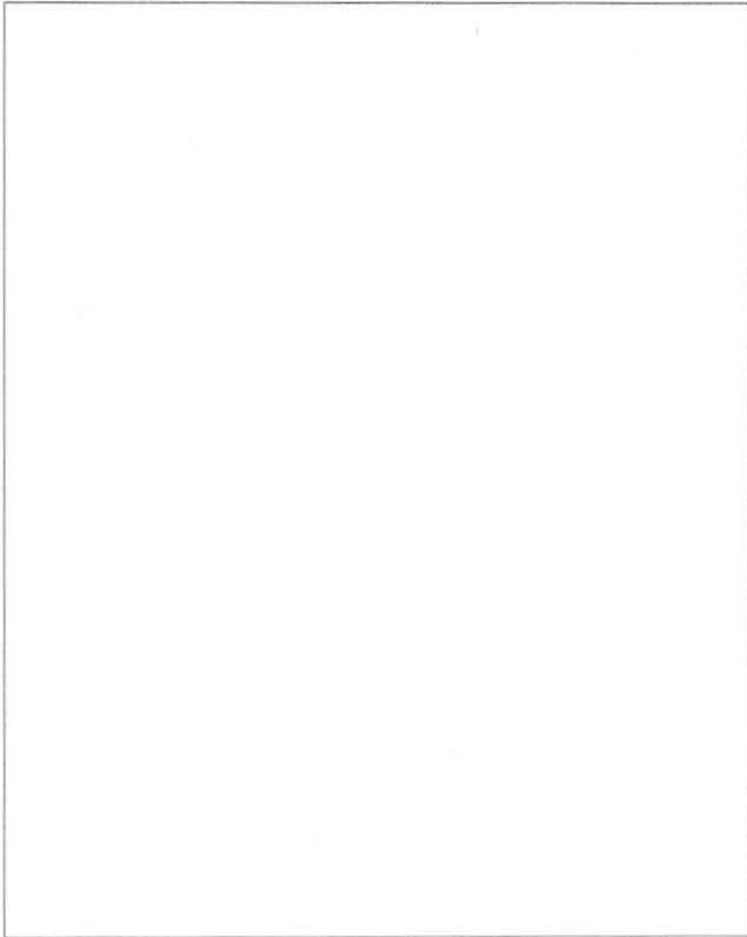


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21. (U) This message was cleared by A/S Gordon.
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E.O. 13526: DECL: 07/16/2020
TAGS: PHUM, PGOV, OPRC, KIRF, KPAO, TS
SUBJECT: TUNISIA: NO GAZA FLOTILLA-RELATED RISE IN
ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE MEDIA

REF: A. STATE 72296
B. TUNIS 416 (NOTAL)
C. TUNIS 407 (NOTAL)

Classified By: Ambassador Gordon Gray for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

Summary

1. ~~(C/OC)~~ Although inflammatory anti-Israeli rhetoric is a constant in the Tunisian media, and spiked immediately following the Gaza flotilla incident, the Embassy has not seen an increase in specifically anti-Semitic reporting or commentary. Anti-Israeli political cartoons, which include depictions of Israelis that could be considered anti-Semitic, have long been a regular feature in the Tunisian press. A prominent leader of the Jewish community told the Ambassador he had not seen any anti-Semitism in the press as a result of the flotilla incident, and offered his view that President Ben Ali would never allow it. While the flotilla incident stirred the anger of the Tunisian public, the Government of Tunisia (GOT) carefully controlled demonstrations and reactions, mostly directed toward the Government of Israel, and, to a lesser extent, the USG. End summary.

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Media Backlash

2. ~~(C/OC)~~ Anti-Israeli rhetoric spiked immediately following the Gaza flotilla incident, with private and public media publishing broad and scathing criticism of Israeli actions and the international response. On June 1, the pro-government French daily, Le Temps, criticized the silence of the "great powers" toward "Israeli aggression" and charged that the international community had stood up "for a few hundred hungry Somalis but ignored Israeli carnage committed in international waters." In an editorial typical of many, the pro-government Arabic daily "As-Sabah" criticized the USG on June 5 for not condemning the Israeli raid against the "Freedom Flotilla" and for supporting Israeli "crimes against civilians."

