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Sent: Wednesday, 24 September 2025 10:59 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: SITREP 3 : Middle East Conflict : Further alleged attacks on the Global Sumud Flotilla [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Middle East

Further alleged attacks on the Global Sumud Flotilla

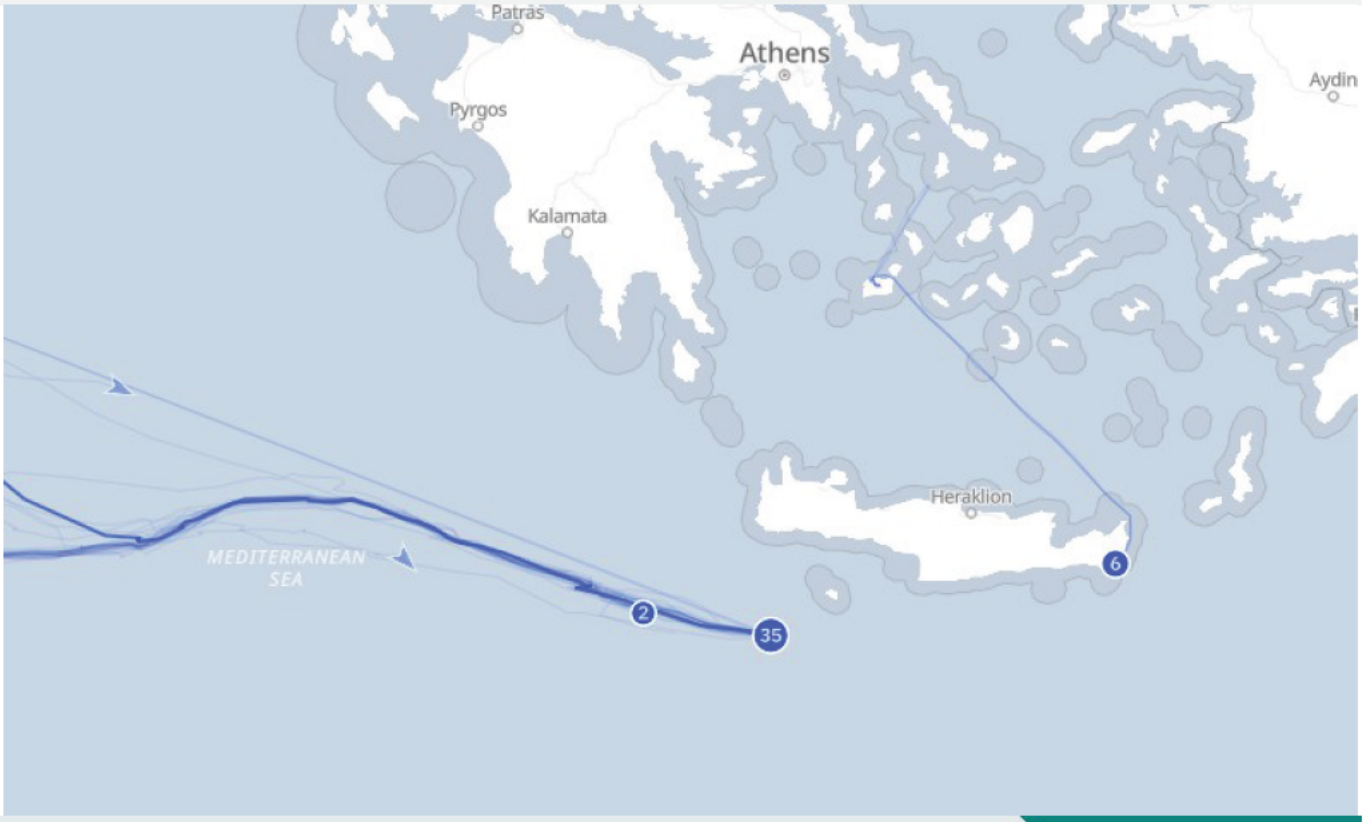
Key Developments

- At 2313 on Tuesday 23 September local time (0813 Wednesday 24 September AEST) the Global Sumud Flotilla (GSF) said it was under attack from multiple drones and that explosions occurred in the vicinity of several vessels.
- The GSF said communications were being jammed.
- There are currently no reports of casualties, however activists reported that several vessels were damaged.
- s 22(1)(a)(ii)
- The alleged attack follows similar incidents concerning GSF vessels reported on 9 and 10 September 2025.

