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MISSION UPDATE: GLOBAL SUMUD FLOTILLA SETS SAIL FROM ITALY, TUNISIA, AND GREECE TO UNITE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

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Tunis, Tunisia — The Global Sumud Flotilla (GSF) has begun the final leg of its historic journey to help break Israel’s illegal siege on Gaza. Yesterday, 18 boats set sail from Catania, Italy. Dozens more will depart from Tunisia and Greece today and tomorrow, and the entire fleet will soon converge in international waters to continue together toward Gaza.

In the past weeks, the flotilla faced multiple challenges, including two drone attacks on vessels docked in Tunisia, logistical hurdles, and fuel shortages, which delayed our departure to Gaza. Additionally, in light of Israeli Minister Ben-Gvir’s horrifying threats on flotilla passengers, we underwent additional extensive safety planning to strengthen our security.

Rather than allowing these obstacles to derail us, GSF took decisive steps to strengthen our operation: relocating some ships to other ports for final preparations, carrying out rigorous sea trials, and adapting our safety protocols.

As a result of these changes, and in anticipation of increasingly hostile conditions, we had to make a difficult decision to reduce the participant capacity on several vessels departing to Gaza. Volunteers have endured many challenges, hurdles and uncertainty—in part because of deliberate attacks on our mission and in part due to the massive undertaking of this grassroots mission and miscalculations along the way. The steering committee of GSF continues to share unending gratitude to those who have shown up and been so present for this imperative cause. We are working closely with all participants in deep solidarity during these changes, as we all remain deeply committed to carrying the mission forward in our home countries, leading coordinated mobilisations and further strengthening the global solidarity movement for Palestine.



The strategic changes to our plans will allow us to better safeguard participants to the best extent possible, preserve the mission's impact, and demonstrate the resilience of this global movement for Palestine. As our fleets unite in the Mediterranean, we send a clear message: the blockade and the genocide on Gaza must end.

We remain steadfast and determined to challenge Israel's illegal siege and do whatever possible to end the genocide in Gaza.

About:

The Global Sumud Flotilla is the largest civilian maritime mission ever launched to break Israel's illegal blockade of Gaza. A nonviolent response to Israel's genocide and siege, it builds on decades of Palestinian resistance and global solidarity, aiming to shift the narrative and confront international complicity. Jointly mobilized by the Global March to Gaza, Sumud Convoy, and Sumud Nusantara, the flotilla is coordinated by grassroots organizers, seafarers, doctors, artists, and activists across 44 countries — independent of any government or political party. Learn more or get involved: globalsumudflotilla.org

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