**Children Play in Rocket-hit Kindergarten**

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In Pashosh Kindergarten in Ashdod, where a rocket exploded a few days ago, children began the school year today with a big smile. The facilities have been completely repaired – and now the fact than an explosion occurred there is intractable. The teacher: “We practiced entering the safe zone today; I may not tell the children what happened here because they didn’t bring it up themselves”.

Only five days ago, a rocket hit the Pashosh Kindergarten yard in Ashdod. This morning the children returned to the playground after the municipality in kindergarten have labored for the past few days in order to rehabilitate the kindergarten. There is no trace of the explosion now. The facilities have been renewed and replaced.

In a conversation with Channel 2 News the teacher Ninet Perez said that she practices going in to the safe zone with the children – in case it is needed in the future. “I give out information on what to do because the drill is important”, Perez said but stressed: “the children never said anything to me about what happened in the kindergarten, perhaps they don’t know”.

According to her, she may not even bring up the rocket explosion issue – unless the kids do. “They are happy and are playing and they tell me about their summer break, they came to such a beautiful and well-kept place, there is no trace of the rocket explosion – it looks like a kingdom”.

Ashdod Mayor Dr. Yehiel Lasri also arrived at the kindergarten this morning, after being one of the first people to arrive there after the explosion, promising to fix it. He said that it is important that the kids feel safe enough to begin the school year like the other kids nationwide. In a conversation with Ninet Perez he added that he was satisfied that everyone was able to overcome the incident and repair the damage. “We leave behind those traumas and problems we had and turn a new page, a new year”, he said.

The municipal operations manager and the education director worked hard to repair the kindergarten, after the mayor requested the kids don’t return to a “sad garden”. “This is the great victory of all of us here in Ashdod”, he said. A few days ago the kindergarten opening was not seen in the horizon. Perez was less optimistic then and was worried about how the school year will begin, due to the destruction in the yard.