

## Press Release

### The Free Gaza Movement UK

#### For Immediate Release

## Break the Siege of Gaza Press Conference 4<sup>th</sup> August in London

Around 60 Palestinians, Israelis and Internationals from 15 countries will sail to the Gaza Strip to deliver medical equipment on August 5th 2008. The delivery to Gaza Port of desperately needed medical supplies will be the first international cargo to reach Gaza directly since the crushing embargo on its civilians began.

**We would like to invite you to a press conference presenting the plans of the Gaza Boat Campaign at 11am to 12noon on the 4th August 2008 at the Arab British Chamber of Commerce - 43 Upper Grosvenor Street, London W1K 2NJ.**

Taking part are:

- **Hilary Smith**, from the Boat to Gaza/Free Gaza campaign – chair and will talk about the details of the boat trip to Gaza.
- **Mohammed Qeshta**, student from Gaza now based in London, who will talk about the situation in Gaza.
- **Sarah Teather MP, LibDem MP for Brent recently returned from Gaza**
- **Dr Karma Nabulsi, Oxford University and Patron of PSC, recently returned from Gaza**
- **Clare Short MP** for Birmingham, Ladywood

**There will be live telephone interventions from:**

- **Hedy Epstein, a holocaust survivor about to embark on the boat to Gaza**
- **Dr Mona El Farra, Director of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in Gaza.**

In his letter of support for the voyage, Archbishop Desmond Tutu stated "Peace and security, we discovered in South Africa, do not come through the barrel of a gun...I support the boat convoy in its attempt to bring on-going humanitarian relief to the people of Gaza". Nobel Peace Laureate Mairead Maguire and Luisa Morgantini, Vice President of the European Parliament, are also backing the voyage.

Ten of the 60 Campaigners are from the UK and Ireland.

For more information about the Press Conference please contact the PSC office:

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### Free Gaza Movement Mission Statement

"We want to break the siege of Gaza. We want to raise international awareness about the prison-like closure of the Gaza Strip and pressure the international community to review its sanctions policy and end its support for continued Israeli

occupation. We want to uphold Palestine's right to welcome internationals as visitors, human rights observers, humanitarian aid workers, journalists, or otherwise."

For a full list of endorsements please visit:

<http://freegaza.org/index.php?language=EN&module=endorsers>

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**The Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC)** aims to raise public awareness about the occupation of Palestine and the struggle of the Palestinian people. PSC seek to bring pressure on both the British and Israeli government to bring their policies in line with international law. PSC is an independent, non-governmental and non-party political organisation with members from communities across the UK. Join PSC today!

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