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From: Salvatore Amodeo [redacted]  
 Monday, May 31, 2010 7:34 AM  
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Subject: Flotilla Attacked by Israeli Navy, 2- 16 reported killed, upto 60 injured

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The IHH Head quarters in Istanbul informed post at 8:00 am that at least 3 people were killed and 60 were injured during an Israeli military attack on the Free Gaza Flotilla.

The IHH said that it no longer had contact with its ships (note media reports Israeli forces jammed the flotilla's communication at 3:30 am today).

Thus, they did not know how serious the injuries were. Those numbers reflect information they had received from their passenger ship. They do not know about the condition of the people on the cargo ships.

Turkish NTV quotes Israeli media stating up to 16 people were killed.

BBC TV News featured the attack as it first news item at 8:00 am. It showed footage of Israeli navy officers in the ship, passengers on the floor and blooded coats. Al Jazeera showed some footage and with a commentator stating that Israeli officers were shooting at the passengers.

BBC also showed live a gathering outside of the Israeli Consulate in Istanbul. The crowd was calm but BBC noted that earlier the protests were heated. It then said that the Turkish police has contained the protest.

RSO sent an SMS to consulate community advising avoiding the area around the Israeli consulate.

BBC says Israeli Amb. to Turkey has been summoned by the MFA.

On Sun, 5/30/10, Salvatore Amodeo [redacted]

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Date: Sunday, May 30, 2010, 12:28 PM

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Date: Friday, May 28, 2010, 4:32 AM

IHH [redacted] informed post at 10:45 am that:

"IHH ships are presently enroute towards the rendezvous point near Cyprus and expect to meet the other ships of the flotilla in a few hours."

"They hope to arrive in Gaza tomorrow. If something happens, it will happen tomorrow," he said.

As reported earlier, IHH informed post yesterday that only one Amct, [redacted] is aboard their passenger ship.

I plan to send an e-mail on the status of the flotilla over the week-end.

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Subject: Free Gaza Update - IHH expects ship to leave Antalya at 5:00 pm today, still only 1 Amcit

On the morning of 5/27, IHH informed post that:

- They expect their passenger ship, the Mavi Marmara, to depart Antalya around 5:00 pm today.
- Only one American Citizen, [redacted] has arrived in Antalya to board the Mavi Marmara.
- Two other American Citizens may join but it is uncertain if they will reach Antalya before the ship departs.
- They expect to approach Gaza Friday evening or Saturday morning.
- IHH will have three ships in the flotilla. The Mavi Marmara, as well as two cargo ships, named the Gazze

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Regards,

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This piece from Ireland is probably of widespread interest.

### The Gazan Odyssey

Why nine ships will this week help complete a sixty year journey home and free Gaza from her captors.

This Port of Gaza was once at the centre of the global spice trade. From at least 1000 B.C. until the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Gaza was the main port in the Middle East for the export of silk from China, incense from India and Africa, Palestinian fruit, vegetables, flowers, olive oil, wines and fine glass were exported across the Mediterranean to all parts of Europe. European imports into Gaza included metal and other minerals.

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Long before the word 'Globalisation' was invented, and indeed long before the English language was invented, Gaza has been one of the major interfaces between the different cultures of the world.

The foundation of *Medinat Yisrael* (The State of Israel), or the 'Nakba' as it is known as by Palestinians, the 1967 Six-Day War, and more recently the Israeli reaction to the democratic election of a Hamas government in the Gaza Strip have all slowly but surely caused the Port of Gaza to forcefully closed by the occupying Israel Defense Force.

Today the only economic activities in the port are the humble tows of local fishermen who are very often shot at indiscriminately as they go about their business.

3000 kilometres away in Dundalk Port, where numerous trawlers are tied up for different reasons, we launched the M.V. Rachel Corrie earlier this month. Laden with 900 tonnes of humanitarian relief: cement, educational materials, medical and sports supplies that came from all over Northern Europe, the Rachel Corrie is the Irish cargo ship joining the nine ship strong Freedom Flotilla that aims to bring a permanent end to the illegal siege and reopen the Port of Gaza for business.

