

Claim that Israel is using cluster munitions

Israel is using U.S.-supplied, howitzer-fired, cluster munitions in populated areas of Lebanon, claims Human Rights Watch. Photographs taken on the Israel-Lebanon border show 155mm M483 A1 artillery shells – each shell releases 88 anti-personnel and anti-material ground-burst grenades

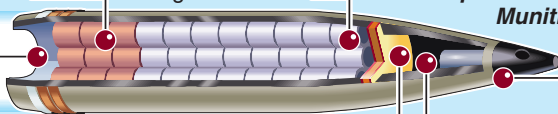


M-46 anti-material
grenades: 24

M-42 anti-personnel
grenades: 64

***M483 A1 Dual Purpose
Improved Conventional
Munition (DPICM)***

Base
plug

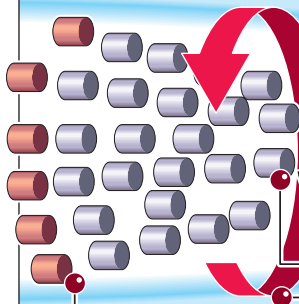


Time
fuze

Pusher plate

Explosive propelling
charge

Fuse ignites propelling charge



Pusher plate forced backwards

Grenades ejected from spinning shell

Centrifugal force disperses grenades

M483 A1 has 14% "dud rate" – 12 grenades usually fail to explode