

# Illegal Siege: Why We Must Never Forget Palestine

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In 2011, one year after nine people from the Gaza Flotilla were executed by Israeli commandos in international waters, The Spirit of Rachel Corrie Mission, a humanitarian cargo boat carrying sewage pipes entered Palestinian waters in an attempt to break the illegal siege of Gaza.

Global Research's journalist Julie Lévesque, who took part in the mission, explains why she joined the risky undertaking and gives an overview of the dire situation in Gaza, known as the largest open-air prison on Earth, where fishermen are shot at daily by the Israeli navy and where, according to the UN, it will be impossible to live by 2020.

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