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In the US Armed Forces, green berets denote Special Forces. Here they identify Military Intelligence MI. However, our green berets left their offices and maps for one day, also capturing fortified targets and storming terrorist dens.

Several weeks ago, the senior command echelon at the MI's Unit 8200 held its first-ever exercise, much like a battalion-level Infantry drill. The objective was to show MI personnel what the fighters and commanders on the terrain undergo so that they can better meet their intelligence requirements during combat.

Northern Command personnel were surprised to see the green-bereted lieutenant colonels arrive at the Northern

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Command's training base in Elyaqim together with unit commander Brigadier General N., who initiated this special training. The officers simulated capturing built and open combat zones as well as fighting in "nature reserves" -- Hizballahs battle areas in southern Lebanon.

"The officers experienced all the intelligence dilemmas of an Infantry battalion, getting a hands-on understanding of what information its men need and when," reported Northern Command sources. "It was good to see their desire to comprehend how the Infantry men view their intelligence information and what can help them during battle. They experienced the hardships of the exercise and simultaneously tried to figure out how to improve the flow of information to the combatants."

For years, Unit 8200 has been considered one of the world's leading intelligence units and Israel's central intelligence-gathering agency. In the past two years, since Major General Aviv Kokhavi -- a former paratrooper -- entered office as MI chief, a broad conceptual change has taken place there, known as "operational intelligence," which basically involves the transmission of precise intelligence information to the combatants in the field within a short time.

As part of that conceptual change, the MI realized that today's wars are shorter and "quicker" than before while the challenges that the IDF soldiers will encounter on the front necessitate coordinated intelligence transfer so that it reaches the field echelons in real time and remains relevant. During the Second Lebanon War harsh criticism was leveled over the fact that very often the intelligence information was kept in boxes in the Tel Aviv IDF headquarters or in the Northern Command but failed to reach those divisions and brigades on the ground that needed it.

At the end of the exercise, after all the targets were captured and eliminated, the drill was termed a huge success. "I have been collecting intelligence to help the combat forces for years," said one of the Unit 8200 officers to the trainers on the base, "and only now do I understand what, from the intelligence angle, an Infantry battalion officer experiences during combat."

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