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1. GUINEA

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GUINEA: BORDER ATTACKS, REFUGEE SECURITY, AND U.S.  
SUPPORT

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON TODAY'S WP PIECE ON  
REFUGEES AND SITUATION IN GUINEA?

A: -- WE CONDEMN THE CROSS-BORDER RAIDS THAT HAVE STRUCK  
GUINEAN VILLAGES NEAR THE SIERRA LEONE/LIBERIA BORDER  
SINCE SEPTEMBER 1. WE DEPLORE THE LOSS OF LIFE AND  
KIDNAPPINGS AND OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES TO ALL RESIDENTS OF  
GUINEA, CITIZENS AND REFUGEES ALIKE, WHO HAVE SUFFERED  
FROM THESE ATTACKS.

-- WE SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA TO  
SAFEGUARD ITS BORDERS.

-- WE CONDEMN ANY ARMED INCURSION ACROSS INTERNATIONAL  
BORDERS. THESE ATTACKS UNDERMINE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE AND  
STABILITY IN THE REGION. WE CALL ON ALL ARMED FORCES TO  
CEASE SUCH ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS.

-- WE APPLAUD THE HOSPITALITY THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUINEA  
HAVE SHOWN TO REFUGEES OVER MANY YEARS AND WE WELCOME THE

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GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA'S RENEWED COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING  
SAFE HAVEN FOR THE REFUGEES.

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT MILITARY TRAINING  
EXERCISES?

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A: -- THE UNITED STATES IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING TWO  
TRAINING EXERCISES WITH GUINEA'S MILITARY.

ONE, LED BY 12 U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL, IS TRAINING SOME  
MEMBERS OF THE GUINEAN NAVY IN COASTAL MARITIME  
OPERATIONS, INCLUDING COASTAL PROTECTION AND ANTI-  
SMUGGLING MISSIONS.

THE OTHER, LED BY 4 U.S. ARMY CIVIL AFFAIRS PERSONNEL, IS  
TRAINING GUINEAN GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE.

-- THESE EXERCISES ARE PART OF AN ONGOING RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN THE MILITARIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND GUINEA.  
FOR ADDITIONAL MILITARY DETAILS, PLEASE REFER TO THE  
DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.

CONTEXT:

SINCE SEPTEMBER 1, GUINEA HAS SUFFERED AT LEAST 15  
SEPARATE ARMED INCURSIONS ACROSS ITS BORDER WITH SIERRA  
LEONE. THEY HAVE BEEN WELL ORGANIZED AND COORDINATED OVER  
A 600-MILE BORDER. THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA ESTIMATES THE  
TOTAL DEATH TOLL AT OVER 600 AND THE NUMBERS OF INTERNALLY

DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPS) AT OVER 50,000 TO DATE. THERE  
ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT ATTACKS WILL STOP.

PREVIOUS ATTACKS RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF ONE UNITED  
NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES WORKER, THE

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KIDNAPPING OF ANOTHER, AND THE KIDNAPPING OF TWO FOREIGN  
MISSIONARIES. THE UNITED NATIONS WORKER WAS RELEASED IN  
MONROVIA ON SEPTEMBER 28, BUT THE TWO PRIESTS REMAIN IN  
CAPTIVITY IN SIERRA LEONE.

GUINEA HOSTS APPROXIMATELY 500,000 REFUGEES FROM SIERRA  
LEONE AND LIBERIA, MOST OF WHICH ARE CONCENTRATED ALONG

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GUINEA'S BORDERS WITH THOSE COUNTRIES AND ARE THEREFORE MOST VULNERABLE TO THE CROSS-BORDER INCURSIONS. THE UNITED STATES HAS PROVIDED OVER \$10.6 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS IN GUINEA THIS YEAR TO AID REFUGEES AND THE COMMUNITIES HOSTING THEM, AND AN ADDITIONAL \$5.8 MILLION IN EMERGENCY FOOD AID FOR REFUGEES IN GUINEA. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS CALLS FOR MOVING REFUGEE CAMPS AWAY FROM THE BORDER TO THE INTERIOR OF GUINEA AND IS CONSIDERING CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE \$13 MILLION APPEAL FOR REFUGEE RELOCATION FROM THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR).

