



Emergency Prayer Alert - ISRAEL

Israeli commandos raided an aid flotilla (group of ships) on Monday, May 31, 2010, killing nine people. The action was an enforcement of a military blockade intended to keep terrorist group Hamas from obtaining weapons. Authorities in Israel said the raid was "instigated by pro-Palestinian activists who presented themselves as humanitarians but had come ready for a fight." The international community has condemned the event and many are calling for an end to the blockade.

After an Israeli military raid on an aid flotilla violating the Gaza Strip blockade resulted in the deaths of nine people, Israel found itself facing "intense international condemnation."

Because the flotilla was partly sponsored by a Turkish organization, the raid has further threatened relations between Israel and Turkey. Once on friendly diplomatic terms, the two nations are now at odds over Israel's policies and actions regarding the Gaza Strip, as well as the handling of the flotilla. One Turkish journalist wrote, "this will be perceived as a kind of declaration of war on Turkey."



A probe conducted since the conflict suggests that Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan "knew in advance that activists aboard a Gaza-bound aid flotilla planned to attack Israeli troops." While most of the 500 passengers were verified to be humanitarian volunteers, a group of 40 who boarded in Istanbul were discovered to be activist members of the Islamic organization IHH (the Turkish acronym for "humanitarian relief fund").

Demonstrations were held around the world by groups protesting the raid. Even Israel's allies have expressed concern over the attack.

Some nations are calling for Israel to publically apologize. But Israeli authorities have stated their commandos "acted in self-defense after activists on one ship set upon them with knives, clubs and metal rods."

WIN partners pray for Israel on Day 16 of the WINDOW INTERNATIONAL NETWORK *Praying Through the Window 9: Global Terrorism and World Religions* prayer calendar.

PRAY FOR:

- peace for Jerusalem and all of Israel. Pray for the Lord to station warring angels on every border and entrance point to the country of Christ's birth. Pray for His hedge to be erected around Israel. (The Bible, Psalm 122)
- the international condemnation over this and other defensive actions to be used to turn the minds and hearts of the Jewish people toward Yeshua Ha Masiah. Pray for them to put their hope and trust in Him rather than man. (The Bible, Psalm 83:18)
- the Lord to give Israel favor in the eyes of its neighbors and allies. Pray for productive dialogue with those countries currently opposed to Israeli policies and actions. (The Bible, Isaiah 49:8)
- allies to remain loyal to Israel and stand with them against unfair treatment, international disapproval, and threats of violence. (The Bible, Romans 15:5)
- terrorists groups and nations who have vowed to annihilate Israel to be defeated by the Most High God. Pray for the Lord of Hosts to be Israel's strength and defense. (The Bible, Psalm 46:1)
- Pray The Bible, Mark 4:22 over every demonic plot, plan and scheme of the enemy against the people living in Israel.
- the Kingdom of God to come to Israel, opening blind spiritual eyes and deaf spiritual ears to hear and receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (The Bible, Luke 7:22)

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