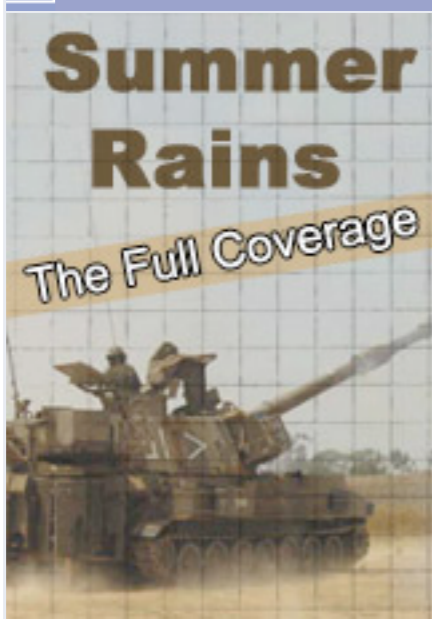
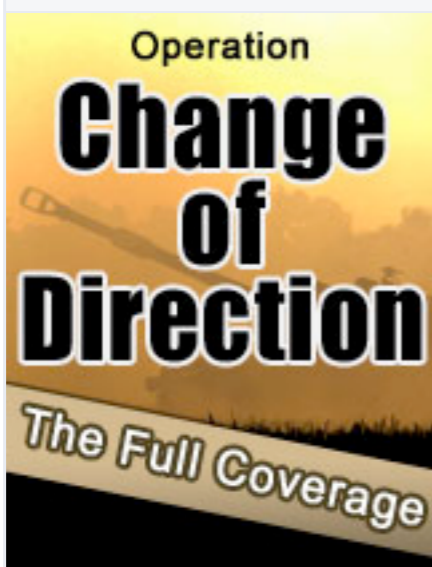




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Summary of IDF ground activity in Lebanon yesterday

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In IDF ground operations across the Lebanese southern border, 15 reserve soldiers were killed and 38 were wounded, among them five severely and eight moderately in several different incidents.

IDF soldiers identified killing over 50 Hezbollah terrorists and injuring more.

In the operations against Hezbollah infrastructure, IDF forces uncovered significant amounts of weaponry and a number of rocket launchers in the area of the village of El- Kham. Additional four rocket launchers were destroyed, one in the area of the village of Hamra, one in the area of the village of Ras El- Beideh, one in the area of the village Tir Hafqa and another in the area of the village of Bint Jbeil, where several rockets were uncovered and destroyed as well. Ground forces also targeted over 20 structures, including one used to store weaponry, and carried out a number of attacks on infrastructure, in order to minimize the launching of rockets at Israel.

Summary of main ground events:

Yesterday morning, near the village of A-Taibeh, an IDF reserve soldier was killed, and two more were wounded, one severely and one moderately, during an IDF operation against Hezbollah terrorist infrastructure in the area .following an initial inquiry it appears that the incident was caused by friendly fire, in which an Israeli tank mistook the identity of the force.

In the village of Ayta A-Shab, four IDF reserve soldiers were killed after an apparent anti-tank missile hit an IDF tank. Names of the soldiers released for publication: Lieutenant Gilad Shtukelman, 26, from Timrat. Sergeant First Class Noam Goldman, 27, from Tel Aviv.

In the village of Debel, nine IDF reserve soldiers were killed, four were severely wounded and seven were moderately wounded after an anti-tank missile hit the structure they were in. now released for publication: One of the soldiers killed is Captain Leon Shomacher, 30, from Beit Nahamia.

In the village of Kalieh, an IDF reserve soldier, Sergeant first class David Shmidov,25, from Jerusalem, was killed by a mortar shell.

The IDF carried out over 150 aerial attacks in the past 24 hours. Among the targets were six rocket launchers, including the one used to attack Beit Sha'an, and structures and commands used by the Hezbollah terrorist organization.

Since the beginning of the IDF operation in Lebanon IDF forces killed over 500 Hezbollah terrorists.

The IDF will continue to use all means at its disposal in order to protect the citizens of Israel and to create the conditions for the return of the abducted IDF soldiers, Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev, to their homes.

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