Media

- Al Jazeera: Flashbangs, unidentified chemicals target nine Sumud vessels
- RTE: 'Explosions heard' as 'multiple drones' seen from Gaza aid flotilla - activists

Image source: Global Sumud Flotilla



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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 25 September 2025 5:02 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: Flotilla - any TPs on these boats trying to Gaza

Categories: POLITICAL

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 47E(d)

Global Sumud Flotilla

- Aware of an alleged drone attack on the Global Sumud Flotilla for Gaza
  - deeply concerned by the incident and the risks to the safety of Australian's onboard
  - we call on all parties to respect international law and international humanitarian law, and to refrain from any unlawful or violent act against the Flotilla.
- We understand people want to respond to the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza - the situation has gone beyond the world's worst fears.
  - however, we don't want to see Australians harmed.
- Those wishing to deliver humanitarian aid should do so through established channels.
- As stated in the Smartraveller travel advice, the Israeli Government has a naval blockade in place.
  - we urge Australians not to try to break the naval blockade
  - previous attempts to break the naval blockade along the coast of Gaza have resulted in injury, death, arrest and the deportation of foreigners.
- We stand ready to provide consular assistance to any affected Australians.

Thanks
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 4:03 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Flotilla - any TPs on these boats trying to Gaza

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 25 September 2025 11:16 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Flotilla - any TPs on these boats trying to Gaza [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Hi

We have some TPs in our WoG TPs - Talking Points - Israeli-Palestinian Developments

I have included the relevant section below:

Freedom Flotilla

- The two Australians on board the Handala Flotilla were deported from Israel to Jordan and returned to Australia on 1 August 2025.
- We are aware of the 'Global Sumud Flotilla' and understand there are several Australian nationals on board.
- The Israeli Government has a naval blockade in place

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  - as stated in the Smartraveller travel advice Australians should not to try to break the naval blockade
  - the Israeli Navy patrols its territorial waters and the maritime border zone.
- We are aware efforts to break the naval blockade along the coast of Gaza have caused injury, death, arrest, and resulted in the deportation of foreigners, including Australians.
- We continue to call on Israel to comply with the binding orders of the ICJ, including to enable the unhindered provision of basic services and humanitarian assistance at scale.

Thanks
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 11:04 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Flotilla - any TPs on these boats trying to Gaza [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hello Taskforce

If you have, could you please share TPs on the Flotilla [or past TPs]

Gaza aid flotilla hit by drone attacks and explosions, activists say | Israel-Palestine conflict News | Al Jazeera

Thanks so much

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Protection of Humanitarian Personnel Branch
Humanitarian Division
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 26 September 2025 11:27 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: Latest TPs on Global Sumud Flotilla [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Categories: POLITICAL

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

As mentioned in the Sync, please find the latest TPs on the Global Sumud Flotilla below.

Global Sumud Flotilla

- Aware of an alleged drone attack on the Global Sumud Flotilla for Gaza
  - deeply concerned by the incident and the risks to the safety of Australian's onboard
  - we call on all parties to respect international law and international humanitarian law, and to refrain from any unlawful or violent act against the Flotilla.
- We understand people want to respond to the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza - the situation has gone beyond the world's worst fears.
  - however, we don't want to see Australians harmed.
- Those wishing to deliver humanitarian aid should do so through established channels.
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  - we urge Australians not to try to break the naval blockade
  - previous attempts to break the naval blockade along the coast of Gaza have resulted in injury, death, arrest and the deportation of foreigners.
- We stand ready to provide consular assistance to any affected Australians.

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 29 September 2025 11:05 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: FW: Palestine: Global Sumud Flotilla s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Categories: POLITICAL

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

HI both,

Please see correspondence between Rome post and CCD over the weekend re the Flotilla.

Thanks
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Julianne Cowley <Julianne.Cowley@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2025 8:51 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
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Subject: Re: Palestine: Global Sumud Flotilla s 22(1)(a)(ii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Hi all - we will action.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Italy's President Mattarella has made a statement that Italy must be ready to help "even the non-Italians on the Flotilla".

FM Tajani responded, we can't say 'no' to Mattarella's appeal.

"We also need to protect many human lives and prevent the situation from escalating.

We know, that this is a risky situation. We have always said so, we want to prevent the situation from escalating. It's no coincidence that there is a Navy ship on the scene, not for military operations but for civil protection interventions only, in case there are any problems that may affect Italian citizens. We have also expressed our willingness to provide services to non-Italian citizens as well."

