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Civilians Seize the Sea: Global Sumud Flotilla Obstructs Mega-Vessel *MSC Maya* to Disrupt Israeli Military Supply Chain **Building on the legacy of dockworkers, the flotilla halts the flow of military-grade materials, demanding an end to corporate complicity in mass atrocities**

April 20, 2026 **MEDITERRANEAN SEA** – In an unprecedented act of civilian intervention at sea, the Global Sumud Flotilla has successfully disrupted the *MSC Maya*, a cargo vessel operated by Mediterranean Shipping Company, which was en route to the ports of Ashdod and Haifa.

The vessel is known to be carrying raw materials destined to supply the Israeli war machine.

The diversion of the *MSC Maya* follows growing evidence of the Mediterranean Shipping Company's role as a primary logistics artery for the Israeli occupation military apparatus. While the company maintains a veneer of commercial neutrality, investigative reports and labor monitors have identified a systematic pattern of transporting high-grade alloy steel used in the manufacture of heavy artillery through complex transshipment hubs.

By utilizing obscure routing through ports like Singapore and Abu Qir, MSC facilitates the flow of raw materials that sustain the Israeli war industry while simultaneously benefiting from vessel-sharing agreements with the Israeli regime's national carrier, ZIM. This action strips away that anonymity, holding the world's largest shipping line accountable for the cargo it carries in the shadows.

This marks the first time in history that a civilian flotilla has directly intervened to disrupt the maritime flow of materials linked to a state's military operations.

For decades, dockworkers have been on the frontlines of resisting unjust supply chains, using their collective power to halt the movement of goods tied to oppression and war. Their refusals have disrupted business as usual and forced the world to reckon with the moral weight of global trade. The Global Sumud Flotilla stands in that tradition, carrying that resistance onto the water and calling on workers and people everywhere, on the docks, in the factories, on the streets, to stop these weapons wherever they move.

The power to interrupt these supply chains does not end at sea; it lives in every port, every crane, every contract, and every act of labor.

Let us be clear: this action was not taken lightly. It was taken because governments around the world have chosen inaction in the face of overwhelming evidence of mass atrocity. Where states have failed to uphold international law, ordinary people have stepped in to enforce it.

For too long, the Mediterranean Sea has been treated as a site of profound injustice, at once a mass grave for asylum seekers and a corridor where weapons move unhindered while life-saving aid is violently and illegally blocked.

This action is about more than a single vessel; it is about reclaiming the sea as a space for justice and life rather than a theater for state-sponsored violence. This is what accountability looks like when institutions fail.

The diversion of the *MSC Maya* is not an isolated act; it is part of a growing global movement to confront complicity wherever it operates: in boardrooms, in factories, in ports, and now, at sea.

We reject the idea that commerce exists in a moral vacuum. There is no neutrality in the transportation of materials that sustain systems of violence. Companies that facilitate these flows are not passive actors; they are participants.

And participation must be challenged and interrupted.

This action is rooted in the global tradition of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, which has long called for coordinated economic and labor pressure to end complicity in violations of Palestinian rights.

The Global Sumud Flotilla acts with discipline, clarity, and a commitment to nonviolent direct action. The safety of all crew members involved remained a priority throughout the operation.

This mission sends an unmistakable message: If governments will not stop the machinery of violence, people will. If corporations continue to profit from it, they will be named, confronted, and disrupted. And if the world insists on looking away, we will put ourselves directly in the path of what it refuses to see.

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