

OPERATION PROTECTIVE EDGE TIMELINE

- June 12** Three Israeli teens are kidnapped. Israel believes Hamas is behind the kidnapping. (Hamas' involvement is confirmed on August 5.)
- June 13** Operation Brother's Keeper: Israel conducts intensive searches in the West Bank and rounds up Hamas operatives for questioning.
- June 15** Hamas begins rocket and mortar attacks against Israel. The number of rockets fired into Israel soar from eight in the first two weeks in June to 78 from June 15 to June 30.
- June 30** The murdered bodies of the three Israeli teens are found.
- July 2** Reprisal murder of a Palestinian teen is committed by Israeli extremists. Suspects are arrested July 6; the trial of three accused of murder begins July 27.
- July 1–7** Hamas fires 180 rockets into Israel, forcing Israelis to seek protection in bomb shelters. Palestinian riots erupt in Israeli-Arab neighborhoods over the killing of the Palestinian teen.
- July 6** Israel calls for resuming its 2012 truce with Hamas. Hamas refuses.
- July 7** Israel announces the start of Operation Protective Edge to stop rocket attacks.
- July 8** Operation Protective Edge begins. Israel's Iron Dome shoots down missiles over Israeli cities, including Tel Aviv. An Iranian-made missile reaches Hadera, 45 miles north of Tel Aviv, putting 80 percent of Israel in rocket range.
- July 10** Iron Dome shoots down two missiles over Jerusalem.
- July 11** Iron Dome shoots down a missile over Haifa.
- July 15** Israel proposes a humanitarian ceasefire. Hamas rejects it.
- July 17** IDF begins a ground operation after intercepting 13 heavily armed terrorists who infiltrated Israel through cross-border attack tunnels. Israel discovers the sophistication and extent of Hamas' cross-border attack tunnel system.
- July 20** Hamas requests and Israel grants a temporary ceasefire. Hamas begins firing at the IDF one hour into the ceasefire.
- July 22** U.S. and European airlines temporarily suspend flights to Ben Gurion Airport after a Hamas rocket lands one mile away from the airport.
- July 26** Israel and Hamas agree to a 12-hour humanitarian ceasefire, but Israel reserves the right to continue demolishing tunnels. Israel agrees to a four-hour extension, but Hamas rejects the extension.
- August 5** A 72-hour ceasefire goes into effect. Israel withdraws ground troops from Gaza.
- August 8** The ceasefire ends. Hamas resumes firing on Israel hours before the ceasefire ends.
- August 10** Palestinians agree to new three-day ceasefire brokered by Egypt.
- August 13** The ceasefire is breached two hours before its expiration when rockets are fired from Gaza. Fatah's Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade and the armed wing of PFLP claim responsibility. The truce is extended for 120 hours or five days.
- August 26** Open-ended ceasefire is announced.

OPERATION PROTECTIVE EDGE BY THE NUMBERS

July 8 to August 26

4,564 Palestinian rocket attacks

5,263 Israeli strikes on terrorist targets

875 Palestinian rockets that fell short in Gaza

597 Palestinian rockets fired from civilian centers
(until August 6)

260 Schools

160 Religious sites, including mosques

127 Cemeteries

50 Hospitals

709 Iron Dome intercepts

32 Tunnels destroyed (**14** cross-border)

1,900 Palestinian casualties (est.)
to **2,100** (50% to 60% combatants)

71 Israeli casualties

5,359 Truckloads of supplies transferred to Gaza

86 Israeli repairs of Gaza infrastructure