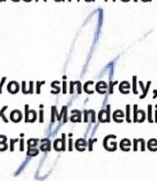




operation "Swords of Iron"
Israeli Chief Censor Directive to the Media

1. In light of the current security situation and the intensive media coverage, we wish to encourage you to submit to the Censorship all materials dealing with the activities of the Israeli Defense Forces (I.D.F) and the Israeli security forces prior to their broadcast.
2. Below is a breakdown of the topics that are not allowed for broadcasting and should be submitted by the Israeli Censor prior to their publication:
 - (1) Hostages – Personal details; any posts that they held; medical situation; Israeli negotiation positions and any details concerning the negotiation for their release.
 - (2) Operational Details – Order of battle of the security forces and their location assembly areas, troop movements, operational plans and covert operation. It is forbidden to report vulnerabilities in the Israeli defense abilities, including the deployment, location and capabilities of the Iron dome system and other air and missile defense systems. It is also forbidden to broadcast images and/or videos that can identify the forces, their composition and scope.
 - (3) Intelligence - Any intelligence concerning the intentions and capabilities of the enemy.
 - (4) Weapon Systems – details of weapon systems in I.D.F use; I.D.F equipment that fell into the hands of the enemy (even if your report is based on enemy news).
 - (5) Rocket attacks - it is forbidden to report rocket strikes that struck strategic infrastructure targets such as power plants, gas and water infrastructure, transportation depots, military and defense bases, factories and other sensitive areas.
 - (6) Cyber-attacks - it is forbidden to report attacks against security, federal and national institution. Furthermore, it is forbidden to report Israeli cyber-attacks against the enemy.
 - (7) Visit by senior officials - During the course of their visit in the combat zone, it is forbidden to report the presence of senior officials such as the Prime Minister, the Minister of Defense, the Chief of Staff, Ministers, Members of Knesset and other senior officials.
 - (8) Security Cabinet - Any reports concerning details and information from the Cabinet meeting must be submitted to Israeli Censor prior to their broadcast.

Please update your staff of the content of this letter, with an emphasis on the news desk and field reporters.


Your sincerely,
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