

# Operation Guardian of the Walls as it Unfolds May 21, 2021

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Day 11—the end? At 2 a.m., an Egyptian-brokered cease-fire halted 11 days of the worst fighting between Israel and Hamas in decades. After 12 hours with no Hamas rocket attacks or IDF retaliatory strikes, air raid sirens are silent and the tense calm seems to hold.

## In Total



- 4,500 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
- 1,900 Israeli civilians injured

## Iron Dome intercepted 90% of rockets

- Highest daily rate of rocket fire in Israel's history
- 15% or 640 of Hamas rockets misfired, striking densely populated areas in Gaza
- 1 in 7 rockets fired at its own people
- 5.5 million Israelis in Hamas's crosshairs
- 90% of rocket production expertise came from Iran

## IDF Response

- Struck over 1,000 terror targets
- 225 terrorists, including 25 top terror chiefs, neutralized
- 60 miles (100 km.) of Hamas terror tunnels obliterated
- 430 rocket launchers—"armed and aimed at Israeli communities"—destroyed

## Who Emerged Victorious?

- Israel cited major military achievements, a "serious blow" to Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad and restoration of Israeli deterrence.
- "This is the euphoria of victory," said Khalil al-Hayya, a senior Hamas figure, addressing throngs of jubilant Gazans streaming into the ravaged streets to celebrate their "triumph" over Israel.
- Iranian terror proxy Hezbollah congratulated "the heroic Palestinian people...on the historic victory achieved... against the Zionist enemy."