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צבא העם ISRAEL'S ARMY

Educational Kit About the
IDF and National Service



Border Police (MAGAV)

Affiliation

Operational branch of Israel Police

Year of Establishment

1953 (based on "Border Corps" that
operated in the IDF)



The Story Behind the Beret and Badge

Olive green beret symbolizes the fighters' area of operation – the Green Line.

The badge includes symbols representing the unit's missions: security, terror, public order, and border defense.

What the Unit Does:

- Fights terror and serious crime
- Secures borders, embassies, and sensitive facilities
- Rapid response to order violations
- Sophisticated activity within civilian population
- Protects agricultural settlements from crime.

Special Units

- YAMAM – National Counter-Terrorism Unit
- YAMAS – Undercover agents conducting complex operations in the field
- Explosive units
- Volunteers in uniform

How Did it Start?

Border Police was established to help Israel Police and the IDF deal with Israel's internal security challenges.

MAGAV fighters are trained for armed combat and serve in mandatory and career service. This is a flexible, determined, and sophisticated force that continues to develop and advance to deal with changing security challenges.

