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September 7, 2017

Group calling itself “YOLK” claims ownership of weapons cache in Big-Ender Temple, holds soldiers

GURDILO, TULIPIL. A group referring to itself as YOLK claimed that it was their weapons cache that Tulipillian authorities seized during the June 30 raid of Our Lustrog of the Morning Temple in this city. The group also claimed that it is currently holding the three Tulipillian soldiers that went missing during the raid captive, and is treating them as prisoners of war.

YOLK, which until now had not publicized its existence, made the announcement on social media early yesterday, and published an online manifesto that was taken down by the authorities within a few hours.

The manifesto vocalized YOLK’s criticism of Tulipill’s Tramecksan Party, the First Minister, and other Small-Ender leaders. It called for supporters to join YOLK’s revolution. The decades-long Tramecksan rule of Tulipill, the document said, has “effectively ensured that Big-Ender interests and needs are ignored by the Tulipillian government.”

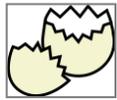
In the hours after YOLK’s announcement, sources within the Tulipillian government admitted that they possessed information about the group’s origins and affiliations. An official who spoke on condition of anonymity, because they were not

authorized to speak publicly, said that Tulipill had been tracking several persons of interest, all of whom have strong military and criminal ties to Cublefus. “YOLK is relying almost entirely on weapons that are being delivered on speedboats belonging to traffickers operating out of Sulofu Island in Cublefus.” Recent reports of Cublefusdian military connections to criminal networks give credibility to this claim.

Speaking on background, a different source within the Ministry of Defense said that Tulipillian intelligence has revealed what appears to be a YOLK training camp led by former high-ranking Cublefusdian military officers on that island.

Since the June raid on Our Lustrog of the Morning Temple, Tulipill’s Big-Ender population has grown increasingly restless. Even though a clear majority of Tulipillians decry any Cublefusdian intervention in their country’s affairs, political analysts fear that civil war is likely if a critical mass of discontented Big-Enders becomes armed.

In a speech last night, the First Minister declared that Tulipill is seeking a Security Council resolution condemning Cublefus for weapons smuggling activities and training YOLK’s dissident forces.



**Coalition for the Increase
in Big-Ende Rights** 
@CIBER



****JOIN US**** tomorrow at 10am in front of the Parliament building to show support to our YOLK brethren who have been fighting and dying for our cause. Let's make clear that our patience for an end to the decades-long high-heeled tyranny has finally boiled over!

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BREAKING: Police are again using tear gas to disperse protesters in Mildendo after violent clashes broke out for a fifth straight day between so-called CIBER protesters and counter-protesters. Fatal casualties since protests began now at eleven.

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FirstMinisterofTulipill



@SeriouslytheFMofTulipill



Cublefus is without a doubt effectively controlling these big-headed YOLK plebes and the so-called CIBER! If Apel Lido is scrambling for war, then that's exactly what Cublefus will get.

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March 7, 2018

Despite big claims, YOLK has not won a single major confrontation against Tulipill

MILDENDO, TULIPIL. After months of small operations in Tulipill, the rebel group YOLK has yet to hold on to any measure of victory. Even its single foothold, in uninhabited Lalapush Island, was short-lived.

The Tulipillian army wrested the island back after moderate fighting. However, most of the YOLK fighters got away.

“The one thing they do well,” said General Limnoc in a press briefing, “is logistics. Their supply of fighters and weapons in and out of the country runs like clockwork. We are not able to hit enough of the speedboats supporting them.”

For months, Tulipill has accused its neighbor Cublefus of providing weapons and training to YOLK. UN Security Council

resolutions condemning Cublefus have repeatedly failed to pass due to Dingnag exercising its veto power.

Tulipillian forces have also been distracted by the emergence in the past month of the Coalition for the Increase of Big-Ender Rights (CIBER), whose leaders are not known. CIBER has successfully used social media to organize daily protests near Tulipill’s Parliament. Dozens have been killed in clashes between CIBER protesters and Small-Ender counter-protesters.

The Tulipillian government suspects CIBER is a group of individuals, some or all of whom are operating in Cublefus, with financial backing from the government there.

Vasquez, Mer

SECURE TOP SECRET EMAIL COMMUNICATION

From: Vasquez, Mer, Legal Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Sent: March 14, 2018, 11:32am
To: Assistant Legal Advisors, Public International Law Division
Subject: **URGENT** meeting with FM

Team,

The Foreign Minister asked that the Defense Minister meet with him this afternoon to discuss a highly sensitive and confidential issue. I will need you to join them here at 01 Upping Street ASAP to brief them.

As you are aware, both YOLK and CIBER have been spreading violence in our beloved Tulipill. Just a few hours ago the First Minister's motorcade was attacked. He is fine but wishes to put an end to their antics once and for all. To that effect, the Minister of Defense has proposed a limited military operation (tentatively named Separate the YOLK) in Sulofu Island in Cublefus. The goal is to stop all speedboats delivering weapons to YOLK, destroy the training camp on the island, and cut off any of the group's remaining lifelines. It will be quick and involve coordinated air strikes on the camp, the island's local airport and military garrison, and boots on the ground to control port facilities and supply routes. Our forces will remain on the island for an undetermined period to maintain order and ensure the operation's success. The Minister of Defense believes our forces are likely to face Cublefusdian Army resistance but that it won't last long.

The success of this operation is paramount. The First Minister hopes that it will unite Tulipill against our common enemy, stave the flow of weapons, and end the threat of civil war. At the same time, the First Minister is concerned that an attack on Cublefus's territory without the right justification could collapse the Omelet Agreement.

We need to explore all legal options that may justify our actions and the clock is ticking. The Cabinet hopes to make a decision by the end of the day. You have 15 minutes to address the following issues:

1. Is it necessary that we connect YOLK to Cublefus to engage in a lawful military operation in Sulofu, or can we justify attacking their territory on other grounds?
2. Either way, are our planned actions on Sulofu Island an appropriate response to the YOLK threat under international law?

I am counting on you to present expertly and mindfully, making sure that any advice you give is soundly supported by international law, while at the same time keeping Tulipillian foreign policy in mind. I know you need more information on specific targets, and I'll try to get it to you at a later date, but I know you have enough for give us an initial assessment. Please be sure to still identify any other legal ramifications of Operation Separate the YOLK within the context of the issues above. I need not warn you that any negative repercussions that stem from this will be on all of our heads.

I shall see you both shortly. Please bring some aspirin. I am not feeling well.

Mer

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ROUND 2

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To: ICRC Legal Advisors in Tulipill
From: Leslie Chandler, ICRC Headquarters, Geneva
Re: Meeting with Tulipillian Ministry of Defense
Date: April 1, 2018

Legal Advisors,

As you know, Tulipill launched a surprise operation against Sulofu island three weeks ago, on March 10. The government is still calling it a police action, but it took Tulipillian forces a full week to overwhelm the local Cublefusdian defense forces. Immediately thereafter, Martial Law was imposed.

The good news is that the Tulipillian First Minister has finally agreed to let us meet with General Limnoc and his staff in Sulofu Island. I need your expert team to meet with them and address the following issues:

1. Explain to the General the scope of ICRC's mission, responsibilities and role in armed conflict.
2. Tulipill's obligations under IHL, particularly regarding treatment and determination of status of all detained persons.
3. Any other relevant issues.

