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CONSULAR AND POST MANAGEMENT UPDATE

- (SBU) Embassy Algiers received approval for authorized departure of eligible family members. *(State 5915)*
- (SBU) The status of the two U.S. citizens thought to be at the Central Processing Facility remains unconfirmed. *(MGAG01/Interagency telcon)*
- (SBU) Two U.S. citizens evacuated to Ramstein AB departed Frankfurt January 20 and are en route to the United States. *(MGAG01/Interagency telcon)*
- (SBU) One U.S. citizen departed London January 20 and is en route to the United States. *(MGAG01/Interagency telcon)*
- (SBU) Three U.S. citizens remain in London. *(MGAG01/Interagency telcon)*
- (SBU) One U.S. citizen will depart Algeria January 21. *(MGAG01/Interagency telcon)*

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

- (U) Abdul Rahman al-Nigeri, leader of the terrorist raid on the In Amenas BP compound, is believed to be among the 32 dead militants. *(Reuters)*
- (U) An Algerian interior ministry statement on the death toll gave no breakdown of the number of foreigners among hostages killed. The communication minister said the 32 militants killed in the assault were from six different nationalities. *(Reuters)*
- (U) Algerian media reported 25 bodies believed to be executed hostages were discovered by the Algerian army after their final operation. *(Reuters)*
- (U) A security source said 11 terrorists were killed in the army's final operation, along with the foreign hostages. He believed the foreigners were killed in retaliation for the army operations. *(al-Arabiya News)*
- (U) UK Prime Minister Cameron said three British nationals are confirmed dead and another three are believed to be dead. A British resident is also believed to be dead. *(Reuters)*

- (U) In a video dated January 17 and posted online January 20, Mokhtar Belmokhtar claimed responsibility for the terrorist attack. In the video he said the attack was carried out in the name of al-Qaida and in retaliation for Algeria allowing French overflights to bomb northern Mali. (*algeriel.com*)

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*This is the final situation report of the Monitoring Group for the Hostage Situation in Algeria.
Further updates will be provided through Operations Center daily products.*

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