

Israel's military admits airstrikes on Gaza killed three captives in November

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Demonstrators call for action to secure the release of Israeli captives during a protest in Tel Aviv on September 12, 2024. (AFP)

Tel Aviv, September 16 (RHC)-- The Israeli military says there's a "high probability" that the regime's airstrikes have caused the death of three Israeli captives in the Gaza Strip months ago.

On Sunday, the military announced the conclusions of its investigation into the deaths of Nik Beizer, Ron Sherman and Elia Toledano, whose bodies were taken back to the occupied territories from Gaza in December.

According to the military's findings, the three were likely killed in a November airstrike in Gaza.

"This assessment is based on the location of where their bodies were found in relation to the strike's impact, performance analysis of the strike, intelligence findings, the results of the pathological reports, and the conclusions of the Forensic Medicine Institute."

"This is a high-probability assessment based on all of the available information, but it is not possible to definitively determine the circumstances of their deaths," said the military.

Some 251 Israelis were taken captive on October 7, 2023 during an unprecedented Hamas operation against the Israeli regime. Ninety-seven captives are still being held in Gaza.

The head of the regime, Benjamin Netanyahu, has come under growing public and political pressure to secure a deal with Hamas and free the captives. Netanyahu has blamed Hamas for refusing "to conduct real negotiations." But the Palestinian resistance group says it is Tel Aviv who is "evading reaching a ceasefire agreement."

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