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1. (SBU) Summary. The 2010 Palestine Investment Conference (PIC), held June 1-3 in Bethlehem, attracted nearly 2,100 participants from 38 countries and hundreds of companies. Palestinians generally praised the Palestinian Authority (PA) for agreeing to hold the conference, despite widespread popular anger following the May 31 interdiction of the "Free Gaza" flotilla. The PA scaled back some of the cultural events -- compared to the 2008 PIC, the atmosphere was less festive. However, participants called the conference a success, with its focus on business issues and minimal political posturing underlining the seriousness of the PA's

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state-building plan. The one casualty of the PA's "downgrading" of the conference following the flotilla incident was less direct participation by Prime Minister Fayyad.

2. (SBU) Summary, continued. Contacts highlighted the importance of Jordanians, Emiratis, and Qataris visiting the West Bank and Jerusalem -- many for the first time -- a feat made possible through close coordination between the PA and the GOI. More than 100 Gazan businessmen received permits and were able to attend. They were a focus of the conference, and met separately with Fayyad, Quartet Special Envoy (QSE) Blair, and USG officials. Representatives from several Israeli high-tech companies also attended. The U.S. Presidential Delegation, headed by Special Envoy Mitchell, was the largest, and included Treasury Deputy Secretary Wolin, USAID Chief Operating Officer Fulgham, and representatives from the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (TDA), the Department, and two prominent Palestinian-Americans. At the conclusion of the conference, the PA announced that the next investment conference, focusing on health and education, would be held in May 2011. End Summary.

"The Show Must Go On"

3. (C) Press and private sector reactions to the 2010 PIC in Bethlehem were largely positive. The 2,100 participants were more business-focused than their predecessors at the first PIC in 2008, with strong participation from Diaspora Palestinians. Post contacts stressed the significance of the PA's decision to allow the conference to proceed despite the May 31 "Free Gaza" flotilla incident, a maturity they claimed the PA would not have shown in the past. Palestinian-American Chamber of Commerce head Kareem Shehadde commented, "We can't stop working every time something bad happens. We have a program we need to focus on." However, the incident clearly impacted the conference, with Abbas declaring three days of national mourning, canceling the closing dinner, and eliminating high-profile PA presentations (primarily those of Fayyad) from the bulk of the program. Abbas's opening speech was the only predominantly political statement of the conference (Ref C), and he drew his only standing ovation when he mentioned Turkey's role in the flotilla.

4. (C) As part of the decision to continue with the conference despite the flotilla incident, Abbas reportedly decided that "official" PA participation would be limited to his speech. That effectively canceled Fayyad's three scheduled appearances (at an opening panel with Deputy Secretary Wolin, alongside Senator Mitchell, and at the closing plenary). PA ministers, particularly Minister of National Economy Hasan Abu-Libdeh, did participate throughout the conference, but Fayyad's lack of appearances was widely noted by attendees. The conference was widely seen as a product of the PA, and associated with Fayyad's reforms, but he did not have an opportunity to personally present the PA's state-building program.

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5. (SBU) Special Envoy Mitchell, the head of the U.S. Presidential Delegation, delivered a speech to a packed special session with QSE Blair, and attended a discussion with U.S., Israeli, and Palestinian information technology companies. Treasury Deputy Secretary Wolin delivered remarks during a panel on small and medium enterprises, and held a wide range of bilateral meetings. Other members of the USG delegation took part in panels on access to capital and infrastructure; signed agreements to deliver new assistance in support of the private sector; held side meetings, including with the Gazan delegation, the Palestinian -American Chamber of Commerce, and PA officials; visited the Palestinian products exhibition; and were interviewed by local and international press.

Expanding Access to Capital

6. (SBU) The announcements and grants signed during the conference focused on expanding access to credit and the introduction of private equity/venture capital to the Palestinian market. Although there has been a 45% growth in lending over the past year, access to credit has largely been limited to debt, and remains one of the largest impediments to growth and expansion in the private sector, according to private sector contacts. OPIC VP Robert Drumheller, speaking at a panel discussion on "Smart Capital," said that close to USD 150 million in private equity would become available over the coming year in the West Bank, thanks to emerging venture capital funds, including the Qatari-Palestinian Abraj Fund, the Siraj Fund, and the Middle East Venture Capital Fund.

7. (SBU) The launch of the \$500 million Affordable Mortgage and Loan Corporation, backed by \$250 million from OPIC, was the largest deliverable. USAID also announced several projects and grants focusing on enhancing private sector competitiveness and improving the investment climate. The French and Italians both signed agreements to provide additional credit to Palestinian businesses. The Palestinian Development and Investment Company (PADICO) launched a \$20 million company ("Zeyara Company") aimed at investment in tourism in East Jerusalem, and the Palestinian Energy Authority signed a \$300 million agreement to build up power generation capability in the West Bank. Note: Press releases are available on Post's unclassified Intelink website: <http://www.intelink.gov/communities/state/palecon>. End note.

Comment

8. (C) Overall, the PIC was a success: the PA stayed focused on economic issues and limited the political rhetoric. Aside from a few logistical hiccups, the PA pulled off a large, international conference with a host of side events and dinners for 2,100 people with minimal disruption. The Israeli government facilitated the entrance of a large contingent of Jordanians (many of Palestinian heritage), as well as a smaller number of participants from Gulf states. Gazan participants impressed interlocutors with their practical approach and capacity, [redacted] In turn, the Gazans left pleased that the international community engaged them in a substantive

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dialogue.

9. (C) Many of the Emiratis, Jordanians, and Gazans stayed on for an additional day of meetings and social events in Ramallah, Nablus, and Jerusalem organized by the PA. The impact of these visitors may be the most important and enduring of the conference: many of the Palestinian Diaspora participants had not visited Jerusalem or the West Bank in decades, and left impressed by the security situation, professionalism, and "normalcy" they found. As one potential Palestinian expatriate investor said, "If you are a frontier investor, there is money to be made here."

