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Dear Mr. Rubinstein:

As we noted in our letter dated February 28, 2025, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State (“Department”) has identified an additional 10 responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined all 10 records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each record. Where applicable, the Department has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Jeremy Simon at Jeremy.Simon@usdoj.gov. Please refer to the case number, FL-2023-00036, and the civil action number, 23-cv-00419, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Avery Bullard".

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Enclosures: As stated.

Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
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 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
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| CIA PERS/ORG | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505 |
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Secretary Blinken recently noted these cables as some of the best in recent weeks. Thought we would share... (have yet to read them myself)

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Subject: Santo Domingo: Confronting Socio-Economic Exclusion through the Public Diplomacy Framework

1. (U) PAS Santo Domingo is undertaking a comprehensive review of our programs and policies to integrate a focus on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) into every aspect of our work. This includes overhauling recruitment and selection processes, extending the reach of press and social media, increasing accessibility for online programming, and making federal assistance award competitions more equitable. Having already reformed the recruitment and selection processes for the Fulbright Program, we have lessons to draw from. To take this program-specific improvement and build it into a section-wide approach, the PAS team recently held brainstorming sessions to share ideas and develop the protocols we will need to not only promote DEIA as a U.S. foreign policy goal, but to also embed it as a central element of how we do our work.

Context

2. (U) Socio-economic exclusion is a cross-cutting challenge in the Dominican Republic, both causing and deepening many of the problems that the country faces. Dominicans of Haitian descent, as well as those perceived to be of Haitian descent, face routine and widespread discrimination. Dominican women earn less than men, despite achieving higher educational outcomes, and the Dominican Republic has the highest child marriage rate in the Latin American and Caribbean region. Surveys show that most members of the LGBTQI+ community regularly fear for their physical safety. Laws that are intended to guarantee opportunity for individuals with disabilities are poorly enforced, creating a situation in which many struggle to access education, employment, and healthcare. There is also a stark divide between the educational and economic opportunities available to Dominicans who live in rural communities, and those who live in major cities. Some Dominican leaders in government, business, academia, and the non-profit sector, recognize these divisions and are developing innovative solutions to overcome them. Socio-economic exclusion, however, remains a complex and multifaceted issue, and PAS Santo Domingo is adopting and adapting DEIA tools to meet the challenge, particularly by seeking program participants from underrepresented regions.

Placing Alumni at the Center of Recruitment and Selection Processes

3. (U) Alumni are at the center of PAS Santo Domingo's efforts to diversify and improve recruitment and selection for U.S. government funded exchange programs. While they are still disproportionately drawn from the groups that have more access, as described above, they are also informed by their experiences with the powerful effects of purposeful inclusion that they witnessed during their time in the United States. Many of our alumni are eager to find ways to contribute not just their subject matter expertise, but their experiences from having lived in diverse communities. As a result, they serve as excellent allies and exceptionally dedicated volunteers in helping the Mission to advance DEIA goals. Our first major effort leveraging alumni specifically for this purpose was in 2016, when we rolled out a new selection process for the Fulbright Program that has led to considerably higher the geographic diversity of candidates. We did this by mobilizing alumni to conduct information sessions in communities located throughout the country that generally do not provide applicants to PAS programs. Placing alumni in the spotlight has empowered aspiring participants to see that they too can become program participants.

4. (U) To engage our alumni in these processes we release an annual call for Fulbright alumni volunteers to join the Selection and Application Review panel. Approximately 50 alumni join the panel each year. PAS staff manually remove all PII from the applications, and the alumni panelists digitally review and score them based on specific criteria developed in consultation with implementing partner Laspau and the Fulbright Commission in Uruguay, to mitigate unconscious bias. No Embassy staff member participates in the application review and scoring process. At least three panelists review each application, and an average score is determined. The top 35-40 candidates are invited to interviews.

5. (U) In 2021, we conducted audio-only interviews for the Fulbright Program for the first time in order to further mitigate unconscious bias. Panelists were also encouraged to review anti-bias training resources shared by the Fulbright Americas Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator. Finalists are sent to ECA for approval. Alumni are surveyed after each application cycle and provide feedback on the application review and interview processes, the application and interview review criteria and suggestions for increasing diversity. Between 2018 and 2021 these measures resulted in a 22 percent increase in program participants who reside outside of the Dominican Republic's two major cities.

Applying DEI focus to other Post Santo Domingo Exchange Programs

6. (U) The Fulbright Program was the first PAS program to undergo an inclusion-oriented overhaul, and we are now applying the lessons learned to other exchange programs, including the Community College Initiative, the Global Undergraduate Program, and Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders. This year, we also rolled out a criteria-based selection process for the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). While many aspects of the IVLP program cannot be anonymized due to the nature of the process, we found that introducing a transparent scoring criteria and making all nominating sections score all nominees instead of just their own led to a more diverse group of finalists. Each nominating section is required to review each nominee and score each participant based on a list of criteria deemed essential by the program guidelines.

