

# *Danish police arrest 20 people protesting to stop military shipment to Israel*

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Activists block the entrance to Danish shipping and logistics company Maersk's headquarters in

## Copenhagen on Monday. (Photo by EPA)

Copenhagen, February 25 (RHC)-- Danish police have arrested 20 people at a protest demanding maritime transport company Maersk to stop delivering military equipment to Israel which has been carrying out genocide of Palestinians in Gaza since October 2023.

On Monday, police used batons and tear gas to disperse the crowd, according to local media reports. "We tried using dialogue to get the protesters to leave the area, it's a private area. And in the end, the dialogue stopped and then we had to use the necessary means to remove the protesters from the area," a police spokesperson said.

Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg was among the protesters who held a demonstration at Maersk's headquarters in Copenhagen. "We are here to demand that Maersk must stop all the transportation of weapons and weapon components to Israel," Thunberg said.

"They must terminate all contract and investment that supports the genocide and occupation of Palestine," said Thunberg, the face of the "Fridays for Future" climate protest movement. Thunberg has taken part in several protests in support of Palestinians since the beginning of the conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza.

Maersk denied the cargo contained "weapons or ammunition," insisting it consisted of military-related equipment in line with US-Israeli security agreements.

"These shipments contain military-related equipment and are derived from U.S. policy under the U.S.-Israeli security cooperation program. The cargo has been screened and complies with applicable laws," Maersk told AFP in a message.

Israel launched its brutal Gaza onslaught on October 7, 2023, after the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas carried out its historic operation against the usurping entity in retaliation for its intensified atrocities against the Palestinian people.

The Tel Aviv regime failed to achieve its declared objectives of freeing captives and eliminating Hamas despite killing at least 48,340 Palestinians, mostly women and children, in Gaza.

After 15 months of genocide, Israel accepted Hamas' longstanding negotiation terms under the Gaza ceasefire, which began on January 19th.

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