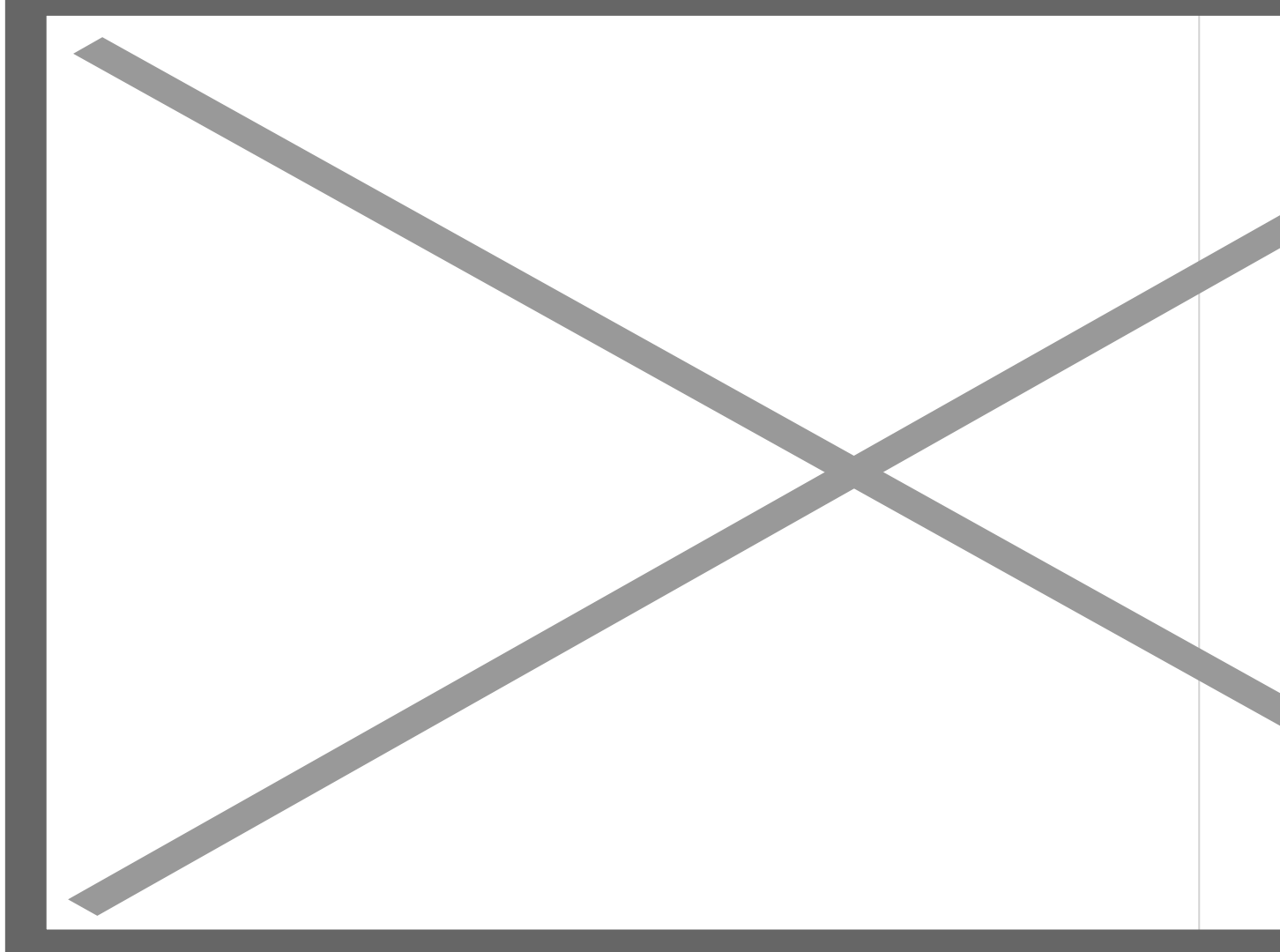


Israeli helicopters evacuate dead and injured troops from south Lebanon

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Rescue personnel evacuate an Israeli seriously injured when a Hezbollah anti-tank missile hit

Kfar Yuval in the Upper Galilee

Tel Aviv, October 3 (RHC)-- The latest news reports suggest Israeli helicopters along the Lebanon border are evacuating dead and wounded soldiers as Hezbollah resistance fighters target Israel's Golani military brigade.

