



Conclusion of Operation “Shield and Arrow”

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The Main Achievements of Operation “Shield and Arrow”

1. Neutralization of six senior command officials and terror operatives of the Islamic Jihad terrorist organization.
2. Negation of the Islamic Jihad’s rocket launching capability and harm to camouflaged rocket launchers.
3. Severely damaging the Islamic Jihad’s force build up capabilities and weapon manufacturing capabilities.
4. Striking of Islamic Jihad operational command centers.
5. Prevention of response attacks and anti-tank missiles.

Data of the Islamic Jihad Terrorist Organization’s Failed Rocket Launches in the Operation “Shield and Arrow”:

- 1,468 total rockets launched
- 1,139 rockets launched from the Gaza Strip crossed over into Israeli territory
- 290 failed rocket launches fell within the Gaza Strip
- 39 rockets landed in the sea
- 1 of 5 rockets launched fell within the Gaza Strip

The failed rocket launches caused the death of at least three residents of Gaza. The damage caused by the mortar bombs effected the movement in civilian crossings.



More than 430 successful interceptions made by the Iron Dome aerial defense system.

About 95% interception success rate according the interception policy.

The IDF's Strikes During Operation "Shield and Arrow"

During the operation:

- 19 operational command centers
- 8 Islamic Jihad posts
- 122 rocket and mortar launchers
- 12 weapon manufacturing sites
- 21 neutralizations of terrorist operatives, 6 of which are senior
- 63 cane gun and mortar launching posts struck by the Gaza Division causing harm to 50% of the shootings
- 10 Surface-to-Surface Rockets and Mortars

were struck by RPAs helicopters, fighter jets, tanks, and additional means.

1. Neutralization of Six Senior Command Officials and Terror Operatives of the Islamic Jihad Terrorist Organization.

Furthermore, 15 additional terrorist operatives were neutralized.

2. Negation of the Islamic Jihad Terrorist Organization's Rocket Launching Capabilities.

Throughout the operation, the IDF struck 122 rocket launchers, with most of the launchers being hidden and camouflaged. The strikes caused significant damage to the Islamic Jihad's rocket launching capabilities and **prevented an estimated amount of 800 rockets** from being fired toward Israel.



3. Severely Damaging the Islamic Jihad's Force Build Up Capabilities and Weapon Manufacturing Capabilities.

During the operation, the IDF struck 12 weapon manufacturing sites belonging to the Islamic Jihad terrorist organization. The IDF severely damaged most of the Islamic Jihad's manufacturing sites in the Gaza Strip.

4. Strike on the Operational Command Centers of the Islamic Jihad Terrorist Organization.

During the operation, the IDF struck 21 operational command centers belonging to the Islamic Jihad terrorist organization in the Gaza Strip. The operational command centers are infrastructures located in **civilian buildings** and are used by the Islamic Jihad's operatives and rocket launching force to execute their attacks and direct the rocket fire toward Israel.

The operational command centers are a secret asset of the terrorist organization, and are used to manage terrorist activity during combat. The strikes on the operational command centers were executed throughout the entire operation and resulted in the disruption of the offensive abilities of the Islamic Jihad terrorist organization.

Ten of the operational command centers were struck on the fifth day of the operation; six of them were struck in one wave. The operational command centers that were struck included the operational command center of Muhammad Abu Al Ata, the brother of Baha Abu Al Ata, and the operational command center of Khaled Azzam, a senior operative in the Islamic Jihad terrorist organization's rocket launch force.



5. Prevention of Response Attacks and Anti-Tank Missiles

The “Canopy of Fire” in the Gaza Division is responsible for a number of targets in various fields, including foray, anti-tank and mortars. The “Canopy of Fire” strategizes most targets in advance, but during an operation the main effort takes place in real time. This means identifying terrorist operatives on their way to execute a terror attack or immediately afterward and attempting to thwart them as fast as possible.

Throughout the operation, **ten strikes took place which resulted in the injury of 19 terrorist operatives. Moreover, 19 mortar launchers were struck causing a decrease of approximately 50% in the mortar launches.** This directly influences the Islamic Jihad’s ability to carry out attack frameworks.

The “Canopy of Fire” is capable of immediately aiming a strike to an exact target. This is possible thanks to the Gaza Division’s close cooperation with the Intelligence Directorate (J2), the IAF and the ISA.

