

**STATE OF PALESTINE  
PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION  
NEGOTIATION AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

**PRESS STATEMENT**

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**THE SWEDISH FLOTILLA IS A REMINDER TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ABOUT THEIR OBLIGATIONS  
TOWARDS PALESTINE**

“Palestine welcomes any peaceful effort by the international solidarity movement to break the ongoing Israeli siege of Gaza and reach the 1.8 million Palestinians sitting in Israel open-air prison,” said Dr. Saeb Erakat, Member of the PLO Executive Committee in a statement regarding the “Swedish Flotilla” on Wednesday.

“This is a reminder to the world that the flotilla is coming to Palestine and any attempt by Israel to obstruct its movement is considered a violation of international law. It's also a reminder of the bloody and violent act of Israel in 2010 against the unarmed civilian activists who were on foreign vessels while sailing in international waters toward the shores of Gaza. On July 8th, Palestinians will commemorate Israel's assault on Gaza last summer which led to the massive destruction and killings of over 2200 Palestinians. We call on the international community to take swift and appropriate action before it is too late and history repeats itself at the hands of Israel.”

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