

# *Israel launches strikes on targets in Syria*

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Jerusalem, June 23, (RHC), – The Israel Air Force launched attacks on nine Syrian military positions in the Golan Heights late Sunday night in response to a missile attack earlier in the day that killed a 13-year-old boy on the Israeli side of the border.

The IDF said the targets belonged to President Bashar Assad's Syrian army, and included command posts and firing positions on the Syrian-controlled Golan Heights

According to the opposition's Syrian Observatory of Human Rights, twelve Syrian soldiers were killed in the IDF airstrike. The report claimed that missiles fired by IAF aircraft hit at least two tanks and destroyed two artillery batteries.

The air raids on Syrian army positions in the Golan Heights overnight came as retaliation after an Israeli teenager Mohammed Karaka was killed in an attack from Syria, while four other people were injured.

Israel's defense ministry said the boy was killed when rocket or mortar fired from Syria hit the car he was traveling in with his father and another contractor, both of whom were wounded.



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