

United States Department of State

Washington, DC 20520

July 5, 2024

Case No. FL-2024-00004

Daniel E. Lopez Brena
Po Box 26029
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Brena:

As we noted in our letter dated May 24, 2024, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Thus far, the Department of State ("Department") has identified an additional 20 responsive records subject to the FOIA. Upon review, we have determined all 20 records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each record. Where applicable, the Department has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing these records and applying FOIA exemptions. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

We will continue to process your case. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Christina O'Tousa, Assistant U.S. Attorney, at christina.o'tousa@usdoj.gov or (202) 252-2437. Please refer to the case

number, FL-2024-00004, and the civil action number, 23-cv-03267, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

Sonia Pryce
Chief, Litigation and Appeals Branch
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.



The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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| ARMSEXP | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c) |
| CIA PERS/ORG | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505 |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

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Subject:	Re: Tunisia Night Notes from Tunis - October 25, 2021
Date:	Mon, 25 Oct 2021 17:19:35 +0000

Hey (b)(6) is ASF providing any support in this case or playing any role? Thanks! (b)(6)

From: (b)(6)@state.gov>
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To: Tunis O/I <TunisO/I@state.gov>
Subject: Tunisia Night Notes from Tunis - October 25, 2021

Good evening,

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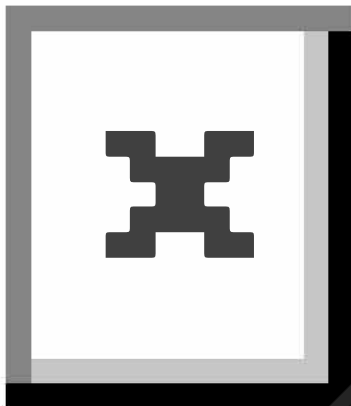
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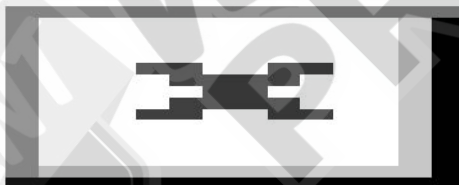
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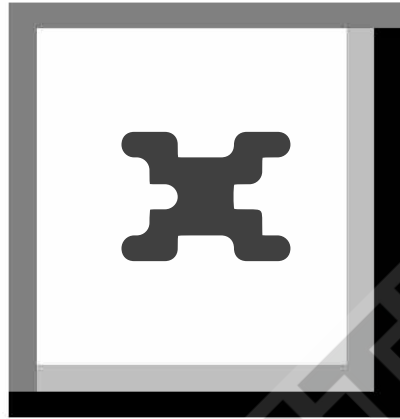


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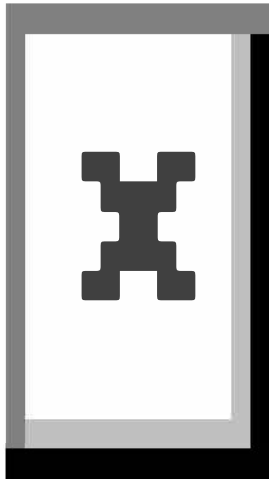
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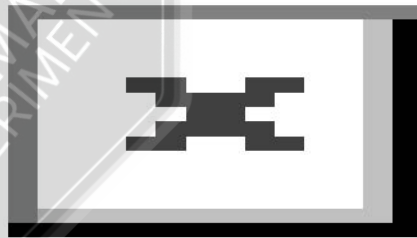
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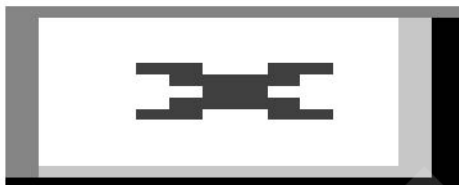
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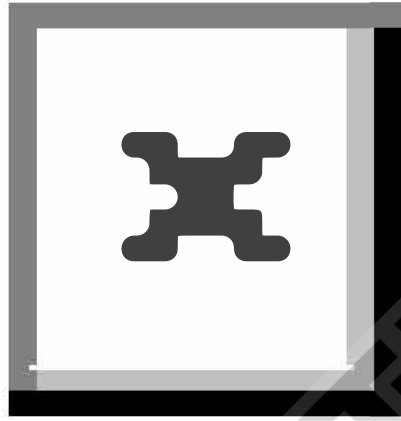
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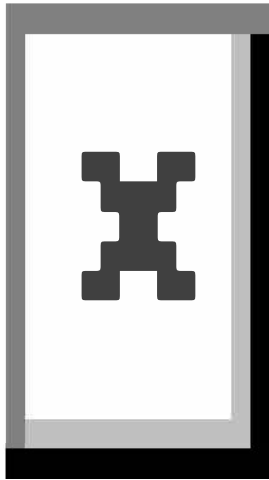




