



Palestinian National Authority
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Press Release

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The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemns strongly the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) brutal attack against Gaza aid (Freedom) flotilla, and peace activists' who stood by our besieged people in the Gaza Strip.

The Ministry stresses on the fact that this piracy comes in the same context of Israeli continuous escalation and aggression against the Palestinian people, their cause, land, and holy places, acting in the manner of a state above international law and international humanitarian law. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs values and greets all participants on their solidarity mission, and those who worked tried to assist Palestinians by delivering food, medical and humanitarian assistance and supplies to our besieged people in the Gaza Strip, and emphasizes on the following:

First: The silence of the International Community on the crimes committed by the Israeli occupation against our people and against peace activists, leads eventually to Israel's persistent aggression and oppressive practices, and the denial of the Palestinian people's rights of freedom and independence.

Second: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs mourns free men worldwide for the constellation of martyrs who died defending the land and freedom of Palestine, and wishes a speedy recovery to the wounded. Further, the Ministry calls on all institutions and humanitarian organizations an urgent and instant action to protect all participants in the Gaza aid (freedom) flotilla.



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Third: the Ministry of Foreign affairs urges the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly to convene an urgent meeting to condemn this takeover of Freedom flotilla, and the mass murder of the supporters and sympathizers of the Palestinian people, holding, at the mean time, Israel responsible for this criminal act, and applying all international resolutions to put a limit to their criminal practices.

Fourth: the Palestinian National Authority will follow up on the Repercussions of this Massacre with the Arab League, the OIC, the Human Rights Council, the international courts, other Arab, regional and international organizations. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs urges the international community to take quick actions to end the occupation, and to provide international security to our people, in addition to bring the murderers and the officials responsible of this time, to a fair public trial.

Fifth: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs calls on the international community and the International Quartet to immediately lift the siege on Gaza Strip, and to ensure access of humanitarian supplies to our people in the Gaza Strip.

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