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Korea

The Times: "International leaders call for restraint as Korean relations threaten to explode" – main foreign story with a photograph of South Korean soldiers exercising yesterday near the demilitarized zone. "On constant alert for a war that should not come" – analysis on the same page: "Will it come to war? Experts doubt it but the mood in Washington is not complacent.... 'US support for South Korea's defence is unequivocal', Mr. Obama's spokesman said. His hope is that by pledging his support clearly, it will not be put to the test." "It's risky, but this time North Korea must pay" – commentary page 26: "For South Korea to be in the vanguard of a strategy of 'proactive deterrence', instead of tugging at US coat tails urging patience and restraint, is a dramatic volte face. In place of sunshine, Seoul is bringing out the storm umbrellas. President Lee has not quite uttered the taboo words 'regime change', but it cannot be that far off."

The Guardian: "Pyongyang cuts all ties with Seoul over warship row" – report page 20 "China's responsibility" – editorial: "While we do not understand the origins of this sudden deterioration, the consequence is clearer. Outside powers must restrain the parties, and, in particular, China must restrain North Korea, since it is the only country that has any real leverage in Pyongyang."

Daily Telegraph: "Kim puts his forces on combat alert" – report page 20: "Despite two days of intensive talks, Hillary Clinton...was unable to secure any assurances that China would back UN action against North Korea, and Chinese officials reiterated their position that the issue should be solved through 'dialogue'."

The Independent: "All relations with South suspended" – small item under the "Briefing World" column page 27.

US Military Covert Missions

The Times: "US spies prepare for anti-nuclear strike against Iran" – report page 37: "The seven-page order was written last September but not disclosed until yesterday. It appears to underpin a sharp increase in the use of US special forces from Yemen to Afghanistan, but it is the possibility of US troops operating in Iran that has the greatest potential to destabilise regional security."

The Guardian: "US sends more soldiers on covert missions" – report page 17: "The order reflects the shift from traditional warfare to combating groups such as al-Qaida. But it creates a potential hazard for troops, who would not be covered by the Geneva convention.... The order specifically says military involvement in undercover operations will only happen when intelligence-gathering cannot be accomplished by the CIA and other civilian agencies."

Daily Telegraph: "US steps up secret war on extremists in Iran and the Middle East" – report page 20: "The classified order...represents a significant escalation of the covert military activities ordered by George W. Bush at the height of the 'war on terror'. It also indicates that the Obama administration has embarked on a contingency plan for possible military action in Iran if the impasse over its nuclear programme is not resolved through diplomacy or sanctions."

The Independent: "US to launch covert strikes on terror targets" – report page 26: "In some respects, the strategy does no more than institutionalise politics initiated under George W. Bush.... However, there are major differences. Both Pentagon and CIA officials indicated that the directive gives the Pentagon a bigger foothold in operations that were once largely the preserve of the CIA. This means they will not automatically need approval by either the President or

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Congress." "When it comes to terrorism, Obama is following Bush's lead" – commentary: "Above all...it underlines how, when it comes to terrorism and national security, President Obama is following, almost uncannily, in the footsteps of George W. Bush."

Eurozone Crisis

The Times: "Banks take a beating over eurozone fears" – report page 10: "Fears that the eurozone's financial crisis could derail the global economic recovery, along with rising tensions in Korea, sent shares and commodity prices tumbling yesterday." "It's Lehman the sequel, with Merkel as Bush" – commentary page 25: "The big lesson of the financial crisis was that no bank must be allowed to fail. The same applies now to Greece." "More pressure on Merkel over 'naïve' plan to avert crisis" – report page 33: "A battle over Europe's response to the crisis engulfing the single currency broke out yesterday when Angela Merkel's calls for a new treaty were dismissed by Jose Manuel Barroso, the European Commission President."

The Guardian: "Merkel handling of euro crisis is condemned by Barroso" – report page 20: "Barroso's public criticism, in an interview with Germany's conservative newspaper the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, signaled the high-level political friction in the EU over how to restore faith in the single currency." "FTSE slumps below 5000 as euro crisis threatens to spread wider" – main financial report: "Traders fear contagion will hit Spain; North Korea's stance alarms markets." "Italy takes austerity medicine as markets see signs of Spanish flu" – report page 22.

Daily Telegraph: "Markets plunge as banks teeter on brink of crisis" – page one below-the-fold. "EU leader warns of a Cameron power grab" – report page 22: "Germany has been warned not to give David Cameron the chance to grab powers back from Brussels by reopening the European Union's treaties to strengthen the eurozone." "The collapse of the euro would open the door to democracy" – commentary: "The European project has been shown to be economically and politically bankrupt." "FTSE and Dow plummet amid market turmoil" – main financial story: "Investor fears grow that banking system could crumple under weight of sovereign defaults." "It's no surprise that investors are avoiding Europe like the plague" – commentary.

The Independent: "How fears of contagion gave Europe a dose of cuts fever" – report page 34. "World markets panic as Spain debt fears spread" – main business story. "Time to start talking about how we will cope with a Greek debt default" – commentary: "Brussels needs to begin talking about mitigating a Greek restructuring. The 750bn euro bailout fund could, for example, be redirected towards those directly in the firing line of a default, in an attempt to limit contagion. Denying the problem will only make it worse."

Afghanistan

The Guardian: "Red Cross trains the Taliban in first aid for the battlefield" – page one below-the-fold.

Daily Telegraph: "Red Cross teaching Taliban first aid" – report page 20: "Taliban Insurgents fighting against British and American forces in Afghanistan have been given first-aid training and supplied with medical kits by the Red Cross."

Climate Change

The Times: "EU sets toughest climate targets" – lead story: "The draft Commission document raises the possibility of trade wars by suggesting EU industries could be protected by imposing border tariffs on imported goods from non-EU countries with less stringent emission controls. The tariffs would be introduced with a requirement for importers to buy emissions permits."

Daily Telegraph: "EU to ask for another £33m to up the ante on global warming" – small item under the News Bulletin column page 2

UK Politics

The Times: "Rules of grammar" – editorial: "Government education policy was the centrepiece of the Queen's Speech. To be truly radical, the coalition needs to leave open the door to profit-making and selection." "Cameron stamps Tory seal on list that puts Lib Dems second" – report pages 6-7: "David Cameron tilted the coalition away from the Liberal Democrats with a Queen's Speech that defined tax, immigration and police reform on Tory terms.... The fine print of the 18-month legislative programme revealed that he had won a series of behind the scenes victories over his coalition partners."

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"Hague goes east for new 'special relationship'" – report pages 8-9: "William Hague plans to visit India during the summer as Britain's new Government tries to turn cultural and trade ties with the emerging superpower into a 'genuinely special relationship'."

The Guardian: "Lib Dem ministers push for 2011 poll on voting reform" – lead story: "Liberal Democrat members are pressing for a referendum on voting reform for the election of MPs to be held next May, seeing it as the best chance of winning public backing for one of Nick Clegg's main political projects." "Harman ridicules coalition deal as a 'political prelude'" – report pages 6-7: "Acting Labour leader predicts a rocky marriage for Tories and Lib Dems and vows to prevent unfairness caused by huge cuts." "Radical? Hardly. But so much more than Blair reincarnated" – commentary: "Coming after John Major, Blair and Brown, Cameron faces the prospect of proving merely a better class of disappointment. The British centralist state is a monstrous, unyielding beast. No one knows how soon the coalition will find itself embattled by its backbenchers or its constituent parties in the country. No one can predict the engulfing tide of events. For all that, his ministry has started well and has held, so far. Britain can at least cheer it on its way, so far." "Boldly into the unknown" – editorial: "David Cameron...produced a wide-ranging Queen's Speech yesterday which is nevertheless overshadowed by the fiscal deficit and the fragile recovery – not helped by another lurching day on the markets."

Daily Telegraph: "Middle classes made to pay" – lead story: "As part of the coalition deal between the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats, David Cameron accepted many of the principles of Lib Dem tax policy." "New boy Cameron comes out fighting" – commentary page 5. "Bold measures, but a baleful landscape" – editorial: "The 22 Bills show a surprising coincidence of political interest between the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats."

The Independent: "Tories heartened by coalition's radical legislative programme" – report page 3: "The Conservatives clawed back ground from the Liberal Democrats on policy yesterday as the coalition Government unveiled its programme of 22 proposed new laws to be introduced in the next 18 months." "Where do the dangers lie for the coalition's ambitious programme?" – report pages 4-5: "The Queen's Speech aimed high – but there are many pitfalls ahead." "A liberal but fragile legislative agenda" – editorial.

Oil Spill

The Guardian: "BP faces extra \$60bn in legal costs as US loses patience with Gulf clean up" – report page 21: "The Guardian has obtained a confidential briefing, from a top-level US environmental lawyer who specialises in oil industry litigation, to stockbroker Canaccord, assessing the financial impact of impending legal action on BP.... BP's chairman, Carl-Henric Svanberg, accepted that the accident had damaged the company's reputation but said that critics should remember that BP was 'big and important' for the US."

The Independent: "BP brings in Red Adair's successor to stop oil leak" – report page 29: "After failing with a succession of mechanical solutions, company turns to man who learnt from the best." "'Cosy relationship' revealed between government office and oil industry" – report page 29: "Explosive findings about members of staff at the US government office responsible for the oil industry oversight accepting gifts from drilling companies, and even allowing rig operators to fill in their own inspection forms, are set to dominate congressional hearings in Washington DC today."

Jamaica

The Times: "Kingston a war zone after hunt for drug baron leaves 60 dead" – report page 3. "The Caribbean's necessary conflict" – editorial: "Jamaica is right to hand over an alleged drug baron but that won't solve the crisis." "Dudus: world's most wanted drug kingpin or Kingston's Robin Hood?" – report pages 34-35: "The extradition request...threatens to topple the Jamaican Government; such is the political clout enjoyed by the man also known as 'President', 'Pres', 'Bossy', and – at 1.6m – 'Shortman'."

The Guardian: "Police storm Kingston enclave in hunt for alleged drug lord" – report page 16.

Daily Telegraph: "Tourists told to stay off the streets as Jamaica death toll rises" – report page 21

The Independent: "Drug gang 'was on payroll of Jamaican Prime Minister'" – report page 25. "Gang warfare and political failure" – editorial: "It can hardly be considered an ideal outcome of US foreign policy. What is going on in Jamaica at the moment is not far off a civil war.... US policy is to choke off the drugs at source. But repeatedly, in Colombia, Mexico, and now Jamaica, its clampdowns have only further destabilised unstable countries in an unstable region. The Americans would be better trying to staunch their own domestic demand for these drugs."

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1. The Department of State warns U.S. citizens against travel to Kingston, Jamaica and its surrounding areas because of escalating violence, shootings and unrest. Jamaican Defense Forces are engaged in an operation to arrest an alleged drug and weapons trafficker. Access to the Norman Manley International Airport has been blocked on an intermittent basis by gun battles between criminal elements and police. A number of air flights into and out of Kingston have been canceled. The Government of Jamaica has imposed a State of Emergency in Kingston and St. Andrew. The possibility exists that unrest could spread beyond the general Kingston area. U.S. Embassy Kingston is taking extra security precautions, including cancelling official travel by USG personnel into Kingston. This Travel Alert replaces the Travel Alert issued on May 21, 2010 to warn U.S. citizens against travel to Kingston and to provide updated information on the security and airport situation. This Travel Alert expires on June 23, 2010.

2. U.S. citizens presently in Jamaica should monitor local news and radio frequently before venturing out from their homes or hotels. U.S. citizens traveling to or from the Norman Manley International Airport should use the South Camp Road route. U.S. citizens should contact their air carriers regarding flight status before traveling to the airport. U.S. citizens are urged to exercise heightened security awareness and maintain a low profile during this State of Emergency. U.S. citizens in Jamaica are advised to monitor local news reports and consider the level of security present when venturing outside their residence or hotel.

3. U.S. citizens living and residing in Jamaica or the Cayman Islands are advised to register their presence in the country through the U.S. Department of State's automated online registration system, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. U.S. citizens may also register by visiting the Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy or our consular agencies in Montego Bay and Georgetown, Cayman Islands, during business hours. Emergencies involving American citizens can be reported by contacting the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy's Consular Section, located at 142 Old Hope Road in the Liguanea area of Kingston, telephone (876) 702-6450; after hours emergency telephone (876) 702-6000; Consular Section fax (876) 702-6018; and e-mail at KingstonACS@state.gov. The U.S. Consular Agency in Montego Bay has moved and is now located at Whitter

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Village, Ironshore, telephone (876) 955-0820. The U.S.
Consular Agency in the Cayman Islands is located at 118
Dorcy Drive, Suite B-1, Georgetown, Grand Cayman,
telephone (345) 945-8173.

4. U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly
monitor the U.S. Embassy's website at
<http://kingston.usembassy.gov> and the U.S. Department of
State's travel website at www.travel.state.gov, where the
current Worldwide Caution Messages, Travel Warnings, and
Travel Alerts can be found. The U.S. Embassy also
encourages U.S. citizens to review "A Safe Trip Abroad,"
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[ml](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html), which includes valuable security information for
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SUBJECT: JAMAICA: JDF CONTINUES TIVOLI GARDENS ASSAULT, BUT "DUDUS" REMAINS AT LARGE

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Summary:

1. (SBU) The Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) continued clearing out remaining pockets of resistance in the Tivoli Gardens stronghold of alleged drug kingpin Christopher "Dudus" Coke, the subject of a long-running and contentious U.S. extradition request (Reftel A), as civil unrest escalated in Spanish Town in St. Catherine parish. At a May 25 press conference, Government of Jamaica (GOJ) officials reported that weapons caches had been seized and vowed that the operation would continue until Coke was taken into custody. In his May 25 remarks to Parliament, Prime Minister (PM) Bruce Golding announced that he had asked two highly-respected public figures to assist the Jamaican Red Cross in conducting an independent assessment of civilian casualties, currently estimated to be at

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Casualty Estimates Rise, PM Promises Independent Assessment

2. (SBU) On May 26, Minister of National Security Dwight Nelson acknowledged that 42 civilians had been killed and 500 detained over the course of the three-day operation in Tivoli Gardens. According to Public Defender Earl Witter, Political Ombudsman Herro Blair, and the Jamaican Red Cross, 44 civilians are confirmed dead and 37 injured as of May 25, including two men found executed in nearby Denham Town, apparently for refusing to fight on Coke's behalf. The security forces allowed Witter, Blair, and the Red Cross access to Tivoli Gardens, where they have spoken with residents and observed bodies in morgues, most of which are reportedly male. Witter has told Emboffs that the numbers are expected to rise as more information becomes available.

