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ISRAEL/PALESTINIANS: GAZA SITREP

BAHRAIN: ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AT GTMO

REGION: IRAQ WAY FORWARD MEETING

1. ISRAEL/PALESTINIANS: GAZA SITREP

WHO IS TALKING TO WHOM?

FOR THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SENIOR ISRAELI, EGYPTIAN, AND PALESTINIAN OFFICIALS IN THE REGION AND IN WASHINGTON.

OTHER KEY POINTS

AS THE WHITE HOUSE MADE CLEAR IN A STATEMENT YESTERDAY, "WE DEEPLY REGRET THE LOSS OF LIFE OF INNOCENT PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS (TODAY) IN GAZA.

"WE NOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS EXPRESSED ITS "DEEP REGRET" FOR WHAT IT CALLED A "TRAGIC EVENT." THESE EVENTS IN FACT SERVE AS A GRIM REMINDER OF THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL DISENGAGING FROM GAZA, AND HAVING ITS SECURITY PRESENCE REPLACED BY REFORMED PALESTINIAN SECURITY FORCES THAT WILL - AND MUST - THEMSELVES ACT TO STOP SMUGGLING AND HALT TERRORISM.

"THE ROADMAP CALLS UPON THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY TO "DECLARE AN UNEQUIVOCAL END TO VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM AND UNDERTAKE VISIBLE EFFORTS ON THE GROUND TO ARREST, DISRUPT, AND RESTRAIN INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS CONDUCTING AND PLANNING VIOLENT ATTACKS ON ISRAELIS ANYWHERE" AND TO BEGIN "SUSTAINED, TARGETED, AND EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS AIMED AT CONFRONTING ALL THOSE ENGAGED IN TERROR AND DISMANTLEMENT OF TERRORIST CAPABILITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS."

FROM EO: WHILE WE BELIEVE THAT ISRAEL HAS THE RIGHT TO ACT TO DEFEND ITSELF AND ITS CITIZENS, WE DO NOT SEE THAT ITS OPERATIONS IN GAZA IN THE LAST FEW DAYS SERVE THE PURPOSES OF PEACE AND SECURITY. THEY HAVE WORSENERED THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION AND RESULTED IN CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN ISRAELI FORCES AND PALESTINIANS, AND HAVE NOT, WE BELIEVE, ENHANCED ISRAEL'S SECURITY.

WE HAVE URGED THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO EXERCISE MAXIMUM RESTRAINT. ALL PARTIES SHOULD FIND A REASON TO CALM THE SITUATION.

WE BELIEVE OTHER SECURITY MEASURES CAN AND SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN URGENTLY BY THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY, ISRAEL,

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AND EGYPT, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY,
TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS IN THE BORDER AREA.

ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIANS?
IN FISCAL YEAR 2004, WE ARE PROVIDING \$75 MILLION TO THE
PALESTINIANS; WILL BE DISBURSED THROUGH UN AGENCIES AND
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

IN ADDITION, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PROVIDES NEARLY 1/3 OF THE
UN RELIEFS AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE
NEAR EAST (UNRWA) TOTAL BUDGET, INCLUDING A CONTRIBUTION OF
OVER \$80 MILLION TO THE GENERAL FUND IN 2004 AND 20
MILLION.

2. BAHRAIN: ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AT GTMO

KEY POINTS:
ON APRIL 26, 2004 A GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN DELEGATION
VISITED GUANTANAMO FOR THE THIRD TIME AND MET WITH ALL SIX
BAHRAINI DETAINEES.

TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NONE OF THE BAHRAINI DETAINEES ALLEGED
ABUSE OR MISTREATMENT WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT DELEGATION
DURING THIS VISIT OR EARLIER VISITS.

THROUGHOUT THEIR DETENTION AND INTERROGATION, THE UNITED
STATES HAS TREATED AND WILL CONTINUE TO TREAT ALL DETAINEES
AT GUANTANAMO HUMANELY AND IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE
PRINCIPLES OF THE THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949.

THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT PERMIT, TOLERATE OR CONDONE ANY
ACT OF TORTURE BY ITS EMPLOYEES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

U.S. FEDERAL LAW AND MILITARY LAW IMPOSE CRIMINAL PENALTIES
FOR ACTS OR ATTEMPTED ACTS OF TORTURE, INCLUDING THOSE BY
US NATIONALS THAT TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY OF THE
UNITED STATES.

ANY ALLEGATION OF ABUSE OR MISTREATMENT BY U.S. PERSONNEL
WOULD BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND IF AN INVESTIGATION
INDICATES THAT ILLEGAL CONDUCT HAS OCCURRED, THE
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE A DUTY TO TAKE ACTION TO
ENSURE THAT ANY INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE ARE HELD
ACCOUNTABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW.

3. REGION: IRAQ WAY FORWARD MEETING

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S MEETING WITH COALITION
PARTNERS?

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PURPOSE OF TODAY'S CONSULTATIONS WITH PARTNERS (COUNTRIES THAT HAVE TROOPS ON THE GROUND IN IRAQ PLUS TURKEY) IS TO DISCUSS THE POLITICAL WAY AHEAD IN IRAQ.

AS THE SECRETARY SAID IN HIS OPENING REMARKS TO THE GROUP THIS MORNING, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO IN THE NEXT 42 DAYS. WE HAVE TO WORK WITH THE UN TO ESTABLISH AN INTERIM IRAQI GOVERNMENT, AND GET IT READY TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY BY THE 30TH OF JUNE. AND WE'RE HARD AT WORK TO DO THAT. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT PORTANT IN THE NEXT 42 DAYS TO WORK EVEN MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER.

WHAT IS EXPECTED/HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY IT?

TODAY'S MEETING IS INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT REGULAR CONSULTATIONS IN BAGHDAD AND WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE AND IS DESIGNED TO SEEK INPUT FROM OUR PARTNERS ON THE POLITICAL WAY AHEAD IN IRAQ..

WHAT DID YOU TELL THEM ABOUT THE WAY FORWARD?

TODAY'S AGENDA I FOCUSED ON TWO SPECIFIC ITEMS: (1) THE TRANSITION TO THE IRAQI INTERIM GOVERNMENT ON JUNE 30, AND (2) THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WHICH WILL BE NEGOTIATED IN NEW YORK.

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATING INCLUDE DPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY BETH JONES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY KIM HOLMES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY BILL BURNS, AND AMBASSADOR JOHN NEGROPONTE.

AMBASSADOR NEGROPONTE IS SHARING OUR PLANS TO GET THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BAGHDAD UP AND RUNNING. FOR VISITORS INTERESTED IN ECONOMICS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY TONY WAYNE WILL HOLD A SEPARATE SESSION ON RECONSTRUCTION LATER TODAY.

DID ANYONE PLEDGE NEW TROOPS/LONGER STAYS/ ADDITIONAL RECONSTRUCTION FUNDS?

TODAY'S CONSULTATIONS WERE TO ADDRESS THE POLITICAL WAY AHEAD IN IRAQ. WE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SEEK ADDITIONAL TROOPS CONTRIBUTIONS OR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. (IF PRESSED) AS THE SECRETARY SAID, THE PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S CONSULTATIONS ARE ALREADY ACTING AS LEADERS ON THE SITUATION IN IRAQ. WE WILL WORK WITH THEM AND OTHERS TO ENSURE THAT IRAQ HAS WHAT IT NEEDS TO ACHIEVE A BETTER FUTURE.

DID THEY TALK AT ALL ABOUT PRISONER ABUSE SCANDAL? HAS IT

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AFFECTED THEIR COMMITMENT? DID YOU DISCUSS ELEMENTS OF A
NEW UNSCR?

THE SECRETARY MENTIONED SEVERAL PRIORITIES WE MUST
ACCOMPLISH IN THE COMING DAYS INCLUDING HELPING AMBASSADOR
BRAHIMI COMPLETE HIS GOALS, COMPLETE A NEW UN SECURITY
RESOLUTION, CONTINUING THE TRANSITION TO THE SOVEREIGN
IRAQI INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND CONTINUING FINANCIAL AND
RECONSTRUCTION SUPPORT.
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