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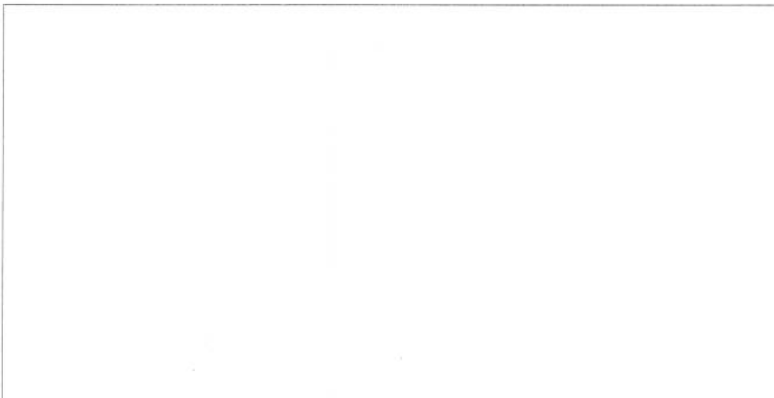
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2. (U) Tunisians are currently more seized with the Israel/Palestinian problem than with the new policy unveiled by the President. Similarly, coverage of President Obama's new national security strategy in the Tunisian press has been limited and overshadowed by widespread coverage of the Gaza flotilla incident. Articles were limited to headlines pulled from wire agencies asserting, as one French-language daily did, that "[President] Obama's new national security strategy abandons [President] Bush's war policy."

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FLOTILLA INCIDENT

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Summary

1. (C) The Tunisian General Labor Union (UGTT) continued the week's protests over the Gaza flotilla incident with a demonstration in Tunis on June 3. The event, which drew UGTT supporters from around the area, received minor coverage in Tunisian press, but displayed a marked increase in anti-American themes. The Secretary General of the UGTT is calling on the Ambassador next week, likely to formally condemn Israel's actions and perceived U.S. unqualified support for Israel. The UGTT protest and the disruption of a teacher's union meeting in Gafsa probably reveal how deeply Tunisian anger runs over the Gaza incident. End summary.

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UGTT Leads Demonstration

2. (SBU) The Tunisian General Labor Union (UGTT) on June 3 held a demonstration condemning Israeli actions in the Gaza flotilla incident and affirming solidarity with Palestinians, marking the latest in a series of protests this week (refTel). UGTT Secretary General Abdesselem Jerad headed the protest, and participants included labor union members, workers, students, and independent activists. Demonstrators marched on Mohamed V Avenue in Tunis, and a private Arabic daily, Al-Sharouq, reported that "thousands" attended the event.

3. (SBU) Regional offices of the UGTT took part in the demonstration in Tunis; one of the banners from the event read "The Regional UGTT Office in Bizerte supports resistance movements in Lebanon, Palestine, and Iraq." Unconfirmed reports say that protestors burned Israeli flags, and photos of the event show a plethora of Palestinian flags and scarves. The UGTT executive board met before the demonstration and issued a statement condemning Israeli actions, calling on the UN to implement sanctions, and expressing support to Turkey.

4. (C) After the demonstration, according to civil society contacts, police used force against protestors who were carrying banners calling for freedom of expression and ending Tunisia's policy for normalization with Israel, according to civil society contacts.

Minor Press Coverage

5. (SBU) Some of the daily newspapers reported on the UGTT demonstration, but apart from the UGTT's paper, none of them carried the story on the first page. La Presse, an official French daily, had a short article on the demonstration without photos on page eight. A private Arabic daily, Al-Sharouq, published a longer article on the demonstration and included photos. The UGTT's paper, Ash-Shaab, not surprisingly carried the story on the first page, had two pages of articles and photos within the paper, and published photos of the event on its back cover.

Some Anti-American Sentiment

6. (SBU) The UGTT demonstration had some anti-American overtones. The UGTT's paper showed photos of demonstrators with banners, and a handwritten one read "U.S. imperialism and world Zionism are the worst enemies of freedom." Unconfirmed reports say that demonstrators burned US flags at the UGTT protest, and Jerad reportedly told French press that "The U.S. might have a good hand in defending mankind and democracy, but its continuous and scandalous 'cover' for Israel's crimes take away all credibility."

7. (SBU) Jerad called the Embassy requesting an urgent appointment with the Ambassador, during which we expect he intends to deliver a message condemning Israeli actions in

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the flotilla incident and U.S. support for Israel. The Ambassador has agreed to meet with Jerad on June 9 and plans to explain to him the U.S. position on the Gaza incident and the importance of continued proximity talks.

