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Israel performs at the Eurovision Song Contest in Malmo, Sweden.

Eden Golan of Israel performs the song Hurricane during a dress rehearsal at the Eurovision Song Contest in Malmo, Sweden on May 8, 2024.

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Eden Golan smiles during a press conference

Eden Golan, Israel's representative at the Eurovision Song Contest, in Tel Aviv this year.

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A week of Eurovision Song Contest festivities kicked off Saturday, on May 4, in the southern Swedish town of Malmo, with 37 countries taking part.

The competition organizer rebuked Swedish singer Eric Saade after he wore a keffiyeh during his performance Tuesday.

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Johan Nilsson

The visit by Ship to Gaza and the demonstration in connection with it are part of the protests against Israel's participation in the 68th edition of Eurovision Song Contest (ESC) at MalmÃ¶ Arena.

Demonstrators wave Palestinian flags as the "Ship to Gaza" boat Handala arrives in MalmÃ¶, Sweden, on Wednesday during protests against Israel's participation at Eurovision.

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