

Netanyahu Admits having Ordered Air Strikes against Syria

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Israel has launched dozens of strikes in Syria, the regime's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu admits for the first time.

Visiting Israeli troops in the occupied Golan Heights on Monday, Netanyahu said Israel carried out the attacks to prevent alleged arms transfers to Lebanon's resistance movement Hezbollah.

"We act when we need to act, including here across the border, with dozens of strikes meant to prevent Hezbollah from obtaining game-changing weaponry," he added.

The Israeli premier did not give any time frame for the strikes in Syria. He also did not elaborate on what kind of strikes the Israeli army had carried out.

It was the first time an Israeli official has admitted to launching strikes in Syria, after several media reports that Tel Aviv conducted such attacks.

"We are also working on other fronts, near and far, but we do it intelligently," Netanyahu said, adding that Israel may itself "enter the battlefield."

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks to troopers in the occupied Golan Heights on April 11, 2016.

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Hezbollah has been aiding Syrian forces in their fight against Takfiri militants across the Arab state over the past few years.

Lebanon has seen acts of terror associated with the militancy in Syria. Daesh and al-Nusra Front terrorists have been active on the outskirts of the Lebanese town of Arsal, located on the border with Syria.

Syria says Israel and its Western and regional allies are aiding Takfiri militant groups operating inside the Arab country.

The Syrian army has repeatedly seized huge quantities of Israeli-made weapons and advanced military equipment from the foreign-backed militants inside Syria. A number of Syria militants received medical treatments in Israel after being injured during clashes with

Syrian army troops.

Israel launched two wars on Lebanon in 2000 and 2006. About 1,200 Lebanese, most of them civilians, lost their lives during the 33-day war in the summer of 2006.

On both occasions, Hezbollah fighters gave befitting responses to the Tel Aviv regime's acts of aggression, forcing the Israeli military to retreat without achieving any of its objectives.

The Tel Aviv regime has resorted to an intelligence and psychological campaign against Hezbollah to compensate for its fiascos in the two wars on Lebanon.

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