The Israeli media reports said on Thursday that helicopters were dispatched to areas after Hezbollah resistance fighters detonated an explosive device against a group of Israeli soldiers near Maroun al-Ras in southern Lebanon.

A Lebanese security source said it was the third explosive device detonated against commanders from the Golani Brigade in the town located in southern Lebanon. Sources said the significant incident involving the Golani unit and attacks at noon local time caused many deaths and injuries.

Hezbollah said in a statement that at least 17 Israeli troops have been killed since the regime launched its incursion into southern Lebanon.

"The Islamic Resistance Operations Room confirms from its reliable field and security sources that the number of dead among the officers and soldiers of the Zionist enemy in the heroic confrontations that the resistance fighters fought today, Thursday 03-10-2024, has reached 17 officers and soldiers," it said.

Since dawn on Thursday, the Lebanese resistance fighters have been repelling every attempt by the Israeli elite forces to advance on multiple fronts in southern Lebanon, inflicting heavy losses in equipment and personnel.

The Hezbollah fighters are targeting locations where enemy soldiers are gathering and the lines of advance along the front edge within the occupied territories with artillery shells and rockets.

The qualitative strikes of Hezbollah have so far thwarted any hostile "Israeli" advance into Lebanese territory.

The Israeli military on Thursday said its death toll from fighting in southern Lebanon had risen to nine. "Captain Ben Zion Falach, aged 21... fell yesterday (Wednesday), during combat in southern Lebanon," it said in a statement.

The occupying regime has long had a policy of not disclosing the true number of soldiers killed in combat and providing significantly lower death toll figures. A Lebanese political analyst recently praised Hezbollah's operational capabilities, warning that Israeli forces will become "sitting ducks" for the Lebanese resistance group should they attempt a ground invasion of southern Lebanon.

"Hezbollah's ability to rebound from the pager attacks and the assassination of its senior commanders is a testament to its operational resilience and capacity to withstand shocks to its command-and-control structure," stated Amal Saad, a lecturer at Cardiff University, in a post on X (formerly Twitter) last week.

Hezbollah on Thursday said in a statement that it targeted Israeli soldiers near the border with rockets. "Our fighters today, Thursday, targeted a gathering of Israeli enemy soldiers in the al-Thaghra area on the outskirts of the town of Odaisseh, near the Lebanese-Palestinian border, with a rocket barrage," it said.

Reports indicate over 160 rockets have been fired since this morning. Rockets made a direct impact on Israeli military bases and settlements.

The Lebanese resistance group said "a salvo of rockets" targeted Israeli soldiers in the Sasa settlement and "a salvo of Falak missiles" was directed at the Ramim military barracks.

Separately, the Israeli occupied city of Tiberias was bombed with rockets. Hezbollah said it also shelled the gathering of Israeli soldiers in the Raheb military site, which was targeted twice before Thursday. Another attack came in the Misgav Am forest with a rocket salvo targeting Israeli soldiers.

A resistance drone exploded in a settlement in western occupied city of Galilee. The Lebanese resistance movement says its fighters are ready for a “direct confrontation” if Israeli troops enter.

An Israeli airstrike on Beirut’s Bashoura district earlier on Thursday killed seven health and rescue workers, according to a medical organization. The strike hit an apartment within a multi-story building housing the Health Society, a group of civilian first responders.

The attack, the second in 24 hours on the Health Society, marked the closest strike to central Beirut, near UN and government offices.

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