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Situation in Egypt TFEG01

Sunday, January 30, 2011
 0600 EST

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

- (U) President Mubarak reportedly left Cairo for the safety of Sharm el-Sheikh in the Sinai. (*Haaretz*)
- (U) The death toll from the protests has risen to at least 150. Demonstrations continue throughout the country. (*Al Jazeera*)
- (SBU) Embassy Cairo notes the Ministry of Interior has little presence in the streets. Police stations across the country have been ransacked and burned, with looters stealing weapons. At least two major prisons, one close to the Embassy residential neighborhood of Maadi, and one in Fayoum, have been abandoned. Prisoners overpowered guards and are now armed, according to press. (*TFEG01 Interagency telcon, Al Jazeera*)
- (U) Egypt suspended Al Jazeera's operations in the country. (*Reuters*)
- (U) Egypt closed its Rafah border with the Palestinian territory of Gaza. (*AP*)

AUTHORIZED VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE AND TRAVEL WARNING

- (SBU) The State Department issued a travel warning to American citizens and authorized voluntary departure of non-emergency U.S. government personnel and dependents. (*TFEG01 Interagency telcon*)
- (SBU) The United States is organizing charter flights to bring Amcits and immediate relatives to locations in Europe. Initial flights are expected to begin January 31. (*TFEG01 Interagency telcon*)
- (SBU) The F-77 report estimates over 50,000 Amcits in Egypt. Embassy Cairo notes high demand for assistance in departing the country. (*F-77 report, TFEG01 Interagency telcon*)

- (SBU) Embassy Cairo confirmed Amcits departed from Cairo International Airport safely January 29. Consular and RSO staff will attempt to assess airport operations and security January 30. **(TFEG01 Interagency telcon)**
- (SBU) Embassy Cairo noted heavy call volume from Amcits concerned about violence near their homes in Cairo and Alexandria. There have been no reports of Amcits injured. **(TFEG01 interagency telcon)**
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INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

- (SBU) Japanese Foreign Minister Maehara requested close coordination with the United States in assisting Japanese citizens in Egypt. **(TFEG01/Embassy Tokyo telcon)**
- (U) India has made arrangements to airlift Indian nationals out of Egypt. **(The Hindu)**
- (U) Prime Minister Gillard urged Australians to leave Egypt. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade upgraded its travel advisory to the highest “do not travel” category. **(Sydney Morning Herald)**
- (U) Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu said he hoped stability and peaceful ties with Egypt would continue. **(Reuters)**
- (U) Turkey is sending two planes to evacuate its citizens January 30. **(Reuters)**

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