THE UNITED STATES CURRENTLY IS CONDUCTING TWO TRAINING EVENTS IN GUINEA UNDER THE AUSPICES OF EUCOMM'S "JOINT COMBINED EXCHANGE FOR TRAINING" (JCET) PROGRAM. THE EXERCISES WERE PLANNED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, BEFORE THE CURRENT ROUND OF ATTACKS BEGAN. ONE, LED BY 12 U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL, IS TRAINING THE GUINEAN NAVY IN COASTLINE DEFENSE. THE OTHER, LED BY 4 U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL, IS TRAINING MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE.

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2. TANZANIA - STATEMENT AND GUIDANCE DATED NOV. 3, 2000  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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NOVEMBER 3, 2000

STATEMENT BY RICHARD BOUCHER, SPOKESMAN

TANZANIA: CREDIBILITY OF ZANZIBAR ELECTIONS

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA HELD NATIONAL ELECTIONS OCTOBER 29. POPULAR PARTICIPATION WAS IMPRESSIVE AND THE ELECTORAL PROCESS THROUGHOUT THE TANZANIAN MAINLAND WAS

PRAISED BY OUTSIDE OBSERVERS FOR BEING FAIR AND WELL ORGANIZED.

UNFORTUNATELY THE ELECTIONS WERE MARRED BY NUMEROUS IRREGULARITIES IN THE SEMI-AUTONOMOUS REGION OF ZANZIBAR. THERE WERE WELL-DOCUMENTED INSTANCES OF DELAYED OPENINGS OF POLLING STATIONS, SHORTAGES OF VOTING MATERIALS AND TAMPERING WITH BALLOT BOXES. THERE WERE ALSO INSTANCES OF

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THE POLICE HAVING USED EXCESSIVE FORCE.

AS A CLOSE FRIEND OF TANZANIA, WE CONGRATULATE THEM ON THE ELECTIONS ON THE MAINLAND; HOWEVER, WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FAILURES OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS ON ZANZIBAR. WE CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA TO INVESTIGATE THE IRREGULARITIES FULLY AND TO BRING THOSE RESPONSIBLE TO JUSTICE. WE ALSO BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT

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SHOULD CONSULT WITH POLITICAL AND CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERS TO ADOPT A TRANSPARENT AND PARTICIPATORY APPROACH TO RE-ESTABLISH THE LEGITIMACY OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IN ZANZIBAR. THE UNITED STATES STANDS READY TO ASSIST THESE EFFORTS IN ANY WAY WE CAN.

FINALLY, WE CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT AND ALL POLITICAL AND CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAINTAIN CALM IN ZANZIBAR AND TO AVOID ANY RESORT TO VIOLENCE.

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TANZANIA: CREDIBILITY OF ZANZIBAR ELECTIONS

Q. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF THE IFES STATEMENT THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE ZANZIBAR ELECTORAL COMMISSION ANNULLED THE ELECTION IN SOME DISTRICTS DISCREDITED THE ELECTORAL PROCESS THROUGHOUT ZANZIBAR? SHOULD THE ELECTIONS BE RE-RUN IN ALL OF ZANZIBAR AND NOT JUST IN 16 VOTING DISTRICTS?

A. -- THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION OF ELECTION SYSTEMS (IFES) URGES THE GOVERNMENT TO CONSULT WITH ZANZIBAR'S POLITICAL AND CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERS AND REACH A CONSENSUS ON A TRANSPARENT AND PARTICIPATORY APPROACH TO ZANZIBAR'S ELECTIONS.

-- WE URGE THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE ELECTIONS IN ZANZIBAR ARE LEGITIMATE.

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Q. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ELECTION IRREGULARITIES ON ZANZIBAR?

A. -- AS A CLOSE FRIEND OF TANZANIA, WE ARE DEEPLY

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CONCERNED ABOUT THE FAILURES OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IN ZANZIBAR. WE CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA TO INVESTIGATE THE IRREGULARITIES FULLY AND TO BRING THOSE RESPONSIBLE TO JUSTICE.

Q. WHEN WILL THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS BE ANNOUNCED? WHAT IS HAPPENING ON ZANZIBAR?

A. -- FINAL RESULTS IN PRESIDENTIAL AND LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS THROUGHOUT TANZANIA WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL AFTER THE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, RE-RUN OF THE ELECTIONS IN PARTS OF ZANZIBAR.

