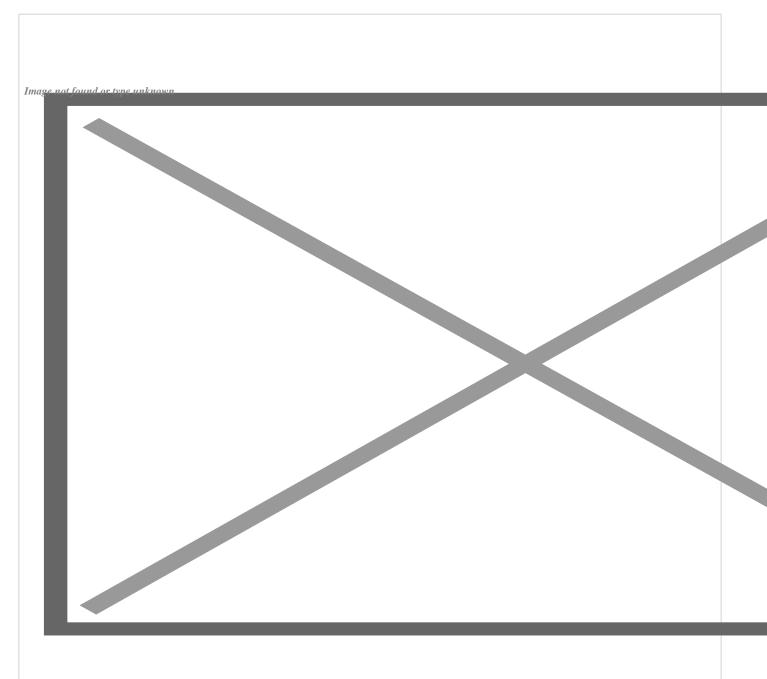
## Israeli warplanes target two buildings in southern Lebanon in new violation of ceasefire



Smoke rises from an area in Khiam town, following Israeli strikes, as seen from the Marjayoun

Beirut, March 30 (RHC)-- Israeli warplanes have carried out an airstrike against two buildings in southern Lebanon, marking yet another violation of the fragile ceasefire agreement between Israel and the Arab nation.

Lebanese media outlets reported that an Israeli drone fired guided missiles at the residences in the southern town of Kfar Kila early on Sunday. No immediate reports were available on possible casualties or the extent of damage caused.

Earlier, Lebanon's official National News Agency reported that several cars and homes were damaged as Israeli military forces launched an offensive in the eastern flank of the occupied Kfar Shuba region. No casualties were reported.

Israeli warplanes also broke the sound barrier twice in the skies over the Western Bekaa area in southeastern Lebanon. The sonic boom was heard in the Chouf and Aley regions of Mount Lebanon. Moreover, an Israeli helicopter dropped two sound bombs on a gathering of ordinary people in Yaroun town of the Bint Jbeil district.

Separately, a United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) patrol came under fire from the Israeli army on Saturday afternoon along the Blue Line, which separates Lebanon from the northern side of the Israeli-occupied territories.

"UNIFIL peacekeepers reported that the Israeli army fired warning shots from a machine gun across the Blue Line," according to a statement from UNIFIL spokesperson Andrea Tenenti. The incident occurred during a scheduled reconnaissance patrol near the village of Rmeish in southern Lebanon.

UNIFIL said "no one was harmed" and called the incident "a violation of UN Security Council Resolution 1701." Moreover, UNIFIL peacekeepers reported that an Israeli army patrol directed laser beams at them, targeting their bodies and eyes.

Tenenti denounced the actions, stating, "Any action that endangers the safety of UN peacekeepers while they carry out their mandated duties is unacceptable ... We are following up on these incidents with the Israeli army."

Israel had to agree to a ceasefire with Hezbollah following significant losses incurred over nearly 14 months of conflict, failing to achieve its goals in the offensive against Lebanon. The ceasefire took effect on November 27.

Since the commencement of the agreement, the occupying forces have been carrying out near-daily assaults on Lebanon, breaching the ceasefire, which includes airstrikes throughout the Arab nation.

On January 27, Lebanon declared its decision to prolong the ceasefire with Israel until February 18th. Despite the February 18th deadline having passed, Israel persists in its occupation of five critical areas in southern Lebanon, which include Labbouneh, Mount Blat, Owayda Hill, Aaziyyeh, and Hammamis Hill, located near the border.

Lebanon has denounced the ongoing presence of Israeli military personnel, which constitutes a breach of the ceasefire agreement and the stipulated withdrawal timeline. High-ranking officials in Beirut have stated their intention to "employ all measures" necessary to expel the occupying forces from the Arab country.

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