

Israeli Airstrikes Hit Syrian Army Positions in Golan Heights



Damascus, June 26 (RHC)-- The Israeli military has carried out a string of aerial assaults against the positions of the Syrian government forces in Golan Heights for the second consecutive day after several projectiles allegedly fired from Syria landed in the occupied territory.

Lebanon-based Arabic-language al-Mayadeen news network reported on Sunday that the airstrikes hit an amphibious tracked infantry fighting vehicle of the Syrian army in Syria's strategic southwestern region of Quneitra near the border with Israeli-controlled Palestinian territories.

The Israeli military claimed in a brief statement that the air raids were in response to alleged errant fire from Syrian factions fighting each other, which hit the northern part of occupied Palestinian lands earlier in the day.

The statement added that the Israeli military "targeted two artillery positions and an ammunition truck belonging to the Syrian regime." There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The development came a day after Israeli fighter jets struck a number of Syrian army targets near the Golan Heights after some 10 mortar shells exploded in an open area in the region.

The Israeli army said its airstrikes had struck two tanks and a post from which the mortars were allegedly

fired. Following the attack, the Syrian army announced that several civilians were killed and several more injured in the bombing raid, which hit a residential building.

During the past few years, Israel has frequently attacked military targets in Syria in what is considered as an attempt to prop up terrorist groups that have been suffering heavy defeats against Syrian government forces.

Back in April 2015, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu officially admitted for the first time that the regime's military had conducted strikes in Syrian territory.

Damascus says Israel and its Western and regional allies are aiding Takfiri terrorist groups operating inside the Arab country, while the Tel Aviv regime's military carries out such sporadic strikes against Syrian government forces. The Israeli regime has even set up field hospitals to treat wounded militants evacuated from Syria.

Moreover, the Syrian army has repeatedly seized huge quantities of Israeli-made weapons and advanced military equipment from the foreign-backed militants inside Syria.

Israel seized the Golan Heights from Syria after the 1967 Six-Day War and later occupied it in a move that has never been recognized by the international community. The regime has built dozens of settlements in the area ever since and has used the region to carry out a number of military operations against the Syrian government.

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