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4.05.23
IDF strikes in Gaza after factions launch rockets into Israel
Some 16-18 rockets were fired into southern Israel, most of which were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system or landed in open fields; rocket fire follows a night of clashes in Jerusalem when police enter al Aqsa mosque
Matan Tzuri, Yoav Zitun|Updated:01:41

The IDF struck Gaza on Wednesday after twelve rockets were launched at communities in the south following Jerusalem police clashes with Palestinians on Temple mount

The rocket attack came soon after Jerusalem police entered the Temple Mount mosque compound to arrest "masked agitators," who locked themselves inside the al Aqsa mosque. The police action was harshly condemned by both Jordan and Egypt.

Clashes were also reported in several locations in the West Bank and at least one Israeli was injured.

The Hamas terror group called on Palestinians to protect the Muslim holy site.

Military sources said the rockets were launched by the Islamic Jihad faction in response to reported intentions of Jewish extremists to enter the Temple Mount to hold an ancient religious Passover ceremony that includes sacrificing a lamb. This led to the violent clashes at al Aqsa.

Security officials were convening to discuss ways to diffuse the tension ahead of the Jewish holiday as forces were on high alert for further violence.

Earlier on Tuesday, a Palestinian man from Hebron stabbed two soldiers in central Israel wounding one of them seriously before he was overpowered by civilians on the scene.

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Israeli police clash with worshipers on Temple Mount

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Associated Press|Updated:00:18

Israeli police raided Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem's Old City early Wednesday and attacked Palestinian worshippers, Palestinian media reported, raising fears of wider tensions as Islamic and Jewish holidays overlap.

The incidents sparked a wave of Palestinian protests, condemnations, and violence. The Israeli military said sirens warning of incoming rockets sounded in Israeli communities around the Gaza Strip.

Tension has already been high in east Jerusalem and the West Bank for months, and fears of further violence were fueled by the convergence of the Muslim holy fast month and the Passover.

Such confrontations at the contested holy compound, the third holiest shrine in Islam that is also the most sacred site in Judaism and referred to as the Temple Mount, have sparked deadly cross-border wars between Israel and Gaza's Hamas rulers in the past, the last was in 2021.

Videos on social media purportedly showed Israeli police officers beating Palestinians with batons and rifle butts at the mosque in the contested hilltop site revered by both Muslims and Jews.

The official Palestinian news agency, Wafa, reported that dozens of worshippers, who spend all the night in Ramadan praying, were injured when the police raided the mosque. It was not immediately clear what sparked the violence. The Israeli police said it used force to evacuate worshippers who were holed up at the mosque with fireworks, rocks, and sticks. They added that an officer was injured in his leg by a stone and that dozens of "rioters" were arrested.

Talab Abu Eisha, 49, said more than 400 men, women and children were praying at Al-Aqsa when the police encircled the mosque. "The youths were afraid and started closing the doors," he said, adding that police forces "stormed the eastern corner, beating and arresting men there." "It was an unprecedented scene of violence in terms of police brutality and intention to hurt the youths," he said, denying police claims that young men were hiding fireworks and rocks. He added that the police prevented all men under 50 years old from passing through the Old City's gates leading to the compound for the dawn prayers.

The violence in Jerusalem triggered protests and condemnations from Palestinians. In Gaza, Hamas called for large protests and people started gathering in the streets, with calls to head for the heavily guarded Gaza-Israel frontier for more violent demonstrations. The Palestinian leadership condemned the attack on the worshippers. The spokesman of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Nabil Abu Rudeineh, warned Israel that such a move "exceeds all red lines and will lead to a large explosion." In Gaza, Palestinian militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad also called for Palestinian residents of Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Israel to go and gather around Al-Aqsa Mosque and confront Israeli forces.

The Israeli military said Gaza militants fired two barrages of rockets toward southern Israel. Five rockets were intercepted and four landed in open areas. There were no reports of casualties or damage.

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4.04.23

Police arrest Gazan converting millions to cryptocurrency at several locations

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Police arrest Gazan suspected of funding terror

Man allegedly converts millions of dollars given to him in a money laundering scheme in Gaza to cryptocurrency at several locations around the country, nabbed during a transaction in Ramat Gan

Liran Levi | Yesterday | 07:58

Forces of the National Cyber Unit of the Israel Police on Tuesday arrested a resident of Gaza who was in Israel illegally on suspicion of money laundering to fund terror.

The suspect had allegedly converted millions of dollars that he received in Gaza to cryptocurrency in money exchange stores all over Israel.

The police said that the Israeli exchange business owner collaborated with the suspect in committing the money laundering offenses. He was tracked down and caught "red-handed" while trying to convert large sums of money at an exchange store in Ramat Gan, and was taken in for further investigation by the Serious Crimes Unit, Lahav-433.

The investigation was conducted in cooperation with the National Bureau for Counter-Terror Financing, the Capital Market, Insurance and Savings Authority, IDF special forces, Gaza Coordination and Liaison Administration, and the Cyber Unit at the Office of the State Attorney.

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After Gaza Rocket Attacks: Ben-Gvir calls for 'heads to roll in Gaza'

'We need to do more than bomb sand dunes.' National Security Minister calls to convene security cabinet after Gaza rocket attacks.

