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Plans for Canadian flotilla to Gaza encourages further bloodshed, says Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies

Toronto – July 15, 2010 Plans by the Canadian Arab Federation and activists who support a Canadian flotilla to Gaza are trying to hide behind the smokescreen of the innocuous phrase “peaceful mission” in the hopes of muddling awareness of their ideological and financial support for the terror group Hamas, says Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies (FSWC).

“Far from helping the cause of peace in the region, this Canadian flotilla will only serve to empower Hamas and encourage further bloodshed. Canadians should condemn the efforts to aid and abet a designated terror organization that has been both clear and vocal in its stated aim of destroying Israel,” says FSWC President and CEO Avi Benlolo. “Flotilla supporters say the attempt to break the blockade will be ‘symbolic’. Clearly the situation of the Palestinians living in Gaza is not truly the concern of those who support terrorism; scoring PR points is notably easier than the work of making peace,” he adds.

FSWC maintains true peace can only be achieved when Hamas renounces violence, recognizes Israel and takes sincere steps to create a lasting peace.

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