Empowering DEI allies through Binational Center Capacity Building

7. (U) Our experience with increasing DEIA in exchange programming alongside program alumni also

drove us to mobilize other key allies on this issue, including the staff at our two binational centers. Over the past six years, the Binational Center in Santo Domingo has become a hub for English teacher training for educators across the country. With support from our Regional English Language Officer, we implemented the Open Learning English Program, a virtual English language learning, teacher training and career development program that has increased inclusiveness by extending programming to every single province in the country. Born out of necessity during COVID lockdowns, this program has demonstrated the opportunities to increase the inclusivity of our programs through digital outreach. As a follow on, in FY22 we will implement the Boosting English Teaching Capacity program to increase the quality of English teaching specifically in the southwestern and northwestern regions of the Dominican Republic, which are the poorest and most geographically remote regions (and poorly represented in our alumni community). We will request an English Specialist who is an expert in DEIA for English administrators to run a training focused on this target audience. In FY22 we will also support DEIA training for binational center staff and launch a DEIA Advisory Committee that will bring together local organizations to share information about DEIA opportunities and learn more about local challenges.

Looking to the future

8. (U) To share these lessons learned across the section and discuss next steps, we recently conducted a two-day workshop to explore how DEIA principles touch on the wide scope of PAS programming. As a result, we have built into our FY22 plans a series of next steps:

- Implementing diversity training for federal assistance award panelists and grantees, creating a DEIA checklist for grantees, and including milestones on federal assistance awards that foster DEIA and allow us to increase rural representation in our program participants.
- Employ the use of sign-language translators during large Mission events.
- Designating funds in each Post-issued award to ensure that programs and events are accessible to people of all abilities, as well as to train program implementors on DEIA principles. Producing and recording webinars and videos on grant processes to share openly on the Embassy website, so that all potential and current partners have access to the same information.
- Hold readjustment seminars for exchange participants to help them process their experience, connect with a community of fellow alumni, and ultimately be empowered to share what they have learned with a broader Dominican audience.
- Forming strategic partnerships with agencies at Post (USAID and Peace Corps) that interact with the more rural populations that PAS would like to cultivate as audiences.
- Investing in relationships with journalists in smaller media markets, and exploring the use of communications platforms that allow Mission messages to quickly reach rural regions. This includes strategic use of WhatsApp.
- Ensuring the continued representation of diverse faces in videos, photos, cartoons, and graphics published on Mission social media properties and employing focus groups made

up of program alumni to assess that these products are engaging with diverse audiences.

- Verifying the U.S. is accurately represented on social media platforms and during speaking engagements, and that the Americans that are featured represent the diversity of the United States and are not only celebrated during respective celebratory months.
- Mapping our social media followers to determine which populations are not being reached, and identify the platforms that are most used in each region.
- Guaranteeing that all Mission web pages and communications are compatible with technologies designed to assist the visually and hearing impaired.

9. (U) We will continue to consult with staff in WHA/PD, ECA, and other Mission offices to maximize the effectiveness of our DEIA focused changes. Questions for post should be addressed to A/PAO (b)(6)@state.gov and Emerging Voices Specialist (b)(6) (b)(6)@state.gov).

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C) 21 MUMBAI 530
Subject: India: CG Mumbai Advances Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Goals

1. (U) **Summary:** Consulate General Mumbai takes a whole-of-mission approach to advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA), in line with the goals outlined in the Department's preliminary DEIA Strategic Plan. We seek to integrate DEIA principles into all aspects of our internally- and externally-facing work, including through: top-down leadership such as key messaging from the CG and an inclusive approach to all programming; bottom-up leadership led by an active and creative DEIA Council; the strategic use of symbols that evoke our DEIA goals; mainstreaming DEIA principles in hiring, training and other management practices; appropriately adjusting to/reflecting changes to our external environment; and employing our programs to reflect our values and promote our DEIA objectives in India. Our programmatic focus on DEIA includes broad engagement to promote women's empowerment, partnerships with major business organizations, and a nine-part PAS series ("Beyond the Binary") on LGBTQI+ rights. We seek to learn from our own efforts as well as the experiences of others as we endeavor to institutionalize the broad organizational change we are working to engender. **End Summary.**

Top-Down Leadership

2. (U) The Front Office and senior staff consistently underscore the importance of DEIA. The CG continuously messages that the Consulate's strategic priorities include empowering women, promoting LGBTQI+ rights, and engaging under-represented populations. As a result, we require that all events hosted by or involving the Consulate are gender-balanced, all external meetings and guest lists are gender-balanced, we do not participate in externally-organized panel discussions that lack gender balance, and all official trips highlight women's rights and empowerment in some form. A recent senior staff strategic planning offsite included full participation by a DEIA Council representative and resulted in the creation of a DEIA action plan. Each section/agency head was tasked with holding DEIA discussions with their teams to identify at least two actions they can take to promote DEIA internally and externally. The

Deputy Principal Officer (DPO) participates in DEIA Council meetings as an ex-officio member.

Bottom-Up Leadership

3. (U) Led by a group of FAST officers at the suggestion of the CG, Mumbai formed a DEIA Council in July 2020 in the wake of the George Floyd murder. The Council is comprised of U.S. direct hires, eligible family members, and locally employed (LE) staff and has organized a number of initiatives, including: film nights for Black History and Women's History months, the creation and regular maintenance of a DEIA Council Microsoft Teams page, a monthly newsletter featuring DEIA themes, a Consulate-wide discussion of how to support women and LGBTQI+ staff in the workplace, and a listening session with the RSO that resulted in drafting a notice about safety and security resources to assist incoming minority officers. Members of the DEIA Council also helped organize a day-long discussion on diversity, equity, and inclusion for a recent Consular Leadership Day.