3. ~~(C/OC)~~ There was also an increase following the flotilla incident in anti-Israeli political cartoons, with depictions of Israelis that could be considered anti-Semitic. These cartoons, most originally published in Middle Eastern newspapers and on Internet sites, were re-published mainly in two pro-government Arabic tabloids, Ash-Sharouq and As-Sarih. One cartoon, typical of many in Ash-Sharouq, appeared on June 3, depicting an Israeli with an exaggerated long beard and hooked nose, holding an automatic weapon and sailing the high seas by use of his tentacles. The tentacles were labeled in Arabic "terrorist state."

4. ~~(C/OC)~~ On July 12, the Ambassador raised the issue of anti-Semitism in Tunisia in light of the flotilla incident with [redacted] and leading member of Tunisia's Jewish community. [redacted] observed that there was a visible increase in anti-Israeli articles in the Tunisian press as a result of the Gaza flotilla incident, but said categorically that there was no increase in anti-Semitism in the Tunisian press. [redacted] underlined his view that President Ben Ali protected Tunisia's Jewish community and did not allow any anti-Semitic articles to appear in the Tunisian press.

5. ~~(C/OC)~~ [redacted] further opined that allowing critical anti-Israeli articles in the Tunisian press was "necessary" to protect Tunisia's economic relations with Algeria and Libya. In [redacted]'s opinion, the absence of such critical articles in the Tunisian press would have prompted both the Governments of Libya and Algeria to question the GOT's commitment to solidarity with the Palestinians.

6. ~~(C/OC)~~ As reported reftel, the Gaza flotilla incident prompted significant public demonstrations in Tunis and other cities, condemning Israeli actions, with a lead organizing role played by the Tunisian General Labor Union (UGTT). The UGTT's leader called on the Ambassador on June 9 (ref B) to discuss the incident, with the Ambassador underlining U.S. calls for a transparent investigation and for steps to improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza and work toward a

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negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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E.O. 13526: DECL: 2020/09/22
TAGS: SCUL, PGOV, PREL, XG, IS, TU
SUBJECT: Transatlantic Trends Survey Highlights Turkey's "Drift"

REF: A) 10 ANKARA 1472; B) 10 ANKARA 1466;

CLASSIFIED BY: Daniel O'Grady, Acting DCM, State, EXEC; REASON:
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1. (C) SUMMARY. The Turkish press gave extensive coverage last week to the unveiling of the latest Transatlantic Trends survey results based on polling by the German Marshall Fund (GMF) and its partners from June 1-29 (the immediate aftermath of the Gaza Flotilla incident). The survey emphasizes a striking contrast between respondents in Turkey compared to other countries in Europe

-- [redacted] Turkey was portrayed as "drifting away" from the West. Support for President Obama among Turks fell from 50 percent in 2009 to 28 percent in 2010, well below the 80-percent plus scores elsewhere in Europe. Only 38 percent of Turks (a new low) thought Turkey's membership in the EU would be a good thing. Some 48 percent of Turks were not concerned about Iran's acquiring nuclear weapons, compared to 40 percent who are concerned. The number of Turks who think that Turkey should work most closely with Middle Eastern countries on international matter doubled to 20 percent. EUR Assistant Secretary Gordon's rejection of the survey results was widely reported in the press. Meanwhile,

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the GMF's Ian Lesser conceded during a September 17 briefing about the survey that the dates when it was conducted "have some relevance to the findings." [REDACTED]

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Relations with the U.S. -- Low Scores

2. (SBU) In the survey, the number of Turks who said it was "very undesirable" for the U.S. to play a strong role in international affairs rose from 44 percent in 2009 to 53 percent in 2010. Some 64 percent of Turks disapprove of the way President Obama is managing relations with Iran, 55 percent disapprove of his management of relations with Turkey, 58 percent disapprove of Obama's effort to ease tensions in the Middle East, and 58 percent (up from 33 percent in 2009) disapprove of Obama's handling of international policies. Turks who viewed the U.S. favorably stayed the same at 22 percent (22 percent in 2009), while those who had an unfavorable view of the U.S. rose slightly to 67 percent (64 percent in 2009).

