

Deaths reported after Israeli airstrike in Syria's Homs province



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Damascus, October 14 (RHC)-- An Israeli airstrike in central Syria has killed one Syrian soldier and three pro-Iranian fighters, according to a UK-based war monitor.

The Syrian state news agency SANA had earlier quoted a military source as saying that Wednesday's attack near the city of Palmyra in Homs province had killed a soldier and wounded three others.

"At approximately 23:34 (20:34 GMT) the Israeli enemy carried out an aerial aggression... on the area of Palmyra targeting a communication tower and several positions in its vicinity," the source told SANA.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a UK-based monitor, said the attack targeted several Iranian positions, among them the communication tower, near the T4 airbase east of Palmyra.

The Observatory said Israeli fighter jets flew over the Iraqi- Syria-Jordan border triangle when it carried out the attack. It reported that the attack killed one Syrian soldier and three pro-Iranian fighters, but their nationality was not immediately clear.

According to the Observatory, several other Israeli missiles were intercepted by Syrian air defences. Seven other people, including three Syrian soldiers, were wounded.

The incident came days after Syrian state media reported that Syrian air defences intercepted an Israeli missile attack above the Homs countryside, wounding six Syrian soldiers and causing some material damage.

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