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STATUS OF FOREIGN PASSENGERS

1. (U) Three of five remaining injured Turkish citizens landed in Ankara and two are still in Israeli hospitals. (ynetnews.com)

OTHER SHIPS EN ROUTE TO GAZA

2. (SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv believes the Israelis are escorting the RACHEL CORRIE to Ashdod Port, but the embassy does not have confirmation. (MGGZ01/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

3. (SBU) The Free Gaza Movement says none of the RACHEL CORRIE passengers is an American citizen. (MGGZ01/Bureau of Consular Affairs e-mail)

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4. (U) Special Envoy for Middle East Peace Mitchell commented the flotilla incident should not hamper progress on proximity talks, media report. PM Fayyad had limited involvement in the conference, but additional Arab State representation was high. (Al-Hayat Al-Jadida)

SECURITY UPDATE

5. (U) Palestinians fired four rockets at Israel from Gaza June 4 without causing injury or damage. (Israel Radio News)

ISRAELI RESPONSE

6. (U) Israeli officials deny the government is resisting pressure to form an investigation committee. (Al-Quds)

7. (U) Media report Israel is seeking "new ways" to allow civilian goods to enter Gaza. PM Netanyahu promised Quartet Representative Tony Blair, Israel will ease the blockade but will not allow ships to reach Gaza. (nytimes.com)

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8. (SBU) The Egyptian Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Coordinating Bureau released a statement condemning the Israeli blockade of Gaza and IDF actions. (NAM press release)

INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

9. (C) Turkey: 10,000 people held an anti-Israel rally in Istanbul, and protests likely sponsored by conservative religious groups continue in Ankara, Istanbul, and Adana. Media report Turkey will pursue an ICC investigation seeking damages and claiming Israel violated International Maritime Law. [redacted]

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10. (C) Tunisia: Protests headed by the Tunisian General Labor Union continue and have become increasingly anti-American. (Tunis 407)

11. (SBU) Pakistan: The government released a statement thanking Jordan and Embassy Islamabad for their work to assure the safety of Pakistani citizens on the boats. (MGGZ01/Pakistan desk e-mail)

12. (U) France: The foreign ministry opposes the mission of the RACHEL CORRIE and does not plan to pursue Israel for interdicting the MAVI MARMARA. (Israel Radio News)

13. (U) Greece: Assistant FM Droutsas released a statement condemning IDF actions and supporting the lawful activities of NGOs. (MGGZ01/Embassy Athens e-mail)

14. (U) Minimized considered.
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3. (SBU) Background: On May 31, Israeli Naval Forces (INF) boarded a Turkish-flagged ship which was part of a six ship flotilla carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza in contravention of an Israeli blockade. Upon boarding, the GOI claims the INF were attacked by passengers

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carrying metal rods, axes and sticks. INF officers responded, resulting in nine fatalities and more than 30 wounded among the passengers. One INF officer was also seriously wounded. Among the fatalities was U.S. citizen, Furkan Dogan, and among the wounded was a second U.S. citizen, [redacted]. According to Turkish press reports and Mr. Dogan's father, Dogan was shot four times in the head and once in the chest. Embassy Tel Aviv was shown photographs of nine corpses at the morgue. None of the photographs indicated evidence of gunshot wounds to the face. At the time of viewing, Embassy Tel Aviv did not have the picture or identity of Mr. Dogan and could not compare that to the photographs shown at the morgue. No USG official, in either Turkey or Israel, viewed the body of Mr. Dogan because he was transported to Turkey prior to identification as a U.S. citizen and was positively identified by his father upon arrival.

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4. (SBU) In a separate incident, U.S. citizen [redacted] was injured when she was struck in the face by a gas canister shot at the protesters by Israeli security forces during a protest of the IDF action against the flotilla at the Qalandiya checkpoint. [redacted] lost her eye in this incident.

5. (U) Objectives:

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- Reinforce that the safety of U.S. citizens abroad is one of the highest priorities of the U.S. Government;
- Confirm that the return of Furkan Dogan's remains to Turkey without identification or notice to the U.S. Embassy that a U.S. citizen's body was being removed was because the GOI was unaware of his identity as an American citizen;
- Reinforce that the USG expects a thorough, credible, and transparent investigation into these incidents.;
- Note that we will follow-up to request the results of the investigation.

6. (U) Point of Contact: Post should contact CA/OCS/ACS/NESCA Kim Richter at (202) 647-8308 for any additional background or assistance.
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1. (C) [redacted] told the Ambassador on June 5 that deliberations at the Arab League Ministerial convened in Cairo June 3 in reaction to the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident.

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4. (C) The Ambassador underlined U.S. views that the Gaza incident needed to be investigated and that efforts for peace must continue.

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1. (C) SUMMARY: We believe that Furkan DOGAN at the time of his death was only an American citizen, not/not a dual Turkish-American citizen. The only travel document used by the deceased was his U.S. passport. He relinquished his Turkish citizenship on 4 February 2010 and remained in Turkey without legal status until boarding the "Gaza Freedom Flotilla" ship in Antalya on 27 May 2010. END SUMMARY
2. (SBU) Turkish National Police (TNP)inform us that Furkan DOGAN used his U.S. passport to enter Turkey on 9 January 1993 and to depart Turkey at Antalya on 27 May 2010. There are no other entry or departure records on him.
3. (SBU) TNP informs us that no Turkish passport was issued to the deceased, nor was he ever added to either parent's Turkish passport. We have a copy of the deceased's second Turkish Identity Card (nufus) now.
4. (SBU) According to the TNP, on 4 February 2010 , the deceased signed the papers officially terminating his Turkish citizenship. His Turkish Identity Card (nufus) was not taken from him. He did not file for a residency permit (ikamet) and he did not qualify for a "Blue Card" which requires birth in Turkey. Thus after 4 February 2010, Furkan DOGAN was an American citizen illegally in Turkey.
5. (C) [Redacted]
6. (SBU) We have the following documentary requests pending with MFA:
 - a. The burial certificate,

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- b. The autopsy report, and
 - c. The document relinquishing citizenship
7. (U) We will issue the Consular Report of Death (CRODA) upon receipt of the burial certificate and the autopsy report.

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(SBU) KEY POINTS

– Qatar's Prime Minister told the Arab League that Qatar would fund the legal expenses of those taking Israel to court over the recent killing of Flotilla activists off Gaza, according to Arab League Secretary General Amr Moussa. Separately, Qatar's Amir has reportedly given the same promise to Turkey.