Leveraging Symbols

4. (U) We have reinforced DEIA by displaying the Pride colors, flying the Pride Flag over the Consulate, and showing the Pride flag on an externally-facing video display at our consular entrance, all during Pride Month; and hoisting the Black Lives Matter flag over the consulate for Juneteenth. We highlighted American diversity in a July 4 gift box, curating a representative YouTube playlist of American singers and songwriters released to the public that drove more than 55,000 viewers to the Consul General's Independence Day remarks. Starting on November 26, we have lit up the Consulate at night with orange light as a symbol of solidarity for the international campaign "16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence" and this year's global theme "Orange the World: End Violence Against Women Now."

Mainstreaming DEIA in Management Practices

5. (U) A member of the DEIA Council is included in every State FSO hiring interview, and the Management section has sought to recruit more LE applicants from Muslim and other underrepresented minority groups by broadening how we advertise jobs. We counseled and ultimately fired our Local Guard Force (LGF) supervisor for discriminatory practices and trained the LGF on DEIA principles. We provide a DEIA overview in our LE newcomers briefing. The management section recently completed EEO training for our entire staff. Attendance was mandatory, and one of the training sessions had Hindi translation to make it easier to understand for some of the LE Staff. In the last awards cycle, the Consulate nominated several employees for DEIA leadership, an important way to signal the priority of this issue.

Adjusting to and Reflecting the External Environment

6. (U) In a weekly message to the staff, the CG includes discussions about local holidays and how they reflect Indian diversity, current social themes such as Black Lives Matter, media that reflect and promote DEIA values, and DEIA events and themes.

Using our Programs to Reflect and Message our Values

7. (U) Women's Empowerment: PAS Mumbai conceptualized and co-hosted with the U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC) an event on promoting women's advancement in the private sector up to the executive level. The event featured a keynote address by CG (b)(6) which USIBC President Nisha Biswal, joining from Washington, referred to as a "call to arms." Deepthi Ravula of WE Hub moderated the panel discussion that followed with guests Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Chairperson of Biocon, and Ann Cairns, Executive Vice Chair of Mastercard. The panelists offered several recommendations to help elevate women, highlighting the CG's call for sponsorship of female staff (rather than mentorship alone), and discussed both gender targets for executive boards (rather than minimal quotas) and a cross-company mentorship programs pairing female executives with more senior male executives at other companies. The January 28 event drew over 200 live viewers from among a community of influential business leaders and over 470,000 views of recorded outtakes.

8. (U) In March, CG Mumbai, the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), and the Indian Merchant Chamber (IMC) co-hosted a panel discussion on increasing women's participation in the workforce and encouraging cultures of inclusion by creating gender-friendly workspaces. CG (b)(6) gave opening remarks and executives from leading U.S. and Indian companies, including Tata Group and Dow, shared tangible and implementable best practices. Over 200 business professionals joined the online event, and the video has generated over 1,500 views so far across YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook. ConGen Mumbai followed this event up in May with a virtual gathering of approximately 100 members of the Confederation of Indian Industry's Western Region Indian Women Network. In his remarks, the CG underscored the urgency of taking action, sharing examples of successful efforts by several companies and CG Mumbai. A panel of five prominent Indian women business leaders shared their experiences and held a discussion about empowering women in the workforce. PAS recently closed a six-month workshop series that trained 100 women entrepreneurs in business development planning. Looking toward the future, in February 2022 we plan to launch an initiative in collaboration with the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) – under the aegis of the U.S.-India Alliance for Women's Economic Empowerment – to promote women in STEM careers, including sharing best practices and establishing a coalition of U.S. and Indian IT firms who would combine resources and efforts to support STEM education for girls.

9. (U) Disability Rights: In November 2021, CG (b)(6) gave opening remarks and participated in a panel organized by the American Chamber of Commerce in India's Diversity and Inclusion Committee on "Neurodiversity – Demystifying Myths and Building an Inclusive Culture at the Workplace." Additionally, PAS/Mumbai has held various events to raise awareness about the concerns of persons with disabilities with a range of audiences. These include the July installment of our nine-month Beyond the Binary LGBTQI+ series, which featured eminent queer representatives of the Dalit, Muslim, and disabled communities sharing their experiences and exploring how social constructs such as caste, religion, and disability can complicate other identity issues; a session with disabled youth on resources and support available on U.S. university campuses for international students with disabilities to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and a discussion co-hosted with the NGO Rising Flame on establishing disabled-friendly college campuses. At our alumni education fair during

international education week, PAS included a separate booth for participants to better understand accessibility rights on U.S. campuses.

10. (U) LGBTQI+: CG Mumbai coordinates USG efforts to advance the human rights of LGBTQI+ persons for Mission India. The CG regularly meets with LGBTQI+ leaders and incorporates talking points in nearly every meeting on LGBTQI+ rights and women's empowerment. PAS Mumbai is nearing completion of a nine-part monthly series entitled "Beyond the Binary" which has drawn over 1200 event views and participants each event, discussing issues ranging from the Hijra (third gender) community to same-sex relationships, the legal landscape for the LGBTQI+ community and a look at supportive relationships for the families of queer persons. During the October 2021 visit of Deputy Secretary Sherman, PAS/Mumbai organized a round table discussion for six prominent LGBTQI+ activists to highlight the community's concerns (Reftel A). Our One-Year Report on Advancing the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons around the World (Parts 1 and 2) (Reftels B and C) detail what Mumbai has done in this space.

11. (U) Commercial: CG Mumbai has helped the American Chamber of Commerce in India develop its own Diversity and Inclusion Committee (CG (b)(6) serves as co-chair), and has served as a catalyst for AmCham DEIA programming, including for example proposing a panel discussion on DEIA in the workplace at the last in-person annual summit AmCham India held. CG Mumbai has engaged with Indian and U.S. firms throughout Western India to help them highlight and promote their efforts to promote women's economic empowerment and leadership, and to be more broadly inclusive.