*++ Flotilla, we want to break Israel's naval blockade And create a stable humanitarian corridor. This is our mission'

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(ANSA) - ROME, SEPTEMBER 26 - "It's true that we are bringing humanitarian aid to Gaza, but it's not the main objective of our mission. Ours is a political act; we want to create a stable humanitarian corridor, break the Israeli naval blockade and we want this genocide to end as soon as possible." stated by Simona Moscarelli of the Global Sumud Flotilla

"These have not been easy days. Many of the crew
were frightened by what happened. These have not been peaceful days for the crew members, but the mission continues," she added.

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From: "Rosemary Morris-Castico" s 22(1)(a)(ii) dfat.gov.au>
Date: Saturday, 27 September 2025 at 1:29:25 am
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: "Paul Griffiths" <Paul.Griffiths@dfat.gov.au>, "Matthew Wise" <Matthew.Wise@dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) l@dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, "Julianne Cowley" <Julianne.Cowley@dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Palestine - Global Sumud Flotilla - s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi Colleagues,

s 33(b)

In the meantime, for info, the following was reported in the Spanish press today:

Global Sumud Flotilla
The Spanish boat sent to protect the Flotilla, named "Furor", has a cannon and two machine guns, but it is a ship that is dedicated to surveillance, control and rescue operations, without offensive capacity. Its endowment would not allow it to face an attack with guarantees, nor from another warship or to shoot down drones. The Ministry of Defence will mandate the "rules of engagement" for the mission, as in any military mission, in case Israel besieges or attacks Flotilla ships in international waters – these rules not being publicly announced. In no case is it expected that the ship or the crew will enter Israeli jurisdictional waters. (Souce: Eldiario.es)

The ship "Furor", deployed by Spain to assist the Global Sumud Flotilla in its humanitarian mission to Gaza, will extend its aid to Belgian citizens if needed, as announced by Minister Albares during the UNGA High-Level Week in New York. This announcement follows a direct petition made by the Belgian Government to Spain to protect Belgian citizens. (Source: Demócrata).

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Best, Rosemary.

Rosemary Morris-Castico
Embajadora

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Media reporting:

AM ThistlethwaiteIt: *"The Australian Government has made representations to countries, including Spain, Italy and Greece, to seek their support for Australians on board."*

ABC 1 Oct 2025: Greta Thunberg detained as Israel's military intercepts Gaza-bound aid flotilla

The Guardian, 1 Oct 2025: Government 'deeply concerned' about safety of Australians aboard Gaza flotilla

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 9 October 2025 9:17 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: FYI NEWS RELEASE - Israel must ensure safety and liberty of Flotilla activists after another interception in international waters says UN expert [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Categories: FYI

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FYI

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, October 9, 2025 8:11 AM
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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: FYI NEWS RELEASE - Israel must ensure safety and liberty of Flotilla activists after another interception in international waters says UN expert [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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FYI media release below by the SR FOE

Date: Wednesday, 8 October 2025 at 5:34:39 pm

NEWS RELEASE

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UNITED NATIONS
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Israel must ensure safety and liberty of Flotilla activists after another interception in international waters: UN expert

GENEVA (8 October 2025) – Israel must guarantee the safety and human rights of all individuals aboard the *Conscience* and other vessels of the Freedom Flotilla Coalition intercepted this morning, a UN expert said today.

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"This attack against unarmed civilians on the high seas is yet another violation of international law by Israel," said Irene Khan, Special Rapporteur on freedom of opinion and expression.

The boats were reportedly intercepted in international waters by an Israeli military helicopter in the early hours of Wednesday (8) morning, while the Israeli navy simultaneously boarded the boats. The interception is understood to have taken place in international waters, contrary to international law. Members of the flotilla were detained and are reportedly being taken to Ashdod port.

The *Conscience*, the flagship vessel of this Flotilla was carrying 92 passengers, including journalists, health and care workers, and other human rights defenders, sailing to break Israel's siege and blockade of Gaza. Sixteen of those were international journalists from 10 countries, working with more than a dozen media outlets.

Khan expressed grave concern for the safety of the detained Flotilla crew and members, especially after Global Sumud Flotilla activists reported mistreatment in Israeli detention.