– Qatari media reported on June 6 that Qatar had also committed itself to funding a "worldwide media campaign" to expose Tel Aviv's aggression in Gaza.

– Qatar's stance won praise across the Arab world, even from Egypt, whose relations with Qatar have been tense for some time.

– Noted imam and frequent Al Jazeera guest Yousef

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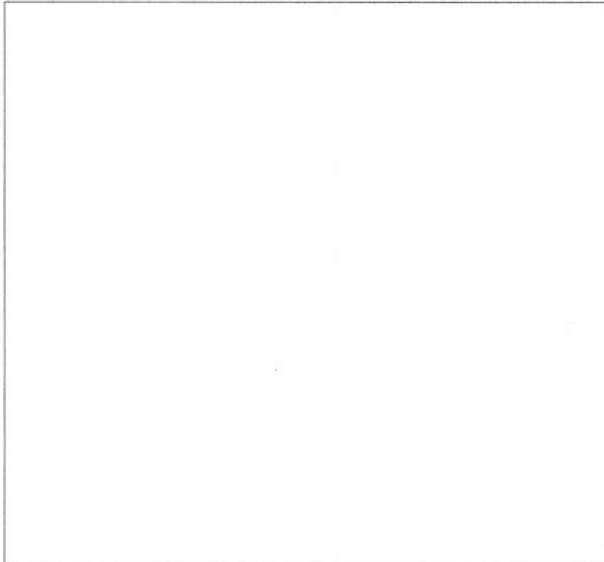
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Al-Qaradawi singled out Qatar and Turkey for praise in their responses to the Flotilla incident.

– In a June 4 Friday sermon he criticized Israel's "Zionist gang" for "attacking activists and volunteers on board a defenseless ship carrying humanitarian aid." Qaradawi further called upon the Palestinians to break off negotiations with Israel.

(C) COMMENTS



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End Key Points and Comments.

1. (U) Secretary General of the Arab League Amr Moussa announced June 5 that the Government of Qatar would pay the legal expenses of its fellow Arab states taking Israel to the International Court of Justice over the recent killing of nine Flotilla activists off Gaza. Qatar, he added, also agreed to fund a global media campaign opposing Israel's blockade of Gaza. According to Moussa, Prime Minister Hamad bin Jassim Al Thani of Qatar told the Arab League of the GOQ's moral and financial support in both areas.

2. (U) The Amir of Qatar has told Turkey's Prime Minister that Qatar will also fund the legal costs for Turks who participated in the Flotilla, according to press reports.

3. (U) The Palestinian Permanent Representative to the Arab League, Barakat Al Fara, told the media that Doha's gesture will "go a long way in serving the Palestinian cause." Yasser Abdul Monaim of the Council of Arab Press and Information praised Qatar's offer to fund the legal action and media campaign against Israel, saying the move would help "in shaping world opinion against Tel Aviv."

4. (SBU) Even in Egypt, whose relationship with Qatar has been tense for more than 18 months, there was praise for

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Qatar. The Chairman of the Arab Affairs Committee of the Egyptian lower house of parliament, Mohamed Basuini, said "Qatar's gesture would contribute immensely to efforts to expose Israeli aggression and war crimes in Gaza."

QARADAWI PRAISES QATAR, TURKEY
AND SLAMS ISRAEL'S "ZIONIST GANG"

5. (U) Separately, noted imam and frequent Al Jazeera guest Yousef Al-Qaradawi singled out Qatar and Turkey for praise in their responses to the Flotilla incident. While many Muslims have taken issue with the modern trappings and western orientation of the Turkish state, Qaradawi said it is the Arabs (save Qatar) who should be ashamed. "We have to applaud our brethren the Turks. Some people thought that Turkey had lost its link with Islam but the recent incident showed that Islam was still inherent in the hearts of its people," he said.

6. (U) Al-Qaradawi in a Friday, June 4 sermon criticized Israel's "Zionist gang" for "attacking activists and volunteers on board a defenseless ship carrying humanitarian aid. But then we should not be surprised," he added, "as they had killed the prophets of God." Qaradawi went on to say that "corrupt Zionists are war-mongers. I believe that Israel's day of God's wrath is coming very soon because they have, tempted by the American veto and weapons, crossed all lines," he declared.

7. (U) Turning to the Palestinian -Israeli negotiations, Qaradawi in his sermon said, "I hope that the Palestinian Authority will announce it is no longer seeking peace with Israel. We do not gain anything from these lies...called the peace process."

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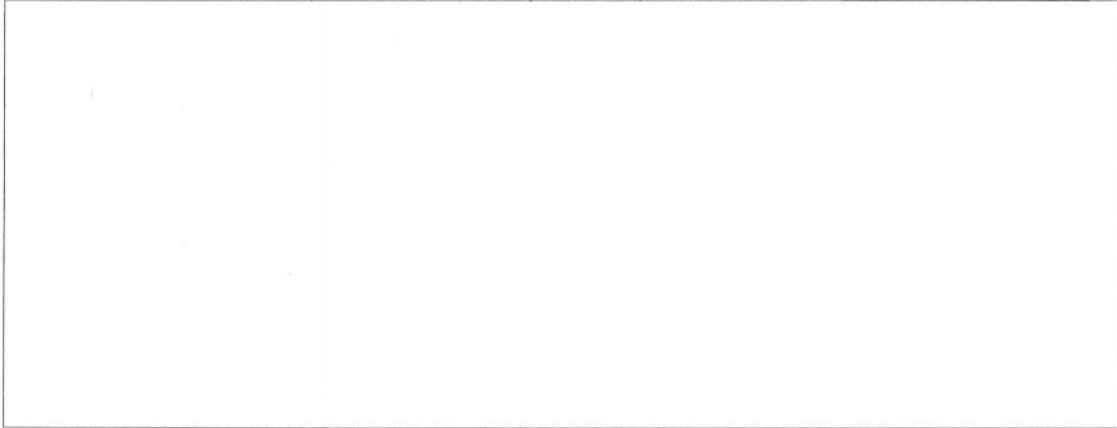


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1. (C) Welcome to Turkey. The killing of eight Turks and one Turkish-American by Israeli commandos in the Gaza flotilla crisis has merged Turkey's strong nationalism and a heightened sense of Turkey's Muslim identity into a potent mixture. [REDACTED]

