

# *Syria's air defenses repel Israeli aggression, shoot down missiles near Damascus*

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Damascus, March 17 (RHC)-- Syrian media say the country's air defenses have shot down a number of Israeli missiles near the capital, Damascus. Syria's official news agency SANA, citing a military source, announced late on Tuesday: "The Israeli enemy perpetrated a missile aggression from the direction of the occupied Syrian Golan Heights on some targets on the outskirts of Damascus."

The source said Syria's army air defenses confronted the aggression and shot down most of the incoming missiles, adding that losses were restricted to materials. Israeli media claimed that the missiles targeted a weapons shipment that had arrived at the Damascus International Airport earlier in the day.

Israel frequently targets military positions inside Syria, especially those affiliated with the resistance movement, which has played a key role in helping the Syrian army in its fight against foreign-backed

terrorists since 2011.

The Tel Aviv regime mostly keeps quiet about the attacks on Syrian territories which many view as knee-jerk reaction to the Syrian government's increasing success in confronting terrorism in country.

Syria has on several occasions called on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to condemn Israeli attacks on its territory, urging the world body to act decisively to stop the regime.

Early last month, Israeli air-to-surface and surface-to-surface missiles were intercepted by the Syrian air defense systems over the country's southwestern province of Quneitra.

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