

Questions put to the Israel Defense Forces:

We have the following questions re the death of 3 journalists in South Lebanon in the village of Abbayiah at approx 4am on 25 October. They died after a drone or missile scored a hit on the guesthouse in which 18 journalists were staying.

1. Was this an Israeli strike?

2. Was it intentional or accidental?

3. Was the IDF aware that the guesthouse was where members of the media were staying?

4. If not, why not, given that the journalists claim they had informed UNFIL that the guesthouse was a media compound and had asked UNFIL to share this information with combatants including the IDF?

5. Did the IDF target these journalists? Did it do so because they worked for TV networks linked to Iran or Hezbollah?

Response from the Israel Defense Forces:

On Friday, following intelligence information, the IDF struck a Hezbollah military structure in Hasbaya in southern Lebanon, from which Hezbollah terrorists were operating. The strike was carried out while the terrorists were located inside the structure.

In general, as shown by this incident, proximity to Hezbollah terrorists and terrorist infrastructure poses a danger.

Several hours after the strike, reports were received that journalists had been hit during the strike. The incident is under review.