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Israel attacks terror targets in Gaza Strip after intercepting incoming missile

IDF responds after terrorists launch a missile at the southern Israeli town of Sderot.



After an incoming rocket from the Gaza Strip was intercepted by Israel's missile defense system, it was the IDF's turn to mete out punishment.

Fighter jets from the Israel Defense Forces hit a number of Hamas terror targets in the southern Gaza Strip. Among the sites targeted was an underground infrastructure. "The IDF holds the Hamas terror organization responsible for events transpiring in the Gaza Strip and emanating from it. Hamas will bear the consequences for actions against Israeli civilians," the Army Spokesperson's Office announced.

The message, repeated with each IDF strike on the Gaza Strip in retaliation for incoming rockets, was not strictly adhered to after Israel assassinated Islamic Jihad commander Baha Abu Al Ata two weeks ago.

At the time, it differentiated between the two terror groups, warning Hamas to stay out of the fight.

Despite IDF efforts, it has not been able to fully stop rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip. Mayor of Sderot Alon Davidi called out a challenge to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu following last night's attack. "If you don't order a strong response that will eliminate the gang that launched these missiles toward us, you'll prove by your lack of response that you're giving immunity to Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Deterrence is returned with initiative, with determination, with assassination and striking against terror," he said, according to *Israel Hayom*.

Netanyahu has been politically vulnerable on the issue of the attacks emanating from the Gaza Strip.

Earlier this month, Blue and White leader Benny Gantz said, "In the government that I will form, we will restore deterrence, by any means available to us. Hamas leaders will be held personally responsible. Hamas headquarters will be destroyed and the time of showing restraint will come to an end if there is not complete quiet in the south."

In November, 2018, Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman resigned, expressing dissatisfaction with an Israeli ceasefire with Hamas.

His resignation led to the collapse of the Netanyahu government, back-to-back elections and the current political deadlock the country now finds itself. (*World Israel News Staff, 11-27-19*).

15,000 demonstrate for Netanyahu: 'The indictment is against all of Israel'

Fifteen thousand poured into the Tel Aviv Museum square to show their support for embattled Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, according to the organizers. The message of the demonstrators: "Stop the coup!" PM Netanyahu's supporters believe that the charges against him are trumped up.

They said, “We are rallying in support of Netanyahu, but we are also protesting against a legal process that has failures before the democratic process is disrupted, the legal process needs to be checked in full. It’s not possible that the votes of millions will be interfered with by legal officials.”

Questions have arisen concerning the nature of the charges against the prime minister and the way in which evidence was collected. (*World Israel News video, YouTube, 11-26-19*).

Ethiopian kids meet the Israelis who saved their lives

Save a Child’s Heart mission to Addis Ababa included lifesaving medical procedures for 31 kids and a joyous gathering of 100+ past patients. Yared runs a school for underprivileged children. Robel is a filmmaker. Betty wants to be a doctor.

Born in Ethiopia with life-threatening heart defects, they wouldn’t have made it past childhood without Save a Child’s Heart (SACH), an international nonprofit organization based at Wolfson Medical Center in Holon, Israel. Yared, Robel and Betty are among more than 700 Ethiopians – and 5,000 children from 61 other countries – saved by SACH medical care since 1995.

Last week, they joined over 100 SACH “alumni” and their parents at a 25th anniversary reunion at the Children’s Cardiac Center in Addis Ababa.

“That was an amazing moment, to see these healthy children and young adults, all dressed in SACH t-shirts, who were once upon a time our patients,” says Tamar Shapira, SACH deputy executive director and international spokesperson. The joyous reunion capped an eight-day medical mission in which 30 SACH surgeons, nurses and technicians worked with Ethiopian colleagues they had trained.

Together they performed 22 cardiac catheterizations, nine open-heart surgeries and 107 screenings and diagnoses. This is all part of Israel’s mission to “Repair the World”!

“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well”
(Psalm 139:13-14).

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