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It's a beautiful day. After eight days of continuous (and very welcome) rain, the sun is out, the temperatures are comfortable and the birds can be heard chirping merrily on the trees in our garden.

There is nothing out of the ordinary: since last night, we've heard the sirens shriek at least ten times. Over seventy rockets were shot from Gaza into Israel, causing five light injuries and three serious, little damage and much disturbance. Israel's iron Dome, anti-missile system successfully blocked over 90% of the rockets, reducing casualties, injuries and damage.

All of the targets are cities and villages. One and a half million Israeli citizens are under instructions to remain at home or within reach of public shelters until further notice, schools will be closed today and no public gatherings permitted.

The present round began with Israel taking pre-emptive action against two terrorist leaders, one of whom was just recently released from jail, engaged in planning and executing an attack on Israeli citizens. They were traced, followed and killed. The Islamic jihad in Gaza responded and is now at the forefront of the present attacks. Israel has called upon Hamas to exercise its' claim to sovereignty and control over forces in the Gaza strip, or suffer the consequences.