

# Pirates attack the Gaza Freedom Flotilla

The Gaza freedom flotilla consisted of 9 ships, which started from Greece and Turkey and met at Cyprus. There, Israeli agents managed to sabotage three of them, but the remaining six sailed out towards Gaza with ~700 passengers and 10,000 tons of supplies. The Gaza strip has been subject to a strong Israeli blockade since mid-June 2007, and the Israeli government only allow a limited supply, in volume currently comprising only 23% of the pre-blockade amounts and in quality 0% of many essential supplies (such as building materials, paper and many foodstuffs). Gaza was totally destroyed by Israeli Wars in May-June 2006 and December 2008-January 2009 so thousands of the 1.5 million inhabitants ('prisoners') are living in tents. Many Arab states have offered reconstruction (the masters of destruction of course not), but the Israeli state supplies its catalogue of war-crimes with this, in many aspects a copy of the Warsaw Ghetto during WWII. The flotilla succeeded to make aware of this misery, not the least because of the incredibly brutal and stupid reaction of the Israelis.



Nightly video from the attack on Marmara.



The right way for pirates to go



Commandos group in the corner, shooting people



The 'weapons' confiscated: pepper spray and box-cutting knife. Further sticks and glass balls (for defense of Gaza)



*This impressive picture is an obvious falsification – the Israeli attacked during the night. Look at the window in the back!*



The Zionist state attacked on May 31, 2010, shortly after four a.m., when it was still dark. They had previously announced that they would do so, but the vessels were far out in International waters (>90 sea miles from the coast where Israel defines its waters by 68 miles. Israel has admitted that the attack took place in

neutral waters, but what about it? They anyhow feel free to display their warfare-games where- and whenever the supremacist feel like it. To other nations, it was felt as an act of piracy.

The five smaller boats were boarded by Israeli Zodiac boats. That boarding occurred with all the crew threatened at gun-point but otherwise uneventful. The big passenger ship, MV Marmara, was attacked differently. According to the pirates, the soldiers were placed onboard the sporty way, descending along ropes from helicopters and then attacked by fanatic passengers and thereby shot in self-defence. The passenger's tale is a different one: Before a single soldier had landed on the ship, shots were fired and smoke- and gas-bombs were thrown aboard. "Israeli aircraft were trying to land on the *Marmara* and they were shooting people on the deck who were in their way. Three people were shot in the head and died instantly so everyone started taking cover." There was indeed some opposition, as pirates must expect to meet, but with nothing more offensive as sticks. The other side used automatic weapons, and at least nine, possibly as many as twenty of the civilians on board and up to fifty wounded, six of them seriously. Some of the volunteers suggested that the Israelis willingly had killed people to exert an effect on future such expeditions. Among the dead, eight were Turkish and one American. Since also one of the other boats attacked by the pirates in international waters, one might expect a strong reaction from the American government; instead, the reaction was a confirmation of who really governs the USA: it prevented (as usual) a condemnation of the Israeli masters at the Security Council. After taking over control, all ships were guided towards the Israeli port of Ashdod.

Once landed, all passengers, backbend and blindfolded, were taken off the ship. The survivors from Marmara had already been ordered to sit down on the deck during their several hour travels. "Nobody was allowed to stand up, nobody was allowed to go to the toilet," one of the said, adding that the Israeli forces would refuse permission until after the civilians had begged and pleaded several times. Upon their arrival, the activists were forced to sign a statement in Hebrew which the volunteers generally did not understand. They were then given another paper and were pressured to confirm that they agreed to being deported from Israel on charges of illegal entry. Those who signed were repatriated soon, the others were interrogated and then sent to different Israeli prisons. It was perhaps the intention to keep the foreigners in jail for a longer time, but the strong international reaction (except, as mentioned, the American) surprised the Zionists, so that they let everybody leave the country – as a rule, campaigners from countries which do not recognize Israel were sent on buses to Jordan while others were sent to Istanbul on Turkish airline planes. The four Palestinians are kept in jail, probably for a long time, while an unknown amount of people are still in hospitals.

It deserves mention, that all luggage, in particular all laptops, cameras and mobiles were confiscated. This secures that the film clips found on the Internet tell the story from the pirates' viewpoint.

The international reaction was determined: within hours, several European countries (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, France, Greece, Ireland, Norway, Spain and Sweden) called the Israeli ambassadors for report. Turkey and Nicaragua was withdrawing their.

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