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[Två år har gått och vår leverans har fortfarande inte levereras till Gaza, och Ship to Gazas båt "Freedom för Gaza" och Freedom Flotillas "Al Awda" är försummade.](#) [2]

[On July 29](#) [2] and [August 3, 2018](#) [3], two Freedom Flotilla boats heading peacefully towards Gaza to challenge the illegal Israeli blockade were attacked and hijacked by the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) navy in international waters.

Participants on board Al Awda (The Return) and Freedom were [assaulted](#) [4] and robbed of personal property while in IOF custody. 114 boxes of medical supplies donated by Freedom Flotilla supporters worldwide and seized by the IOF are still unaccounted for and undelivered, despite our repeated attempts to [press for accountability in Israeli courts](#) [5]. The boats themselves ? gifts for one of our Palestinian partners in Gaza, the Union of Agricultural Work Committees ? remain in the occupier?s possession, the subject of [lengthy court proceedings](#) [6]. Our legal representatives in Israel were notified that during the night of February 22 this year, Al Awda somehow sustained heavy damage and sunk to the height of the mast requiring it to be raised from the water with a crane. We are not sure how long it took the IOF to bring the

boat to a drydock, but having let the boat sink in the first place is evidence of neglect by the custodian of an asset in dispute.

The IOF have been illegally [seizing international solidarity boats for more than a decade](#) [7], with few of them ever being delivered to their rightful owners. The IOF also [hijack, damage, and steal](#) [8] Palestinian fishing boats from Gaza while attacking, injuring, and [killing Palestinian fishers](#) [9]. Following a legal case led by [NGOs Gisha and Adalah and Gaza-based Al Mezan Human Rights Center](#) [10], the Israeli military was forced to begin returning boats seized from Palestinian fishers in Gaza, though these are [often damaged beyond repair](#) [10]. There is as yet no accountability for the IOF navy's harassment and attacks on Palestinian fishers from Gaza.

As we plan future Freedom Flotilla sailings in solidarity with Palestinians who are now facing a fourteenth year of the suffocating blockade, we continue the struggle for freedom of movement for all Palestinians, with particular focus on children and youth in Gaza. There are many ways [you can help us in our work](#) [11] [o here Ship to Gaza Sweden](#) [12] towards that goal.

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[2] <https://jfp.freedomflotilla.org/news/iof-violently-boards-and-attacks-al-awda-and-participants>

[3] <https://jfp.freedomflotilla.org/news/freedom-under-attack-as-it-carries-medical-supplies-to-gaza>

[4] <https://jfp.freedomflotilla.org/news/violence-of-attack-on-al-awda-becomes-clearer-hunger-strike-freedom-is-coming>

[5] <https://jfp.freedomflotilla.org/news/more-than-4-months-of-waiting-medical-situation-in-gaza-desperate-according-to-medecins-sans-frontieres-israel-must-release-medical-supplies-for-gaza>

[6] <https://jfp.freedomflotilla.org/news/freedom-flotilla-coalition-updates-on-legal-status-of-boats>

[7] <https://legalcasesagainstisraelattacksoncivilianboatstogaza.wordpress.com/2017/06/03/31-boats-challenge-israeli-naval-blockade-of-gaza/>

[8] <https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/faq>

[9] https://wearenotnumbers.org/home/Story/A_family_of_fishermen_minus_one

[10] <https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/israel-returned-gaza-fishing-boat-owner-190705190052533.html>

[11] <https://freedomflotilla.org/i-want-to-help/>

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