**IDF soldiers killed in Operation Protective Edge**

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**Since the beginning of the ground operation in Gaza, 65 IDF soldiers and officers have been killed.**

**Friday, July 18, 2014**

Friday July 18, 2014 Staff Sgt. Eitan Barak (20) of Herzlia was killed on Friday night in Beit Hannun in the northern Gaza Strip.

**Saturday, July 19, 2014**

Maj. (res) Amotz Greenburg (45) of Hod Hasharon and Sgt. Adar Barsano (20) of Nahariya were killed in a battle with terrorists who infiltrated Israeli territory through a terror tunnel near Kibbutz Kissufim located near the center of the Gaza Strip. The terrorists who had infiltrated Israel in an attempt to carry out an attack on Israeli civilians, opened fire on the Israeli unit with machine guns and an anti-tank missile. Two officers were wounded in the battle and were transferred to Soroka Hospital in Be’er Sheva.

Staff Sgt. Bnaya Rubel (20) of Holon was killed in a battle with Hamas gunmen in southern Gaza.

2nd-Lt. Bar Rahav (21) of Ramat Yishai, an Engineering Corps officer cadet was killed by an antitank missile fired at the vehicle he was operating. Rahav was posthumously promoted to second lieutenant.

**Sunday, July 20, 2014**

Thirteen Golani Brigade soldiers were killed in in different incidents in and around Shujaiyeh in the eastern Gaza Strip. Two US citizens are among the fallen. In one incident north of Shujaiyeh, Golani troops were ambushed and an RPG was fired at their APC, killing seven and severely wounding two, with one missing. In another incident, three soldiers were killed, including two officers in the battalion. Three more soldiers were killed in another gun battle nearby. In another incident, an anti-tank rocket was fired at a building in Shujaiyeh where troops were staying, killing three and wounding many more. The commander of the Golani Brigade, Colonel Raslan Alian, was among the wounded.

Maj. Tsafrir Bar-Or (32) of Holon, Capt. Tzvi Kaplan (28) of Kibbutz Meirav, Staff Sgt. Gilad Yaakobi (21) of Kiriat Ono, Staff Sgt. Oz Mendelovitch (20) of Atzmon, Staff Sgt. Nissim Sean Carmelli (21) of Ra’anana (originally from South Padre Island, Texas), Staff Sgt. Moshe Melako (20) of Jerusalem, Sgt. Max Steinburg (24) of Beer Sheva (originally from Los Angeles, California), Staff Sgt. Shachar Tase (20) of Pardesiya, Staff Sgt. Daniel Pomerantz (20) of Kfar Azar, Sgt. Shon Mondshine (19) of Tel Aviv, Sgt. Ben Oanounou (19) of Ashdod, Staff Sgt. Oren Noach (22), Sgt. Oron Shaul (19) of Poriah Illit.

**Monday, July 21, 2014**

Nine IDF soldiers were killed today in the fighting. Four were killed near Kibbutz Nir Am in a firefight with terrorists who had infiltrated Israel through a terror tunnel from the Gaza Strip. An additional three Golani Brigade soldiers were killed in two separate incidents in the Sujaiyeh neighborhood of Gaza. Two others were killed in other battles in the Gaza Strip.

The soldiers killed in the Nir-Am incident were: Lt. Col. Dolev Keidar (38) from Modi’in, Sgt. Nadav Goldmacher (23) from Be’er Sheva, Warrant Officer Baynesain Kasahun (39) from Netivot and 1st Lt. Yuval Heiman (21) from Efrat. The Golani soldiers killed in the fighting in Sujaiyeh were Staff Sgt. Jordan Ben Simon (22) from Ashkelon, Staff Sgt. Tal Ifrach (21) from Rishon Letzion and Staff Sgt. Yuval Dagan (22) from Kfar Sava. Staff Sgt. Oded Ben Sira (22) of Nir Etzion and Master Sgt. Ohad Shemesh (27) of Beit Elazari were also killed in the fighting in Gaza.

**Tuesday, July 22, 2014**

Two Tank Corps officers and a paratrooper were killed in the fighting in Gaza: Capt. Dimitri Levitas (26) of Jerusalem and Gshur, Lt. Natan Cohen (23) of Modiin and Staff Sgt. Evyatar Tourjeman (20) of Beit Shean.

