

# Five killed in Israeli air strikes on Damascus, Syria says

## Attack on the central area of Kfar Souseh leads to speculation that key operative targeted

Israeli forces fired missiles on Sunday at a central area of Damascus where major security compounds are located, pro-government media said, in a rare attack deep within the capital.

Air raids and other attacks by Israel has increased on Syria in the past few years to curb increased Iranian presence, and what it says is the smuggling of long-range rockets and missiles into Syria.

At least five people were killed in the attack on the upmarket, tightly guarded Kfar Souseh neighbourhood, as well as other areas on the edge of the city, state TV said.

It quoted a military official as saying that shortly after midnight on Sunday Israeli missiles struck several targets in Damascus and its surroundings, including “residential neighbourhoods inhabited by civilians”.

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