Teachers Fight Over Flotilla Stance

8. (SBU) An independent Arabic daily, As-Sarih, reported that arguments over the flotilla incident disrupted a meeting of the teacher's union in Gafsa. The former head of the union wanted the union to be more active in condemning the Israeli actions, and an altercation occurred between the former and current head of the union. Members decided to cancel the meeting following the argument.

Comment

9. (C) The UGTT's latest demonstrations appeared harsher in tone than the government-sanctioned protest on June 1, and the protest and disruption in the teacher's union meeting indicate how strongly the flotilla incident has stirred the anger of the Tunisian populace. While the government has been careful to control the demonstrations and public statements, the latest expressions of anger are increasingly directed toward the USG. End comment.

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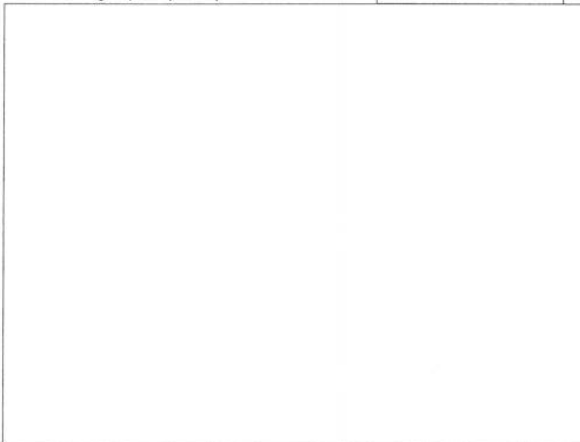
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1. (C) Summary: On its last day the National Consultative
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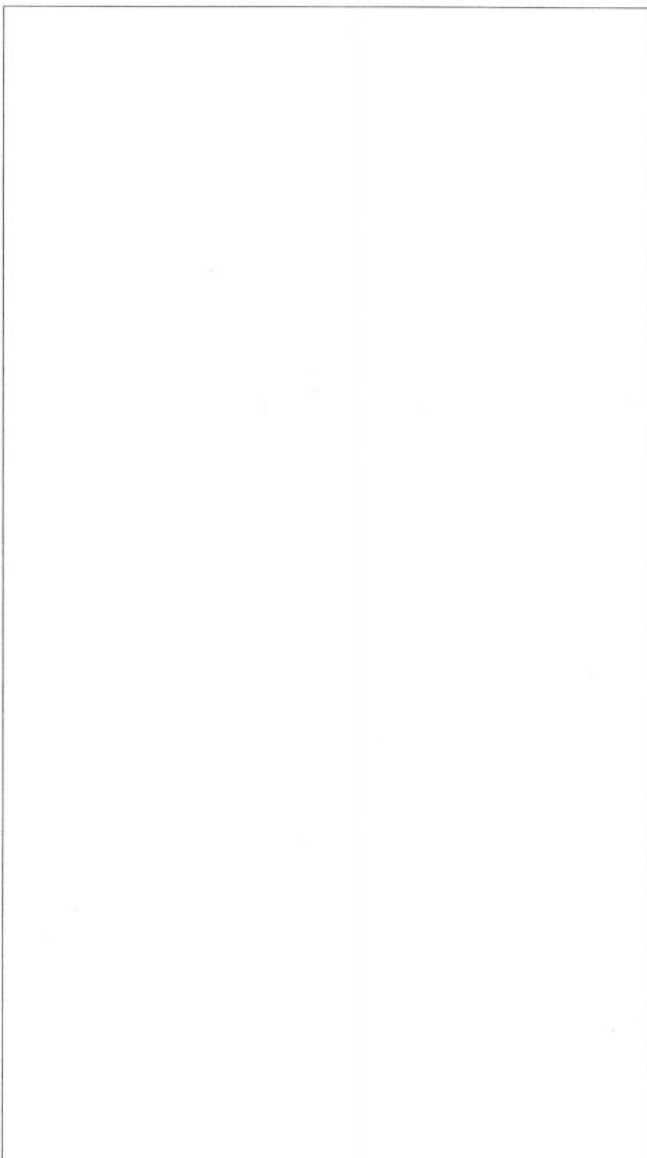
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Text of the Resolution

9. (U) Begin text:

