

Hezbollah rains 100 rockets on occupied territories after top commander killed

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Smoke and fire covers an area near Kiryat Shmona in northern Israel after a Hezbollah attack earlier this month [Ayal Margolin/Reuters]

Beirut, June 12 (RHC)-- The Lebanese Hezbollah resistance movement has conducted a massive rocket attack against the northern side of the 1948 Israeli-occupied territories after a high-ranking field commander of the group was killed in Israeli attacks.

The Israeli military said in a statement that the group launched over 100 rockets from southern Lebanon towards the Galilee region on Wednesday, stressing it marks one of the largest barrages carried out by Hezbollah. The statement added that the barrage saw the city of Tiberias targeted for the first time.

It went on to assert that several rockets were intercepted by the regime's so-called Iron Dome systems, while others impacted at several locations. As a result of the rocket impacts, several fires were sparked, the Israeli army said.

Meanwhile, Israeli media outlets reported that some rockets had slammed into a factory at Sassa kibbutz in the Upper Galilee area, causing damage. There were also reports of power outage in Safed city in the northern sector of the 1948 occupied territories as a result of the Hezbollah rocket strike.

The massive attack was in response to the death of a high-ranking Hezbollah field commander in Israeli airstrikes against a house in southern Lebanon.

Hezbollah said in a statement that Sami Abdallah, better known by the nom the guerre Abu Taleb, born in 1969, was killed in the air raids that targeted a residential building in the town of Jwaya, located 95 kilometers (59 miles) south of the capital Beirut, early on Wednesday.

The Lebanese group later announced the deaths of three other resistance fighters, identifying them as Mohammad Hussein Sabra, also known as Baqer, Ali Salim Soufan, and Qassem Hmayyid, also known as Sajed, respectively.

On Tuesday night, Israel's army said a barrage of "50 launches" had been fired by Hezbollah at the strategic Golan Heights, sparking fires.

The occupying Israeli regime has repeatedly launched attacks on southern Lebanon since October 7, after commencing a genocidal war in Gaza that has killed at least 37,164 Palestinians, predominantly women and children so far. As a retaliatory measure, Hezbollah has been carrying out almost daily rocket attacks on Israeli positions.

At least 455 people have been killed on the Lebanese border, including more than 80 civilians, according to a tally by AFP.

Two Israeli wars waged against Lebanon in 2000 and 2006 were met with strong resistance from Hezbollah, resulting in the retreat of the regime in both conflicts.

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