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Definitely. I have included a fuller version of the story in my Weekly Note to the Secretary which should be coming up in the next hour or two. Bottom line is that WFP had 14 trucks delivering food from its warehouses in Mogadishu to the IDP and refugee camps on the outskirts of Mogadishu. Eight of the trucks successfully off-loaded and delivered their commodities, four of the trucks were completely looted, and two of the trucks made it back to the warehouse unlooted. The Somali unit in Nairobi has been in direct contact with the TFG to obtain it's version of events and have strongly urged the leader of the TFG to make an urgent statement on the incident. We continue to seek additional information and will send it forward, either through the SWO, or from the Somali unit in Nairobi.

Richard

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Can we learn more about this?

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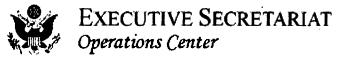
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POLICE DETAIN FORMER UKRAINIAN PM TYMOSHENKO

(SBU) Police held Tymoshenko after repeated outbursts in court during her trial on charges of abuse of office, according to press. The Ukraine desk comments it is likely Tymoshenko will be convicted, which would bar her from running in October 2012 parliamentary elections. (Ops/Ukraine desk e-mail, Reuters)

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TURKEY INTERCEPTS ARMS SHIPMENT TO SYRIA

(U) Foreign Minister Davutoglu said Turkish authorities stopped a truck en route to Syria carrying weapons from Iran, according to press. (AP)

SRI LANKAN POWER-SHARING TALKS NEAR COLLAPSE

(SBU) The government rejected Tamil National Alliance (TNA) conditions on governance structure, division of power, and monetary policy, and will instead appoint a parliamentary committee to discuss these issues, media report. Embassy Colombo comments the TNA's insistence the government respond to its demands within ten days is a high-stakes gamble and reflects the group's frustration with government unwillingness to discuss its proposals. (Ops/Embassy Colombo e-mail, AP)

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