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**Subject:** Fw: Kidnapping in Syria

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**Cc:** Thompson, Mark I; Siberell, Justin H; Witkowsky, Anne A; Dibble, Elizabeth L  
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There is reason to believe this is the same Jim Foley, freelancing for GlobalPost, who was detained by Qaddafi loyalists in April 2011 for approximately six weeks and released after the regime collapsed.

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Checking now with Team Syria

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We've received word from the FCO that one AMCIT and one Briton have been detained or kidnapped in Syria. The AMCIT is named Jim Foley and the UK captive is John Canteile. They were reportedly taken from an Internet café in Binesh, Syria. There is no attribution regarding responsibility. Both are journalists, possibly freelance.

FBI London is coordinating in the UK. CA has been notified, and is attempting to verify identity and whereabouts now, and will coordinate directly with UK Embassy Washington, as will CT and our hostage recovery expert.

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