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The Editor,

The Halifax Herald.

Dear Editor:

It defies credibility that some of your correspondents find room to call the outrageous Israeli act of piracy against the Gaza flotilla, in international waters, as : "measured and fully justified", [Dwayne Albert, June 2]. This attack, killing nine and injuring many, against a group of international peace activists bringing humanitarian supplies to the deprived innocent 1.5 million people in Gaza, who have been subjected to a brutal Israeli blockade for three years, denying them food, medical supplies and construction material to repair the massive illegal destruction that Israel created in its 22-day so-called Cast- lead campaign, about 18 months ago.

The blockade, that Israel continues to impose against Gaza, is an act of Collective Punishment that is in violation of Article 33 of the Fourth Geneva Convention. Violation of any article of this convention is defined by international law as a war crime. It is relevant to point out here that this is one of the many war crimes that Israel continues to commit in its policies, violating virtually every article of the Fourth Geneva Convention, during its illegal occupation of Palestinian territories, that has been allowed to stand for decades, in violation of international law and repeated Security Council resolutions.

All principled human beings, should call on Israel to comply with international law, UN resolutions, and bring to an end its illegal occupation of Palestinian territories.

Yours sincerely,

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