Israel National News Apr 5, 2023, 10:59 AM (GMT+3)

Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir (Otzma Yehudit) called Wednesday morning for the security cabinet to convene immediately, following a string of rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip overnight, a terrorist shooting attack near Hebron that left an IDF soldier wounded, Arab riots on the Temple Mount, and a stabbing attack in central Israel Tuesday during which two IDF soldiers were wounded.

"This morning I requested that the security cabinet be convened following last night's events," Ben-Gvir said. "This government, which I am a member of, needs to respond with force to the launching of rockets from Gaza."

" Hamas rockets require more of a response than bombing sand dunes and unmanned positions. The time has come for heads to roll in Gaza. We cannot compromise on the policy of responding seriously to every rocket attack."

A total of 18 rockets were fired from the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip towards Israel overnight and Wednesday morning, the IDF said.

Most of the rockets either landed in open fields or were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

In response, the IDF bombed a Hamas terrorist training facility in northern Gaza, while IDF tanks opened fire on Hamas positions.

One rocket struck a Strauss factory in Sderot, damaging the building but causing no casualties.

No injuries were reported in the rocket attacks, though one man in his 30s was lightly injured when he tripped while running to a shelter. A woman was also treated for shock.

4.03.23

Israel launches fresh strikes on Damascus Airport area and south

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Israel launches fresh strikes on Damascus area, Syrian state media reports
Fourth Israel-linked attack in less than a week reportedly launched from Sea of Galilee region and targets Damascus International Airport and southern Damascus area
Daniel Salami|17:11

Israel has launched a fresh round of airstrikes on the Damascus area as loud blasts rattled the Syrian capital, the country's state media reported overnight Tuesday, in the fourth such attack attributed to Israel in less than a week.

Online users from Sea of Galilee coastline communities, such as Migdal and Tiberias, reported hearing loud explosions.

The previous attack attributed to Israel took place overnight Sunday. Citing military sources, state news agency SANA said the strikes had targeted sites in the city of Homs and the surrounding countryside, where Iranian military personnel is stationed.

Syrian air defenses intercepted the missiles and shot down some of them, it said. At least five people were injured.

According to Western intelligence sources the strikes targeted the T4 air base located west of the ancient city of Palmyra, and al Dabaa airport near al Qusayr city near the Lebanese border, an area with members of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah. Syrian media said damage was caused and a number of missiles were intercepted by air defenses.

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No injuries reported in attack, and walls of four homes grazed by bullets; Fatah, Islamic Jihad claim responsibility for attack, release footage of shooting; 'It's a miracle no one was hurt considering this is the time when most people are outside,' resident says
Einav Halabi, Israel Moskovitz, Elisha Ben-Kimon, Yoav Zitun|15:24

Palestinian gunmen opened fire from across the Green Line at an Israeli kibbutz that is situated near the northern West Bank Monday evening, hitting several homes.

The Green Line is a term used to refer to the demarcation line that was established in the 1949 Armistice Agreements between Israel and its neighbors after the 1948 war surrounding Israel's creation and separates between the West Bank and Israel Proper.

IDF forces arrived at Kibbutz Ma'ale Gilboa after reports of the shooting and began searching the area for the suspects who fled the scene. No one was hurt in the shooting and the walls of four homes were grazed by bullets.

Fatah and Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack and released a video of the shooting.

According to a resident of the kibbutz who spoke to Ynet, a vehicle was spotted arriving from the opposite side of the border barrier, traveling in the direction of Jenin. The vehicle reportedly fired shots at the kibbutz houses before driving off toward the Palestinian village of Jalbun.

"It's a miracle no one was hurt considering that this is the time when most people are outside. As we were preparing for Passover, making pitas from leftover flour, we suddenly heard gunshots," she recounted to Ynet.

"At first, we were unsure about what was going on and thought it was just fireworks. But suddenly, someone heard a deafening metallic sound followed by the realization that the sound was actually a gunshot targeted in our direction.

Everyone quickly sought refuge in their homes, and we started searching for the source of the sound. As far as I can recall, such an incident had never occurred in Ma'ale Gilboa before. Later on, after conducting scans, we discovered that four homes had been hit by bullets on their outer walls. It was only after the search that the damage was detected." This latest attack takes place amid an ongoing attempt by Iran and Hezbollah to launch terrorist attacks on Israeli soil. Prior to this incident, there had been several unusual attacks on the Syrian border, where Iranian advisors, who may have been involved in a bomb attack at northern Israel's Megiddo Junction and the recent drone incursion near the Sea of Galilee, were injured.

4.02.23

Israel shot down drone aircraft breaching Syria border, suspected to be Iranian made

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Israel shoots down hostile aircraft breaching Syria border, suspected to be Iranian made
IDF monitors unidentified aircraft as it approached Israeli airspace, fighter jets, and
choppers dispatched to the border, shoots aircraft down in an unpopulated area near the
Sea of Galilee; forces on hand to collect debris
Yoav Zitun, Yair Kraus|14:34

The Airforce, on Sunday, shot down an unidentified aircraft that crossed into Israeli
airspace from Syria, the IDF said adding that there was no danger to civilians at any time.

