

From 14617 Sergeant Amos Z [REDACTED]
Intelligence Coordinator, Gaza Strip
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To: Station Commander

Re: House demolitions

Sir,

Today at 3:00 PM, I set out with the deputy commander of the military Subdistrict, Major Mike and the operations officer Dudu, Deputy Station Commander Mr. Y [REDACTED], Sergeant Gabay, Corporal Eliyahu E [REDACTED] and three local police officers to the edge of the al-Zeitun neighborhood, near the railroad tracks, around where the landmine was located yesterday, in order to blow up the homes marked by the military.

At 3:50 PM, the home of Mahmoud Hassan 'Abd al-Hadi, 35, was blown up, after he was given a chance to remove all his belongings from the house. The house was blown up after all inhabitants had been removed from the area, and local police officers were stationed at a distance of about 400 meters from the home in order to deny access to passersby. No damage to persons or property other than the home itself was caused.

At 4:35 PM the home of Hassan Sa'id Hassan Shaldan, 19, was blown up using the same method. No damage to persons or property other than the home itself was caused. Prior to the explosion, officers were stationed to deny access to passersby.

At 5:05 PM, the home of Sa'idi Ahmad Hamuda, 60, which had been emptied of all persons or property before we reached it, was blown up. No damage to persons or property was caused. Here too, police officers were stationed to deny access to passerby. In each of the cases, it was explained, in Arabic, that the home was being blown up because a landmine had been found under the track and not one of them had cooperated in order to uncover who had laid the mine. In addition, we used a loudspeaker.

[signed]