Our Movement colleagues at the Tulipillian Red Crystal (TRC) informed us that detained members of the Cublefusdian armed forces are mostly being treated as POWs: if injured, they are being treated at hospitals; the able bodied are being held in a makeshift camp outside Port Sulofu. TRC has only been allowed to deliver provisions and medical supplies to this camp. From what their volunteers can tell, all Cublefusdian POWs in the camp are being housed without distinction for gender or other special accommodations. All are being provided eating utensils to break eggs on the small end only. No correspondence is being allowed because it can't be processed. Also, the Tulipillian Navy informed TRC that the crew of Cublefus's H.E.S. Barcaza will probably be moved to the camp in Sulofu sometime this week so that TRC may provide them with more medical assistance.

I am also attaching a clipping from the Current Currant and an excerpt from an online report by the Committee for Humanitarian Action and Rescue (CHAR), a humanitarian organization on the ground. Read them but remember we have not confirmed either of these stories. That said, TRC confirmed this much: they are only being allowed access to children detained in the Mildendo Max Detention Center.

Do not underestimate the importance of this task and the challenge that lies ahead. Avoid specific allegations of misconduct. Provide only a basic overview of legal requirements and be mindful of Tulipillian concerns. Remember to ask questions and try to understand Tulipill's view. Tulipill's operation effectively sealed all access to Sulofu from Cublefus, so we have no other way into the island.

Sincerely,
Leslie

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March 16, 2018

Sulofu Civilians, The Last Line of Defense in Sulofu

From the start, many in the civilian population took to the streets and attacked Tulipillian forces

LAOTRA, Cublefus. When Tulipillian forces hit Port Sulofu on March 10, children, mostly between the ages of 10-17, took to the streets to confront them – with rocks.

People of all ages have been involved in the resistance, but children have borne the brunt of the Tulipillian response.

The locals are known for their expert use of slingshots (usually used for fishing), especially the children, as adults tend to graduate to firearms for their hunting.

Several Tulipillian soldiers have been seriously injured by children launching

rocks at them. As a result, a week into the invasion, Tulipill took an aggressive stance against children throwing rocks. Soldiers are allowed to shoot back in self-defense and capture any child who poses a threat.

An unknown number of children have been captured immediately after attacking soldiers, but others have been picked up in their homes in the middle of the night.

All captured children are transported to maximum security penal detention facilities in Mildendo and Gurdilo where they can be kept in isolation for their own protection.

HOME > OUR WORK > PUBLICATIONS > SPECIAL REPORTS:

CHAR Report: Tulipillian Forces are Breaking the Laws of War and Devastating a Generation of Children in Sulofu

March 28, 2018

... Most alarming, at the end of the second week of the Tulipillian operation, our volunteers began to spot and at times even had to provide lifesaving aid, to adults and children who had been moving in groups, carrying firearms or slingshots, and wearing red bandanas tied around their left or right arms. Two separate incidents where Tulipillian soldiers were ambushed and killed by such groups resulted in a swift operation leading to the arrest and parading of three adults and five children. The adults were executed in Golbasto Square, in Port Sulofu, for “their crimes”. The children have been removed to Gurdilo in accordance with Tulipillian policy.

Today, trials for violations of the laws of humanity were announced for all adult detainees being held in Golbasto Prison who were not members of the Cublefusdian armed forces at the time of the invasion....

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ALL TEAMS

TOP SECRET - PRIORITY - SITUATION REPORT

TO:	JFC - LINDANO COMMANDERS (RA-RA, ISORE)	DATE:	03.30.2018
FROM:	General staff (G 1-9)	TIME:	0500 LOCAL
<p style="text-align: center;">LOCATION: AKUMAL, AKUMAL JOINT FORCES COMMAND - LINDANO - OPERATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RUNILBARBI ADVANCEMENT - REFUGEE ASSISTANCE (RA-RA), AKUMAL • INTERNATIONAL SURVEILLANCE AND OBSERVATION OF RUNILBARBI EXTREMISTS (ISORE), TULIPILL 			

LANCHA, JIJUE RFF LEADER POSSIBLY IN LINDANO**PRIORITY LEVEL: HIGHEST**

1. Signal intelligence suggests JIJUE LANCHA, Runilbarbi Freedom Front (RFF) leader, is or will be in Lindano soon.
2. Several potential RFF safehouses have been identified in O'Po neighborhood.
3. Akumalan aerial surveillance asset has been assigned to observe for any visual and electronic signals emitted by LANCHA. Crew have received photographs, telephone numbers, URLs, and other pertinent information
4. JFC will relay information to Akumalan Special Forces. Akumalan Commander, RA-RA, has deployed Special forces outside Lindano. Standing order: capture or kill LANCHA. Can potentially reach anywhere in the city in 5-30 minutes depending on traffic and resistance. Resistance to movement is still expected to be heavy.

RUNNY, TULIPILLIAN PERSON OF INTEREST (POI) RUMORED WITHIN LINDANO**PRIORITY LEVEL: HIGHEST**

5. Human assets on the ground in Lindano, Runilbarbi, report person of interest - RUNNY - rumored inside said city.
6. RUNNY is Tulipillian big-ender female of Cublefusdian origin. She was granted citizenship in Tulipill on October 1, 2017. She is now suspected of running network of CIBER recruitment and advocacy bots in online social networks Tickler and Instapic.
7. She has never returned to Cublefus since arrival in Tulipill, which raises concerns about base of operations for CIBER. She has never been involved in any YOLK military operation nor has she ever physically participated in any protest.
8. She is sought by Tulipillian authorities for posting seditious statements in violation of Tulipillian Law. An international Arrest Warrant was issued. Runilbarbi Civil Police (RCP) have been informed.
9. Tulipillian aerial surveillance asset has been assigned to observe for any visual and electronic signals emitted by RUNNY. Crew have received photographs and telephone numbers, URLs, and other pertinent information. JFC will relay information to RCP.
10. RCP patrols have been deployed in key parts of Lindano to arrest her as soon as she is spotted. No Special Weapons Teams (SWT) available, but all patrolmen carry MXM1911 9 mm short barrel submachine guns for short range, indoor engagements.

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STATUS OF FORCES

11. Tulipillian Navy UAV pilot crews onboard UAV launch vessel H.R.E.S. Navegante continue to receive training from land-based Akumalan Army pilot crews. Training 80% complete. Two UAVs operating over Lindano at all times (one Akumalan, one Tulipillian). Full weapons load as per ROE.
12. Special forces (SF) company-level force - F Company, 101st Special Ground Service (SGS) Battalion - outside Lindano. Readiness: 3 Epsilon Teams (5 operators each), 3 high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles equipped, 2 with one 1 M9-R4-S8 50 cal. machine guns, and 1 with one MK-8764-B-7 40 mm grenade launcher. None of these weapons are ideal for urban settings.
13. 85th Battalion, B Company Mortar Platoon is prepared to provide emergency indirect fire support outside Lindano. Readiness: 1 M224-B Mortar. Precise and effective against personnel. May incidentally penetrate Lindano cement structures. +5 knots wind reduces accuracy by 50%.
14. Close Air Support to be provided as per ROE.
15. Akumalan forces to avoid Lindano if possible.