Fighter jets and choppers were dispatched to intercept the intruding aircraft, which the
military says maybe Iranian made, while it was monitored by the force. It was shot down
in an unpopulated area and no sirens were set off. The military was on the scene to collect
remnants of the aircraft.

Syrian media reported overnight, a strike on bases in the area of Homs in the west of the
country. According to Western intelligence sources, the strikes targeted the T4 air base
located west of the ancient city of Palmyra, and al Dabaa airport near al Qusayr city near
the Lebanese border, an area with members of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah.
Satellite pictures revealed the damage caused to a plane hangar at Dabaa, where Israeli
sources said Hezbollah's UAV capabilities were targeted.

The strike attributed to Israel was the third in four days after earlier strikes hit targets
around the capital, Damascus and reportedly killed Iranian military advisors among
others.

A Syrian military source said on Sunday that the Israeli airstrikes are proof that the IDF is
incapable of land incursions. "These attacks will not go unanswered. Be warned," he said.
Defense Minister Yoav Galant said earlier on Sunday that Israel would not allow Iran and
the Lebanon-based Hezbollah to cause it harm. "We do not allow this now and will not in
the future," he said. "We are on alert on all fronts, the Iranians are sending their tentacles
to the West Bank and Gaza and are trying to take hold in Syria and Lebanon, to our north.
We will push them away back to Iran," Galant said.

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Third missile strike near Lebanese border in four days on Iranian-backed Hezbollah

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Syria reports third Israeli strike in four days

Western intelligence sources say strikes targeted T4 air base located west of ancient city
of Palmyra, and al Dabaa airport near al Qusayr city near the Lebanese border; Syrian
defense ministry says material damage caused and 5 people wounded
Daniel Salami|Yesterday | 23:27

The Syrian defense ministry said overnight Sunday that Israel attacked the Homs area in the country's west.

According to opposition war monitor the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, this is the third strike attributed to Israel in four days and the ninth since the beginning of the year.

Citing military sources, state news agency SANA said the strikes had targeted sites in the city of Homs and the surrounding countryside, where Iranian military personnel is stationed. Syrian air defenses intercepted the missiles and shot down some of them, it said. At least five people were injured.

The observatory reported that the missiles targeted Syrian military sites and those of Iran-linked militias, including a research center.

There was no immediate statement from Israel on the strikes.

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The Associated Press contributed to this report

4.01.23

PA motorist accelerates & hits Israeli pedestrians in West Bank car-ramming attack

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Three hurt in West Bank car-ramming attack

Palestinian motorist accelerates and hits Israeli pedestrians, who sustained limb injuries, one of them in serious condition; Israeli security forces stationed nearby shoot and kill assailant

Elisha Ben Kimon, Einav Halabi, Yoav Zitun, Meir Turgeman|Yesterday | 13:32

Three Israelis were hurt Saturday evening when a Palestinian motorist rammed his vehicle into them, seriously injuring one of them, near the West Bank town of Beit Ummar.

According to a preliminary police probe, the driver accelerated and hit the Israelis, who sustained limb injuries. Israeli security forces stationed along Highway 60, which crosses through Beit Ummar, opened fire at the assailant and killed him.

Reports from Palestinian sources indicate that the terrorist responsible for the stampede attack near Beit Ummar in the Gush Etzion area, is Mohammed Baradeya, a 23-year-old resident of Zurif. These sources also claim that Baradeya is an officer in the Palestinian security forces.

In a statement by the Magen David Adom (MDA) Spokesperson e that the three wounded are in their 20s, with two in serious condition, and one in mild-moderate condition.

MDA Paramedic Ariel Rabbi Eli Gartnerm was one of the first responders to arrive at the scene. He stated that upon their arrival, they noticed **three young men** who appeared to be **in their 20s** lying down, fully conscious, and **sustaining bruises** on their limbs. The paramedics provided prompt medical attention at the scene, which involved applying dressings and administering medication. They collaborated with an IDF medical team to transport the individuals to hospitals based on the severity of their injuries, which ranged from mild to moderate to severe.

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Ynet-News, March 31, 2023 – Friday

3.31.23 – Fr- - - News Placed in March 31 spot – Friday

Human Rights Watch aiding asylum seekers & PA; ask US to stop Judicial overhaul

3.30.23 – Th- - - News Placed in March 30 spot – Thursday

15,000 Right-wing supporters insist on judicial changes to Israel legal system

3.29.23 – We- - - News Placed in March 29 spot – Wednesday

MKs blast US meddling in Israel reform; Biden influenced by left-wing fake news

3.28.23 – Tu- - - News Placed in March 28 spot – Tuesday

Negotiation teams kick off judicial reform dialogue at President's Residence

3.28.23 – Tu- - - News Placed – Tuesday

Spokesman Nadav Galon says protest will continue on streets for us in the public

3.28.23 – Tu- - - News – Monday

Netanyahu coalition tables judicial overhaul bill despite promise to stall

3.28.23 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday

Herzog pushes Netanyahu, Lapid & Gantz into judicial overhaul dialogue