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Bio

Detail	Info
Full name	Chris Hill
Home town	Clwt y Bont, near Caernarfon / Llanberis, Gwynedd, Wales
Role	Humanitarian activist on board the Global Sumud Flotilla
Organisation	Global Flotilla Cymru
Flag	Flew the Welsh flag in Palestinian colours on the flotilla

Detention

Chris Hill was aboard one of the vessels in the Global Sumud Flotilla when it was intercepted by the Israeli Navy in international waters near Crete. He was among more than 150 people (including 175 according to some reports) detained by Israeli forces.

- Flew the **Welsh dragon flag in Palestinian colours** from the boat during the flotilla
- Detained alongside Martin Guilfoyle, the other Welsh activist on board
- UK Government notified; families informed
- Name confirmed by Nation.Cymru reporting

Media Coverage

- **Nation.Cymru** — multiple articles covering his detention
- **Associated Press** — cited in AP's flotilla coverage as one of the Welsh nationals detained
- **Anadolu Agency (Anadolu English)** — video interview, 21 May 2026. Chris describes 'rough' treatment in Israeli detention: "They were pretty rough with us, but we can't forget how they treat Palestinians on a daily basis." Calls on UK government to "wake up," accusing it of complicity through "inaction". (127 hearts, 84 retweets on X)

Post-Detention Statements

- Called on UK government to intervene and condemned UK complicity through inaction
- Drew explicit comparison between treatment of flotilla activists and daily Palestinian experience under occupation
- Flew Welsh dragon flag in Palestinian colours on the flotilla as a symbol of Welsh-Palestinian solidarity

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Sources

- Nation.Cymru: nation.cymru — "Two Welsh activists among those detained after Gaza aid flotilla intercepted at sea" (30 Apr 2026)
- Nation.Cymru: nation.cymru — "Welsh activists join 'historic' Humanitarian Flotilla sailing from Barcelona to Gaza" (4 Sep 2025)

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