

Libyan Ship with Humanitarian Supplies Sails to Gaza

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Gaza, — Al-Amal, aid boat continued its trip to Gaza despite the Israeli threats of preventing by any means to reach blocked Gaza Strip and contradictory reports about his destination.

The aid ship of Moldavian flag renamed Al-Amal which means “Hope” in Arabic, sailed on Saturday from Cypriot port of Lavrio, south of Athens, carrying 2,000 tones of humanitarian aid donated by a Libyan charity foundation.

Activists in solidarity with the Palestinian people warned about an apparent campaign of misinformation of Israeli government intended to generate confusion and to discourage peace initiative.

The ship sailed in Greece after being subjected to inspection by the authorities of that country, although no official confirmation versions report that under a subsequent agreement the aid ship shall make shore in the Egyptian port of Al-Arish.

In the middle of the confusion, the organizers of the aid ship and Palestinian Islamist lawmakers reiterated on Sunday that they will keep the original itinerary, despite diplomatic assurances from Greece supposed to finally go to Al-Arish.

Ehud Barak, Israeli Defense Minister said that the further attempt to reach Gaza coasts challenging the naval and land blockade imposed since 2006 will be averted because Tel Aviv considers it an unnecessary provocation.

The administration of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, also intensified its diplomatic efforts with Moldova and Greece to try to divert the ship to Egypt and to transfer the aid by land through the Rafah crossing.

Israel imposed a naval and land blockade to this area after the electoral victory of Hamas Islamist group, which they consider terrorist, and it intensified it after the organization took control of territory by driving out opponent Fatah in June 2007.

Israeli threat takes place after the Zionist navy intercepted at sea Liberty aid fleet carrying more than 10 thousand tons of humanitarian aid and construction materials, killing nine and wounding 48 pacifists.

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