

PRESS STATEMENT OF THE GERMAN FOR BRANCH

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On the capture of the Free-Gaza Flotilla

The German branch of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation is a member of the German Coordinating Committee for Palestine and Israel, one of the organizations supporting the attacked freedom fleet. One of the participants in the fleet is Nobel laureate and IFOR member Mairead Corrigan-Maguire, with whom we feel a strong bond.

We mourn for the killed and wounded freedom activists.

We mourn for those who shot at them.

We mourn for those politically responsible who have caused the need of the people of Gaza that made this peace fleet necessary.

It is governments and international organizations that have left the people of Gaza alone and vulnerable with their rightful complaint that they lack both rights and protection. We acknowledge Israel's need for security.

We also acknowledge that Israel has long ceased to expect protection from the international community and has taken the initiative into their own hands. Israel's security lies in compliance with international law.

We demand

- that the German government undertake decisive steps to end the absence of right and protection in the Near East Region. This means the establishment of a free and independent Palestinian state, as provided for in the UN Resolution of 1947:
- the immediate release of all the persons on the aid convoys of the Free Gaza fleet;
- the immediate release of the requisitioned ships and aid to complete their journey to Gaza;
- an independent international investigation of the Israeli attack;
- the curtailment of military cooperation between Germany and Israel;
- the immediate curtailment of the blockade of Gaza.

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