

UPDATE: OUR WHĀNAU HAS BEEN DETAINED BY THE IOF.

**PLEASE SEND THE EMAILS IN THIS NEW TEMPLATE DOC
CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL THREE NZ CITIZENS DETAINED:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KrgzvDI-EKSyNb41ipSSUiSDvsvOea4KuUMecCrCKh0>

UPDATE: Two more Kiwis are now sailing to Gaza on the Conscience as part of the Freedom Flotilla Coalition. Please continue to send the emails below as well as sending these additional emails regarding Will and Ava:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V8GB-K9KawhMntFLeZmfmHDnn9eAki8_fCmVzB8YWXs

Previous email templates remain below.

**** MULTIPLE EMAIL TEMPLATES ACROSS SEPARATE PAGES ****

Email to Prime Minister Christopher Luxon

TO: c.luxon@ministers.govt.nz

Subject: Urgent: Guarantee Safe Passage for New Zealanders on Global Sumud Flotilla

Kia ora Prime Minister Luxon,

I am writing with urgency to demand that your Government ensures the safe passage of New Zealanders **Youssef Sammour, Rana Hamida, and Samuel Leason**, who are part of a humanitarian flotilla delivering aid to Gaza.

The flotilla is now entering the most crucial stage of its journey through the Mediterranean Sea, where we have seen previous flotillas being intercepted by Israel.

Even more alarmingly in the case of this latest flotilla, Israel has issued statements which try to paint the humanitarians on board as terrorists, and along with recent drone attacks against several of the vessels, it is clear that Israel is a huge risk to the lives of our citizens aboard the flotilla.

I urge you to stand with 16 other UN nations and make clear that any violation of international law, including attacks or abductions of New Zealand citizens in international waters, will be met with accountability from the New Zealand government.

I also ask that you provide the public with daily updates regarding the flotilla's mission and the safety of our fellow citizens.

As Prime Minister, you have a responsibility to protect New Zealand citizens abroad. Their safety and return must be treated as an immediate priority.

I implore you to take every diplomatic step necessary to guarantee their protection and safe passage.

Ngā mihi,
[Your Name]
[Optional: Your Electorate/City]

Email to Minister of Foreign Affairs Winston Peters

TO: W.Peters@ministers.govt.nz

Subject: Immediate Action Required: Safe Passage for New Zealanders on Global Sumud Flotilla

Kia ora Minister Peters,

I am calling on you as Minister of Foreign Affairs to act immediately to ensure the safe passage of New Zealand citizens **Youssef Sammour, Rana Hamida, and Samuel Leason**, who are delivering humanitarian aid to Gaza as part of the Global Sumud Flotilla.

The crew are currently sailing in international waters, where they should be protected by international law. They are also entitled to protection under international humanitarian law while delivering aid to the people of Gaza. Therefore, I call on you as New Zealand's Minister of Foreign Affairs to uphold international law and ensure their protection by every means possible.

Please join with 16 other UN nations in making a statement that any violation of international law by attack or abduction of New Zealand citizens in international waters, will be met with accountability from the New Zealand government.

I also implore you to deploy any available New Zealand Navy vessels in the Mediterranean to provide assistance to the flotilla as they make their way to Gaza.

Additionally, I ask that you provide the public with daily updates regarding the flotilla's mission and the safety of our fellow citizens.

New Zealanders expect our leaders to uphold their duty of care and advocate strongly for the protection of our people abroad. The Government must urgently apply diplomatic pressure to guarantee their safety.

Please act now to protect them.

Ngā mihi,

[Your Name]

[Optional: Your Electorate/City]

Email to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT)

TO: consular@mfat.govt.nz

Subject: Urgent: Protection for New Zealanders on Global Sumud Flotilla

Kia ora,

I am writing to request urgent action from MFAT to ensure the safe passage of New Zealand citizens **Youssef Sammour, Rana Hamida, and Samuel Leason**, currently on the humanitarian flotilla to Gaza.

As the Government's representative body for international affairs, MFAT must act swiftly to advocate for their protection and guarantee their safe return. Their lives are at risk.

Immediate diplomatic steps must be taken.

Additionally I ask that New Zealand deploys any available Navy vessels in the Mediterranean to provide assistance to the flotilla as they make their way to Gaza.

I also ask that you provide the public with daily updates regarding the flotilla's mission and the safety of our fellow citizens.

I ask that this be treated with the highest priority.

