A nine-month-old boy was killed Saturday and his mother wounded when a land mine from the remnants of Israel's war in Lebanon blew up, security sources said.

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Tyre, Lebanon, -- They said the mine exploded from heat caused by a fire that the husband of Wafaa Alyan had started. He was destroying dried weeds in their garden in the village of Bayyada, in south Lebanon.

Alyan was breastfeeding her child, Mohammed, when the mine exploded and shrapnel hit the baby and his mother. She was not seriously injured.

Thousands of mines planted by Israel during its 23-year-long conflict with Lebanon are still believed in the area, despite efforts by the U.N. peacekeeping force to destroy them.

U.N. experts said the operation of de-mining south Lebanon will take at least 10 years.


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