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Southern Israel has been repeatedly rocked by barrages of missiles, 24 in all, fired from Gaza. Sirens were heard in Ashkelon (where a there was a casualty), Ashdod, Gan Yavneh, Gedera and Yavneh, as well as all the villages in the area, and the inhabitants were rushed to shelters and safe-rooms. Thrice on Saturday and twice this morning, normal life was disrupted by the alarm. The undersigned lives in Gedera, where schools have been closed and one million of Israel's citizens have been held hostage by these attacks.



A house in Ashkelon following recent attacks. No one was hurt.



A house in Ashdod following recent attacks – a close call...

Hamas, in control of Gaza, has disavowed responsibility. The Islamic Jihad distributed notice that attacks will continue. Israel's response has been restrained, but senior Cabinet members have warned that such restraint has its limits and that Hamas must either rein in the Islamic Jihad or face consequences.

Meanwhile, on Saturday, Saudi Prince Khaled bin Talal offered a \$900,000 reward to anyone who captures an Israeli soldier with a view of his being exchanged for Palestinian prisoners. This offer follows on the heels of a \$100,000 offer made by prominent Saudi Muslim cleric, Awad el-Qarni under the same terms.

Also on Saturday, a delegation from rising Egyptian political party, the Muslim Brotherhood, visited the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip and met Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh, signaling a major shift in Cairo's posture toward the Palestinian Islamists following the fall of President Hosni Mubarak. The delegation was led by deputy Brotherhood chief Goma Amin.

Hopefully, this Special Bulletin will not be followed by others.

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