

Israel-Gaza clash leaves 27 dead after 690 rockets fired, 350 airstrikes

Hundreds of rockets from the Gaza Strip flew into southern Israel over the weekend, sparking one of the most violent conflicts between the two in years.

About 690 rockets were fired by Palestinian militants on Saturday alone, leaving four Israelis dead and more injured, and prompting Israel to launch hundreds of retaliatory airstrikes on the militants, NBC News reported Monday.

As of early Monday morning, a total of 27 people reportedly died in the clashes and hundreds were injured.

The Israel Defense Forces said late Sunday that Gaza fired 690 rockets, while Israel fired 350 airstrikes at militant targets in Gaza associated with Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Israel's Iron Dome defense system successfully intercepted some 240 rockets fired from Gaza, but many were able to get through.



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The last 48 hours in Israel:

690 rockets fired from Gaza at Israeli civilians

240 Iron Dome Aerial Defense System interceptions

210,000 children had school cancelled

4 Israeli civilians killed



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The last 48 hours in Gaza:

We targeted 350 Islamic Jihad & Hamas targets including:

- rocket launch sites*
- terror squads & operatives*
- command and training centers*

- *weapon facilities*
- *observation posts*
- *military compounds*

Terror targets civilians, we target terror.

“The campaign is not over and requires patience and judgment. We are preparing to continue. The goal was and remains to ensure the peace and security of the residents of the south,” said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.



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“Over the last two days we struck Hamas and Islamic Jihad with great force. We hit over 350 targets. We struck at terrorist leaders and operatives and we destroyed terrorist buildings.



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PM Netanyahu: “The campaign is not over and it demands patience and sagacity. We are prepared to continue. The goal has been - and remains - ensuring quiet and security for the residents of the south. I send condolences to the families and best wishes for recovery to the wounded.

President Donald Trump tweeted his remarks on the conflict late Sunday night.

“Once again, Israel faces a barrage of deadly rocket attacks by terrorist groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad. We support Israel 100% in its defense of its citizens... To the Gazan people — these terrorist acts against Israel will bring you nothing but more misery. END the violence and work towards peace - it can happen!” he said.



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Hamas later confirmed that one of their dead was its field commander, Hamed Hamdan al-Khodari, who was killed by an Israeli airstrike while sitting in his car.

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