3. (SBU) Only 40 percent of Turks were concerned with Iran acquiring nuclear weapons, while 48 percent were unconcerned. This is a sharp contrast with EU countries where 79 percent were concerned and the U.S. where 86 percent were concerned. Also, 55 percent of Turks oppose the ratification of the protocols with Armenia while 27 percent support it. Only 29 percent of Turks support the current negotiations on Cyprus, while 51 percent oppose the negotiations. Another noticeable difference between Turks and the rest of Europe was the much higher rate of "don't know" or "refusal" responses to questions among Turks.

Media Reaction Mixed

4. (SBU) The survey got widespread and mixed play in the Turkish media, with most prominently carrying remarks by A/S Gordon and noting the declining support for EU membership, growing interest in the Middle East cooperation, and waning attitudes towards US partnership and approval ratings for President Obama. Islamist-oriented Zaman headlined "Support for NATO and EU Deteriorates in Turkey," and emphasized that the report also shows Turkey is the "least concerned" about Iran acquiring weapons. In a report with the headline "GMF Finds Turkish People Do Not Want NATO," pro-government Yeni Safak highlighted the decreasing view of NATO as "essential" (30 percent in 2010 versus 53 percent in 2004). Leftist nationalist Cumhuriyet pointed out that the Transatlantic Trends survey shows a doubling of interest (to 20 percent) for cooperation with the Middle East and opined that "Turkey is gradually breaking from the West." Mainstream Sabah highlighted the dramatic slippage of favorable public opinion of President Obama, a result of his "positions on Iran and Afghanistan."

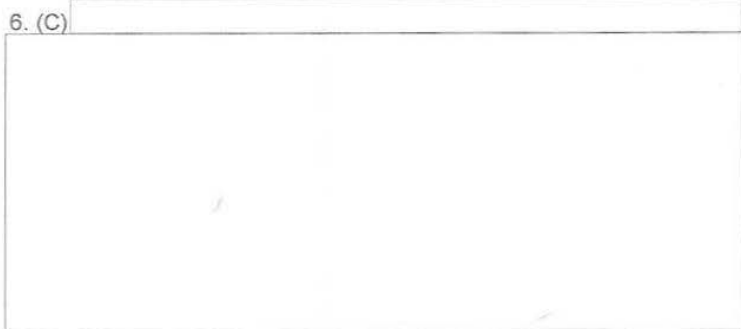
5. (SBU) In "Turks' Trust in EU Erodes," mainstream Milliyet and other media highlighted remarks by A/S Phil Gordon, who was quoted extensively that he rejects the view that Turkey is drifting away from the West. "We're in dialogue with Turkey," Gordon said,

although he added that the survey results showed the US needs to do more work with the Turkish public. Yeni Safak quoted Gordon as saying "Turkey, too, doesn't want Iran to have nuclear weapons; Turkey only has a different approach than the West on Iran." Writing in mainstream Hurriyet, columnist Mehmet Yilmaz commented that "20 percent of Turks want cooperation with the Middle Eastern countries whereas only 6 percent want partnership with the US. Turkey is also the least concerned country about a nuclear Iran. Turkey's excitement about EU membership has also faded. All these indicate that Turkey's axis is shifting...the government hasn't done much to encourage Turkey's EU membership, and has turned toward the Middle East." Sami Cohen in mainstream Milliyet noted that "It would be wrong to evaluate this trend as Turkey breaking away from the West, because the survey's data suggests that the Turkish public maintains a distance from the Middle East as well. I think the most important finding of the survey is that Turkey opts for neither the West nor the East, but for itself."

