Israeli officer commits suicide amid psychological struggles from Tel Aviv's genocide in Gaza
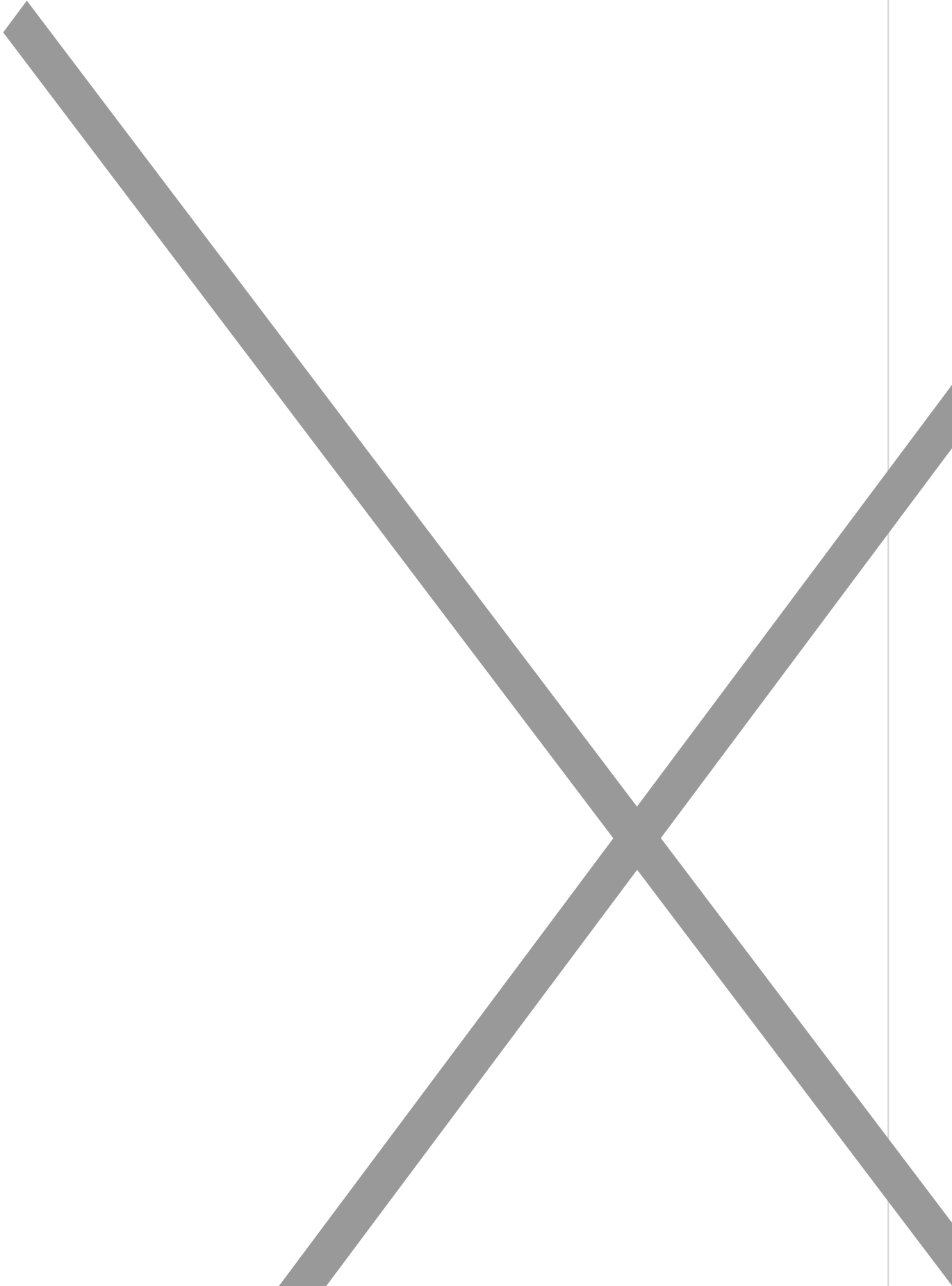
Tel Aviv, February 18 (RHC)-- A high-ranking Israeli police officer, initially reported as having been mistakenly killed by friendly fire, has taken his own life due to, what has been identified as, psychological distress following his participation in the Israeli regime's genocidal war on the Gaza Strip.

Israeli daily Ha'aretz revealed on Monday that the officer, who had been involved in intense October 7th Israeli military operations against Gaza's residents, used to suffer from severe mental health issues after returning from the war.

The brutal military onslaught has claimed the lives of at least 48,200 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and, according to Israeli sources, at least 844 of the regime's troops and 69 of its police forces.

The discrepancy between the number of Israeli soldiers killed and injured in Gaza and the official casualty figures reported by the Israeli army shows that the Tel Aviv regime is concealing the true extent of its losses in the Strip.

Initially, reports from Israeli paper Yedioth Ahronoth had suggested that the officer's death had been caused by friendly fire, an incident, during which military or security forces would mistakenly shoot their fellow troops or officers.

Ha'aretz, however, has clarified that the officer had been grappling with profound psychological issues, leading to suicidal thoughts and, ultimately, his death at his own hands.

Before his death, the officer, whose identity has not been disclosed, had even attempted to deceive Israeli forces by disguising himself as a Palestinian, shouting "Allahu Akbar (God is Great)," in an attempt at endangering his life -- while being suspected to be harboring suicidal inclinations.

Observers say the incident highlights the severe emotional toll the war has had on Israeli military personnel, many of whom are struggling to cope with the psychological aftermath.

In early January, Ha'aretz had reported that at least 28 Israeli troops had died by suicide since the beginning of the onslaught, the highest number recorded since 2015.

The development came after emergence of a footage showing an Israeli trooper's throwing himself at a moving subway car in Tel Aviv. The military's inability to prevent such incident has, meanwhile, drawn increasing concerns from both the regime's illegal settlers and mental health professionals.

In response to such cases, the military has, according to the regime's Kan broadcaster, enlisted 800 psychiatrists and opened additional psychological counseling centers to provide support for its forces.

The centers have reportedly received over 3,900 calls from military personnel who are contemplating suicide, many reportedly recounting suffering from severe post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), worsened by constant redeployment, and the sense of disillusionment that follows prolonged warfare.

A recent report has revealed that 3 million Israeli settlers are suffering from trauma since Operation al-Aqsa Flood by Gaza-based Palestinian resistance groups.
Pundits also note how the psychological impact of the war extends beyond individual troops, affecting entire communities.

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