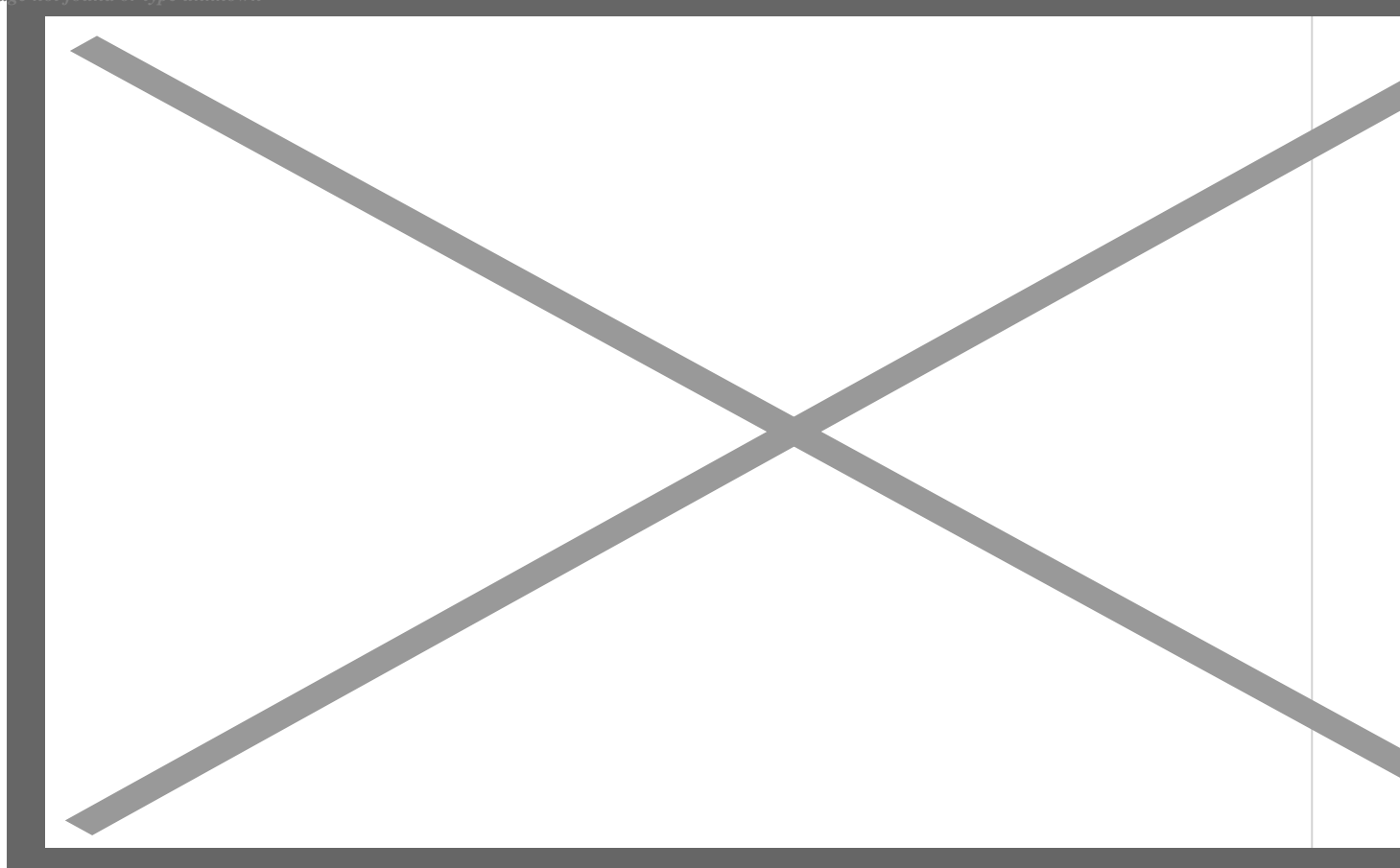


Two civilians wounded in fresh Israeli shelling of southern Syria

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An Israeli tank at a military outpost overlooking Syria near the occupied Golan Heights. (File photo)

Damascus, August 12 (RHC)-- Shelling by the Israeli regime has injured two civilians in Syria's southern province of Quneitra near the occupied Golan Heights. "Two civilians were wounded when a tank belonging to the Israeli occupation forces fired two shells near the village of Hamidiya," SANA news agency reported on Friday.

Emboldened by the inaction of international organizations, the regime frequently targets positions in Syria, not least those of the Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah, which has played a key role in helping the Syrian army in its fight against foreign-backed terrorists.

Syria's permanent representative to the United Nations says Israeli strikes would be impossible without the Western support as well as the UN Security Council's silence. In one of the latest attacks on Syria, the occupying regime targeted areas near Damascus on July 22, killing three soldiers and wounding seven others.

Bassam Sabbagh, Syria's permanent representative to the United Nations, slammed the "unacceptable" silence of the UN Security Council and the West's support for Israeli aggression.

"The Israeli regime presses ahead with its hostile practices in order to consolidate its occupation of the Syrian Golan Heights, and prolong its authority in violation of international principles and resolutions," Sabbagh said while addressing a Security Council session in late July. He called on the world body to help end the Israeli occupation and hold the Tel Aviv regime responsible for its vicious behavior.

"Syria reiterates its inalienable right to fully take back occupied Golan Heights by means of all available means guaranteed by the international law," Sabbagh stated.

The Israeli regime occupied a large swathe of Golan after the 1967 war and annexed it four years later in a move that has never been recognized by the international community.

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