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (ROE)

16. Tulipillian-owned UAVs restricted to aerial surveillance under joint Tulipill-Akumal UAV purchase and pilot training agreement. However, they are permitted a full load of two FOG missiles to provide Close Air Support (CAS).
17. CAS can only be commanded by Akumalan forces. Requires that Tulipillian pilots transfer of command and control of Tulipillian UAVs to Akumaland pilots.
18. No restrictions on Akumalan operations. Only Akumalan commanders may authorize individual targeted kills of extremists.
19. All military operations subject to applicable IHL. All law enforcement support subject to applicable international human rights agreements. Akumalan army may support law enforcement.
20. Precautions: Heightened.

SITUATION IN LINDANO

21. Mounting Runilbarbi civilian casualties have resulted in increased support for RFF in large population centers.
22. Support for RFF is especially strong in Lindano. More and more RFF fighters are being spotted by human and aerial assets.
23. Lindano can increasingly be considered denied territory for military operations unless heavy civilian and military casualties are acceptable.
24. RCP continue to conduct all day-to-day peace and order operations, including those targeting RFF safehouses. Akumalan Army remains on standby to support them if there is ever a need. Improved weaponry for RCP has, so far, made this unnecessary.

48-HOUR WEATHER REPORT

25. Sunny at 20-27° C. Wind: NE constant at 5-10 knots. Chance of rain 0.1%. Humidity: 20%. Dew: 15° C. Visibility: 16 km.

END OF SITREP

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ROUND 3

TEAM 1

TEAM 1**TOP SECRET - PRIORITY - ACTION ORDERS**

TO:	JAG Officers, Tulipill Navy, ISORE.	DATE:	04.01.2018
FROM:	Captain POCOK, ISORE Commander	TIME:	1600 LOCAL
LOCATION: AKUMAL, AKUMAL JOINT FORCES COMMAND - LINDANO OPERATION: INTERNATIONAL SURVEILLANCE AND OBSERVATION OF RUNILBARBI EXTREMISTS (ISORE), TULIPILL			

1. We have a problem. Akumal's UAV over Lindano just went offline at the worst possible moment. It had spotted LANCHA.
2. LANCHA disappeared from our sights immediately when Akumal's UAV tracking him went offline. He seemed to be headed to the O'Po neighborhood where we have been spotting increased RFF activity since yesterday.
3. Our UAV tracked RUNNY to a three-story row-house in O'Po neighborhood. She entered the building with about a dozen other women. All appeared to be wearing Akumalan traditional garb.
4. Both RUNNY and LANCHA are highest priority targets, which is complicating decisions here. Capturing or killing LANCHA is essential for Akumal. They are focusing all their resources on it and want us to divert the one remaining UAV to find him. Capturing RUNNY alive is essential for us. It will most likely dismantle CIBER and reveal we were right to say Cublefus controls CIBER. We do not want another martyr.
5. RCP moved in to capture RUNNY but encountered surprise resistance from nearby buildings as it tried to enter the house. A standoff has ensued, and they have requested support from the Akumalan army.
6. The Akumalan commander refuses to support RCP for reasons of humanity, proportionality and precaution. He says we would be violating IHL protections for civilians and his men if he sent the Army in. Plus, he says he needs to keep his forces on standby to go after LANCHA.
7. I suspect they are not willing to risk men, or further embarrassment killing civilians, to help RCP and us get RUNNY - even though LANCHA has most likely escaped by now.
8. I will not divert that UAV until Akumal moves in. Also, if his plan is to target LANCHA with a FOG, we can't be part of it. The First Minister believes our involvement in a targeted kill could derail peace talks over Sulofu just as they are about to conclude.
9. I need you to come in here ASAP and speak some sense legal sense to them and be ready to advise me on any legal issues that may emerge. Anoplura already ordered his JAGs in here. Hurry up.

END OF MESSAGE

ROUND 3

TEAM 2

TEAM 2**TOP SECRET - PRIORITY - ACTION ORDERS**

TO:	JAG Officers, Akumal Army, RA-RA.	DATE:	03.10.2018
FROM:	Colonel Anoplura, Ra-Ra Commander	TIME:	1600 LOCAL
LOCATION: AKUMAL, AKUMAL JOINT FORCES COMMAND - LINDANO OPERATION: • RUNILBARBI ADVANCEMENT - REFUGEE ASSISTANCE (RA-RA), AKUMAL			

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4. Both RUNNY and LANCHA are highest priority targets, which is complicating decisions here. Capturing RUNNY is essential for them and they are focusing all their resources on it and refuse to divert the one remaining UAV to find LANCHA. Capturing or killing LANCHA is essential for us. It will most likely cripple RFF and end independentist efforts in Runilbarbi for a generation. The expected military advantage here is enormous.
5. RCP moved in to capture RUNNY but encountered surprise resistance from nearby buildings as it tried to enter the house. A standoff has ensued, and they have requested support from our army.
6. I have refused to support RCP for reasons of humanity, proportionality and precaution. In the current environment we would be violating IHL protections for civilians and our men if we sent the Army in. Plus, I need to keep F company on standby to go after LANCHA.
7. I am not going to risk any men or further embarrassment killing civilians by going after RUNNY and risk LANCHA escaping.
8. Even if Tulipill does not divert the UAV, we may need it to take out LANCHA with a FOG missile. Can we work around the ROEs to do this? Apparently, Tulipillian involvement in a targeted kill could derail peace talks over Sulofu just as they are about to conclude.
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END OF MESSAGE

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ALL TEAMS

[Email forwarded to your Team by your employer organization's Executive Director].

Runilbarbi Emergency Meeting! Please read ASAP

From: **Ramphastos Toco** <TocoR@DDOS.gov> Sunday, April. 1, 2018, 11:00 PM
To: Ana Platyrrhyncos (HRI), Tamias Striatus (CHAR), Procyon Lotor (NISWA)
CC: Solanum Melongena (DDOS)

Dear Ana, Tamias, and Procyon,

The situation in Runilbarbi has taken a terrible turn with the discovery of gravesites and the killing of CHAR's two volunteer medics. Dingnag can no longer ignore this conflict, it is affecting our international credibility. The Secretary wants to push for UN action ASAP. He will make a speech at the Security Council tomorrow at noon and is inviting your input and expertise.

We want to chart a path toward accountability. Specifically, help us define relevant applicable law (IHL, IHRL), potential violations, and accountability mechanism that are cost-effective and don't take forever to do anything. The Secretary is adamant about protecting our standing, so our hands are tied regarding instruments we are not parties to (unless they are essentially restatements of customary law, of course).

I am sure you saw RFF's response condemning the massacres on social media. Their admission that moving women across Runilbarbi constitutes part of their revenue stream is huge! That they continue to insist that their fighters are not involved in their transportation is a bit much, HRI's Initial Assessment suggests. Thanks, Ana, for sharing your organization's key findings with us.

On another note, I have been authorized to tell you this. We have learned from reliable sources that the type and volume of bullets found in the bodies at the Northern gravesite, point directly to the Runilbarbi Civilian Police. It is the only force in Runilbarbi using 9 mm short barrel submachineguns. What makes this alarming is that we also know that Akumal has promised independence talks if Runilbarbi stems the flow of Akumalan women coming to our country.

