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## MIDDLE EAST PROTESTS UPDATE

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## (Ops/Embassy Tunis e-mail, Ops/Embassy Cairo e-mail)

• (U) LIBYA: Rebels repelled an attack by pro-Qadhafi forces on the town of Misrata, 125 miles east of Tripoli. Pro-Qadhafi troops retook Bin Jawad and conducted airstrikes on Ras Lanuf. (*Reuters, AP*)

• (U) LIBYA: UK Foreign Secretary Hague said a small British team detained in Benghazi had left the county. *(Reuters)* 

• (SBU) EGYPT: Prime Minister Sharaf announced his new transitional cabinet on his official Facebook page. Embassy Cairo comments new Foreign Minister Nabil al-Araby is a well-regarded professional diplomat who was an early supporter of the Tahrir Square protesters.

### (Ops/Embassy Cairo e-mail, Cairo 332)

• (U) EGYPT: Witnesses claimed soldiers fired into the air and unidentified men confronted protesters with knives during a demonstration outside Interior Ministry offices in Cairo. *(Reuters)* 

• (SBU) BAHRAIN: A group of nonaligned youth is planning a sit-in protest near Embassy Manama March 7. Post notes major human rights organizations and political societies have denied organizing or endorsing this protest, which was organized via SMS messages. (Ops/Embassy Manama telcon and e-mail)

• (SBU) BAHRAIN: An estimated 10,000 Shiite opposition supporters blocked the entrance to the prime minister's office, but failed to disrupt a government meeting, according to press. Embassy Manama comments the protest was peaceful and attended by the secretaries general of the Wifaq and Wa'ad political societies. (Ops/Embassy Manama telcon and e-mail, AP)

# **GUL QUESTIONS DETENTION OF TURKISH JOURNALISTS**

(SBU) A Turkish court ordered Nedim Sener and Ahmet Sik jailed pending the outcome of a trial on charges related to an alleged conspiracy to overthrow Prime Minister Erdogan's government in 2003, according to

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press. Embassy Ankara notes President Gul's statement adds to an unprecedented outcry over the detention of these journalists, which is likely to reverberate in the June general election. (Ops/Embassy Ankara e-mail, AP)

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