

# *Syria shoots down hostile drones near Damascus*

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**Smoke billows above buildings after an Israeli strike on the outskirts of Damascus. (File photo by AFP)**

Damascus, February 10 (RHC)-- A Syrian military source says Syria's air defenses have shot down two drones that were launched from Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. Syria's state news agency SANA quoted

a military source as saying that the country's air defenses shot down two drones in the west of Damascus on Friday.

According to the report, the drones came from the direction of the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. "At around 02:10 pm, two drones violated Syria's airspace from the direction of the occupied Syrian Golan. Our air defense systems confronted them, and they were downed in the west of Damascus," the source said.

Earlier, Syrian state media reported that the air defenses were responding to "hostile targets" in the vicinity of Damascus.

At least five people were killed and several others injured when Israeli military aircraft carried out a series of airstrikes in Syria's western province of Homs. It was not clear who was behind the attack, but Israel has been using the occupied Golan Heights as a launchpad for its acts of military aggression against the Arab nation since it occupied the territory in 1967, when the regime launched a large-scale war against the regional Arab states, including Syria.

The attacks intensified after 2011 when Syria found itself in the grip of all-out foreign-backed militancy and terrorism. The regime has been also using the occupied territory to provide safe passage and medical treatment for the anti-Syria Takfiri terrorists, who would flee there from the Syrian military's counter-terrorism operations.

The Israeli attacks further escalated following the Tel Aviv regime's bloody onslaught against Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip.

Israel launched the war on Gaza on October 7th after the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas waged the surprise Operation Al-Aqsa Storm against the occupying entity in response to the Israeli regime's decades-long campaign of bloodletting and devastation against Palestinians.

Since the start of the offensive, the Tel Aviv regime has killed at least 27,947 Palestinians and injured more than 67,459 others.

Thousands more are also missing and presumed dead under the rubble in Gaza, which is under "complete siege" by Israel.

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