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Driving through Roscommon the night before I flew out to join the crew of the Challenger. In Crete, I had a beautiful view of an owl in full flight and thought of Athena blessing us. The next day, as I went to catch my flight, I bumped into John Bruton, former Taoiseach and the outgoing EU Ambassador to the United States. He and his wife were on their way abroad and we spent a few minutes exchanging pleasantries. When I explained where I was headed, Mr. Bruton said that he thought the Free Gaza flotilla was "a much needed humanitarian mission", wished us all well and even offered his support. Knowing that Fine Gael is the most conservative and pro-Israel political party in Ireland, I asked him to confirm if I could quote him and he did. I considered this a very auspicious beginning to my own journey and indeed augured well for the entire flotilla.

As an Irish person disenfranchised by mainstream politics, I began feeling very proud of Ireland's official attitude to this particular mission. So far, leaders or parliamentarians from Fine Gael, Fianna Fail, Sinn Fein and the Green Party have all either made strong statements of support for this mission or even come with us, as in the case with Fianna Fail and Sinn Fein who will be represented by Chris Andrews T.D. (FF), Senator Mark Daly (FF) and Aengus O Snodaigh T.D. (SF). Other parliamentarians on the flotilla are from Sweden, Norway, Germany, Malaysia and even Israel, all united in the purpose of reaffirming Human Rights in the Occupied Territories and permanently reopening the seaport of Gaza.

The United States is being represented by nearly a dozen individuals. Former U.S. Army Colonel Ann Wright worked in various deputy ambassadorial roles between Afghanistan, Mongolia, Sierra Leone and Micronesia, before resigning from the diplomatic service in protest to the illegal invasion

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of Iraq in 2003. Joe Meadors, who is a decorated Navy veteran and survivor of the controversial 1967 bombing of the U.S.S. Liberty by the Israeli Air Force, has joined us to face his aggressors again and add the weight of his own personal story to help ensure that Israel finally begins to observe the letter of international law. Ambassador Edward L. Peck, was a paratrooper during two tours of wartime active duty, spent 32 years in the Foreign Service, including stints as Chief of Mission in Iraq and Mauritania. He was Deputy Director of the Cabinet Task Force on Terrorism at the Reagan White House, and State Department Liaison Officer to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. After retirement, Peck became the Executive Secretary of the American Academy of Diplomacy.

When I asked Ann Wright why she was on the flotilla, she looked at me directly with her kind eyes through her analytical glasses and stated firmly: "When our governments fail to observe the rule of law and endanger their own national security by becoming a part of war crimes on behalf of Israel, then civil society is obliged to step in and call the authorities to account." When I asked her what message she would have for the US Ambassador to Israel she replied "I would ask him to apply whatever pressure necessary to ensure that Israel revise its threatening attitude toward this flotilla, and encourage them to see that by withdrawing its threats and not hindering our passage they would be building confidence on all sides as proximity peace talks begin again. If Israel continues with its threatening attitude and apartheid policies, then I would recommend that the American ambassador resign his position in protest."

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There are called Palestinians on board who, having their own national identity denied have had to assume other nationalities as they struggle for their 'right of return'. Survivors of the Cicec and Calypso that have for so long impeded the development of their case on the official world stage. It is their participation that is giving this multi-million Euro fiasco a truly Odyssean dimension. Now with Norwegian, German or British passports, they are ready to return to reclaim what is their birth right.

In 1897 one of the first Zionist delegations to visit Palestine to prospect for an new Jewish homeland. A Swiss Rabbi reported back to Vienna: "the bride is beautiful but she is married to another man". After the Second World war, instead of addressing the roots of fascism at home, the imperial powers lined up to support the most ideologically minded Zionists who ignored the advice of the 1897 Delegation. In doing so, they chose to scapegoat the people of Palestine for their own failings and institutional racism. That is the tragedy of the history of *Medinat Yisrael*, instead of being a peaceful solution to western xenophobia it has compounded the type of hatred that is still Europe's shame. Unforgivably, Europe and the United States have armed to the teeth and incited the traumatized victims of their own anti-Semitism to become the authors of such reprehensible violence against Palestine and her children. Muddying the waters with Crusader-like zealotry, Israeli backers in the US and Europe have for a long time encouraged new generations of Israelis to place more focus on the most extreme readings of sacred books than on the pain of their Palestinian neighbours. Palestine's Israeli suitors are not simply racist because they are racist; they have been abused and used. They have been trapped in an apartheid mentality as they recover from their own trauma and are understandably drunk with rage. However the scenes of Operation 'Defensive Shield'