I know the three of you are in Koh Samui for the Humanitarian Global Forum, but your lawyers are welcome to join us tomorrow to share your organization's ideas. Please, have them arrive at A Annex (See St. entrance) at 9 am. Tell them to bring their ids and some patience – things are a bit hectic here. Security will scan them in and point them to the correct meeting room. Thanks.

All the best,
Ram and Solanum

Ramphastos Toco
Foreign Officer
Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Section (HRHAS)
Dingnag Department of State (DDOS)

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Mass Graves in Runilbarbi. Initial Assessment.

From: **Platyrrhyncos, Ana** <aplattyrrhyncos@hri.org>
To: Tamias Striatus (CHAR), Procyon Lotor (NISWA)
CC: Legal Team

Monday, April. 2, 2018, 03:43 AM

Tamias, Procyon,

Below are the key sections of Mother Anserini's (HRI's Runilbarbi Program Lead) initial assessment of the two gravesites, which I received in the evening. I think there's no doubt that we're facing violations of international law. Maybe we can all use this to push Dingnag into joining the ICC.

[REDACTED]

[] two mass graves were found along the Runilbarbi's Eastern Coastal Highway. A local Civilian Police (RCP) officer gave us unofficial access yesterday. RCP had known about the sites for about two days, but we are not yet sure how they first found them. In any case, after almost two hours, our team was removed forcefully by a representative of the Chief of the RCP who was accompanied by unidentified subordinates as well as elements of the Akumalan Army. After expelling us, they proceeded to close access to both sites. To our alarm, we have not been able to reestablish communications with our contact at the RCP. What follows is only an initial assessment.

Gravesite A (to the north) contains thirty-six (36) bodies. The bodies cannot have been there more than a week. Some the victims appear to have fallen into the graves after being lined up. Others seem to have been dropped en masse into the grave. Twenty-four (24) are wearing clothing that suggests they were most likely Runilbarbi Freedom Front (RFF) fighters. They generally display signs of injuries consistent with combat, but some appear to have been executed or given a coup de grace. Ten (10) others appear to be Akumalan women, again identifiable by their clothing, which fits the patterns of traditional Akumalan attire. These mostly show signs of execution or coups de grace, though a few seem to have combat injuries. The two (2) other bodies could not be identified as belonging to either group. They were stripped of their clothing, but it is clear they were executed.

Gravesite B (to the South) is ghastly. A conscious effort to obscure the nature of the site is obvious: bodies appear to have been intentionally damaged after they were killed and were buried in layers. We estimate the site is also about a week old, but not all bodies appear to have been there that long. We could barely make sense of it in the time we had there. The RCP officer, however, explained that the positions and state of the bodies suggested they were not put there at the same time. At the bottom, her team found over 100 bodies that appear to be Akumalan women executed in groups at different times. The damage makes it hard to say more, she said. On top of the women were some 20 bodies in RFF uniforms (men and women). All these showed signs of violence consistent with torture and execution. Most interesting, an officer told us, the three bodies found at the top of the pile were mostly intact and appear to have been put into RFF uniforms after their execution. []

According to the RCP officer, two burnt RFF technical vehicles and two covered pickup trucks used for transportation were found hidden near Gravesite A. All displayed signs of combat damage. []

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ROUND 4

TEAM 1

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YOU ARE:

HRI

HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL (HRI) investigates peacetime and wartime abuses, exposes the facts widely, and pressures the powers that be to respect rights and secure justice. It is an independent, international organization that works to uphold international law, and advance the causes of our common humanity.

THE OTHER TWO TEAMS ARE:

CHAR

The COMMITTEE FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTION AND RESCUE (CHAR) delivers emergency health care and training to those affected by conflict, natural disaster and disease. No matter what the conditions, we marshal global partnerships and resources to train local populations, providing them the skills needed to recover and chart their own path to self-reliance.

NISWA

The NETWORK IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE WOMEN OF AKUMAL (NISWA) works to build and strengthen ties between the people of Dingnag and Akumalan Women struggling for justice, human dignity, and respect for their rights. We are a small organization and provide international human rights accompaniment, strategic communications, and grassroots advocacy to support the work of Akumalan women's social movements and all those who are supporting their struggle for self-determination, historical memory, and transitional justice.

ALL THREE ORGANIZATIONS ARE BASED IN DINGNAG, AND HAVE REGISTERED TO OPERATE AKUMAL, AND, RUNILBARBI.

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Team 1

THE FOLLOWING ARE KEY EXCERPTS FROM LAST MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS YOUR TEAM RECEIVED THIS MORNING FROM HRI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANA PLATYRHYNOS:

You must be on your way to DDOS to talk about the legal implications of the massacres in Runilbarbi... I have really bad news:

1. Apparently, all INGO offices in Runilbarbi got raided this morning. RCP showed up and confiscated our computers and all the digital evidence our team had collected on the two gravesites. Mother Anserini was the only person at our office and was taken into custody, but no charges have been filed. The rest of the team was given 24 hours to end all operations and leave Runilbarbi. This puts pressure on getting Mother released now.
2. The Runilbarbi governorate is accusing HRI of collaborating with RFF. Mother's contact in RCP was arrested on sedition charges yesterday. Someone else in the team (I won't say who) told me that all our staff members have given rides to hospitals and clinics to sick RFF personnel and Akumalan women that they interview. The staffer said they have no choice if they want to accomplish HRI's mission. I am furious and not sure what exactly has been happening or what it means for us in terms of our right to operate in Runilbarbi.

We'll need to approach things with honesty and good sense. We've began our work in Runilbarbi long before the conflict started, and this is potentially damaging. Today's conversation with DDOS is super important, these new facts may affect its flow but make sure to address the issues DDOS requested assistance with. Things are changing in Runilbarbi and we need to be ahead of any developments before things get worse. This is our chance to advocate strongly for justice now in Runilbarbi. We need to protect the evidence before it is further destroyed.

Be generous and share time and points of conversation with your colleagues. We don't want to look like jerks, so make sure everyone speaks. But, as always don't hesitate to correct them, they're always thinking they are the experts. You're our lawyers, I trust you to get it right.

ROUND 4

TEAM 2

Team 2

YOU ARE:

CHAR

The COMMITTEE FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTION AND RESCUE (CHAR) delivers emergency health care and training to those affected by conflict, natural disaster and disease. No matter what the conditions, we marshal global partnerships and resources to train local populations, providing them the skills needed to recover and chart their own path to self-reliance.

THE OTHER TWO TEAMS ARE:

HRI

HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL (HRI) investigates peacetime and wartime abuses, exposes the facts widely, and pressures the powers that be to respect rights and secure justice. It is an independent, international organization that works to uphold international law and advance the causes of our common humanity.

NISWA

The NETWORK IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE WOMEN OF AKUMAL (NISWA) works to build and strengthen ties between the people of Dingnag and Akumalan Women struggling for justice, human dignity, and respect for their rights. We are a small organization and provide international human rights accompaniment, strategic communications, and grassroots advocacy to support the work of Akumalan women's social movements and all those who are supporting their struggle for self-determination, historical memory, and transitional justice.

ALL THREE ORGANIZATIONS ARE BASED IN DINGNAG, AND HAVE REGISTERED TO OPERATE AKUMAL, AND, RUNILBARBI.

