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24 Israeli Soldiers Killed in Single Day of Fighting

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) reports that [24 soldiers were killed yesterday, the largest number of IDF deaths in a single day](#) since the start of the war in Gaza.

An explosion killed 21 soldiers when mines reportedly being placed by the IDF to demolish two buildings were detonated by a missile fired at an Israeli tank. Three IDF soldiers were killed in a separate attack earlier in the day.

IDF spokesman Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari stated, "They fell in battle during a mission aimed at returning the residents to their homes safely. We grieve the loss, we will learn the lessons"

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated he [would not be deterred by the loss, saying on X](#), "We bow our heads to the memory of our fallen, yet we do not for a moment stop fighting to achieve absolute victory."

Palestinian health authorities report [civilian deaths in Gaza have surpassed 25,000](#), and more than 62,000 have been wounded since October 7. As the fighting escalates in southern Gaza, the [IDF has begun blockading hospitals in southern Gaza](#). The Palestine Red Crescent is reporting Israeli drones are targeting civilians around Al-Amal hospital, and stated ambulance teams are [facing significant challenges transporting casualties](#).



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