The Resolution Adopted at the Conclusion of the National
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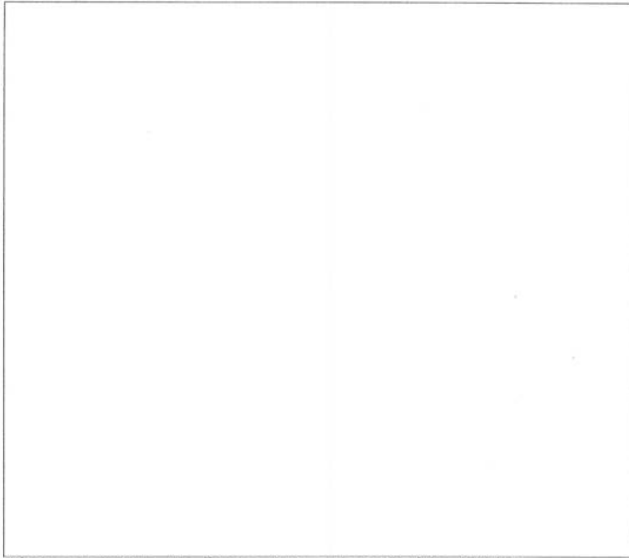
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16. In conclusion, the Peace Jirga on behalf of the Muslim nation of Afghanistan strongly denounce the latest brutal raid by Israeli forces on a flotilla of humanitarian aid in the international waters aimed at breaking the blockade in Gaza for the oppressed Palestinians and express its heartfelt condolences and deep sympathies to the families of the victims and to the wounded. We call on the United Nations and the international community to end the oppressing blockade of Gaza.

End resolution text.

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1. (SBU) SUMMARY: Israeli actions against the Gaza flotilla sparked widespread reaction throughout Eastern Indonesia. For the first time, local political leadership in East Java and West Nusa Tenggara expressed public support for the Palestinians. Peaceful demonstrations against Israel in Surabaya, Makassar, Madura, and Lombok attracted thousands of protestors. Media coverage is generally sympathetic towards the Palestinians, but one opinion piece urged greater understanding of the overall context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. END SUMMARY

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Local Political Leadership Protests Israeli Actions

2. (SBU) The May 31 incident on the Mavi Marmara in the waters off the Gaza strip elicited unusually public reactions from local political leadership in Eastern Indonesia. Bambang Dwi Hartanto, the Mayor of Surabaya, participated in a protest on June 1. The Governor of West Nusa Tenggara (NTB), Zaynul Majdi, who is also a respected Muslim leader in Lombok, participated in protests in Mataram on June 2. The Governor of East Java, Soekarwo, published a statement in all the major Surabaya newspapers on June 7. This statement, in line with Indonesia's Foreign Minister's recent op-ed (reftel), expressed deep concern over the Israeli government's actions and full support for an "independent, fully sovereign Palestine." These unusual steps mark the first time political leadership in East Java and NTB have expressed public, formal support for the Palestinians.

Protests at Synagogue, throughout Eastern Indonesia

3. (SBU) The Mavi Marmara incident also sparked peaceful protests at Surabaya's sole synagogue, which is used infrequently by Surabaya's tiny Jewish community. According to the Surabaya Police, approximately 1,000 protestors from organizations such as the Islamic Defender's Front (FPI) and the hard-line pesantren (Islamic school) Hidayatullah gathered at the synagogue after Friday prayers on June 4. In response, 500 police cordoned off the building. Local media reported that after realizing they would be unable to access the unoccupied building, the protestors chanted slogans and burned an Israeli flag before dispersing. Consulate security personnel, who arrived after the protest's conclusion, saw no evidence of damage.

4. (SBU) Eight hundred protestors from the synagogue continued their demonstration in front of the Governor's office later that day. Three thousand members of the Justice Welfare Party (PKS) held a peaceful demonstration in front of the Governor's office on Sunday, June 6. There were also several protests in front of the U.S. Consulate during the week, with the largest on Tuesday, June 1, when 400 members of Hizbut-Tahrir Indonesia (HTI) demonstrated. Protests have also taken place outside of Surabaya. On June 4, HTI held a demonstration of 5,000 in Makassar, South Sulawesi, and on June 7, a group of 7,000 pesantren students joined a protest in Madura in front of a local parliament building. All of these protests were peaceful.

Press Coverage Sympathetic to Palestinians

5. (SBU) The media devoted significant coverage to the protests. All of the major Surabaya newspapers printed several articles providing positive profiles of Indonesian organizations and individuals involved in the Mavi Marmara incident. A Sunday editorial in Surabaya's largest daily newspaper, the Jawa Pos, called the incident a "test for the U.S." and asked if the U.S. "can stop the Jewish country's brutality." However, the Jawa Pos also ran an op-ed on June 2 which called for Indonesians to see the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in context. The author, a Middle East observer from the Moderate Muslim Society, said the conflict is not about religion; rather it is about political control of territory. He said that empathy toward the conflict should be based on humanitarian concerns and not on religious identity.

