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**HOT NEWS** 04.16.2006 Sunday - ISTANBUL 16:05**Israel Fires 400 Rockets on Gaza in 2 Days**  
By Anadolu News Agency (aa), Jerusalem  
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Gaza Strip has been under heavy rocket attacks from Israel since Friday, said a spokesman for the Israeli military.

Israel responded to an attack of Qassam -type missiles by throwing about 2,000 rockets in the last couple of weeks, a statement from the Israeli military spokesman read. The statement also gave news of the Israeli military firing a total of 12 missiles, 10 of which blew off in Palestinian soil.

The cause for such a sharp escalation in attacks is to force Palestinian militia to move faster around the region, which lessens the effect of rocket attacks, according to a statement from the military radio station.

In another development here, the Israeli military arrested nine Palestinians who had been wanted in the Nablus province of West Bank.

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