Looking Ahead

12. (U) CG Mumbai has identified several new areas to explore in advancing DEIA in our workplace, including opening an interfaith room, adjusting bathroom signs to be more inclusive, and training residence guards in how to better treat minority staff. We also seek to inculcate DEIA principles among Indian students who participate in a new local Consulate internship program we are creating. We are planning to evaluate our "Beyond the Binary" series and use the lessons learned to shape a program focused on LGBTQI+ inclusiveness in the business sector, as well as other new PAS programs. We look forward to continuing to strengthen our DEIA Council and to learn best practices from the Department and other posts as we strive to create the best possible environment for DEIA in CG Mumbai, as well as impact the discussion more generally in Western India.

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Subject: A Rabbi, an Imam, and a Rapper Walk into the Consulate: DEI Work in Munich

1. ~~(SBU)~~ **Summary:** A beauty pageant contestant, a rapper, an Imam, a rabbi, queer activists, and representatives of the Bavarian government meet for breakfast...not the start of a joke or Real World: Germany, but a reflection of the range of Consulate General Munich's partners in advocating for diversity and fighting extremism and hate speech in all its forms. As part of the Germany-wide speakers program of Lecia Brooks, Chief of Staff of the Southern Poverty Law Center, the November 23 event brought together diverse groups focused on racial equity, diversity, and combatting hate speech. The event fostered new cross-organizational connections, including with the newly formed States Attorney's office of Hate Crimes, and demonstrated the significant impact of U.S. leadership on diversity, equity and inclusion. **End Summary.**

2. (U) Following worldwide Black Lives Matter (BLM) protests, rising hate crimes and antisemitism across Germany, the Public Affairs Section in Munich identified new contacts and audiences in line with the Department's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiative. The number of anti-Semitic crimes in Bavaria alone, for example, rose to 262 in the first half of 2021 which is an increase of almost two-thirds compared to the previous six months. Black Germans engaged in the BLM movement report experiencing discrimination or race-motivated aggression. According to Germany's Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency, reports skyrocketed around BLM protests with over one third of all complaints focused on race. In a similar study by the agency involving German-speaking persons over 16, eighty three percent thought discrimination in the housing market occurred "rather frequently" based on race.

3. (U) Brooks's Germany tour provided an opportunity to convene existing contacts with new groups like advocates from the black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) community. Together with Mission Germany Minister Counselor for Public Affairs (b)(6) CG Munich hosted a lively breakfast to address head-on the issues of extremism and hate speech. The guestlist included:

- David Mayonga aka Roger Rekless - a well-known German musician, producer, TV and radio presenter, and author. In his podcast 'Talk Black', David invites prominent BIPOC Germans to discuss discriminatory experiences in Germany. He is also a frequent speaker at demonstrations such as Black Lives Matter, and the face of awareness campaigns against cultural appropriation.
- Lise-Christine Kobla Mendama aka "Queen Lizzy", a local BLM activist, also attended the event. Lizzy gained wide-reaching prominence when she gave an impactful speech at a BLM demonstration in Munich in front of 25,000 people. (**Note:** She is also currently competing in the

Miss Germany pageant to demonstrate the importance of BIPOC representation. **End Note.**)

- Erkan Ä°nan, an elected member of the Munich Migration Advisory Board of the City of Munich and co-initiator of the AusARTen Festival Munich - an event that brings together prominent BIPOC leaders for discussions and panel talks;
- Semret Haile of the Afro-German Academics Network, Imam Belmin Mehic from the Munich Forum for Islam - a progressive and innovative initiative that unifies Muslims of all ethnic backgrounds and aims to challenge the negative perception of Islam by committing its members to integration and contribution to the common good of the German society;
- Sofija Pavlenko from the European Janusz Korczak Academy Munich, a Jewish foundation which aims to counter fears of contact with Judaism by initiating and participating in inter-cultural, as well as inter-religious, dialogue.
- Ulrich Fritz, Office of the Commissioner of the Bavarian State Government for Jewish Life and Against Anti-Semitism, for Remembrance Work and Historical Heritage.
- Nicole Gburek, States Attorney at the Bavarian State Ministry of Justice who focuses on hate crimes;
- Rabbi Brodman Jewish Community of Munich (Israelische Kultusgemeinde, IKG) - the second largest Jewish community in Germany;
- Dietmar Holzapfel – a well-known LGBTQ activist and owner of the historic gay Hotel Deutsche Eiche;
- Dr. Michael PlaÄY, SUB e.V. - the Gay Communication and Cultural Center Munich

4. (U) Brooks's opening comments on the historical struggle of dealing with race in America and how they frame both the current challenges and the discussion of diversity, equity, and inclusion led to a vibrant 90-minute dialogue. David Mayonga offered that minority communities "working together" in Germany is fairly new despite being subjected to hate and racism of similar communities in the U.S. Erkan Inan drew on his experience with blending intercultural groups, suggesting the United States use progressive Muslim and minority communities as allies for an inclusive society. LGBTQ leaders explained how they've tried to reduce stigma among their own members by changing the vernacular. Instead of categorizing someone as "this or that" (e.g. Queer or black, Jewish or immigrant), they have shifted to "this *and* that," providing space for a more open dialogue on race, status, and religion as part of a person's story.