3. (SBU) Callers to radio talk programs have alleged that JDF forces have burned bodies as a means of masking the numbers of casualties inflicted. However, Acting Commissioner of Police Glenmore Hinds disputed such allegations in the May 25 press conference. Witter reported that his team had found no evidence of JDF or JCF atrocities or human rights violations in their visit to Tivoli Gardens, while Kingston Mayor Desmond McKenzie has also disputed such reports. According to Hinds, 211 civilians have been taken into custody, mostly males, although other sources indicate that number may be as high as 500. A small number of firearms, ammunition, binoculars, army uniforms, and bulletproof vests have been seized, together with a large amount of cash. Apparently, Coke's defenders have managed to smuggle significant numbers of weapons and ammunition out of Tivoli Gardens. Coke remains at large, and is now believed to be in Denham Town, St. Catherine, or May Pen in Clarendon parish.

PM Angered By ABC News Allegations, Will Consider Expanding State Of Emergency

4. (SBU) The GOJ and PM were angered by a May 25 ABC News report, citing unnamed USG sources, referring to Golding as a "known criminal affiliate" of Coke and referring to Jamaica as a "narco state." The PM also took issue with an article in the British newspaper The Independent alleging that Coke's organization "was on the payroll of the Jamaican Prime Minister." In his remarks to Parliament, the PM dismissed the reports as evidence of a conspiracy to undermine his government. Later, in an interview on a television news program, Vaz referred to the allegations as "libelous."

5. (SBU) Following the PM's remarks in Parliament, Member of Parliament (MP) Sharon Hay-Webster of the Opposition People's

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National Party (PNP) asked the PM to extend the current State of Emergency to Spanish Town and St. Catherine parish to address the "deteriorating security situation." The PM promised to consider Hay-Webster's request and assured Parliament that the provisions of the State of Emergency would be tabled in Parliament on June 1. Although the PNP has not withdrawn its threat to introduce a no-confidence motion against the GOJ, Opposition President and former Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller (PSM) characterized recent events as an "opportunity" to rid Jamaica of its criminal elements, and promised that the PNP would be an "integral part" of the "fundamental transformation" of Jamaican politics that must follow.

Kingston Groceries Report Brisk Business, But Run Out Of Bread

6. (SBU) Kingston area supermarkets reported brisk business as local residents stocked up on foodstuffs and necessities as the ongoing crisis continued. Supermarket managers in four establishments told Emboff that they had sold out of bread because bakeries near West Kingston had been unable to make deliveries on May 24; however, there were no shortages of other staples. Shoppers did not appear panicked or to be hoarding, simply preparing for a period of uncertainty, much as they might prior to a hurricane. Supermarkets also were planning to close at 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. so that their employees might return home safely before dark.

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I) Major Press Stories

A. Korea

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II) Texts

A. Korea

1. "Pyongyang's provocation: China's failure to restrain its neighbour is encouraging nuclear proliferation" - an editorial in the conservative "Times" (05/27)

..."If Pyongyang is able to flout international treaty, defy international opinion and withstand sanctions, then the message to other autocratic states will be obvious: the incentives for going nuclear are huge. The reputation that they would gain for duplicity would be beside the point: once nuclear status had been achieved, the world's most powerful states would be

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powerless to stop it. Not only the mullahs in Iran, but also populist leaders such as President Chávez of Venezuela, would see benefits in spurning any proposed "grand bargain" offered by the US and its allies.

"China's leaders should understand the stakes in their inaction. North Korea is not a conventional political actor but a permanent provocation in the peninsula. Its demands for Western aid are a cruel farce intended to cement the regime in power. Economic isolation and military blockade are a draconian response for an impoverished state, and they may have scant effect. But nothing else will work, and the threat will only escalate."

2. "It is time for China to take sides, in its own interests" - a commentary by chief foreign commentator Bronwen Maddox in the conservative "Times" (05/27)

..."China...has tried to give a diplomatic nod to all sides, calling for all to avoid military action. But that won't end the problem this time.

"Seoul's anger, and fear at this bizarre and unprovoked attack, has led it to hit out with its own trade curbs. That will hurt the North, although less than a similar move from China.

"China needs to acknowledge that it cannot ignore the problem. There are now potentially worse results, from China's point of view, than an influx of refugees.

"South Korea is serious about raising the heat on Pyongyang. There is a real risk of another military attack from the North, in response, and it also wants to assert to North Koreans that they have many enemies.

"On Iran, the US has persuaded China, just about, that it serves its own interests in putting pressure on the regime to curb its nuclear work.

"China needs to accept, again in its own interest, that the time has come to take sides - against Pyongyang."

3. "The diplomatic temperature rises, but the people stay cool" - a commentary by columnist Sean O'Grady in the left-of-center "Independent" (05/27)

..."The truth is that South Koreans are used to the antics of Kim. They have become accustomed to the alternating currents of cold war and appeasement of the past two decades. And while Koreans retain a huge sense of patriotism, they look at what happened when West and East Germany united, and they do not want to rush to derail the economy. More than anything, they are proud of the fact that they will soon host a G20 Summit. Sixty years ago this was a broken nation where people had to eat bark to survive.

"They know that there is little they or even the Americans can do about Kim. It is up to China, and she shows few signs of helping. Hence the

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fatalism."

4. "China won't allow war in Korea" - a commentary by comment editor Adrian Hamilton in the left-of-center "Independent" (05/27)

..."the simple point about North Korea and the Chinese influence over it is that the one thing Beijing will throw its weight into is preventing war.

"US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, would like it to do more, of course, and tell Pyongyang to apologise for the submarine attack that sank a South Korean war ship and reach a deal. China won't do that, partly because it's not sure that it can force Kim Jong-il that far. But Mrs. Clinton's futile efforts do raise one question. South Korea has always looked to the US for its security. But if it is only China that can stop open hostilities, should it not be turning its attention northwards than westward? And if that is true of South Korea, is it not also true of Taiwan?"

B. Eurozone Crisis

1. "What next, locusts?" - an editorial in the conservative "Daily Telegraph" (05/27)

"Even though a good deal of their financial pain is self-inflicted, the debt-laden Greeks must sometimes feel they have angered the gods. Their ancient forebears would certainly have thought so after a plague of frogs descended on a motorway in northern Greece yesterday, causing accidents and blocking the road for hours.

"The police claim that millions of the amphibians had left a lake near Thessaloniki to look for food, but another explanation occurs, too. In the Bible, Egypt teemed with frogs after its rulers provoked the divine wrath - the second of the 10 plagues prophesied by Moses. Financial meltdown was not among them, though an epidemic of livestock death came close. By that logic, the Greeks should only really start to worry when their rivers turn to blood and locusts darken the sky."

2. "Is Europe heading for a meltdown?" - a commentary by economics editor Edmund Conway in the conservative "Daily Telegraph" (05/27)

..."The European financial crisis may look and smell rather different to the American banking crisis of a couple of years ago, but strip away the details - the breakdown of the euro, the crumbling of the Spanish banking system to take just two - and what you are left with is the next leg of a global financial crisis..."

"Europe was always heading for a crunch. For years, the German and Dutch economies pulled in one direction (high saving, low spending) while the Club Med bloc - Greece, Portugal, Spain, Italy (and their Celtic outpost Ireland)

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- pulled in the other. At some point, there was always going to be a problem, given that these two economic blocs were yoked together in the same currency, controlled by the same central bank. By triggering the global recession and shovelling an unexpected load of debt on to Greece's balance sheet, the financial crisis has effectively smoked out the European folly...

"...European politicians, torn in one way by their voters, in another by Brussels, emit even more confusing signals which only destabilise markets further. Angela Merkel's ban on investors short-selling German bank shares, and the collapse of a swathe of Spanish savings banks have hardly helped, either. And all the while, the euro continues to fall as investors mull its fate. The single currency can survive - but only if its members agree to more political union, and the prospect of that would be about as palatable to the people of Europe this summer as an ouzo and retsina cocktail."

3. "This is a crisis of politics not markets" - a commentary by comment editor Adrian Hamilton in the left-of-center "Independent" (05/27)

"...In the case of the euro, one thing that has come out of the woodwork, especially from across the Atlantic, is the cry that Europe has become sclerotic, its citizens mollycoddled from birth to the grave. The eurocrisis, in this view, is the occasion for a roll-back of the nanny state, a reduction of benefits, a lessening of pensions - in other words all the things being pressed on the so-called Pigs (Portugal, Italy, Greece and Spain) at this moment....

"...The euro was born out of a political will for economic integration and it will survive through political will... What we are witnessing now is the second phase of the Credit Crunch....

"...The trouble with the trillion dollar rescue package put together by the Eurozone governments was that it once again bailed out the commercial banks with taxpayers' money, this time at the cost to the public of dramatic and early expenditure cuts. What governments now need to do, to reassure the markets as well as their own electorates, is to sit down with the banks and ministers and do what is being done in Dubai and what was done in the Latin American and Asian banking crises - which is to reschedule the debt along time frames more realistic to the national fiscal positions and popular acceptance. It means losses to the banks and to other lenders, but it is better than default. At the same time, there will have to be a push for greater economic supervision and tighter rules within the Eurozone."

4. "Cameron's European opportunity" - a commentary by columnist John Lichfield in the left-of-center "Independent" (05/27)

"...The card game of British and European politics - evènements, mon cher garçon evènements - has dealt Cameron a rather interesting hand. A month ago many people foresaw that a Cameron Tory government would try to do as little as possible in Europe but that - harried by a fiercely Eurosceptic new parliamentary party - he would be pushed into a series of bruising disputes

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with EU partners....

"Now the Lib Dem alliance gives Cameron a chance to build a pragmatic and co-operative new British approach to Europe, whatever the red-meat Tory Eurosceptics may think....

"...Cameron has a historic opportunity to wean his party, and Britain, from Eurosceptic demonology and present the EU as it really is: muddled, frustrating, but essential. The federalist religion of the EU has long been dead or marginalised. The surviving ideologues are those Eurosceptics who insist - against all evidence - that Brussels is bent on world domination....

"There will be plenty of juicy opportunities for Britain vs the Rest quarrels in the next few years: on the UK budget rebates or the future funding of the CAP. But the leadership vacuum in the EU, and the tensions between Berlin and Paris, also give Mr Cameron, Mr Clegg, and even the Eurosceptic William Hague, a great opportunity. No more abstractions. No more quarrels over procedure. No more beggar-my-neighbourishness. Let's just make use of the strength-in-unity of the EU to rescue what remains of European prosperity."

5. "The Eurosceptic case for saving the euro" - a commentary by John Redwood, Conservative MP for Wokingham, in the conservative "Times" (05/27)

"...We should not be frightened of a new EU treaty that seeks to ensure the euro's survival; it could be an opportunity for Britain to seek the repatriation of powers in return for allowing the eurozone countries to enter a tighter union....

"The UK has not so far used its freedom well outside the eurozone. The previous Government used its sovereign powers to print money and devalue the pound to avoid the harder adjustments that Greece and Portugal, Spain and Ireland are having to make. Being outside gives us more options but does not exempt us from curbing the deficit before it swamps us.

"The euro crisis is not over. Growth, led by a vibrant private sector, is the best way out of the crippling deficits. Euroland does not seem to know how to bring that about, which is why the problem of the deficits is so deep seated and so worrying."

6. "Cameron's cuts and crisis in the eurozone spell disaster" - a commentary by columnist Seumas Milne in the left-of-center "Guardian" (05/27)

"...The crisis that has brought Greece to its knees now threatens the entire eurozone, as it ricochets back and forth between private and public sectors. What began as a worldwide financial crisis in 2008 morphed into a crisis of sovereign debt as governments bailed out bankers and borrowed to stave off economic collapse. Now it has rebounded on Europe's banks, themselves major

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holders of government debt...

"For Britain, the combination of Cameron and Clegg's cuts with crisis in Europe and a devalued euro undermining its competitive edge, the prospects look alarming. Labour should be challenging the City-driven media and political consensus that the deficit, rather than stagnation, is the country's greatest economic problem. But the party is compromised by its own cuts commitments in government, and none of the leadership frontrunners has yet confronted the need to break with the neoliberal dogma of the New Labour years.

"As for the coalition, Cameron and Clegg seem to believe that they can pass through the pain barrier of unpopularity next year, when the real cuts and tax rises kick in, and come out the other side in time for a general election triumph in 2015. But if they and their European counterparts stick to their lemming-like commitment to livelihood-destroying cuts and contraction, it's hard to believe that the political price won't be heavy."

C. Afghanistan

1. "The wrong kind of war" - a commentary by author Mary Kaldor in the left-of-center "Guardian" (05/27)

..."Even though the Americans have been ordered to minimise civilian casualties, Afghan lives are still sacrificed for the greater goal of defeating the Taliban or al-Qaida - an Afghan life is still not treated as equal to a British or American life. General Stanley McChrystal has ordered a reduction in air strikes to reduce "collateral" damage. But Afghan civilians are still being killed in night raids on suspected Taliban hideouts. Moreover the civilian effort, which is supposed to assist the daily lives of Afghans, is totally inadequate.

"Human security in the long term can only be guaranteed by trusted political and legal authorities. The Karzai government lacks legitimacy, especially after last year's fraudulent elections, and has passed repressive legislation on women. Many Afghans seek Taliban protection because they experience the government as corrupt and predatory, and they fear nervy western soldiers.

"Establishing trust is all about the relationship between government and governed. Even though the new strategy emphasises local governance, the fashionable tool is "government in a box" - a sort of technical imposition of state capacity from above. What is needed is the involvement of civil society in establishing a framework for a new, much more legitimate government.

Human security missions must operate within a multilateral framework. At present in Afghanistan, there are two commands - Nato, authorised by the UN, and Operation Enduring Freedom, under US command. Even though McChrystal has taken charge of both, these two commands epitomise the tension between the goal of protecting Afghans and the goal of defeating America's enemies.

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There should be a single UN command whose mandate is to protect Afghans.

"Finally, a human security approach has to be civilian-led. McChrystal's strategy was a big step forward, but the international effort is overly militarised. The UN special representative is squeezed between the government and the military effort, and the US special representative, Richard Holbrooke, is hardly visible."

D. Jamaica

1. "Battle of Tivoli" - an editorial in the left-of-center "Guardian" (05/27)

..."Kingston may be small-time compared with the Mexican cities where police and soldiers are fighting with entrenched cartels, but Christopher "Dudus" Coke, the man whose extradition the Americans are seeking, has been described by the US Drug Administration as one of the most dangerous narcotics kingpins. He is also a man who has until recently enjoyed the protection of the Jamaican government. If he is captured and put out of business, it will be a victory of sorts, but not a lasting one unless the Jamaican government seriously sets out to change the degraded social landscape in which he and others like him have their roots."

