**Israel under fire July-August 2014 – A Diary**

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**Since the start of Operation Protective Edge, 4,562 rockets have been fired at Israel from Gaza, striking at the civilian population throughout the country, from north to south. Seven civilians have been killed and 126 wounded.**

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/Other2014/sderotmedia.jpg> Caption: While Hamas uses its people as human shields, IDF soldiers protect a little boy during rocket fire on Sderot in southern Israel]

With the increased range of Hamas rockets, some 6 million Israelis are currently living under the threat of rocket attacks.

**Tuesday, August 26**

A rocket hit an Ashkelon home, wounding over 20 people, including six young children. Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack.

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/Other2014/ashkelonhome-aug26.jpg> Caption: **Ashkelon home hit by rocket from Gaza, August 26]**

In the afternoon, a rocket exploded in the playground of a kindergarten in Ashdod.

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/Other2014/ashdodgan-aug26.jpg>]

Shortly before 6:00 pm, [**Ze'ev Etzion**](http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ForeignPolicy/Terrorism/Victims/Pages/Zeev-Etzion.aspx)**, 55, and** [Shahar Melamed](http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ForeignPolicy/Terrorism/Victims/Pages/Shahar-Melamed.aspx)**, 43, of Kibbutz Nirim were killed and four wounded** in a mortar attack on the Eshkol region.

On Tuesday evening, the Egyptian Foreign Minister announced a [ceasefire](http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ForeignPolicy/Issues/Pages/Israel-accepts-Egyptian-ceasefire-26-Aug-2014.aspx), which entered into effect at 7 pm.

**Sunday, August 24**

Three Israeli-Arab taxi drivers waiting to pick up Gazan residents and bring them into Israel for medical treatment were wounded - two seriously - by [mortar shells fired at the Erez Crossing](http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/Pages/Erez-Crossing-closed-today-due-to-mortar-fire-24-Aug-2014.aspx) as Palestinians from Gaza were entering Israel for medical care, forcing the closing of the crossing.

**Friday, August 22**

**6:30 pm -** [Daniel Tregerman](http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ForeignPolicy/Terrorism/Victims/Pages/Daniel-Tragerman.aspx)**, 4, was killed in a direct mortar hit outside his home in Kibbutz Nahal Oz.**

A total of nine civilians were wounded in rocket attacks, including a direct hit on an Ashdod synagogue, a Sderot home, near a preschool in Beersheba, and in Gan Yavne.

[Sgt. Netanel Maman](http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ForeignPolicy/Terrorism/Victims/Pages/Netanel-Maman.aspx), 21, critically wounded by a Grad rocket that landed next to his car as he drove with his brother in Gan Yavne on Friday night (Aug 22), died of his wounds on August 29. His brother made it to cover and was lightly wounded, but the rocket struck before Netanel could get out of the car and hit the ground.

Thursday, August 21

In a rocket barrage directed at a kibbutz in the Eshkol Regional Council, one man suffered serious chest wounds when a rocket exploded in a building that houses 3-year-old children. He had come to celebrate his son's third birthday, and shielded the children with his body.

Tuesday, August 19

At about 3:30 pm, three rockets fired from Gaza hit Beersheva and Netivot, violating and ending the 5-day ceasefire.​ Rockets struck throughout southern Israel, including a shopping center in the Ashkelon coast region, as well as in Tel Aviv and, shortly before midnight, the Jerusalem area.​ A total of 50 rockets were fired from Gaza during the day.

Sunday, August 10

An Egyptian-brokered 72-hour ceasefire came into effect at midnight on Sunday. Minutes before the declared ceasefire, rockets were fired at Beersheba and Tel Aviv, following a day of rocket fire directed at Israel's south.

Friday, August 8

As the 72-hour humanitarian ceasefire neared its end, Israel agreed to Egypt's call to extend the 72-hour ceasefire. Shortly after 4 am, with the ceasefire still in effect, two rockets struck in open areas near the Eshkol Regional Council.
At 8:01, two rockets were fired towards Ashkelon, marking the renewal of rocket fire from Gaza, as Hamas refused to extend the 72-hour ceasefire. By 10 am, over 18 rockets were fired from Gaza at Israel: 2 were intercepted over Ashkelon, 14 hit open areas and 2 landed in Gaza.​ At 10:30 rockets were fired at Sderot.

After 2.5 hours of rocket fire from Gaza, PM Netanyahu and DM Yaalon ordered the IDF to respond with force.