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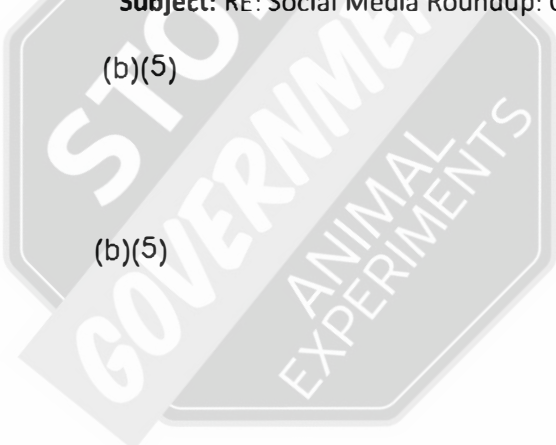
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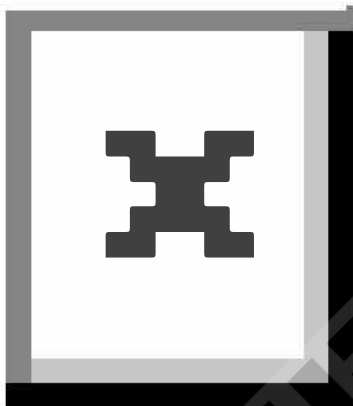
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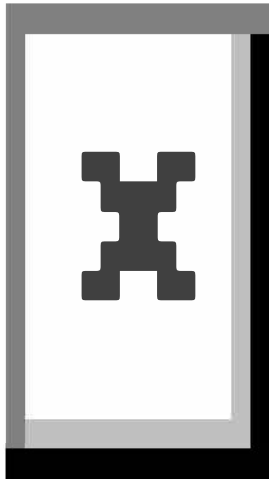
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No problem! Thank you!

I was very glad to see this one too. Re:puppies.

Best,

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Subject: RE: O/I Items for October 25

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Good afternoon colleagues,

Please send any O/Is in the below format by 5 p.m. Please also flag additions to the visit/event list—principals, dates, and control officers.