Trust is Earned Through Legwork

5. (U) The group agreed that trust and effective advocacy come by increasing dialogue and working to integrate their communities with others. Victims, especially young victims, according to BLM activist Queen Lizzy, tend to internalize their fear, depression, and hatred. Representatives of the LGBTQ, Muslim and Jewish communities echoed this reaction within their own communities, highlighting the substantial number of incidences that go unreported. German communities of color often distrust police or formal reporting mechanisms.

6. (U) In response to the lack of trust in police, the lead prosecutor from the States Attorney's office on hate crimes recognized the growth in hate crimes and the need for her office to do a better job of increasing trust among minority groups and the police. She said, "the paper on her desk doesn't speak, but victims do." It was her job to listen, to ensure they were heard, and call out these crimes. Most importantly, she opened a direct line of communication for victims through the groups participating in the consulate's breakfast table event to the thousands of people they represent.

7. (U) Although the event was invitation-only the response was far-reaching. Participants expressed their enthusiasm, promoting it widely across their audiences. Participants like David Mayonga (Roger

Rekless) and Queen Lizzy have thousands of followers, most of whom do not follow Mission platforms. PAS Munich’s social media posts were liked and amplified from those platforms extending our reach to over 50,000 users on Instagram. More importantly, participants connected with each other including Mayonga starting a dialogue with the State Attorney’s office and Afro-German youth to increase trust German police forces and LGBTQ leaders advocating for a dedicated States Attorney for LGBTQ+ hate crimes. Both are substantial steps forward for groups struggling to connect with the Bavarian government.

U.S. Leadership on DEI Topics Vital for Expanding Reach

8. ~~(SBU)~~ **COMMENT:** This engagement with BIPOC and Afro-German groups was a first for U.S. Consulate Munich, but one with tangible outcomes for advocacy and engagement. Not only was this a step towards a new range of influential contacts but it laid the groundwork for further outreach to large, young, minority audiences on the full range of U.S. policy priorities. It also illustrates how the discourse on race in the United States, despite facing issues of racial inequality of its own, has inspired BIPOC Germans and German youth and how U.S. missions abroad can engage with these communities to reinforce our leadership role in fostering discussions about diversity, equity, and inclusion. **END COMMENT.**

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| From: | "Amr, Hady A" <(b)(6)@state.gov> |
| To: | Noll, George (Jerusalem) <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Shrier, Jonathan <(b)(6)@state.gov> |
| Subject: | RE: Trip dates |
| Date: | Wed, 25 Aug 2021 14:20:29 +0000 |

Thanks! I think (b)(6) wants it sooner rather than later but will know more in a few days... Thanks!

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From: Noll, George (Jerusalem) <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 3:03 AM
To: Amr, Hady A <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Shrier, Jonathan <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Trip dates

Hady,

The primary factor in planning your next visit will likely be the Jewish holiday calendar and the availability of the Israeli contacts you would like to see. We have no issues in getting you Palestinian meetings but to make a visit worthwhile you would need to see both. PAU thinking on this is the following,

- CDA finishes quarantine 6 September
- Embassy closure days: Labor Day and Rosh Hashana 6-8 Sept, Yom Kippur 15 and 16 Sept, Sukkot begins 21 Sept, end of Sukkot 28 Sept.
- Most feasible visit days: 9-14 Sept, 22 Sept -1 Oct, excluding 28 Sept.

Of these we believe the best window for a productive visit would be around Sept 29. This would be past all the big holidays.

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and we made the clear point that they should not arrest protesters. All in one week. (b)(5) Deliberative Process

(b)(5) Coming in late sept/ early October would be perfect to keep us in the headlines at a steady but not overwhelming pace and remind folks of some of the messages of the visit and the donation just as they are starting to forget.

That is our take.
George

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From: Amr, Hady A <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 12:31 AM
To: Noll, George (Jerusalem) <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Shrier, Jonathan <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: Trip dates

(b)(6) asked that we map out some potential trip dates in September after gets of Quarantine.

Can you identify work days in September were I could be on the ground and meet with Israelis and Palestinians?

I am aware that most Israelis will be away, etc. But at least in theory we'd like some dates after (a) (b)(6) is off quarantine) and (B) are theoretical work days and not holidays...

Thanks,
Hady

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Shrier, Jonathan <(b)(6)@state.gov>;
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To: (b)(6)@state.gov>;
Cook, Cynthia <(b)(6)@state.gov>;
Noll, George (Jerusalem) <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Evans, Patrick L. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)@state.gov>;
CC: Jerusalem Press Officers <JerusalemPressOfficers@state.gov>;
(b)(6)@state.gov>;
(b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: RE: URGENT FOR CLEARANCE: LINES FOR TODAY'S DPB- Said Arikat
Date: Wed, 23 Feb 2022 20:05:37 +0000

Great.

