

United Nations Reports Drones Over Syria Before Israeli Air Raid



United Nations, January 20 (RHC)-- The United Nations says its peacekeeping forces deployed to the occupied Golan Heights had seen drones coming from Israel before a recent airstrike by Tel Aviv that killed several Hezbollah members in Syria.

UN spokesman Farhan Haq said the world body's peacekeepers "observed two unmanned aerial vehicles flying" from the Israeli-occupied part of the Golan Heights and crossing into Syria. "An hour later, smoke was observed coming from the general direction of position 30," said the UN official, adding that the peacekeeping forces then observed the drones flying over the area of "position 30" and again crossing the ceasefire line. Haq further described the incident as "a violation of the 1974 agreement on disengagement" between the Israeli regime and Syria.

On Sunday, an Israeli military helicopter fired two missiles into Amal Farms in the strategic southwestern city of Quneitra, close to the line separating the Syrian part of the Golan Heights from the Israeli-occupied sector.

Analysts believe the new Israeli assault is yet another attempt by Tel Aviv to change the balance of war in favor of the Takfiri militants fighting against Syria.

The Tel Aviv regime has carried out several airstrikes in Syria since the start of the nearly four-year-old foreign-sponsored militancy there. Damascus says Tel Aviv and its Western allies are aiding the extremist terror groups operating inside Syria since March 2011.

The Syrian army has repeatedly seized huge quantities of Israeli-made weapons and advanced military equipment from the foreign-backed militants inside the Arab state.

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