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# 0845 (CDM Chair)

# Settlements

Embassy Tel Aviv and ConGen Jerusalem reported no major rush towards settlement construction

# Afghanistan

Taleban has claimed responsibility for Sunday kidnapping of UK national and three Afghan national employees of USAID contractor DAI

## Congress

State/Foreign Ops FY'11 bill will be shell/vehicle for Continuing Resolution; not a sign that our budget is moving forward. Senate may adjourn Wednesday night, complicating our efforts to move forward on Cameron Munter and other nominees following SFRC business committee meeting that same day; Rich is exploring whether votes can go straight to floor without committee action. Senate scheduled to ratify Defense Trade Treaties with Australia and UK by acclimation today; implementing legislation will also pass in next day, following agreement with Berman on relaxed defense trade controls with Israel. DeMint has lifted his hold against Child Support Treaty, clearing way for its ratification this week. Sen. Kerry seeks press walkout with Secretary following her visit on the Hill on Thursday to publicize call for rapid ratification of New START. No votes on judges this week. Development breakfast with Secretary set for Wednesday, though participants still unclear, depending on adjournment schedule. Congress is looking forward to rollout of new Iran-related sanctions on foreign companies and human rights abusers.

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Legal

Press coverage of USG motion against al-Aulaki's father's case for an injunction barring US military activity against his son regrettably focused almost exclusively on the state secrets argument. Mary McLeod started today as Harold's principal deputy.

# 0915 (JS Chaired)

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Beware increased incidents of phishing attemts on Department systemts.

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Global Issues Forum with India featured interest in cooperation on democracy/governance, disaster management, and women in science. UNGA breakfast on water issues was successful.

#### WHA

Venezuelan opposition succeeded in denying veto proof majority in Parliament to Chavez's party. Election turnout was highest in years.

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Final week of current session of Human Rights Council in Geneva; expected to vote on Turkish resolution on Gaza flotilla between Wednesday and Friday.

## EEB

Brazil is interested in concluding an Open Skies agreement between its presidential elections (October) and inauguration of new President (December)./

# AF

A/S Carson will travel with Raj Shah to Nigeria later this week to participate in 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary independence celebrations. A disabled Somali boat sank as it attempted to receive emergency supplies from a passing US Navy ship, killing at least eight, and possibly as many as two dozen.

## SCA

Indians continue to make progress in quieting recent Kashmir unrest, but need to do more. Indian Embassy luncheon in honor of Defense Minister Antony this week will include reps from Boeing and Lockheed Martin – a rare development that could signal better U.S.-India defense trade is in the offing.