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ISRAEL AIR FORCE (IAF) NAMES NEW IRON DOME SHORT-RANGE ROCKET DEFENSE BATTALION COMMANDER AND BEGINS SIMULATED OPERATIONAL TRAINING (U).

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SOURCE:
SOURCE A.
2. (U) CONTEXT STATEMENT -- ARTICLE WAS LOCATED IN ONLINE EDITION UNDER HEADLINE (QUOTE) IDF MOVES ONE STEP CLOSER TO IRON DOME (UNQUOTE)

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2. (U) CONTEXT STATEMENT -- THIS WAS BASED ON AN ENGLISH-TRANSLATED VERSION OF THE ARTICLE.

SUMMARY: (U) SEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, TEXT PARAGRAPH 1, BELOW.

TEXT: 1. (U) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. THE ISRAEL AIR FORCE (IAF) HAS ESTABLISHED A NEW AIR DEFENSE BATTALION TO OPERATE THE IRON DOME SHORT-RANGE ROCKET DEFENSE SYSTEM. THE NEW BATTALION COMMANDER IS LT
COL SHABTAI ((BEN-BOHER)), A FORMER PATRIOT MISSILE BATTALION COMMANDER. NEW BATTALION OFFICERS HAVE BEGUN SIMULATED TRAINING WITH THE SYSTEMS AS WELL AS STARTED FORMULATING OPERATIONAL DOCTRINE. THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES (IDF) HAS ALSO LOCATED BATTERY POSITIONS ALONG THE GAZA BORDER FOR A DEPLOYMENT COMMENCING SOMETIME EARLY IN 2010.

2. (U) THE ISRAEL AIR FORCE (IAF) HAS COMPLETED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW AIR DEFENSE BATTALION THAT WILL OPERATE THE IRON DOME SHORT-RANGE ROCKET DEFENSE SYSTEM. THE NEW BATTALION IS PART OF THE IAF'S AIR DEFENSE DIVISION, RECENTLY UNDER THE NEW COMMAND OF BRIG

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THE NEW BATTALION COMMANDER IS LT COL SHABTAI ((BEN-BOHER)), WHO UNTIL RECENTLY SERVED AS THE COMMANDER OF A PATRIOT MISSILE BATTALION.


4. (U) THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES (IDF) HAS ALSO LOCATED POSITIONS ALONG THE GAZA BORDER THAT WILL BE USED FOR BASES FOR THE SYSTEM, WHICH INCLUDES A LAUNCHER AND A RADAR SYSTEM. THE FIRST BATTERY IS EXPECTED TO BE DEPLOYED EARLY IN 2010 ALONG THE GAZA BORDER WILL CONSIST OF FOUR LAUNCHERS, EACH OF WHICH HAS 20 INTERCEPTOR MISSILES.


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