

OUR GOALS TODAY

We are here - Jews and non-Jews together - to share the truth about Israel & Hamas so others can understand what it will take to bring peace between Israelis and Palestinians. As a former peacekeeper, however, I am not defending Israel as much as I am defending truth, rule of law, and innocent civilians – Israeli and Palestinian. The goals of this protest are:

1. Inform the community that a religious institution in London – the London Muslim Mosque - has actively supported the Canadian Boat to Gaza goal to break Israel's weapons blockade against Hamas which, if successful, will make it easier for this terrorist organization to kill Israeli civilians, and that this effort is not aiding peace. If Hamas launches more terror attacks on Jews Israel will be forced to defend herself, which will result in Palestinian casualties, destruction in Gaza and create more enmity.

This protest is NOT about Sharia or Islam. If a Christian church in London had provided similar support for the Boat to Gaza, the protest would have been held there.

2. Counter anti-Israel propaganda by helping the public understand: A. The Hamas Charter was condemned by the UN Human Rights Council in 2006 for calling for the killing of Jews and Israel to be "obliterated." B. Israel is actually the most 'legitimate' country in the world by virtue of the fact that it was created by a Nov 29/47 vote by the United Nations General Assembly.

KEY FACTS - Supporting references are available in the original media release at www.VoiceofCanada.ca:

MEDIA RELEASE, June 22/11: Former Blue Beret to protest London (Ontario) Muslim Mosque support for Canadian Boat to Hamas

<http://voiceofcanada.wordpress.com/2011/06/22/former-blue-beret-to-protest-london-ontario-muslim-mosque-support-for-canadian-boat-to-hamas/>

1. LMM held fundraising dinner for Canadian Boat to Gaza on Feb 05/11.
2. LMM Operations Manager, Muhammed Hamou, will be sailing on board the *Tahrir* when it tries to break the weapons blockade.
3. United Nations Human Rights Council condemned the Hamas Charter in 2006 for its rejection of peaceful solutions and its commitment to wage jihad to kill Jews and "obliterate Israel:

From Article 7: *"The Day of Judgment will not come until Muslims will fight the Jews and kill them; until the Jews hide behind rocks and trees, which will cry: Oh Muslim! There is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him."*

From Article 13: *"There is no solution to the Palestinian question except by Jihad. All initiatives, proposals, and International Conferences are a waste of time and vain endeavours."*

From Article 28 (quoting Muslim Brotherhood founder Hassan al-Banna): *"Israel will exist and continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it."*

4. The Israeli government does NOT block humanitarian aid to Gaza, only weapons and related materiel, and the blockade runners have stated that they refuse to use the channels available for legitimate aid.
5. The head of the International Red Cross in Gaza, Mathilde Redmatn is quoted in Jerusalem Post, April 21/11 as saying, "There is no humanitarian crisis in Gaza."
6. Hamas official Khalil Hamada stated in June 2010 that "There is no starvation in Gaza. No one has died of hunger."

PLEASE REMEMBER, the people of the mosque are our neighbours. We are not here to intimidate them. The imam has been informed of the protest by the police who I have told that we will be peaceful and remain on the south side of the road. Blue Beret protests have been has been no trouble whatsoever from members of the mosque and we anticipate none today.

- Children may be attending school while we are here.
- Please: No yelling matches or shouting of slogans.
- In the unlikely event you are confronted, call Mark and let him deal with the situation.
- Keep the sidewalk and driveways unblocked.

Let us follow the teachings of Dr. King and not offer words of anger or hate. **Show our strength and discipline and character by standing quietly for one hour no matter what provocations we might face.** If even one person shouts out in anger or retaliates out of emotion, we lose. The media will likely only show our retaliation, not the provocation. In Caledonia, we proved that Dr. King's methods could defeat the violence of native militants, the intimidation of the anarchists and anti-Israel groups, and the racist appeasement of violence by police and government. (<http://helplessbyblatchford.wordpress.com/caledonia-no-more-nightmares/>)

Thank you so much for your support! **Mark Vandermaas, 519.457.0709, info@voiceofcanada.ca**

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