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Escalated Israeli Aggression on Syria: Begging for War

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Despite significant progress toward defeating US-supported terrorists in Syria, conflict resolution is far from achieved – not as long as Washington and Israel want war and regime change.

On Monday evening, for the second time in three days, an Israeli warplane flying illegally in Lebanese airspace fired multiple missiles at Syria's Jamarya military facility and research center, northwest of Damascus.

The Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) said

> "(t)he army's air defense confronted an Israeli attack with missiles on one of the military sites in Damascus countryside, destroying three of them."
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> "An informed source told SANA that at 11:30pm (local time) Monday, the Israeli enemy launched a number of missiles targeting one of the military sites in Damascus countryside, adding that the army's air defense intercepted the Israeli missiles, downing three of them."
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> "On December 1st, the army's air defense confronted an Israeli attack with surface-to-surface missiles on one of the military sites in Damascus countryside, destroying two of them."

Lebanese sources said the Israeli warplane fired six air-to-ground missiles at the military/research center, three intercepted, others apparently detonating on the ground, loud explosions heard.

On Monday, Israel's ambassador to Washington/close Netanyahu confidant Ron Lauder said

> "(t)he chances of military confrontation are growing."
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> "I can't tell you by the year or by the month. I'd say even by the week. Because the more they push, we have to enforce our red lines."

> "So in taking action to defend ourselves, you don't know what could happen. But I think (chances of Israeli war on Syria) is higher than people think."

In early November, Israel threatened to launch an incursion into Syria – on the phony pretext of protecting a Syrian Golan Druze village supporting Damascus, an IDF spokesman saying at the time:

> Israel's military "is prepared and ready to assist the residents of the village and prevent damage to or the capture of the village Hader out of commitment to the Druze population."

Washington and Israel support ISIS, al-Nusra and other terrorists in Syria. Netanyahu threatened war if Iran maintains a permanent military presence in the country – its legitimate right, invited by Damascus to be there.

Iranian military personnel are largely helping in an advisory capacity from Syrian bases, none of its own as falsely reported.

Netanyahu gave Damascus an ultimatum. If Iranian forces establish bases or use Syrian ones, Israel will attack Syrian army positions and other military targets – a near-declaration of war.

Two instances of Israeli aerial aggression on Syria in three days perhaps indicates stepped-up attacks coming.

Russia has sophisticated S-400 air defense systems protecting Syrian airspace. They're able to strike targets up to 400 km away at altitudes up to 90,000 feet.

They're protecting Russian facilities and personnel in the country. It's time they're used against incoming missiles by Israel or any other foreign source, aimed at striking Syrian targets.

The only language Washington and Israel understand is force. Destroying incoming IDF missiles and its attacking warplanes close to Syrian territory will show Netanyahu his aggression will be forcefully countered.

If nothing is done to stop Israeli attacks, they'll continue, likely escalate, making conflict resolution harder to achieve.

Much depends on how Putin responds to increasing Israeli aggression. Failure to confront it assures more to come.

Sophisticated Russian air defense systems can destroy air-to-ground missiles with pinpoint accuracy.

It's high time they're used to defend Syrian territory from aerial aggression. Otherwise, it's likely to escalate.

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