

STATE SECURITY AGENCY
LIAISON CONTACT REPORT

To : COUNTRY MANAGER EF21
Reference : SSA/EF21/2/EL/LS/VI (LS 879)
Date : 05 NOVEMBER 2012

Name of Liaison Service : PALESTINIAN GENERAL INTELLIGENCE (PGI)

Country : PALESTINE

Name of SSA member(s) :



Name of LS member(s) :



Date of meeting : 02 NOVEMBER 2012

Place of meeting : PGIS HEAD OFFICE

Type of meeting (Personal/Telephone): PERSONAL

Documents exchanged (yes/no) : NONE

If yes - Specify document(s) : N/A

Other people/officials involved : None

Initiator of contact : SSA

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of initiating contact with PGIS was to arrange for a courtesy visit to offices of PGIS by visiting General Manager EF10 and Country Manager EF21.

2. REPORT

2.1 The Head of PGIS International Relations, [REDACTED] accompanied by the Head of PGIS Analysis [REDACTED] and liaison Officer [REDACTED] received the SSA delegation comprising of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

2.2 PGIS put on the table five agenda items that they wished to be discussed. The points were:

- PGIS Concerns towards SSA
- Possible Analysis Experts Exchange Visits,
- Training
- Provision of technical equipment to police forensic laboratory in Jericho.
- Any Other Business (AOB)

2.3 SSA delegation requested that the points raised be put on hold until a formal session is agreed upon. Speaking on behalf of the SSA delegation [REDACTED] thanked PGIS for making time to meet with her delegation. She went on to explain that the reason for her visit to Palestine was to familiarise herself with the region.

2.4 PGIS analysts gave a comprehensive presentation on the growing threat posed by the Salafists, Al-Qaida network and the aftermath of the Arab Spring. Report on the deliberations is contained in IIR with message number 212K007-L4H.

2.5 At the end of the presentation, [REDACTED] once more thanked the PGIS for receiving her delegation and assured them that efforts will be made to have a formal engagements on issues tabled.

2.6 PGIS presented the SSA delegation with PGIS plaques. SSA did not have gifts to exchange.

11. OBSERVATIONS

PGIS Analysts came across as being well informed on their areas of focus. An Analysis exchange would go a long way in cementing fragile relations that exist currently.

12. **REMARKS**

12.1 PGIS officials had wished to engage on the outstanding matter of SSA officials engaging Hamas. The attitude displayed is the same as what the Mission experiences on regular basis when meetings are held with Hamas or travel to Gaza. HOM has received several protests notes indicating their disapproval of SA engaging with Hamas.

This matter is on the agenda of the upcoming visit by the SA Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Foreign Relations due in Palestine on 01-07 December 2012.

13. Thank you for your attention.

