

Netanyahu Warns Iran After Israel Reportedly Fires Missiles at Syria

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu published a stern warning to Iran on Saturday evening, less than 24 hours after at least a dozen Iranian military personnel were killed when their base in Syria was destroyed.

Arab media reported over the weekend that the base, said to be an Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps installation not far from Damascus, was hit by several Israeli surface-to-surface missiles.

The BBC reported just weeks ago that Iran was busy establishing a permanent military presence in Syria, a move that Israel views as an existential threat.

According to Syria's state-run SANA news agency, Israel fired five of its Jericho ballistic missiles at the base. One or more of the missiles were reportedly intercepted by Syrian and/or Russian air defenses, but the remainder struck their target, causing tremendous damage.

Israeli officials refused to comment on the incident. But the timing of Netanyahu's video warning strongly suggested that the Arab media reports were at least partially accurate.

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