



# ***The Freedom Flotilla Coalition is sailing to break the blockade of Gaza***

Palestinians in the Gaza Strip live under a devastating 16-year illegal land, air and sea blockade imposed by Israel. The impact of the blockade and Israel's regular bombing campaigns are disastrous. They have destroyed and damaged homes, schools and hospitals, ruined essential services like healthcare and sanitation, and destroyed Gaza's economy meaning Palestinians face poverty and unemployment.

In solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza, the Freedom Flotilla Coalition is sailing once again in 2023. Their boat is named Handala – after the famous cartoon image of a refugee Palestinian child.





The Flotilla will be stopping at various ports in Europe to raise collective awareness about Israel's illegal and inhumane occupation and blockade of Gaza. The Flotilla is focusing on the severe effects this ongoing crime against humanity has on Palestinian children and youth, who make up just over 50% of the strip's residents. Save the Children report four out of five children in the Gaza Strip live with depression, grief and fear.

Palestinians in the Gaza Strip continue to resist Israel's brutal and inhumane blockade. They call on us to stand in solidarity with their struggle.

## Get involved and find out more:

- **Inform yourself** - Follow the Freedom Flotilla's website and social media to find out more <https://freedomflotilla.org/i-want-to-help/>
- **Learn more** about life in the blockaded Gaza strip: <https://freedomflotilla.org/life-in-gaza/>
- **Come to the port stops** to welcome the boat and send your solidarity towards the Palestinians of Gaza.
- **Join Palestine Solidarity Campaign** and get involved in the movement for Palestinian rights in Britain: <https://palestinecampaign.org>