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*The Institute for
Land Warfare Studies,
Latrun*



Fighting in Urban Terrain

Invitation to participate in the Latrun 2010 conference

The conference has two phases:

- **Technology in support of fighting - Force Protection.**
- **Combat in Urban Terrain – jointly conducted with the Ground Forces Command by October 6th – 7th.**

Throughout the three days event industrial displays and demonstrations will be held at the Latrun site.

Tuesday, October 5, 2010 - Technology Day - Force Protection

The program includes:

- Israeli Defense Industries weapon systems displays
- Weapon system demonstrations
- Presentations about:
 - Defeat the IEDs - LTG (Ret.) Thomas F. Metz former Director of the Joint IED Defeat Organization - US Army
 - The Merkava Tank protection development -The Head of the IDF Merkava IV production program
- Reception will be held jointly with the IMOD, the IDF Ground Forces Command and the Institute for Land Warfare Studies at Dan Panorama Hotel at 1900.

Wednesday, October 6, 2010 – Day 1 - Combat in Urban Terrain

08:30 – Morning session:

- **The City as a Center of Gravity:**
MG Shlomo Turgemann (Commanding General, IDF Ground Forces Command)
- **Seizing a City:**
 - **Employing a Penetration Attack to Capture an Urban Area - Grozny (1995):**
Mr. Timothy L. Thomas (U.S. Army Foreign Military Studies Office).
 - **Siege and Frontal Attack in the Urban Offensive – The Case of Tyre in Lebanon (1982):**
MG. (IDF, Ret.) Yizhak Mordechai (Division commander during the operation).
 - **Employing Nonlinear Operations to Control a City – The Case of Baghdad (2004):**
Colonel Wayne W. Grigsby (U.S. Army)

Noon: Weapons systems display, lunch

14:30 – Afternoon session:

- **Intelligence and Information Operations**
 - **Developing an Urban Database in Support of Military Operations - Beirut (1982):**
Colonel (IDF, Ret.) Bennie Michelson
 - **Intelligence in support of fire and control in the city - Bagdad (2004):**
LTC John S. Nelson (U.S. Army).
 - **Roll changing - from combat to population control - the case of East Timor:**
BG Mark Holmes (Aus. Army)
 - **Know Your Enemy: The Irregular Threat and Urban Combat – Operation Cast Lead, Gaza (2009):**
Dr. Col (Ret.) Reuven Erlich
- **Keynote speaker:** Pending confirmation

Thursday, October 7, 2010 - Day 2 - Combat in Urban Terrain

08:30 – Morning session:

- **Fire Support**
 - **Fire in Support of Maneuver – The case of Fallujah (2004):**
LTG (U.S. Army, Ret.) Thomas F. Metz
 - **Fire as Decisive Element– the case of Beirut (1982):**
MG (IDF, Ret.) Amos Yaron (Division commander during the operation).
 - **Close Fire Support - the case of Gaza (2009):**
BG (IDF) Herzi Halevi (Commander, Paratroopers Brigade during Operation Cast Lead) (TBC).
- **Technological Developments - the Head of the Weapon Systems and Technologies Infrastructure Research and Development Authority, IMOD.**

Noon: Weapons systems display, lunch

14:30 – Afternoon session:

- **International Law and Ethical Responsibility:**
 - **The Challenge - International and Counterterrorism Combat:**
MG Amos Yadlin (Chief of IDF Intelligence) (TBC).
 - **The Code of Ethics:**
Professor Asa Kasher, Tel Aviv University.
 - **The Role of the International Media:**
Mr. Conny Mus, rtlnederland (Middle East correspondent for 27 years)
- **Logistics Challenges:**
BG Nisim Perez (Head of IDF Logistics Division) (TBC)
- **Closing Remarks:** LTG Gabi Ashkenazi, Chief of the IDF GHQ (TBC).
- **Closing Remarks:** LTG (Ret.) Ehud Barak (Israeli Minister of Defense) (TBC)

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