2. "Victims of the war on drugs: Only a Northern Ireland style peace process can untangle the roots of Jamaica's deadly violence" - a commentary by Ben Bowling, professor of criminology and criminal justice at King's College London, in the left-of-center "Guardian" (05/27)

..."The challenge for the Jamaican people...is to understand the roots of political corruption and armed violence and seek ways to disentangle organised crime from politics, business, the state and civil society more generally. This is not going to be easy and cannot be achieved by firepower: war on the streets of Kingston is the problem, not the solution. It will require a peace process akin to Northern Ireland's, perhaps with truth and reconciliation and certainly with some means to decommission weapons and demobilize the young men in corner crews who define themselves as 'soldiers' fighting on the frontline of garrison communities.

"There is a wider challenge. The 'war on drugs' has not only failed, but actively promotes corruption and armed violence - not only in the Caribbean, but also across central and South America, west Africa and in the inner cities of Europe and North America. Could the loss of life in Jamaica bring the world to its senses? People are sick of warfare. We should instead direct resources to building a lasting peace."

E. Middle East

1. "Power to change: If America can't broker peace in the Middle East, is

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it time for the Russians to step in. They have a long history with the region and aren't hobbled by an Israeli lobby" - a commentary by columnist Robert Fisk in the left-of-center "Independent" (05/27)

"...The start - yet again - of 'indirect' peace talks between the Palestinians and Israelis becomes another partial success for US peacemaking rather than a shameful symbol that there is no hope for the Palestinians. Yet more slaughter in Iraq and Afghanistan are symbols of al-Qa'ida and Taliban 'desperation', rather than signs that we have lost our war in both countries.

"The fault lines between Russia and the Middle East, however, are not so deep, nor do they obscure so much truth....

"Netanyahu has yet again repeated there will be no halt in building in that part of Jerusalem which the Palestinians need as their capital. Obama didn't even respond. And don't think for a moment that Clinton will - she wants to be the next American president after Obama.

"The flaw of the Europeans, of course, is that they will not themselves take any steps over Israel because - this is the sublime and false message of all EU foreign ministers - it is America that has 'leverage' over Israel. Yes, it should be America that has leverage over Israel - given its massive economic subventions to the Jewish state - but it's not; because, as Mearsheimer says, the lobby has too much control over US policy in the Middle East. This is not to suggest that there is some kind of Jewish "conspiracy", merely that this Israeli-Likudist lobby deprives the US of any independent rights as a negotiator and emasculates American policy by endangering American relations with the rest of the region."

F.Oil Spill

1. "Can BP stem the flow of oil and vitriol?" - a commentary by George Trefgarne, former director of media for BP, in the conservative "Daily Telegraph" (05/27)

..."President Obama, perhaps mindful of the damage the Hurricane Katrina response did to George W Bush, deliberately uses the words 'British Petroleum', even though the company ceased to be exclusively British years ago and a third of its operations, shareholders and personnel are actually American. This crisis has injected an animus into transatlantic relations unseen since the days of George III. The President has even threatened that the federal government will remove the containment efforts from BP. But who, in reality, would do a better job? The federal government is not equipped for this sort of thing, and BP's competitors and the oil service companies are already doing all they can.

"The frustrations of America at the potential despoliation of one of the world's most beautiful ocean habitats is surely more than understandable, but that doesn't mean it is fair. Just how the accident came about...is a moot point.

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"What is beyond dispute is that state-backed national oil companies have seized back control of the world's oil resources in the Middle East, South America, Russia and Asia in the past 40 years. This has compelled the old international oil companies, such as BP, Shell and Exxon, to explore in ever more remote and dangerous provinces in order to supply our demand for energy and to ensure there is a genuine global market, rather than merely a system controlled by sometimes hostile governments."

G. Facebook/Everybody Draw Mohammed Day

1. "Antisocial networking: To oppose the Facebook ban in Pakistan is to be accused of blasphemy by the rabble-rousing right" - a commentary by Kamila Shamsie, a trustee of Free Word, in the left-of-center "Guardian" (05/27)

..."And therein lies the crux. No one is publicly arguing that the "draw Mohammad day" page should not be blocked. Even those who privately oppose all censorship agree that, given the blasphemy laws and wording of Pakistan's constitution, there is nothing to be gained by opposing the block on that page. Instead, they extol the virtues of self-regulation and point out that it is possible to block individual pages, as has been done with Wikipedia.

"For this they are being accused of blasphemy by rightwing groups who long ago learned the effectiveness of rabble rousing. These accusations are also repeated by members of the rightwing media, some of whom make Fox News look like CBeebies (children's BBC)."

H. Aids

1. "The final goal could be in sight" - an editorial in the left-of-center "Independent" (05/27)

..."... The expense of keeping the 33 million people infected globally with HIV on drugs for life would be enormous. But so will be the cost of not doing so - when measured in terms of the treatment and care they will require in the future.

"If universal treatment is beyond our grasp, there is still more that we can do. These are safe drugs, with few side effects which require little monitoring. A study published in The Lancet six months ago concluded that routine laboratory testing for signs of side effects - long regarded as essential for HIV treatment - was unnecessary and a waste of time and money.

"By abandoning routine testing, which is costly and requires sophisticated equipment only available in hospitals, the money saved could be used to buy and distribute drugs to an extra one million people. That would not close the gap between what is currently being done and what should be done - but

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it would narrow it.

"Further investment of effort and resources will still be needed. But at least we know the end we are aiming at. The task we are left with is to will the means."

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Summary and Conclusion

1.(C) In the aftermath of the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF)'s storming of the heavily-defended "garrison" community of Tivoli Gardens in downtown Kingston on May 24 - 27, serious concerns are being voiced over allegations that the JDF used excessive force against civilians and concealed the true numbers of casualties. Calls for an independent investigation are widespread. Post can confirm that the Government of Jamaica (GoJ) security forces tried to mitigate civilian casualties through a coordinated effort with

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the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management
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(ODPEM), made public service announcements, and endeavored to
remove non-combatants using buses before the assault began. Post
shares concerns over allegations that excessive force may have been
used, but believes that sufficient information is not yet available
to draw any firm conclusions. End Summary and Conclusion.

Background

2.(C) As Jamaican security forces conducted their all-out assault against the heavily-defended "garrison" community of Tivoli Gardens in downtown Kingston May 24 - 27, then under the control of the reputed criminal overlord Christopher "Dudas" Coke, who is wanted to face extradition to the USA on drugs and weapons trafficking charges (reftels), the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) prohibited access to the area by reporters and independent observers, and released only minimal information regarding the operation. (Note: Post understands that this is standard procedure for JDF operations. End Note.) On May 25, Prime Minister (PM) Bruce Golding, the Member-of-Parliament (MP) representing the West Kingston constituency in which Tivoli Gardens is located, directed Minister of National Security Dwight Nelson and the JDF to allow a team composed of the Political Ombudsman Bishop Herro Blair, Red Cross President Jaslin Salon, and Public Defender (PD) Earl Witter to enter Tivoli Gardens to make a preliminary assessment of the situation, to include allegations of the use of excessive force by the JDF during the operation.

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Other Allegations against JDF

4.(C) For his part, former PM and MP for West Kingston Edward Seaga, who played a key role in the establishment of the Tivoli Gardens community back in the 1960s and who still exerts great influence there, claimed to the media on May 27 that the JDF had inflicted "over 100" civilian casualties during the operation, and was burying the dead surreptitiously to conceal the true figures. Seaga also berated PM Golding for mishandling the entire Coke extradition case from beginning to end, to include "telegraphing" the impending JDF assault, thus allowing Coke and many gang members to escape Tivoli Gardens before they could be captured. (Note: Although Golding's mentor, Seaga has had bitter disputes with both Golding and Coke at various times over the years. End Note.) Kingston Mayor Desmond McKenzie also alleged that the JDF had concealed the true casualty figures by burying bodies surreptitiously in the downtown May Pen Cemetery. The human rights groups Jamaicans for Justice (JFJ), Families Against State Terrorism (FAST), and Amnesty International called for an independent investigation of the assault on Tivoli Gardens. For its part, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights has stated that it "deeply regrets the deaths that have occurred in this context, and urgently calls on the State of Jamaica to conduct a diligent, effective, and impartial investigation of these events." Parnell

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Autopsies of civilians suspended amid controversy

1.(SBU) After a suspension brought on by criticism concerning a

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 breach of forensic standards, a team of pathologists and observers is scheduled to resume performance on June 18 of autopsies on the remains of the civilians killed during the assault of May 24 by Jamaican security forces against the heavily defended Tivoli Gardens stronghold of Christopher "Dudus" Coke, a fugitive still at large and wanted for extradition to the USA to face drugs and weapons trafficking charges (reftels). Per reftels (C) and (D), 73 civilians died during the assault, and serious concerns have arisen over allegations that excessive force may have been used. The autopsies were begun at the Spanish Town morgue on June 15, but suspended the next day when an Interim Report by an independent pathologist criticized the speed at which the autopsies were being conducted, poor sanitation, and insufficient supervision of the government pathologist. Minister of National Security Dwight Nelson has issued a statement assuring that, when the autopsies resume, established protocols will be followed. Nevertheless, the suspension has fuelled speculation that the Government of Jamaica (GoJ)'s investigation of the Tivoli Gardens assault will not be sufficiently thorough, and that valuable forensic evidence will be overlooked or lost.

State-of-Emergency to be extended?

2.(SBU) Citing the decrease in violent crime over recent weeks, Minister of Information Daryl Vaz has called publicly for the state-of-emergency, which has been in force since May 23 for Kingston-St. Andrew and Spanish Town-St. Catherine (reftel E), to be extended beyond its June 23 expiration date. Jamaicans for Justice and other human rights groups have expressed reservations about such an extension, while the Member of Parliament (MP) for South-Central St. Catherine, Sharon Hay-Webster, has called on Prime Minister (PM) Bruce Golding to expand the state-of-emergency to other parts of the country in order to put more pressure on criminal gangs. The Cabinet is expected to reach a decision in coming days.

Analysis: Jamaicans disenchanted with political leaders, but would welcome crime reduction

3.(C) Meanwhile, the Ministry of National Security has offered a USD 20,000 reward for Coke, and Minister Nelson has reiterated the Government's intention to tackle organized crime on a non-partisan basis throughout the country. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A just-released island wide Gleaner-Bill Johnson survey taken May 1 showed a 21-point slide in PM Golding's approval rating, with fully 54 percent disapproving of his performance. The turbulent events rocking Jamaica since May 1 do not appear to have strengthened the standing of either Golding's ruling Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) or the opposition People's National Party (PNP). However, if the Golding Government makes

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good on its newfound commitment to combat organized crime, this
could change. Noted analyst Kevin O'Brien Chang predicts that
"...if he continues the tough policies we are seeing...and cracking
down on where the known guns and gangsters are, I think his ratings
will be going up."
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 SUBJECT: Quarterly NAS Jamaica Activity Report May/June/July 2010

1. Summary- May 2010

Pressure from the people of Jamaica, business, church and civic groups forced the government of Jamaica to sign the order to allow the process for the extradition of Christopher "Dudus" Coke after nine months. Coke a supporter of the ruling Jamaica Labour Party and the leader of the "Shower Posse" gang established his roots in Tivoli Gardens, a forty (40) year old garrison community situated in Western Jamaica. The citizens of Tivoli Gardens prevented the movement of persons and Law Enforcement officers by barricading all entrances to Tivoli and held a road march to show their support for Coke. The GOJ used moral suasion and called on Mr. Coke to turn himself in while buses were sent to the Tivoli Gardens and persons encouraged to leave the community for safer locations. Coke ignored the calls and citizens refused the opportunity for safe passage. On Sunday May 16th the GOJ declared a state of emergency. Law enforcement operations in Tivoli Gardens resulted in the death of over seventy persons the seizure of arms and ammunition but Coke was not found and is still being sought by the police. End of Summary

2. Joint Military Operations

The joint military teams entered Tivoli Gardens from various points, helicopters dominated the airspace where they protected the ground and restricted the movement of citizens and the Coast Guard prohibited movements by the sea. Criminals in various parts of Kingston and adjoining parish of Saint Catherine locations took the opportunity to perform illegal activities which resulted in the

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death of two policemen. One soldier was killed in Tivoli Gardens.
The security forces have taken total control of Tivoli Gardens and
the search continues for evidence, arms and ammunition. So far
approximately 51 guns and 10600 rounds have been recovered. Social
and rebuilding intervention activities are being planned for the
community.

3. Buccaneer Operations

Buccaneer operations took place in the parishes of Saint James,
Westmorland and Saint Elizabeth. The combined teams destroyed
approximately 33 hectares of green marijuana, 14.6 kilograms of
seeds, 18,200 and 20 units of seedlings and seeds respectively.
Operations throughout Jamaica to include the international
airports, seaports, and packages going through courier services
resulted in the seizure of 1,991 kilograms of cured marijuana,
11.61 kilograms of cocaine. There were no recorded seizures of
crack cocaine.

4. Seizure & Eradication Statistics

Drug Eradication & Seizure

		April 2010	Year
-to-date			
Cocaine, Kilograms	11.6	28.045	
Crack, Kilograms	0	5.224	
Marijuana Growing, Hectares	33.9	207.23	
Marijuana Cured, Kilograms	1991	10846.313	
Seeds, Kilograms	14.6	135.20	
Seedlings, Units	18200	589300	
Ecstasy Tablets, Units	0	10	
Nursery, Units	20	20	
Local Arrests	770	3127	
Foreign Arrests	2	41	

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Sea Ark # 123 continues to do patrols and facilitate the transfer of seamen from station Perdo Cays.

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Neither drugs nor contraband were found.

