



Assalaamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

Dear respected Affiliate,

Gaza Freedom Flotilla

As you are no doubt aware, Israeli naval forces attacked the Gaza Freedom Flotilla, which intended to take 10,000 tonnes of aid to Gaza, and it is reported that a number of peace activists were killed with many others injured. We ask you to pray for them and their families at this time of distress.

One of the members on board the Flotilla was Ismail Adam Patel from Friends of Al-Aqsa, which has its head office in Leicester. During the Israeli attack, his voice was heard clearly trying to calm the situation down. There has been provisional confirmation that he is safe and uninjured, Alhamdulillah.

Following an emergency meeting of 60 Ulema and community leaders in Leicester on the 31st of May 2010, it was agreed that the following action points would be implemented with urgency:

1. To make dua after every salah for the Palestinian people living in occupation and all of those who are working to relieve their suffering, **especially after Jumuah salah.**
2. Reciting a **special supplication of Qunoot Al-Nazilah during fajr salah** in the face of the lethal attack unleashed by Israel against the volunteers of the Gaza Freedom Flotilla.
3. Distribute the Friends of Al-Aqsa leaflet 'The Gaza Strip Under Siege' which has been attached for your perusal, which will be delivered for distribution on Friday 4th June following Jumuah salah. We also request that you make an announcement to the congregation about the leaflet, associated issues and the current situation.
4. Encourage those individuals who would like to volunteer in any way to contact Friends of Al Aqsa via the website www.aqsa.org.uk or the FMO via www.fmo.org.uk and follow the suggested methods of lobbying and latest press releases.

Insha'Allah upon the safe return of Br Ismail, we are also hoping to arrange an event where he will talk about his experiences on the Gaza Freedom Flotilla. We will notify you of these details as soon as possible and would appreciate it if you could circulate these in due course.

Finally, we humbly request that you remember all those involved in the Flotilla attack and all the Palestinian people who have all indiscriminately suffered under the Israeli regime.

Wasalam

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