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Team 2

THE FOLLOWING ARE KEY EXCERPTS FROM LAST MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS YOUR TEAM RECEIVED THIS MORNING FROM CHAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TAMIAS STRIATUS:

You must be on your way to DDOS to talk about the legal implications of the massacres in Runilbarbi... I have really bad news:

1. Apparently, all INGO offices in Runilbarbi got raided this morning. RCP showed up and confiscated our computers and all our patient records, including contact info. Our international staff and volunteers have received orders to end all operations and leave the country in the next 24 hours. Our local volunteers are staying away for now. This puts new pressure on us to demand the immediate release of the bodies of our two Dingnag colleagues from the morgue.
2. The Runilbarbi governorate is accusing CHAR of collaborating with RFF. I just found out from someone in our field office (I won't say who) that our medical vehicles have been traveling in RFF convoys for protection against highway robberies, which are on the rise. They say no money has exchanged hands, but that they have been finding themselves as the de facto medical service of RFF and providing them medical supplies. The staffer said they have no choice if they want to accomplish CHAR's mission. I am furious and not sure what exactly has been happening or what it means for us in terms of our right to operate in Runilbarbi.

We'll need to approach things with honesty and good sense. We began our work in Runilbarbi as soon as we saw the need to help the victims of this war, and this is potentially damaging. Today's conversation with DDOS is super important, these new facts may affect its flow but make sure to address the issues DDOS requested assistance with. Things are changing in Runilbarbi and we need to be ahead of any developments before things get worse. This is our chance to advocate strongly for UN involvement. There won't be peace or justice otherwise.

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Team 3

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You must be on your way to DDOS to talk about the legal implications of the massacres in Runilbarbi... I have really bad news:

1. Apparently, all INGO offices in Runilbarbi got raided this morning. RCP showed up this morning at our volunteer residence/office and confiscated our computers and all our records, including contact info. Our volunteers are being detained there and have received orders to end all operations and leave the country in the next 24 hours. To make matters worse, one volunteer, Ocimum Bacilicum, is missing. She went on vacation to Lagado last week and no one had attempted to check in with her until today. Her parents have not heard from her either.
2. The Runilbarbi governorate is accusing NISWA of collaborating with RFF. I just found out from someone at the residence (I won't say who) that our volunteers have been traveling in RFF convoys and vehicles by themselves or with the people they accompany. While they travel they volunteer helping with the sick and wounded. The volunteer told me they have no choice if they want to accomplish NISWA's mission. I am furious and not sure what exactly has been happening or what it means for us in terms of our right to operate in Runilbarbi.

We'll need to approach things with honesty and good sense. We began working in Runilbarbi when Akumalan women became pawns in this war, and this is potentially damaging. Today's conversation with DDOS is super important, these new facts may affect its flow, but make sure to address the issues DDOS requested assistance with. Things are changing in Runilbarbi and we need to be ahead of any developments before things get worse. This is our chance to advocate strongly for mechanisms that give voice to Akumalan women's issues, as well as any other marginalized and victimized communities. We want to bring lasting peace to Runilbarbi. Justice can wait.

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PARTICIPANT DOCUMENTS

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CASE CONCERNING THE STRAIT OF BOLGOLAM

(DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CUBLEFUS v. KINGDOM OF TULIPILL)

ORDER OF 15 JUNE 2018

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CASE CONCERNING THE STRAIT OF BOLGOLAM

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ORDER

The International Court of Justice,

Having regard to Article 48 of the Statute of the Court and to Articles 31, 44, 45(1), 48, 49, and 80 of the Rules of Court,

Having regard to the Application filed in the Registry of the Court on 26 April 2018, whereby the Government of the Republic of Cublefus (“Cublefus”) instituted proceedings against the Kingdom of Tulipill (“Tulipill”) with regard to a dispute concerning alleged violations by Tulipill of the United Nations Charter signed on 26 June 1945 (“UN Charter”), the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict signed 14 May 1954 (“1954 Hague Convention”) and its Second Protocol signed 26 March 1999 (“Second Protocol”), the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 signed on 8 June 1977 (“API”), and any applicable rules of customary international law;

Whereas the Application was communicated to Tulipill on the day it was filed;

Whereas Cublefus and Tulipill have appointed their respective Agents;

Whereas, on 30 April 2018, Tulipill informed the Registrar and the Agent of Cublefus of its intention to file counter-claims under Article 80 of the Rules of Court;

Whereas, at a meeting with the Vice-President of the Court, exercising the functions of the Presidency, on 15 May 2018, the Agents of the Parties agreed to have all the claims and counter-claims heard together in a single set of proceedings;

Whereas, at the same meeting, the Agents agreed to prepare jointly a Statement of Agreed Facts, including a formulation of the claims and counter-claims to be adjudicated by the Court;

Whereas, after negotiations, the Agents of the Parties jointly communicated the attached Statement of Agreed Facts to the Court on 30 May 2018;

Whereas the Agents have agreed that they shall each make oral pleadings solely on the claims and counter-claims presented in the Statement of Agreed Facts;

Taking into account the agreement of the Parties,

Fixes the dates for the oral pleadings as 1 July 2018.

Done in English and French, the English text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this fifteenth day of May, two thousand and eighteen, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Governments of Cublefus and Tulipill.

(Signed)
Vice-President

(Signed)
Registrar

STATEMENT OF AGREED FACTS

CASE CONCERNING THE STRAIT OF BOLGOLAM

(Democratic Republic of Cublefus v. Kingdom of Tulipill)

30 MAY 2018

1. This dispute involves activities that took place between 4 April 2018 and 20 April 2018 in the eight-kilometer strait that separates Cublefus and Tulipill. The strait, which has been the subject of an ongoing territorial dispute, is referred by the United Nations as the Strait of Bolgolam, although neither Tulipill nor Cublefus recognize this designation. Cublefus calls it the Strait of Cublefus, and Tulipill calls it the Strait of Tulipill. However, in the interests of clarity, and under the direction of the Court, the Strait of Bolgolam will be used in this Statement of Facts.
2. Cublefus and Tulipill have had a long, and often turbulent history. Both states are antecedents of powerful, and ancient, empires that once lived in harmony. However, the rise of the Lustrogist religion in late 200 B.C.E., first in Tulipill and then in Cublefus, and the formation of the Big-Ender and Small-Ender sects, steadily created religious tensions between the two civilizations.
3. Centuries of war ensued, particularly over one portion of the Strait that held religious significance to all Lustrogists. The Blundecral, the religion's sacred text, spoke of a magical reef where Lustrog fished and meditated. To this day, Cublefusdian and Tulipillians continue to believe that a reef that extends a kilometer in an east-west direction, and lies a kilometer away from the center of the Strait (closer to Tulipill than to Cublefus), is this portal to achieving Lustrog's peace of mind. Both call it Lustrog Reef.
4. The 1864 Treaty of Sulofu, which marked the end of the ten-year war between Cublefus and Tulipill, was negotiated with an unprecedented degree of amicability on both sides. Under this treaty, Cublefus and Tulipill agreed to set up a condominium over the Strait and Lustrog Reef, meaning that they exercised sovereignty over it jointly.

