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## **GLOBAL SUMUD FLOTILLA UPDATES FOLLOWING ILLEGAL INTERCEPTION AND ABDUCTION OF VOLUNTEERS**

**October 2, 2025**

MEDITERRANEAN SEA – After Israeli occupation naval forces illegally intercepted vessels of the Global Sumud Flotilla—a peaceful, non-violent convoy carrying food, baby formula, medicine, and volunteers from 47 countries to Gaza—hundreds of participants have been abducted and reportedly taken aboard the large naval vessel, the MSC Johannesburg. This was after they were assaulted with water cannons, doused with skunk water, and had their communications systematically jammed in yet more acts of aggression against unarmed civilians.

Additionally, several boats were reportedly stopped by a chain-like barrier in international waters where Israel has no jurisdiction, just as they have no jurisdiction over Gaza's waters and shoreline, compounding Israel's continued war crimes and illegal blockade.

Adalah lawyers, who represent the flotilla participants before Israeli authorities, have been given minimal updates and have not been informed on whether the estimated 443 flotilla volunteers, who were forcibly taken from their vessels, will arrive at Ashdod, where they are expected to be processed under illegal detention.

This is an unlawful abduction, in direct violation of international law and basic human rights. Intercepting humanitarian vessels in international waters is a war crime; denying legal counsel and concealing the fate of those seized compounds that crime. We demand that governments, world leaders, and international institutions immediately intervene to secure information on the missing participants, guarantee their safety, and demand their immediate release.

Our commitment remains clear: to break Israel's illegal siege and end the ongoing genocide against the Palestinian people. Every act of repression against our flotilla, every escalation of violence in Gaza, and every attempt to suppress solidarity actions only strengthen our resolve.

Mikeno, sailing under the French flag, may have entered Palestinian territorial waters according to AIS data, but remains out of contact. Marinette, sailing under the Polish flag, is still connected via Starlink and in communication, carrying a total of 6 passengers on board.

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### **The following vessels have been confirmed to be illegally intercepted:**

Free Willy – Polish Flag  
Captain Nikos – Polish Flag  
Florida – Polish Flag  
All In – French Flag  
Karma  
Oxygono – Polish Flag  
Mohammad Bhar – Dutch Flag  
Jeannot – Spanish Flag  
Seulle – Polish Flag  
Hio – Polish Flag  
Morgana – Italian Flag  
Otaría – Italian Flag  
Grande Blu – Polish Flag  
Deir Yassine – Algerian Flag  
Huga – Polish Flag  
Aurora – Italian Flag  
Yulara – Spanish Flag  
Spectre – Spanish Flag  
Adara – Spanish Flag  
Alma – UK Flag  
Sirius – UK Flag

### **The following vessels lost contact several hours ago and are assumed to have been illegally intercepted:**

MiaMia – Italian Flag  
Vangleis – Polish Flag  
Pavlos – Polish Flag  
Wahoo – Polish Flag  
Inana – UK Flag  
Maria – Italian Flag  
Alakatalla – Italian Flag  
Metèque – Italian Flag  
Mango – Polish Flag  
Adagio – Spanish Flag  
Ahed Tamimi – Polish Flag  
Australe – Polish Flag  
Amsterdam – Netherlands Flag  
Ohwayla – UK Flag  
Selvaggia – Italian Flag  
Catalina – German Flag  
Estrella – Spanish Flag  
Fair Lady – Italian Flag

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