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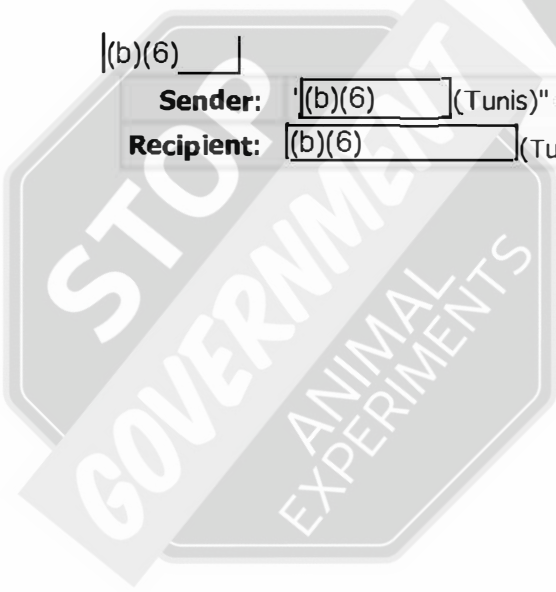
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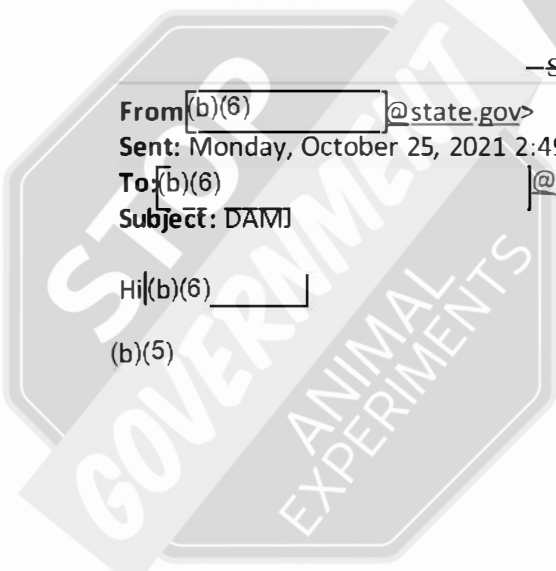
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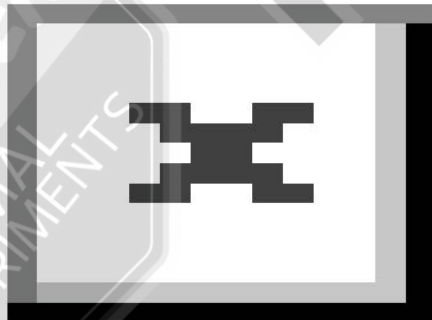
