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Eight Israeli soldiers were killed in southern Gaza on Saturday during an overnight operation in Rafah’s Tal al-Sultan neighborhood, the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) reported. The deaths occurred around 05:15 local time when their armored vehicle exploded.

Among the deceased was 23-year-old Captain Waseem Mahmoud. The names of the other fallen soldiers will be released following family notifications. Hamas claimed responsibility, stating they fired a rocket at an Israeli bulldozer and then hit reinforcing troops.

In the past day, 30 Palestinians have died, according to Gaza’s Hamas-run health ministry. The situation in Rafah remains dire, with significant civilian displacement and warnings of "catastrophic hunger" from the World Health Organization.

**U.S. Strikes Yemeni Houthi Radar Sites**

The U.S. military conducted airstrikes on several Houthi-operated radar sites in Yemen’s Houthi-controlled territory on Saturday. This move attributes to the growing conflict in the Red Sea, where Yemen’s Houthi rebels have been targeting shipping vessels.

The U.S. Central Command confirmed the destruction of seven radar sites and several drone boats. The Houthis have not acknowledged these strikes or any military losses. This escalation follows a Houthi drone attack on the Greek-owned cargo ship Tutor, leading to one sailor’s disappearance. The ongoing conflict has seen over 50 attacks on shipping, resulting in multiple fatalities and significant disruption to international commerce.