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# Marianne is headed for Gaza today

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Marianne of Gothenburg left her home port at 7 pm on Sunday 10 May. The trawler, which has been jointly acquired by Ship to Gaza Sweden and Ship to Gaza Norway jointly, departed for a voyage of almost 5000 nautical miles towards the eastern Mediterranean and the blockaded Gaza Strip.

Marianne will join other ships to form "Freedom Flotilla III", a peaceful, nonviolent action to break the illegal and inhumane blockade of the Gaza Strip.

On it's way Marianne will call at many European and will serve as a focus for demonstrations and manifestations against the blockade. The first three ports will be Helsingborg, Malmö and Copenhagen. Subsequent ports will be announced at a later time in Media Releases.

## **Cargo**

Marianne is not a cargo-ship, but she will bring a limited cargo including solar panels and medical equipment.

The solar panels are a gift from ETC-El. In the blockaded Gaza Strip, where the infrastructure has been demolished, solar cells can provide an independent local production of clean energy as the sun can not be

blockaded.

### **Delegates**

In addition to five crew members, Marianne will have up to eight delegates as passengers in each section of the route. The names of these individuals will be announced during the course of the voyage. Travellers on the first leg include:

- Maria Svensson, pro. tem. Spokesperson, Feministiskt initiativ
- Mikael M Karlsson, Chairperson, Ship to Gaza Sweden
- Henry Ascher, Professor of Public Health, paediatrician
- Lennart Berggren, Filmmaker
- Dror Feiler, Musician, Spokesperson of Ship to Gaza Sweden

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