

The Pentagon had ordered Photographing Syria's Latakia Base Before Israeli Air Strike

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archive photo above: Israeli F-16 jet fighters

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US military ordered photographing Syria's military base in Latakia just hours before it was targeted by Israel, a new report suggests.



A satellite image of a site in Syria that was attacked in an Israeli airstrike, taken on the morning of the strike on October 30, 2013.

Israeli Defense Magazine has published photos of the base which were taken by a DigitalGlobe, ordered by the US defense establishment, approximately nine hours before it was attacked.

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Israel has declined to comment on the attack but less than 24 hours after the initial reports of several large explosions near Snobar Jableh a source within the Obama administration revealed to CNN's Pentagon reporter, Barbara Starr, that Israel was responsible for the attack.

That leak prompted fury within the Tel Aviv regime.

But the DigitalGlobe photos and the fact that they were ordered by the US defense establishment, would strongly indicate that the US already had got the information it sought regarding the base and they were also tipped off about a possible strike.

Taken at 10 a.m., roughly nine hours before the strike, the photos show two possible targets: an upgraded and deployed battery of S-125 missiles and six very large trailers that could carry missiles.

The photos were first published by intelligence analyst Ronen Solomon along with a co-authored accompanying article in the magazine.

In May, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, after ordering a series of strikes in Syria, flew to Sochi, Russia, to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Accompanied by his national security adviser and the head of the army's military intelligence directorate, Netanyahu reportedly asked Putin to suspend the planned shipment of S-300 air defense system to Syria.

Israel has already carried out at least four airstrikes on Syrian soil so far this year.

The regime, which has been strong supporter of the war to topple Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has also been making provocative moves along the Syrian borders, in the occupied Golan Heights.

The conflict in Syria started in March 2011, when pro-reform protests turned into a massive insurgency following the intervention of Western and regional states.

The unrest, which took in terrorist groups from across Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, has transpired as one of the bloodiest conflicts in recent history.

According to the United Nations, more than 100,000 people have been killed and millions displaced due to the turmoil that has gripped Syria for over two years.

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