



**Published at:** <https://shiptogaza.se/sv/node/2398>

**Date:** 2018-08-05 - PDF generated at: 2019-06-20 15:51

**Copyrights:** Ship to Gaza (Sweden), 2019

---

# Open letter to the Government of Sweden

Nyhet Skapad 5/8 2018 kl 13:06



[1]

**To the Foreign Minister of Sweden; Margot Wallström**  
**To the Prime Minister of Sweden; Stefan Löfven**

Ship to Gaza's sailing ketch "Freedom for Gaza" was approaching the coast of Gaza when it was boarded by Israeli militants on Friday 3 August on international waters, a gross violation of international law. The last reported position of the vessel before boarding was about 40 nautical miles from coast of Gaza at 20:06 (CET).

The Swedish flagged ship and its cargo of medical supplies were seized by Israel and the 12 persons onboard were abducted and led to Israel, a country they did not intend to visit.

Ship to Gaza demands that the captured crew, the ship and its and cargo will be returned to the position where they were boarded and allowed to continue their voyage on international and Palestinian waters without being interrupted, in accordance with international law. In this way we can complete the purpose of the journey, which is to hand over "Freedom" as a gift to Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC)\*, as well as 18 boxes of medical supplies, gauzes and sutures, to the organization My Care in Gaza. The lack of healthcare in the Gaza strip is appalling.

Our long term demands are also that the eleven-year illegal and destructive blockade of the Gaza Strip is finally lifted. The Swedish government has repeatedly backed the requirement of a lifting of the blockade. We now expect that the same government, whose flag is worn by the attacked ship, will also support our specific requirements regarding crew, cargo and ships. Ship to Gaza calls on Israel and Egypt to now meet the demands of large parts of the world community, that the illegitimate and destructive blockade of the Gaza Strip will be lifted after eleven years of isolation and aggression.

Jeannette Escanilla, for Steering Committee Ship to Gaza Sweden,  
Sweden, August 5, 2018

[2] [3]

---

### **Links**

[1] [https://shiptogaza.se/sites/default/files/newsImages/margot-wallstrom\\_saudi-arabia-recall\\_sverigenytt\\_0\\_0.jpg](https://shiptogaza.se/sites/default/files/newsImages/margot-wallstrom_saudi-arabia-recall_sverigenytt_0_0.jpg)

[2] <https://shiptogaza.se/print/2398>

[3] <https://shiptogaza.se/printpdf/2398>