

# *Israel Repeats War Threat Against Gaza Strip*

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Tel Aviv, February 6 (RHC)-- Israel has issued a fresh threat of war against the Gaza Strip, saying rockets fired from the Palestinian territory are enough reason for Tel Aviv to invade the besieged enclave.

Israeli Intelligence Minister Yuval Steinitz said Tel Aviv would have to soon invade Gaza and destroy the Palestinian resistance group Hamas. Steinitz said: "If the drip of rockets from Gaza continues, we will have no choice but to go inside [Gaza] in order to eliminate Hamas."

This is the second such threat by top Israeli officials over the past month. In late December 2013, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu threatened more assaults on the Gaza Strip after the regime's military launched several air raids on Gaza City.

The Israeli military also frequently targets Palestinians along the border with Gaza, which remains literally cut off from the outside world by a crippling Israeli blockade. Attacks against Gazans continue despite a 2012 Egyptian-mediated truce that ended a deadly Israeli onslaught against the territory.



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