



# Targeting Weapons Smuggling Tunnels

**The IDF operations in Rafah are aimed solely at the prevention of weapons smuggling and terrorism.**

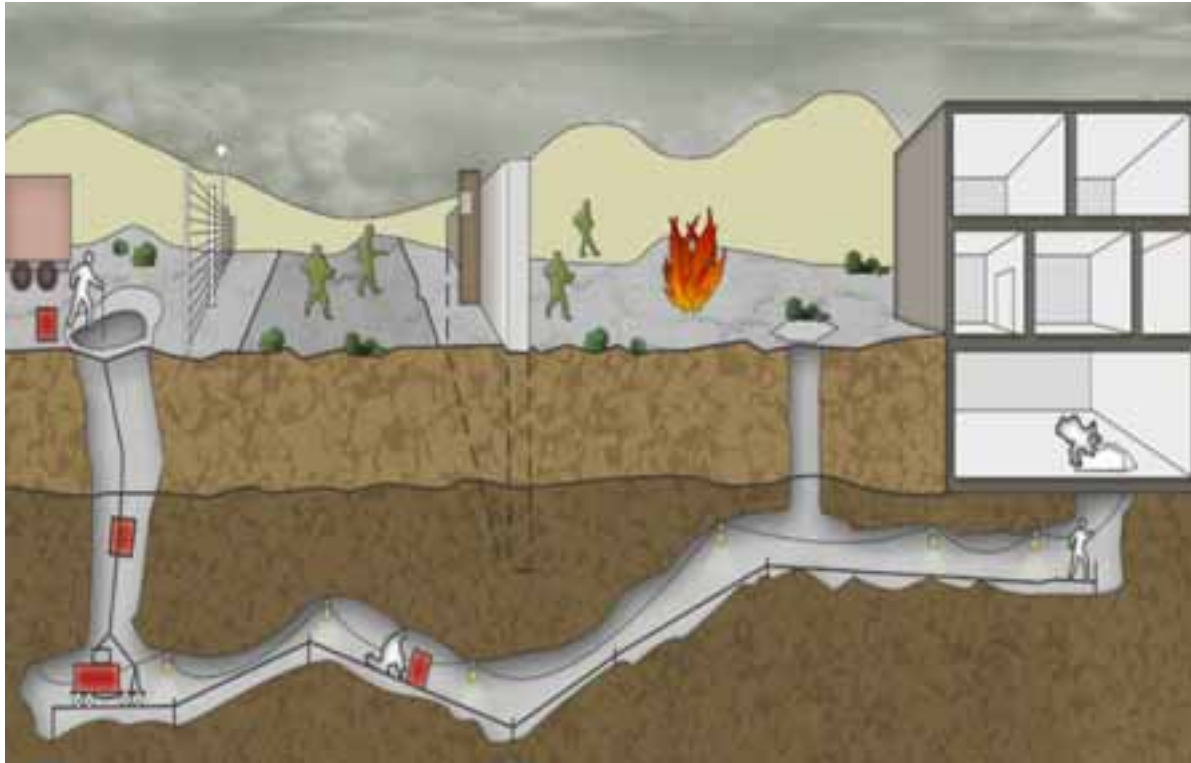
**These operations include the destruction of the weapons smuggling tunnels and the structures used to conceal these tunnels.**



**Buildings used to conceal tunnels are part of the weapon smuggling infrastructure.**

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In order to prevent the weapon smuggling tunnels from reopening, the **ENTIRE** tunnel must be demolished including its exit.



**When a building serves as the exit of a weapons smuggling tunnel, the building must also be destroyed.**

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Terrorists endanger the Palestinian public by regularly operating within Palestinian civilian areas and dressing in civilian clothes, for operations such as engineering explosives, shooting, hiding out in civilian houses, smuggling and firing weapons.



**Masked and armed Palestinian terrorists shooting from inside a densely populated area in Rafah during an IDF counter-activity aimed to uncover and block the smuggling of arms and terrorists through Palestinian tunnels (December 22 - 24, 2003).**

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**An explosive charge in the possession of a civilian-clothed terrorist wounded by IDF forces.**



**The terrorists are responsible for endangering the Palestinian population due to the fact that terrorists use Palestinian civilians as human shields.**

**By uprooting terrorism, the IDF is eliminating the dangers to the Palestinian population.**

**While terrorists seriously harm the Palestinian population by their terrorist activity, the IDF and Israel make every effort to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian population.**



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**During the IDF operations targeting terrorism and weapons smuggling, the IDF has enabled humanitarian aid to reach the Palestinian population.**



The IDF facilitates the efforts of humanitarian organizations in bringing aid to the Palestinian population.



The IDF makes special arrangements to expedite the provision of medical aid to injured Palestinian civilians.

The IDF operates a District Coordination Office which handles and addresses requests from the Palestinians regarding humanitarian aid and other concerns.

# Medical Aid for the Palestinian Population

The **IDF facilitates the free movement of ambulances** by arranging routes to expedite the transfer of the injured.



The IDF has already assisted in the transfer of 114 ambulances since the beginning of the current operation and facilitated in the treatment of 2 injured Palestinians at Israeli Hospitals.

# Medical Aid for the Pal



**The IDF is constantly facilitating the accessibility of doctors to the Palestinian population in Rafah.**



# Food Assistance

**The IDF helps coordinate the transfer and dispersal of food to the Palestinian population.**



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**The IDF has already helped to facilitate a two-week food supply to be provided for the Palestinian population in Rafah.**



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**The IDF enables Humanitarian organizations to distribute the following aid to the Palestinian population:**

- **Medical Supplies**
- **over 400 Oxygen Canisters**
- **Food**
- **Blankets**
- **Mattresses**
- **Tents**

The IDF has also coordinated Palestinian crews in repairing the electricity, water and sewer system in the Rafah area.