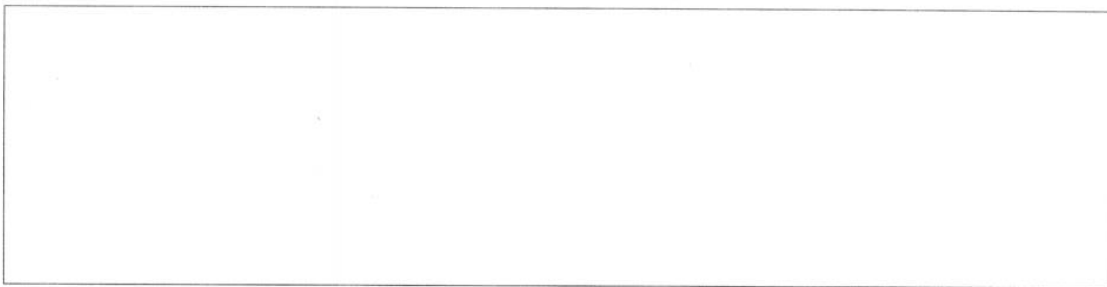
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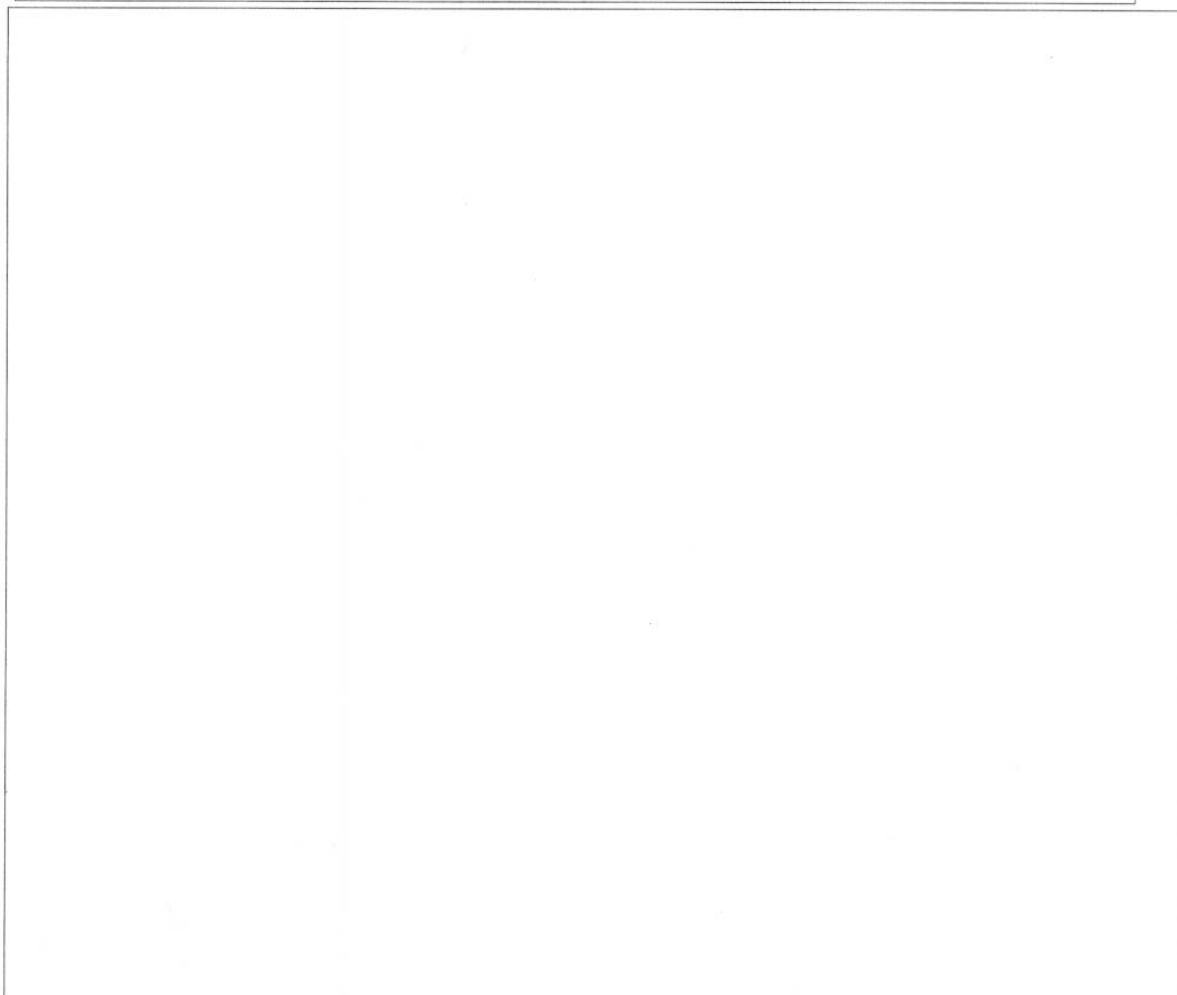


