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A Special Edition: **The Flotilla**



Video footage of Shayetet Naval Special Forces under attack

Upon arriving onto the ship, the soldiers were attacked by a mass of people with knives, clubs, and even live ammunition, and were obligated to return fire. 7 soldiers were injured during the violent incident and 9 flotilla participants were killed. Passengers of the other ships cooperated with the security forces. The incident is documented on film. [...MORE](#)



On board the Mavi Marmara: knives, metal clubs and Molotov cocktails

After passengers descended at the Ashdod port, security forces began a thorough search of the ship and found a large supply of weapons. The photographs bear witness to the fact that the passengers planned a brutal attack ahead of time and did not intend on cooperating with the security forces, as opposed to the passengers of the other ships. See the video and photo gallery. [...MORE](#)



Shayetet Naval Special Forces fighter: "They shot at us the entire time"

One of the soldiers who was injured while intercepting the ship described how he and his friends were brutally attacked. "Each soldier who descended [to the ship] was taken by 3-4 men, and they simply exploded, beating him up." According to him, the soldiers did not expect such a greeting. "We came to speak, they came for war." Watch the filmed interview [...MORE](#)



Chief of the General Staff: "The soldiers acted as the situation demanded"

"There was extreme violence from the first moment our forces arrived to the ship," said Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi in a press conference following the interception of the Gaza flotilla. He emphasized: "Our forces acted with sensitivity on the one hand and determination on the other."

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Summary of Flotilla Incidents

On Monday, Naval soldiers went to an operation aimed at preventing an attempt at breaking the maritime closure of the Gaza Strip by using a flotilla. The forces planned on meeting with nonviolent peace activists, but the reality on board the Mavi Marmara ship was very different and the soldiers were obligated to defend themselves against the brutal and premeditated attack which the passengers attempted to execute. The Gaza flotilla: Chronicle of the incidents [READ MORE](#)



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