

For Immediate Release:

Can unarmed seaborne civilians break the siege of Gaza?

A press conference at The Journalists' House, Nicosia
At RIK / CBC Avenue 12, Nicosia

Monday, 4th August, 2008 at 10.00 a.m.

[Camera crews to come early, please, for set up]

Inaugurating The Free Gaza Movement Sailing to Gaza

DESTINATION: GAZA PORT



In August, unarmed Palestinians, Israelis and internationals will sail directly to Gaza without going through Israeli territory or seeking permission from Israeli authorities. They include an 81-year-old Catholic nun, an 83-year-old Holocaust survivor, Palestinians from Gaza, 17 nationalities, four major religions and the international press (including Tony Blair's journalist sister-in-law, Lauren Booth).

On Monday, August 4, 2008, the Free Gaza Movement publicly introduces its international team that will take volunteers from Cyprus to Gaza in popular solidarity with Palestinian human rights. From that day, any attempt to damage the project will be considered an act of aggression against a nonviolent international human rights mission.

Media places on the boat are taken. Since there are many journalists on a short list, we suggest journalists work together to find a separate press vessel, and we are prepared to help network those interested.

At the press conference in Nicosia (*see above address and scheduled time*), participants will be available for individual interviews.

For more information go to www.freegaza.org where the actual voyage can be watched in real time, by video streaming from the satellite broadcasting on board. Since this [non-violent/entirely peaceful] voyage is being funded by private donation, Free Gaza Movement welcomes donations online at its website.

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