

# *Iranian Foreign Minister Strongly Criticizes Israel's Killing of Iranian Commander, Hezbollah Members*

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Tehran, January 22 (RHC)-- Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has censured Israel's "insane measure" to assassinate an Iranian military commander along with a number of Hezbollah members through a helicopter attack in Syria's occupied Golan Heights.

In a Wednesday message marking the martyrdom of Brigadier General Mohammad Ali Allahdadi, Zarif said such measures show the "Zionist occupiers' alignment with Takfiri terrorists." Allahdadi was killed in the Israeli attack on January 18th along with six members of the Lebanese resistance movement, including Jihad Mughniyeh, the son of Hezbollah's slain military commander Imad Mughniyeh.

Zarif extended his condolences over the deaths to Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei and the martyrs' families. The Iranian foreign minister said that the attack "testifies to the occupiers' weakness and frustration against the resistance of the nations in the region." And he strongly

criticized the world's "selective treatment of terrorism and extremism" along with "silence towards crimes against humanity and insulting religious sanctities."

On Sunday, an Israeli military helicopter fired two missiles into Amal Farms in the strategic southwestern city of Quneitra, close to line separating the Syrian part of the Golan Heights from the Israeli-occupied sector. The Tel Aviv regime has carried out several airstrikes in Syria since the start of the nearly four-year-old foreign-sponsored militancy there.

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