

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**GLOBAL SUMUD FLOTILLA ANNOUNCES
AUGUST–SEPTEMBER MULTI-COUNTRY
CIVILIAN SAILING TO BREAK GAZA SIEGE****August 4, 2025**

Tunis, Tunisia — On August 4th, the Global Sumud Flotilla (GSF) coalition convened a landmark press conference at the General Union of Tunisian Workers in Tunis, gathering participants from over 44 countries in preparation for the largest civilian maritime mission to Gaza since the siege began in 2007. The GSF aims to break Israel's illegal blockade and draw attention to international complicity in the face of the ongoing genocide against the Palestinian people.

The press conference, held before local and international media, featured key GSF representatives, including Muhammad Nadir Al-Nuri, Yasemin Acar, Maria Elena Delia, Saif Abukeshek, and Hayfa Mansouri.

Key Announcements & Dates:

- Dozens of civilian boats are scheduled to depart for Gaza in late summer 2025, with the main launch from Spain on August 31, followed by additional launches from Tunisia and other countries on September 4.
- Delegations from over 44 countries will participate, including Malaysia, the United States, Brazil, Italy, Morocco, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, the Netherlands, and Colombia, among others.
- Sumud Nusantara, the Southeast Asian coalition, confirmed that Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim will serve as official patron and will flag off the regional convoy on August 23.
- Several mass mobilizations will support the mission, including rallies across dozens of countries on August 9th and around the launch, aiming to pressure governments complicit in maintaining the siege and carrying out genocide.

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Key Information:

- The flotilla is a legal, peaceful civilian initiative grounded in international law. Organizers emphasized that any Israeli interception would constitute an act of piracy.
- The GSF mission is not only humanitarian, but fundamentally moral, demanding the end of the siege, starvation tactics, systemic dehumanization of Palestinians, and the genocide.
- Organizers condemned the complicity of Western and Arab governments, calling for people everywhere to demand accountability.
- The flotilla will carry not just aid, but doctors, lawyers, journalists, activists, and artists, all sailing to stand in solidarity with Gaza and declare: You are not alone.

Quotes from the Press Conference:

"Palestinian people don't need to be saved. They can save themselves. We are just listening to what they ask, and they are asking for their rights to be respected: the right to live, the right to eat, the right to move, the right to be free, the right to be free in dignity." – Maria Elena Delia

"We, the people from around the world, are determined. We stand with the people of Palestine, and we will sail for justice with a message to the people in Gaza: We see you. We hear you. And we are coming back stronger." – Yasemin Acar

"Silence today is complicity in genocide. Whoever does not take any active and direct action to contribute to the end of the siege, the end of the genocide, and the path to freedom, is complicit in all these crimes." – Saif Abukeshek

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