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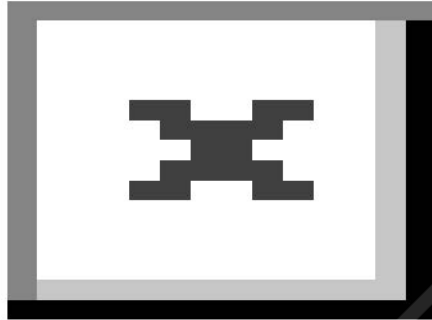
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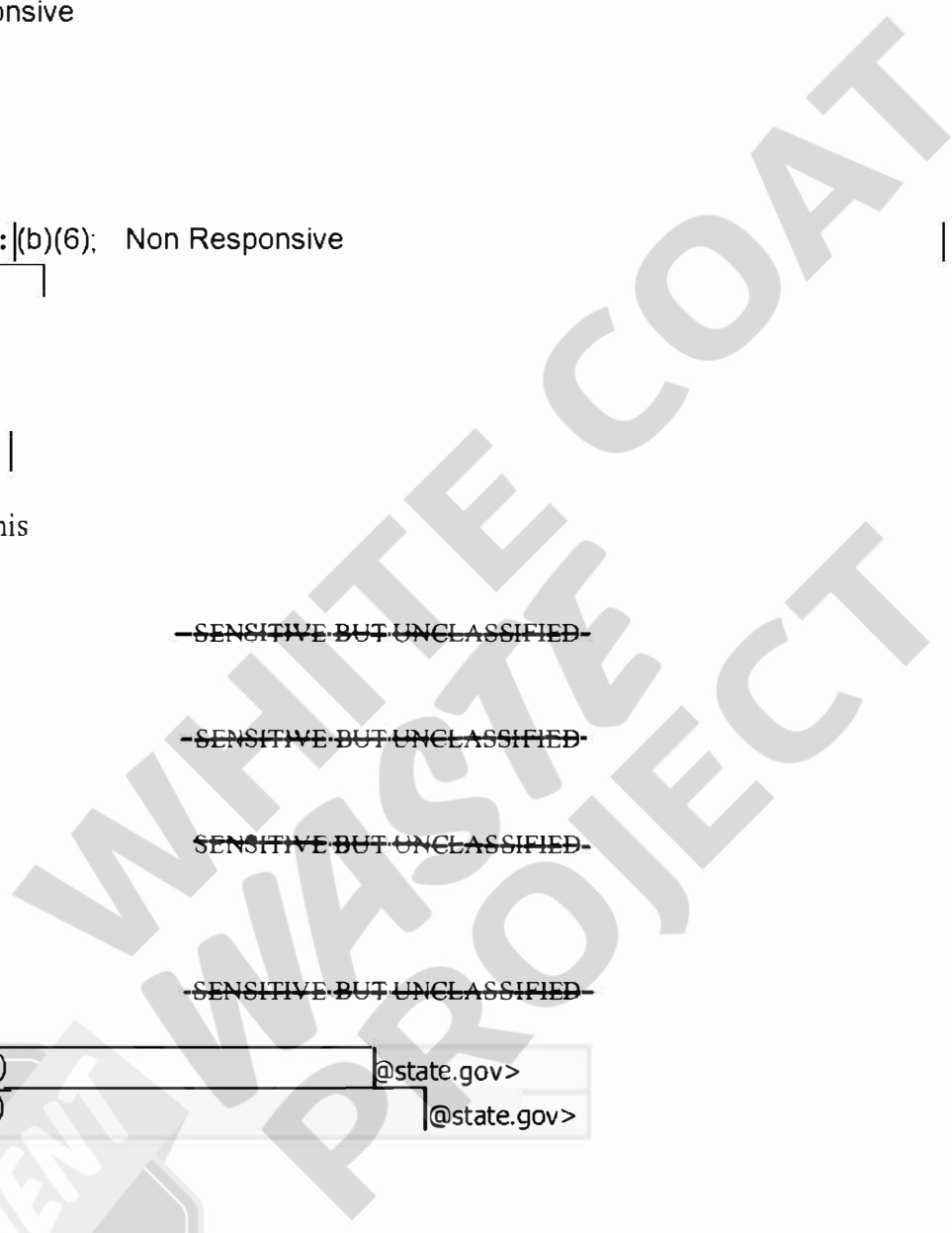
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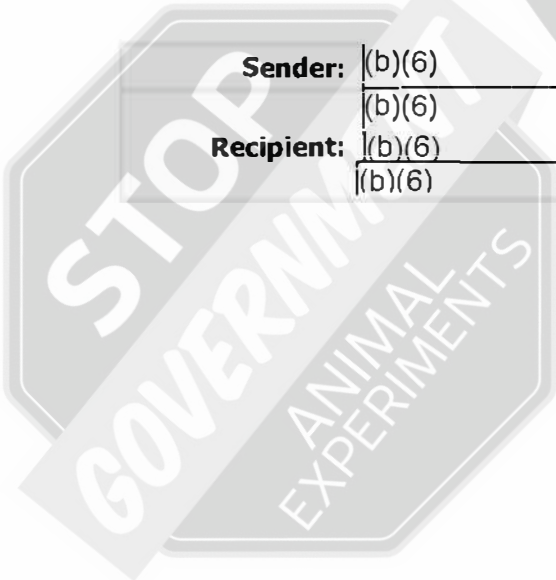