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1. At 1200 EDT on 06/07/10, the Executive Secretary disbanded the Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group.
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1. (SBU) Summary and Comment: The Malaysian Parliament on June 7 passed a motion sponsored by Prime Minister Najib Razak's office condemning Israel's action against the Mavi Marmara and calling for Israel to be referred to the UN General Assembly and International Criminal Court (ICC). PM Najib said Malaysia's condemnation of Israel's "state-sponsored terrorism" would not end with the motion. Meanwhile, Malaysians, including a Member of Parliament, who had been aboard the Mavi Marmara and the Rachel Corrie, returned to Kuala Lumpur to a heroes' welcome on June 5-6. PM Najib said their efforts had been "written into history" and called Israel's May 31 boarding of the Mavi Marmara a "blatant act of aggression and terrorism." A Malaysian doctor who was aboard the Mavi Marmara when Israeli forces boarded it told the media he had treated two Israeli soldiers with gunshot wounds, while another activist claimed, sensationally and without showing evidence, that activists had found a "hit list" with the names of activists who were to be killed on the Mavi Marmara. End Summary.

2. (SBU) Comment: Even in the absence of a Gaza flotilla incident,

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the Israel-Palestine issue resonates with the Malaysian public on a daily basis like no other foreign policy issue, and it is inevitably portrayed as an example of Muslims being oppressed. The May 31 deaths of activists aboard the Mavi Marmara are seen as further proof of Israel's evil intentions. The emotional reaction toward Israel affects public sentiment toward the U.S., which Malaysians view as enabling Israel. However, PM Najib did not criticize the U.S. in otherwise strident statements, an approach that the political opposition found fault with. End Comment.

Special motion tabled in Parliament on GAZA

3. (U) PM Najib Razak tabled a 15-point motion at the Parliament on June 7, condemning Israeli's attack on the vessel Mavi Marmara on May 31. The motion, seconded by Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin, called on the world to bring a resolution to the UN General Assembly and refer Israel's atrocities to the International Criminal Court (ICC). I said the "Zionist regime's attack" was a violation of international human rights law, international humanitarian law and the Charter of the United Nations. The motion also proposed Turkey to consider taking action under the Rome Statute of the ICC. The motion strongly condemns Benjamin Netanyahu for allowing the Israel's military forces to act beyond the bounds of humanitarian norms against the people involved in the aid mission. The motion states that Malaysia was dismayed with the inability of the international community, especially the United Nations Security Council, to strongly protest Israel's violent acts.

Reactions

4. (SBU) The opposition party Pakatan Rakyat (PR) unanimously supported PM Najib's special motion and urged the PM to condemn the United States. The PR leaders argued that the Zionist would not be allowed to attack the flotilla without the consent of the United States.

5. (SBU) At a homecoming reception held at PM Najib's residence for the twelve Malaysians who returned on June 6, PM Najib described the attack as a "blatant act of aggression and terrorism" and added that the Israeli regime should offer an apology and compensation payments to the families of the nine who were killed during the attack. Najib lauded the activists, saying that their efforts had been "written into the country's historical annals" and that what they went through opened "the eyes of the world to the cruelty of the Zionist regime towards Palestinians." He added that most Malaysians had only seen the "atrocities of Israel on television, but now at least 12 Malaysians can say they have viewed Israel's cruelty firsthand." Najib said Malaysia would raise USD 5,000 for the families of each of the activists killed aboard the Mavi Marmara.

6. (SBU) Explicit criticism of the USG came from Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry Mukhriz Mahathir, former PM Mahathir's son and Perdana Global Peace Organization (which helped fund the flotilla) advisor, who said the mission organizers will not be deceived by Vice President Biden's promise that Israel will hand over the aid to Gaza, and added that U.S. policy toward Israel was a failure.

7. (SBU) "Utusan," the leading Malay-language newspaper owned by the government-leading United Malays National Organization (UMNO), argued in a June 7 editorial that the ship boardings clearly showed to the world the true picture of "Jewish Israel being stubborn, arrogant and lacking humanity," noting condemnation by numerous countries including

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the U.S. and suggested that future volunteers and NGOs receive "self defense and weapons training."