From: Shrier, Jonathan <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 2:50 PM
To: (b)(6)@state.gov>; Amr, Hady A <(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; Cook, Cynthia <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Noll, George (Jerusalem) <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Cc: Evans, Patrick L. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Jerusalem Press Officers <JerusalemPressOfficers@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: Re: URGENT FOR CLEARANCE: LINES FOR TODAY'S DPB- Said Arikat

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To: Amr, Hady A <(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; Cook, Cynthia <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Shrier, Jonathan <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Noll, George (Jerusalem) <(b)(6)@state.gov>
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From: Amr, Hady A <(b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 12:41 PM

To: (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov; Cook, Cynthia <(b)(6)>; Shrier, Jonathan <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Noll, George (Jerusalem) <(b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: Evans, Patrick L. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Jerusalem Press Officers <JerusalemPressOfficers@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov

Subject: RE: URGENT FOR CLEARANCE: LINES FOR TODAY'S DPB- Said Arikat

Thanks (b)(6)

Just to clarify: (b)(5) Deliberative Process

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From: (b)(6)@state.gov

Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 12:32 PM

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Cc: Evans, Patrick L. EOP/NSC <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Jerusalem Press Officers <JerusalemPressOfficers@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov; (b)(6)@state.gov

Subject: Re: URGENT FOR CLEARANCE: LINES FOR TODAY'S DPB- Said Arikat

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From: (b)(6)@state.gov

Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 7:19 PM

To: (b)(6) Cook, Cynthia; Amr, Hady A

Cc: Evans, Patrick L. EOP/NSC; (b)(6) Jerusalem Press Officers; (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: URGENT FOR CLEARANCE: LINES FOR TODAY'S DPB- Said Arikat

Please see below for your clearance ASAP, apologies for the rush we received this quite late from (b)(6) for today's DPB . thanks!

Cleared:

NEA/IPA: (b)(6) ok

DRL Press: (b)(6) OK

L/AN: (b)(6) OK

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Background:

Muamar Nakhla writes about his son Amal, who suffers from a dangerous neuromuscular disease and has been held in administrative detention by Israel for over a year

My child could die in an Israeli prison

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/israel-palestine-my-child-could-die-in-prison>

USA Today story, which calls for AMB and S to advocate for the release of Amal Nakhla.

"Israeli politicians have ignored demands for Amal's immediate release from the United Nations and the European Union, but if Thomas Nides, the U.S.

ambassador to Israel, or Secretary of State Antony Blinken demanded Israel to respect Amal's human rights by releasing him, they might save his life."

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Background:

Israel withholding bodies of nine Palestinian children: Report

Rights group DCI-Palestine says Israel's policy violates international law and amounts to collective punishment

https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/israel-palestine-withholding-bodies-nine-children?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign&utm_content=ap_BaEfWUkI8n

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(b)(6)@state.gov>;
To: Noll, George A <(b)(6)@state.gov>;
(b)(6)@state.gov>
CC: (b)(6)@state.gov>;
(b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: RE: update on Palestinian NGO law.
Date: Mon, 15 Mar 2021 12:52:04 +0000

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From: (b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 8:49 AM
To: Amr, Hady A <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Noll, George A <(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>
<(b)(6)@state.gov>
Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: RE: update on Palestinian NGO law.

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From: Amr, Hady A <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 8:43 AM
To: (b)(6)@state.gov>; Noll, George A <(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>
(b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: update on Palestinian NGO law.

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| To: | Shrier, Jonathan <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Noll, George (Jerusalem) <(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov |
| Subject: | RE: Travel? |
| Date: | Thu, 27 Jan 2022 14:20:20 +0000 |

Excellent!

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From: Shrier, Jonathan <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 9:20 AM
To: Amr, Hady A <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Noll, George (Jerusalem) <(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov
Subject: Re: Travel?

Ahlan wa sahan! Blackout period February 15-21 (Pelosi, then holiday weekend). Otherwise, we should be fine. George?

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From: Amr, Hady A <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 4:01:10 PM
To: Noll, George (Jerusalem) <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Shrier, Jonathan <(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov
Subject: Travel?

Israel has opened up for travel a bit, I understand?

OK for me to start thinking about a trip in February. What are the restrictions at this time? Bad times to come?

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| To: | Noll, George A <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Shrier, Jonathan <(b)(6)@state.gov> |
| Subject: | FW: FW: Press attacks on Hady |
| Date: | Wed, 3 Feb 2021 14:05:33 +0000 |

FYI. My fun morning! ☺

Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

On February 3, 2021 at 8:55:02 AM EST, Amr, Hady A <(b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Hi (b)(6)

See below. Been dealing with this (b)(6) since 6am this morning.

(b)() should have points. (b)(5) Deliberative Process

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I am jammed in near-continuous meetings but happy to talk this through with you.

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Hady

From: Hady Amr (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 8:32 AM
To: Amr, Hady A <(b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: Press attacks

<https://www.frontpagemag.com/fpm/2021/02/bidens-new-asst-sec-state-worked-islamic-terror-daniel-greenfield/?fbclid=IwAR0vYwLMUNQdhISG3XHmMjxatA7HjjiF-juxiw3FJh51Uz0Z0CrT0ueKoUg>

- Let's talk

<https://twitter.com/CarolineGlick/status/1356859911263707136?s=20>

- "This is Mr. Amr's fifth position in government including years at the State Department, DOD and DHS. The characterization of the article that some are pushing is entirely false. It makes clear that it condemns violence on all sides. We have more important things to do than debate article written 20 years ago."

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| CC: | (b)(6)@state.gov>; Noll, George (Jerusalem) <(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov> |
| Subject: | Re: Okay to Invite Omar Assad's Widow to De ir Dibwan Municipality Mtg? |
| Date: | Sun, 13 Mar 2022 21:09:06 +0000 |

Thanks for this question.

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On March 13, 2022 at 16:53:32 GMT+3, (b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:
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(b)(6)

Assistant Information Officer
U.S. Palestinian Affairs Unit

(b)(6)

(Jerusalem is 6 hours ahead of Washington, DC)

From: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 3:35 PM

To: Amr, Hady A <(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>; Noll, George (Jerusalem) <(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)

(b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: Okay to Invite Omar Assad's Widow to Deir Dibwan Municipality Mtg?

