Israeli military death toll in Lebanon rises to 20



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Another Israeli military officer has been killed in the ongoing conflict in southern Lebanon, bringing the total number of Israeli military deaths since March 2 to 20, according to Al Jazeera.

Captain Maoz Israel Racanati, 24. He was a resident of the Itamar settlement in the West Bank and served as a platoon commander in the 12th Battalion of the Golani Brigade. After his death, he was posthumously promoted from lieutenant to captain.

Meanwhile, Hezbollah claimed it carried out attacks on Israeli troop positions, tanks, and military vehicles at several locations in southern Lebanon. In response, Israeli forces have continued airstrikes and artillery shelling in areas including Tyre, Bint Jbeil, and Nabatieh.

According to Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health, the conflict since March 2 has left 2,969 people dead and 9,112 injured.

Hezbollah has also rejected any renewed peace agreement, accusing the United States of pressuring Lebanese authorities into accepting unfavorable terms. The group maintains that negotiations with Israel would legitimize occupation, insisting instead on full withdrawal, an end to attacks, prisoner release, and unconditional reconstruction.

It is worth noting that in talks held in Washington on May 15, Lebanon and Israel agreed to extend the 45-day ceasefire and continue further negotiations.