8. (SBU) On June 5, a statement from Foreign Minister Anifah Aman demanded safe passage and rapid repatriation of the Malaysian citizens aboard the Rachel Corrie. The weekend return to Malaysia of the group, and the non-violent nature of the boarding, helped cool rhetoric. For example, Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin was quoted on June 6 saying that he had word that the Malaysians aboard the vessel were being safely transported home through Jordan; he avoided further negative comments about Israel.

9. (SBU) Earlier, on June 4, 1,500 -2,000 peaceful demonstrators chanted slogans such as "destroy Israel" in front of the U.S. Embassy after Friday prayers. Opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim and the heads of the other opposition parties led one of the demonstrations. In a brief meeting inside the Embassy, Anwar told the CDA that Israel's unacceptable intransigence occurs only because of USG tolerance, and conveyed a letter to President Obama (shared with Monitoring Group).

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1. (U) As of 6:00 p.m. local time on June 4:
2. (SBU) SUMMARY: As Israel prepares for the arrival of the next ship, the M/V Rachel Corrie, both GOI officials and the press are focusing on Israel's accounts of the events on the Mavi Marmara on May 31. There are conflicting reports regarding when the Rachel Corrie will arrive off the coast of

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Gaza, ranging from June 5 to June 7. The GOI says that it will continue to use diplomatic means to try to convince the Rachel Corrie to divert to Ashdod, but will intercept the ship if necessary and will not allow it to dock in Gaza. END SUMMARY.

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4. (S//NF) The Israeli Defense forces (IDF) continues to watch for additional vessels that may potentially participate in a "second wave." Israeli and international media reported extensively on the intentions of the M/V Rachel Corrie, a Cambodian -flagged 1,200-ton cargo vessel.

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[Redacted] The Free Gaza website posted a press release stating that it is stopping to board more journalists and dignitaries and "there is no way we are going to Ashdod. We are, for sure, on our way to Gaza."

5. (S//NF) [Redacted]

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6. (SBU) According to [redacted] European passport holders who were detained had complained of mistreatment at the time of arrest and detention. [redacted] said the EU countries are weighing a collective demarche to the GOI. Given the number of countries involved and the number of Europeans detained, [redacted] doubted any decision would be made until next week.

7. (SBU) The medical doctor who examined the bodies of nine men brought to the morgue from the Mavi Marmara told ConsAsst that none of the remains had been identified prior to their return to Turkey. At the request of the Turkish government, no autopsies had been conducted. He said the Turkish Embassy had not been helpful and had not provided documentation or photographs to help identify remains prior to shipment. Although no official cause of death was determined by the morgue, the doctor reported that all bodies had gunshot wounds. He could not confirm that any of the bodies showed evidence of four entry wounds to the head, as reported in some media. He suspected that some wounds visible on the remains were in fact exit wounds.

8. (SBU) ConOffs continue efforts to obtain guidance from the MFA on reclaiming property and an accounting of the nationalities of any remaining detainees. According to the MFA, there are no flotilla passengers still in custody while three flotilla passengers remain in the hospital, one Indonesian and two Turks. ConOffs are still trying to ascertain if any of the six still-hospitalized IDF commandos are dual-national American citizens.

REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE

9. (SBU) On June 3, there was an anti-Turkish government protest outside the Embassy of Turkey in Tel Aviv. Approximately 1,000 people participated in the demonstration, which went late into the night. Police arrested three people after protestors hurled stones and a smoke grenade at the Turkish Chancery. Embassy MSGs and Local Guards were on alert, and Surveillance Detection Units monitored the situation, which took place about one mile from the U.S. Embassy. A/DCM happened to drive by the demonstration as it was getting started. The demonstrators appeared mostly to be young, secular Tel Aviv types waving large Israeli flags. We saw at least one sign written in Turkish mentioning the Armenian genocide. There are also press reports that a monument to Turkish soldiers was vandalized in Beersheva.

PRESS REPORTING

10. (U) Hundreds of Israeli Arabs rallied on June 3 in Israel's second-largest Arab town of Umm el-Fahm when the movement's northern branch leader, Sheikh Raed Salah, entered the city for his house arrest. The crowd of primarily Islamic Movement members shouted "Alahu Akbar" and "the sheikh is our hero," and waved Turkish and Palestinian flags and Islamic Movement banners. In an attempt to ensure that protests did not erupt in Jerusalem, the Israeli National Police increased its presence in Jerusalem and denied access to the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif for Friday prayers to all men under the age of 40, according to customary security measures.

