

RELEASE IN FULL

From: Abedin, Huma <AbedinH@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 3:51 PM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Contractor case has stalled U.S.-Cuba rapprochement (Reuters)

From: OpsNewsTicker
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 03:34 PM
To: NEWS-Mahogany
Cc: SES-O
Subject: Contractor case has stalled U.S.-Cuba rapprochement (Reuters)

HAVANA - Cuba's Supreme Court will hear oral arguments Friday on an appeal by jailed American aid contractor Alan Gross against his 15-year sentence for crimes against the Cuban state.

It is the latest step in a politically sensitive case which has stalled efforts to improve U.S.-Cuban relations.

NewsTickers alert senior Department officials to breaking news. This item appears as it did in its original publication and does not contain analysis or commentary by Department sources.