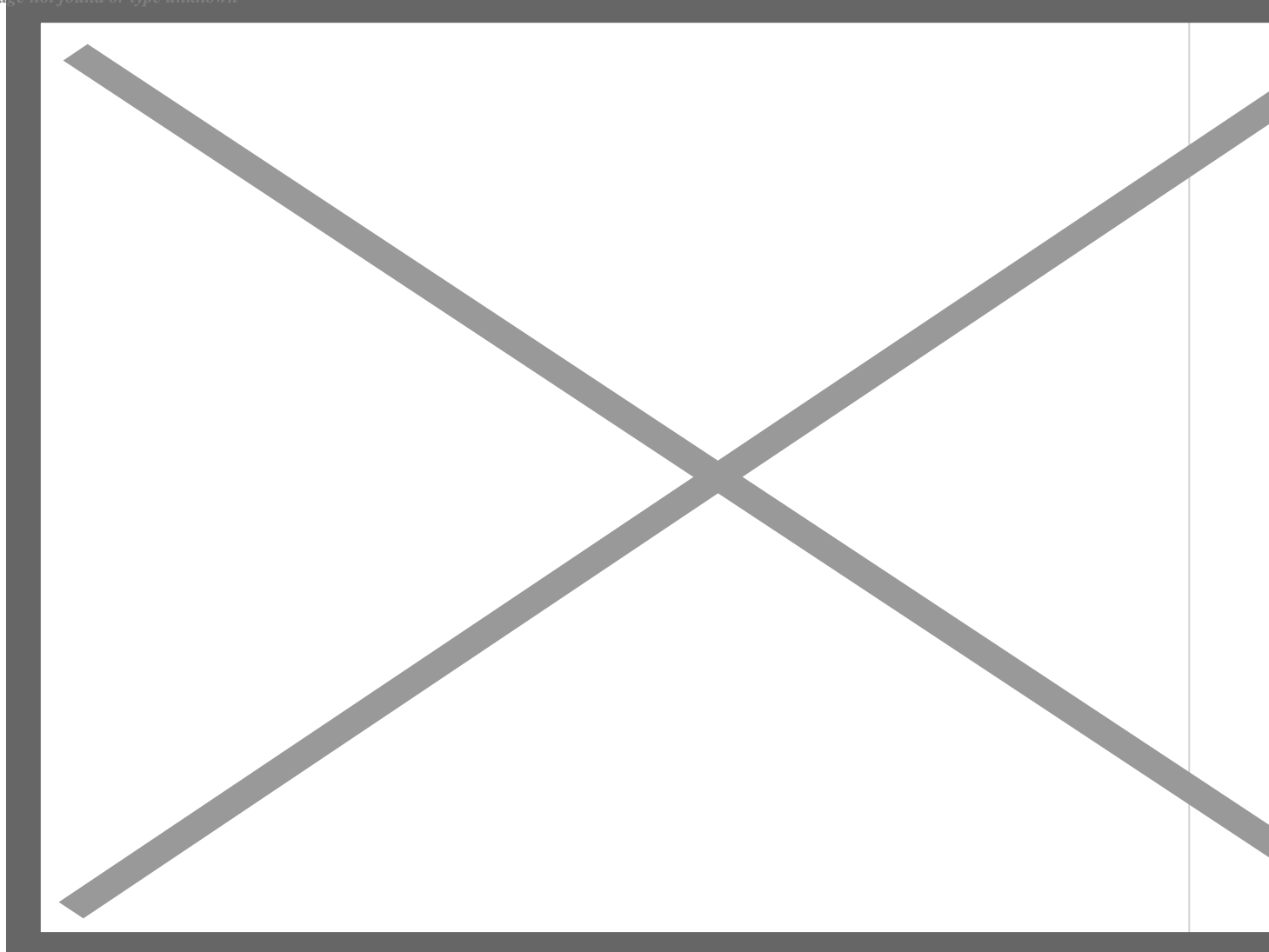


Hamas fires missiles at Israeli air base, two Iron Dome stations, chemical factory

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An Israeli firefighter walks next to cars hit by a missile fired from Gaza Strip. Photo / Ariel Schalit, AP

Gaza City, May 14 (RHC)-- The Palestinian Islamic Resistance movement Hamas says it has targeted the Israeli regime's Iron Dome stations and an Israeli air base which is used by Israeli warplanes to bombard civilian targets in the besieged Gaza Strip.

"We fired a volley of Sejil missiles at the Hatzetim air base from which the occupation warplanes flew to bomb civilians in Gaza," the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, Hamas' military wing, said in a statement on Thursday night, according to Palestinian media.

The group said it also attacked a chemical factory in Nahal Oz kibbutz in the Negev desert with Shihab suicide drones. The announcement followed an earlier statement by Hamas that it had launched a number of "suicide drones" carrying explosive payloads into southern Israel from the Gaza Strip. The Israeli military claimed downing two such drones.

A rocket from Gaza early on Friday hit a building in the city of Ashkelon, with no immediate report of casualties, Al Jarmaq news reported. Rocket sirens were heard in Ashdod, Sderot and the Sha'ar Hanegev region after a night of intense fighting.

Hamas said it has launched at least 250 rockets into Israeli-occupied territories in the last few hours in response to the Israeli regime's relentless aerial bombardment of Gaza that has so far killed at least 119 Palestinians, including 31 children and 19 women, and injured 800 others.

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