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11. (U) While the Israeli press defends the actions of its soldiers, with several banner headlines calling them heroes, editorials are still questioning both the methods used and the explanation for why the IDF was unprepared for the resistance it met. At the same time, some news sources say that PM Netanyahu will ease the blockade on Gaza to relieve international pressure, including allowing for more types of goods to enter the Strip. Official statements maintain that the blockade must be kept in place as-is and that any humanitarian aid ships must dock in Ashdod and have the cargo transferred to Gaza via truck following inspection.

12. (SBU) The GOI reported that its transfer of humanitarian goods from the initial flotilla continues, with 30 truckloads already delivered to the Kerem Shalom crossing. Items already transferred include, inter alia, clothing, blankets, school bags, mattresses, baby safety seats, toys, wheels, chairs, motorized scooters, bandages, hospital beds, and medication. The GOI reported that the shipment also included some medicines that have been expired for over a year, and camouflage cloth it says was meant for Hamas militants. While these shipments have been sent to Kerem Shalom, the GOI says that Hamas is refusing to allow the goods to enter Gaza. Sources in the NGO community have also told Embassy officials that no commodities from the flotilla have entered Gaza. The same sources told EmbOfs that Hamas will not allow acceptance of any of the goods until all those being held from the flotilla are released.

13. (U) Israel still has not officially responded to calls for an international investigation regarding the incident, leaving the press to speculate about the government's intentions. Within the inner cabinet, the reports generally say that PM Netanyahu, MOD Barak, and possibly Minister Meridor support allowing an international investigation, while Yishai, Begin, and Ya'alon are reportedly against it, preferring to rely on the credibility of the IDF Military Advocate General investigation. MFA Lieberman has publicly called for an independent Israeli-led investigation, possibly headed by a former Supreme Court judge, with international observers.

14. (U) The IDF continues to release video of the events from the Mavi Marmara, including from both passenger and ship security cameras. One video, which the IDF was reportedly reluctant to release, shows a few Israeli naval commandos being beaten by a large group until other passengers on the ship fended off the mob. Other press reports say that 3-4 commandos were briefly held hostage below deck during the confrontation before being freed. One member of the Naval Commando assault team gave an exclusive interview to the Jerusalem Post. The soldier, reportedly the last of 15 commandos to rappel to the deck from the helicopter and responsible for six of the nine deaths, said that when he arrived his team was already taking fire from two Turkish passengers who had seized pistols from the wounded commandos, and that he was forced to fire back while under attack.

15. (U) Navy officials have publicly asserted that no innocent civilians, only combatants, were killed during the operation on the Mavi Marmara. In addition, the GOI is briefing the press regarding their evidence about the violent intentions of some passengers on the ships. This includes

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reports that ammunition casings of a type that were not used by the IDF were found aboard the Mavi Marmara, that the IDF had discovered code books used to prepare plans for violent resistance, and that several passengers made videos in which they declared their intention to become "shahids," which is typical of suicide terrorists. Officials from the IDF have speculated that the activists could have thrown their weapons overboard during the takeover.
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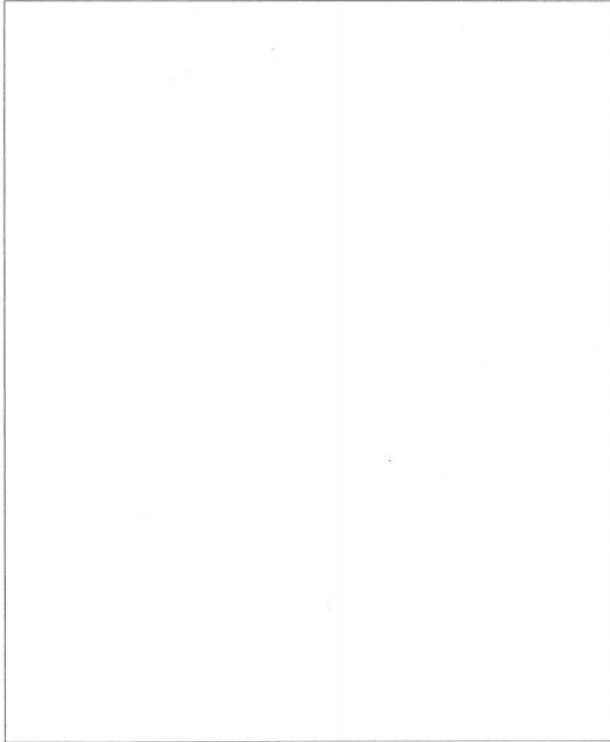
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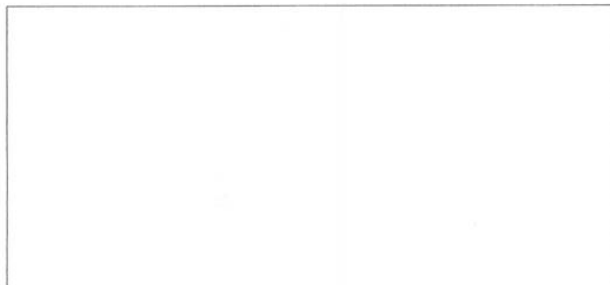
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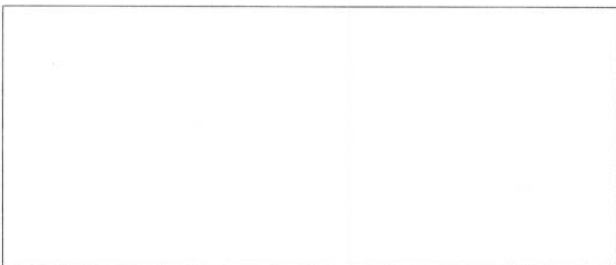
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(C) **Follow-on Nasrallah speech:** The main take-away from Hizballah SYG Hassan Nasrallah's speech last night on the commemoration of Ayatollah Khomeini's death was his call for a mass rally in solidarity with the Gaza flotilla tonight in the El-Raya Stadium in the southern suburbs. The police currently estimate that attendance will be between 20,000 and 50,000. Nasrallah will speak at 2030, and we will monitor his speech for anything of note and forward a transcript to the desk.

