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Damascus, January 7 (RHC)-- Syria's air defenses have thwarted an Israeli missile attack on southern Damascus, shooting down most of the missiles. The Israeli missiles had flown over the Syrian Golan Heights before being shot down by the Syrian air defenses over the capital, Syria's official news agency SANA reported on Wednesday night.

The Israeli missile strike was carried out at 11:10 pm local time, according to a military source. The Syrian air defenses had thwarted last Wednesday another Israeli aggression on Damascus amid an upsurge in Israeli attacks on the Arab country.

State-run media added that the Israeli assault, which was carried out on the southwestern town of al-Zabadani in the Rif Dimashq governorate, claimed the life of a Syrian soldier and left three others injured.

Israel frequently targets military positions inside Syria, especially those of the resistance movement Hezbollah which has played a key role in helping the Syrian army in its fight against foreign-backed terrorists.

The Arab country has been gripped by foreign-backed militancy since March 2011. The Syrian government says the Israeli regime and its Western and regional allies are aiding Takfiri terrorist groups that are wreaking havoc in the country.

Israel mostly keeps quiet about the attacks on Syrian territories which many view as knee-jerk reaction to Syrian government's increasing success in confronting terrorism in country.

The Tel Aviv regime has been a main supporter of terrorist groups that have opposed the government of President Bashar al-Assad since militancy erupted in Syria nine years ago. Syrian government forces have taken back many areas once controlled by the terrorist groups.

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