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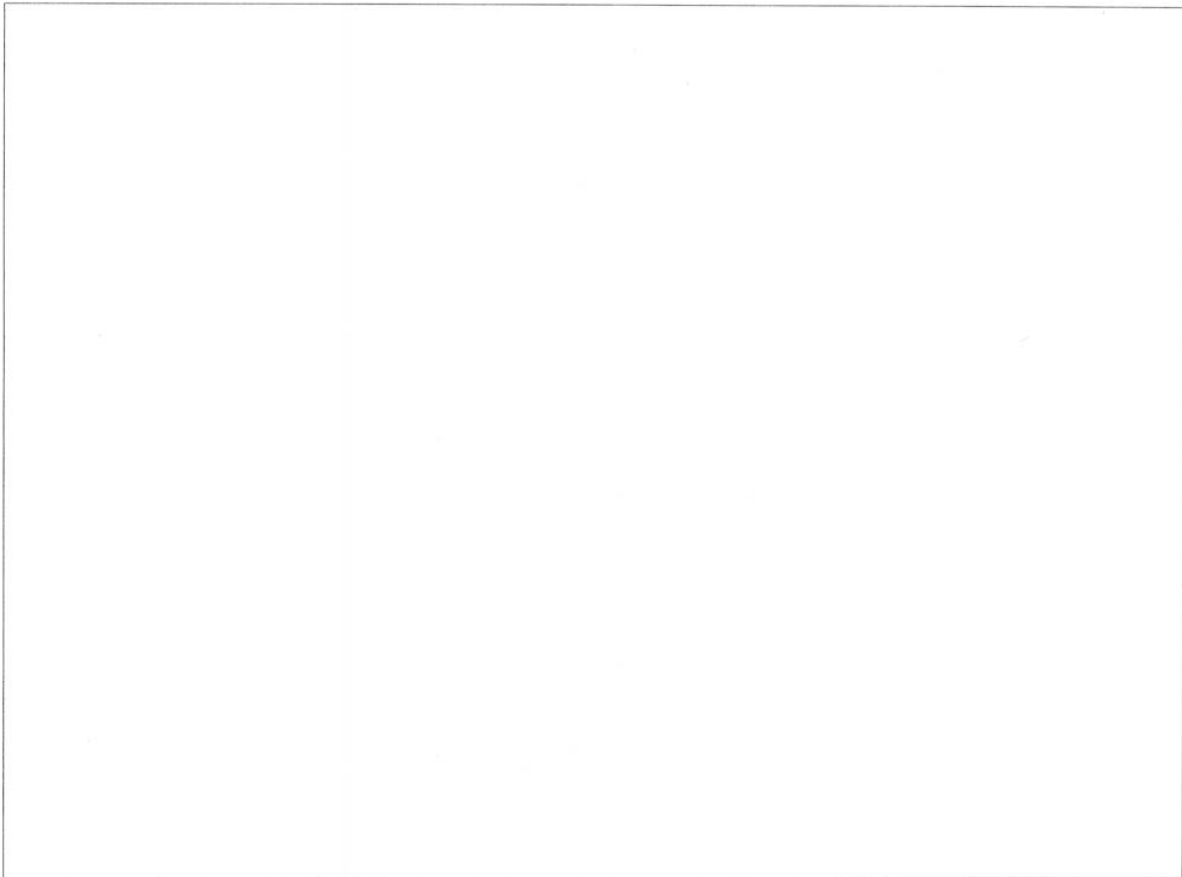
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1. (U) The following summarizes recent reactions to the Gaza aid Flotilla by the Swedish Parliament, MFA and Port Workers Union.
2. (SBU) **Parliament**: At the initiative of the Left Party, the Swedish Parliament today held a debate on the wider Gaza aid issue. As Sweden is four months away from general elections, the debate was more about campaigning than foreign policy making. Foreign Minister Carl Bildt summed up the debate well with his closing statement: "What is the Red-Green opposition's position? Foreign policy is no laughing matter. The opposition basically only agrees on one thing—to bring home the military attaché, and even then they agree that it probably will not have any effect whatsoever."
3. (SBU) **MFA**: On June 4, DCM Silverman met with [redacted] stated that the Swedish position is clear in two aspects: Israel was wrong to board the ships in international waters and Israel had used extensive violence. Bildt has stated that Sweden will continue to build on the EU's unity and work through the international system.
4. (SBU) **Port Workers Union**: The AP news wire reported on 5 June that the Swedish Port Workers Union will launch a weeklong boycott of Israeli ships and goods in response to the raid on the Gaza-destined aid flotilla. Although Swedish trade unions are traditionally very powerful, this is a small freestanding group with only 1,500 members. Post does not expect this group to have any real impact on trade between Sweden and Israel.

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officials on civil and criminal charges. Prosecutors are collecting autopsy reports and testimony as evidence in the cases. (See Ankara 834)

4. (U) On June 6, Deputy PM Bulent Arinc indicated that Turkish MPs did not travel on the aid flotilla because "we didn't want to drop a political shadow on the aid effort."

5. (U) On June 6, AKP Vice Chairman for Foreign Affairs Omer Celik said that in the short term, everything in Turkish-Israeli relations, including military agreements and other connections, shall be annulled.

6. (U) On June 3 the Turkish Grand National Assembly announced its Human Rights Committee will go to Israel soon to investigate on the spot alleged human rights violations such as the handcuffing of wounded activists.

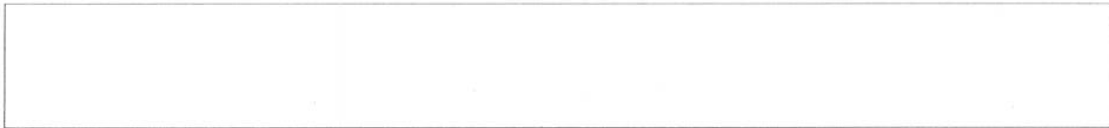
7. (U) On June 4, Turkey's Ambassador to the U.S. Namik Tan warned that Turkey may be forced to freeze relations with Israel if it doesn't apologize for the attack on the Mavi Marmara, agree to an independent and international investigation, and lift the blockade on Gaza.

8. (U) Turkish Customs officials have denied claims leveled by Israeli authorities that there were weapons on the Mavi Marmara. The officials indicated that they searched every passenger before getting on the ship with the help of X-ray machines and metal detectors.

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9. (U) On June 4 [redacted] [redacted] said the Diyarbakir funeral for Ali Haydar Bengi, of one of the activists killed on the Mavi Marmaris, had a very large turnout of "Islamists." [redacted] said this was "disturbing" for the city's intellectuals and showed that Diyarbakir's once staunchly secular nature is turning more religiously conservative. Local media reported thousands attended the funeral procession. Ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) members of parliament attended the funeral and President Abdullah Gul sent a wreath. [redacted] said the use of the word "martyr" referring to the activists was particularly worrying, as someone with humanitarian aims would neither express early wishes to be "martyred" on a trip to deliver supplies, nor should they be posthumously described in this way. [redacted] said he disapproved of the way the GOT appeared to be trying to turn "Jews and Israelis into enemies."

