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## **Setting Sail on August 1, 2008 to Break the Siege of Gaza**

We will no longer wait for the United Nations to enforce over 65 resolutions against Israel, or for Israel to come forward and uphold the rights of Palestinians guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Fourth Geneva Convention. We choose, instead, to sail to Gaza in August and declare our solidarity with the Palestinians.

Forty to seventy Palestinians, Israelis and Internationals from 15 countries will sail to Gaza during the sixty-year anniversary of the Nakba – the forcible expulsion of more than 700,000 Palestinians from their lands to create Israel –to challenge Israeli control over the open-air prison called Gaza.

Israel says Gaza is no longer occupied; yet it denies Palestinians access to jobs, travel, commerce, education, and medical care. Its military has turned the Gaza Strip into an open-air concentration camp controlled by land, sea and air. In the past year, the people of Gaza have barely had enough to eat, as Israel withholds food and energy in an attempt to starve them into submission.

### **Kinds of boats we will be sailing**



- We will not stand by while Israel denies Palestinians the right to control their own borders.
- We will not accept that 1.4 million people are trapped and starved, surrounded by 40-foot barricades.
- We will not watch as these civilians are terrorized daily by bombings, house demolitions, assassinations and abductions by the Israeli military.

We choose nonviolent civil resistance against the unjust policies of occupation to show that everyone of conscience can participate in resisting injustice.

**If you are media, please email us to reserve a place on the boat or boats; we intend to have satellite capabilities onboard; we will keep you posted on dates and locations over the next two months.**

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