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**TRANSCRIPT(EXCERPTS):**

**MS. NULAND:** Afternoon, everybody. Happy Thursday. I have three Secretarial phone calls to read out at the top here. The Secretary yesterday made phone calls to Iraqi Foreign Minister Zebari, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr, and the new Libyan National Congress President Magariaf.

With regard to the call to Foreign Minister Zebari of Iraq, they discussed a variety of issues of mutual interest in our bilateral relationship, including the Iraqi political situation, recent regional developments, and our shared interest in ending the violence in Syria. They both affirmed that the long-term strategic partnership between the U.S. and Iraq is a source of important stability in the region.

**QUESTION:** Okay. All right. Now, on the – with Zebari, did she raise concerns that the Iraqis are helping the Iranians flout sanctions at all?

**MS. NULAND:** Well, as I said, they talked about the situation in Syria. We have, as you know, for a number of months, been working with the Iraqis to ensure that their territory, whether it's their land or their airspace, can't be abused by Iran or by anybody else to transship weapons to the Assad regime. So those conversations continue and -

**QUESTION:** So it's fair to say that she brought that up?

**MS. NULAND:** Again, they talked about the situation in Syria more broadly. I don't think I'm going to go into any more details about the particulars of the phone call.

**QUESTION:** Toria --

**QUESTION:** Yeah --

**MS. NULAND:** Go ahead, Matt.

**QUESTION:** Well, I was going to move to the next call.

**MS. NULAND:** Please.

**QUESTION:** On the Zebari call?

**MS. NULAND:** Shall we stay on Iraq and then we'll move on?

**QUESTION:** Just two. Any – did they talk at all about Camp Ashraf or the MEK?

**MS. NULAND:** They did talk about the ongoing effort to ensure that the MEK moves. And as you know, there's another – or as you may know, there's another tranche of folks planning to move to – from Ashraf to Camp Hurriya today, which is a welcome development.

**QUESTION:** And did she mention anything about MEK concerns about possible Iraqi action against them should they fail to move?

**MS. NULAND:** Again, beyond saying that this is an issue that we've been working with the Iraqi government on for many months, trying to arrange for the new camp, trying to get everybody to move, and that this is something that we have been trying to achieve peacefully together and in cooperation with the UN, I think I won't get into details. But again, **the Iraqi government has been very supportive of this move and very helpful in trying to get it done.**

Thanks very much.

**QUESTION:** Thank you.

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