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Most of the diving equipment used by the Coast Guard is

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6. Jamaica Fugitive Apprehension Team-JFAT

Mark and David Clarke were arrested on April 13 and 22 respectively. Both men were wanted in the US on drug related charges. Paper work is being done to extradite both men. The success of these operations is a result of local law enforcement officers, USMS Jamaican Field Office, the Regional Security Office Kingston

The table below provides a breakdown of JFAT activities:

Month April 2010

New Cases Opened	4
Closed Cases	5
Open/Pending Cases	15
Outstanding Provisional Warrants	10
Arrests	

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Arrest/Deportation/Expulsion to US 0

Extraditions

Formal Extraditions Completed 0

Suspects in Custody Pending Extradition 10

7. Summary- June 2010

Christopher "Dudus" Coke faced the United States courts for drugs and gun charges. The security forces are still in Tivoli Gardens and have identified some places of interest to include shallow graves, torture chambers, and large underground water channels that may have been used as escape routes. American canine handlers with cadaver search dogs and large earth moving equipment are used to increase the pace of the search. The GOJ has announced the second thirty days of a state of emergency in order to give the security more time to rid the streets of illegal weapons. The forensic work and ballistic test to be done on human remains and bullet fragments have begun. Tivoli Gardens has a population of approximately 4,000 households and the utility companies recorded that only 10-13 persons from that population frequently paid their utility bills.

The Government of Jamaica is now faced with the challenge of filling the gap once occupied by Christopher Coke, preventing another creation of an area "Don", change the dependency culture of 4,000 residences to work for a living. This is a major challenge for the Golding led Government who is depending on loans from the International Monetary Fund to maintain balance of payment support.

End of Summary

8. Buccaneer Operations

The Jamaica Defence Force did not provide eradication statistics for May due to other demanding duties. Similarly they have suspended their Buccaneer operations until after the state of emergency and there is restoration of normalcy and public order in Jamaica.

The Jamaica Constabulary Force performed buccaneer operations in three parishes namely: St Catherine, Westmoreland and St. Elizabeth. They destroyed approximately 38 hectares of grown marijuana, 12 kilograms of seeds and 24,000 units of seedlings.

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Operations conducted throughout Jamaica resulted in the seizure of approximately 1,627.35 kilograms of cured marijuana. The amount of Cocaine and crack cocaine seized was 4.67 and 0.145 kilograms respectively. These numbers have been consistent throughout the year.

9. Seizure & Eradication Statistics

Drug Eradication & Seizure

May 2010

Cocaine, Kilograms	4.67
Crack, Kilograms	0.145
Marijuana Growing, Hectares	38
Marijuana Cured, Kilograms	1627.35
Seeds, Kilograms	12.258
Seedlings, Units	24,000
Ecstasy Tablets, Units	0
Nursery, Units	1
Local Arrests	809
Foreign Arrests	10

10. Jamaica Defence Force Coast Guard JDF/CG Activities

The Jamaica Defence Force Coast Guard has been conducting numerous patrols in the harbors and coastlines leading towards the Down Town Kingston area of Western Kingston and its environments. These operations are to protect their troops and to prevent persons of interest from using the water ways to escape the security dragnet.

The JDF CG expanded their diving activities

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contraband nor drugs were found.

Sea Ark vessel # 123 stationed in Cagway, Port Royal did extensive patrols off the East coast of Jamaica to apprehension Haitians attempting to land on Jamaican shores; the transfer of personnel from the Station Pedro Cays and responded to a sailing vessel in

distress. The other serviceable Sea Ark # 136 stationed in Montego Bay conducted operations driven by intelligence and assisted the wardens at the fish sanctuary in Montego Bay.

The Narcotics Affairs section is in the process of replacing and improving

these efforts value approximately USD 90,000.00.

11. Jamaica Fugitive Apprehension Team-JFAT

Two extraditions were done in the month of May; one from Kingston and the other from the Virgin Islands.

Troy Morrell was extradited to Miami, Florida on May 5, 2010, where he was wanted on two counts of armed sexual assault. Morrell has been evading law enforcement since October 2001 but was arrested by the Jamaica Constabulary Force on February 28, 2007. According to information, received, Morrell contested his extradition in hopes that the victim, who was an elderly woman, would have died before he was sent back to the U.S.

On May 12, 2010 Cuthbertson Thomas was extradited from the British Virgin Islands to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Thomas is a citizen of Dominica who was wanted by Virgin Island authorities for attempted 1st degree murder, assault, child abuse, reckless endangerment and use of an unlicensed firearm.

The table below provides a breakdown of JFAT activities:

Month May 2010

New Cases Opened	9
Closed Cases	4
Open/Pending Cases	20

Arrests

Arrest on Provisional Warrants 0

Arrest/Deportation/Expulsion to US 0

Extraditions

Formal Extraditions Completed 1

Suspects in Custody Pending Extradition 7

12. Summary - July 2010

The Jamaican parliament extended the State of Public Emergency until July 22. The affected areas are Kingston and St. Andrew and neighboring parish of St. Catherine. The Jamaica Constabulary Force arrested and interviewed 900 persons of which 300 were detained as persons of interest to law enforcement. Private and public sector have been offering support to the residence of Tivoli Gardens to include jobs for students, healthcare and other basic tools to reshape their lives. US cadaver search were used to assist local law enforcement in the search for bodies buried in shallow graves. One such body was discovered prior to the arrival of the dogs and an alleged torture chamber uncovered. Autopsies have been performed on all the bodies of those killed in the security force operations and the process of collecting forensic evidence

continues. Rear Admiral Hardley Lewin, former Commissioner of Police stated publicly, that when he informed the Minister of National Security, Dwight Nelson, about the extradition of Christopher "Dudus" Coke it was a strange coincidence that within 15 minutes of their conversation Coke was "tipped" off and made a hasty retreat to his Tivoli Gardens enclave. This has started a new controversy as to source of the leaked information with PM Golding looking into taking legal action against his former PC for libel.

End of Summary

13. Buccaneer Operations

Due to the state of emergency and the additional demand for the security forces, only the JCF did Buccaneer operations. From three parishes they destroyed approximately 21 hectares of marijuana plants and 65,000 units of seedlings. During operations and raids

14. Matters of Interest - Law Enforcement Activities

The three civilians and lone policeman arrested in the theft of weapons from the JCF armory have pleaded guilty to illegal procession of firearm and ammunition. In addition the policeman is charged with breaching the Corruption Prevention Act. None of the persons have been granted bail. The arms and ammunition were missing from the Police armory in February 2010.

15. Use of NAS Donated Equipment

Leading up to the arrest of Christopher "Dudus" Coke the print media published artistic images of what Coke may look like sporting clean shaved or a heavily bearded face. These pictures were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] However, when Coke was arrested he was wearing a female wig and an aged pair of eyewear.

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The security forces are using most of the motor vehicles, trucks, small vessels, surveillance, and computer equipment during the state of emergency.

16. Jamaica Fugitive Apprehension Team-JFAT

Mark Walcott was extradited from Barbados to Tampa Florida by USMS personnel assigned to the Florida/Caribbean RFTF. He was wanted by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for sexual assault of a minor. Walcott a Bajan citizen, fled to Barbados when released on bond in August of 2002. Through the combined efforts of the JFFO, FCRFTF, and the RSO Barbados Walcott was located, arrested and extradited to the United States.

The table below provides a breakdown of JFAT activities:

Month June 2010

New Cases Opened

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Closed Cases

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Open/Pending Cases
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Outstanding Provisional Warrants 7

Arrests

Arrest on Provisional Warrants 0

Arrest/Deportation/Expulsion to US 0

Extraditions

Formal Extraditions Completed 1

Suspects in Custody Pending Extradition 7
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Case No. 201106318

Segment ER001

Mr. Mattathias Schwartz

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

In response to your request dated July 25, 2011 under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552), we have initiated searches of the following Department of State record systems: the Central Foreign Policy Records (the principal record system of the Department of State), and the files of the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs.

For the sake of administrative convenience, we divided the search of the Central Foreign Policy Records into two segments, ER001 and ER002. Segment ER001 has been completed and has resulted in the retrieval of 45 documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that three may be released in full and nine may be released with excisions. All released material is enclosed.

A decision on the remaining 33 documents requires intra-agency or interagency coordination: those 33 documents originated in four other government offices, which will review the documents and respond to you directly.

In addition the search of the records of the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs has been completed, resulting in the retrieval of material that may be responsive to your request; that material is currently under review.

An enclosure provides information on Freedom of Information Act exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document.

In some cases, two or more exemptions may apply to the same document. In the case of a document released in part, all non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released.

With respect to material withheld by the Department of State, you have the right to appeal our determination within 60 days. A copy of the appeals procedures is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, you may write to the Office of Information Programs and Services, SA-2, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-8100, or telephone us at (202) 261-8484. Please be sure to refer to the case number shown above in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "for Sheryl L. Walter". To the right of the signature is a small, stylized monogram or set of initials, possibly "SLW".

Sheryl L. Walter, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Withholding specifically authorized under an Executive Order in the interest of national defense or foreign policy, and properly classified.

Executive Order 12958, as amended, classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological or economic matters relating to national security
- 1.4(f) USG programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, projects or plans relating to US national security

- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency.

- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of Title 5), e.g.:

INA	The Immigration and Nationality Act, Title USC Section 1202(f)
CIA	The Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, Title 50 USC Section 403(g)
ARMEX	The Arms Export Control Act, 22 USC 2778
EXPORT	The Export Administration Act of 1979

- (b)(4) Privileged/confidential trade secrets, commercial or financial information from a person.

- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product.

- (b)(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

- (b)(7) Information compiled for law enforcement purposes that would:

- (A) Interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) Deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) Constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) Disclose confidential sources
- (E) Disclose investigation techniques
- (F) Endanger life or physical safety of any individual

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to your FOIA request, excised in accordance with our agreement.

Rules and Regulations

Subpart F – Appeal Procedures

§171.52 Appeal of denial of access to, declassification of, amendment of, accounting of disclosures of, or challenge to classification of records.

- (a) *Right of administrative appeal.* Except for records that have been reviewed and withheld within the past two years or are the subject of litigation, any requester whose request for access to records, declassification of records, amendment of records, accounting of disclosure of records, or any authorized holder of classified information whose classification challenge has been denied, has a right to appeal the denial to the Department's Appeals Review Panel. This appeal right includes the right to appeal the determination by the Department that no records responsive to an access request exist in Department files. Privacy Act appeals may be made only by the individual to whom the records pertain.
- (b) *Form of appeal.* There is no required form for an appeal. However, it is essential that the appeal contain a clear statement of the decision or determination by the Department being appealed. When possible, the appeal should include argumentation and documentation to support the appeal and to contest the bases for denial cited by the Department. The appeal should be sent to: Chairman, Appeals Review Panel, c/o Appeals Officer, A/ISS/IPS/PP/LC, U.S. Department of State, SA-2, Room 8100, Washington, DC 20522-8100.
- (c) *Time limits.* The appeal should be received within 60 days of the date of receipt by the requester of the Department's denial. The time limit for response to an appeal begins to run on the day that the appeal is received. The time limit (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) for agency decision on an administrative appeal is 20 days under the FOIA (which may be extended for up to an additional 10 days in unusual circumstances) and 30 days under the Privacy Act (which the Panel may extend an additional 30 days for good cause shown). The Panel shall decide mandatory declassification review appeals as promptly as possible.
- (d) *Notification to appellant.* The Chairman of the Appeals Review Panel shall notify the appellant in writing of the Panel's decision on the appeal. When the decision is to uphold the denial, the Chairman shall include in his notification the reasons therefore. The appellant shall be advised that the decision of the Panel represents the final decision of the Department and of the right to seek judicial review of the Panel's decision, when applicable. In mandatory declassification review appeals, the Panel shall advise the requester of the right to appeal the decision to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel under §3.5(d) of E.O. 12958.

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XLSUBJECT: JAMAICA: REPUTED INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL OVERLORD IN CUSTODY,
LIKELY TO BE EXTRADITED TO USA

REF: KINGSTON 167 (181846Z JUN 10); KINGSTON 159 (101521Z JUN 10)

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Embassy Kingston; REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

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1.(C) Reputed international criminal overlord Christopher Coke is in custody and will appear before a Resident Magistrate; he is widely expected to waive his right to a formal extradition hearing and to face drugs and weapons trafficking charges in New York. Meanwhile, the limited state-of-emergency which has been in force in Kingston-St. Andrew for the last month has been extended until July 22 and expanded to include all of St. Catherine parish. Serious questions remain concerning the possible use of excessive force by security forces in their May 24 assault on Coke's heavily defended Tivoli Gardens "garrison" community, in which 73 civilians died. Nevertheless, the subsequent reduction in violent crime has brought a palpable sense of relief across Jamaica, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] End Summary and Analysis.

Apprehension while en route to Embassy

2.(C) Jamaican security forces apprehended reputed international criminal overlord Christopher "Dudus" Coke on the afternoon of June 22 at a traffic checkpoint along the Mandela Highway in St. Catherine. Wanted for extradition to the USA to face narcotics and weapons trafficking charges, Coke is believed to have slipped away shortly before security forces stormed his heavily defended Tivoli Gardens "garrison" community in West Kingston on May 24, and had since been the target of a massive manhunt by the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) and Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) (reftels). Disguised and wearing a wig, Coke was arrested in a vehicle accompanied by the influential clergyman Reverend Al Miller, who has served as a conduit for communications with Coke's family in recent days, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Escorted by two other vehicles, Miller was en route from St. Ann to the Embassy with the apparent intention of turning Coke over directly to U.S. authorities; however, when their vehicle was stopped at the checkpoint. The two escorting vehicles sped away, and security forces took Coke to the Spanish Town police station; a helicopter then flew him to a JDF base.

3.(C) [REDACTED] His father Lester "Jim Brown" Coke, who also headed the notorious "Shower Posse" international crime syndicate, died under suspicious circumstances in 1992 while in a JCF jail cell awaiting extradition to the USA.