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(SBU) Demonstration planned at the Embassy for Sunday: [Redacted]

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(SBU) Ambassador Sison returns to Beirut early in the morning of Tuesday, June 8.

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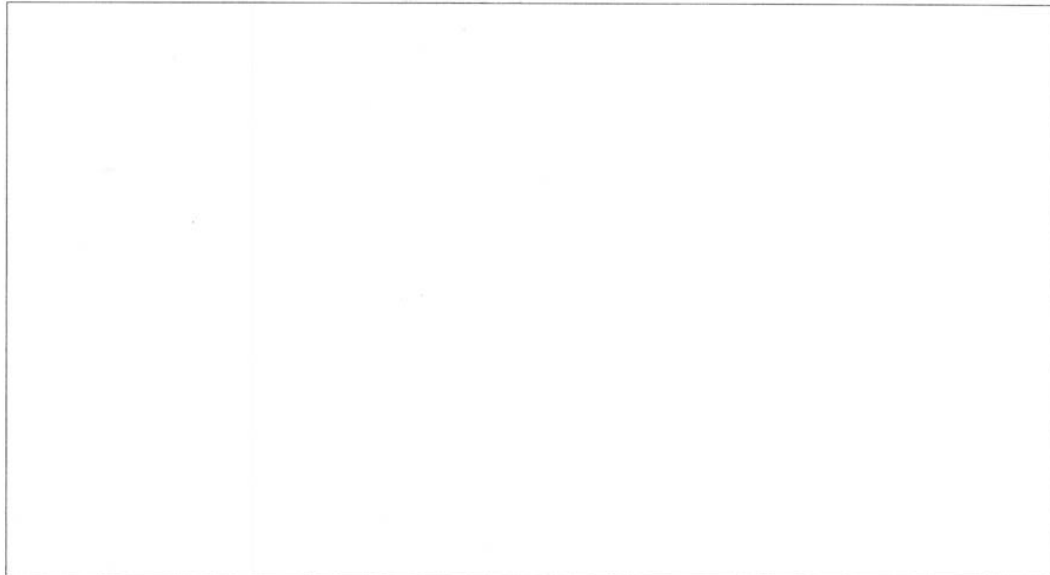
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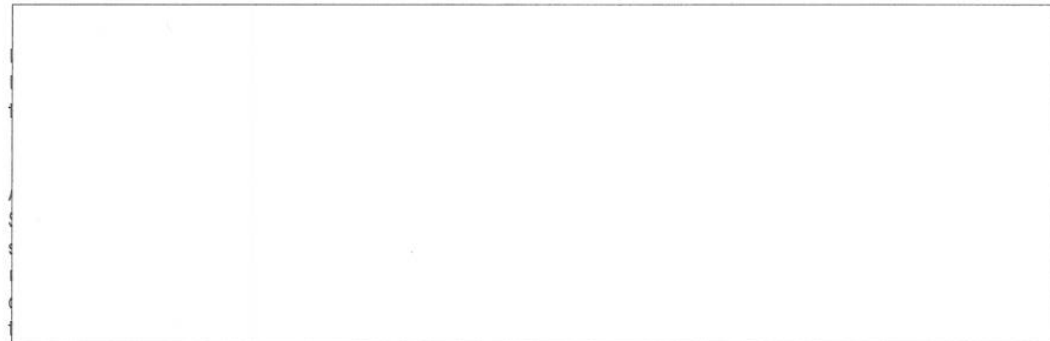
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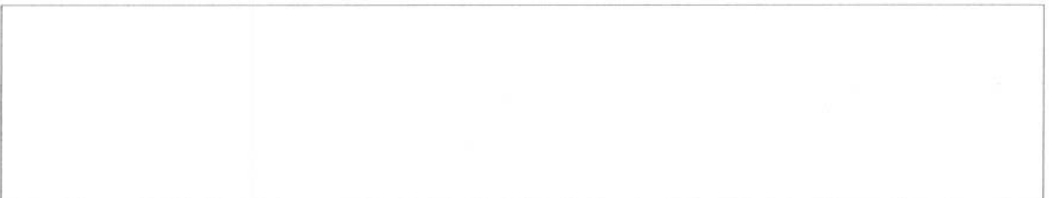


