**17 Captivating Photos from Operation Protective Edge**

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**The IDF launched Operation Protective Edge on July 8 in response Hamas’ incessant terror attacks against Israel. These photos show the daily reality of Israeli civilians living under rocket fire and the IDF’s soldiers on the field.**

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Israelis take cover upon hearing rocket sirens on a highway. Photo credit: Reuters

[](http://web.archive.org/web/20140819090447/http:/www.idfblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/B-Un-cohete-gazat%C3%AD-impacta-una-estaci%C3%B3n-de-servicio-en-el-sur-de-Israel.jpg)

A rocket fired by Hamas hits a gas station in southern Israel. Photo credit: Avi Roccah

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A house in Yehud is destroyed after being hit by a rocket fired from Gaza

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In response to incessant attacks, the IAF targets terror sites in Gaza. Photo credit: Flash90

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Gazan civilians run to the roof of a building used for terrorist activity after Hamas encourages them to serve as human shields.

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IDF Naval Forces strike Hamas terror infrastructure located near the Gaza Coast

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Forces from the Armored Corps prepare for the ground operation. Photo credit: AFP/GettyImages

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IDF soldiers complete a mission in the Gaza Strip

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Two explosive devices discovered next to a baby’s crib in the Gaza Strip

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An IDF soldier in urban combat

[](http://web.archive.org/web/20140819090447/http:/www.idfblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/L-Arsenal-de-granadas-de-mortero-expuesto-por-nuestras-fuerzas-en-el-terreno.png)

An arsenal of mortar shells uncovered in a tunnel by IDF forces operating in Gaza

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The IDF field hospital receives Palestinians patients from Gaza

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The IDF transfers goods and humanitarian aid from Israel into the Gaza Strip

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The 401 Armored Brigade supports Ground Forces near the Gaza border

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Soldiers prepare to dismantle a Hamas tunnel in the Gaza Strip

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Infantry forces return to Israel

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Israel withdraws its troops from the Gaza Strip. Photo credit: Reuters