

ISRAEL IS AMERICA'S BEST FRIEND IN THE MIDDLE EAST



REMEMBER

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS
GET SUNK . . .

...by lies and distortions in the media

...by enemy regimes and terrorists

...by flotillas of phony “humanitarian activists”

Recent events in Gaza have once again raised the question of Israel's right to exist and defend against terrorism. Before rushing to judgment, ask yourself these questions:

Why have Israel and Egypt imposed a naval blockade of Gaza?

- Hamas, a terrorist organization committed to Israel's destruction, has fired thousands of rockets from Gaza into Israel. Hamas continues, daily, to smuggle in rockets and artillery through underground tunnels. A blockade prevents Hamas from receiving even larger and more threatening weapons shipments by sea.
- Such blockades are an entirely legal form of self-defense under international law. President Kennedy imposed the Cuban blockade for the same reason: to prevent Soviet rocket shipments from targeting America.

Does the blockade increase Palestinian suffering in Gaza?

- Israel allows substantial amounts of aid into Gaza via border crossings, *after being duly inspected for arms*. In the past 18 months alone, such aid amounts to nearly **one ton for every man, woman, and child** in Gaza. That includes wheat, rice, beef, milk powder & baby food, purified water, clothing, and medical supplies. Gaza also receives millions of pounds/euros in aid annually. Life in Gaza can be grim, *but there is no "crisis" and nobody is starving*.
- Once delivered, however, Hamas controls aid distribution. With so little accountability, Hamas is free to use monies to purchase arms and to distribute food, etc. to those whom Hamas favors.

What are some of the facts behind recent efforts to run the blockade?

- "Activists" have refused offers to divert to Israeli ports for inspections of "humanitarian cargo," preferring instead to create an international incident that creates "martyrs" and embarrasses Israel with media images of bloodied bodies.
- The flotillas have been financed by the IHH, a Turkey-based organization that, according to French judge Jean-Louis Bruguiere, has "clear, long-standing ties to terrorism and jihad."
- "Peace-loving" passengers – among them at least five known to be involved in terrorist activity – told the Israeli Navy to "Shut up, go back to Auschwitz" and greeted Israeli soldiers with steel pipes, clubs, knives and pistols. As Israelis defended themselves, casualties unfortunately ensued.

What are the consequences of ending the blockade?

- Short term – Hamas would acquire bigger rockets to fire upon Israel, thus threatening her existence.
- Long term – Gaza would become another jihadist state controlled by Iran. *Iran -- currently seeking nuclear weapons -- finances and arms Hamas*. Iran also desires a port in Gaza on the Mediterranean. This cannot be permitted to happen.

**STOP IRAN! STOP HAMAS!
SUPPORT ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST AND DEFEND HERSELF!**