**Wednesday, July 23, 2014**

Three IDF paratroopers were killed in the fighting in Gaza: Lt. Paz Eliyahu (22) of Kibbutz Evron, Staff Sgt. Li Mat of Eilat and Staff Sgt. Shahar Dauber of Kibbutz Ginegar.

**Friday, July 25, 2014**

Four soldiers were killed today in the fighting in the Gaza Strip:

Master Sergeant (Res.) Yair Ashkenazy (36) of Rehovot, Staff Sgt. Guy Levy (21) of Kfar Vradim, Staff Sgt. Guy Boyland (21) from Kibbutz Ginosar and Staff Sgt. Amit Yaori (20) of Jerusalem.

**Saturday, July 26, 2014**

Six soldiers died today as a result of the fighting in the Gaza Strip.

Four were killed in the combat in Gaza: Roi Peles (21) of Tel Aviv, Staff Sgt. Avraham Greentzweig (21) of Petah Tikva, Staff Sgt. Gal Besson (21) of Holon and Sergeant First Class (res.) Barak Refael Degorker (27) of Gan Yavne.

Two succumbed to wounds sustained in the fighting: Chief Warrant Officer Rami Cahlon (39) of Hadera and Cpt. Liad Lavi (20) of Moshav Talmei Yosef.

**Monday, July 28, 2014**

Ten soldiers were killed today in the fighting in and around the Gaza Strip.

Four soldiers, Staff Sgt. Eliav Eliyahu Haim Kahlon (22) of Safed, Cprl. Meidan Maymon Biton (20) of Netivot, Staff Sgt. Adi Briga (23) of Moshav Beit Shikma and Cprl. Niran Cohen (20) of Tiberias were killed by mortar fire along the Gaza border.

One soldier, Staff Sgt. Moshe Davino (20) of Jerusalem,  was killed in combat in the southern Gaza Strip. Five others were killed in combat when terrorists infiltrated Israel via a tunnel from Gaza and attempted to execute a terror attack against a civilian target: Sgt. Nadav Raimond (19), Sgt. Daniel Kedmi (18) of Tzofim, Sgt.  Barkey Ishai Shor (21) of Jerusalem, Sgt. Sagi Erez (19) of Kiryat Ata and Sgt. Dor Dery (18) of Jerusalem.

**Wednesday, July 30, 2014**

Three IDF soldiers of the 'Maglan' unit were killed in the fighting in the southern Gaza Strip: Staff Sgt. Guy Algranati (20) of Tel Aviv, Staff Sgt. Matan Gotlib (21) of Rishon LeZion and Staff Sgt. Omer Hay (21) of Savion.

**Thursday, July 31 2014**

Five soldiers of the 188th "Barak" (Lightning) Armored Brigade were killed by mortar fire on the Israeli side of the border with the Gaza Strip: Capt. Omri Tal (22) of Yehud, Capt. (res.) Liran Adir (Edry) (31) of Azuz, Sgt. Major (res.) Daniel Marsh (22) of Rishon LeZion, Staff Sgt. Shai Kushnir (20) of Kiryat Motzkin and Staff Sgt. Noam Rosenthal (20) of Meitar.

**Friday, 1 August 2014**

Three soldiers of the Givati brigade were killed fighting terrorists in the southern Gaza Strip: Maj. Benaya Sarel (26) of Kiryat Arba, Second Lt. Hadar Goldin (23) of Kfar Saba, and Staff Sgt. Liel Gidoni (20) of Jerusalem.

**Sunday, 31 August 2014**

Sgt. Shahar Shalev, 20 of Alonei Habashan, a soldier in the Paratroopers Brigade, was critically wounded during operations in the southern Gaza Strip on July 23 and died today of his wounds.

**Tuesday, 3 January 2017**

Major Hagai Ben Ari, 31 when he was injured, is the last casualty of Operation Protective Edge. Ben Ari, who served as commander of the training company of the elite Maglan unit, was severely injured by sniper fire on July 21, 2014 during ground operations in Gaza. He remained in a coma until he passed away late Tuesday evening.