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Any violation of Syrian airspace will be considered foreign aggression

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Damascus, February 24 (RHC)-- Syria has warned against any violation of its airspace, emphasizing that such an encroachment will be treated as a “foreign act of aggression” and duly confronted.

Syria’s official news agency SANA, citing a statement released by the General Command of the Army and Armed Forces, says the country's air defense units have been ordered to open fire on any foreign aircraft violating the Syrian airspace.

“Any warplane that will infiltrate the Syrian airspace will be dealt with as a hostile target. It will be hunted down and destroyed once discovered,” warned the statement.

Late on February 13, Syria's air defenses intercepted an Israeli missile attack shortly after launch from over the occupied Golan Heights. “Our air defenses confronted an Israeli attack” west of Damascus, SANA reported at the time, adding that they “were able to shoot down most of the enemy missiles before they reached their targets.”

Meanwhile, Syrian government forces pounded the positions of members of the Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, formerly known as al-Nusra Front, Takfiri terrorist group in a number of areas in the southern countryside of the northwestern city of Ma'arat al-Nu'man, located 33 kilometers south of Idlib.

SANA reported that Syrian soldiers monitored the movement of the extremists on the outskirts

of Kafr Nabl town in addition to Maarzita and Ftireh villages on Sunday. The strikes resulted in cutting off the supply routes of the militants, and destruction of their fortified positions.

Separately, Turkey reportedly refused to offer its own Syrian proxies refuge in the wake of advances by Syrian government forces in the northeastern province of Hasakah.

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