"Israel has an obligation to ensure the rights of all those being arbitrarily detained, including access to healthcare and their rights to be free from torture and ill-treatment," said the experts. "We call on Israel to grant them immediate access to their legal representatives and consular services," she said.

"These courageous journalists were sailing in solidarity with local Palestinian journalists who have borne the brunt of reporting at great danger to themselves. More than 252 Palestinian journalists have lost their lives, and many were deliberately targeted to stop their reporting of war crimes," the Special Rapporteur said.

Khan said the aim of the international journalists travelling on the *Conscience* was to break Israel's unprecedented ban on free access of international media to Gaza. "The courageous efforts of the journalists in Gaza and on the Freedom Flotilla must not be in vain. The international community must demand from Israel immediate and free access of international media into the besieged enclave and the safety of all journalists there," she said.

"Those who were intercepted have the right to free expression and the freedom to express solidarity with the people of Palestine, and aid them," the expert said. "Israel has an obligation to respect those rights."

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Irene Khan *is the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression.*

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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Livestream from Gaza Flotilla [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Colleagues

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Flotilla participants have reported in social media they are being harassed by drones. They are around 250 kms from Gaza.

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See the link below for a live stream:

https://www.youtube.com/live/uEN2bWFtpjU?si=lU4WMELXHaSu6cN1

s 33(a)(iii)

Regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Director | Global Watch Office
Crisis Preparedness and Management Branch | Consular and Crisis Management Division
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Friday, 12 September 2025 5:17 PM
To: Anna Oldmeadow; s 22(1)(a)(ii) Patricia Smith
Cc: Harinder Sidhu; Paul Griffiths; Marie-Charlotte Mckenna; s 22(1)(a)(ii) Adam Mccarthy; Steve Scott; Juliette Brassington; s 22(1)(a)(ii) Matthew Wise; s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Subject: IGTF Weekly Wrap-Up - 12 September 2025

Good afternoon FMO and colleagues

Please find below the IGTF Weekly Wrap-Up.

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Weekly Wrap-Up – 12 September 2025

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Title: **Tunisia: Second reported drone attack on Global Sumud Flotilla**
MRN: s 22(1)(a)(ii) 10/09/2025 s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: Canberra
Cc: Europe Posts , Africa Posts , Middle East Posts
From: Malta
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

References:
Response: **Routine, Information Only**

Summary:
Global Sumud Flotilla organisers reported a second alleged drone attack and fire affecting a different docked vessel (British-flagged Alma) on 9 September. No injuries were reported. The Tunisian National Guard advised media no drones had been detected in this incident - s 33(b) According to social media, the Flotilla plans to keep to planned departure of 1600 on 10 September. s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Global Sumud Flotilla organisers reported a second alleged drone attack and resulting fire affecting a different docked flotilla vessel (British-flagged *Alma*) on the evening of 9 September. No injuries were reported from this alleged attack.

2. Francesca Albanese, UN Special Rapporteur for the occupied Palestinian territories and participating in the flotilla, posted on social media that a drone without lights had dropped onto the deck of the *Alma* a potential incendiary device, setting set the deck on fire. She also posted a video of the fire on *Alma.*

3. Agence France Presse reported Tunisian national guard spokesman Houcem Eddine Jebabli saying “no drones have been detected” in relation to the 9 September incident. s 33(b)

4. The Global Sumud Flotilla advised in a social media post at 0543 on 10 September that it would continue the planned voyage departing Tunisia around 1600 on 10 September (0100 Canberra time). Movement of the flotilla can be tracked on the Global Sumud Flotilla website Flotilla Tracker - Global Movement to Gaza .

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Sent By: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Prepared By:
Topics:

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From: Global Watch Office
Sent: Thursday, 2 October 2025 5:35 AM
Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii) Middle East Conflict : Global Sumud Flotilla intercepted [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Australian Government
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Global Watch Office

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Middle East Conflict

Global Sumud Flotilla intercepted

On Wednesday 1 October at 2155 local time (0455 AEST Thursday 2 October), the Global Sumud Flotilla (GSF) said their vessels had been boarded by Israel Defense Forces in international waters off the coast of Gaza.

The GSF is comprised of 47 vessels and around 500 people. Six Australians are reported to be on board GSF vessels.

Prior to the interception, Israel's MFA said Israel had offered to deliver the flotilla's aid through safe channels to Gaza, and the Israeli Navy asked the flotilla to change course to avoid violating Israel's naval blockade.