Think Tank Briefing

6. (SBU) During a September 17 briefing about the survey to TEPAV, a Turkish think tank, the GMF's Ian Lesser conceded that the dates when the survey was conducted "have some relevance to the findings." Justice and Development Party (AKP) Suat Kiniklioglu agreed ("Turkey was intensely focused on the Flotilla and the death of our citizens") but suggested the margin of difference would only be 2-3 percent. Kiniklioglu noted that the survey simply underscores that Turkey now believes it has the ability to act alone but that it still prefers to have partners. "But these must be partners who treat Turkey as equals -- this is important." Kiniklioglu also said that the survey indicates that the "era of the 'full package' is over," and that Turkey will cooperate with the U.S. only where its interests coincide. He said that Washington also should realize that Turkey is readjusting to a multi-dimensional environment -- "instead of listening to AIPAC" and viewing Turkey as a rogue state.

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SUBJECT: Demarche Response: Moscow Has No Information on the Free
Gaza "Anniversary Flotilla"

REF: A) 11 STATE 36240;

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(S) We delivered refel points to [redacted] of the MFA [redacted]
[redacted] said the GOR did not expect any
Russian citizens to participate in the Anniversary Flotilla as no
Russians were involved in the May 2010 events. He also did not think
any vessels would depart from Russian ports to take part in the
flotilla. [redacted] said the GOR currently does not have any
information on the Anniversary Flotilla. [redacted]

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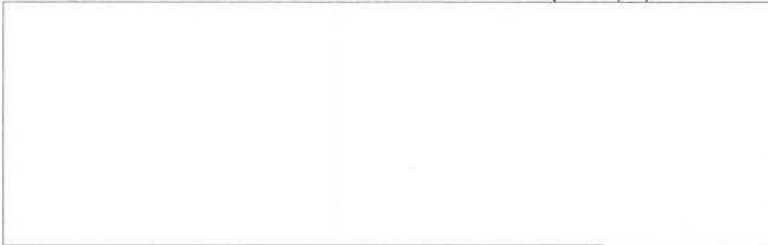
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1. (S) SUMMARY: IO Assistant Secretary Esther Brimmer and Israeli MFA Director General for UN and International Organizations Eviator Manor conducted a multi-party video conference on May 11, a continuation of consultations held in Israel in March (Ref A, B).



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and [redacted] congratulated the United States on its achievements at the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) in Geneva, but remained concerned about the prospects for ?anniversary? Gaza flotillas, a potential resolution in June regarding the May 31, 2010 flotilla interdiction, the Palmer Commission report, and the

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2. (SBU) Participants: Other Israeli participants included:

-- Jerusalem: Ambassador Daniel Carmon, UN and International Organizations Division; Haim Waxman, Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN; Tibor Schlosser, Director of International Organizations; Omer Caspi, Director for Human Rights and Global Issues; Meirav Eilon-Shahar, Director of United Nations Political Affairs;

-- Geneva: Ambassador Leshno Yaar, Permanent Representative to the UN Human Rights Council;

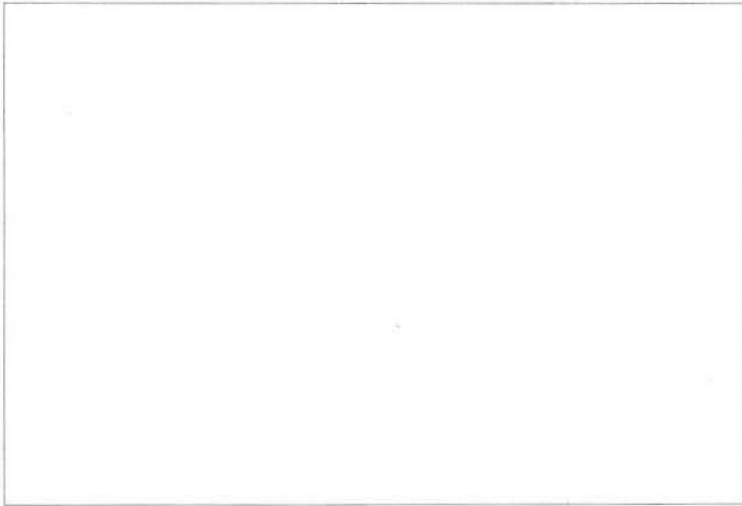
-- Washington: Eliav Benjamin, Embassy of Israel Counselor for Political Affairs.

