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# ***Protect Human rights Mission to Gaza***

**U.S. Congress – Hear us: No more harm to peaceful activists!**

**We need as many as possible to gather for a VIGIL AND DEMONSTRATION at DIANE FEINSTEIN's SF Office  
2-6 pm, Thursday, August 21 at One Post Street / Market, San Francisco**

1. We are concerned about ANONYMOUS, CRIMINAL DEATH THREATS, at least one of which came out of Tel Aviv, to avowed-nonviolent human rights workers on board two boats due this weekend to sail from Cyprus to Gaza on a strictly nonviolent HUMAN RIGHTS Mission.
2. In addition, the ISRAELI MILITARY HAS THREATENED to "use force" against them, to prevent their reaching Gaza, according to both Israeli news and a letter to the Free Gaza Movement from the Public Relations Director of the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

Tony Blair's sister-in-law, esteemed, independent UK journalist Lauren Booth, a member of this mission, writes on [www.freegaza.org](http://www.freegaza.org) : "...an anonymous man called my home in France as my daughters played hide and seek in the garden. This stranger spoke to my husband, warning him that 'your wife is in great danger. These ships will be blown up.' My husband asked how this person had obtained our private home number. No response was forthcoming; the illicit threats carried on." Peace activists' relatives in Gaza and West Bank have also received threats.

Sixteen members of this group are from the U.S. -- eight from California, of whom four are from the Bay Area.\*  
**We are asking as many people as possible to join us in asking Diane Feinstein, Barbara Boxer, and Nancy Pelosi to use their considerable power to protect these nonviolent human-rights activists. If they issue a statement, Israel will listen.** We are urging our Congresspeople **to call on Israel to desist from violence against all nonviolent human rights activists!**

## **ACTION:**

Please wear as much white as possible -- white shirt, white slacks/skirt/dress, white jacket, and print out the flyer (available as a pdf asap) to carry at the vigil and to hand to people who pass by! (If you can't download the flyer we can email it to you as an attachment.)

For more information see [www.FreeGaza.org](http://www.FreeGaza.org) and read the press release below.

**Please, please, please, turn out for this. No more Rachel Corries, Tom Hurdalls, Brian Averys, and the thousands of other victims that our leaders could have protected.**

## PRESS RELEASE BELOW:

\* Americans on board the two boats, the 21m. Free Gaza and the 18m. Liberty, include:

- Bay Area residents: Free Gaza co-founder Paul Larudee, 63, of El Cerrito; Katherine Sheetz, 61, of San Rafael; Donna Wallach, 57, and Darlene Wallach, of San Jose.
- Other Americans: 84-yr-old Holocaust survivor and 1948 U.S. immigrant Hedy Epstein, 81-year-old nun Sister Anne Montgomery of the Religious Order of the Sacred Heart; Free Gaza co-founder Greta Berlin, mother of two with a man born and raised in Safad, Palestine; Gaza-born, Northridge, CA businessman Monir M Deeb, 57; California native and [www.P10K.net](http://www.P10K.net) founder Ken O'Keefe, 39, former U.S. Marine; Thomas H Nelson, Oregon attorney; Lebanese-American writer and non-violence trainer Ramzi Kysia; San Francisco-born Lawrence Afif Tawil, 55, son of a Palestinian man "displaced" by the 1948 establishment of Israel; Dr. William Dienst, 48, of Omak, Washington.