Ngā mihi,
[Your Name]
[Optional: Your Electorate/City]

Email to all other Government Cabinet Ministers

Please consider sending this email individually to the following ministers:

Hon Nicola Willis: Nicola.Willis@parliament.govt.nz
Hon Chris Bishop: Chris.Bishop@parliament.govt.nz
Hon Simeon Brown: Simeon.Brown@parliament.govt.nz
Hon Erica Stanford: Erica.Stanford@parliament.govt.nz
Hon Paul Goldsmith: Paul.Goldsmith@parliament.govt.nz
Hon Louise Upston: Louise.Upston@parliament.govt.nz
Hon Judith Collins: Judith.Collins@parliament.govt.nz
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Hon Mark Mitchell: Mark.Mitchell@parliament.govt.nz
Hon Todd McClay: Todd.McClay@parliament.govt.nz

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Hon Nicole McKee: Nicole.McKee@parliament.govt.nz
Hon Shane Jones: Shane.Jones@parliament.govt.nz
Hon Casey Costello: Casey.Costello@parliament.govt.nz

Subject: Urgent: Safe Passage Required for New Zealanders on Global Sumud Flotilla

Kia ora Minister [Surname],

I am writing with urgency to demand that the New Zealand Government ensures the safe passage of Kiwi citizens **Youssef Sammour, Rana Hamida, and Samuel Leason**, who are part of a humanitarian flotilla delivering aid to Gaza, known as the Global Sumud Flotilla.

The flotilla is now entering the most crucial stage of its journey through the Mediterranean Sea, where we have seen previous flotillas being intercepted by Israel.

Alarming in the case of this flotilla, Israel has issued statements which try to paint the humanitarians on board as terrorists, and along with recent drone attacks against several of the vessels, it is clear that Israel is a huge risk to the lives of our citizens aboard the flotilla.

As a minister of the Cabinet of New Zealand, I urge you to discuss urgently with your cohort the importance of keeping our New Zealand citizens safe while on a humanitarian mission that is protected by international humanitarian law.

I call for this Government to join with 16 other UN nations in making a statement that any violation of international law by attack or abduction of New Zealand citizens in international waters will be met with accountability from the New Zealand government.

I also ask you to keep your fellow Cabinet ministers accountable, to do everything you can to hold Israel to account for violations of international law committed against our citizens.

The people of Aotearoa want to see our whānau kept safe.

Ngā mihi,
[Your Name]
[Optional: Your Electorate/City]

Email to the leader of the Labour Party Chris Hipkins

TO: chris.hipkins@parliament.govt.nz

Subject: Urgent: Call for Protection for New Zealanders on Global Sumud Flotilla

Kia ora Minister Hipkins,

I am writing with urgency to ask you to advocate for the safe passage of Kiwi citizens **Youssef Sammour, Rana Hamida, and Samuel Leason**, who are part of a humanitarian flotilla delivering aid to Gaza, known as the Global Sumud Flotilla.

The flotilla is now entering the most crucial stage of its journey through the Mediterranean Sea, where we have seen previous flotillas being intercepted by Israel.

Alarming in the case of this flotilla, Israel has issued statements which try to paint the humanitarians on board as terrorists, and along with recent drone attacks against several of the vessels, it is clear that Israel is a huge risk to the lives of our citizens aboard the flotilla.

As leader of the opposition, the people of Aotearoa are expecting a strong show of leadership from you when we are unable to rely on the leadership of our current Government. We expect to see you advocate for the safety of New Zealand citizens who are on a humanitarian mission that is protected by international humanitarian law.

I urge you to do everything you can to apply pressure on our Government to demand safe passage of the flotilla. The people of New Zealand want to see our whānau kept safe.

Ngā mihi,
[Your Name]
[Optional: Your Electorate/City]

Email to the Opposition Party Spokespeople for Foreign Affairs

Please consider sending this email individually to the following ministers:

Hon Peeni Henare: Peeni.Henare@parliament.govt.nz

Hon Phil Twyford: Phil.Twyford@parliament.govt.nz

Vanushi Walters: Vanushi.Walters@parliament.govt.nz

Teanau Tuiono: Teanau.Tuiono@parliament.govt.nz

Subject: Urgent: Demand Protection for New Zealanders on Global Sumud Flotilla

Kia ora Minister Henare / Minister Twyford / Ms Walters / Mr Tuiono,

I am writing with urgency to ask you to advocate for the safe passage of New Zealand citizens **Youssef Sammour, Rana Hamida, and Samuel Leason**, who are part of a humanitarian flotilla delivering aid to Gaza, known as the Global Sumud Flotilla.

The flotilla is now entering the most crucial stage of its journey through the Mediterranean Sea, where we have seen previous flotillas being intercepted by Israel.

Alarming in the case of this flotilla, Israel has issued statements which try to paint the humanitarians on board as terrorists, and along with recent drone attacks against several of the vessels, it is clear that Israel is a huge risk to the lives of our citizens aboard the flotilla.

As a spokesperson for Foreign Affairs, I urge you to advocate in Parliament for the safe passage of our fellow citizens aboard the flotilla, and demand that our Government make a statement in line with 16 other UN nations, that any violation of international law by attack or abduction of New Zealand citizens in international waters will be met with accountability from the New Zealand government.

I implore you to do everything you can to apply pressure on our Government to demand safe passage of the flotilla. The people of Aotearoa want to see our whānau kept safe.

Ngā mihi,

[Your Name]

[Optional: Your Electorate/City]