Dear DAS Amr (and (b)(6) in case you can ask DAS Amr):

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Thank you,

(b)(6)

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Noll, George (Jerusalem) <(b)(6)@state.gov>
CC: (b)(6)@state.gov>;
(b)(6)@state.gov>;
(b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Palestinian Media Reaction - March 30, 2022
Date: Fri, 1 Apr 2022 20:11:39 +0000

Thank you, (b)(6)

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From: (b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2022 3:40 AM
To: (b)(6)@state.gov>; Amr, Hady A <(b)(6)@state.gov>; Noll, George (Jerusalem) <(b)(6)@state.gov>
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Subject: RE: Palestinian Media Reaction - March 30, 2022

Sir,

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All the best,

(b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Palestinian Media Reaction - March 30, 2022

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Thanks,

(b)(6)

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Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 8:32 PM

To: (b)(6) (b)(6)@state.gov>; Noll, George (Jerusalem) (b)(6)@state.gov>

Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: FW: Palestinian Media Reaction - March 30, 2022

George (b)(6)

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From: Jerusalem, PAUPress (Jerusalem) <PAUPress@state.gov>

Date: March 30, 2022 at 02:00:40 EDT

Subject: Palestinian Media Reaction - March 30, 2022

To:

**Palestinian Affairs Unit
Embassy Jerusalem Palestinian Media Reaction – March 30, 2022**

A daily summary of Palestinian News

SECTIONS

U.S. Related Headlines

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U.S. RELATED HEADLINES:

Palestinian Media Reports on U.S. Elections: Palestinian media reported on a new poll conducted by the Center for American Political Studies at Harvard University, which claims that if the U.S. presidential elections of 2024 were held at the present time, Trump would have 47% support, compared to 41% for Biden, and another 12% of respondents unsure. The Poll results indicate that Vice President Kamala Harris' situation is "much worse", with 49% of respondents saying they would choose Trump, and 38% saying they would support Harris if she was a presidential candidate. *(Maan, Al Quds)*

SECURITY INCIDENTS FOR MARCH 30:

Settlers attack Palestinians cars near the town of Ramin, north of Tulkarm.

Palestinian injured due to settlers attack near "Shave Shamron" settlement northwest of Nablus.

Settlers attacked Palestinians vehicles near Burin, south of Nablus, Burqa, northwest of the city, west and east of Hebron.

Settlers ran over a Palestinian from Silwan, in the area south of Al Aqsa Mosque.

Settlers attacked the vehicles of citizens in the Al-Sawwana neighborhood in the town of Al-Tur, and smashed the windows of a number of them.

Settlers of "Telem" and "Adoura" settlements, west of Hebron, and "Kiryat Arba" east of the city, and "Najhut" in the south, attacked Palestinians vehicles with stones and smashed the windows of a number of them.

Settlers attacked Palestinian vehicles near Burin, south of Nablus, and Burqa, northwest of Nablus.

Israeli Forces prevented Palestinians residents of Qusra Town south of Nablus from reaching their lands that they seized months ago.

Clashes erupted between Palestinians and Israeli Forces, after a group of settlers closed the Beit Ainun junction and attacked Palestinian cars.

(Al-Quds, Al-Ayyam, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Wafa, Maan)

KEY PALESTINIAN HEADLINES:

Abbas Condemns the Killing of Israeli Civilians: Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas condemned the shooting attack by a Palestinian that caused the death of five Israelis in the area of Beni Brak. **While Hamas spokesman Hazem Qassem** said, "President Mahmoud Abbas' condemnation of the Tel Aviv operation is a tweet outside the national flock serving the Zionist narrative and gives the occupation a cover for its crimes against our Palestinian people." **Hamas Movement and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) celebrated the attack** and stated that these "operations come in the context of the natural and legitimate response to the terrorism of the occupation and its escalating crimes against our land, our people and our holy sites." **Israeli forces stormed the house of Beni Brak shooting suspect, Dia Hamarsheh**, in Yaabad town, south of Jenin. Based on these escalations the Israeli army decided, on March 29, **to reinforce its soldiers on the borders of the Gaza Strip**, with additional forces, according to an assessment of the situation ahead of the month of Ramadan and Land Day. [Editor's note: dozens of settler attacks reported after this incident are mentioned in the security incident section. End Note] (*Al-Quds, Al-Ayyam, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Wafa, Maan, Felesteen, AlResalah, Samanews*)

Jordanian King Abdullah II called on Israel during his meeting with the Israel Defense Minister Gantz in Jordan on March 29 "to respect Muslims rights at Al-Aqsa Mosque compound." (*Al-Quds, Al-Ayyam, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Wafa, Maan*)

Special Cabinet session to Discuss General Budget: During a special cabinet session conducted on March 29, Palestinian PM Mohammad Shtayyeh confirmed that the general budget will be approved before the end of this month. He also stated in this session that, "without any doubt, we live in difficult political circumstances, and Israel continues to illegally deduct our money, without any significant scrutiny." (*Al-Quds, Al-Ayyam, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Wafa, Maan*)

Settlers Break into Little Petra Hotel in Jerusalem: Heads of churches in Jerusalem condemned and rejected settlers (Ateret Cohanim) breaking into Little Petra Hotel on March 26, which has been considered a place of rest for Christian pilgrims for decades in the old city of Jerusalem. Heads of Churches repeatedly warned of the, "illegal actions of extremists, who have followed a pattern of intimidation, violence and lawless action to drive Christians and Muslims out of the city we share." (*Al Hayat Al Jadida, Wafa*)

