

*Several Freedom Flotilla activists
kidnapped by Israeli regime are
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The Swedish activist Greta Thunberg landed in Paris after being deported from Israel on Tuesday, en route to Sweden.Credit. Gonzalo Fuentes/Reuters

Tel Aviv, June 10 (RHC)-- Activists on the Madleen humanitarian ship, which was seeking to deliver humanitarian aid to Gazans, began being deported this Tuesday after being illegally kidnapped in international waters by the Israeli regime.

According to Israeli media, eight of the 12 crew members on the ship have refused to sign deportation papers, while the other four will leave Israel on separate flights this Tuesday.

In this regard, Swedish activist Greta Thunberg was boarded unescorted on a flight to Paris, France.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry warned that those who refuse to sign deportation papers and leave Israel will be brought before judicial authorities.

The director of the Palestinian legal center Adalah and representative of the vessel's crew, Suhad Bishara, described the detention as illegal, as part of a government attempt to block access to humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip.

Another activist who agreed to leave Israel is Spaniard Sergio Toribio, who arrived in the city of Barcelona, ??in northern Spain, on Tuesday. Upon his arrival, he described Israel's interception of the Madleen as "an illegal attack."

Toribio explained that Israeli drones and speedboats intercepted the vessel they were traveling on when they were "about 100 miles" from their destination. He emphasized that they were "in international waters" and "not near any military base," as Israel had stated.

Among the activists who have refused to sign the deportation documents is French-Palestinian Member of the European Parliament Rima Hassan.

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