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(U) The Algerian state news agency reports 7 hostages and 11 terrorists were killed after the Algerian army launched an additional operation at the gas processing facility.

From: OpsAlert@state.gov
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013 4:02 PM
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Subject: Update 7: Algerian Media Report End of Military Operation (SBU)

(SBU) Embassy Algiers reports according to independent Algerian media, today's operation ended at approximately 1300 EST/1900 Algeria. There are conflicting reports of additional hostage casualties and of terrorists being captured or killed.

From: OpsAlert@state.gov
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013 12:37 PM
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Subject: Update 6: Corrected: Attacks Continue in the Algerian Gas Facility (SBU)

(SBU) Embassy Algiers reports a second wave of attacks is underway at the central processing facility. The Algerian government estimates approximately 100 foreign hostages have been freed since security forces first intervened January 17, and about 30 remain unaccounted for.

From: OpsAlert@state.gov
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Subject: Update 6: Four Americans Escape From Gas Facility (SBU)

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From: OpsAlert@state.gov
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2013 12:09 PM
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Subject: Update 5: Four Americans Escape From Gas Facility (SBU)

(SBU) Embassy Algiers reports, according to the Algerian government, four American citizens have escaped the gas facility, one of whom is injured. Three British citizens have also reportedly been freed.

(SBU) The Algerian government estimates 51 foreigners have been freed since the incident began and believes 10-15 hostages and personnel in hiding remain unaccounted for.

From: OpsAlert@state.gov
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2013 11:09 AM
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Subject: Update 4: BP Issues Press Release (U)

(U) BP said it was informed by the UK and Algerian governments the Algerian army is attempting to take control of the gas facility. It cited reports of casualties, as well as of hostages escaping or being released, but noted the lack of confirmed or reliable information.

(U) As a precautionary measure, BP said it plans to bring a group of non-essential workers out of Algeria.

From: OpsAlert@state.gov [mailto:OpsAlert@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2013 10:29 AM
Subject: Update 3: Algerian Forces Reportedly Free Four Foreign Hostages; Six Possibly Dead (U)

(U) Algeria's official APS news agency reported the release and gave no further details. The Irish Foreign Ministry reports an Irish hostage has been freed and is safe.

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From: OpsAlert@state.gov [mailto:OpsAlert@state.gov]**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2013 8:28 AM**Subject:** Update 2: Media Report Fatalities in Attack on Algerian Gas Facility (U)

(U) According to unconfirmed press reports, militants claim Algerian forces attacked the Algerian gas facility. Up to 35 hostages and 15 hostage-takers were reportedly killed. Media did not specify the nationalities of those allegedly killed.

From: OpsAlert@state.gov [mailto:OpsAlert@state.gov]**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2013 7:25 AM**Subject:** Update 1: Foreigners Reportedly Escape Algerian Gas Facility (SBU)

(SBU) Embassy Algiers reports UK PM Cameron talked with Algerian PM Sellal, who confirmed there was a planned intervention at the facility. Some of the capturers were killed or injured, some expatriates managed to escape, and there is a possibility of fatalities among the hostages. The situation is still very fluid and there are not yet confirmed numbers or nationalities.

From: OpsAlert@state.gov**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2013 7:04 AM**To:****CC:****Subject:** Foreigners Reportedly Escape Algerian Gas Facility (U)

(U) According to unconfirmed press reports, an Algerian security official said at least 20 foreigners, including Americans and Europeans, escaped from the facility where Islamist militants are holding dozens of hostages.

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