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Media

Live Feeds: Al Jazeera, Times of Israel

- BBC: Italy PM tells Gaza aid flotilla to stop or risk 'preventing peace'
- Guardian: Italy to end support for international Gaza flotilla as it nears destination
- SMH: Australian minister 'deeply concerned' about safety of citizens on Gaza flotilla
- Reuters: Gaza aid flotilla braces for interception as vessels approach

Image source: GSF

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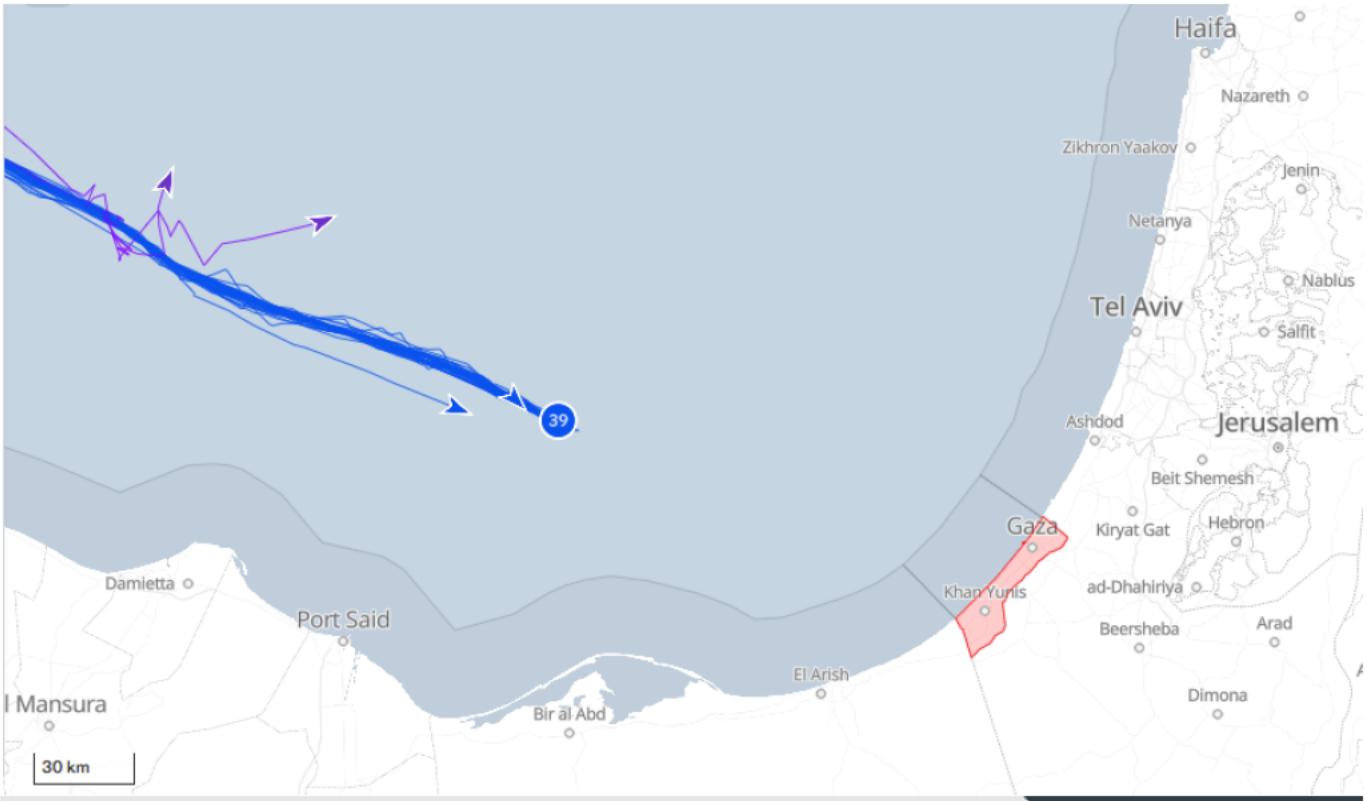

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Title: **Global Sumud Flotilla interception: Greece's reactions**
MRN: s 22(1)(a)(ii) 02/10/2025 s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: Canberra
Cc: Europe Posts , Middle East Posts
From: Athens
Sent by: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Response: **Routine, Information Only**

