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Medicine and Conflict: Impact on Northern Israel of the Second Lebanon War, July 12 – August 14, 2006

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Abstract:

On July 12, 2006 eight IDF soldiers were killed and two kidnapped on the border with Lebanon, in an attack by the Hizbullah terror organization. Hizbullah simultaneously launched Katyusha rockets against Israeli communities near the border. The IDF responded with a military campaign. From July 12 until August 14, when the cease-fire went into effect, 43 Israeli civilians and 117 IDF soldiers were killed.

Israel police reported that during the four week war, 3,970 rockets landed on Israel, 901 of them in urban areas. Approximately 4,000 missiles fell on northern Israel during the course of the war. More than a thousand rockets landed in the Kiryat Shmona area, 808 rockets landed near Nahariya, 471 near Safed, 176 near Carmiel, 106 near Akko, 93 in the Haifa vicinity and 81 near Tiberias. The Health Ministry reported that during the campaign of missile attacks, 4,262 civilians were treated in hospitals for injuries. Of these, 33 were seriously wounded, 68 moderately and 1,388 lightly. Another 2,773 were treated for shock and anxiety.

During Hizbullah's month-long bombardment of Israel's civilian population, 6,000 homes were hit, 300,000 residents displaced and more than a million were forced to live in shelters. Almost a third of Israel's population - over two million people - were directly exposed to the missile threat ¹

These photographs were taken approximately 4 weeks after the official cessation of hostilities.



Katyusha missile damage on residential building , Bat Galim, outside Haifa, Israel.



Katyusha missile damage on residential building , Arab neighborhood, Haifa, Israel.



Katyusha missile damage on hospital room, Western Galilee Hospital, Nahariya, Israel.



Underground Emergency Department, Western Galilee Hospital, Nahariya, Israel



Underground bomb shelter, Hanadiv Primary School, Metulla, Israel



Remains of Katyusha rocket and makeshift memorial at site of missile strike (Aug 6, 2006) near Kibbutz Kfar Giladi, north of Kiryat Shmona. The rocket attack resulted in twelve deaths and twelve wounded

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