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Religious Leader Fethullah Gulen Speaks Out, Many Respond

11. (U) U.S.-based Turkish Islamic leader Fethullah Gulen criticized the Turkish-led flotilla's attempt to deliver aid without Israel's consent in an interview published in the Wall Street Journal on June 4. Gulen lamented the lack of an attempt to get permission to assist Gazans as "a sign of defying authority, [that] will not lead to fruitful matters." Gulen said that when any organization linked with his attempted to do the same, he insisted that they obtained Israel's permission. Gulen called the TV videos of the operations "ugly," adding that assigning blame in the matter would best be left to the United Nations.



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13. (U) Commenting on Gulen's statement, [Redacted] said that "Hocaefendi (Fethullah Gulen) is telling the truth, as always.... We can be exposed to cruelty but we will not be cruel. And we will stand against injustice with patience and determination. This is constructive act and those following this line have always won in this world."

14. (U) Contrary to [Redacted] view, other AKP parliamentarians disapproved of Gulen's comments. [Redacted] stated that he did not believe that Gulen's comments were made by him. [Redacted] an AKP [Redacted] MP, also commented that "Gulen's explanations are not kind. There would never have been an issue if Israel had given permission at the beginning." [Redacted] MP and a member of the Parliamentary commission on Human Rights, commented that "Mr. Gulen would have known that it is impossible to get permission from Israel; we are having difficulty understanding his comments." [Redacted] said he was saddened by Gulen's comments, and he hoped that the reporting was incorrect. [Redacted] noted that he respects Gulen's views, but wished that he had made such a statement after consulting with him.

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15. (U) The main opposition party Republican People's Party (CHP) [Redacted] stated that "with his remarks, Fethullah Gulen opened up the Gaza flotilla aid debate." Pundits argued that Gulen's explanations created a divergence within the Islamic groups in Turkey. Columnist Murat Yetkin of "Radikal" said the Turkish Government was becoming an advocate of radical Islamic countries and movements, while Gulen was seen as the voice of reasonable Muslims in Turkey. Similarly, Mehmet Ali Birand of "Milliyet" noted that Gulen, for the first time, openly criticized nationalists of using Islam for their own propaganda and claimed Gulen believes he would be the most effective opposition to extreme Islamism.

16. (SBU) [Redacted] attorney, [Redacted] said Fethullah Gulen's observations on the flotilla incident were "shocking" and quite unexpected. Gulen's supporters and detractors are now emerging, with pro-Gulen media such as Samanyolu television immediately switching its reporting from showing graphic images of the slain activists to more balanced news footage discussing Gulen's statements. [Redacted] agreed that fault lines might emerge within the AKP as its voter base becomes split over how to react to Gulen. [Redacted] said the "ultra-religious circles" and related cemaats were beginning to express negative reactions to Gulen's remarks, but only the extremists were reacting publicly.

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The government's tempered response was especially surprising because an Australian activist was seriously wounded in the incident and two Australian journalists present on the ships wrote very critical stories. Israeli flags were burnt in large protests in Sydney and Melbourne; Canberra, Perth, Brisbane, and Adelaide had smaller demonstrations. END SUMMARY.

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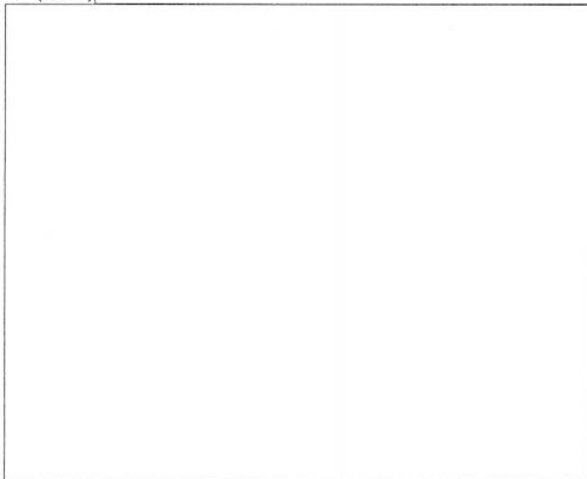
RUDD "DEEPLY CONCERNED"

2. (U) Prime Minister Rudd told parliament June 2 the government was "deeply concerned at the loss of life" and that the circumstances of the deaths are "deeply disturbing" to the Australian people. Rudd reported that he called Prime Minister Netanyahu the previous evening, asking him to conduct an independent inquiry into the incident and ensure more humanitarian assistance reaches Gaza.

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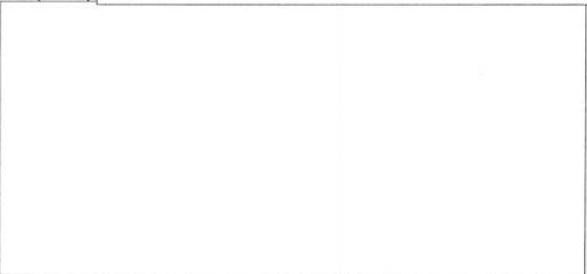
3. (U) However, Rudd referred to Australia's "strong relationship" with Israel and recognized the "unique security challenges" posed by Iran. The previous day, Rudd condemned "any use of violence under the sorts of circumstances we have seen," rather than singling out Israel. Similarly, Foreign Minister Smith said "we do need to proceed very calmly; there's always claim and counterclaim." The government called for an "easing" of the Gaza blockade, not its abolition.

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6. (U) A number of groups traditionally critical of Israel organized protests in capital cities. Media reported that a large proportion of attendees were Muslim. Israeli flags were burnt. There were up to 2,000 protesters in Melbourne; 4,000 in Sydney center, while smaller break-out groups demonstrated before the U.S. Consulate as well as the Israeli's. Some 300 protesters demonstrated outside the U.S. Consulate in Perth, and smaller groups protested around Brisbane and Adelaide city halls. Approximately 100 persons attended a protest outside the Israeli Embassy in Canberra. Greens Leader Bob Brown said: "The death toll has to be condemned —there is no apparent excuse (for the violence). The Israeli government has an answer to give to the world here, and it has not given a satisfactory answer."