5. The treaty ensured peace between the Cublefus and Tulipill for almost a century. Tulipill's 1948-1953 Civil War broke down these cooperative relations after Cublefus, still predominantly composed of Big-Enders, unofficially supported the Big-ENDER faction. During the Civil War, leaders of both countries publicly declared that the Treaty of Sulofu no longer applied to the Strait of Bolgolam. Each country staked a claim over the narrow strip of water.
6. Over time, sovereignty over Lustrog Reef became their main point of contention and made navigation in the Strait of Bolgolam dangerous to all vessels. Tulipill claims Lustrog Reef and all the waters up to the midpoint of the strait as measured from the baselines. Cublefus agrees on baseline measurements everywhere except at Lustrog Reef, where its claim extends along the entire southern baseline of Lustrog Reef. No other state has shown interest in these waters and they are not used for international navigation.
7. Cublefus's claim to Lustrog Reef stems from a document found in 1787: the so-called "Legend of Flimnap Temple." This temple is believed among Big-Enders to have been the place where Lustrog first broke eggs on the big end. Small-enders believe that Lustrog used the temple from time to time, but do not attach any special significance to it. According to the 1787 text, the temple was located somewhere in the mangrove forests of the empire and could only be accessed by a stone-paved road from deep within Cublefus. Archeologists know that an ancient mangrove forest eventually sunk into the Strait, and was no longer there by the year 10 B.C.E. Until 6 April 2018, no evidence of the temple or the road had ever been found, and the dispute over Lustrog Reef and the Strait of Bolgolam had made archeological expeditions impossible.
8. During naval intelligence gathering operations at the height of the recent conflict, Cublefus found evidence of what appeared to be a structure 400 meters north of Lustrog Reef. On 6 April 2018, three days after the formal cessation of hostilities, Cublefusian archaeologists from Laotra University on board the H.E.S Barcaza, a Cublefusian naval research vessel that had been the object of a previous dispute between both states, surveilled the area. They used three unmanned undersea vehicles ("UUVs") owned and operated by the Navy. The UUVs discovered and mapped a series of ancient sunken

structures consistent with a temple or some similar structure. Cublefus contends that the reason for the use of a Navy vessel was just an incidental by-product of its discovery, and that it never before operated a vessel for archeological purposes in the Strait.

9. The UUVs used by Cublefus were developed by Egg, and are some of the most highly advanced unmanned maritime systems in the world. Identified by the name UU105, they were initially designed to monitor submarine operations, and are extremely difficult to locate when in operation because of their low acoustic and electromagnetic signature. The UUVs are controlled remotely by a human operator using extremely low frequency (ELF) signals. They can swim and “walk” across underwater surfaces with robotic arms and legs that are designed specifically to operate with an extremely low noise signature, and without causing any damage to the surface that they walk on. This “walk” feature is particularly dangerous to submarines because it allows the UUVs to investigate the vessels with significant stealth. Despite these advantages, it is common knowledge that UUVs are easily impaired or disabled when their communication links are jammed or cut off. The Cublefusian Navy has been the only one to use UUVs in the South Pacific Ocean in the last five years. Until this incident, it had exclusively used them for naval surveillance of Tulipillian activities in the Strait, especially during the March-April conflict in Sulofu Island. Tulipill was aware that these UUV’s were being used in this way.
10. From 7 April onwards, five Cublefusian archaeologists from Laotra University took a privately-owned vessel, the Sand Dollar, out into the Strait to continue their sonar mapping project. They brought with them four civilian crew members to help operate the ship, and three Cublefusian Navy officers, who Cublefus claims were there to help the archaeologists operate the highly-technologically advanced UUVs. None of the archaeologists have ever worked or served with the Cublefusian military.
11. After three days of significant diving and excavations, on 10 April 2018, Cublefusian archaeologists publicly announced that they had uncovered the lost temple of Flimnap. Their conclusion was largely based on several standing walls, statues, and other artifacts found on the site, as well as an ancient stone road that appears to lead to Cublefus.

12. That same day, Cublefus's Prime Minister Sinom Breni Apel Lido declared in a press conference that the archaeological discovery had revealed the true owners of the Strait of Bolgolam. On 12 April, the Cublefusdian Parliament registered the temple in its National Register of Property of Cultural and Historical Significance and submitted an application with UNESCO to name the temple a World Heritage Site. That same day, during a press statement, Tulipill's First Minister accused Cublefus of staging a culturally-charged land grab in the Strait.
13. On 11 April, Tulipill passive sonar detected two UUVs near a Tulipill Navy coastal test zone north of Tulipill National Park. It was conducting underwater tests on its submarine fleet at the time. Before Tulipill could investigate further, the UUVs disappeared. Tulipill's Navy, however, spotted the Sand Dollar out at sea.
14. On 13 April, at 9:00 am, Cublefus's archaeologists on the Sand Dollar engaged three UUVs to operate on the "walk" setting so that they could examine in detail the artifacts below without damaging the ancient structures of Flimnap. The UUVs were in the water for an hour-and-a-half.
15. At 11:30 am, the H.R.E.S. Sheffin, approached and began circling the Sand Dollar. The H.R.E.S. Sheffin is a Tulipillian electronic and anti-submarine warfare frigate that, at the time, was armed with surface-to-surface FOG missiles, MKX56 torpedoes, a main 127 mm naval gun, two anti-aircraft rapid-fire weapons systems, towed array sonar, depth charges, and signal jammers. While circling the Sand Dollar, and without warning, the frigate dropped nine depth charges at five-minute intervals over the temple. Shortly thereafter, the crew of the H.R.E. Sheffin seized the Sand Dollar and all of its crew. All crew members were released back to Cublefus with the Sand Dollar a week later.
16. A preliminary independent investigation conducted by Regional Geographic, a respected organization from Dingnag, revealed that the depth charges had completely destroyed the underwater archeological site, including the temple, statues, road, and artifacts. The damage was of such a nature and extent that future research seems impossible. Moreover, a 90-meter section of Lustrog Reef was badly damaged and is unlikely to recover. None of the UUVs were ever recovered by either Tulipill or Cublefus.

17. Cubefus and Tulipill have at all relevant times been Member States of the United Nations, and parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, API, the 1954 Hague Convention, and its Second Protocol. Neither Cubefus nor Tulipill has signed, ratified, or acceded to any of the four Geneva Conventions on the Law of the Sea of 1958, or The Hague Convention (VIII) relative to the Laying of Automatic Submarine Contact Mines. While neither state is a party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (“UNCLOS”), Cubefus and Tulipill have publicly declared on multiple occasions, and do not dispute it in this case, that most of the provisions contained in this treaty reflect customary international law, including those relevant to the activities in question in this case.
18. On 26 April 2018, Cubefus filed in the Registry of the Court an Application instituting proceedings against Tulipill concerning the issues that were later set out in this Statement of Agreed Facts, invoking the UN Charter, the 1954 Hague Convention and its Second Protocol, and Additional Protocol I to the Gas the basis for the Court’s jurisdiction. On 30 April 2018, Tulipill indicated its intention to file counter-claims, invoking the UN Charter and the 1954 Hague Convention and its Second Protocol as its jurisdictional basis. The Parties have agreed on the formulation of their claims and counter-claims in the following two paragraphs.
19. Cubefus respectfully requests that the Court adjudge and declare:
 1. Lustrog Reef, and the ancient temple of Flimnap that lied north of it, are part of Cubefus’s territorial waters;
 2. Tulipill breached its international obligations when the H.R.E.S. Sheffin conducted military operations in Cubefus’s territorial sea; but Cubefus did not breach its international obligations when the Sand Dollar conducted research in its own territorial sea; and,
 3. Without regard for the maritime boundaries of the Strait of Bolgolam, Tulipill violated its international obligations when it released depth charges in and around to the ancient temple of Flimnap and Lustrog Reef.
20. Tulipill respectfully requests that the Court adjudge and declare:

1. Lustrog Reef, and the ancient city of Flimnap that lies near and within it, are part of Tulipill's territorial waters;
2. Cublefus breached its international obligations by conducting military operations in in Tulipill's territorial sea; but Tulipill did not breach its international obligations when taking measures to bring a cessation to Cublesfudian activities in the Strait;
3. Without regard for the maritime boundaries of the Strait of Bolgolam, Cublefus violated its international obligations when it conducted military operations in and around the temple of Flimnap and Lustrog Reef.



OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER OF THE KINGDOM OF TULIPILL

To: Office of the Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
From: Secretary of Foreign Affairs, the Kingdom of Tulipill
RE: Preliminary Oral Pleadings at the International Court of Justice

Team,

As you are aware, the Democratic Republic of Cublefus has filed an Application Instituting Proceedings with the International Court of Justice (ICJ) against Tulipill for alleged activities in the Strait of Tulipill.

A preliminary 30-minute oral pleading has been set. You should prepare to have 15 minutes for arguments and surrebuttal. Make sure to keep in mind that the Court is likely to have a lot of questions. Be ready for that and prepare a 3-minute summary of your arguments.

Please refer to the ICJ's 15 June 2018 Order and appended Statement of Agreed Facts for the facts and legal issues raised by our government.

Since the three of you were the ones who briefed us earlier this year on these particular issues, I expect that you will vigorously defend our territorial claim over the part of the Strait in which Lustrog Reef, and the ancient city, lies, and provide sound legal arguments in favor of our arguments that Cublefus is the one to blame for the destruction of cultural property in the Strait. At the same time, I hope you will be prepared to respond to any other legal issues Cublefus or the Court may bring up in relation to Cublefus's claims and our counter-claims.

We will meet the following day to debrief.

I wish you the best of luck.



OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CUBLEFUS

To: Office of the General Counsel, the Republic of Cublefus
From: Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Republic of Cublefus
RE: Preliminary Oral Pleadings at the International Court of Justice

Team,

As you are aware, Cublefus filed an Application Instituting Proceedings with the International Court of Justice (ICJ) against the Kingdom of Tulipill for alleged activities in the Strait of Cublefus.

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I wish you the best of luck.

FINAL ROUND PARTICIPANT DOCUMENTS

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ALL TEAMS

The Free Economist July 9, 2018

Akumalan Killer Algorithms Launch a New Era of Warfare

Troubling news are a common occurrence in Runilbarbi. Especially when Akumal is involved. Evidence that Akumal carried out targeted strikes against persons who, by all indications, appeared to be ordinary citizens, is just the latest. It has dragged in Cublefus into the conflict, just as it was winding down.

The conflict in Runilbarbi appeared to be headed towards a stalemate, as fighters of the Runilbarbi Freedom Front (“RFF”) continued their successful guerrilla strikes against the forces of Akumal. Akumal kept finding itself embarrassed by its actions against civilians. The massacres on Runilbarbi’s coastal road only made things worse. Then, momentum shifted in early June after a series of targeted strikes appeared to decapitate the leadership of the RFF and cast the group into disarray.

But as these attacks were happening, persons ranging from bankers to farmhands began to die in similar strikes. Unlike RFF leaders, these people had taken no part in the conflict—the only common factor linking these new victims, all with a variety of disparate ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds, was their vocal support for RFF activity on their social media accounts.

“Hardboil spied on us. Hardboil killed him,” said the son of a man killed in an Akumalan missile strike, who wished to remain anonymous. “My father, these men, these women—all they did was voice their political opinion. The opinion we all share. And now they are dead for it.”

For Lindano boxing gym owner, Anton Anderson, social media is not the whole picture. “Five of these men were killed in separate strikes,” he said, “I saw often at my gym. I knew them well.” All five were training hard in recent weeks. Anderson overheard them talking about doing more to support “the cause” a couple of times. “It was all talk about making donations, though. They were bankers and lawyers.” Asked why he thought they might have been targeted, he did not hesitate: “because they were planning to be more active members of their society. They never planned hurt anybody”.

The global outcry against these killings prompted Akumal’s Joint Forces Command (JFC) to hold a press conference on May 30. Observers were surprised to see billionaire CEO of Hardboil, Mephisto Spilogale, and members of his team join General Anoplura. The General defended the legality of these strikes by their reliance on a new technology called “Haystack.” Spilogale described Haystack as “a predictive algorithm.” It is allegedly capable of identifying persons who “through their hostile actions in favor of the RFF, had become legally targetable because of their support for hostilities”.

Also on the stage, Dr. Christine Farley, Hardboil's chief engineer for Haystack, attempted to explain its operation. She said that Haystack "is an intelligence system relying on experimentally verified research, developed through decades of law enforcement experience picking apart terrorist groups and organized crime networks." What Haystack did was organize the evidence in a useful way, based on the data gathered by The Engine 2.0. "We put network analysis, criminology, and even linguistics into action, and Haystack pulled the shroud from the RFF organization. We followed a list of persons of interest with mapping services, and that led us to identify their entire leadership network. For all practical purposes, this information decisively ended the conflict."

Prompted to answer whether it was lawful for Haystack and Akumal to target those with no previous open ties to the RFF, Mephisto stated: "Let me be clear, there is a separation of roles here. The final targeting decision was not in Hardboil's hands." Hardboil made the technology to map the networks and identify both members and sympathizers based on weighting of over 20 relevant factors like movement patterns, military expertise, political activism, and history of incarceration. "Akumal sets its own military priorities. They decide who is to be targeted, and when, as well as the methods to neutralize them with the least impact on the civilian population." Asked to elaborate on the division of responsibilities, General Anoplura asserted that the bulk of this information was classified. Farley did clarify, "Hardboil is obviously not an arm of the military, or an intelligence agency. We simply created a tool that consolidates and organizes voluntarily-disclosed facts."

Not all were convinced. "Hardboil is an agent of Akumal, they took orders from Akumal for money, and that money is stained with the blood of innocents," said Procyon Lotor of the Network in Solidarity with the Women of Akumal. A sentiment that appears to have found common agreement in the international community.

On July 2, Cublefus launched a fierce and precise air force strike of five military installations in Akumal, as well as four other buildings in Akumal where the Hardboil had offices or housed server infrastructure. The attack severely damaged the Hardboil regional operations, later revealed to be the nerve center of Haystack development and maintenance, and several server farms have not been able to come back online. These farms were hosting key operating systems for The Engine 2.0. as well as a googolplex of user data. Of those killed, 129 were employees of Hardboil—many of whom were engineers holding Akumalan military security clearances to work on the Haystack project.

A statement from Cublefus Prime Minister, Sinom Breni Apel Lido, in the wake of the attack asserted his country's right to defend its citizens, most of whom are sympathetic toward RFF, wherever they may be, against the intrusive and threatening Haystack system. He also defended Cublefus's right to target Hardboil, which "by its contributions to the Akumalan military, had rendered itself a legitimate military target".

