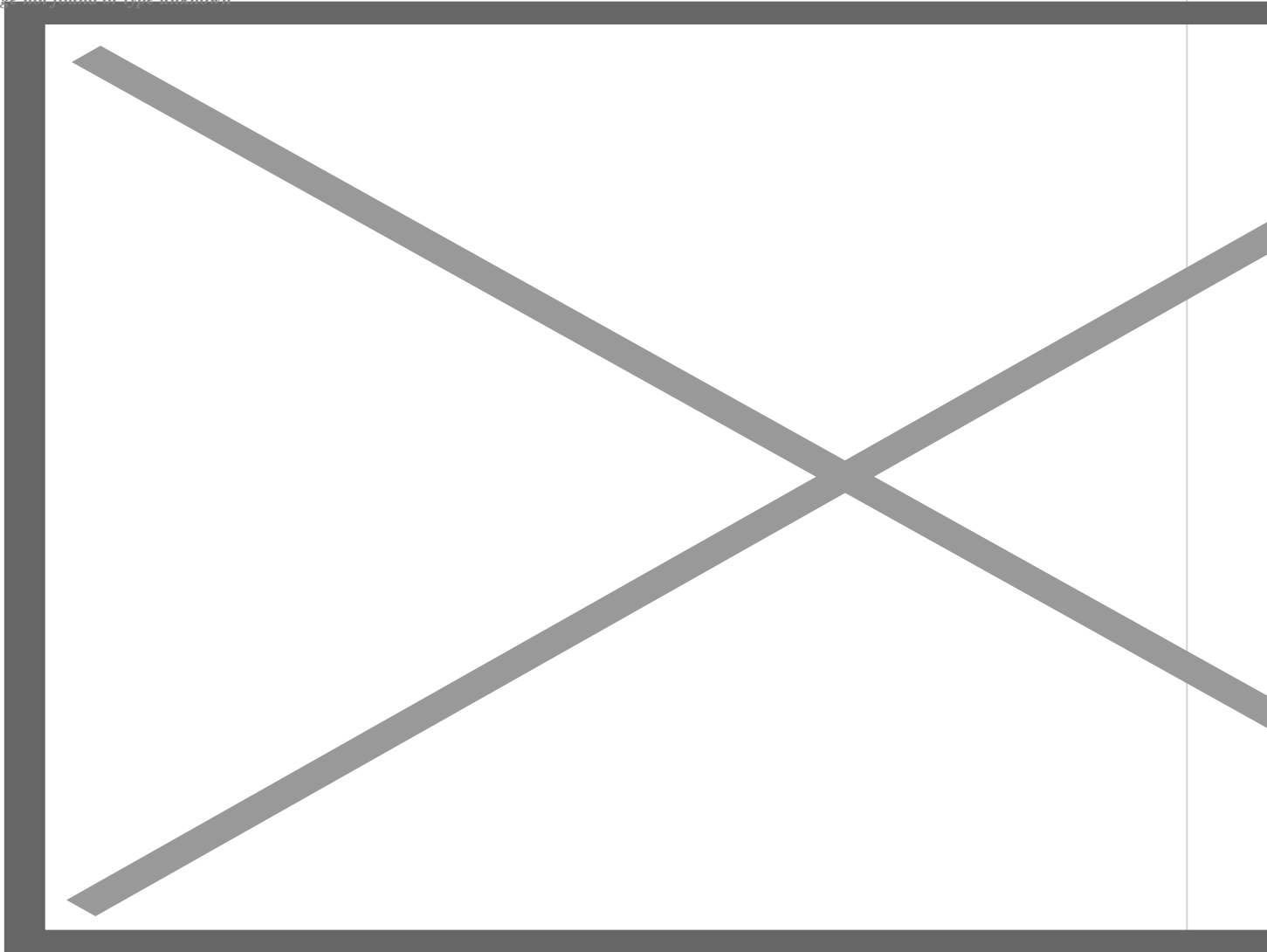


Israeli warplanes stage over 120 airstrikes against Lebanon

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Smoke billows over southern Lebanon following Israeli attacks. (By Reuters)

Beirut, September 23 (RHC)-- The Israeli regime's warplanes have conducted more than 120 airstrikes against towns and villages lying across southern and eastern Lebanon, killing a Lebanese civilian and

injuring six others. The aircraft carried out the attacks against the southern areas and the Bekaa Valley, which lies in the country's east, where the fatality was caused, on Monday.

Lebanese sources said the airstrikes had targeted more than 40 areas in Lebanon. The country's media outlets said the aircraft had bombed all the towns and villages lying on the southern border as well as their surroundings.

Israeli media outlets, meanwhile, alleged that the attacks had hit locations lying as far as 125 kilometers (77 miles) inside the Lebanese territory.

Israeli military spokesman Danieh Hagari said the regime "will engage in [more] extensive and precise strikes" against Lebanon, adding that the attacks would "go on for the near future." The regime has markedly intensified its attacks against the country since October 7, when it launched a genocidal war on the Gaza Strip.

Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance movement has responded with numerous strikes against the occupied Palestinian territories as means of both retaliating against the regime and displaying support for the war-hit Gazans.

On Sunday, the group staged its farthest-reaching strikes against the territories since October, firing scores of rockets against the Ramat David Airbase, 20 kilometers (12 miles) southeast of the city of Haifa, and the Rafael weapons manufacturing facility in the Zevulun area north of city.

The Hezbollah resistance movement has targeted the Rafael weapons manufacturing facility in Haifa in an "initial response" to Israel's recent mass terrorist attack in Lebanon. It described the strike against the facility as its "initial response" to the regime's detonation of thousands of booby-trapped pagers and walkie-talkie radios that killed at least 39 people and wounded 3,000 others across Lebanon over Tuesday and Wednesday.

Also on Sunday, Hezbollah's Deputy Secretary General Sheikh Naim Qassem said the movement was in a "new phase" in its battle against the regime.

"Threats will not stop us... We are ready to face all military possibilities," he noted.

Sheikh Naim Qassem says Hezbollah is fully prepared to face "all military possibilities." Qassem made the remarks while attending the funeral of Ibrahim Aqil, one of the group's senior commanders.

Aqil had been martyred alongside 37 others, including three children and seven women, during an Israeli attack on a residential building in a southern suburb of Lebanon's capital Beirut on Friday.

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