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## From the Docks to the Seas: Global Sumud Flotilla Joins Expanding International Dockworkers' Strike to Shut Down War Economy on October 30th

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**INTERNATIONAL** – In an unprecedented convergence of maritime labor and civil resistance, the Global Sumud Flotilla (GSF) will officially join forces with dockworkers, seafarers, and port workers worldwide for a massive International Day of Action on 30 October 2026.

First launched under the [Istanbul Declaration](#), the mobilization has rapidly transformed into a global movement. The strike now encompasses over 100 core Mediterranean and European ports, with the participating network expanding by the day to include major global logistics hubs, from Oakland and San Francisco in the U.S. to Tangier, Mumbai, and across Sweden. Meanwhile in Italy, the dockers' strike has catalyzed a full nationwide General Strike across all labor sectors.

As port workers prepare to freeze an estimated 40% of Mediterranean container traffic (\$2 billion in daily trade) by refusing to handle weapons destined to fuel killing and destruction, GSF is stepping forward to bridge the struggle against war on land with action at sea. For GSF, joining this historic stoppage is a strategic imperative: illegal blockades, state aggression, and the ongoing genocide in Gaza are directly sustained by maritime supply chains. By standing shoulder-to-shoulder with maritime workers, GSF seeks to cut off those logistics of destruction at their source.

*"War machinery relies on our labor to load its cargo, and it relies on our silence to enforce its blockades. We will give them neither. On 30 October, the docks stand still, and civil society takes a bold stand on the water to halt the flow of war and demand dignity, peace, and a free Palestine."*

— Global Sumud Flotilla

Furthermore, as military escalation puts merchant mariners at extreme risk, with dozens of civilian seafarers killed in active conflict zones, GSF aligns with dockers to demand an immediate end to the weaponization of public ports. Together, labor and civil resistance are confronting the rapid automation and deregulation of strategic infrastructure, which increasingly conceals illicit arms shipments, erodes labor rights, and prioritizes corporate shipping profits over human life and peace.

Alongside the land-based labor stoppage, the GSF will execute coordinated, strategic actions on the water. Specific tactical actions and operational locations will be disclosed closer to the date of action.

**WHO:**

- Leaders and dockworkers from an expanding coalition of 11+ international maritime trade unions, including CGT FNPD (France), ENEDEP (Greece), LAB (Basque Country), LIMAN-İŞ (Turkey), ODT (Morocco), ORSA Porti & USB (Italy), WTF and Seamen Union (India), alongside participating dock unions in the U.S. and Sweden
- Global Sumud Flotilla (GSF)

**WHEN:**

Friday, 30 October 2026 (*All-day coordinated global actions*)

**WHERE:**

Simultaneous mobilizations across more than 40 primary Mediterranean, European, and global port hubs (a list growing daily), alongside confidential GSF actions at sea and along strategic coastlines.

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