Two people were wounded in Shaar Hanegev when a rocket exploded near a residential building. A home in Sderot was also struck by a rocket. A total of 61 rockets were fired at Israel from Gaza, 13 of them exploding inside Gaza.

Tuesday, August 5

Israel notified Egypt that it has agreed to their ceasefire proposal. The 72-hour ceasefire went into effect at 8:00 AM.

In the last hour before the ceasefire, rocket barrages are fired at Ashdod, Ashkelon, Beersheba, Rishon Lezion, Gush Etzion, Bethlehem and Maale Adumim, east of Jerusalem.

Daily distribution of rocket fire from the Gaza Strip during Operation Protective Edge ground operation

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ForeignPolicy/Terrorism/Photos/ope-rocketsummary.jpg>]

**Monday, August 4**

Rockets were fired from Gaza at southern Israel from 6 - 10 am, directed at Ashdod, Ashkelon, Kerem Shalom, and the Eshkol region. At 10 am, a 7-hour humanitarian ceasefire declared by the IDF entered into effect. IDF announced it would respond with force if Hamas insists on continuing to fire rockets at Israel.

7:00pm: Rockets fired at Ashkelon Coast Regional Council, Eshkol
6:00pm: Rockets fired at Ashkelon, Gaza periphery
4:30pm: Rockets fired at Sha'ar Hanegev, Sdot Hanegev, Ashkelon Coast
2:30pm: Rockets fired at Ashdod, Gan Yavne, Be'er Tuvia
1:00pm: Rockets fired at Kerem Shalom kibbutz and Eshkol communities
12:30pm: Rockets fired at Sha'ar Hanegev, Ashkelon Coast, Gaza periphery
9:001m: Rockets fired at Eshkol communities
6:00am: Rockets fired at Ashdod, Ashkelon

**Sunday, August 3**

During the course of the day, 119 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at 109 rockets struck Israel and 8 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

9:40am: Rockets fired towards Ashkelon, Sderot
11:30am: Rockets fired at Hof Ashkelon regional area, Gaza periphery
1:10pm: Two rockets explode near Sdot Negev
2:15pm: Rockets fired towards Shaar Hanegev
3:30pm: Rockets fired at Ashkelon, Hof Ashkelon, Gaza periphery
5:00pm: Rockets fired towards Tel Aviv metropolitan area, Ashdod, Beersheba, Lakiya (Bedouin settlement in the Negev). One man injured by mortar fire at Sdot Negev area.
8:00pm: Rocket strikes school grounds in the Hof Ashkelon Regional Council

**Saturday, August 2**

During the course of the day, 86 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at 58 rockets struck Israel and 6 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

6:00am: Sabbath morning begins with rocket fire at Tel Aviv and central Israel, Beersheba
7:20am: Rockets fired at Tel Aviv metropolitan area, and Ra'anana, north of Tel Aviv
12:15pm: Mortar fire at Eshkol region
3:00pm: Mortar fire at Eshkol region
6:00pm: Rockets fired at Ashkelon, Gaza periphery
7:00pm: Israeli civilian seriously wounded in Eshkol region by mortar fired from the Gaza Strip

**Friday, August 1**

Israel accepted the UN/US proposal for a 72-hour humanitarian cease-fire beginning 8:00 am Friday, 1 August 2014.

7:00-8:00am: Barrage of rocket fire at southern Israel.
10:00am: Despite ceasefire, rockets fired at Gaza periphery, including the Kerem Shalom Crossing for [humanitarian aid to Gaza](http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ForeignPolicy/Peace/Humanitarian/Pages/Israeli-humanitarian-aid-continues-10-Jul-2014.aspx), which was closed due to rocket fire.
12:30pm: Rockets fired towards Beersheba
2:00pm: Rockets fired at Gaza periphery, Ashkelon, Sderot
4:00pm: Rockets fired at Gaza periphery
5:40pm: Rockets fired at Ashkelon, Netivot, Eshkol region
9:30pm: Rockets fired as Ashdod, Ashkelon

**Thursday, July 31**

During the course of the day, 102 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at 76 rockets struck Israel and 17 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

1:00pm: A barrage of 10 rockets was fired at Sderot, several people lightly injured
3:30pm: Rocket launched from the Gaza Strip toward Ashkelon, Hof Ashkelon region, Eshkol area
6:00pm: Rockets fired at Tel Aviv, Kiryat Gat, Gaza periphery. One man seriously wounded in Kiryat Gat by shrapnel.
7:30pm: Five IDF soldiers killed in mortar attack in the Eshkol Regional Council
9:30pm: Rockets fired at Ashdod, Ashkelon and Gaza periphery

**Wednesday, July 30**

During the humanitarian window between 15:00-19:00, 26 rockets were fired at Israel, two of which were intercepted over Ashkelon and Netivot.

