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Mahmoud Khir El-Din was born on December 28th, 1977, in the town of Hurfeish in the Northern Galilee. El-Din was the oldest son of Ahmad and Nazira and had seven brothers and sisters. El-Din, a member of Israel's Druze community, grew up in a traditional family which raised him to emphasize the importance of the those around him and human dignity.

Throughout his life, El-Din was a leader well-respected by those around him. El-Din attended school in Hurfeish until 9th grade, when he moved to the military boarding school at the Hebrew Reali School of Haifa. During these years, El-Din received commendation for being an outstanding student. In October, 1997, El-Din enlisted in the Special Reconnaissance Unit of the Paratrooper's Brigade. El-Din graduated from the IDF Ground Forces Officer Course at the IDF Instructional Base 1 in 2000, and began serving as a platoon commander at the base. In 2002, El-Din began serving in the Special Operations Division of the Intelligence Directorate.

During his IDF service, El-Din completed a bachelor's degree in Law at the College of Management, as well as a master's degree in Education and Business Administration from the University of Haifa.

In 2002, El-Din met his wife, Nahed. The two were married in 2004. The couple's first son was born in 2009, the same year in which El-Din established an organization which works to promote the status of the Druze community in Israel.

In 2010, El-Din connected with the "Aharai" mentorship organization, where he began working with a group in the town of Hurfeish. El-Din had worked to ensure the organization operated in Druze towns, in order to encourage the community's youth to enlist in meaningful military service.

In 2013, the El-Din's had their second son.

Between the years of 2015-2018, El-Din conducted tryouts of candidates for the military boarding school at the Hebrew Reali School of Haifa, with the goal of reducing the language barrier for Druze candidates to the school. El-Din also served as a general advisor for the Druze youth.

Mahmoud Kheir El-Din loved to travel both within Israel and abroad. His last trip with his family occurred three months before he fell.