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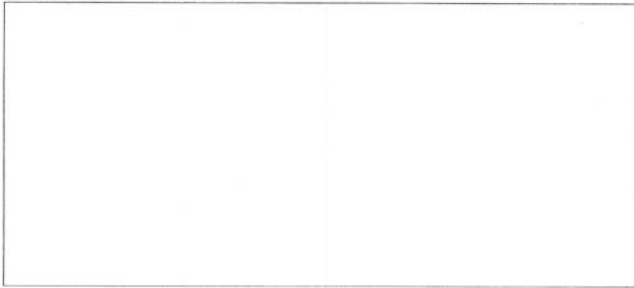
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3. (SBU) POPULAR REACTION: As of June 3, the Moroccan press continued to be awash in scathing criticism of Israel's action; a significant minority of press commentary has criticized the United States for its support to Israel. Human rights and pro-Palestinian NGOs are planning a "National Day of Anger" to include public demonstrations in Rabat (and possibly in other cities) for Sunday, June 6. Such demonstrations in the past have brought upwards of 50,000 to the streets in Rabat alone, but we expect police control of such events to be adequate. The prominent leader of Morocco's Jewish community told the Ambassador that, in general terms, there has been a strongly negative popular reaction to the Gaza flotilla incident; however, he judged it to be much less vehement than the anti-Israel reactions to events of previous years such as the military incursions into Gaza of 2006 and 2008. Other observers have also suggested that even though the participation of seven Moroccans in the flotilla has increased public interest, the fact that none was hurt could contribute to the issue fading more quickly than we initially expected.
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1. (C) Summary. Non-violent protests continued in Ankara, Istanbul, and Adana June 4, with press attention focused on the victims of the Israeli raid on the Gaza flotilla and their funerals.



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MOST TURKS BACK IN TURKEY

3. (SBU) Acting U/S Cevikoz expressed gratitude for U.S. engagement in securing the release of detainees and reported that all of those detained were returned to Turkey, with the exception of five who had been too seriously injured to be moved on June 3. Two additional "air ambulances" had arrived in Israel in the early morning hours of June 4, but it was likely that one of the five was still not stable enough to transport. [Redacted]

Cevikoz said.

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The Ambassador contacted the family of the Turkish-American dual national who was killed in the attack and conveyed its condolences. His body was returned to his hometown of Kayseri and a funeral was planned for June 4.

TURKISH NAVY NOT/NOT ACCOMPANYING FLOTILLA

4. (SBU) There was press speculation that a Turkish warship might accompany the M/V Rachel Corrie, one of the next boats scheduled to arrive in the IHH convoy. Both MFA Acting U/S Cevikoz and the Turkish Navy denied this rumor. When PM Erdogan was questioned about the rumor, he told the press that the idea was "out of the question."

MORE PROTESTS EXPECTED

5. (SBU) In Ankara, between 100-200 protestors continue to gather outside of the Israeli Embassy and the Israeli Ambassador's residence. On Sunday a group of NGOs plan a protest in downtown Ankara that organizers estimate will attract up to 80,000 people, while the police believe the number will be closer to 20,000.

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7. (SBU) In Istanbul, the ceremony for the bodies of the deceased victims of the attack on the flotilla -- their coffins draped in Turkish and Palestinian flags and ribbons in Arabic saying "there is no God but God and Muhammad is the Prophet of God" -- was widely televised and Turkish press reported tens of thousands of people attended.

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9. (SBU) [Redacted]

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

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