

Israel Fires Artillery into Syria's Golan Heights



Tel Aviv, January 27 (RHC)-- Israel has fired artillery rounds into the Syrian side of the Golan Heights, claiming the assault was a response to several rocket attacks that earlier targeted the Israeli-occupied part of the territory.

Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Lerner, an Israeli military spokesman, said Tuesday that the regime forces had attacked some positions inside the Syrian territory, which were allegedly used earlier in the day to target some areas in the occupied part of Golan.

Israeli media said earlier on Tuesday that the military had evacuated a sport resort close to the Syrian border, while sirens also sounded in several towns and villages in the area. No casualties have been reported in the occupied territories.

The incident comes days after an Israeli helicopter fired rockets on a Hezbollah convoy in the Golan Heights town of Qunaitra on January 17, killing six members of the Lebanese resistance group and an Iranian commander.

The Golan Heights have been under the Israeli occupation since the 1960s. The Tel Aviv regime captured the Syrian territory during the Six-Day War of 1967 and annexed the region in 1981.

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