

Syria demands Security Council take measures against Israeli aggression

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Syrian air defense intercepting an Israeli missile in the sky over Damascus. (Photo: AFP)

Damascus, February 5 (RHC)-- Syria has once again called on the United Nations Security Council to assume its responsibilities within the framework of the UN Charter, and to adopt prompt and practical measures to stop Israeli acts of aggression against the Syrian territory.

The Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, in two identical letters addressed to UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres and the rotating president of the Security Council, Barbara Woodward, said that the Israeli regime had launched a barrage of missiles at 10:42 p.m. local time (2042 GMT) on Wednesday from the direction of the Israeli-occupied Syrian Golan Heights on some targets in the southern region.

"Syria reiterates that Israel's continuing and dangerous acts of aggression, which are being carried out systematically, and Israeli authorities' scramble to announce and justify them under flimsy security pretexts, do not deceive anyone," read part of the letters.

Such acts will fail to cover up "the usual terrorist behavior of the Zionist regime," which is still occupying Syrian territories, "he letter said, stressing that "the UN and the international community have failed to hold it (Israel) to account for its continued savage crimes against residents of the occupied Golan Heights, Palestine and other Arab territories – a practice that is being exercised in violation of the UN Charter, the international law and human rights principles."

The Syrian foreign ministry stressed that Damascus will resolutely and confidently press ahead with its campaign against terrorism, which is being sponsored by the Israeli regime and its allies. "Syrian army troops are determined more than before to continue their fight against remnants of terrorist groups across Syria, and to prevent them from achieving the goals of spreading terror throughout the region, and targeting innocent civilians," the ministry pointed out, adding: "All Israeli acts of aggression, despite being praised by such terror outfits and their sponsors, will not manage to intimidate Syrian people or prevent them from clinching clear victory."

It also called upon the Security Council to shoulder its responsibilities, within the framework of the UN Nations Charter and concerning international peace and security, and take firm and immediate measures to prevent the recurrence of Israeli terrorist attacks, and to force the Tel Aviv regime to respect its obligations under resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 350 (1974) and 497 (1981) in addition to the 1974 Disengagement of Forces Agreement between Israel and Syria.

Israel frequently targets military positions inside war-ravaged Syria, especially those of the Hezbollah resistance movement that has helped the Syrian army in its fight against foreign-sponsored Takfiri terrorists.

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