Commemorating Palestinian Land Day: Hamas Spokesperson Hazem Qassem said on March 29, that Hamas will have a mass event to commemorate Land Day on March 30 in Gaza city to confirm that "as long as the occupation remains in our land, we will continue our resistance." Qassem added that "the activities in Gaza coincide with activities in West Bank and in other Arab cities and towns inside Israel and with Palestinian diaspora". In recognition of Land Day, The Arab League affirmed that it is time to end the Israeli occupation and empower the Palestinian people with freedom and independence. (*Al-Quds, Al-Ayyam, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Wafa, Maan, PalSawa*)

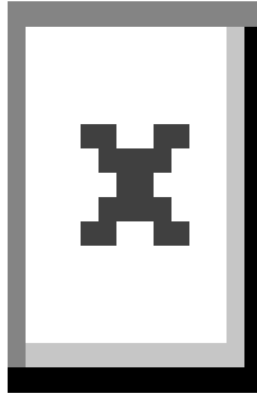
New Outpost Established: On March 29, settlers established a new outpost on land located near a Bedouin community in the al-Muarrajat area between the Ramallah and Jericho governorates. (*Al-Quds, Al-Ayyam, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Wafa*)

Accusations of Antisemitism by Palestinian Journalists: Palestinian-Jordanian journalist Farah Maraqa delivered a speech on behalf of Euro-Med Monitor at the United Nation's Human Rights Council 49th session on efforts to stop arbitrary measures against Arab journalists in the German media and to protect the right to freedom of opinion and expression. Maraqa said that she and six of her Arab colleagues were expelled from Deutsche Welle (an official German media network) last February after receiving "false accusations of antisemitism carried out by a public media smear campaign." (*Wafa*)

TRENDING SOCIAL MEDIA:

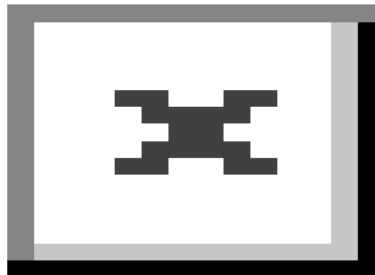
Palestinians in Jenin Stage a Demonstration After the Terrorist Attack in Bnei Brak: Pro-Hamas social media site Quds News Network posted a video of Palestinians staging a demonstration in the city of Jenin, chanting slogans supporting attacks against Israel, after the terrorist attack that claimed the lives of 5 Israelis in Bnei Brak on March 29. The post received 3,100 reactions and 1,800 comments. The majority of commenters praised the demonstrators for staging the demonstration in Jenin. (*Quds News Network's Facebook page*)

West Bank Municipality Open Its Doors For Stranded Palestinians Following Terrorist Attack in Bnei Brak: Palestine TV's Facebook page posted that the municipality of Sinjel near Ramallah, opened its doors for stranded Palestinians who couldn't reach home overnight because of Israeli settlers' attacks on Palestinian vehicles passing on the Nablus-Ramallah road, following the March 29th terrorist attack in Bnei Brak. In related news, the editor-in-chief of Maan News Agency Naser Lahham posted: "For the first time since last Ramadan, the Israeli police deployed all its forces and declared the country is on high alert. A wave of attacks by settlers and smashing of Palestinian cars in the streets of the West Bank, and the police did not arrest any settler, but rather worked to protect them." The posts received 12,000 reactions and 490 comments. The majority of commenters praised the Sinjel municipality staff for this gesture. (*Palestine TV's Facebook page*)



Palestinians stranded on West Bank roads spend the night at Sinjel municipality

DAILY POLITICAL CARTOONS



"March 30 - [Palestinian] Land Day"

Al Quds, March 30

LEADING PALESTINIAN MEDIA OUTLETS:

West Bank-Based Media

- **Al Quds:** Independent, Jerusalem-based Palestinian daily; largest circulation of any Palestinian newspaper.
- **Al Ayyam:** Independently owned, pro-PA outlet based in Ramallah; second largest daily newspaper.
- **Maan News:** Independent and most popular Palestinian online outlet, based in Bethlehem.
- **Al Hayat Al Jadida:** PA-owned official daily newspaper.
- **Wafa:** PA-owned official outlet. Primarily publishes government press releases and government news.

Gaza-Based Media

- **Hamas-owned/affiliated media:** Palestinian Information Centre (Palinfo or PIC); Hamas.ps; Felesteen, Al Resalah, Palestine Now (Paltimes); Safa.ps
- **Independent outlets:** Palsawa; Sama News

Social Media

- **Ramallah News:** Independent online news outlet; 2.6m followers
- **Quds News Network:** Pro-Hamas online news outlet; 6.8m Facebook followers
- **Donia al-Wattan:** Independent online news outlet; and 3m Facebook followers
- **Dooz:** Nablus-based local news outlet; 760k Facebook followers
- **Nasser al-Lahham:** Personal page of Maan News Agency editor-in-chief; 1.5m Facebook followers

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Dear Hady,

We saw the news about your assignment to a high position of Special Representative for Palestinian affairs.

As Russian Special Representative I would like to convey the best wishes of success in your challenging, but possible mission.

Looking forward for the day to come when we are able to resume our coordination which in the historical retrospective has always been "all-season".

Hope for a personal contact. One day, better sooner.

Yours,

Vladimir

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