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Global Sumud Flotilla Volunteers Submit Accounts of iOF Torture, Sexual Violence, and Abduction to the ICC

May 29, 2026 THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS — A delegation of legal representatives, victims and medical personnel from the Global Sumud Flotilla (GSF) submitted an official communication to the International Criminal Court (ICC) accusing Israeli military commanders and top political leaders of committing war crimes, crimes against humanity, torture and conduct relevant to the execution of the crime of genocide. The crimes detailed in the communication arose from the unlawful and violent interception of the Global Sumud Flotilla's vessels on 29-30 April 2026 and on 18-19 May 2026 which involved serious human rights and humanitarian law violations against unarmed civilian volunteers by Israeli Occupation Forces (iOF).

The submission presented to the ICC focuses heavily on the severe, widespread abuses against civilians including journalists, medics and human rights defenders as part of a coordinated campaign of violence, documented across the Spring 2026 missions.

By submitting accounts of documented war crimes and crimes against humanity to the ICC, the Global Sumud Flotilla aims to challenge the systemic impunity of the Israeli regime. GSF continues to demand independent international investigations, comprehensive arms embargoes, reparations for victims, and swift accountability for the individuals who ordered, conducted, and facilitated these attacks. GSF calls on all States Parties to the Rome Statute to refer the situation to the Court immediately and calls on the international legal community to pursue legal actions against this genocidal regime.

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