Summary:
Following Israel's interception of Gaza Sumud Flotilla vessels, Greece's MFA issued a statement on 2 October advising 27 Greek passengers were safe and unharmed. The vessels and passengers were heading to Ashdod port for registration and deportation, where MFA officials would provide consular assistance. Greece had made repeated representations in recent days for the safety of the passengers. On 1 October, Greek and Italian FMs Gerapetritis and Tajani issued a joint declaration reaffirming the need to guarantee humanitarian access to Gaza and reach a ceasefire. Protests took place on 1 October in Athens and Thessaloniki. s 33(a)(iii)

Sent By: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Title: **Colombia: President Petro expels remaining Israeli diplomats over Global Sumud Flotilla detentions**

MRN: s 22(1)(a)(ii) 03/10/2025 s 22(1)(a)(ii)

To:

Cc: Europe Posts , Tel Aviv , Multilateral Posts , Middle East Posts , UNSC Posts , Americas Posts , Ramallah

From: Bogota
Sent by s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Response: **Routine, Information Only**

Summary:

In an X post on 1 October, Colombian President Petro announced the expulsion of all remaining Israeli diplomats from Colombia following the reported detention of two Colombian nationals, who were aboard the Global Sumud humanitarian flotilla to Gaza intercepted by Israeli authorities. In a subsequent press release, the Colombian MFA condemned the detentions as a violation of international law and the Geneva Conventions. s 33(a)(iii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Title: **Malaysia: Gaza Sumud Flotilla: Fate of Malaysians sparks protest and reactions**

MRN: s 22(1)(a)(ii) 03/10/2025 s 22(1)(a)(ii)

To: Canberra

Cc: Indo-Pacific Posts

From: Kuala Lumpur
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References: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Attachments: Media Summary - Malaysians arrested on Gaza flotilla & protests.docx , Official Statements - Malaysians arrested on Gaza flotilla & protests.docx

Response: **Routine, Information Only**

Summary:
s 33(a)(iii)

PM Anwar said, on his social media, he had spoken to leaders of Turkiye, Qatar and Egypt (s 33(b) to seek assistance in securing the Malaysians' release. s 33(a)(iii)

There has been widespread media coverage in Malaysia in recent days of the status of the Global Sumud Flotilla heading to Gaza, which included 23 Malaysian citizens s 22(1)(a)(ii) See media summary attached.

s 33(a)(iii)

Over many posts on his social media platforms, Anwar said he had spoken to leaders of Turkiye, Egypt and Qatar to seek partners' cooperation in securing the immediate release of Malaysian and ASEAN citizens s 22(1)(a)(ii)

3. Earlier in the day, Anwar issued a statement condemning "in the strongest terms possible" the capture of the flotilla and Israel's continued actions in Gaza. This was reiterated in a MFA statement (see MFA and Anwar statements attached).

s 33(b)

a 3 October statement, MFA said it had received advice from its partners that all 23 Malaysians were safe and were being deported to third countries, after which they would be flown to Malaysia.

s 33(a)(iii)

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s 33(a)(iii), s 33(b)

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s 33(b), s 33(a)(iii)

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Title: **Mexico: response to detention of Mexican nationals in Global Sumud Flotilla**

MRN: s 22(1)(a)(ii) 04/10/2025 s 22(1)(a)(ii)

To: Canberra

Cc: Tel Aviv , Multilateral Posts , Americas Posts , Ramallah

From: Mexico City
Sent by: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Response: **Routine, Information Only**

Summary:
Six Mexican nationals were detained during Israel's interception of the Global Sumud Flotilla. President Sheinbaum condemned the detentions, reaffirmed Mexico's recognition of Palestine, and demanded immediate repatriation. s 33(a)(iii)

Wide spread protests have taken place across Mexico City in support of Palestine.

On 1 October, Israeli naval forces intercepted the Global Sumud Flotilla en route to Gaza, detaining hundreds of activists, including six Mexican nationals. s 33(a)(iii)

The incident has sparked protests across Mexico.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE) confirmed the detention of six Mexican citizens aboard the flotilla:

- Carlos Pérez Osorio – Documentary filmmaker
- Sol González Eguía – Psychologist
- Arlín Gabriela Medrano Guzmán – Journalist and student
- Ernesto Ledesma Arronte – Director of Rompeviento TV
- Laura Alejandra Vélez Ruiz Gaitán – Human rights advocate
- Miriam Moreno Sánchez – Activist

