

End the siege of Gaza



The Israeli navy regularly harasses the fishermen of Gaza and prevents them from earning a living

The territory of Gaza is part of Palestine with a coastline on the Mediterranean. Since 2007 it has been placed under siege by the Israeli government, by sea, land and air.

The 'Freedom Flotilla Coalition' seeks to mount a non-violent direct action challenge to this inhumane blockade. The boat will visit Liverpool as part of a Europe-wide tour in preparation for a voyage to Gaza next year. Our public meeting will be a chance to find out more.

Public Meeting

Monday 3 July, 7pm

Meet the Gaza Boat Crew

St Bride's church, Percy Street L8 7LT

Speakers and Music

Light refreshments from 6.30pm

GAZA UNDER SIEGE

Gaza is part of historic Palestine. It was protected by Egypt from conquest by the Israelis in 1948. It is home to many refugees from other parts of Palestine. Israel invaded and colonised Gaza in 1967 but withdrew in 2005.

Since 2007 Gaza has been under a total siege. All imports and exports require an Israeli permit. An Israeli advisor described it as *'putting Gaza on a diet'*. There is no freedom of movement in or out. Gaza residents cannot leave the territory without an Israeli permit; many miss vital medical appointments.

A PEOPLE UNDER ATTACK

Israel's bombing and invasions of Gaza are frequent and often reported. But the siege is unending.

Gaza's seaport and airport have been effectively demolished by Israel. So have desalinisation plants that could provide fresh water from the sea.

Electricity is limited to a few hours a day. Hospitals struggle to function and sewage goes untreated.

Farmers on the border are frequently shot at. Fishermen are regularly attacked by the Israeli navy and confined to uneconomic areas.



Gaza is three times the area of Liverpool but has over four times the population.

BREAKING THE SIEGE

In December 2022 the UN General Assembly recognised that *'the situation in the Gaza Strip is unsustainable'* and called on member states to provide emergency assistance.

But Israel keeps a stranglehold on Gaza. The Egyptian government – who have a border with Gaza known as the 'Rafah crossing' – provide very little relief.

It has fallen to international solidarity activists to challenge the blockade. Convoys or 'flotillas' have set off for Gaza only to be stopped by the Israeli Navy illegally in international waters, sometimes with fatal consequences. But the campaign will continue.

What else you can do...

- Urge your MP and councillor to speak out in support of the Palestinians
- Ask your trade union, church or community organisation to join the campaign for boycott, disinvestment and sanctions
- Join the Palestine Solidarity Campaign and Liverpool Friends of Palestine.
- Boycott Israeli goods and services. Look for the label on products.

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