

## Armed Conflict

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## Israel & Palestinian Territories **SITUATION UPDATE: Rocket fire at southern Israel during overnight hours of May 29-30; Hamas officials claim ceasefire reached**

### Executive Summary

- Despite the overnight rocket fire from the Gaza Strip, Hamas' official statements and the downtick in rocket fire in the past few hours suggest the situation will likely de-escalate over the coming hours.

### Please be advised

**Across Israel and the Palestinian Territories, the following incidents have been reported:**

#### Gaza Strip

<b>Date</b>	<b>District/City</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>
Overnight hours of May 29-30	Khan Yunis	Israel Air Force (IAF) airstrikes targeting Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) positions, including weapons' storages and training camps
Overnight hours of May 29-30	Beit Hanoun	IAF airstrikes targeting Hamas, PIJ positions, including weapons' storages and training camps
Overnight hours of May 29-30	South of Gaza City	IAF airstrikes targeting Hamas, PIJ positions, including weapons' storages and training camps
May 30		Deputy leader of Hamas in Gaza Strip reportedly states that Israel and Gaza-based militants reached a ceasefire

#### Israel

<b>Date</b>	<b>District/City</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>
Overnight hours of May 29-30	Netivot	Rocket hits house in Sderot. While the house was damaged, no injuries were recorded.
Overnight hours of May 29-30	Eshkol Regional Council	Multiple rockets and mortars fired at towns in Eshkol Regional Councils. Rocket landed in a house. No injuries were recorded.
During evening hours of May 29	Hof Ashkelon Regional Council; Ashkelon	Multiple rockets and mortars fired at Hof Ashkelon Regional Council. One rocket intercepted over the city of Ashkelon.
During evening hours of May 29	Shaar Hanegev Regional Council	Several mortars and rockets fired at Shaar Hanegev Regional Council.
May 30		Israel's Home Front Command issued instructions to those operating near the Gaza Strip. The instructions are relevant to Eshkol, Hof Ashkelon, and Shaar Hanegev regional councils. School can continue to operate as normal as long as they have shelters. Farmers may still operate if they obtain permits from the IDF. Gatherings outdoors are limited to 500 people.

# Focal Points in Israel & Palestinian Territories



## Assessments & Forecast

In light of the reports quoting a Hamas official stating that a ceasefire was achieved between Israel and Gaza-based militants, the hostilities will likely wane over the coming hours, highlighted by the significant decrease of rocket fire over the past several of hours. In addition, the relatively loose restrictions by the Israeli Home Front Command regarding people operating in the vicinity of the Gaza Strip also suggests an official perception of the de-escalating situation. That said, fringe groups, namely Salafist and Islamic State (IS)-inspired militants may seek to take advantage the ongoing tensions to fire further rockets, in order to prompt further Israeli airstrikes against Hamas, which will weaken the latter. If Israeli casualties will be recorded as a result of such incidents, a renewal of escalation of hostilities will occur.

## Recommendations

### Israel

1. Avoid nonessential travel to Shaar Hanegov, Hof Ashkelon, and Eshkol regional councils due to mortar fire at these locales.
2. Those operating or residing in southern Israel, including in Ashdod, Ashkelon, Beer Sheva, and Kiryat Gat, should adhere to all IDF Home Front Command guidelines regarding early warning sirens for incoming rockets. If you hear a siren, seek shelter in a protected area and remain inside for at least ten minutes.
3. As a general security precaution, ensure that contingency and emergency evacuation plans are updated due to the potential for a further deterioration in the security situation. We advise to contact us to be briefed on the situation, while consulting us for operational support.

### Palestinian Territories

1. We advise against all travel to the Gaza Strip at this time due to continuous border crossing closures and the threat of militant activity. Those operating or residing in the Gaza Strip are advised to initiate contingency and emergency evacuation plans due to deterioration in the security situation. Contact us for itinerary and contingency support options.
2. If travel is unavoidable, avoid one km from the border fence with Israel, due to the risk of cross-border violence.

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