1:00pm: Rockets fired at Beersheba, Ashdod
1:45pm: Rockets fired at Ofakim
3:00pm: As Israel declares 4-hour humanitarian window, rockets fired at Ashdod, Ashkelon, home damaged in Sdot Negev in southern Israel
4:50pm: Rockets fired at Ashkelon, Netivot, Gaza periphery
10:00pm: Rockets fired at  central Israel, Ashkelon, Beersheba

**Tuesday, July 29**

2:30am: Rockets fired towards Tel Aviv
8:20pm: Rockets fired towards Jerusalem - land in Beit Shemesh, Hebron
9:30pm: Rockets fired at Beersheba
10:15pm: Rockets fired at Ashkelon, Tel Aviv

**Monday, July 28**

During the course of the day, 66 rockets were fired from Gaza at Israel.

Despite requested humanitarian ceasefire, one rocket was fired at Ashkelon (7:30am) and six at communities near the border with the Gaza Strip (2pm). The IDF returned fire at rocket launchers.
5:30pm: Rockets intercepted over Ashkelon
5:50pm: Mortar barrage on Eshkol region - four IDF soldiers killed, six wounded.
6:30pm: Rockets fired at Ashdod, Beersheba, Ashkelon, Ofakim.
Rocket fire at Carmel coast in the north.
7:00pm: Rockets fired at northern Israel. Infiltration via tunnel Gaza thwarted near Kibbutz Nahal Oz - five IDF soldiers killed.

**Sunday, July 27**

During the course of the day, 71 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at 50 rockets struck Israel and 9 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

8:30am: Rocket barrage directed at Sharon and Shfela regions, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gan Yavne and towns and villages on the Gaza periphery.
9:00am: Rocket explodes near Petah Tikva.

**Hamas asks for truce - continues to fire rockets:**
3:15pm: Hamas claims responsibility for rocket barrage fired at Sdot HaNegev, Eshkol and Hof Ashkelon Regional Councils in past hour.
4:30pm: Shaar HaNegev home hit by rocket, woman wounded.
5:30pm: Rockets fired at Beersheba.
7:00pm: House in the Eshkol Region is hit by rocket
9:00pm: Rockets intercepted over Netivot

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/Other2014/idf-schneiderhospital.jpg> Caption: **Nurses, mothers and infants at the maternity ward in Schneider Children's Hospital, Petah Tikva**, **take cover from rockets]**

**Saturday, July 26**

During the course of the day, 22 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at 16 rockets struck Israel and 6 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

Israel respected the UN-requested humanitarian ceasefire from 8 am to 8 pm and was ready to prolong it, but a few minutes after 8 pm Hamas resumed the rocket barrage at Israel's cities.

**Friday, July 25**

11:30am: Rocket barrage directed at southern communities, Asheklon, Rishon Lezion, Rehovot, Ramle, Lod, Petah Tikva, Tel Aviv, Raanana, Kfar Sava
7:45pm: Rockets fired at Ashkelon, Netivot
8:45pm: Rockets fired at southern communities, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Kiryat Malakhi, Rosh HaAyin, Gan Yavne, Sharon Plain, Shfela, Emek Hefer, Netanya

**Thursday, July 24**

During the course of the day, at keast 63 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at least 47 rockets struck Israel and 15 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

8:00am: Rockets fired at southern Israel - Hof Ashkelon Regional Council, Sha'ar HaNegev, Eshkol Regional Council
11:30am: Rockets intercepted over central Israel, rocket shrapnel land in Tel Aviv
4:30pm: Two rockets intercepted over Ashkelon, one near the Barzilai Medical Center
1030pm: Grad rockets fired at Eilat

**Wednesday, July 23**

During the course of the day, at keast 98 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at least 70 rockets struck Israel and 25 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

