

IDF Responds to Photo of Soldier Smashing Jesus Statue

JERUSALEM, Israel – A disturbing photo showing what is apparently an Israeli Defense Forces soldier smashing the head of a Jesus statue in Lebanon has gone viral.

Israel issued a statement through the military saying, “The IDF views the incident with great severity and emphasizes that the soldier’s conduct is wholly inconsistent with the values expected of its troops.”

The incident is being investigated by the Northern Command, and appropriate measures will be taken against those involved in accordance with their findings.



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Furthermore, the IDF said they are “working to assist the community in restoring the statue to its place.”

The IDF added that it “is operating to dismantle the terrorist infrastructure established by Hezbollah in southern Lebanon, and has no intention of harming civilian infrastructure, including religious buildings or religious symbols.”

Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar decried the incident, labeling it “grave and disgraceful,” and extended an apology to Christians who felt hurt by the incident.

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