

# *Israeli Warplanes Fly Over Lebanon's Capital*

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Beirut, January 2 (RHC)-- Israeli warplanes have flown sorties at very low altitude over the airspace of Lebanese capital of Beirut as well as the southern Bekaa Valley region, breaking the sound barrier.

The Israeli military aircraft conducted aerial maneuvers over Beirut throughout Thursday as the sound of low-flying jets over the capital city was clearly audible twice in the morning, a number of local media outlets reported.

Lebanon's army issued a statement saying that an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft also violated the country's airspace on Wednesday, entering Lebanon over the town of Alma Shaab and conducting aerial sorties over Riyaq, Baalbek and other areas in the south.

Israeli warplanes have repeatedly violated Lebanon's airspace in a breach of the UN Security Council Resolution 1701, which led to a ceasefire in the war of aggression the Israeli regime waged against Lebanon in 2006 and calls on Tel Aviv to respect Lebanon's territorial integrity.

In 2009, Lebanon filed a complaint with the United Nations, presenting over 7,000 documents pertaining to Israeli violations of the Lebanese territory.

While Israel regularly carries out aerial maneuvers over Lebanon, it has been also suspected of using the country's airspace to conduct airstrikes against neighboring Syria on several occasions since March 2011.

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