

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SS FREE GAZA AND SS LIBERTY  
ARRIVE IN CHANIA, CRETE,  
SUNDAY, 10 AUGUST AT 19:30 P.M.**



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**Nicosia/Lefkosia, Cyprus, August 9.** The Free Gaza Movement announced yesterday that their boats, the SS FREE GAZA and the SS LIBERTY, destined to break the Israeli siege of Gaza, will arrive in **Chania, Crete**, on **Sunday, August 10, at 7.30 p.m.** where a press conference will be held to welcome them, near Souda Bay's US Sixth Fleet and NATO base.

Human rights activists **Lauren Booth** (sister in law of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair), **Huwaida Arraf** (a Palestinian-American residing in Ramallah, Palestine), and **Jeff Halper** (an Israeli Jew nominated for the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for opposing demolitions of Palestinian homes) will be available at the press conference for interviews.

**"This will be the first time that our two boats will be publicly displayed and photographers are welcome to come, take photos and post their images."** said Paul Larudee, on board the boats sailing toward Chania. **"Internationals are gathering across the world – in Beijing and Cyprus – with the common dream of peace and justice for everyone."**

*Some survivors of USS Liberty request: "What is the possibility of you and the crew of the SS Liberty throwing 34 long stemmed roses into the sea as a memorial to the 34 Americans killed aboard the USS Liberty? We will pay for the roses or whatever else you have in mind. The survivors of the Liberty and their families would be eternally grateful to you and your ship mates for this gesture as no one has ever done anything like this before." Another wrote: "I am one of the survivors of the USS Liberty. A very tired man, who woke up somewhat when I heard of the SS Liberty. I was the petty officer in charge of the body recovery and identification, and I remember it almost like it was yesterday. May God Be With You." So, when we leave Cyprus next week, we hope to have a ceremony for all of those Americans (whose names we shall read out) killed by the Israelis on board the ship in 1967.*

For more information: [www.freegaza.org](http://www.freegaza.org) – live video streaming will soon be available

Photos of participants: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/29205195@N02/>

Media: [http://www.freegaza.org/index.php?language=EN&module=latest\\_news](http://www.freegaza.org/index.php?language=EN&module=latest_news)