Other State Department participants included:

-- Washington: IO DAS Nerissa Cook, IO DAS Suzanne Nossel, IO Senior Advisor Jonathan Katz, IO/UNESCO Office Director Kelly Siekman, IO/HR Office Director Jessye Lapenn, IO/PRF Office Director Andrew Morrison, IO/PSC Military Advisor Col. Howard Gray, NEA/IPA Senior PolOff Jack Doutrich, NEA/IPA PolOff Colin Eilts, IO/UNP Multilateral Affairs Officer Kenneth Zurcher, and IO/PRF Officer Megan Liaboe (Notetaker);

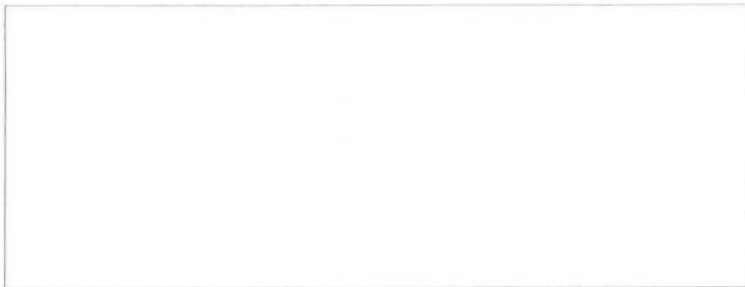
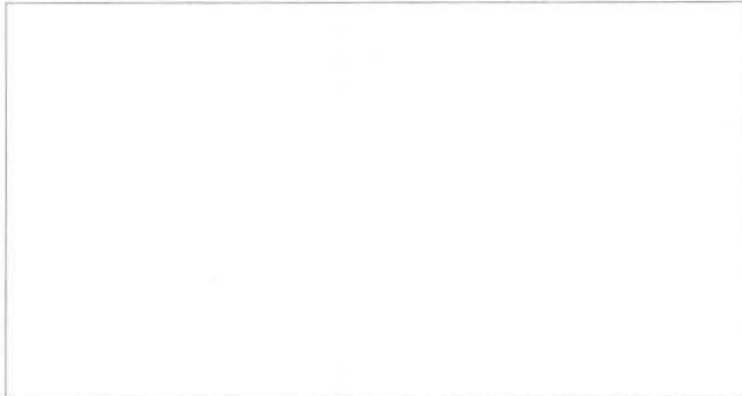
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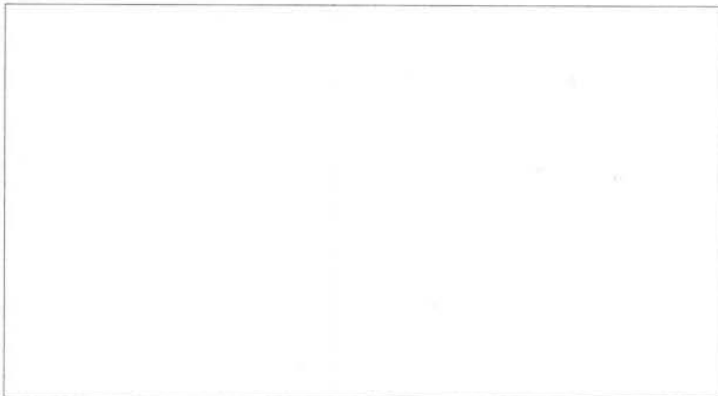


