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Not a moment of silence



An intensive and tragic day. Four fatalities, dozens wounded, hundreds of missiles fired at Israel. MDA teams are rushing from one scene to another, fighting for the lives of the injured and rapidly taking them to the hospitals. Hamas continue to threaten with rockets fire that will be extended towards the center of Israel. MDA is prepared for any scenario.

old man who suffered direct shrapnel hits following a rocket hit to a building in Ashdod.

A 22-year-old man was seriously injured and a 50-year-old man was moderately injured (in the same building in the Ashkelon region), a 25 years old man was severely injured in a rocket attack (in an agricultural area in the Eshkol Regional Council) and three men (ages 41, 60 and 60) were suffered minor injuries when a rocket hit a building in Ashdod.

Since the early morning (Sunday) until 10:30pm, MDA EMTs and Paramedics provided medical treatment and evacuated nine injured due to rocket shrapnel hits. Four of them died from their wounds: a 23-year-old man who was critically injured by shrapnel due to a direct rocket in Ashdod and later died at the hospital, a man in his sixties who was critically injured following a shrapnel hit to his upper torso (on route 34 in Shaar Hanegev Regional Council), a 40 year old man who was critically injured (in a building located in the Ashkelon region) and later died in the hospital and a 23 year



Between Saturday 10:00am and Sunday evening at 10:30pm, MDA EMTs and Paramedics provided medical care to 135 casualties (18 from shrapnel hit, of whom 4 were killed, 3 severely injured, 2 moderately injured and 9 with minor injuries, 24 with minor injuries due to injuries whilst running to seek shelter, and 93 with stress reactions and anxiety)





1:15pm: Rocket fired at Ashkelon causes severe and moderate injuries.

A 40-year-old man and a 22-year-old boy were severely injured, and another 50-year-old man was moderately injured by a rocket hit to factory in Ashkelon. MDA teams provided them with medical treatment as they suffered shrapnel injuries.

MDA Senior EMT, Israel Lugassi, shared: "When we arrived at the scene there were 3 males laying outside of the factory. A 22 year-old was lying on the ground unconscious. He sustained wounds to his entire body after being hit by shrapnel. Next to him, there was a man in his 40s, who was also unconscious with wounds caused by shrapnel. A third male (in his 50s) was also wounded, was fully conscious and walking around the scene. He suffered from a bleeding wound in his back. We provided them with lifesaving medical treatment on the scene and evacuated the patients while continuing treatment. We transported them to the trauma room in the hospital. The 22-year-old was critically wounded,



the 40-year-old was severely wounded, and the 50-year old was mildly wounded."

1:49: A hospital is hit

Rocket shrapnel hit Barzilai hospital in Ashkelon. People that are hospitalized in the hospital, as well as the MDA teams were not harmed.

1:52pm: One killed due to a direct hit in his car

A 60 year old man was critically injured when a missile directly hit his car, while driving in the regional council of Hof Ashkelon. MDA teams provided him with medical care and rushed him to the hospital, with severe injuries. Paramedic Ravit Martinez recalls: "Upon arriving at the scene we saw a vehicle which had taken a direct hit from a rocket. Next to the car we found a 60 year old man who was unresponsive with shrapnel injuries to his thigh and had lost large amounts of blood. We provided him with life-saving treatment, and evacuated him in the MICU. While in route to the hospital we began CPR and evacuated him in critical condition to the hospital".



2:49pm: MDA helicopter is dispatched to treat and

evacuate a rocket hit victim

MDA teams were dispatched to an agricultural area in the Eshkol Regional Council. MDA teams provided medical treatment to a 30 year-old male, a foreign worker from Thailand. He was evacuated by MDA helicopter to Soroka hospital in critical - unstable condition, with shrapnel injuries to his upper body. MDA Paramedic Dorel Erzuwan said: "Immediately after we heard the sirens, we received a call about a Thai worker who was injured by shrapnel in an agricultural area in the Eshkol Regional Council. When we arrived, we saw a man in the 20s lying semi conscious on the ground, suffering from a bleeding wound to his upper body. During the life-saving medical treatment, which included medications and stopping bleeding, we launched an MDA helicopter that evacuated the injured man to Soroka Hospital when his condition was severe and unstable."

7:20pm: one killed due to a direct rocket hit in a building in Ashdod

Following a heavy bombardment of Ashdod, MDA dispatch received an emergency call, reporting a man who was injured from rocket shrapnel. MDA EMTs and Paramedics treated and evacuated a 23 year old male to Assuta Hospital in Ashdod with severe shrapnel injuries to his chest and additional three people with light shrapnel injuries (men aged 60 and 41) to their extremities. An additional four people with stress reactions and anxiety were evacuated to the hospital. A total for 8 victims were treated this evening in Ashdod. Yosi Tzemach, MDA first responder reports: "Immediately after the rockets barrage, MDA first responders were dispatched to the scene, where we identified a young man with critical injuries lying within the building debris. We provided him with medical treatment and MDA MICU team evacuated him to the hospital."

We hear you, so you will hear us better - MDA DG's gesture to the citizens.



Following the rise of tensions, MDA Director General Eli Bin decided to change the ambulance's siren sounds. Since the ambulance's siren resembles the sounds of the siren alerting from rocket attacks, and in order not to create panic amongst the population, MDA DG instructed all MDA's ambulances to use a different siren which doesn't resemble the siren alerting from rocket attacks.

MDA DG, Eli Bin: Especially on these days, we must show our utmost sensitivity to Israel's public's concerns. In order to prevent unnecessary panic, I have instructed to change the siren of the ambulances so that the public will be able to distinguish between an alarm that requires access to shelter and an ambulance siren. MDA will continue to act in any possible way to help the public maintain as much routine as possible during the operation."

10:00pm - A stressful night ahead

As of this time (10:00pm), rocket fire on southern communities continued. MDA

forces comprised of staff volunteers are on their way to the various scenes, ready to provide urgent medical assistance to anyone in need. MDA teams will continue to stand on high alert and in across Israel in the hope of a quiet and better night.

