

## “Effective and silent”



...Here we get to a tool that actually works very quietly, and should not make a noise. This is a special ball that is held by the fighter, when he needs to access a room, and when it is not known who are the people that are occupying the room: a hostage, a fighter or just an innocent tenant- the ball is thrown into the room, it receives the occurrences inside the room at a three hundred and sixty degree angle and transmits it to a small laptop which is held by the fighter or the commander- on the screen. The ball is built in such a way that it always stabilizes in an upright position, no matter in which way it was thrown. In practical terms it should be said that the weight of the ball is 610 grams, and it is equipped with infrared lighting for night vision scanning.

The ball is very effective as it spares the lives of innocent people that might be sitting in the room, people which may be considered as enemies during the haste of battle. The reserve duty fighters of the infantry corps that fought in Gaza have gone through “third eye” training – this is the “EyeBall R1” that enables scanning of rooms prior to entry. This ball has been in use by the IDF for 2 years in the West Bank, and now has begun to see action in Gaza. The representative from ODF, the company that develops the “EyeBall R1” conducted a special training course for the reservists prior to this operation, the representative said that every army squadron needs one “especially in Gaza”. It should be known that in Tze’elim there is a special training facility called MALA, which is a special training facility for urban warfare. MALA has a model that simulates realistic fighting in an area like Gaza. In this training facility the soldiers freshened up on their ability to break into room, passing through obstacles and in different techniques that characterize fighting in built areas, at the end of training said the officer: “we feel that now we know the enemy. We feel more prepared at an individual level”. The feeling is based on personal experience from the field and from training – which together are very important”.

*These are part of the silent war materials that accompany the noisy and thundering ones.*

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