EAGLES' WINGS

LATEST STATS & FACTS ON SITUATION IN ISRAEL

Attacks on Israeli towns and communities continue as you read this message.

From Embassy Briefing:

- We thank President Obama and the United States Congress for their steadfast support, including **resolutions in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate vigorously supporting Israel's right to defend herself.**

- We deeply appreciate President Obama and the American people for the United States' investment in the Iron Dome rocket and mortar defense system, which has **effectively defeated hundreds of incoming rockets from Gaza and saved countless Israeli lives**.

- Millions of Israelis are under rocket fire from the Hamas terrorist organization. Israel has entered into a military operation Pillar of Defense to defend its people. **The Israeli government has shown superhuman restraint until now. Over 1500 rockets have been fired at Israel from Gaza in 2012. No government would tolerate such horrific attacks on their citizens.**

- We hope to restore peace on our borders. **Israel is operating with utmost care and caution to try to protect the lives of those uninvolved.**

- Hamas' escalated rocket fire into Israel has set off sirens in Tel Aviv again today. Hamas fired a rocket at Jerusalem for the first time ever on Friday, hitting an uninhabited area outside of the city. **We will take any measure necessary, including a ground operation to put an end to Hamas rocket fire and protect our people.** IDF ground forces are ready for deployment around the Gaza Strip. In the last day the Israeli government has authorized the recruitment of 75,000 reserve soldiers.
- **We have the determination and patience to continue until our objectives have been achieved.** The people of Israel strongly support the military operation.

- **The operation will end when we are able to secure than Hamas will no longer target Israeli civilians with rocket fire or carry out any attacks on Israeli soil.**

- **The IDF has removed over 1000 targets in Gaza,** including Hamas' **Iranian Fajr-5 rockets with a range of over 40 miles that are sending 4.5 million Israelis - over half the population - into shelters.** Over 745 rockets have landed in Israel

since the start of the operation on November 14, an average of 10 per hour or 1 every 6 minutes.

- **To date, three Israelis have been killed and over 100 have been injured.**

It is not Hamas' firing of 150 rockets, or two rockets. There is no threshold for rockets. The only acceptable number is zero.

It should be noted that Hamas deliberately targets Israeli civilians while shooting from within populated areas such as near mosques, hospitals and schools. We are doing our utmost to protect civilian life in Gaza, and have sent warning leaflets and text messages to Gaza civilians to move away from rocket launching areas. **Yesterday, and Israeli pilot aborted a mission when he saw children near the target site. Israel continues to treat Gazan civilians in Israeli hospitals.**

Rockets and Mortars fired from Gaza towards Israel in 2012: 1500+
Terror organizations in Gaza continue their terror campaign against Israelis civilians. This week, three Israelis were murdered and an 8-month old baby critically injured in Kiryat Malachi in Southern Israel. Many more have been brought to hospitals for injury and shock. We have exercised – and will continue to exercise – our right to self-defense, as appropriate. The Hamas terror organization, with the support of Iran, is solely responsible for any terrorist activity emanating from the Gaza Strip. It remains committed to its ideological calls for Israel's destruction.

Stats: Attacks on southern Israel

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- +1000 rockets have been fired at Israel since Saturday, Nov. 10.
    - Average of 10 per hour, or one every 6 minutes
    - *26 rockets have exploded in populated areas*
- +1600 rockets have been fired at Israel in 2012.
- +3000 rockets have been fired at Israel since 2009.
- +12500 rockets have been fired at Israel in last 12 years.
- Iron Dome has intercepted +300 rockets headed toward civilian areas. Israel deployed its fifth Iron Dome battery in Israel today near Tel Aviv. The battery has already shot down a rockets fired toward Tel Aviv on Saturday.
- Terrorists hold more than 10,000 rockets in Gaza.
- 4.5 million Israelis, over half of the population, are under the threat of rocket fire.
- Hamas rules the Gaza strip and is responsible for all that occurs in Gaza and all that is launched from there.
- Hamas, supported by Iran, has wielded authority over the Gaza Strip since 2007.

IDF Targets
Over 1000 targets in Gaza were hit by the IDF

Israeli Casualties
At least 3 Israelis killed - Mira Scharf, Itzik Amsalem, Aharon Smadja

Prayer Points from some of our Friends in Israel:

- Wisdom for Israeli government and military leaders to make the right decisions.
- Cessation of bombing of Israeli territory, without needing a ground invasion of Gaza.
- Safety for all IDF soldiers; success in thwarting missiles from Gaza.
- Honest reporting in international media to bring understanding of Israel's need for self-defense.
- Honest media exposure of Hamas' use of their own people as human shields, and placement of terrorist missile sites in schools, hospitals, and homes;
- Mercy and protection for innocent Palestinians in Gaza.
- No hostilities to break out with Hizballah on our northern border.

Some Other Helpful Sites:

http://embassies.gov.il/Israel-Under-Fire

http://www.youtube.com/idfnadesk

http://www.idfblog.com/

http://www.israeliconsulatela.org/index.php/en/featured-stories/item/live-blog-operation-pillar-of-defense-response-to-terror-attacks

http://twitter.com/IsraelAtlanta

http://facebook.com/ewconnect