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He thus is being held under heavy security by the JDF's Military Intelligence Unit (MIU), [REDACTED]

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Extension of State-of-Emergency, Fall-Off in Violent Crime

4.(C) Meanwhile, earlier on June 23, Parliament approved an extension until July 22 of the limited state-of-emergency which has been in force in Kingston-St. Andrew for the last month, and expanded it to include all of St. Catherine parish. PM Bruce Golding explained that "the pressure on the criminal forces in the country, the efforts to recover illegal firearms, is not something that we can afford to slacken in any way. That pressure can be kept up...one month is not sufficient to achieve the results that are required." Opposition People's National Party (PNP) Spokesperson on Security Peter Bunting gave "critical and cautious" support to the extension. Since the state of emergency started: 87 illegal weapons, 14 hand grenades, and 14,000 rounds of ammunition have been found; dozens of suspected gang members have surrendered or been detained; and violent crime has dropped sharply. Serious questions remain concerning the possible use of excessive force by security forces in the assault on Tivoli Gardens, which left 73 civilians dead (reftels). Nevertheless, the subsequent reduction in violent crime has brought a palpable sense of relief across Jamaica,

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 SUBJECT: JAMAICA: GOJ SEEKS USG ASSISTANCE IN ARRESTING "DUDUS,"
 OPPOSITION STILL DEMANDS PM'S RESIGNATION

REF: KINGSTON 107; KINGSTON 61; KINGSTON 43; KINGSTON 93

CLASSIFIED BY: Isiah Parnell, CDA; REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

Summary and Analysis:

1. (SBU) The political resuscitation of Prime Minister (PM) Bruce Golding continued on May 18, as two important private sector groups - the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce (JCC) and the Jamaica Exporters

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Association (JEF) - announced their acceptance of his May 17 mea culpa in the Manatt, Phelps and Phillips (MPP) affair. However, the opposition People's National Party continued to demand the PM's resignation, and staged a walkout in Parliament when it became clear that he would neither speak nor take questions on his role in securing MPP to lobby the USG to rescind the extradition request for Christopher "Dudus" Coke, a West Kingston garrison don with close ties to the ruling Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) wanted on drugs and weapons charges in the U.S. Unable to critique Golding for the substance of his decision to proceed with the extradition request, the PNP has little alternative but to question the PM's motives in reversing himself while continuing to demand a more complete explanation of the MPP affair. However, as the nation awaits what would appear to be an impending assault on Tivoli Gardens, the PNP's concerns appear to be increasingly peripheral. While the Jamaican public has yet to forgive the PM for his dissembling, concerns over the MPP affair appear to have subsided as the nation prepares for a violent confrontation in Tivoli Gardens.

2. (C) Meanwhile, on May 18 Attorney General (AG) Dorothy Lightbourne signed the authority to proceed on the extradition request, a Resident Magistrate's court issued a warrant for Coke's arrest later that day, and all indications are that the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) plans to take Coke into custody within the next several days.

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End summary and analysis.

PNP "Disrespected," Storm Out Of Parliament

3. (SBU) Following his nationally-televised May 17 apology for misleading Parliament in regard to his role in the MPP affair and his abrupt about-face on the Coke extradition request itself (Reftel A), the PM had been expected to address the matters again in Parliament on May 18. However, once the session had been called to order, the PNP's Leader of Government Business, Member of Parliament (MP) Derrick Kellier asked Speaker of the House Delroy Chuck "whether or not the prime minister will be making a statement at any time today?" With the PM sitting at his side, Leader of Government Business, MP Andrew Holness, responded that "the Prime Minister will not be making a statement at any time today." Obviously expecting such a response, the Opposition MPs then immediately rose and exited the chamber, just seven minutes after Chuck had gavelled the House into session. The remaining JLP MPs remained and heard reports from the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Water and Housing.

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4. (SBU) In a hastily arranged press conference outside Parliament, PNP President and former PM Portia Simpson Miller (PSM) explained that the walkout had been necessary because the PM "had shown contempt for the Parliament, having breached its most sacred

traditions." It was "totally unacceptable," PSM insisted, for the PM to maintain that "a broadcast on television is enough to allow the matter to go away without any explanation, and giving us any opportunity to ask questions and to get answers." PSM assured reporters that the Opposition still planned to introduce a no confidence motion against the GOJ in the next sitting of Parliament on May 25.

5. (SBU) PNP MP and former Minister of National Security Peter Phillips, who had initially revealed the MPP affair while questioning the PM in Parliament on March 16 (Reftel B), expressed incredulity at the PM's sudden and unexpected decision to proceed with the extradition request, wondering how Golding's "principles are so easily adjusted." Given that the GOJ has for months insisted that the extradition request was based on wiretap evidence shared illegally with USG authorities - indeed, Golding once implied that he would have demanded the AG's resignation had she signed the authority to proceed (Reftel C) - Expressing fears over the "apparent descent into mob rule," Phillips wondered how "if it was a matter for which he was prepared to die politically for Mr. Coke a few days ago, it seems he has yielded on that fundamental principle...and is simply willing to abandon it now when the voice of Jamaica has been heard." Phillips worried that the PM's past intransigence on the extradition request "has the potential of prejudicing the court proceedings" by raising questions regarding the legality of the evidence against Coke. "Whether by design or whether by chance," Phillips alleged, "what he has done is prepared the case for Mr. Coke, for the defense, which could contribute to further delay."

Tavares-Finson Steps Down As Coke's Attorney

6. (SBU) On May 18, soon after AG Lightbourne signed the authority to proceed and an arrest warrant was issued, JLP Senator Tom Tavares-Finson announced that he would be stepping aside as Coke's attorney "in order to avoid conflict of interest." Tavares-Finson has publicly defended the Tivoli Gardens "don" as a legitimate businessman who had been unfairly accused and has been widely perceived as representing Coke's legal interests, most recently following the PM's May 18 televised address when he'd promised to "challenge" Coke's extradition in court. However, Tavares-Finson had reportedly denied any such relationship when the GOJ attempted to serve process on Coke to appear as a defendant in a Supreme Court hearing regarding the scope of the AG's authority under Jamaica's Extradition Act (Reftel D). In his statement,

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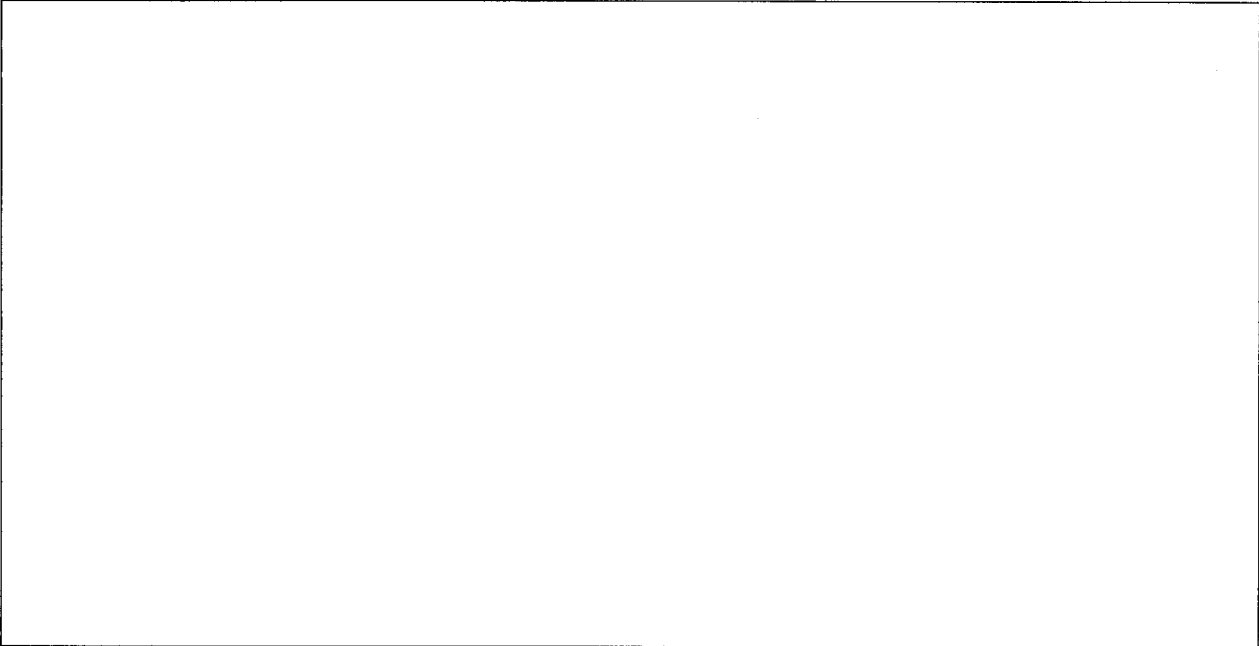
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Lavares-rinon announced that attorneys ~~SECRET~~ Jacqueline Samuels-Brown and Paul Beswick would take over representing Coke's legal interests. Media reports on May 19 indicated that Coke's attorneys would soon meet with the JCF to discuss how to proceed given that a warrant had been issued for Coke's arrest.

GOJ Prepares For Assault On Tivoli Gardens

7. (S) Meanwhile, the GOJ continues to prepare for an assault on Coke's stronghold in Tivoli Gardens if the "don" fails to turn himself in willingly. Kingston remains calm, but tense and expectant. There have been isolated firebombing incidents, including the automobile of PNP youth activist Lawman Lynch and a failed attempt on the constituency office of JLP MP Joseph Hibbert. Some downtown businesses and schools remain closed and the streets into Tivoli Gardens have all been barricaded in anticipation of an impending assault. An increased JCF presence on the streets of the capital city is evident. Sources indicate that the JLP has ordered all of its elected officials, from MPs down to local parish

councilmen, to meet in Kingston on May 20, presumably to brief them on what is to come. A GOJ assault on Tivoli Gardens in 2001 resulted in 27 fatalities.



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Private Sector Groups Accept Golding's Apology

9. (SBU) The JCC commended Golding for his May 18 apology, but maintained its call for "full disclosure surrounding the events of the Manatt, Phelps and Phillips matter," and urged the PM to "speak

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to that issue as soon as possession of all the information makes
that possible." However, in his May 19 press conference, JCC
President Milton Samuda declined to set a timetable for such
disclosures, recognizing that "there may be other things the prime
minister will want to put his hands around before he speaks to the
issue of full disclosure, but we do expect that in due course he
will speak about [the MPP affair] in a fulsome manner." Similarly,
the JEA welcomed the PM's "acceptance of responsibility,
unconditional apology, and renewed commitment to tackle crime,
corruption and constitutional reform, but stressed that "we will
only be satisfied when the noble words are matched with
demonstrable and timely action."

Conclusion and Analysis:

10. (SBU) The PNP appear to have been taken off-guard by the PM's
unexpected decision to agree to the USG's extradition request and
have floundered in formulating a coherent and consistent response.
Having for months criticized Golding and the GOJ for failing to
approve the request, the PNP cannot easily pivot and condemn the PM
for doing what they've called on him to do for months - extradite
Coke to the United States. Unable to critique Golding for the
substance of his decision, the PNP has little alternative but to
question the PM's motives in reversing himself while continuing to
demand a more complete explanation of the MPP affair. However, as
the nation awaits what would appear to be an impending assault on
Tivoli Gardens, the PNP's concerns appear to be increasingly
peripheral. While the Jamaican public has yet to forgive the PM
for his dissembling, concerns over the MPP affair appear to have
subsided as the nation prepares for a violent confrontation in
Tivoli Gardens.
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SUBJECT: JAMAICA: GOJ PLANS MILITARY ASSAULT ON TIVOLI GARDENS TO

ARREST "DUDUS;" PM BRIEFS CDA

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1. (S) [redacted] the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) and the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) for a massive military-style assault in coming days on Tivoli Gardens, the West Kingston garrison community run by Christopher "Dudus" Coke, the politically-connected criminal "don" who is subject of a controversial U.S. extradition request.
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[redacted] As planning for the assault continues, the GOJ assured CDA that the diplomatic community would be kept apprised of security arrangements. End summary.

GOJ Requests USG Military Assistance To Arrest Coke

2. (S) [redacted] the Government of Jamaica (GOJ)'s plans for the arrest of Christopher "Dudus" Coke. Coke, who was indicted on drugs and weapons charges in the Southern District of New York in July 2009, has been the subject of a long-running extradition dispute between the GOJ and the USG that has roiled Jamaican politics in recent months (Reftel A). After the PM's May 11 admission in Parliament that he had authorized backchannel negotiations with the USG through the U.S. law firm Manatt, Phelps and Phillips (MPP) resulted in calls for his resignation from civil society groups and the opposition People's National Party (PNP), Golding apologized on May 17 and announced that the GOJ would proceed with the arrest and extradition of Coke (Reftel B). Since then, as Coke's attorneys have challenged his arrest warrant in court, the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) and the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) have begun preparations for an armed assault on Coke's heavily-fortified Tivoli Gardens garrison community in West Kingston (Reftel C).
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3. (S) In the May 19 meeting, [redacted]
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4. (S) CDA responded

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CDA Urges GOJ To Liaise With Diplomatic Community

6. (S) [redacted] responsibility to ensure the safety of American residents and tourists in Jamaica and asked that all appropriate steps be taken to advise the Embassy of any impending action that might endanger American citizens or affect Embassy security and operations. [redacted] would schedule a briefing for the entire diplomatic community to update them on security arrangements.

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Comment:

8. (S) The situation in the Tivoli area remains tense as both sides prepare for a final showdown. Makeshift barricades, riddled with propane tanks and electrified barbed wire and festooned with signs reading "Leave Dudus Alone," have gone up at strategic entrances into Tivoli Gardens, and on May 19 an armored JCF vehicle was fired upon while attempting to remove a barricade.

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RESIGNS OVER MANATT SCANDAL, GOJ CONTINUES TO PREPARE FOR TIVOLI
ASSAULT

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Summary:

1. (SBU) Thousands marched in downtown Kingston on May 20 in support of Christopher "Dudus" Coke, the West Kingston "don" indicted on drugs and weapons charges in the U.S., as the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) continued to prepare for a military assault against Coke's Tivoli Gardens garrison (RefTel A). Meanwhile, the political fallout from the Manatt, Phelps and Phillips (MPP) affair, in which elements within the ruling Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) retained the U.S. law firm to lobby the USG to rescind the USG's extradition request for Coke, continued on May 20, as Ronald Robinson, JLP Senator and state minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (MFAFT), announced his resignation, acknowledging that his "contact with the firm could have been perceived as inappropriate." Finally, on the morning of May 21, after the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) issued a public appeal to the garrison "don" to surrender peacefully, Coke's attorney filed motions in Resident Magistrate's Court challenging the constitutionality of the extradition request and seeking a stay of his arrest warrant. End summary.

"Don't Take Dudus"

2. (SBU) The peaceful demonstration in support of "Dudus," consisting mainly of women and children, began at the JCF police station in Denham Town in West Kingston on the morning of May 20, then snaked through the downtown business district and past the offices of the Gleaner newspaper before JCF forces turned it away from Gordon House, Jamaica's Parliament building. The participants, most of whom wore white, carried signs and placards imploring the GOJ to "Leave Dudus Alone" and expressing their willingness to die in defense of the "don." Countering JCF allegations and media reports that Tivoli Gardens residents were being used as "human shields" and that cell phones had been confiscated, demonstrators insisted that Coke was a "nice and peaceful person" who had brought order and discipline to the West Kingston community. "Because of him," one demonstrator noted, "people can walk without fear."

3. (C) On May 20, JCF reports in the media suggested that Coke's organization had stockpiled gasoline in Tivoli Gardens and had amassed a sizeable arsenal, including several 50 caliber Grizzly Big Boar rifles. JDF and JCF sources also indicated that Coke's arsenal included rocket propelled grenades (RPGs) and other weaponry.

