

《13名以色列士兵加沙冲突中死亡》

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JERUSALEM, July 20 (Xinhua) -- Thirteen Israeli soldiers were killed overnight and early Sunday in several clashes with Palestinian militants amid the military's ground incursion in the Gaza Strip, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) confirmed in a statement.



Israeli soldiers carry the coffin of Major Amotz Greenberg, a 45-year-old reserve soldier killed fighting a group of Palestinian militants who infiltrated Israel through a tunnel from the center of the Gaza Strip, during his funeral in Hod Hasharon, near Tel Aviv, Israel, on July 20, 2014. Thirteen Israeli soldiers were killed overnight and early Sunday in clashes with Palestinian militants throughout the Gaza Strip, amid the Israeli army's ground incursion to the enclave, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) confirmed in a statement. (Xinhua/JINI)

Seven soldiers were killed when the armored personnel vehicle they were traveling in was hit by anti-tank missiles overnight, the Walla! news website reported.

Shortly afterwards, at 1:20 a.m. (2230 GMT), one soldier was killed in a fire exchange. Less than an hour later, another Israeli soldier was killed and one soldier was seriously injured in another fire exchange with militants.

In another incident, an anti-tank missile was fired at an Israeli tank, killing three soldiers. Another soldier was killed in a separate incident, the details of which are currently not known.

Dozens of other soldiers were hospitalized in hospitals throughout the country.

