



# SUPPORT THE NEXT FREEDOM FLOTILLA

**- WE NEED YOUR HELP -**

- Email us if you want a speaker or to get involved with the Campaign Team  
[contact@breakgazasiege.org](mailto:contact@breakgazasiege.org)
- Organise an event in your local community to support the Freedom Flotilla
- Follow us on Twitter and/or like us on Facebook

- Make a donation here towards one of the ships that will challenge the blockade:

**Acc. Name: Ship to Gaza Norway \***  
**International Acc. No.:(IBAN) NO47 1204  
0310 337**

**BIC (Swift address) DNBANOKKXXX**

For a receipt, please email  
[torstein.dahle@hvl.no](mailto:torstein.dahle@hvl.no) with your details and  
the transfer amount.

In 2018, the Freedom Flotilla Coalition (FFC) will sail once more against the illegal Israeli blockade of Gaza, for freedom of movement and the right to a just future for all Palestinians.

For seven years, the FFC has taken non-violent direct action to raise international awareness and to put pressure on our governments to end their complicity with Israel's crimes against humanity. Since our last maritime mission in 2016, the Women's Boat to Gaza, the FFC has focussed on Gaza's fishers, who are not allowed beyond six nautical miles of the Palestinian coast and often come under Israeli Occupation Force (IOF) attack even within this zone.

Fishing has always been one of Gaza's most important industries, and even after years of decline due to the blockade, more than 35,000 people still depend on fishing for their livelihood. Sardines which are an important source of iron used to be an important part of the local diet in Gaza, but most of the sardines are in deeper waters, outside the six nautical miles zone. Forty-five percent of women in Gaza are anaemic and iron deficiencies during pregnancy have caused a rise in infant anaemia.

All children in Gaza are victims of the ongoing blockade, which has robbed them of their childhood; their rights to safety, education, and health. Ten-year-olds in Gaza have lived through three major military attacks: in 2008-2009, 2012 and 2014. Many have lost family members and friends and/or endure significant injuries.

Thousands of Palestinian people in Gaza still live among rubble as the international community has failed to fulfil its promises to finance and ensure rebuilding, whilst the blockade prevents the import of construction materials. Many people suffer from psychological trauma and everyone suffers from insufficient power supply, lack of drinkable water, inadequate sewage treatment and a shortage of education facilities. The Gaza Strip is one of the most densely populated areas in the world, with over two million people (half of whom are children) living in an area 25 miles long by 5 miles wide. According to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, 70 percent of the population are refugees.

2018 marks the 70th anniversary of the Nakba (the disaster or catastrophe) - the forced displacement of the native Palestinian population from what became Israel. The blockade of Gaza and the unliveable conditions suffered by women, children and men is not a natural catastrophe, nor should it be devoid of context. The international community is responsible for the refugee situation (addressed by UN resolution 194 of 1948); for half a century of military occupation of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights and East Jerusalem; and for the gross violations of individual and collective rights of the Palestinian people, perpetrated by the State of Israel.

Help make this mission a powerful display of solidarity so that this message of hope reaches the shores of Gaza, Palestine and ends the blockade.

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The International Committee for Breaking the Siege of Gaza (ICBSG) is a Palestinian driven initiative mobilising, through peaceful means, to end the illegal and inhumane Israeli blockade of Gaza.

ICBSG is a founding member of the Freedom Flotilla Coalition (FFC) and supports the FFC's next mission - Just Future for Palestine - sailing in mid 2018.

- When our governments refuse to act, civil society must.
- We reject assertions of collective guilt and punishment. In our campaigning, we reject all forms of racism and discrimination.
- We are not affiliated with any government.
- We aim to inspire and unite people to take non-violent direct action against the blockade of Gaza.

#### **Online Information re ICBSG and FFC:**

- 🌐 <https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/>
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