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and more recently, 'Cast Lead' that left more than 1440 dead Gazans, people all over the world are beginning to wake up to their own responsibility as our governments continue to fail us.

The only 'End Time' that I believe in is an end time for apartheid policies in Israel, as more and more people start talking about a single-state solution. "Intractable" conflicts do have solutions, once we admit to the humanity of our "enemies". I have seen an occupation end in my own country during my short life and I never hide my Protestant or Catholic heritage from anyone. The same can happen in the Holy Land and that is what the Odjessian Palestinians know. The bride is beautiful and she is waiting for her husband.

We will enter the Port of Gaza. Gaza will be free.

Fíachra O. Luain

Crete 25th May 2010

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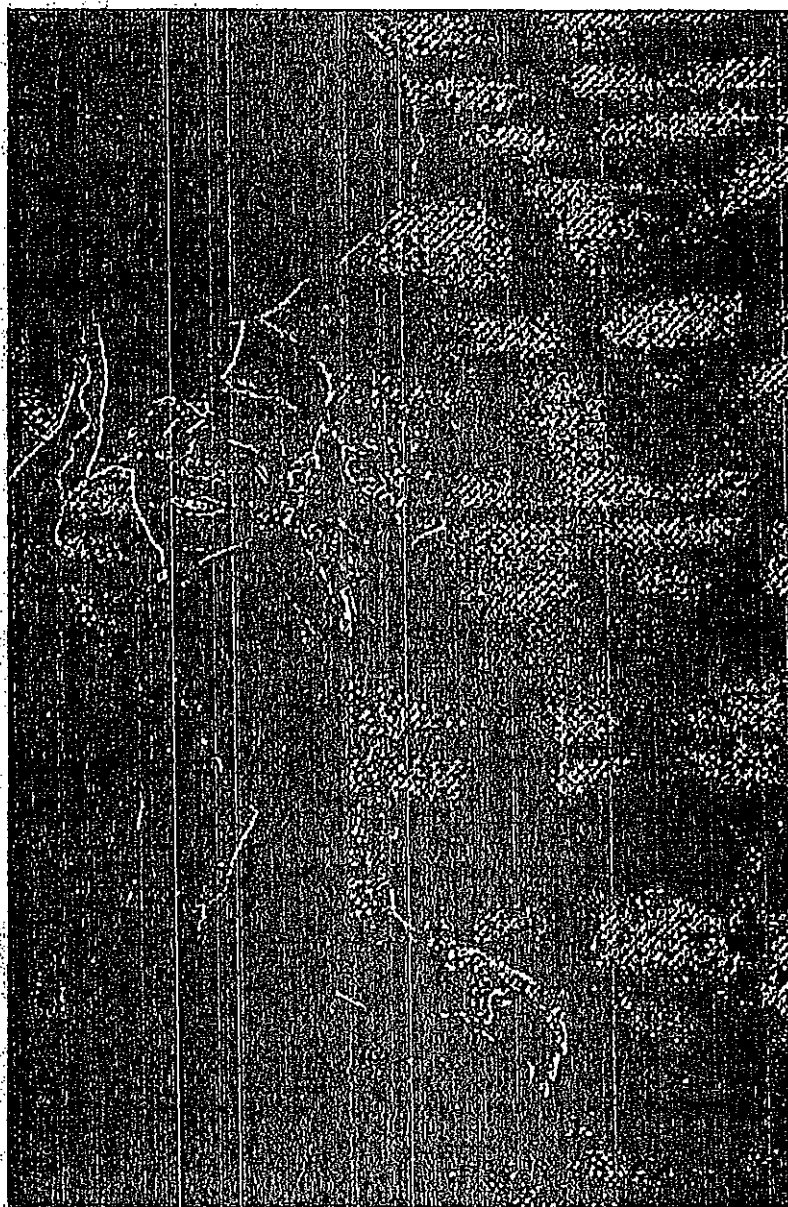
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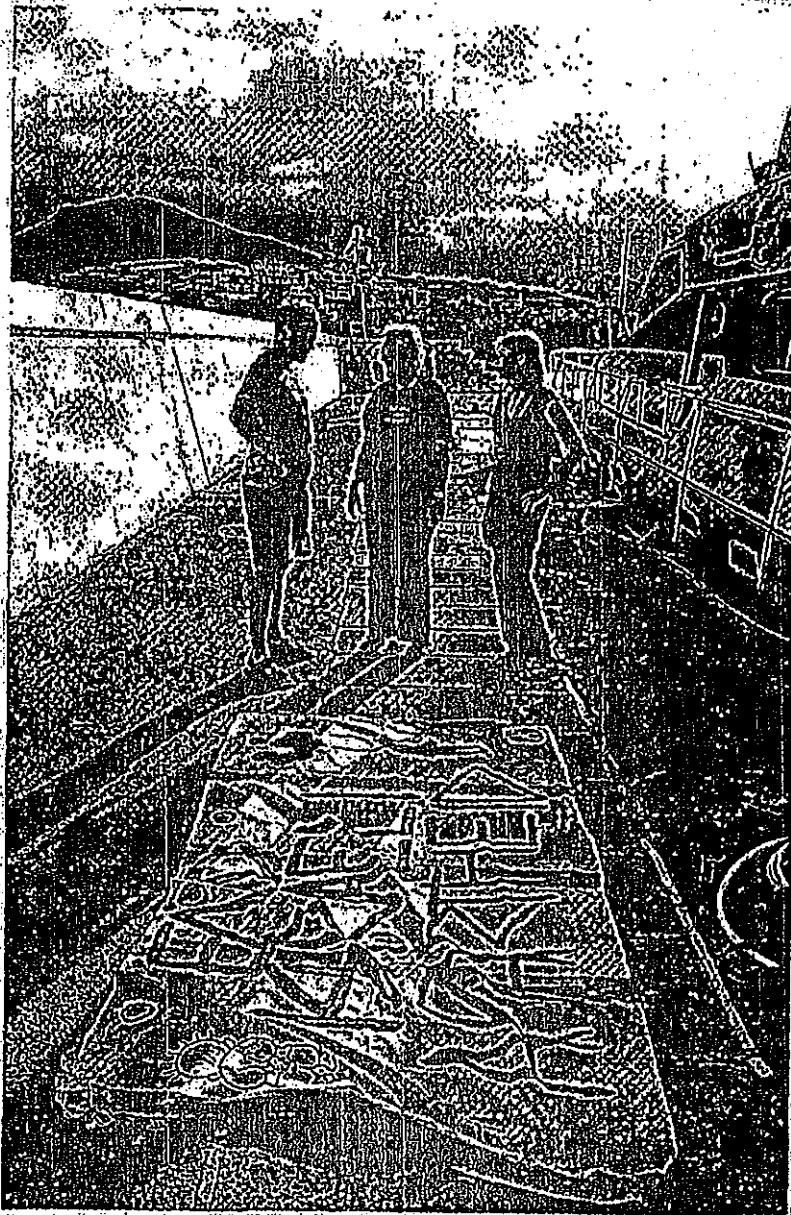
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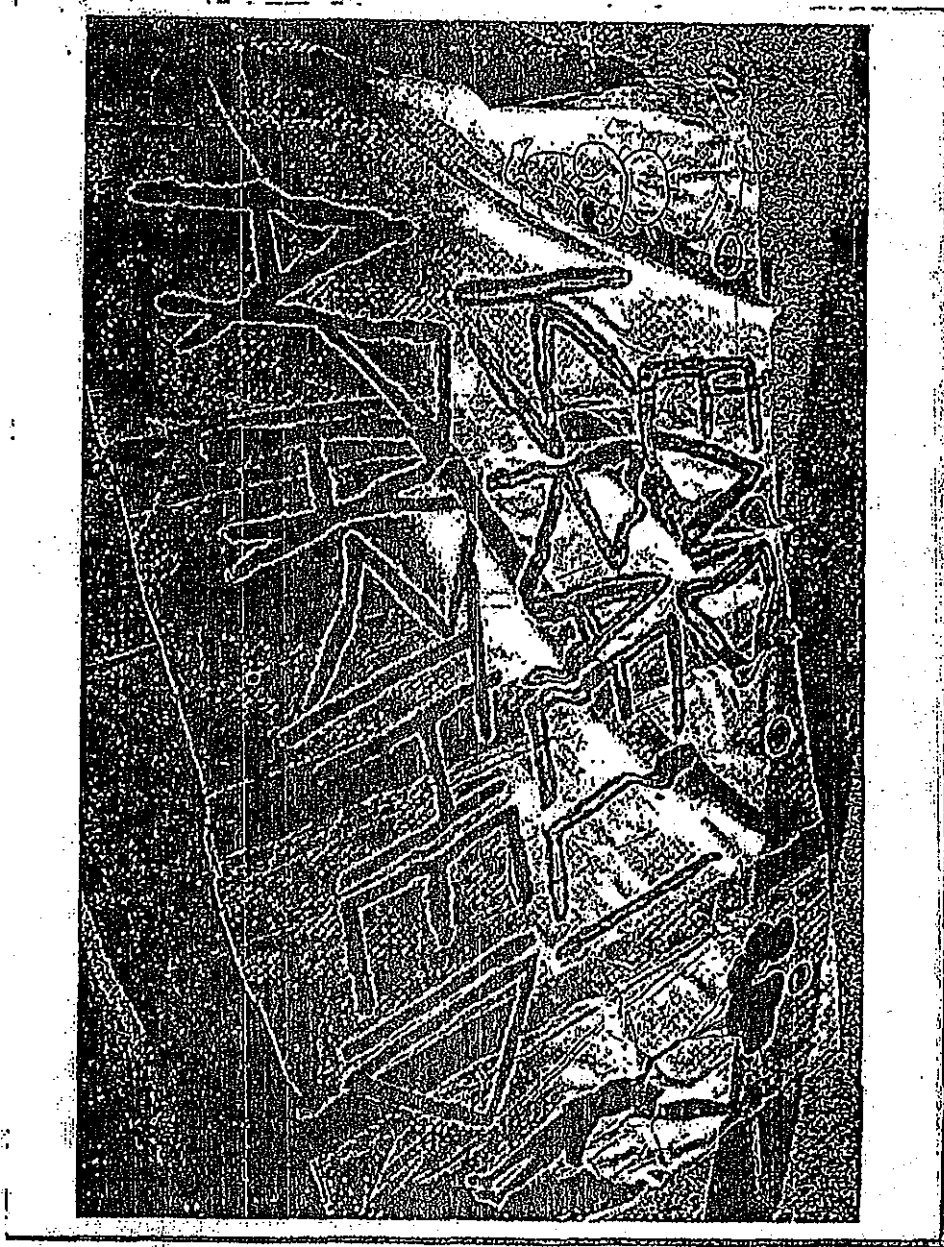
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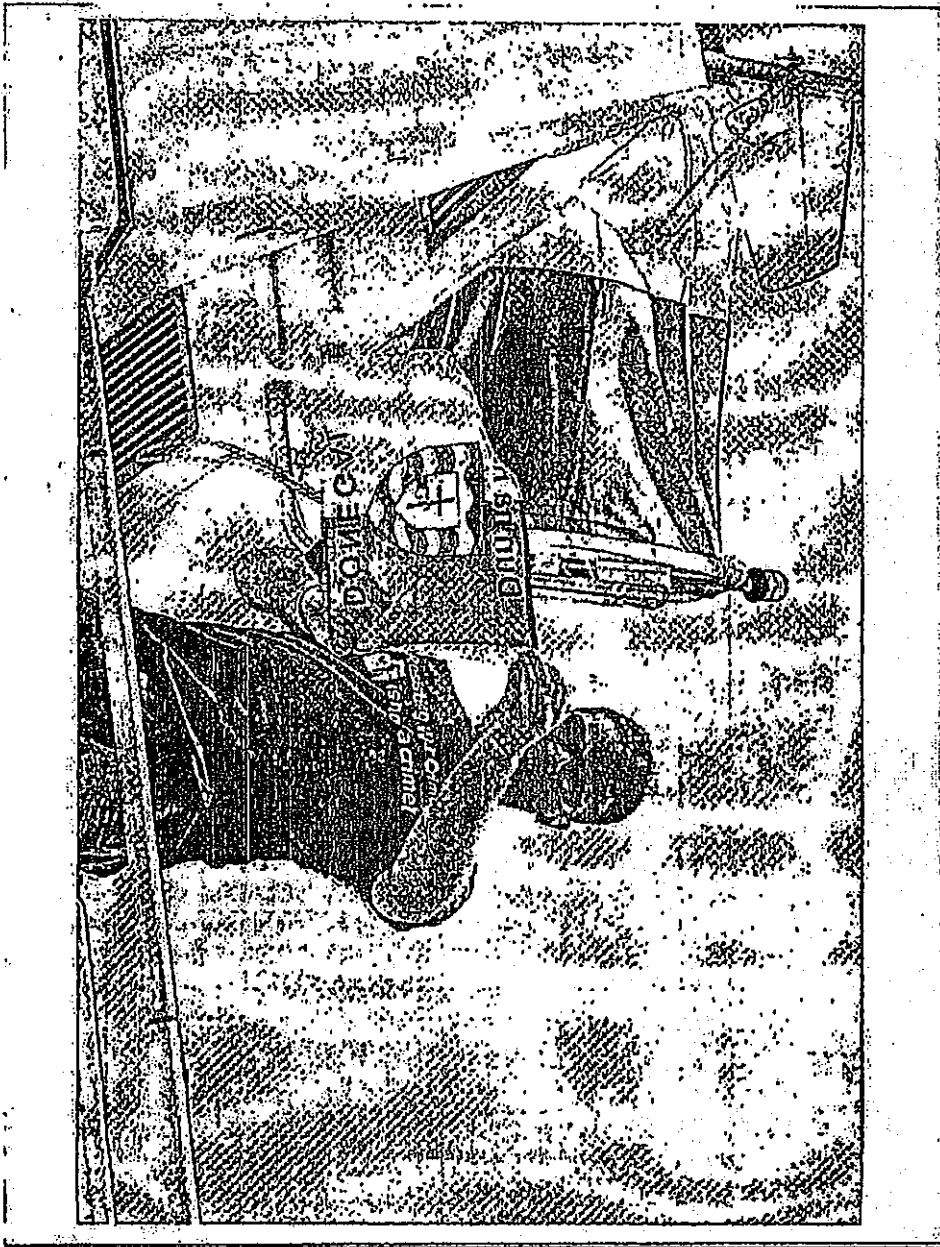
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Subject: Flotilla Delayed - only 2 Amcits may join IHH passenger ship.

Today at 9:30 am I spoke to IHH Administrative Board member [redacted] by phone. He is presently in Antalya where their passenger ship, the Mavi Marmara is docked. He told me:

- They will not depart Antalya to join the Free Gaza flotilla at the rendezvous point off of Cyprus for "about 2 days" since the rest of the flotilla is not yet ready to depart.
- There were NO/NO American Citizens on the Mavi Marmara while it sailed from Istanbul to Antalya. However, two Americans MAY board the ship when it eventually departs from Antalya. He did not know the names of the Americans, noting that another group that is planning to board the ship said two American may be among its participants.
- The IHH ship's passengers are presently staying in hotels in Antalya. More passengers are expected to arrive in Antalya in the next two days.

It appears that the participation of American Citizens may have been exaggerated or there was confusion over how many Amcits would be in the Flotilla as a whole vs. how many would be on the IHH ship.

I will monitor the situation for Amcic participation and estimated time of departure.

Stay tuned,

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