

## Israeli fighters penetrate into Lebanon

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Israeli warplanes have reportedly overflown southern Lebanon amid speculation that Tel Aviv may be seeking to provoke Hezbollah.

The warplanes overflew the Lebanese port city of Sidon on Tuesday morning, a Press TV correspondent reported.

Tel Aviv has repeatedly accused Hezbollah of making preparations to attack Israel to avenge the murder of its commander Imad Mughniyeh.

Mughniyeh was killed in a car bomb attack in Damascus last year.

This comes as Hezbollah lawmaker Hassan Hoballah has affirmed that the Lebanese movement has no intention to go to war despite "the recent propaganda against it".

He warned, however, that Hezbollah would defend Lebanon if Israel were to invade his country.

Tel Aviv launched a massive onslaught against the Gaza Strip on <u>December 27</u> and <u>put its</u> <u>army personnel stationed along the Lebanese border on high alert</u> earlier this week.

Israeli forces crossed the border into the Gaza Strip late Saturday night and launched a ground incursion into the densely populated region. The offensive has so far left over 584 Palestinians killed and 3000 others wounded.

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