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Al Jazeera broadcast of the celebrations in Taksim Square of the Mavi Marmara incident.

[Note: each statement by Raed Saleh is followed by a Turkish translation and crowd reaction]

[begin translation]

[begin video clip 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dvw7h9GPmCI>]

Peace be upon you and the mercy and blessings of God

In the name of the God, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of God

We welcome all present in the heart of Istanbul. It pleases me to directly deliver these messages, for us to assert these messages. .

First, I am convinced that the desire of everyone in this festival in Taksim Square is for us to go now from Taksim Square to free Gaza so that we can break from its siege of the Israeli Occupation

Second, I am convinced that if I called to our people in Turkey now, Who will go with me now to Jerusalem and al Aqsa , I would find at least a million Turks who will go with me to Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque

Third, through you, I say to the Israeli Occupation, here meet all the people on earth from all continents, from all races, from all religions, They say, O Israeli Occupation, leave immediately from Gaza; leave immediately from the West Bank; leave immediately from occupied Jerusalem.

Fourth, fourth. We here we pay tribute to the martyrs of the ship Marmara I am sure that the martyrs, if they were to return to life, would wish martyrdom again on the ship Marmara with the permission of God, Lord of the Worlds

Therefore I assert before everyone that the blood of the martyrs of the Freedom Flotilla will not be lost, nor the blood of the injured, with the permission of God, Lord of the Worlds. Behold the voice of the Freedom Flotilla. Its voice is still calling in all parts of the world for freedom to the Gaza of glory [Aza] Freedom to the Gaza of glory. Freedom to the Gaza of glory

Behold the voice of the Freedom Flotilla continues to shout in all the earth: Shame and ignominy on the Israeli Occupation. Shame and ignominy on the piracy on the seas of those who attacked the Freedom Flotilla. Shame and ignominy upon those who killed our free men who called for the freedom for Gaza.

Then I assert to everyone

[Shouts from the crowd interrupt him]

Then, then I assert to everyone; I assert to everyone that the first Freedom Flotilla, if it did not reach the port of Gaza, everyone knows that all those who were on the first Freedom Flotilla had reached the hearts of our people in Gaza, and they love them each and every one, and are still making ready to receive them in their homes in free Gaza.

Then I assert to everyone the first Freedom Flotilla had as part of its good fruit that Palestinian reconciliation came. As for the next Freedom Flotilla, it will, God willing, lead to the establishment of the independent State of Palestine, with its capitol an independent Jerusalem, God willing.

In addition to that, in addition to that, the first Freedom Flotilla led to the awakening in the Arab world. After first Freedom Flotilla, there came a Freedom Flotilla in Tunisia, and there came a Freedom Flotilla in Egypt, and there came a Freedom Flotilla in Libya, and there came a Freedom Flotilla in Yemen and there came a Freedom Flotilla in Syria. Freedom Flotillas will remain in all the Arab world, and in all the Islamic world until the liberation of Jerusalem and the Al Aqsa Mosque, God willing.

Then I assert that in addition. Then I assert that in addition to the next Freedom Flotilla, there will be a flotilla of the return of the Palestinian refugees to their land and their homes and sacred places with the permission of God, Lord of the Worlds.

[end of video clip 1]

[beginning video clip 2: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPY8u_b2fqY]

And I assert in addition to the next Freedom Flotilla, there will be Flotilla of the march of millions to Jerusalem and the Al-Aqsa Mosque, God willing.

I also assert that the next Freedom Flotilla may confront waves. It may confront storms. It may confront Israeli piracy, but the next Freedom Flotilla will remain on the sea. It will not retreat and will go on until it reaches the port of Gaza, with the permission of God, Lord of the Worlds

Therefore, in the last sentence I say to you that I have asked God to honor me. I was in the First Freedom Flotilla. I ask God Almighty to honor me to be in the Second Freedom Flotilla so that we can receive you in Gaza, in the West Bank, in Jerusalem, at the Al Aqsa Mosque, God Almighty willing.

[end of video clip 2]

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