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### CONSULAR UPDATE

- (SBU) A C-17 carrying seven foreign nationals, two U.S. citizens, and the remains of one U.S. citizen arrived at Ramstein AB at 2110 EST January 18. Representatives from other embassies and BP will meet with the passengers January 19. *(MGAG01/Consulate Frankfurt e-mail)*
- (SBU) Two U.S. citizens were evacuated from the drilling rig January 19 and are at an airport awaiting departure. *(MGAG01/Embassy Algiers telcon)*

### LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

- (SBU) The GOA has not provided a formal update on the current status of military operations or the condition of any remaining hostages. *(MGAG01/Embassy Algiers e-mail)*
- (U) A Mauritanian news agency reported the militants said they are holding seven hostages: three Belgians, two Americans, one Briton, and one Japanese. *(BBC)*
- (U) Algeria's state-run news agency reported militants armed with rocket launchers and machine guns are holed up in a workshop, surrounded by Algerian special forces. *(BBC)*
- (U) The UN Security Council condemned the hostage-taking saying the incident underlined the need to bring its perpetrators, organizers, and financiers to justice. *(BBC)*
- (U) According to Algerian state news, 12 hostages have been killed since the start of the Algerian rescue effort. Nearly 100 of the 132 foreign workers kidnapped by Islamic militants were freed, but questions remain about the fate of the others. *(AP)*
- (U) Reports from a news agency in Mauritania quoted an unnamed source with the militant group who said the hostage-takers included people from Mali, Egypt, Niger, Mauritania, and Canada. *(Ottawa Citizen)*

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