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MGAG01

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LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

- (U) The Algerian interior ministry stated the final assault today resulted in the death of 11 militants and seven hostages. During the three-day military operation to end the crisis, 32 militants and 23 hostages were killed. A total of 685 Algerian and 107 foreign workers were freed over the course of the standoff. *(AP)*
- (U) The Algerian army is clearing mines left by the militants at the In Amenas Central Processing Facility. *(AP)*
- (U) Algerian special forces found 15 burned bodies near the Central Processing Facility. Identity and cause of death are still unknown. *(Reuters)*
- (U) The head of Norway's Statoil stated 12 employees were safe and the fate of five more unknown. *(CNN Arabic)*
- (SBU) UK PM Cameron said one British citizen was killed and five are unaccounted for, media report. The priority of the UK is to get their citizens home quickly and look after survivors. Embassy London comments the British Ambassador to Algeria traveled to In Amenas along with political staff. British investigative staff have not yet arrived. *(MGAG01/Embassy London e-mail, BBC)*
- (U) Romanian PM Ponta stated a Romanian hostage had been freed and is being cared for by the Algerian army. *(AFP)*
- (U) Japanese PM Abe said he had received dire information about Japanese hostages but did not provide further detail. *(AFP)*
- (U) Colombian President Santos said it was highly likely a Colombian national is among the victims. *(BBC)*
- (U) Algerian state owned oil company Sonatrach stated Algeria was losing \$11 million per day as a result of the shutdown of the In Amenas plant. *(Reuters)*
- (U) BP Chief Executive Dudley claimed the militants intended to destroy the entire plant. *(Telegraph)*

CONSULAR UPDATE

- (SBU) Mr. Buttaccio's remains arrived at Dover AFB at 1009 EST. *(MGAG01/NMCC e-mail and telcon)*

- (SBU) Two U.S. citizens are en route on a BP chartered flight from In Amenas to London and are scheduled to arrive at 1645 EST. *(MGAG01/Embassy Algiers e-mail)*
- (SBU) The status of the two U.S. citizens thought to be at the Central Processing Facility remains unconfirmed. *(MGAG01/Embassy Algiers telcon)*
- (SBU) The two U.S. citizens who arrived at Ramstein AB will depart from Frankfurt for the United States January 20. *(MGAG01/Consulate Frankfurt e-mail)*
- (SBU) Embassy Algiers will request permission from the MFA for a vice consul to travel to Hassi Messaoud and In Amenas. *(MGAG01/Embassy Algiers telcon)*
- (SBU) Embassy Algiers has requested authorized departure for Eligible Family Members. *(Algiers 40)*

INTERNATIONAL REACTION

- (U) French President Hollande said the Algerian response to the crisis was appropriate, as negotiations with the militants were not possible. *(Reuters)*
- (U) Libyan PM Zeidan stated Libya would not allow the country to be used as a base for attacking its neighbors. *(Reuters)*

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