GOJ Briefs Diplomatic Corps

4. (C) On the morning of May 21, Foreign Minister (FM) Kenneth

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Baugh and JCF Commissioner Owen Ellington briefed members of the diplomatic corps at the MFAFT on the latest developments. The FM expressed his appreciation to CDA and the U.S. Embassy for their accessibility and emphasized that the GOJ was fully committed to meeting its obligations under the Extradition Treaty while guaranteeing the rights and interests of its citizens. Baugh urged the diplomatic corps to desist from issuing travel advisories that might adversely impact tourism, trade, and investment in Jamaica, adding that media reports on developments in Tivoli Gardens have been exaggerated, perhaps purposefully so by Coke's allies. The JCF is confident that they and the JDF can control the situation, the FM continued, while noting that negotiations to bring about a peaceful end to the confrontation were ongoing. Baugh concluded by noting that Coke's attorneys believe that he has a strong legal case to prevent the extradition from going through.

5. (C) Ellington noted that, with the issuance of Coke's arrest warrant on May 18, the situation had become a law enforcement issue. The JCF is in negotiations with Coke's attorneys to facilitate a surrender, Ellington said, and would issue a public appeal for Coke to surrender before moving into an operational phase to effect his capture (NOTE: Sources have advised law enforcement officers at Post that Coke would have 48 hours after the issuance of such an appeal before the military assault on Tivoli Gardens began. End Note). Ellington confirmed that criminals from other parts of the island have converged on West Kingston to take part in the defense of Tivoli Gardens, a development which inadvertently has contributed to stability elsewhere in Jamaica. There had been no threats to foreigners or foreign interests, Ellington emphasized, and he assured the diplomatic corps that Norman Manley International Airport would remain open. Ellington concluded by noting the JCF's commitment to finding a peaceful resolution to the crisis and assured the diplomatic corps that Coke's safety and well-being would be paramount once he is taken into custody.

Robinson Takes The Fall

6. (SBU) The MPP affair first came to light on March 16, when Opposition People's National Party (PNP) Member of Parliament (MP) and former Minister of National Security Peter Phillips confronted Prime Minister (PM) Bruce Golding with the allegation in Parliament (Reftel B). Although he initially denied that the GOJ had any relationship with MPP, JLP General Secretary Karl Samuda later admitted that elements within the JLP had retained the firm's services to lobby the USG to rescind the Coke extradition request (Reftel C), and on May 11 the PM admitted in Parliament that he had sanctioned the overture (Reftel D). On May 17, the PM announced in a nationally-televised address that he would not resign over the affair and that Attorney General Dorothy Lightbourne would sign the

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7. (SBU) In its filings under the Foreign Agent Registration Act, MPP has insisted that it was representing the GOJ in its lobbying efforts, although Golding insists that this was never the case. In his April 28 report on the MPP affair, Samuda admitted that Robinson had had a "brief social encounter" with MPP representatives in Washington on November 20, 2009. In his May 17

statement, however, Golding admitted that Robinson had engaged in "substantive" discussions with MPP representatives, which the PM implied may have led MPP to believe that they were representing the GOJ and not the JLP. In his May 20 letter of resignation, Robinson cited family concerns but admitted to having met with MPP representatives on at least two occasions, on November 19 and 20, 2009, noting that "my contact with the firm could have been perceived as inappropriate, and for that I accept responsibility." One of those meetings purportedly occurred at the official residence of then-GOJ Ambassador to the U.S., Anthony Johnson.

8. (SBU) Robinson's resignation failed to silence the PNP, which continues to call for the PM's resignation and a thorough investigation of the MPP affair. Noting that Robinson's resignation letter contradicted elements of the PM's May 11 statement to Parliament, Anthony Hylton, PNP MP and spokesman for foreign affairs, noted that, under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, an Ambassador's residence is considered to be an official facility. As such, "the revelation that such a meeting occurred at the official residence between the minister of state and/or the then-Ambassador would, beyond a shadow of a doubt, provide the authority to bind the Government to any agreement with Manatt, Phelps and Phillips," Hylton maintained.

The Wheels Of Justice Grind On...

9. (SBU) Meanwhile, Coke's latest attorney, Don Foote, filed a motion in Jamaica's Resident Magistrate's Court seeking a stay of the arrest warrant issued on May 18. Foote also filed motions challenging the AG's signing of the authority to proceed on the extradition request on the grounds that the evidence on which the request is based was shared with the USG illegally. (NOTE: This was the position of the GOJ for several months before the PM abruptly changed course and announced on May 17 that he would accede to the extradition request. Phillips and the PNP have raised concerns that such utterances by the PM and AG might "prejudice" the case against Coke and lead the Supreme Court to dismiss the extradition request. Reftel F. End Note).

10. (C) Post has learned that Solicitor General Douglas Leys has been named as a defendant and was served notice to appear in court

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On the afternoon of May 21, while Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Paula Llewellyn also has been named as a defendant, but has not yet been served. Llewellyn advises Post that the court is likely to issue a stay for Coke's arrest warrant until it can reconvene for a full hearing on Tuesday, May 25 at the earliest. The DPP speculated that Foote, and perhaps Leys, might request a delay of weeks or even months to prepare their arguments, although Llewellyn indicated that she would ask that the court reconvene as quickly as practicable. A stay would remove any legal justification for a military assault on Tivoli Gardens for as long as it remained in effect.

11. (C) In a meeting at the Embassy on May 20, Foote told the CDA that Coke might be willing to surrender peaceably if he could receive guarantees that he would be incarcerated at a JDF, rather than a JCF, facility while he fought extradition proceedings in

court. (NOTE: Coke's

father, Jim Brown, died under mysterious circumstances in 1992 while in a JCF jail cell awaiting extradition to the U.S. In fact, Foote was Brown's attorney during those extradition proceedings as well. End Note). However, Foote advised that Coke would not be willing to surrender himself and waive extradition proceedings to face charges in the U.S. CDA promised to relay Foote's offer to the GOJ.

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Conclusion and Analysis:

12. (C) The situation in West Kingston remains tense as Jamaica heads into a three-day weekend, and the GOJ appears very sensitive to the prospect of travel advisories and how media reporting of the crisis might affect tourism and investment. Entrances to Tivoli Gardens remain barricaded with pallets, burned-out automobiles, large appliances, tires, and barbed wire. GOJ sources suggest that the JDF will lead an assault on Tivoli Gardens, with the JCF playing a supporting role. There have been conflicting reports as to when such an assault might begin. On the morning of May 21, the JCF issued a public appeal to Coke to surrender peacefully; given that GOJ sources have indicated to CDA that Coke would be given 48 hours to surrender himself before a military assault would begin, this would suggest that the attack on Tivoli Gardens might begin as early as Sunday, May 23. However, the PM told CDA on May 19 that an attack would not take place over the weekend, perhaps to allow the Supreme Court to consider motions filed on Coke's behalf. If the Supreme Court does indeed issue a stay for Coke's arrest warrant until May 25, a JDF/JCF assault in order to take Coke into custody would have no legal foundation, although military sources confirm to Post that units will initiate the assault on Tivoli Gardens if they are fired upon. End conclusion and analysis.
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 "GARRISON" COMMUNITY OF TIVOLI GARDENS

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1.(SBU) Chief Justice Zalia McCalla denied an application for a stay of execution of the arrest warrant for Christopher "Dudas" Coke on May 21, thus giving a "green light" for the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) and Jamaica Defence Force (JCF) to attempt an apprehension of the powerful "don," who is sought to face

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extradition to the USA on drugs and weapons trafficking charges, and who is believed to be ensconced in the heavily barricaded and defended "garrison" community of Tivoli Gardens in downtown Kingston. McCalla set a date of May 31 for the Court to consider an application by Coke's attorneys to go to the Judicial Review Court to challenge the Minister of Justice's decision to sign the authorization to proceed with the arrest.

2.(C) The atmosphere in Kingston remains tense. Prime Minister (PM) Bruce Golding, the Member of Parliament (MP) representing the West Kingston district in which Coke's Tivoli Gardens enclave is located, has appealed for calm. Commissioner of Police Owen Ellington has called publicly for Coke to surrender peaceably. The JCF and JDF continue preparations for an impending assault on the Tivoli Gardens stronghold, which almost certainly would entail heavy casualties. (Note: In 2001, when the police last attempted to enter Tivoli Gardens in force, 28 persons were killed and many more wounded. End Note.)

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Analysis: High Noon Approaches

3.(C) Coke's attorneys Don Foote and Paul Beswick have indicated that their client might be willing to surrender providing he would be held in custody by the JDF rather than the JCF, and would be allowed to contest extradition to the USA using all available legal avenues. (Note: Coke's father Jim Brown, overlord of the notorious "Shower Posse" international crime syndicate, died under mysterious circumstances in 1992 while in a JCF jail cell awaiting extradition to the USA. End Note.) Obviously, McCalla's denial of the stay of execution of the arrest warrant, and the prospect of an impending assault on Tivoli Gardens entailing heavy casualties, lend fresh impetus to possible GoJ negotiations with Foote and Beswick.

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 2020/06/10
 TAGS: CJAN, PINS, SNAR, PREL, PGOV, ASEC, SOCI, PINR, KCRM, KCOR, JM
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 SUBJECT: JAMAICA / COKE EXTRADITION CASE: SUPREME COURT REFUSES
 APPLICATION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW; MANHUNT CONTINUES

REF: KINGSTON 153 (041944Z JUN 10); KINGSTON 121 (222228Z MAY 10)
 KINGSTON 119 (212039Z MAY 10)

CLASSIFIED BY: Lloyd W. Moss, Pol-Econ Counselor, State, Kingston;
 REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

1.(SBU) Chief Justice Zaila McCalla has refused two applications
 filed by attorneys representing Christopher "Dudus" Coke, who is
 wanted for extradition proceedings to face drug and weapons
 trafficking charges in the USA (reftels). Coke is believed to have

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led the heavily defended "garrison" stronghold of Tivoli Gardens
prior to the all-out assault by Jamaican security forces of May 24,
and remains at large. In a 22-page ruling issued on June 9,
McCalla denied:

(A) an injunction seeking a stay of the arrest warrant issued for
Coke issued on May 18;

(B) an application for leave to seek a review by the Judicial
Review Court of Minister of Justice Dorothy Lightbourne's decision
to issue an authority to proceed on the extradition request, noting
that "there are alternative remedies available to him under the
Extradition Act."

Coke's attorney Don Foote reportedly has said that McCalla's ruling
will be appealed. (Post will forward a copy of the ruling to
WHA/CAR and L/LEI via e-mail.)

Analysis: the Manhunt Continues

2.(C) The Chief Justice's ruling gives the security forces free
rein to continue the ongoing manhunt for Coke. In the aftermath of
the civil unrest and carnage of recent weeks, which have left 73
civilians and 3 officers dead, 500 persons detained, major damage
to West Kingston, and a state-of-emergency in force in Kingston-St.
Andrew until June 21, and with Coke still at large, Prime Minister
(PM) Bruce Golding

[redacted] has
survived a "no-confidence" vote in Parliament and appears likely to
remain in office. [redacted]

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SUBJECT: JAMAICA: SUPREME COURT TO RULE ON EXTRADITION OF CHRISTOPHER
"DUDAS" COKE

REF: KINGSTON 119 (212039Z MAY 10); KINGSTON 121 (222228Z MAY 10)
KINGSTON 151 (021818Z JUN 10); KINGSTON 682 (242332Z MAY 10)

CLASSIFIED BY: Lloyd W. Moss, Pol-Econ Counselor, State, Kingston;
REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

1.(SBU) Chief Justice Zaila McCalla is expected to rule in coming days on the applications filed on May 21 (reftels A,B) by attorneys for Christopher "Dudas" Coke, who is wanted for extradition proceedings to face drug and weapons trafficking charges in the

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USA. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Coke is believed to have fled the heavily defended "garrison"
stronghold of Tivoli Gardens prior to the all-out assault by
Jamaican security forces on May 24 (reftel D), and remains at
large. McCalla still must rule on applications by Coke's
attorneys:

(A) seeking a stay of the arrest warrant issued for Coke on May 18;

(B) seeking leave to go before the Judicial Review Court to
challenge Minister of Justice Dorothy Lightbourne's signature of
the authorization to proceed with Coke's arrest, on the grounds
that his extradition would be unconstitutional.

Analysis: a Nation Weary of Organized Crime and Violence

2.(C) A ruling by McCalla granting either of the two applications
would be a further blow to beleaguered Prime Minister (PM) Bruce
Golding [redacted] Per reftel (C), the PM survived a
no-confidence vote in Parliament along party lines on June 1. If,
after the civil unrest and carnage of recent days -- 73 civilians
and 3 officers killed, 500 persons detained, major damage to West
Kingston, and a state-of-emergency in force for Kingston-St. Andrew
until June 21 - the Supreme Court now rules that Coke's arrest
would be unconstitutional, then widespread calls for Golding's
resignation may resume. [redacted]

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 SUBJECT: JAMAICA: THINGS GO BETTER WITHOUT COKE -- BUT WILL THE
 CAMPAIGN AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME BE SUSTAINED?

REF: KINGSTON 173 (231753Z JUN 10); KINGSTON 167 (181846Z JUN 10)
 KINGSTON 159 (101521Z JUN 10); KINGSTON 155 (071639Z JUN 10)
 KINGSTON 151 (021818Z JUN 10)

CLASSIFIED BY: Lloyd W. Moss, Political-Economic Counselor, State,
 Embassy Kingston; REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

Summary and Analysis

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Since May 24, the GoJ has enforced a limited state-of-emergency in Kingston-St. Andrew and Spanish Town-St. Catherine. Scores of wanted or suspected gang members have been captured or have turned themselves in; hundreds of illegal weapons and ammunition have been confiscated. Violent crime has fallen sharply, particularly in the rougher areas of West Kingston and Spanish Town. A palpable sense of relief has swept the country.

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End Summary and Analysis.

Turbulent Times

2. (C) Christopher "Dudus" Coke, reputed overlord of the notorious "Shower Posse" international crime syndicate, was extradited to the USA on June 24 to face charges of conspiracy to traffic drugs and weapons (reftels). He had fled his heavily defended "garrison" community stronghold of Tivoli Gardens in West Kingston shortly before the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) launched an all-out assault on May 24, leaving 73 civilians and three security officers dead. He had eluded police until his capture at a traffic check-point on June 22 (reftel A). Since May 24, the Government of Jamaica (GoJ) has enforced a limited state-of-emergency in Kingston-St. Andrew and Spanish Town-St. Catherine. Scores of wanted or suspected gang members have been captured or have turned themselves in; hundreds of illegal weapons and ammunition have been confiscated. Violent crime has dropped sharply, particularly in the rougher areas of West Kingston and Spanish Town. A palpable sense of relief has swept the country.

