

Syrian air defenses repel Israeli attack on Damascus for second time this week



A streak of light is seen in the night sky in the vicinity of the Syrian capital Damascus during an Israeli air strike. (Photo by the Syrian Arab News Agency)

Damascus, June 10 (RHC)-- For the second time this week, Syrian air defenses early on Friday intercepted the missiles launched by the Israeli military at targets south of the capital Damascus, bringing down most of them.

Syria's official news agency SANA, citing a military source, said Israeli warplanes fired several missiles from the direction of the occupied Golan Heights at some targets south of Damascus at around 4:20 a.m. local time (0120 GMT) Friday, but Syrian air defenses brought down most of them.

The source noted that the strike resulted in one civilian injury as well as some material damage. The development came days after Israeli warplanes fired a number of missiles at areas in the southern countryside of Damascus.

The air raid on Monday was carried out from the direction of the occupied Syrian Golan, targeting some points south of the city of Damascus, SANA cited an unnamed military source saying at the time, adding that the Syrian air defenses intercepted the projectiles and shot down most of them.

Syrian media say the country's air defenses have intercepted Israeli missiles in the sky over the southern part of the capital, Damascus, with no casualties reported as a result of the aggression.

Last month, Syria urged the United Nations to issue a "clear" condemnation of the Israeli regime's relentless airstrikes on the Arab country's territory.

In a letter to the UN Secretary-General and the president of the UN Security Council, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates said the country hoped the two bodies would "adopt a clear position on the Israeli attacks on Syrian sovereignty".

Such unequivocal position, the letter added, should be "away from politicized considerations and calculations that contradict the well-established and clear legal and political positions of the United Nations and its bodies."

The ministry also urged the UN to demand that the aggressor abides by the relevant Security Council resolutions and to immediately and unconditionally stop threatening regional and international peace and security.

The Israeli regime carried out fresh airstrikes on Syria's northwestern province of Hama late on Friday, killing at least five people, including a civilian, according to Syrian media.

Syria has been in the grip of foreign-backed militancy since March 2011. The Syrian government says the Israeli regime and its Western and regional allies aid Takfiri terrorist groups that continue to wreak havoc in the country.

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

The Tel Aviv regime rarely comments on its cowardly attacks on Syrian territories, which many see as a knee-jerk reaction to the Syrian government's phenomenal success in confronting and decimating terrorism.

Israel has been the principal supporter of terrorist groups that oppose the democratically-elected government of President Bashar al-Assad since the foreign-backed militancy erupted in Syria.

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