

THOUSAND MADLEENS TO GAZA WILL DEPART FRANCE ON 4 APRIL 2026 FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING POINT



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Update on the mission in light of the international geopolitical context.

Since 2008 flotillas from Freedom Flotilla Coalition and other movements have worked to break Israel's illegal siege on Gaza and fight alongside Palestinians for the right to self determination. When we decided to launch a new wave, it was never to mirror the September mission. As international activists in the Palestinian solidarity movement, we have a responsibility to not only show determination in breaking the siege, but to realistically evaluate our impact as our main objective has always been to organize direct action that is strategically relevant for the Palestinian struggle and the struggle against fascism. We are a flotilla and an initiative that always understood the risks inherent in sailing to Gaza to break Israel's siege. Meanwhile, we also think it is imperative that our decisions remain strategic and made with our eyes on Palestine.

The geopolitical situation in West Asia has shifted radically in the last months. We are sailing into an increasingly militarised zone, significantly increasing risks to participants and making our goal of breaking the siege a more difficult one, at least in the current context. While many in the movement are willing to shoulder this risk, such risk must only be taken at the optimal strategic moment. Flotillas were never meant to be an isolated strategy; we are a part of a wide direct action network of people rising up against the oppression of people everywhere. As one of the few direct action movements for Palestine that is visible on multiple continents, we have a responsibility to use the resources at our disposal to maximise our impact. As such, we have decided to comprehensively reevaluate our current strategy and continue to do so, while consulting with the Palestinian community. We will still depart from Marseille on April 4th as we have planned to head for the international meeting point to continue planning and prepare an escalation as we remain determined to struggle against the Zionist entity and all other colonial and fascist forces.

Our movement must not be stopped by fascist forces; our determination remains steadfast. We call on all movements to act and to escalate as the pressure from the colonial western world order rises. More information will be forthcoming.

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