

# *Israeli Military Fires Artillery into Lebanon*

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Beirut, December 21 (RHC)-- The Israeli regime's military forces have fired artillery into Lebanon, one day after killing a veteran fighter of the Hezbollah resistance movement in Syria. The Israeli military claimed that the artillery fire came in response to the firing of three Katyusha rockets from Lebanon earlier on Sunday.

Hezbollah senior fighter Samir Qantar was killed in an Israeli airstrike in the Syrian capital, Damascus, on Saturday night. The Israeli army said in a statement that it has "responded" to the Lebanese rocket with "targeted artillery fire." Lebanon's national news agency NNA reported that Israel fired nine rounds of artillery at the south.

Qantar was released from an Israeli prison during a prisoner swap between Hezbollah and Israel in 2008 after serving 29 years in detention.

Israel launched wars on Lebanon in 2000 and 2006. About 1,200 Lebanese, most of them civilians, were killed in the 33-Day War of 2006. On both occasions, however, Hezbollah fighters defeated the Israeli military and Tel Aviv was forced to retreat without achieving any of its objectives.

The Tel Aviv regime launched an intelligence war against Hezbollah following its defeat in the two wars on Lebanon.

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