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3. TANZANIA - GUIDANCE DATED NOVEMBER 6, 2000  
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TANZANIA: ELECTIONS UPDATE

Q. WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 RERUN OF ELECTIONS FOR 16 VOTING CONSTITUENCIES IN ZANZIBAR?

A. -- WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALTHOUGH THE VOTING PROCEEDED  
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RELATIVELY SMOOTHLY ON SUNDAY, THERE WAS A VERY LOW VOTER  
TURNOUT.

Q. WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SERIAL NUMBERS BEING USED ON THE BALLOTS FOR THE RERUN?

-- THERE WERE REPORTS THAT SERIAL NUMBERS WERE PRINTED ON BALLOTS USED FOR THE NOVEMBER 5 RERUN AND WE ARE SEEKING MORE INFORMATION.

-- THE USE OF SERIAL NUMBERS ON BALLOTS IN ORDER TO LINK VOTERS WITH THEIR VOTES IS NOT AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED METHOD OF FAIR BALLOTING.

Q. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ELECTION IRREGULARITIES ON ZANZIBAR?

A. -- AS A CLOSE FRIEND OF TANZANIA, THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FAILURES OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IN ZANZIBAR. WE CALL ON THE GOVERNMENTS OF

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TANZANIA AND ZANZIBAR TO INVESTIGATE THE IRREGULARITIES FULLY AND TO BRING THOSE RESPONSIBLE TO JUSTICE.

Q. WHEN WILL THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS BE ANNOUNCED? WHAT IS HAPPENING ON ZANZIBAR?

A. -- IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FINAL RESULTS IN PRESIDENTIAL AND LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS THROUGHOUT TANZANIA ARE EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED ON TOMORROW, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

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4. PM PRESS GUIDANCE - DIEGO GARCIA  
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DIEGO GARCIA: BRITISH COURT VERDICT

Q: WHAT IS YOUR COMMENT ON THE DECISION IN THE COURT CASE BROUGHT BY SOME FORMER RESIDENTS OF THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO (DIEGO GARCIA)?

A: WHILE THE U.S. OF COURSE HAS STRATEGIC INTERESTS ON DIEGO GARCIA, THIS IS A MATTER BETWEEN BRITISH AUTHORITIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE BROUGHT THE CASE. I WOULD REFER YOU TO THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, WHICH ADMINISTERS THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY (BIOT), FOR COMMENT.

CONTEXT: A BRITISH COURT RULED TODAY (NOVEMBER 3) THAT A 1971 BRITISH GOVERNMENT IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE THAT ALLOWED BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY OFFICIALS TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO IS INVALID. FROM 1965-73, ABOUT 1,200 FORMER PLANTATION WORKERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS LEFT OR WERE REMOVED FROM THE CHAGOS. THIS OCCURRED AROUND THE TIME THE UNITED STATES, WITH UK AGREEMENT, ESTABLISHED THE IMPORTANT NAVAL FACILITY ON DIEGO GARCIA, WHICH IS THE LARGEST ISLAND IN THE ARCHIPELAGO. THE COURT CASE WAS INITIATED BY A FEW FORMER CHAGOS RESIDENTS CURRENTLY LIVING IN MAURITIUS WHO ARE

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SEEKING TO MOVE TO SOME OF THE ARCHIPELAGO'S OUTER ISLANDS (NOT DIEGO GARCIA). AT THE TIME OF THE COURT HEARING, THE STATE DEPARTMENT PROVIDED A DOCUMENT, WHICH BECAME PART OF

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THE COURT RECORD, EXPRESSING A VARIETY OF CONCERNS ABOUT THE RESULTS OF REPOPULATING ANY OF THE ISLANDS OF THE ARCHIPELAGO. THE COURT GRANTED THE GOVERNMENT A ONE-WEEK STAY TO APPEAL. IT IS TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE VERDICT, AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS YET TO DECIDE WHETHER IT WILL APPEAL. IN THESE

CIRCUMSTANCES, THE BEST COURSE IS TO AVOID ANY COMMENT, AND REFER INQUIRES TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

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