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FALLEN SOLDIER'S FAREWELL

Pallbearers lower the coffin of St.-Sgt. Maxim Entis into his freshly prepared grave at the Bat Yam Military Cemetery yesterday as hundreds of tearful mourners stood by to bid a final farewell to the Nahal Brigade soldier who was killed in southern Lebanon on Monday evening alongside three comrades. (Text: Jerusalem Post Staff; Photo: Chen G. Schimmel/The Jerusalem Post)

Four soldiers killed, two wounded in S. Lebanon

IDF reveals Hezbollah takes control of Christian Lebanese village to launch attacks on Israel

• By TOBIAS HOLCMAN, SHIR PERETS and MIRIAM SELA-EITAM

Four soldiers of the Nahal infantry brigade were killed while fighting in southern Lebanon on Monday evening, the IDF confirmed on Tuesday.

Capt. Noam Madmoni, 22, St.-Sgt. Ben Cohen, 21, St.-Sgt. Maxim Entis, 21, and St.-Sgt. Gilad Harel, 21, were killed during an incident in which two other soldiers were wounded; one in serious condition and the other suffering moderate wounds.

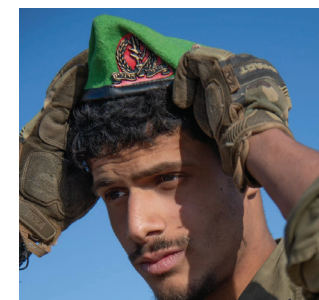
Nine soldiers have been killed fighting in Lebanon since the beginning of Operation Roaring Lion on February 28.

Speaking to communities in the North, Maj.-Gen. Rafi Milo, head of the Northern Command, shared his condolences with the families of the fallen and wished "a speedy recovery to the wounded."

"The fighters who fell yesterday fought to protect the



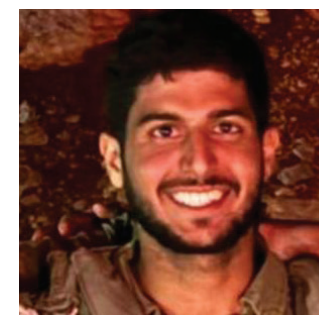
ST.-SGT. BEN COHEN (IDF)



ST.-SGT. GILAD HAREL (IDF)



ST.-SGT. MAXSIM ENTIS (IDF)



CPT. NOAM MADMONI (IDF)

North, to remove the threat, and to act as a buffer between you, the civilians, and the Hezbollah terrorists," he said, adding that there have been

"significant achievements in the fighting."

"Our spirit is strong, and while we may have more difficult incidents on the way,

we will investigate them, learn from them, and keep looking straight ahead. We are fighting for our freedom."

He wished municipality leaders and northern residents a happy holiday.

"We are working and fighting so that you can celebrate quietly in the rear while we are at the front," he said. "Every conversation with you gives us strength and explains why we are here."

Since the beginning of the war, 22 civilians have been killed by rocket and missile fire from Lebanon and Iran.

On Thursday, 43-year-old Uri Peretz was killed in Nahariya by a direct hit after Hezbollah launched a wave of rockets, wounding 25 people.

In southern Lebanon, the military revealed on Tuesday afternoon that Hezbollah had taken control of the Christian village Qawzah as a base to launch rockets and anti-tank missiles at Israel and IDF troops.

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IDF: All essential Iran targets will be destroyed by today

'Main missions achieved, lower-level targets will be next'

• By YONAH JEREMY BOB

Of the IDF's critical and essential pre-war Iran targets, 100% will have been destroyed by Wednesday, the military said on Tuesday.

This 100% of the top two most important categories of pre-war targets is part of the IDF having destroyed around 60-70% of the total of pre-war targets in the Islamic Republic.

"Critical" targets were those that immediately threatened Israel, such as ballistic missile industry targets and targets that were at the heart of the mission goals of the war, such as the smaller remaining nuclear-related targets.

"Essential" targets were a level down, and represented the wider Iranian military industrial complex, which might not present an im-

minent threat to Israel during this conflict but which were viewed by Iran as essential to maintain its various military and weapons apparatus at an effective level of operation.

An example would be certain satellite launching and satellite attacking platforms and research, which are crucial capabilities for firing

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Trump says Iran uranium stockpile deeply buried under rubble

• By AMICHAJ STEIN and TZVI JASPER

Iran's enriched uranium stockpiles are deeply buried in a way that would make them difficult to raid, US President Donald Trump told CBS News on Tuesday.

"I don't even think about it. I just know that, you know, that's so deeply buried it's gonna be very hard for anybody," he said.

The US President also addressed the ongoing tensions surrounding the Strait

of Hormuz, saying that other countries need to come up and take their oil, echoing a post he made on Truth Social that day.

"If they want oil, come up and grab it. There's no real threat, there's no substantial threat because the country [Iran] has been decimated," he claimed.

In a press conference on Tuesday, US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, alongside Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Dan Caine, said that there are currently many

more ships sailing through the Strait of Hormuz than there had been previously, adding that Trump had threatened Iran in order to allow it to be opened.

"We would much prefer to get a deal. If Iran was willing to relinquish material they have and ambitions they have, open the strait - that's the goal," Hegseth said.

"We don't want to do more militarily than we have to. But I didn't mean it flippantly

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If elected, Bennett pledges to restore Israel's global standing

INTERVIEW
• By KESHET NEEV

The government's current conscription policies could lead to "national suicide," amid the IDF's manpower shortage, former prime minister Naftali Bennett told *The Jerusalem Post* on Tuesday, vowing to only form a government with those who serve in the IDF, and to restore Israel's international

standing if elected.

His party, Bennett 2026, has been trailing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud in recent polls ahead of elections expected to take place no later than the end of October.

"Israel has no effective public diplomacy, and it's unclear why. When I was prime minister, I established an excellent public diplomacy system. This



NAFTALI BENNETT
(Yonatan Sindel/Flash90)

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THE ROAD TOWARD VICTORY OVER THE KINGDOM OF EVIL

Attorney and public figure Shraga Biran reveals the real mechanism that fuels the Iranian "axis of evil" and presents how it can be defeated — for the benefit of Iranians, Arabs, and Jews.

The full article will be published in the Friday newspaper, April 3, 2026, on pages 4-6.