A ceasefire brokered by the United Nations Secretary General is currently in effect.

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Emergency Security Report Concerning the Haystack Project

A Publication of Dingnag Digital Protection, Inc. (2018)

I. Context

This Emergency Security Report describes the functionality and operation of technologies deployed for conflict-related purposes in the South Pacific. The authors of this report take no position as to the legal status of the conflict and its participants, the formal status of any jurisdiction, or assignment of criminal or civil liability.

The Engine 2.0 (“TE 2.0”) is a “digital assistant” technology and a core feature of Hardboil’s Saucepan operating system, which currently holds about 85% market share of computers and mobile devices in the South Pacific. TE 2.0 requires a connection to the internet, and applies proprietary search, prediction, voice recognition, and machine learning technology in order to deliver useful information to the user.

Haystack is the code name of an Akumalan military program relying on underlying technologies of TE 2.0. In short, it is an automated detection system used to identify persons within the civilian population who plan to, or may have taken steps to, participate in the conflict in the South Pacific.

II. Functionality of The Engine 2.0

TE 2.0 remains in passive state whenever devices using the Saucepan operating system are powered on and it can analyze speech to detect commands requiring it to switch to an active state. For example, users can give the voice command “Engine on” to switch TE 2.0 to active state, and then make a query such as “Call Bob if it will take me longer than 10 minutes to arrive at his house.” TE 2.0 would then access real-time traffic information, GPS mapping, and the user’s contact list in order to carry out the command. The prompt “Engine off” switches TE 2.0 to passive state; it does not shut down, but continues to listen for further prompts.

TE 2.0 relies on access to large data sets from which to draw statistical inferences. These data sets are primarily user-provided, on a fully voluntary basis. On first activation of TE 2.0, users are reminded that TE 2.0 necessarily collects their personal data; opting out of data collection will completely disable TE 2.0 functionality.

III. Functionality of Haystack

Haystack, by the admission of Hardboil spokespersons, has direct access to personal data gathered by TE 2.0. Using that data, Haystack searches and analyzes the civilian population to identify persons who have discussed, planned, or taken actions toward perpetration of hostile acts, particularly for the group Runilbarbi Freedom Front.

While the underlying algorithms of Haystack are not completely understood (and beyond the scope of this report), information gathered from Hardboil spokespersons, and inferred from the profiles of persons killed since the deployment of Haystack, have motivated the following conclusions.

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1. Haystack can read public social media posts and videos for key words and phrases, likely to gauge a person's interest and motivation in joining the conflict. The majority of persons killed in targeted strikes based on Haystack identification had, within the past six months, used words on their social media accounts including "RFF", "freedom fighter", and the hashtag #FreeRunilbarbi. One post attributed to a victim read, "I can no longer stand by as my brothers and sisters are massacred. I am going to fight, and I will not rest until we are free."
2. Haystack can accurately determine the locations of individuals if their mobile devices have enabled TE 2.0 to track GPS locations. This functionality was likely used in one of Akumal's strikes to track three targets until they had gathered in a common meeting place, where they had been assembling improvised explosive devices. All three were killed in a raid by Akumalan special forces.
3. Haystack likely applies principles of graph theory and network analysis to make conclusions about personal networks. That is, Haystack can create "maps" of persons of interest, and based on their online communications and interactions, determine which members of the network are the most influential (in effect, those who propagate the most information to other members). This functionality was likely used to identify the leadership structure of the RFF.

IV. Conclusion

Haystack is a predictive system relying on data from TE 2.0 to identify members of the civilian population who may express sympathy or intent to participate in the conflict in the South Pacific. Until the Akumalan military and Hardboil provide information indicating full cessation of the use of Haystack, users are advised to disable TE 2.0 functionality immediately.

Readers are further advised to disable computer and mobile device functionalities which track personal location, including GPS tracking, photograph tagging, and "check-ins" to physical locations. Readers are advised to avoid open discussion of the conflict in the South Pacific, and to avoid travel with those known to be members of the Runilbarbi Freedom Front.

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HRI mail

FWD: Haystack – Digital Dimensions of the Conflict in the South Pacific

From: **Platyrrhincos, Ana** <aplattyrrhincos@hri.org>
To: Cyberwarfare Team

Monday, August. 2, 2018, 03:43 AM

Dear Team,

please see the invitation letter below. I expect this will be an interesting discussion, and the audience will want to hear about how Haystack fits into the legal landscape of autonomous warfare. Know how it works, and think about how it might use all of this personal data to assemble a profile of someone motivated to participate in hostilities. I expect the Hardboil General Counsel won't be authorized to give us any more information, but we may hear some new facts during the discussion from the Academy who have been hard at work piecing together information about the victims. Be ready to discuss the attacks on Hardboil too. Prepare a solid statement and be ready to answer the moderators' questions. It would be best to review the ICRC Interpretive Guidance on Direct Participation in Hostilities, as well. Remember to enjoy yourselves. The Academy venue is quite a sight.

Ana

Dear Human Rights International:

The Lagado Academy of Projectors has the honor and privilege to invite you to participate in an Expert Meeting on the Digital Dimensions to the Conflict in the South Pacific. The recent deployment of the "Haystack" intelligence system and the retaliatory strike against sites, including Hardboil's offices, raise difficult questions about the scope and application of international humanitarian law.

The purpose of this Expert Meeting is to provide a forum for the international community to consider and debate the implications of these acts, and to start searching for common understanding toward a peaceful and permanent end to hostilities. I will moderate the debate along with my colleagues, professors of international law and technology law at the Academy of Projectors. Attendees will include representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross, military lawyers, and legal academics. Your counterpart in the session on March 11 will be the Hardboil Office of the General Counsel.

The Academy understands the great sensitivity of the topic at hand, and will hold the meeting in a closed session with an official summary of the proceedings to be published afterwards. Please note that the topic of international human rights law will be the focus of a follow-up meeting.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank HRI for its continued cooperation with the Lagado Academy of Projectors, and I look forward to welcoming you,

Yours sincerely,

Lee Everett
Professor of Law, Lagado Academy of Projectors

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TEAM 2

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Office of the General Counsel

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HardBoil

FWD: Haystack – Digital Dimensions of the Conflict in the South Pacific

From: **McClane, Jean** <jmclane@hardboil.com>

Monday, August. 2, 2018, 03:43 AM

To: Office of General Counsel

Dear Team,

Please see the invitation letter below. I expect this will be an interesting discussion, as it is a safe forum for us to get a better grasp of the reactions we're seeing in the aftermath of what happened in Akumal. Speak freely. I am sure the audience will want to hear about how we think Haystack fits into the legal landscape of autonomous warfare. Be ready to discuss how it works, and think about how to best describe its ability to assemble a profile of someone motivated to participate in hostilities. Of course, for now, please refrain from giving more information than what is publicly available. We may learn some new facts ourselves about people specifically targeted, as the Academy has been hard at work putting together personal profiles about them. Be ready to discuss the attacks on Hardboil too. Prepare a solid statement and be ready to answer their questions. It would be best to review the ICRC Interpretive Guidance on Direct Participation in Hostilities, as well. Thanks for your hard work these past weeks and try to enjoy the trip. The Academy venue is quite a sight. Thanks. J

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