

Activist flotilla needs navy protection

Repeated drone attacks against a humanitarian flotilla of more than 50 small vessels sailing to Gaza, has spurred the Italian and Spanish governments into sending naval support



Sep 9: Boat, anchored off port of **Sidi Bou Said**, attacked by drone, causing fire damage

Sep 23: Flotilla attacked off coast of **Crete** by drones dropping flashbangs and interfering with emergency radio communications



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*52 civilian boats – carrying lawyers and activists from 45 countries, including Swedish climate campaigner **Greta Thunberg** – are attempting to break Israel's naval blockade of Gaza*

■ **Sep 24:** Italy's defence minister **Guido Crosetto** orders navy frigate to protect flotilla, which is carrying several Italian politicians

■ **Sep 24:** Spain's Prime Minister **Pedro Sanchez** orders warship be sent to aid flotilla