[Narakorn Kittiyangkul](http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ForeignPolicy/Terrorism/Victims/Pages/Narakorn-Kittiyangkul.aspx)**, 36, an** **agricultural worker from Thailand, was killed** by a mortar fired from Gaza while working in a greenhouse in one of the Israeli communities in the Ashkelon Coast Regional Council.
Five rockets were intercepted this morning over the Ashkelon Coast Regional Council, five were intercepted over the city of Ashkelon. Rockets exploded in open areas in the Eshkol and Sdot Negev regional councils, and rockets were also fired at Sderot and Beersheba.
2:30pm: Rocket fire in Ashdod, Ashkelon, and central Israel as far north as Rishon Lezion.
6:30-7:30pm: Rockets fired at southern and central Israel - Ashdod, Ashkelon, Kiryat Malachi, Beersheba, Hof Ashkelon, Gedera.
10:00pm: Rockets intercepted over central Israel.

**Tuesday, July 22**

During the course of the day, at keast 90 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at least 70 rockets struck Israel and 18 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

3:15am: Rockets fired at Beersheba
9:30am: Rockets fired at Ashdod, one explodes near school.
10:40am: Yehud home damaged by rocket.
9:00pm: Rockets fired towards Tel Aviv metropolitan area, Modiin, Ben Gurion Airport, as well as southern Israel.
11:40pm: Two rockets from Gaza strike the Bedouin city of Rahat near Beersheba.

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/Other2014/idf-yehud-jul22.jpg> Caption: Rocket fired from Gaza destroyed a home in Yehud]

**Monday, July 21**

During the course of the day, at keast 139 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at least 116 rockets struck Israel and 17 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

At least 14 rockets are launched at Israel from Gaza on Monday between midnight and 5 a.m.

6:30am: **Two terror squads were detected infiltrating through two tunnels from the northern Gaza Strip into Israel.**
Four IDF soldiers were killed by Hamas gunmen who emerged from a tunnel dug from Gaza into Israel near Kibbutz Nir Am. The Hamas cell, clad in IDF uniforms, emerged from the tunnel, and waited for an approaching IDF jeep before opening fire, killing the IDF officer and the three soldiers in the vehicle.
The second cell emerged near Erez, on Israeli territory. Surveillance soldiers spotted the infiltrators and summoned an aircraft to the area. The aircraft opened fire, killing the gunmen.

8:40am: A rocket strikes a house in the Shaar HaNegev regional council, causing damage.
10:am: Rockets fired at Sderot.
11:45am: Rocket barrage directed at Tel Aviv, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Kiryat Malachi, Beit Shemesh, Lod, Rishon Lezion
2:00pm: Rockets fired at Ashdod, Ashkelon.
7:00pm: Rockets fired towards Tel Aviv area.
9:30pm: A rocket fired from the Gaza Strip strikes close to a kindergarten in Sha'ar Hanegev southern community, which was empty at the time, causing damage to the building.

**Sunday, July 20**

During the course of the day, at keast 87 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at least 70 rockets struck Israel and 16 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

**Saturday, July 19**

During the course of the day, at keast 111 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at least 88 rockets struck Israel and 18 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

3:45am: Rour rockets were shot down over Ashdod, a fifth exploded in a residential area, causing massive damage.

**The IDF thwarted a major attack on Israeli civilians near Ein Hashlosha on the Gaza border.**

**Major (res.) Amotz Greenberg, 45 from Hod Hasharon and Adar Barsano, 20, from Nahariya were killed** when Hamas terrorists infiltrated Israeli territory through a tunnel from the central Gaza Strip and ambushed a military vehicle patrolling on the Israeli side of the border.

A large amount of weaponry was found at the scene of the clash near Ein Hashlosha on the Gaza border between IDF troops and the terrorists who infiltrated Israel from the central Gaza Strip. Hamas terrorists attempted to infiltrate Israel through an underground tunnel and massacre civilians in an Israeli community. IDF forces opened fire at the infiltrators. One terrorist was killed; the others escaped to Gaza. Two soldiers were wounded. The attack against Israeli civilians was thwarted.

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/Other2014/idf-infiltrationjul19.jpg> Caption: **Weapons recovered after infiltration attempt via tunnel from Gaza, July 19, 2014]**

1:30pm: **[Ouda Lafi al-Waj](http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ForeignPolicy/Terrorism/Victims/Pages/Ouda-Lafi-al-Waj.aspx), 32, was killed and three members of his family were injured**, when a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip struck a small Bedouin settlement near Dimona. Of the wounded, a five-year-old boy sustained light wounds, a four-month-old baby is in serious condition and a woman suffered moderate wounds.

