

Israeli Warplanes Strike Targets in Syria's Golan Heights



Ramallah, August 23 (RHC)-- Israeli jets have carried out an airstrike in Syria's Golan Heights, claiming that the attack was in retaliation for stray fire from Syrian fighting factions that landed inside Israel.

Israeli army sources announced that it had hit a "Syrian army launcher" after a stray shell from fighting in Syria apparently landed close to an Israeli security fence in central Golan. No one was injured in either of the incidents.

Tel Aviv, which is believed to be one of the key supporters of terrorist groups in Syria, has targeted the region several times in the past several months. In July, Israel hit two Syrian army targets in the Golan Heights in what it claimed was in response to stray fire from the Syrian side.

Syria says Israel and its Western and regional allies are aiding Takfiri militant groups operating inside the Arab country. The Syrian army has repeatedly seized huge quantities of Israeli-made weapons and advanced military equipment from the foreign-backed militants inside Syria.

Israel stole the Golan Heights from Syria after the 1967 Six-Day War and later occupied it in a move that has never been recognized by the international community. The regime has built tens of illegal settlements in the area ever since and has used the region to carry out a number of military operations against the Syrian government.

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