

Israel conducts deadly airstrikes on Damascus airport and southern outskirts

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The photo by Syria's official SANA news agency shows an Israeli airstrike on the southern outskirts of the capital Damascus, on September 17, 2022.

Damascus, September 17 (RHC)-- The Israeli regime has conducted yet another airstrike on the Syrian territory, targeting Damascus International Airport and other positions south of the capital city. Syria's official SANA news agency quoted a military source as saying that the strikes, which were carried out at approximately 00:45 a.m. local time (2145 GMT) on Saturday, came "from the northeastern direction of Lake Tiberias, targeting Damascus airport and some points south of Damascus."

The news agency said the Syrian military's air defenses confronted the Israeli regime's missiles and "shot down most of them." The military source was quoted as saying by SANA that, "The aggression led to the death of five soldiers and some material damage."

Earlier in the month, Israeli jets launched a number of missiles from across the Mediterranean Sea at the Aleppo International Airport in northwestern Syria, damaging the runway and rendering the facility out of service.

Syrian air defenses intercepted some of the incoming missiles, with reports providing no details on the number of possible casualties.

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 attacks on Syrian territories, which many see as a knee-jerk reaction to the Syrian government's success in confronting and decimating terrorism. Israel has been one of the main supporters 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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