7. (C/NF) COMMENT:

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SUMMARY

1. (C) On June 6 the Organization of the Islamic Conference convened an Executive Committee Meeting at OIC Headquarters in Jeddah to discuss the recent deadly Gaza flotilla

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incident. Participants were mostly Ambassadors and Consuls General, but also included Foreign Ministers from Turkey, Iran, Palestine and Indonesia. During the reportedly contentious 8-hour meeting, "moderate" OIC nations led by the Egypt, overcame Syrian obstructionism to reach a compromise Communique, which "condemned" Israeli actions and requested an independent investigation under UN auspices into the attack, and called on OIC Member States to "reconsider normalization of relations with Israel." End summary.

ONLY FOUR MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE

2. (C) The OIC Executive Committee at the level of Foreign Ministers convened in Jeddah on June 6 in reaction to the deadly "Gaza flotilla" incident. Thirty-six member states were represented at the meeting, called less than a week ago by Pakistan, Iran, Turkey and the Palestinian Authority. While most were either represented by their Ambassadors or Consuls General, Turkey, Iran, Indonesia and the Palestinian Authority sent their foreign ministers. The Syrian Deputy FM and Lebanese Expatriates Minister also attended; Saudi Arabia was represented by MFA Minister of State Dr. Nizar Madani.

MODERATES AND REJECTIONISTS TUSLE FOR 8 HOURS

3. (C) [redacted] told PolOff that the June 6 OIC Executive Committee Meeting went much longer than usual, primarily because of the Syrian delegation's desire to include stronger language directed at Israel in the Final Communique. He declared that Syrian "inflexibility and tough stance," which he noted was even stronger than that of the Palestinians, prevented the body from reaching a consensus sooner.

4. (C) [redacted] explained that most OIC meetings are divided by debate between "radicals" and "moderates" with Syria, Iran, and Pakistan falling into the former group and countries such as Egypt, Turkey, Indonesia and Malaysia into the latter. Saudi Arabia and other Gulf nations, he noted, were usually caught in the middle, "watching and supporting" whatever was most popular, unless it concerned religious issues, in which case "the Kingdom usually supported the radical camp."

5. (C) [redacted] claimed that the Syrian delegation, led by Deputy FM Faisal Meqdad, were supported by Iran, Pakistan and Lebanon in demanding a harshly worded Communique calling for a boycott of Israel. According to [redacted] "moderate nations" led by Egypt argued that such language would not be beneficial and expressed to Syria the need to "focus on addressing the issue at hand." After 5 hours of discussion, Egypt, Iran, Turkey, and Syria ironed out a compromise, which included language calling on OIC Member States to "reconsider normalization of relations with Israel" instead of encouraging a boycott.

6. (C) [redacted] noted that it was unusual for Lebanon to side with the "radicals." In what was perhaps a piece of related news, [redacted] Advisor to the SYG, informed Poloff that Iranian FM Manouchehr Mottaki held a bilateral meeting with the leader of the Lebanese Delegation, Dr. Ali Shami, Minister of Expatriates and the Exterior, at one point during 8-hour meeting.

7. (C) [redacted] said that, overall, OIC Member States were overwhelmingly supportive of Turkey, "wanting to show their solidarity," and echoing its call for a UN-led international

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investigation. [redacted] told Poloff that all proposals for the Communique came from the most powerful and active OIC Member states of Syria, Turkey, Iran, Egypt, and Pakistan and highlighted the fact that a proposal by the Iranian delegation to host an OIC Summit regarding the Israeli attack in Tehran failed to gain consensus. He claimed member states

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were "suspicious of Iran's motives," believing that they only wanted to host the meeting in order to "make it appear to the West that Iran was leading OIC efforts on the issue."

TURKISH FM LEADS THE ANTI-ISRAELI CHORUS

8. (C) In a June 6 meeting with Poloff, [redacted] [redacted] noted that as expected, members were "very harsh" in their criticism of Israel during the daylong meeting. Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu expressed his government's anger over the attack, which left eight of its citizens dead. He informed the body that Turkey was "evaluating the situation and considering steps to take." However, he noted that "the attitude Israel takes towards allowing an independent commission to investigate the matter would be critical in determining the future of Turkish/Israeli relations." Davutoglu pointed to the Turkish Government's withdrawal of its Ambassador to Israel as proof of its seriousness with respect to this issue. In a press conference following the meeting, he said this was the first time in Turkey's history that its citizens had been murdered by soldiers of another country. "It was Turkey's own 9/11."

SYG: ISRAEL MUST FACE POLITICAL AND LEGAL CONSEQUENCES

9. (SBU) OIC Secretary General Ihsanoglu (Turkish) called the attack "the latest crime to be added to the endless record of violations of international law committed by the Israeli forces against innocent civilians." Ihsanoglu asserted that "Israel must face political and legal consequences" and invited OIC Member States to set up "a legal experts group" to work out ways to ensure that "Israeli officials be brought to justice."

10. (SBU) Furthermore, the SYG praised the Turkish government's reaction to the incident, calling it a "noble stand indicative of a high sense of responsibility and distinct valor in the defense of the causes of the Islamic Ummah." He urged Member States "to work with friendly regional groups and other UN Member States to convene a meeting of the UN General Assembly within the framework of "Uniting for Peace" in order to lift the blockade on Gaza which he called "oppressive."

FINAL COMMUNIQUE CALLS FOR INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION

11. (C) The Final Communique, issued after 8 hours of wrangling, condemned Israel for an "act of state terrorism" and established an OIC governmental expert group "to consider ways, means, and mechanisms" to lift the blockade. The Communique welcomed the UN Security Council Presidential Statement of May 31, 2010, particularly the creation of an U.N. independent commission to investigate the incident, and denounced nations which did not lend support to the

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statement, calling their decision a "manifestation of double standards." The Communique also demanded that Israel provide full compensation for those who were killed and sustained injuries during the incident.

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1. (C) SUMMARY: Lebanese leaders reacted to the May 31 Israeli boarding of the "Freedom Flotilla" bound for Gaza by condemning the raid and calling for the immediate release of the Lebanese citizens detained. Four of the detainees were returned to Lebanon on June 2 [redacted] while two others were deported to Europe. In a Palestinian support rally on June 4, Hizballah Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah excoriated Israel and the U.S. and called for Lebanese citizens to launch their own flotilla with his guarantee that they would return safely. Two Lebanese NGOs responded on June 5 by announcing their plan to launch a convoy to Gaza carrying educational materials and journalists within a week. Leftist parties sponsored a short protest on June 6 near the Embassy that ended without incident. Many Lebanese observers have welcomed the flotilla fallout as a chance for Turkey to capture the Palestinian cause from Iran and, by extension, Hizballah. End Summary.

