

Israeli warplanes conduct airstrikes in Gaza Strip



Gaza City, June 27 (RHC)-- Israeli warplanes have carried out fresh airstrikes against the besieged Gaza Strip, targeting a number of areas in the south and center of the Palestinian enclave.

The Israeli military said in a statement that the Friday night strikes were carried out against targets belonging to the Hamas resistance movement, a few hours after Tel Aviv claimed that two rockets were launched from the coastal sliver at southern Israel.

According to the statement, the rockets fell in open areas, with no casualties or damage caused. It said that Israeli fighter jets, among other targets, hit "a workshop" that produces "rockets as well as infrastructure used to manufacture weapons for Hamas."

The rocket launch triggered alert sirens in several Israeli communities along the border. Palestinian media reported that Israeli airstrikes hit targets in the southern and central areas of the Gaza Strip. There were no immediate reports of casualties from Gazan authorities.

The Israeli regime every so often launches strikes against positions in the blockaded enclave, accusing the resistance groups there of launching rockets.

The Israeli strikes came just a day after Hamas repeated its condemnation of the Israeli regime's planned annexation of parts of the occupied West Bank and the Jordan Valley, saying the contentious decision amounts to "declaration of war" on the Palestinian nation.

Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has time and again announced that he would begin cabinet-level discussions for annexing more areas in the occupied West Bank on July 1st, in accordance with US President Donald Trump's the so-called deal of the century.

Hamas says Israel's plan to annex parts of the West Bank and the Jordan Valley amounts to a "declaration of war" on Palestinians.

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