

Israel Deploys Iron Dome Batteries Amid Increased Tensions

Amid increased tension on both its northern and southern borders, Israel has deployed Iron Dome batteries in the Gush Dan region in central Israel; it was published on Nov. 14, 2017. The deployment of the batteries in an area that encompasses Tel Aviv and other central Israeli cities comes amid threats from Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) after Israel destroyed one of its cross-border attack tunnels earlier this month, killing 12 terrorists who were inside. While the army has not called up reservists, the IDF also has upped its readiness along the Gaza border, forbidding farmers and other civilians from approaching close to the Hamas-controlled enclave, and closing down three tourist sites along the Strip.

Amid rising tensions between the Gaza-based terror group Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Israel, PIJ has raised its level of readiness for conflict to the highest degree. The terror group is also closely monitoring the movements of Israeli citizens in the communities bordering Gaza, media sources reported on Nov. 14, 2017. Earlier this week, the IDF deployed Iron Dome missile defense batteries throughout central Israel and began military drills in the vicinity of Gaza. The Trump administration's international negotiations representative, Jason Greenblatt called on the terror group to tone down its war rhetoric, tweeting, "Extremist statements & provocation vs. Israel by Islamic Jihad harm the people of Gaza & are very dangerous," according to Worthy News/Algemeiner.

Intercessors: Pray for the safety of Israel's southern and northern borders. "Blow the ram's horn in Zion, sound the alarm on my holy mountain!" (Joel 2:1a).