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FLOTILLA PRESENTS PR OPPORTUNITY

2. (U) Lebanese political leaders quickly reacted to the May 31 Israeli boarding of the "Freedom Flotilla" bound for Gaza with statements condemning the act and calling for international action. President Michel Sleiman characterized the Israeli action as "a massacre that can be added to Israel's criminal record and its record of organized terrorism," whereas PM Saad Hariri described it as "dangerous and crazy" and called for an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council (Lebanon was Council president during the month of May). Nearly all political parties released statements condemning the raid as a violation of international law.

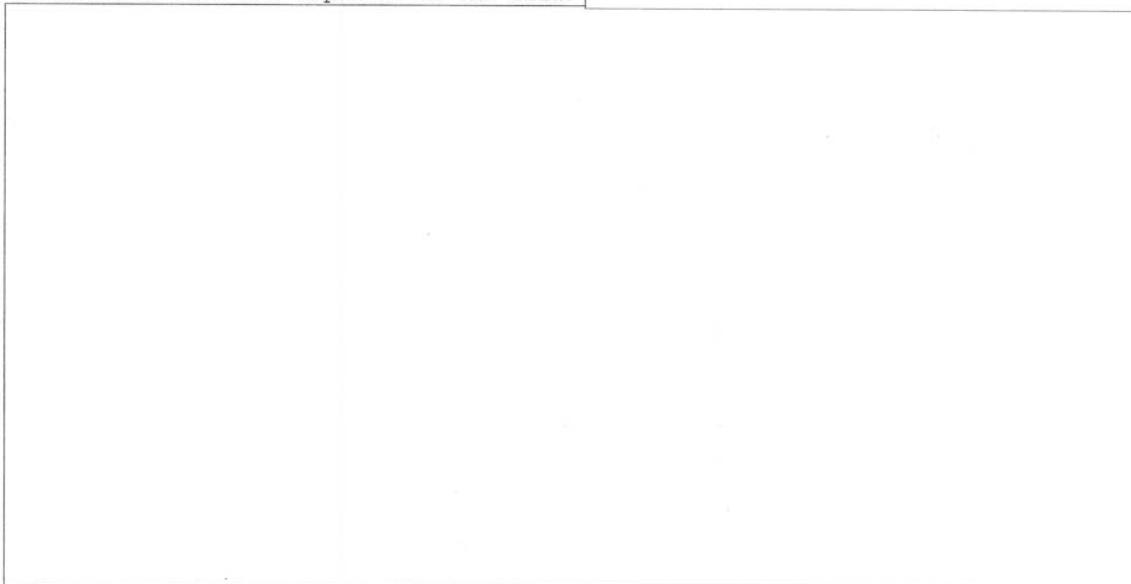
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3. (C) Initial Lebanese reaction was also directed at pressing for the quick return of Lebanese citizens captured in the raid.



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HIZBALLAH CALLS FOR MORE FLOTILLAS

5. (C) Hizballah Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah, in a mass rally he convoked on June 4 at a stadium in the southern suburbs of Beirut, called for Lebanese to participate in "Freedom Flotilla II." In a speech to the crowd via video link, Nasrallah asserted, "Just as Israel takes into account the red flag of Turkey, so it takes into account the yellow flag" of Hizballah. He also promised that "any Lebanese who is on that flotilla will come home safe and sound." Nasrallah praised the Freedom Flotilla for damaging Israeli-Turkish ties, and he predicted that Ankara's move away from Israel would lead to a strategic transformation of the region. He also condemned the U.S. because it "is still committed to defending Israel and its crimes," and he derided the weak response from Arab states while praising the Kuwaiti parliament for calling for withdrawal from the Arab Peace Initiative. "Barack Obama had to make a phone call to Erdogan. If the victims were from any Arab state, would Obama have done that?" Nasrallah asked. Nasrallah said that the raid also proved that Israel "is a terrorist state and does not respect any humanitarian or moral values," and he called on Egypt to keep the Rafah border crossing open. In demanding an international investigation into the raid, Nasrallah described it as "blatant piracy" in international waters. He concluded by urging, "We must work on preserving the friendship with Turkey and Iran and must work on being strong and to acquire strength because the world only respects the powerful."

6. (U) In response to Nasrallah's call, Hizballah's Al Manar TV reported that two Lebanese NGOs launched a campaign to raise funds to buy a ship to sail from Lebanon to Gaza carrying educational supplies and journalists. The NGOs -- the Free Palestine Movement and the Beirut-based Reporters Without Limits --announced at a joint press conference on June 5 that they hoped the boats would set off for Gaza at the end of the week. Free Palestine Movement head Yasser Qoshlok called on "all those who consider themselves 'free' to participate in this convoy," which he

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dubbed "the Naji al-Ali Fleet to break the siege on the children and the people of Gaza." Qoshlok said the convoy will carry assistance and educational materials for Palestinian children, in addition to journalists who will cover the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Thaeer Ghandour, speaking for Reporters Without Limits, said the ship would carry 50 journalists and 25 European activists including European MPs.

LEBANESE PRAISE TURKISH ASSERTIVENESS

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PROTEST AT THE EMBASSY

8. (SBU) On the morning of June 6 a group of approximately 300 participants protested the seizure of the flotilla in Awkar Square, below the Embassy. The protest, which was organized by the Lebanese Socialist Democratic Party, the Lebanese Communist Party, and sympathetic Palestinian political groupings, lasted only about an hour. The protesters, who were relatively peaceful, waved Turkish and Palestinian flags, chanted anti-Israeli and anti-American slogans, and burned American and Israeli flags. Four protesters managed to circumvent the concertina wire barrier set up by Lebanese security forces before being quickly detained. No injuries or damage was reported, and the Embassy received excellent support from the Lebanese Armed Forces and the Internal Security Forces. A joint delegation from March 8 and March 14 parties has asked to visit the Embassy on June 9 to present a letter condemning the raid on the flotilla.

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