

# Israel under fire over “illegal” Gaza weapons

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) is alleged to have used a number of controversial weapons during its three week offensive in the Gaza Strip, including white phosphorus, a substance banned in civilian areas



## White phosphorus

Incendiary weapon used to produce smokescreen or mark target. Contact with skin causes severe burns, even down to bone



## GPS-guided mortar

Reports of civilian casualties suggest new Israeli weapon, supposedly accurate to within 3 metres, has missed targets by up to 30 metres



## Depleted uranium

Gives bullets and shells increased penetrative power. Research indicates exposure to particles can cause cancer and genetic damage



## Cluster bombs

Spread over wide area, many fail to explode and remain a threat to civilians for years. Used by IDF in Lebanon and allegedly in Gaza