

BILAN DES PERTES GUERRE A GAZA

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Over the course of 29 days, Gaza militants fired 3356 rockets on Israel.

Gaza rocket fire on Israel, in numbers:

- **2532 rockets fell in open spaces**
- **578 rockets were intercepted by Iron Dome**
- **119 rockets failed to launch and fell inside Gaza**
- **116 rockets fell in industrial/residential areas**

The IDF's prime objective during the operation was the demolition of terror tunnels into Israel – 32 were destroyed in Operation Protective Edge.

IDF Spokesperson's Unit reported striking

4762 targets :

- **1678 strikes on rocket launching infrastructure**
- **977 strikes on command and control centers**
- **939 strikes in support of IDF maneuvers**
- **548 strikes on infrastructure that posed a threat to IDF forces**
- **237 strikes on political infrastructure used to support militant operations**
- **191 strikes on arms factories and caches**
- **144 strikes on valuable assets**
- **96 strikes on positions to maintain naval and air superiority**

The 29-day operation claimed the lives of 64 IDF soldiers and three Israeli citizens. According to the IDF, 1768 Palestinians were killed and some 9300 were injured in the Gaza Strip. The IDF estimates that 750

to 1000 of the dead were terrorists.

IDF casualty count for Gaza:

- **253 Hamas members**
- **147 Islamic Jihad members**
- **65 militants from other groups**
- **603 militants whose affiliation was**

unknown

According to the Palestinians:

- **501 were killed in Khan Yunis**
- **421 were killed in Gaza City**
- **290 were killed in Beit Lahia**
- **264 were killed in Rafah**
- **241 were killed in in Deir al-Balah**

During the course of the operation, 82 201 IDF reservists were called up for duty.

According to UNRWA figures, 485 000 Palestinians were internally displaced as a result of Israeli shelling and IDF evacuation warnings. Some 10 690 homes were

destroyed, 141 schools were damaged, and five hospitals were closed.

During Operation Protective Edge, Israel continued to provide and transfer humanitarian assistance to Gaza:

- 1491 trucks carrying food**
- 220 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies**
- 106 trucks carrying medical equipment**

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GAZA CITY — Inside the Health Sciences Library at Al-Shifa Hospital here, a small team spent the war crunching numbers. Stuck to their laptops were a statistician, a graphic designer, a data-entry specialist and an issuer of death certificates, some of whom spent nights sleeping in their

straight-backed chairs.

By Tuesday, this is what they had come up with: 1,865 “martyrs” from “Israeli aggression” since July 6: 429 under age 18, 79 over 60, 243 women. The Palestinian Ministry of Health does not categorize victims as civilian or combatant, but others do: The United Nations — which had a lower death toll, 1,814 — said that at least 72 percent were civilians, while two Gaza-based groups put the percentage at 82 (Al Mezan Center for Human Rights) and 84 (the Palestinian Center for Human Rights).

Israel has a very different assessment. The military says it took the lives of 900 “terrorists,” but it did not provide specifics beyond the 368 cases listed in 28 entries on its blog. Politicians have been saying that 47 percent of the dead were fighters, citing a study by an Israeli counterterrorism group that is impressive in its documentation, using photographs and Internet tributes, but analyzes only the first 152 casualties,

when the assault was exclusively from the air.

One Count of Gaza Casualties

According to data from the Palestinian Ministry of Health, 34 percent of those killed in Gaza from July 6-31 were children, women, elderly or female victims of an unknown age. The remaining deaths were a mix of male civilians and combatants, though breakdowns are disputed.

The United Nations has said that civilians make up 72 percent of deaths, and two Gaza-based groups put that number at 82 percent and 84 percent. Israeli politicians, citing early figures, have said that close to half of deaths have been fighters.

Source: Palestinian Ministry of Health

Even as the war appears to draw to a close, the battle over casualty statistics rages on. No other number is as contentious as the ratio of civilians to combatants killed, widely viewed, including in Israel, as a

measure of whether the commanders in the field acted proportionately to the threat posed by militants — or, in the eyes of Israel’s critics, committed war crimes.

“There are big problems in the numbers because there are such huge numbers,” said Samir Zaqout, who runs a team of 10 Al Mezan field workers who interview relatives, neighbors and doctors to compile dossiers on each attack. “We do our best in this horrible situation to be very clear.”

Palestinians and their supporters contend Israel massacred innocents with indiscriminate assaults with heavy weapons, citing numerous strikes that killed multiple family members in their homes and several that hit schools sheltering those who had sought refuge.

Israel, in turn, says that Hamas, the militant group that dominates Gaza, purposely sacrifices its own citizens by fighting in their midst, in order to raise the world’s ire against Israel. It says that the

ratio of combatants killed in a densely populated urban environment supports its assertion that it conducted the attacks as humanely as possible.

To combat the heart-wrenching photographs of dead children, Israel has published extensive video images of warplanes aborting missions to avoid collateral damage, and provided summaries of warnings it gave residents before attacking buildings.

Accurate accounting for this bloody battle is problematic, especially since the fighting just stopped. Mr. Zaqout of Al Mezan expects that scores more bodies will be pulled from the rubble, many of them militants, in places like Shejaiya, Rafah and Beit Hanoun that saw the hottest combat.

An analysis of the statistics provided by both sides suggests that a majority were probably noncombatants. Through last Thursday, according to a New York Times analysis of a list provided by the Health

**Ministry, more than a third were women,
children under 15 or men over 60.**