

Operation Guardian of the Walls as it Unfolded

Wednesday, 12 May 2020 | Shortly before midnight on Monday, May 10, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced the launch of an operation to retaliate against the rain of rockets fired from Gaza into Israel, restore calm and protect Israeli citizens from the onslaught.

The operation was named "Guardian of the Walls."

As the rockets continue to fall and Israel continues to protect its people against the barrages, here is everything you need to know about Operation Guardian of the Walls.

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Who's Involved?

PIJ **Hamas and**
(Palestinian Islamic Jihad)

vs.

ISRAEL

Hamas and PIJ are Iranian terror proxies, doing Tehran's dirty work

Who's in the Crosshairs?

Hamas & PIJ Targets

Population Centers
Innocent Civilians
Schools
Hospitals
Family Homes
Cities: Ashdod, Ashkelon, Tel Aviv,
Jerusalem, Beersheva, Jaffa
and Lod

Israel's Focus

Terror Targets
Munition Depots
Rocket Production Sites
Training Camps
Attack Tunnels
Rocket Launching Sites
Combatants

IDF Response

500 terror targets struck in Gaza
Heaviest Israeli strike in Gaza ever
5,000 reserves Called Up

Hamas deliberately operates in densely populated areas, using civilians as human shields, resulting in civilian casualties

In Context

Israel and Hamas Engagements

Operation Cast Lead (2008–2009)
Operation Pillar of Defense (2012)
Operation Protective Edge (2014)

Looking Ahead


According to an Israeli spokesman, Hamas has the capacity to continue launching large barrages in the days ahead

The Stats

 1,050 rockets fired at Israel  48 hours

 200 rockets fell short, killing Gazan civilians

Iron Dome intercepted 85-90% of rockets

 Jerusalem targeted for the first time since 2014

 130 rockets fired at once on Tel Aviv

 137 rockets fired in five minutes on Ashkelon

6 Israelis Killed



200 Israelis injured, many in critical or serious condition

Direct Hits



Homes, Apartment Buildings, Schools, Bus, Hospital

Millions of Israelis confined to bomb shelters

Gazan rockets supplied by Iran are larger and more accurate than ever

Terror groups improved launching capabilities, firing massive waves at one target simultaneously, flooding the Iron Dome system with more targets than it can shoot down