

Operation Guardian of the Walls as it Unfolds May 20, 2021

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Day 10: rocket-alert sirens are blaring again in southern Israel after nearly eight hours of calm. The gaps between rocket attacks and IDF retaliatory strikes are widening as talks of potential cease-fire continue.

In Total



- 4,070+ projectiles fired on southern and central Israel from Gaza in nearly uninterrupted barrages
- 13 rockets fired from Lebanon
- 3 missiles fired from Syria



- 1 IDF soldier killed
- 9 Israeli civilians killed
- 3 foreign workers killed
- 2 IDF soldiers wounded by anti-tank and mortar fire
- 1 Israeli civilian murdered by Arab rioters
- 1,800 Israeli civilians injured

Iron Dome intercepted 90% of rockets

- Highest daily rate of rocket fire in Israel's history
- 15% or 610 of Hamas rockets misfired, striking densely populated areas in Gaza
- 1 in 7 rockets fired at its own people
- 2 attempted terror attacks in Judea and Samaria
- Hamas terrorists targeted IDF bus with anti-tank missile

IDF Response

- Struck nearly 1,000 terror targets
- Neutralized 170 terrorists, including top terror chiefs
- Wednesday night terror targets include: rocket launching sites, multiple weapons storage sites located in Hamas officials' homes, Hamas hideout for cyber terror unit, continued strikes on terror tunnels

Cease-fire Talks Continue

- Senior Hamas official tells *CNN* cease-fire will be reached within a few days
- Israeli intelligence minister: "We will end the operation when we feel we have achieved our goals"; goal is to restore security
- President Biden urged PM Netanyahu to pursue cease-fire on Wednesday phone call
- 8-hour gap between rockets between 1 a.m.–9 a.m. Thursday, the longest lull since the rocket attacks began last Monday