Gaza unrest: Fire balloons, airstrikes mark a new round of violence in Israel

Israel's Defense Forces launched a counterattack into Gaza after a balloon attack sent incendiary devices floating into southern Israel.

The counterstrike, which happened Tuesday evening in the U.S. and early Wednesday morning local time, targeted Hamas military compounds, according to the IDF.

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Definitely, an instance in which I was glad to be proven wrong. Maybe we finally do have a government that will stand up for more than just Tel Aviv.

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Video of the @IDF strikes tonight in #Gaza. (Credit: IDF Spokesperson's Unit)

The targets were used by Hamas' Khan Yunis and Gaza Brigades for "terror activities," according to the IDF.

Masked Palestinian man walks away after launching incendiary balloons towards Israel. (Ahmed Zakot / SOPA Images/Sipa USA)(Sipa via AP Images)

"The Hamas terror organization is responsible for all events transpiring in the Gaza Strip, and will bear the consequences for its actions," the military said in a statement. "The IDF is prepared for any scenario, including a resumption of hostilities, in the face of continuing terror activities from the Gaza Strip."

Authorities on both sides said there were no injuries, the Times of Israel reported.

Explosions light-up the night sky above buildings in Gaza City as Israeli forces shell

the Palestinian enclave, early on June 16, 2021. (MAHMUD HAMS/AFP via Getty Images)

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