

# THE ISRAEL-HEZBOLLAH WAR, 2006: ISRAEL

July 13: The first rocket death, a recent Jewish immigrant from Argentina, Monica Lehrer Zeidman, aged 40

July 17: Tony Matar, an Israeli Arab whose restaurant had been attacked in 2003 by a suicide bomber, killing 21 people, decides after two days of rocket fire on Haifa to reopen the restaurant and to continue 'business as usual'

August 6: in highest death toll from a single rocket, 12 Israeli reservist soldiers killed

August 2: an Israeli Arab mother and her five-year-old son killed

July 25: a fifteen-year-old Israeli-Arab girl, Doa Abbas, killed by rocket fire

August 6: five rockets fell near this West Bank village. No casualties

July 19: the first two Israeli Arabs killed by Hezbollah rocket fire: two brothers, nine-year-old Muhammad Taluzi and three-year-old Rabiya Taluzi

Hezbollah (led by Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah) began firing katyusha rockets into Israel from southern Lebanon on 12 July 2006, the day on which Hezbollah forces attacked an Israeli army vehicle patrolling the Israeli side of the border. Three Israeli soldiers were killed and two (Elad Regev and Ehud Goldwasser) were kidnapped. In the 34 days of fighting that followed, more than 1,000 rockets were fired into Israel and 44 Israeli civilians, including 12 Israeli Arabs, were killed. As of December 2007, neither Elad Regev or Ehud Goldwasser had been released

Jewish immigrants continued to reach Israel throughout the war. The 650 French Jews who arrived on July 25 constitute the largest French immigration in a single day since 1971

August 3: Michael Levine, an Israeli soldier killed in Lebanon in the last week of the war – an immigrant from the United States and the grandson of Holocaust survivors – buried in the Military Cemetery on Mount Herzl, among the dead of all Israel's wars

- ★ Hezbollah rocket attacks hitting Israeli towns and villages
- ☆ Hezbollah rocket attacks hitting Israeli-Arab towns and villages