3. President Claudia Sheinbaum confirmed the group is currently being held at the port of Ashdod, with Israeli authorities indicating they will be transferred to a detention centre. s 33(a)(iii)

4. During her morning press conference, President Sheinbaum condemned the detentions, reaffirming Mexico's humanitarian stance, its recognition of the State of Palestine, and its demand for the immediate repatriation of its citizens. s 33(a)(iii)

She said four diplomatic notes had been sent to Israel in the past three days. The first two requesting an explanation for the detention, and the latter two demanding guarantees of the Mexican detainee's safety and calling for their immediate release. s 33(a)(iii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

she said she firmly believed humanitarian aid should be allowed into Gaza and the flotilla had committed no crime and should be allowed passage. She reiterated the Mexican nationals must be immediately repatriated.

s 33(a)(iii)

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Title: **Global Sumud Flotilla interception: Return of Greek detainees**
MRN: s 22(1)(a)(ii) 07/10/2025 s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: Canberra
Cc: Europe Posts , Middle East Posts
From: Athens
s 22(1)(a)(ii)
References:
Response: **Routine, Information Only**

Summary:
On 6 October, the 27 Greek passengers of the Global Sumud Flotilla returned to Athens from Israel via a special flight chartered by the Greek Government. The flight also facilitated the return of another 134 citizens from 15 European countries. Among the detainees were New Left MP, Peti Perka, and the son of independent MP, Evangelos Apostolakis. Greek FM Gerapetritis said all passengers were safe and 'isolated cases' of verbal abuse against the detainees were being addressed via diplomatic channels. Greece earlier delivered a written protest to Israel's Ambassador regarding Minister Ben-Gvir's remarks labelling the activists 'terrorists'.

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Global Sumud Flotilla

- We are aware that the Global Sumud Flotilla has been intercepted and are concerned about the safety of those on board, including a small number of Australians.
- Our officials are liaising with Israeli authorities and stand ready to provide consular assistance to any affected Australians.
- Australia calls on all parties to respect international law, to ensure the safety and humane treatment of those involved.
- We understand that people want to help deliver aid to those suffering in Gaza - we also want to see critical aid delivered.
- For some time, we have warned against attempts to breach the naval blockade and strongly advised Australians not to do so because of the risks to their safety.
- We repeat our call on Israel to enable the sustained, unimpeded flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza.

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Global Sumud Flotilla

- We are aware that the Global Sumud Flotilla has been intercepted.
- Our officials are liaising with Israeli authorities and are providing consular assistance to seven Australians detained in Israel, including in-person visits.
- Australia calls on all parties to respect international law, to ensure the safety and humane treatment of those involved.
- We understand that people want to help deliver aid to those suffering in Gaza - we also want to see critical aid delivered.
- For some time, we have warned against attempts to breach the naval blockade and strongly advised Australians not to do so because of the risks to their safety.
- We repeat our call on Israel to enable the sustained, unimpeded flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza.
- Owing to our privacy obligations we are unable to provide further comment.

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Global Sumud Flotilla

- We are aware that the Global Sumud Flotilla has been intercepted.
- DFAT provided consular assistance to seven Australians detained in Israel
  - the Australians have since been deported.
- Australia calls on all parties to respect international law, to ensure the safety and humane treatment of those involved.
- We understand that people want to help deliver aid to those suffering in Gaza - we also want to see critical aid delivered.
- For some time, we have warned against attempts to breach the naval blockade and strongly advised Australians not to do so because of the risks to their safety.
- We repeat our call on Israel to enable the sustained, unimpeded flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza.
- Owing to our privacy obligations we are unable to provide further comment.

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Freedom Flotilla Coalition – Global Sumud, Conscience, and Thousand Madleens

- We are aware of reports that Israeli forces have intercepted further Freedom Coalition vessels [8 October 2025].
- DFAT is providing consular assistance to seven Australians from the Global Sumud Flotilla, who have been deported from Israel to Jordan.
- The Australian Government raised the welfare and treatment of Australians who were detained with Israel in Tel Aviv and Canberra.
- We understand that people want to help deliver aid to those suffering in Gaza - we also want to see critical aid delivered.
- For some time, we have warned against attempts to breach the naval blockade and strongly advised Australians not to do so because of the risks to their safety.
- We repeat our call on Israel to enable the sustained, unimpeded flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza.
- Owing to our privacy obligations we are unable to provide further comment.

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