

Hezbollah seizes Israeli drone in good condition

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In this file picture, an Israeli soldier from the Artillery Corps launches a Skylark unmanned aerial vehicle, which is typically used for surveillance and produced by Israeli weapons manufacturer Elbit Systems. (Photo via social media)

Beirut, February 11 (RHC)-- Hezbollah resistance fighters have taken control of an Israeli drone after it violated the Lebanese airspace near the border with the occupied territories. Lebanon's Arabic-language al-Mayadeen television news network reported that Hezbollah intercepted the Skylark drone and seized it "in good condition."

The Skylark is a small unmanned aerial vehicle typically used for surveillance and produced by the Israeli weapons manufacturer Elbit Systems. Hezbollah forces also struck the Israeli military's Jal al-Alam outpost with missiles, reportedly injuring several Israeli troops.

Later in the day, the Lebanese resistance group targeted the Khirbet Maar military base with Falaq (Dusk) missiles, and artillery units in the illegal Dishon settlement with several Katyusha rockets. The Hebrew-language media outlets reported that at least 10 missiles were launched from southern Lebanon towards the Western Galilee region in the 1948 Israeli-occupied territories. Additionally, Hezbollah fighters targeted a group of Israeli soldiers inside a building in al-Manara settlement.

Moreover, a high-ranking official with the Palestinian Hamas resistance movement survived an Israeli assassination attempt in southern Lebanon. Lebanon's official National News Agency said an Israeli drone struck a car in the coastal town of Jadra, located north of Sidon and south of the capital Beirut.

A Palestinian source, requesting anonymity for security concerns, said the strike "was a failed attempt to assassinate a senior official in Hamas movement."

A Lebanese security official, also requesting anonymity, identified the target as Hamas recruitment officer Bassel Saleh. Shortly after the initial strike on Saleh's car, a second Israeli drone hit the same location, killing two people, the official said. Saleh "survived but suffered burns on his back and was admitted to hospital," the Lebanese official said. The official said Saleh is "in charge of a recruitment unit in the West Bank."

Hezbollah said one of its members had been killed in the Jadra attack.

The movement has vowed to keep up its retaliatory operations as long as the Tel Aviv regime continues its onslaught on Gaza.

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