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A United Nations body has demanded that Israel pay restitution for the accidental shelling of a UN compound in the southern Lebanese village of Qana in 1996.

During Operation Grapes of Wrath, the Israel Defense Forces, while engaged in heavy fighting with the Hezbollah terror group, accidentally bombarded a United Nations Interim Force In Lebanon (UNIFIL) compound that also served as a refugee camp. The compound provided shelter for some 800 Lebanese civilians, 106 of whom were killed in the attack.

The Fifth Committee of the UN General Assembly, which is responsible for administration and monetary matters, has been urging Israel to pay compensation of $1.17 million. Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon said Israel is refusing the demand.

“Hezbollah terrorists were those who had attacked Israel and its civilians, while using the citizens of Lebanon as a human shield, and Israel is the one that ends up with a restitution demand,” said Danon.

“This is an absurd situation in which Israel is urged to pay for the war crimes of a terror organization,” he added.