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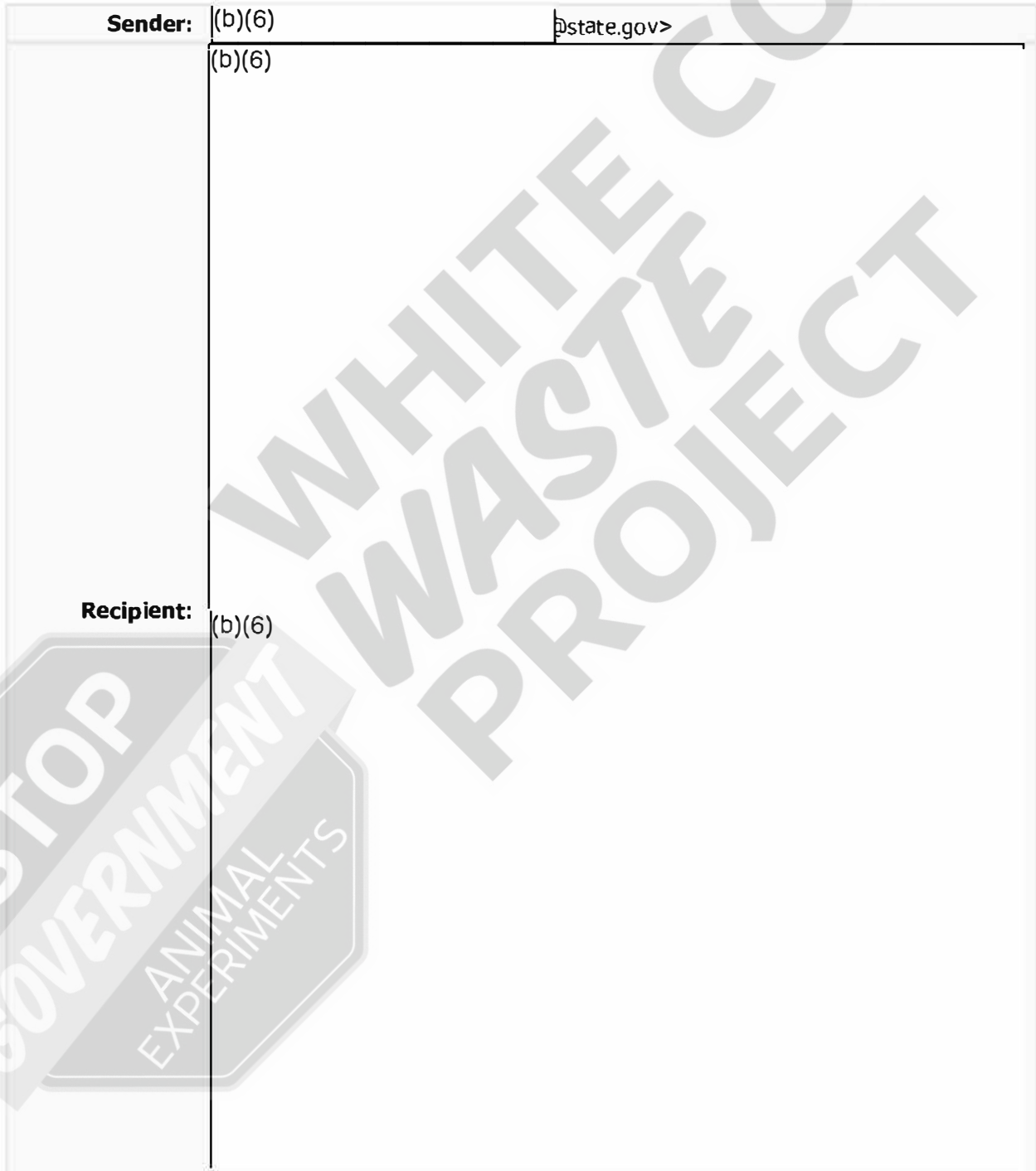
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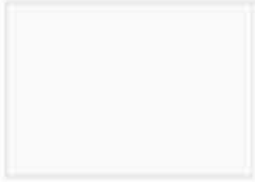
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ALLEGATIONS OF NIH FUNDED CRUEL EXPERIMENTS ON DOGS

