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# Golani Brigade

(Brigade 1)

## Affiliation

Infantry Corps, Northern Command,  
under Ga'ash Formation (36th Division)

**Establishment** 1948



### **The Story Behind the Beret and Badge**

Brown beret symbolizing connection to the land, just like the first Golani fighters who were agricultural workers.

The badge includes an olive tree with deep roots, a symbol of endurance, stability, and determination.

### **What Does the Brigade Do?**

Golani is one of the most well-known brigades in the IDF, a combat infantry operating in almost every terrain: mountains, cities, and especially complex combat. It's armed with advanced weapons (like Tavor X-95, Spike missiles, MAGs, and Negev) and is always on the front line of combat. The brigade consists of three combat battalions and reconnaissance, which is an elite unit at the spearhead of operational activity.

### **How Did it Start?**

Golani was established during the Haganah period, responsible for the northeastern sector of the country. Since then, the brigade is considered a symbol of courage, dedication, and fighter brotherhood. Among its graduates you'll find four Chiefs of Staff, a Mossad head, and commanders who made an impact on entire chapters in IDF history – Mordechai Gur, Ariel Sharon, Gabi Ashkenazi, Gadi Eisenkot, and many others.