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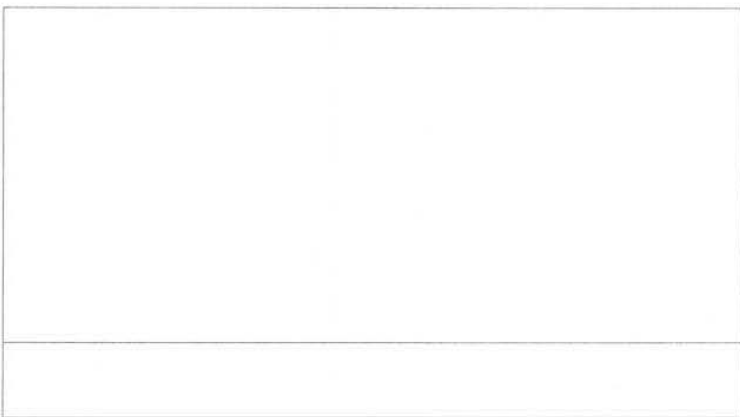


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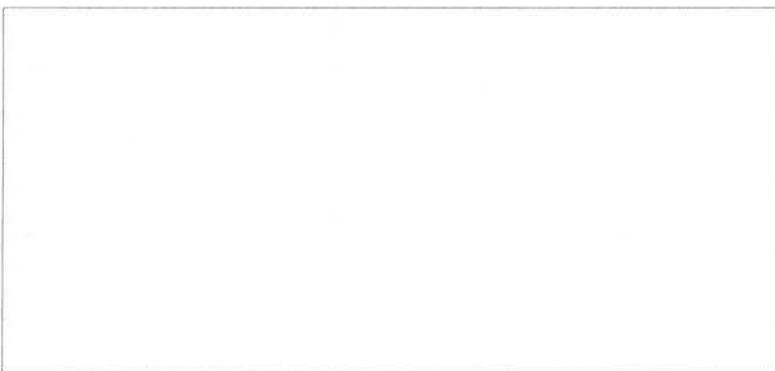


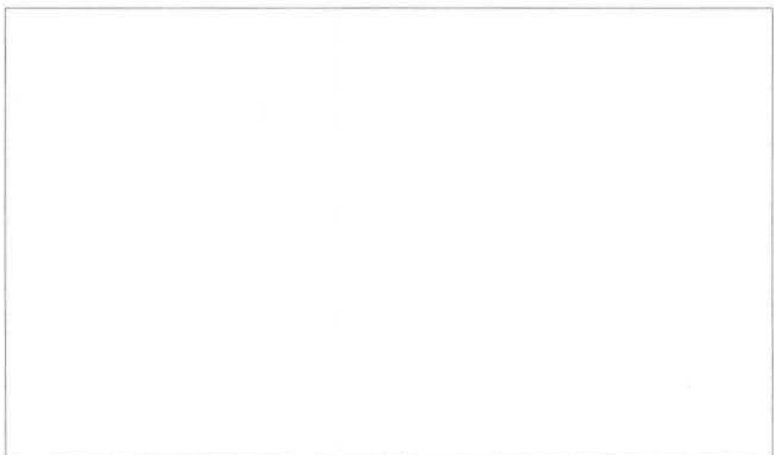
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[redacted] Manor noted, however, that while there have been no special sessions on Israel in the last year, there was a specific day of the June 2010 HRC session focused on the May 31, 2010 Mavi Marmara Flotilla. [redacted]