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/Other2014/idf-bedouinhome.jpg> Caption: **Bedouin home near Dimona struck by rocket from Gaza]**

On Saturday evening, a Hamas gunman emerged from a tunnel in southern Gaza and opened fire on IDF soldiers killing Sgt. Bnaya Rubel, 20, of Holon. Earlier, 21-year-old cadet Bar Rahav of Ramat Yishai was killed by an antitank missile fired at a paratrooper position.

**Friday, July 18**

During the course of the day, at keast 135 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at least 87 rockets struck Israel and 40 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system. The IDF struck 240 terror targets and uncovered 10 terror tunnels in the Gaza Strip.

Throughout the day, rockets were fired at southern Israel and Tel Aviv.
6:30pm: A rocket exploded in Gan Yavne next to a kindergarten, damaging the building, and also damaged the neighboring synagogue. One women was injured.

**Thursday, July 17**

[IDF forces thwart attack by Hamas terrorists](http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ForeignPolicy/Terrorism/Pages/IDF-thwarts-terror-attack-via-tunnel-from-Gaza-17-Jul-2014.aspx) **attempting to infiltrate Israel via a terror tunnel and** **carry out a large-scale terror attack against civilians in a kibbutz.**

During the course of the day, at keast 158 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at least 118 rockets struck Israel and 34 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

7:45am: The Iron Dome shoots down four missiles over Beersheba.
8:45am: Rocket fire directed at Ashkelon, Tel Aviv, Emek Hefer, Petah Tikva, Raanana, Kfar Saba, Even Yehuda.
10:00am - 3:00pm: A humanitarian truce was maintained by the IDF to allow the civilian population in Gaza to get supplies. Gazan terrorists violated the truce by firing three mortars at Israel. An IDF soldier was lightly injured by an explosion during operational activity near southern Gaza.
3:01pm: Warning sirens sound in Ashkelon as rocket fire resumes.
3:20pm: Sirens sound in Kibbutz Zikim on the seafront near Gaza, where President Peres visited with children this morning.

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/GPO2014/gpo-peres-zikim.jpg>]

3:40pm: Rockets shot down over Beersheba and Sderot.
4:15pm: Sirens in Ashkelon, Netiv Haasarah, Yad Mordechai, Sderot and surrounding areas after a rocket fired from Gaza hits Beersheba.
Heavy rocket fire throughout the evening was directed at the Tel Aviv metropolitan area and southern Israel.
8:00pm: Since the end of the humanitarian window at 3pm, Gazan terrorists fired over 100 rockets at Israel.
8:40pm: The IDF intercepted a UAV above Ashkelon with a Patriot surface to air missile.
10:00pm: A rocket strikes a building in Kiryat Gat, causing damage.

**Wednesday, July 16**

During the course of the day, at keast 132 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at least 82 rockets struck Israel and 33 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system. The IDF hit 176 terror targets in the Gaza Strip.

7:40am: Large volley of rockets fired towards Ashkelon and surrounding communities
8:20am: Two rockets intercepted over Kiryat Malachi
9:20am: Warning sirens in Ra’anana, Tel Aviv, Petah Tikva, Herzliya, and Ashdod; 4 rockets intercepted over Tel Aviv. Home in south Tel Aviv sustains damage by rocket fragments.
10:40am: Seven rockets explode in open areas in Eshkol region
1:30pm: Warning sirens in Kiryat Gat, Ashdod, and Ashkelon
2:30pm: Three rockets fired at Ashkelon. One fell outside a house in a residential area, close to where Foreign Minister Avigdor Liberman and Norwegian Foreign Minister Børge Brende were visiting.

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/MFA2014/liberman-fmnorway-ashkelon.jpg> Caption: **FM Liberman and Norwegian FM Brende during a rocket attack in Ashkelon]**

5:15pm: Rockets fired at Ashkelon, Sderot, Netivot, and the Eshkol and Sdot Negev regions.
9:00pm: Rockets fired at Ashdod and Ashkelon, one exploding near a school in Ashdod.

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/Other2014/idf-ashkelon-jul16.jpg> Caption: A home in Ashkelon was severely damaged by a rocket fired from Gaza.]

**Tuesday, July 15**

During the course of the day, at keast 155 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at least 122 rockets struck Israel and 26 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system. The IDF hit 96 terror targets in the Gaza Strip.

