

**RELEASE IN FULL**

---

**From:** Abedin, Huma <AbedinH@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 30, 2010 5:37 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: (Reuters) Israel launches air strikes on Gaza

---

**From:** Rudnitski, Jennine R  
**To:** NEWS-Mahogany  
**Cc:** McGovern, Bridget (Helen-Mary)  
**Sent:** Fri Jul 30 16:58:25 2010  
**Subject:** (Reuters) Israel launches air strikes on Gaza

GAZA (Reuters) - Israel carried out air strikes on targets in the Gaza Strip after a rocket fired from the Palestinian territory exploded in the city of Ashkelon, local witnesses said. Palestinians reported several explosions in Gaza City and Israeli aircraft could be heard flying over the territory. There were no immediate reports of injuries. The Israeli military had no immediate comment. Earlier, Palestinian militants in Gaza fired a rocket into Ashkelon on Israel's Mediterranean coast, causing damage but no injuries.