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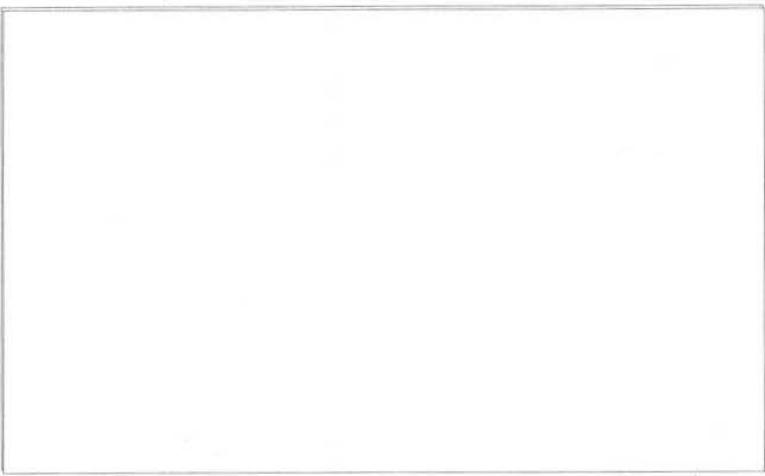
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11. (C) [redacted] Israel is focused on the flotilla issue because of the Palmer Commission's report and the implications of a potential HRC resolution on the Mavi Marmara incident in June. A/S Brimmer replied that any plans for submitting another follow-up resolution will likely be affected by ?anniversary? flotilla activity before the session. [redacted]

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12. (U) Note: A coalition of activist groups led by Turkish Islamist NGO Foundation for Human Rights, Freedoms, and Humanitarian Relief (IHH) originally announced an aid flotilla would sail to the Gaza Strip around May 31, the one-year anniversary of the Mavi Marmara incident. However, the IHH subsequently announced that it would postpone its participation in the flotilla until the third week of June, after the Turkish parliamentary elections. The IHH states it still plans to send a single ship carrying humanitarian supplies to El Arish, Egypt, where the cargo will be transhipped to Gaza through the Rafah border crossing on or around May 31 (Ref C). End Note.

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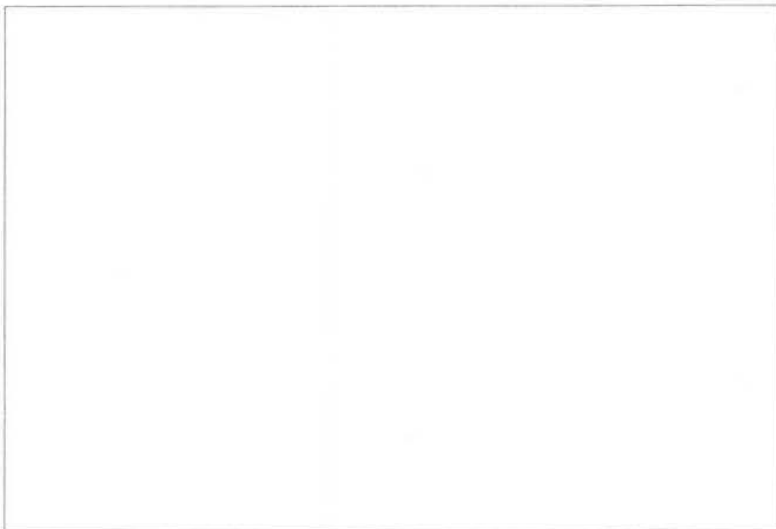
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1. (U) This is an action request. Embassy Kuala Lumpur is asked to raise USG concerns about a flotilla planned to break the Israeli maritime blockade of Gaza, drawing on points in paragraphs 3 and 4 with Malaysian officials at the highest appropriate level as soon as possible, and particularly in light of recent reported public comments by Prime Minister Najib supportive of the prospective flotilla. These points have already been used for outreach to European capitals.

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GENERAL TALKING POINTS

3. (SBU) Please draw on the following points to approach host government at the appropriate level.

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 with the intention of arriving in Gaza around the fourth week of June.

The Israeli government has offered 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 notes that the humanitarian situation in Gaza 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 Gazans 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. We believe there must be 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 Gazans. 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.

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.

