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Excerpts from report of the International Fact-Finding Mission

"ISRAELI soldiers continued shooting at passengers (on the *Mavi Marmara*) who had been wounded, with live ammunition, soft baton charges (beanbags) and plastic bullets. Forensic analysis demonstrates that two of the passengers killed on the top deck received wounds compat-

ible with being shot at close range while lying on the ground... Some of the wounded were subjected to further violence, including being hit with the butt of a weapon, kicked in the head, chest and back and verbally abused."

"Passengers were denied access

to toilet facilities or made to wait for lengthy periods before being escorted to the toilet and forced to use the toilet while handcuffed with Israeli soldiers watching.... The Israeli forces also employed dogs and some passengers were bitteir... There was widespread misuse of the handcuffs

by the Israeli soldiers who tightened the plastic handcuffs causing pain, swelling, a loss of blood circulation in the hands and the loss of sensitivity in their hands and fingers... Passengers are still experiencing medical problems relating to the handcuffing three months later..."