2:00am: Two rockets were fired from the Sinai Peninsula and exploded in Eilat in southern Israel. Three people sustained light injuries from glass shards. Several other individuals were treated for shock. The rockets fell close to a hotel and caused significant damage to cars and property.

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/Other2014/idf-eilat.jpg> Caption: Fire breaks out after rockets explode in Eilat]

9am: Israel accepted Egyptian proposal for ceasefire.
Since then, as of 2pm, Gaza terrorists have fired about 40 rockets at Israel since the ceasefire accepted by Israel. Rockets have been fired at Ashdod, Ashkelon, Netivot, Kiryat Malachi, Rishon Lezion, Rehovot, Nes Ziona and the Haifa area.
Since 3pm, over 80 rockets have been fired at cities throughout Israel.
7pm: A school for special needs children was hit in Rishon Lezion. Even during the summer vacation, these children attend classes every morning.

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/GPO2014/gpo-rishon-school.jpg>]

7:30pm: **An Israeli civilian was killed near the Erez Crossing** after suffering a direct hit from a mortar fired by terrorists in the Gaza Strip, while delivering food to soldiers there. **[Dror Hanin](http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ForeignPolicy/Terrorism/Victims/Pages/Dror-Hanin.aspx)** was a 37-year-old father of three from Beit Aryeh. The Erez Crossing serves as the humanitarian crossing point from Israel into the Gaza Strip.

**Monday, July 14**

During the course of the day, at keast 115 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at least 92 rockets struck Israel and 15 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system. The IDF hit 163 terror targets in the Gaza Strip.

Shortly before 8 am, an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), which was identified entering Israel's territory, was shot down by an Israel Air Force Patriot surface-to-air-missile near the Ashdod coastline. Army radio reported it was likely carrying explosives in a fresh Hamas attempt to stage an attack on Israel.
At 8:30am the Code Red siron was sounded in Ashkelon, Ashdod, Netivot, Hof Ashkelon, and Sdot Negev Regional Council, at 10:30am in Ashkelon, Kiryat Malakhi, and Be'er Tuvia, and at 11:20 rockets were fired at Ashkelon and Hof Ashkelon.
At around 12:25pm rocket Code Red sirens sounded in Ashdod, Eshkol, Gav Yavne, and Kiryat Malakhi. One exploded in a residential area in Ashdod, lightly injuring an 8-year-old boy.
6:30pm: A rocket fired from Syria fell in an open area in the Golan Heights.
7:30pm: A rocket fired from Gaza hit the Bedouin village of Lakiya, near Beer Sheva, wounding two girls aged 11 and 13, one severely and one moderately.
10:45pm: A rocket fired from Lebanon struck near the northern Israeli city of Nahariya.

**Sunday, July 13**

During the course of the day, at least 102 rockets struck Israel and 22 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system.

Shortly after 6 am, Code Red sirens sounded across central and southern Israel: Rehovot, Rishon LeZion, Modi'in, Ashdod, Lod, Ashkelon, Ramle, and Ben Gurion Airport. Later, a 16-year-old boy was seriously wounded and a 50-year-old man was lightly injured by a rocket blast in Ashkelon, as Ashkelon, Ashdod, and Be'er Sheva were targeted by rocket fire. The teenager tried to hide behind a wall when he failed to reach a fortified room in time.
Shortly after 4:30pm, Code Red alerts sounded througout the Tel Aviv metropolitan area and in Haifa.
8:25pm: Three rockets fired from Gaza were intercepted by the Iron Dome over the Ashdod area.
9:23pm: A rocket fired from Gaza hit electricity infrastructure in Israel that supplied power to Gaza, cutting power to about 70,000 people in Gaza.

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/GPO2014/gpo-ashkelon-jul13.jpg> Caption: The aftermath of a rocket attack on Ashkelon, July 13, 2014]

Saturday, July 12

During the course of the day, at least 129 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at least 117 rockets struck Israel and 9 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system. The IDF hit 120 terror targets in the Gaza Strip.

