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## Aussies join ship to break siege of Gaza

# Providing a Voice

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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On Friday January 25 at 8:00am, there will be a peaceful rally at the offices of ABC Radio at Southbank.

The purpose of this rally is to demand that the ABC, as well as all other media outlets report more openly about the crisis in Gaza.

The Israeli government and its military have engaged in a deliberate and callous act of collective punishment against the 1.5 million Palestinians in Gaza. This act is in direct contravention of the Geneva Convention, thus making Israel's actions illegal under international law.

80 per cent of Gaza's population relies on the United Nations for basic food supplies. "The head of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees in Gaza, John Ging, told the BBC it was a desperate situation."

Having temporarily bowed to international pressure, Israel allowed some medical and fuel supplies to cross into Gaza for a 24 hour period, after which the siege will resume.

The silence surrounding Israel's brutal policies towards the Palestinians must end immediately. We ask that all media outlets, TV, Radio and Newspapers report more accurately on the intolerable conditions in Gaza today.

This action is a joint initiative by:

- Palestine Community Association of Victoria
- Australians for Palestine
- Women for Palestine
- Federation of Australian Muslim Students and Youth
- Melbourne Palestine Solidarity Network

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