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(Note: In most cases where "the head" of criminal organizations is removed, a "shake out" period ensues during which the rank and file have some internal growing pains as the organization remobilizes and reasserts. End Note.)

Campaign Against the Gangs: Preliminary Signs Encouraging, but a Long Road Ahead

3. (C) PM Golding, Minister of National Security Dwight Nelson, and Commissioner of Police Owen Ellington repeatedly have emphasized

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publicly their intention to break the back of organized crime in Jamaica without partisan political bias. Certainly, the PM's decision to extradite Coke, whose Tivoli Gardens "garrison" is part of Golding's West Kingston constituency and who for years had been closely aligned with prominent members and supporters of the ruling Jamaica Labour Party (JLP), was a significant first step in the

direction of a non-partisan dismantling of organized crime.

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the preliminary signs have been encouraging, with the security forces conducting surgical strikes and making arrests in Spanish Town, Portmore, and upscale neighborhoods of Kingston.

Political Parties Proclaim Break with Organized Crime

4.(C) The opposition People's National Party (PNP) has "cautiously" supported Golding's extension of the state-of-emergency (reftel A), and on June 29 issued a news release claiming that its integrity commission will emphasize party financing, financial reporting, and a new code of ethics. On the same day, JLP General Secretary and Cabinet Minister Karl Samuda claimed publicly to have told "area leaders" (i.e., gang leaders) in his North Central St. Andrew constituency that he does not want their help in election campaigns even if it cost him his seat in Parliament. Samuda said: "Gone are the days when persons engaged in gangsterism and donmanship can seek to find political affiliation with the Party we represent as the government. There is no safe haven in the Jamaica Labour Party for persons engaged in crime and violence and who lead gangs. Those days are over..."

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On June 30, armed robbers occupied Samuda's home for two hours, threatened his family, and stole cash and a shotgun; however, it is not certain that this was in response to his remarks of the previous day. For his part, Samuda claimed the robbery would only redouble his determination to support PM Golding's campaign against organized crime.

A Campaign Long Delayed

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E.O. 13526: DECL: 2020/11/10

TAGS: PREL, SOCI, KCRM, PHUM, PGOV, KCOR, EAID, XL, JM

SUBJECT: Jamaica: Public Defender Investigation of Extrajudicial Killings

REF: A) 10 KINGSTON 1360;

CLASSIFIED BY: Bianca Collins, Political Officer, Department of State, Pol/Econ Section; REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

Summary:

1. (SBU) On October 22, 2010, Poloff met with Jamaica's Public Defender (PD) Earl Witter, to discuss the role of the PD's office in protecting the constitutional rights of Jamaicans. Witter described the challenges that the PD faces in investigating the deaths of 37 of the 73 civilians killed during the incursion by security forces into Tivoli Gardens in May 2010. Witter said that he was disappointed by the limited remit for the commission of inquiry into the handling of the Coke extradition (reftel) (the commission's terms of reference only focus on policies leading up to the incursion and do not cover the actions of security forces in Tivoli Gardens). Witter also commented on the culture of violence that plagues Jamaica. End Summary.

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Office of the Public Defender

2. (SBU) The Public Defender, appointed by the Prime Minister and the Opposition Leader, investigates complaints brought by members of the public against the state. The PD seeks redress for constitutional and administrative injustices. Attorney-at-law, Earl Witter, in 2006 became Jamaica's second Public Defender under the 2001 Public Defender Act. The office has 4 full-time investigators along with a support staff. If the PD substantiates a complaint, it informs the complainant and the principal officer of the involved agency. The PD then recommends that the agency takes remedial action within a specified time period. The PD also can advise a complainant to institute legal proceedings in a court of law.

Challenges of the PD Office

3. (SBU) One of the most difficult challenges for the PD office is its lack of resources and growing caseload. The PD has nation-wide jurisdiction, but only 4 investigators. In 2008, 1,043 complaints were received but only 469 were closed. The 2009 statistics are yet to be released, but Witter estimated that the caseload has definitely increased to over 2,000 open cases. Witter explained that the increase in caseload might be attributed to his success in previous cases as more individuals became aware of their rights and possibilities to engage the PD. He explained that most cases were administrative and did not involve well-publicized police killings of civilians. Witter cited examples such as citizens' complaints against the Ministry of Finance for non-receipt of pensions. Describing the office's antiquated procedures, Witter observed that his staff needed to spend hours looking through files in a dank basement in order to investigate such complaints.

4. (SBU) The PD's current open caseload includes investigations of 81 shootings by security forces. Thirty-seven of the shootings involve last May's incursion into Tivoli Gardens by security forces pursuing gunmen loyal to Tivoli Gardens don Christopher "Dudus" Coke. Working with assistance provided by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and USAID, Witter said that the preliminary investigation was nearly complete. However, he was still awaiting an investigation and report from the ballistic and firearm examiners provided by international donors. The PD office has used the assistance to engage 16 additional investigators and a ballistic and firearm examiner. Witter described the assistance as "critical." At the moment, the Coroner's Court had a backlog of over 2,000 cases with only three full-time examiners jostling for one piece of critical equipment. "Even if they [were to] have a full staff of 6 examiners, it would take them 18 months to complete their own backlog." Witter explained, that international

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Expanding the Commission of Enquiry

7. (SBU) Witter was pleased that Prime Minister Bruce Golding appointed a commission to investigate the handling of the Coke extradition (reftel), but believed that the terms of reference for the commission were too narrow. Witter was disappointed that the Prime Minister did not consult the opposition PNP in selecting the commissioners and in drafting the terms of reference. The terms of reference direct the commission to enquire into the manner and procedure in which the GOJ handled the extradition request and the role of public officials who handled the request; the circumstances under which the services of Manatt, Phelps & Philips were engaged; and whether there was any misconduct on the part of any person in any of these matters.

8. (SBU) Witter declared that he was writing the Prime Minister to express the need for additional and/or expanded terms of reference (or possibly another commission of enquiry) to investigate the actions of security forces during the incursion into Tivoli Garden. "The two go hand-in-hand, why not have the commission look into the actions of the security forces after the extradition request was signed," Witter explained. He noted that even if the terms of reference were to be expanded to include the incursion into Tivoli Gardens, the report's due date of February 28 would not permit sufficient time for the PD's office to complete the firearm and

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 ballistic testing that are an integral part of the investigation results that would need to be presented to the commission. "All of these things are linked and need to be looked into if we're ever going to find out the truth of what happened," Witter stressed.

Culture of Killing

9. (SBU) In discussing the numerous police shootings and extrajudicial killings being investigated, Witter cited lack of proper supervision rather than training as the major factor. The JCF's training academy already uses a curriculum that stresses respect for citizens and human rights with regard to the use of force, but according to Witter, when the training ends, the new constable is surrounded by a culture (engendered by supervisors) that encourages use of deadly force followed by cover-ups. According to Witter, the JCF already has use of force and firearm guidelines that reflect principles laid out in the "United Nations Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials." Witter explained that the Commissioner and others in command should be more diligent in enforcing the policy.

10. (SBU) Witter pointed out that JCF officers are trained in sharpshooting skills whose objectives are to maim, disarm and arrest rather than kill. Numerous reports of shootouts, however, show deaths rather than injuries and arrest of suspects. Witter also pointed out as "ridiculous" the common practice of trying to pin many unsolved murders on a suspect that the police had killed. "If there is greater supervision of men on the front lines, there would be greater restraint, and fewer killing which would favorably impact the culture of killing that is pervasive in our society," Witter observed.

Comment

11. (SBU) Despite the PD's lack of resources and large backlog, Earl Witter has drawn media attention to the high number of killings by security forces and thereby put pressure on the GOJ, the JCF and the JDF to investigate. He faces an uphill battle, however, in the form of resistance and delays. His report on Tivoli Gardens is eagerly awaited in the human rights community (if not in the JCF or JDF). NGO Jamaicans for Justice Chairman David Silvera credits Mr. Witter for being more vocal than any PD in the past, however noting that this has not resulted in more action stating, "his investigation into Tivoli Gardens will be his first big test". Poloff will meet with officials from the JCF in the coming weeks to get their perspective on concerns about police shootings of civilians in general and last May's incursion into Tivoli Gardens in particular.

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SUBJECT: JAMAICA: SECURITY FORCES ASSAULT TIVOLI GARDENS STRONGHOLD;
CIVIL UNREST AND STATE OF EMERGENCY IN KINGSTON

REF: KINGSTON 121 (222228Z MAY 10) (NOTAL)

KINGSTON 123 (232354Z MAY 10) (NOTAL)

Summary

1. Security forces continue their all-out assault against the heavily-defended "garrison" community of a reputed criminal overlord wanted for extradition to the USA, while violent civil unrest has escalated in several parts of metropolitan Kingston.

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Assault on Tivoli Gardens Stronghold

2. Following two days of civil unrest and gang-related violence in several parts of the metropolitan Kingston area, at midday on May 24 the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) launched an all-out assault on the heavily-defended Tivoli Gardens "garrison" stronghold controlled by Christopher "Dudas" Coke, the alleged overlord of the "Shower Posse" international crime syndicate who is wanted to face extradition to the USA on drugs and weapons trafficking charges (reftel A). The JDF fired mortars and then used bulldozers to break through heavy barricades which Coke's supporters had erected to block entry to the fortified enclave. As of 6:00 p.m. May 24, heavy fighting continued within Tivoli Gardens, and a fire was burning out of control in the adjacent Coronation Market. The JDF plans to continue operations through the night. Large numbers of women and children have fled the area. While casualty figures are not yet available, at least six JCF/JDF officers are known to have been killed in recent days, and many more wounded; the numbers of gang members and civilians killed or wounded are not yet known.

Civil Unrest, State of Emergency

3. Elsewhere in the metropolitan area, armed gangs attacked police stations, overturned vehicles, and erected roadblocks. The Hannah Town Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) station was destroyed by fire, and the police were pinned down by gunfire at their Denham Town station. Armed gang members also surrounded and threatened to overrun the central police compound and central lock-up. In response to the escalating civil unrest, Prime Minister (PM) Bruce Golding declared a limited state of emergency, which took effect at 6:00 p.m. on May 23 and is expected to last a month. In a televised address to the nation on the evening of May 23, Golding said that civil liberties would be suspended in the Kingston/At. Andrew area, and that police would exercise sweeping powers of arrest and detention for indefinite periods. However, the PM also encouraged law-abiding citizens to go about their business as usual, and said that schools would re-open as scheduled on May 25 (following the May 24 public holiday); nevertheless, on the evening of May 24, the Government announced that a number of schools in areas affected by unrest would remain closed. Thus far, the parts of Kingston which have seen violence in recent days include Tivoli Gardens, Denham Town, Hannah Town, Grant's Pen, and Mountain View. Elsewhere in Jamaica, Spanish Town has seen gang-related violence and shootings, while Montego Bay, Ocho Rios, and other areas on the North Coast have remained calm. (Note: the Embassy compound and housing are not located in areas which thus far have been affected

Hospitals Stretched Seriously Thin; Possible Threat to Media House

4. Post has confirmed that Coke's supporters have taken control of the Kingston Public Hospital (KPH), which is treating 14 gunshot victims, and has only one overworked surgeon. The University of the West Indies (UWI) Hospital has treated 21 gunshot victims; of the six who have died, five were civilians and one a JDF member. Minister of National Security Dwight Nelson has alerted Andrews Hospital to expect wounded for treatment. The National Blood Transfusion Service (Blood Bank) is appealing to members of the public to donate blood to meet expected demand with the intensification of violence in downtown Kingston. The Government has activated an Emergency Operations Centre to help coordinate the response of the health sector, including hospital security. Unconfirmed reports indicate that the RJR media group, which has reported extensively on the civil unrest, has been threatened by criminal gangs.

Airlines Cancel May 24 - 25 Flights to/from Kingston

5. American Airlines and Air Jamaica have cancelled flights to/from Kingston on the evening of May 24 and morning of May 25. British Airways' May 24 flight to Kingston was diverted to Montego Bay. Use of one of the two main routes to Kingston's Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA), along Mountain View Avenue, is normally discouraged because of security concerns. On May 24, roadblocks and fighting temporarily closed the other route, along South Camp Road. Post understands that uncertainties regarding the availability of South Camp Road to passengers, crew, and airport workers were a major factor in the airlines' cancellations of flights.

6. Post's Emergency Action Committee (EAC) met on the afternoon of May 24, and will reconvene on the morning of May 25 to review developments overnight. Results of May 24 EAC will be reported septel.
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 SUBJECT: JAMAICA: "MOPPING-UP" TIVOLI GARDENS "GARRISON" COMMUNITY;
 CIVIL UNREST CONTINUES IN KINGSTON AND SPANISH TOWN

REF: KINGSTON 682 (242332Z MAY 10)

Summary

1. Security forces conduct house-to-house "mopping-up" operations in the heavily-defended "garrison" community of a reputed criminal overlord wanted for extradition to the USA. Violent civil unrest continues in several parts of metropolitan Kingston-St. Andrew and in Spanish Town-St. Catherine. Kingston's international airport has resumed operations, and only a few flights to/from Kingston have been cancelled on May 25 - 26.

End Summary.

"Mopping-Up" Tivoli Gardens "Garrison" Stronghold House-to-House

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2. Against a backdrop of ongoing civil unrest and gang-related violence in several parts of the metropolitan Kingston-St. Andrew area and in Spanish Town-St. Catherine, on May 25 the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) began house-to-house "mopping-up" operations in the Tivoli Gardens "garrison" stronghold controlled by Christopher "Dudas" Coke, the alleged overlord of the "Shower Posse" international crime syndicate who is wanted to face extradition to the USA on drugs and weapons trafficking charges (reftel). In a press conference held on the afternoon of May 25, Minister of National Security Dwight Nelson stated that, as of the evening of May 24, twenty-six civilians had been killed, twenty-five injured, and 211 detained in operations in Tivoli Gardens and Denham Town in recent days; Nelson claimed that "most" of the civilian casualties had been males. At least six JCF/JDF officers are known to have been killed in recent days, and many more wounded. Unspecified quantities of ammunition, firearms, body armor, and other equipment have been captured. Nelson said that a delegation made up of Political Ombudsman Bishop Blair, Public Defender Earl Witter, and the Head of the Jamaican Red Cross had been allowed to enter Tivoli Gardens to investigate unconfirmed allegations of abuses by the JDF. Speaking in parliament, Prime Minister (PM) Bruce Golding said they would make an "independent assessment." As of the evening of May 25, "Dudus" Coke had not been apprehended; JDF leaders speculate that he and 25 - 30 hard-core supporters may have escaped via underground tunnels to the adjacent community of Denham Town, also a stronghold of the ruling Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) and part of Golding's West Kingston parliamentary constituency.

