

Russia warns that Israeli air strikes on Syria threaten regional stability



Moscow, July 3 (RHC)-- Russia takes serious issue with Israeli military aggression against Syria, a day after Israeli strikes claimed four lives in the Arab country.

On Tuesday, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Russia was concerned about the aerial attacks launched by the occupying regime against Syria. Moscow believes that the assaults could pose a threat to regional stability, the statement added.

Israeli warplanes fired missiles at areas inside Damascus and the city's countryside as well as the western province of Homs from the Lebanese airspace, according to Syria's Foreign Ministry.

The fatalities included a baby. The missiles also injured 21 others, most of them women and children.

This is not the first time Tel Aviv triggers a warning message from Moscow by engaging in direct and deadly incursion against Syria.

During the foreign-backed militancy that began gripping Syria in 2011 -- before largely subsiding over the past several years -- Israel would regularly attack Syria's defenses and targets belonging to its allies, which were helping it contain the violence.

Last September, a Russian Il-20 reconnaissance aircraft was shot down and all the 15 servicemen on board it killed during Israeli airstrikes in the northwestern Syrian province of Latakia.

Moscow said Tel Aviv was fully responsible for the incident, as Israeli aircraft were using the Russian plane as a shield at the time, prompting Syrian defenses to bring it down by mistake.

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