In response to allegations from a U.S.-based animal rights group that an NIH-funded project in Tunisia required researchers to perform brutal experiments on dogs, Director of the Pasteur Institute, Hechmi Louzir, denied reports that the institute was involved in cruel experiments on dogs. He stressed that the experiments that were conducted as part of global research on visceral leishmaniasis were carried out within the framework of respecting scientific ethics. [BUSINESSNEWS](#)

COVID-19

Director General of the National Center for Drug Vigilance and Scientific Committee for the Response to the Coronavirus, Dr. Riadh Daghfous, said that Tunisia has achieved nearly 80% herd immunity. [RADIO SHEMSFM](#)

STRIKE

The Regional Labor Union (UGTT) called on all workers as well as trade unionists to engage in a strike in Sfax on October 28 to demand wage raises and to find a solution social negotiations that have been stalled for the past two years. They are also protesting the deteriorating purchasing power of workers. [TUNISIE NUMERIQUE](#)

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TV channels	Description
Al-Wataniya 1	Government-owned Arabic TV channel
Al Hiwar Ettounsi	Private-owned Arabic TV channel
Attassia	Private-owned Arabic TV channel
Hannibal TV	Private-owned Arabic TV channel

<u>Nessma TV</u>	Private-owned pan-Maghreb Arabic TV channel
Radio stations	Description
<u>CapFM</u>	Private-owned Arabic radio focused on culture and arts
<u>ExpressFM</u>	Private-owned Arabic/French radio Economic news focused
<u>Radio IFM</u>	Private-owned Arabic radio
<u>JawharaFM</u>	Private-owned Arabic radio based in Souse
<u>Radio Jeunes</u>	Government-owned Arabic youth-focused radio
<u>MosaiqueFM</u>	Private-owned Arabic radio
<u>Radio Tunis</u>	Government-owned Arabic national radio
<u>Radio Tunis Chaîne Internationale (RTCI)</u>	Government-owned/international radio/French/English German/Spanish/Italian
<u>ShemsFM</u>	Private-owned Arabic radio
<u>Zitouna</u>	Government-owned Arabic religious radio
Print/Online Media	Description
<u>La Presse</u>	Government affiliated French daily
<u>Le Quotidien</u>	Private-owned French daily
<u>Realités</u>	Private-owned French daily
<u>As-Sabah</u> (appears as As-Sabah Al-Ousboui on Saturdays)	Private-owned Arabic daily
<u>As-Sahafa</u>	Government -owned Arabic daily
<u>Ash-Shourouq</u>	Private-owned Arabic daily
<u>Le Temps</u>	Private-owned French daily
<u>Tunis Hebdo</u>	Private-owned French weekly
<u>Akher Khabar</u>	Private-owned Arabic daily
<u>Le Maghreb</u>	Private-owned Arabic daily
<u>TAP Tunis Afrique Presse</u>	Government-owned Arabic-English-French wire service
<u>Businessnews</u>	Private online Arabic/French daily
<u>Babnet</u>	Private online Arabic/French daily
<u>Nawaat</u>	Private online Arabic/French/English daily
<u>Webmanagercenter</u>	Private online French
<u>African manager</u>	Private online French
<u>Leaders</u>	Private online French/Arabic
<u>Webdo</u>	Private online French
<u>Tuniscopie</u>	Private online /French
<u>Hakaekoline</u>	Private online Arabic
<u>Tunisie numerique</u>	Private online French/English
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<u>L'economiste maghrebin</u>	Private online French
<u>Tunisie Telegraph</u>	Private online Arabic
<u>24info</u>	Private online French
<u>Acharaa</u>	Private online Arabic

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(b)(6) per AMB's request, (b)(6) is getting ready to call IWatch regarding the Pasteur Institute posting. I can't find more background on the Al Jazeera claims, but did find what I think is the New England Journal of Medicine report on the study. Below are some points (b)(6) could use. (b)(5) Do you have any more info on the Al Jazeera claim? (b)(6)

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Ambassador, reference to your question, the backstory is that in 2015 Al Jazeera produced a documentary entitled "Can killers make a medicine?" alleging that the Pasteur Institute was working on a grant with Walter Reed Hospital funded by DOD to test leishmaniasis medication on Tunisian children

in Sidi Bouzeid. The Pasteur Institute strongly refuted the allegations that they were using Tunisian children and sued Al Jazeera. Al Jazeera also alleged that the Pasteur Institute was working with Israel to produce the medicine used in the testing, which the Institute also refuted explaining that an Israeli lab was asked by Walter Reed to produce a small quantity of the medication.

