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From: Abedin, Huma <AbedinH@state.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2009 1:03 PM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Somali Rebels trying to kill Asha Haji

----- Original Message -----

From: Carson, Johnnie
To: Verveer, Melanne S; Abedin, Huma
Cc: Mills, Cheryl D; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Cook, Akunna E; Pasi, Geeta
Sent: Fri Dec 04 12:42:49 2009
Subject: RE: Somali Rebels trying to kill Asha Haji

Melanne and Huma: I want to bring you up to speed on our support to Asha Haji. Embassy Nairobi informed me earlier today that one of our political officers spoke to Asha this morning, offered her assistance, agreed to meet with her and stated we were prepared to request Kenyan police protection for her and her family. (Asha is currently in Nairobi with her family.)

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[REDACTED] Ambassador Ranneberger has been working to secure hospital treatment for all of those being medevaced to Nairobi. The embassy will respond with as much assistance as it can to Asha's concerns. I'll pass you any additional information I receive on this issue. Regards, Johnnie

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From: Verveer, Melanne S
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2009 6:13 PM
To: Carson, Johnnie; Abedin, Huma
Subject: Re: Somali Rebels trying to kill Asha Haji

Thanks, Johnnie. I was in meeting with S and Asha. Asha did say she was living with her family in Nairobi and she was terrified for their safety and her own. I'm sure it will mean a great deal if embassy gets on touch with her to see what's's possible.

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From: Carson, Johnnie
To: Abedin, Huma
Cc: Verveer, Melanne S; Bando, Jun; Cook, Akunna E; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Pasi, Geeta
Sent: Thu Dec 03 12:30:03 2009
Subject: RE: Somali Rebels trying to kill Asha Haji

Huma: We are all horrified by this morning's suicide bombing and loss of life in Mogadishu. Tell Allida that I have just spoken to Amb. Michael Ranneburger in Nairobi. I asked Michael to contact Asha Haji as soon as possible to determine how we might be of assistance to her and her family. (Michael knows Asha and believes she may be in Nairobi, but will find out asap where she is. Asha's family, husband and children, are generally resident in Nairobi.) I've asked Michael to secure Kenyan police protection for the family while they are in Kenya and to explore

with Asha whether she is interested in looking for a way to come to the U.S. via some type of application for refugee status. Michael will ask our consular officers to explore the options available -- if Asha wants to consider them. I also alerted Michael to the fact that Asha's brother was seriously wounded in the bombing. I have asked that they get a full name as soon as possible and to see what we can do through the TFG, the UN and AMISOM to have him flown to Nairobi. Michael said that he and the embassy have already arranged for a private hospital in to treat the seriously injured who are being arriving by special flights in Nairobi. If we can identify Asha's brother, we will give him priority. Finally, Michael has spoken to Sheik Sharrif extended our condolences and encouraged his resolve. I will be speaking to Sheik Sharrif later today.
Hope this update is useful. I will report more as I get. Johnnie

-----Original Message-----

From: Abedin, Huma
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2009 11:35 AM
To: Carson, Johnnie
Cc: Verveer, Melanne S; Bando, Jun
Subject: Fw: Somali Rebels trying to kill Asha Haji
Importance: High

Johnnie - what kind of guidance can we give Allida who is a good friend of HRC and who has been also trying to help Asha Haji. I know hrc has been concerned about this.

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From: amblack [redacted]
To: Abedin, Huma; Verveer, Melanne S
Sent: Thu Dec 03 11:28:47 2009
Subject: Somali Rebels trying to kill Asha Haji

Huma, H met Asha at CGI and raised concerns about her security. She sent Asha to undersecretary Carson. They met for an hour. Note to US embassy in Nairobi was to be sent re Asha and her family's security. Embassy won't meet with her.

Today's massacre killed her closest allies and blinded and critically wounded her brother.

Asha is last moderate leader. She is speaking out.

They want to kill her, Huma.

Please tell Hillary.

If you want I will email her.

Asha's phone [redacted]

Dick Wilbur at US Mission to UN in Geneva tried to contact embassy in Nairobi by email. No response yet.

Thanks, Allida
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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