Report: Israel hit nuclear target in Syria

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A US Defence Department official has told the New York times that he believes Israel has photographed <u>nuclear installations</u> in Syria within the past few weeks, and that this may have been the reason for the recent Israeli infiltration into Syrian airspace. The Israeli government has so far refused to comment on the event, which has drawn criticism from the Syrian government,

<u>Iran</u> and a surprising rebuff from North Korea.

Quote: "Spokesman of Iranian foreign ministry Thursday evening condemned the violation of the Syrian airspace by the Zionist military planes. According to information and press department of the ministry, Mohammad-Ali Hosseini, the ministry's spokesman, said this brazen and provocative act was aimed at extending the internal crises of the Zionist regime to regions beyond the Palestine land and expanding insecurity in the region, as well as diverting the public attention from the disastrous consequences of their resounding defeat in their 33-day long war against Lebanon.

Quote: ""This is a very dangerous provocation little short of wantonly violating the sovereignty of Syria and seriously harassing the regional peace and security," a spokesman for the DPRK Foreign Ministry was quoted as saying by the Korean Central News Agency. "The Democratic People's Republic of Korea strongly denounces the above-said intrusion and extends full support and solidarity to the Syrian people in their just cause to defend the national security and the regional peace," he added.

According to the US Defence official, Israel believes North Korea is shipping nuclear material from its facilities to Iran and Syria, and this strike was aimed at intercepting those shipments. CNN has reported that the US government was pleased with the operation, and are "hap py to have Israel convey to both Syria and Iran the message that they can get in and out and strike when necessary"

. If indeed the target was nuclear related, that may explain Syria's rather subdued response to the so-called provocation. It may also explain the profound silence from Western nations on this issue... perhaps they are hoping Iran will be taking notes. And as Iran continues down the path of nuclear armament, it seems that it will be left to Israel to make the first move, before all the Middle East is at the mercy of an Iranian Mullah.

1st Chronicles 12:32

And of the children of Issachar, [which were men] that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them [were] two hundred; and all their brethren [were] at

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their commandment.

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