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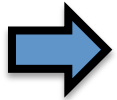
Sderot שדרות



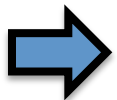
The population of Sderot is 24,000



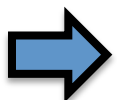
Sderot was founded in 1951 as a transit camp for Kurdish, Moroccan and Persian Jews who had fled to Israel as part of the Jewish exodus from Arab and Muslim countries.



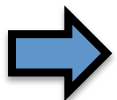
Sderot is less than a mile from Gaza, and has been an ongoing target of Qassam rocket attacks from the Gaza strip almost every day for more than 10 years.



The barrage of rockets have killed 13 Israelis, wounded dozens, caused millions of dollars in damage, and profoundly disrupted daily life.



Several popular bands have been formed by musicians who practiced in Sderot's bomb shelters as teenagers.



Because Sderot is a poor immigrant town with high unemployment experiencing dramatic musical success as bands blend international sounds with the music of their Moroccan immigrant parents, it has been compared to Liverpool in the sixties



In a gesture of solidarity, El Al (Israel's national airline) named one of its first two Boeing 777 passenger planes "Sderot"