At around noon, Code Red alerts sounded in Ashdod, Ashkelon, the Eshkol Regional Council and Kiryat Gat in the south, and Nes Tziona Yavne and Rehovot.
Shortly after 1:30pm, Code Red rocket alert sirens were sounded in Be'er Sheva, Dimona and Yeruham.
At around 2pm, a rocket struck the road leading to a house in the southern community of Netivot. Two teenagers were injured.
At 6:07pm, rocket alert sirens were sounded in Rishon Lezion, Ashdod, Nes Ziona, Yavne, Rehovot, Ramle, Lod, and Gan Yavne.
At around 7pm, rocket alert sirens were sounded in Jerusalem, Beit Shemesh and the Dead Sea area, as well as in various communities near the Gaza border. Bethlehem and Hebron were hit by rockets fired from the Gaza Strip on Saturday night.
After 9pm, 10 rockets were fired at central Israel in two volleys. Rocket alert sirens were sounded in Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan, Bnei Brak, Petah Tikva, Herzliya, Rehovot, Yavne, Nes Tziona, Lod, Ramle, among others.

Friday, July 11

During the course of the day, more than 140 rockets were fired from Gaza towards Israel, of which at least 107 rockets struck Israel and 27 were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system. The IDF hit 235 terror targets in the Gaza Strip.

At approximately 08:00 a missile hit an oil truck in a gas station in Ashdod seriously wounding one person and lightly wounding two others.

During the night an alarm was sounded for the first time in Haifa. In Be'er Sheva, an 80 year old woman sustained moderate injuries when a Grad rocket hit her home at around 9pm, detonating the gas cylinders there. Her home was completely destroyed and two others were damaged.

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/GPO2014/gpo-ashdod-gasstation.jpg> Caption: Rocket hits oil tanker, injures 3 people in Ashdod]

Thursday, July 10

Palestinian terrorists in Gaza fired 192 rockets at Israel on Thursday, July 10. 141 of them hit Israel, and an additional 44 were intercepted by Iron Dome.The total number of rockets launched since July 7 has reached 681.

Despite continuous missile fire, the border crossings into Gaza remained opened all day Thursday as well. On Wednesday, 9 July 2014, a total of 1,228 tons of food, 280,000 liters of fuel and 3 truckloads of medical supplies were transferred from Israel into the Gaza Strip.

During the night an alarm was sounded for the first time in Haifa. In a separate incident, a rocket was fired into Israel from Lebanon, no casualties or damage were reported.

Wednesday, July 9

82 rockets hit Israel  on Wednesday July 9. An additional 21 rockets were intercepted by the Iron Dome.

During the day, Iron Dome intercepted three rockets were over the Tel Aviv metropolitan area (Gush Dan), one over the town of Kiryat Gat and three over Ashdod. Aorund 7:30 p.m. a rocket hit a building near a kindergarden in the Sha’ar HaNegev regional council.

Tuesday, July 8

On Tuesday evening, rocket sirens sounded across central Israel including the country’s biggest cities, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

146 rockets were launched from Gaza. Of these, 117 struck Israel and 29 were intercepted by the Iron Dome system.

In this 24-hour period, residents of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, the southern cities of Be'er Sheva, Ashdod and Ashkelon, communities in southern Israel, including the city of Sderot, Ofakim, Sha'ar HaNegev, Sdot Negev, the Eshkol regional council, Merhavim, Kiryat Malachi, Hof Ashkelon and Be'er Tuvia and cities and towns in central Israel, including Rehovot, Herzliya, Gadera, Ramat Hasharon, Yavne, Caesarea, Binyamina, Rishon Lezion, Hadera, Givatiyim, Bat Yam and Holon were forced to seek shelter after the sirens sounded. The IDF has confirmed that three rockets hit the Jerusalem hills and one hit the city of Hadera, which is 100 km (62 miles) away from the Gaza Strip.

There has been property damage, including from fires caused by the rockets and shrapnel.

Due to Israel's extensive civil defense preparations, only minor injuries were reported. For example, nine civilians were lightly injured in Ashdod and the surrounding areas.

Monday, July 7

At least 80 rockets were fired at Israel from Gaza on Monday, July 7.

Over 25 rockets fired from the Gaza Strip rained down on southern Israel Sunday (July 6), striking in the Hof Ashkelon Regional Council, the Sha'ar Hanegev Regional Council, and Sderot. This followed the rocket attacks on Saturday, two of which were fired at Beersheba. At least 29 other rockets and mortars fired from the Gaza Strip at Israel over the weekend.

[Image: <http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/PressRoom/2014/Reuters2014/reuters-sderot-jul3.jpg> Caption: ai Jorno inspects the damage to his home in Sderot]

[Video: <https://youtu.be/ZImiRbX78U0>]