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Looping in (b)(6) Meanwhile, Director of the Pasteur Institute, Hechmi Louzir, spoke to Mosaique FM today. Below is a quick recap courtesy of (b)(6) in ECON:

(b)(6) denied reports that the institute was involved in cruel experiments on dogs. He stressed that the experiments that were conducted as part of global research on visceral leishmaniasis (leishmaniose viscérale) were carried out within the framework of respecting scientific ethics. (b)(6) said that the mentioned research was funded by two institutions concerned with medical research, the American (NIH) and the British (Wellcome Trust), and was supervised by three teams in the world, one in the United States and another in Britain, and a third team in Tunisia (the Pasteur Institute). The research, launched in 2018, and its results were recently published, aims to find the attractiveness of dogs infected with leishmaniasis in transmitting the disease to children.

(b)(6) explained that the choice of Tunisia comes from several considerations, the first of which is the presence of the germ that causes the disease in Tunisia, in addition to the experience and possession of the necessary techniques to be used in research. He added, "It is an honor for Tunisia to have researchers at the level of internationally funded research and in partnership with prestigious scientific institutes to advance in the treatment of diseases."

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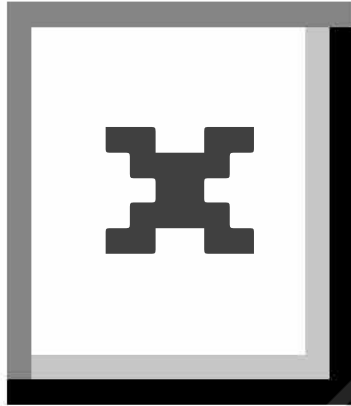
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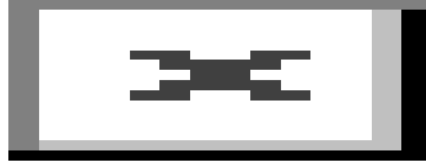
Allegations of NIH funded cruel experiments on dogs

Social media activists and pages carried strong responses to U.S. media stories alleging NIH funded cruel experiments on puppies carried out in a Tunisian lab.

Prominent physician Zakaria Bouguira posted on Facebook: “ An ethics scandal erupts in America about Dr. Fauci and his participation in inhumane experiments on dogs in Tunisia. This is not the first time Tunisia gets involved with American labs in experiments that violate the law and morals. Remember the scandal of paramomycin experiments on children in Sidi Bouzid.”



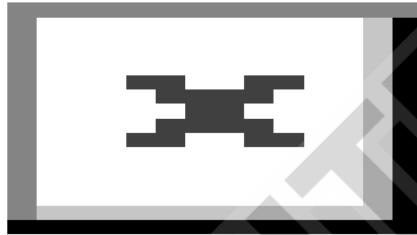
Tunisian activist and president of watchdog IWatch organization, Achref Aouadi, posted on Facebook: “The Tunisian lab that carried out experiments on puppies for an American study is again the Pasteur Institute. This is the second study, following another one they conducted on the children of Sidi Bouzid for the benefit of the U.S. Department of Defense.”



Tunisian model and activist, Azza Slimene (1.5 million followers), posted on her Instagram page: "It's time to do something... We need to activate animal protection laws in Tunisia!!"



Animal rights groups launched calls on social media to organize a protest in front of Pasteur Institute in downtown Tunis. One member of “Animaux Sans Toit” Facebook group (213K) posted: “Whoever loves animals should join us tomorrow at 11am in front of the Pasteur Institute.” More activists posted in “SOS Animaux Tunisie” Facebook group (165K members) also calling for a protest.



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