Civil Unrest, State of Emergency

3.(U) Governor General Sir Patrick Allen has signed off on the regulations that will govern the current period of public emergency that was declared May 23 for a month in the Kingston/St. Andrew area; while the security forces enjoy sweeping powers of arrest and detention for indefinite periods, no curfew is in force and ordinary Jamaicans are free to go about their business. Speaking at the aforementioned press conference, Minister of Information Daryl Vaz announced the formation of a Government of Jamaica (GoJ) "Media Information Center" at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Kingston which would provide information and updates on the ongoing civil unrest from various GoJ ministries and sources three times per day.

4. Elsewhere in the metropolitan area on May 25, armed gangs continued to fire on police stations and patrols and to erect roadblocks. South Camp Road, a vital artery to/from Kingston's international airport, was again closed temporarily, but airport operations resumed, and Post understands that only a few flights have been cancelled for May 25 - 26. Looters pillaged some downtown stores, but many other businesses were open in other areas

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Ten prisoners managed to escape from the Lawrence Tavern police station; one has been recaptured. Thus far, the parts of Kingston which have experienced violent civil unrest in recent days remain limited to Tivoli Gardens, Denham Town, Hannah Town, Grant's Pen, Mountain View, and Red Hills. The Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) Mobile Reserve Unit, located at Up Park Camp, came under gunfire from heavily armed men at midday May 25. Rumors of shootings in other neighborhoods apparently have been unfounded, although the risk of a spread of the unrest remains. Elsewhere in Jamaica, gang-related violence and shootings continue in Spanish Town and other places in St. Catherine, but Montego Bay, Ocho Rios, and other areas on the North Coast remain calm. (Note: the Embassy compound and housing are not located in areas which thus far have been affected by unrest. The Embassy has received only one vague threat thus far, via the internet. End Note.)
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SUBJECT: JAMAICA: WEST KINGSTON REMAINS CALM, HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS

GROW, JDF CONTINUES DRAGNET FOR "DUDUS"

REF: KINGSTON 690; KINGSTON 103; KINGSTON 107

Summary:

1. (SBU) Life in Kingston began to return to some semblance of normalcy on May 26, as the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) and Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) consolidated their hold on the West Kingston garrison of Tivoli Gardens following a three-day military assault in an attempt to arrest Christopher "Dudus" Coke, who is wanted for drug and weapons trafficking in the U.S. As tensions calmed, street vendors returned and downtown businesses, many of which had been looted during the crisis, began to reopen. The Jamaican Red Cross has commenced deliveries of food, water, and relief to the residents of Tivoli Gardens and its environs. As the search for Coke continues, however, there are growing concerns as

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Jamaica Counts Its Dead

2. (SBU) The JDF and Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) maintained a strong presence in West Kingston on May 26 as they continued mopping up resistance, house-to-house searches, and stabilizing their control over Tivoli Gardens. Although sporadic gunfire was reported in the garrison, an independent observer team consisting of Public Defender Earl Witter, Political Ombudsman Herro Blair, and Jamaican Red Cross President Jaslin Salmon was permitted to visit the community. Witter later reported that he was aware of at least 44 civilian casualties, although he believed the total was likely to rise as more information became available (Reftel A). At his May 27 press conference, Minister of Information Daryl Vaz reported that the death toll now stands at 73.

3. (SBU) Several mortuaries and funeral homes reported that they were at or near capacity, while Kingston Mayor Desmond McKenzie raised concerns that the JDF and JCF were "illegally" burying corpses in West Kingston's May Pen Cemetery. Human rights groups, including Amnesty International, Jamaicans for Justice, and Families Against State Terrorism (FAST) raised concerns that there had not been sufficient GOJ oversight of the JDF's operation and demanded an independent investigation. In addition, former Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) PM Edward Seaga - who represented West Kingston in Parliament for over 40 years and is widely credited with creating the Tivoli Gardens garrison - criticized the GOJ for breaking its promise that "the people...would not be harmed, and now they are fearful and starving for food and drink." The Organization of American States (OAS)'s Inter-American Commission on Human Rights noted that it "deeply regrets the deaths that have occurred in this context, and urgently calls on the State of Jamaica to conduct a diligent, effective, and impartial investigation of these events," while a number of Jamaica's fellow members in the Caribbean Community, including Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, also expressed their concerns and offered to send troops if necessary. However, in remarks to Parliament, PM Bruce Golding reaffirmed that the GOJ had no plans to seek foreign assistance in its search for Coke.

"Dudus" Dragnet Continues

4. (SBU) Efforts to locate Coke remained underway as the GOJ's security forces continued apprehending criminals and gunmen who had escaped Tivoli Gardens during the siege. Speculation was rampant that Coke had voluntarily submitted himself into U.S. custody, that "well-connected" individuals had helped him evade the JDF's cordon around Tivoli, even that he had fled the country for Venezuela.

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some as young as 14, remained in JCF and JDF custody. According to media reports, 17 juvenile prisoners were being held in adult detention centers, a practice in violation of GOJ regulations.

5. (SBU) In the early morning hours of May 27, JDF forces launched an attack on several houses in Kirkland Heights/Sterling Heights, an upscale neighborhood in the hills overlooking Kingston where Coke reportedly owns a home. One civilian, the brother of a former Commerce Minister, was reportedly killed and rumors were reported on talk radio that Coke had been captured, but Post has had no official confirmation of this as of yet.

"Normalcy Is Fast Returning"

6. (SBU) At his May 26 press conference, Vaz noted that there had been no casualties in downtown Kingston in the previous 24 hours and assured residents of Kingston that it was safe to return to normal business activity. Street vendors returned and most businesses in the downtown area reopened to serve the scores of shoppers who turned out, many of whom had been unable to purchase food during the three-day siege of Tivoli Gardens. Although the GOJ's State of Emergency remained in effect, Vaz announced that "normalcy is fast returning to areas of downtown Kingston" and promised that "security forces will facilitate the free movement of citizens who wish to go about their lawful business." Most Government of Jamaica (GOJ) ministries and offices reopened on May 27 and the Jamaica Urban Transit Company has resumed normal service in the downtown area, although most public schools in the capital remained closed. The U.S. Embassy reopened for normal business, as did the American International School of Kingston and Hillel School, which most children of U.S. Embassy families attend.

7. (SBU) Although the GOJ has been criticized for its reticence in reporting on casualties and the types of munitions used, the JDF allowed reporters limited access to Tivoli Gardens on the morning of May 27. Television programs showed footage of walls pocked with bullet holes and bloodstained, major damage to the downtown Coronation Market, and interviews with local residents expressing both support for and outrage over the attack on their community.

PSOJ: Business Community Share Blame For "Dudus'"

8. (SBU) Speaking at the Private Sector of Jamaica (PSOJ)'s Annual

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General meeting in Kingston, PSOJ President Joseph Matalon hailed the bravery of the JCF and JDF in capturing Tivoli Gardens, but lamented that Jamaica's business community had been partly responsible for allowing crime and corruption to become endemic in the island's culture and politics. According to Matalon, whose organization had been very critical of Prime Minister (PM) Bruce Golding's handling of the U.S. extradition request for Coke (Reftel B), "all of us in this room have played a part in getting us to where we are today by turning a blind eye to escalating criminal violence; accepting as a part of the status quo the acknowledged links between our political actors and organized crime elements in the society; electing successive governments without holding their "feet to the fire" in implementation of the promises made in the heat of election campaigns; accepting half-hearted and under-resourced attempts to reform our justice and national security systems." Hailing the economic progress Jamaica has made since entering into a standby agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Matalon noted "crime and violence...are the greatest threats faced by our fragile economy." Matalon also condemned the "incestuous links that exist between our political actors and the criminal underworld" and called on the PM to

establish a specific timetable for the anti-crime and corruption proposals he has promised (Reftel C).

Conclusion and Analysis:

9. (SBU) The mood in Kingston has been palpably calmer over the past 24 hours as the capital city returns to some semblance of normalcy. Although the GOJ's assault on Tivoli Gardens initially appeared to have gone well, disturbing questions are beginning to emerge as to whether security forces used excessive force, targeted civilians, and/or is stonewalling efforts to arrive at an accurate death toll. In addition, criticism from human rights groups, international organizations, private sector groups, and even Golding's political mentor Seaga, suggest that the Tivoli Gardens assault has not distracted Jamaica from its concerns over Golding's leadership. Meanwhile, as long as "Dudus" remains at large, assessments of the operation's efficacy remain uncertain. End conclusion and analysis.

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SUBJECT: Quarterly NAS Jamaica Activity Report May/June/July 2010

1. Summary- May 2010

Pressure from the people of Jamaica, business, church and civic groups forced the government of Jamaica to sign the order to allow the process for the extradition of Christopher "Dudus" Coke after nine months. Coke a supporter of the ruling Jamaica Labour Party and the leader of the "Shower Posse" gang established his roots in Tivoli Gardens, a forty (40) year old garrison community situated in Western Jamaica. The citizens of Tivoli Gardens prevented the movement of persons and Law Enforcement officers by barricading all entrances to Tivoli and held a road march to show their support for Coke. The GOJ used moral suasion and called on Mr. Coke to turn himself in while buses were sent to the Tivoli Gardens and persons encouraged to leave the community for safer locations. Coke ignored the calls and citizens refused the opportunity for safe passage. On Sunday May 16th the GOJ declared a state of emergency. Law enforcement operations in Tivoli Gardens resulted in the death of over seventy persons the seizure of arms and ammunition but Coke was not found and is still being sought by the police. End of Summary

2. Joint Military Operations

The joint military teams entered Tivoli Gardens from various points, helicopters dominated the airspace where they protected the ground and restricted the movement of citizens and the Coast Guard prohibited movements by the sea. Criminals in various parts of Kingston and adjoining parish of Saint Catherine locations took the opportunity to perform illegal activities which resulted in the

Sea Ark # 123 continues to do patrols and facilitate the transfer of seamen from station Perdo Cays. [REDACTED]

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The computer equipment, oscilloscope and the surveillance equipment are being utilized by the Coast Guard. NAS recently donated a generator to the CG which provides energy to the Remote Operating Vehicle (ROV). The CG now has the ability to use the ROV where electricity is not available.

Most of the diving equipment used by the Coast Guard is unserviceable and if not replaced will interrupt the diving operations. This will give traffickers the opportunity to utilize the hull of ships to transport drugs and contraband. NAS and the CG have identified resource gaps and NAS will be providing funding to purchase safe and effective equipment to continue dive operations.

6. Jamaica Fugitive Apprehension Team-JFAT

Mark and David Clarke were arrested on April 13 and 22 respectively. Both men were wanted in the US on drug related charges. Paper work is being done to extradite both men. The success of these operations is a result of local law enforcement officers, USMS Jamaican Field Office, the Regional Security Office Kingston

The table below provides a breakdown of JFAT activities:

Month April 2010

New Cases Opened	4
Closed Cases	5
Open/Pending Cases	15
Outstanding Provisional Warrants	10
Arrests	

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Operations conducted throughout Jamaica resulted in the seizure of approximately 1,627.35 kilograms of cured marijuana. The amount of Cocaine and crack cocaine seized was 4.67 and 0.145 kilograms respectively. These numbers have been consistent throughout the year.

9. Seizure & Eradication Statistics

Drug Eradication & Seizure

May 2010

Cocaine, Kilograms	4.67
Crack, Kilograms	0.145
Marijuana Growing, Hectares	38
Marijuana Cured, Kilograms	1627.35
Seeds, Kilograms	12.258
Seedlings, Units	24,000
Ecstasy Tablets, Units	0
Nursery, Units	1
Local Arrests	809
Foreign Arrests	10

10. Jamaica Defence Force Coast Guard JDF/CG Activities

The Jamaica Defence Force Coast Guard has been conducting numerous patrols in the harbors and coastlines leading towards the Down Town Kingston area of Western Kingston and its environments. These operations are to protect their troops and to prevent persons of interest from using the water ways to escape the security dragnet.

The JDF CG expanded their diving activities to include the use of the remote operating vehicle (ROV) which was used at the Cement company pier to conduct anti-narcotics hull inspections of vessels to include those entering the United States. Nine dives were conducted in the usual locations of St Ann Bauxite Port Facilities

Arrests

Arrest on Provisional Warrants 0

Arrest/Deportation/Expulsion to US 0

Extraditions

Formal Extraditions Completed 1

Suspects in Custody Pending Extradition 7

12. Summary - July 2010

The Jamaican parliament extended the State of Public Emergency until July 22. The affected areas are Kingston and St. Andrew and neighboring parish of St. Catherine. The Jamaica Constabulary Force arrested and interviewed 900 persons of which 300 were detained as persons of interest to law enforcement. Private and public sector have been offering support to the residence of Tivoli Gardens to include jobs for students, healthcare and other basic tools to reshape their lives. US cadaver search were used to assist local law enforcement in the search for bodies buried in shallow graves. One such body was discovered prior to the arrival of the dogs and an alleged torture chamber uncovered. Autopsies have been performed on all the bodies of those killed in the security force operations and the process of collecting forensic evidence

continues. Rear Admiral Hardley Lewin, former Commissioner of Police stated publicly, that when he informed the Minister of National Security, Dwight Nelson, about the extradition of Christopher "Dudus" Coke it was a strange coincidence that within 15 minutes of their conversation Coke was "tipped" off and made a hasty retreat to his Tivoli Gardens enclave. This has started a new controversy as to source of the leaked information with PM Golding looking into taking legal action against his former PC for libel.
End of Summary

13. Buccaneer Operations

Due to the state of emergency and the additional demand for the security forces, only the JCF did Buccaneer operations. From three parishes they destroyed approximately 21 hectares of marijuana plants and 65,000 units of seedlings. During operations and raids

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Open/Pending Cases

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Outstanding Provisional Warrants

7

Arrests

Arrest on Provisional Warrants

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Arrest/Deportation/Expulsion to US

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Extraditions

Formal Extraditions Completed

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Suspects in Custody Pending Extradition
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