MALAYSIA-SPECIFIC POINTS

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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

5. (SBU) Post should report results by cable to the Department as

soon as is practicable. Please contact NEA/IPA Jim Sindle or Nick Jakobson at (202) 647-4386 or via e-mail for any additional information.
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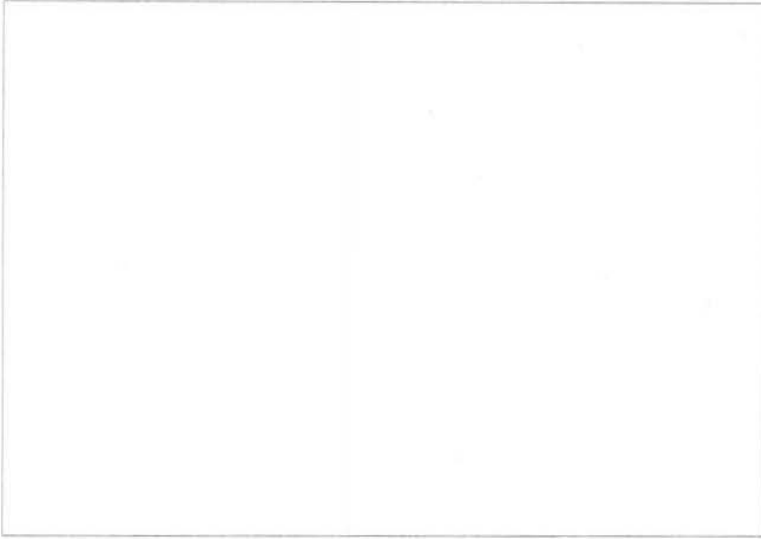
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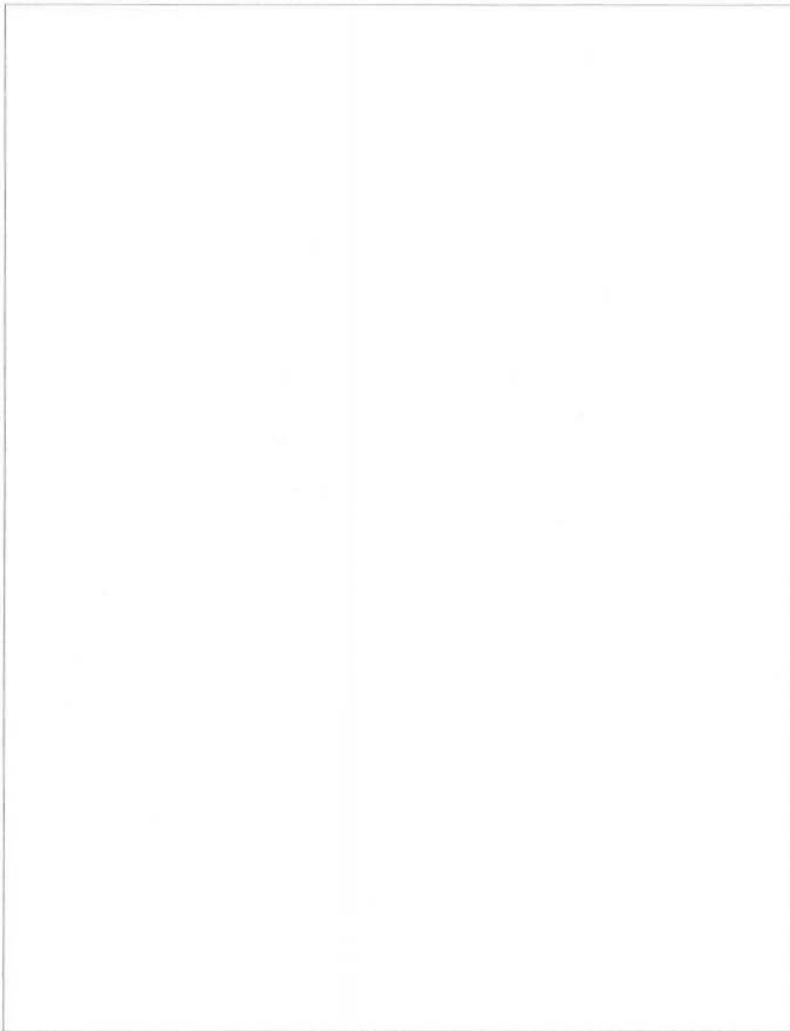
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