

TEL AVIV (Dispatches) -- Israel's military chief Eyal Zamir canceled a planned U.S. trip on Wednesday due to a "sensitive security situation," i24 reported.

A senior source said, "You can't put the military on alert and fly abroad." The move followed Netanyahu's warning of pre-election attack threats. A FlyDubai jet also diverted to Saudi Arabia Wednesday after an alleged cockpit assault.

When you hear a tradition test it according to the criterion of intelligence not that of mere hearing, because relaters of knowledge are numerous but those who guard it are few.

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Yemen Downs Drone as Saudi Strikes Hit Civilian Infrastructure



Smoke billows from the site of Israeli airstrikes in Sana'a, Yemen, August 24, 2025.

SANA'A (Dispatches) -- Ansarullah-led Yemeni forces shot down a Saudi reconnaissance drone over Sa'ada province on Wednesday, as the Saudi-backed regime in Aden struggles to halt battlefield advances and Riyadh reportedly seeks to recruit foreign mercenaries to compensate for its failing proxy forces.

Hazam al-Asad, a member of Ansarullah's political bureau, said the downed aircraft was a ScanEagle reconnaissance and surveillance drone operated by the Saudi military and manufactured by Boeing, valued at \$11.25 million.

Asad stated that repeated downings of Saudi warplanes and drones have forced Riyadh to increasingly rely on missiles and rockets in attacks on northern Yemen.

The downing came amid renewed Saudi aggression. Al-Masirah television reported that Saudi forces carried out seven

missile strikes against the Sahar district of Sa'ada within a single hour.

The Saudi military has been bombing schools, telecommunication infrastructure, and other civilian sites in Yemen in response to Sanaa's retaliatory campaign against the kingdom and its proxies.

"Saudi enemy warplanes carried out at least four airstrikes targeting the telecommunications network in Jabal Qarn al-Ajam in Raydah District," Al-Masirah TV's correspondent reported Wednesday.

Strikes also targeted Dhibin and Harf Sufyan, according to the Yemeni media outlet.

Earlier this week, Saudi aircraft launched 38 attacks across Ta'iz, Sa'ada and Hajjah within 24 hours, bringing the reported total to 1,123 since the latest escalation began.

In southern Yemen, Ansarullah-led forces

launched a ballistic missile at a military base belonging to Saudi mercenaries in Lahj province, striking the Nation Shield Forces' 1st Division base in Khor Amira.

Five Saudi mercenaries were killed and three wounded. Fighting has intensified around mountainous areas in Lahj, with Saudi mercenaries clinging to their last positions in the face of Ansarullah advances.

Separately, Intelligence Online revealed that Riyadh is considering renewed use of foreign mercenaries, including Colombians previously associated with the notorious American company Blackwater, to deter the advances of Ansarullah-led forces.

Saudi authorities have contacted advisers previously involved in recruiting foreign mercenaries, and Riyadh has expanded frantic efforts to seek urgent assistance from the United States, Britain

and France.

The kingdom has also launched a charm offensive to mend fences with the UAE after clashing over Sudan, Yemen and Somaliland. Saudi Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman hosted UAE Vice President Mansour bin Zayed in Riyadh on Tuesday, marking the kingdom's most prominent effort yet to reconcile with its neighbor.

Saudi Arabia and the UAE had previously relied on Colombian and other foreign mercenaries in their war on Yemen, which ended in a humiliating defeat and forced a ceasefire with Sana'a.

The war erupted anew after Saudi warplanes bombed Sana'a airport in a bid to block the return of a Yemeni delegation from Tehran attending the funeral of martyred Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

Israeli Troops Raid Village in Quneitra as Students Head to School

DAMASCUS (Dispatches) -- Israeli forces pressed ahead with a new wave of incursions, shelling and arrests across southern Syria on Wednesday, as a UN truce monitoring team inspected the site of a previous Israeli bombardment in the Yarmouk Basin.

The UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) team examined damage near Dabbet al-Maghur in the western Daraa countryside, where an Israeli shelling on September 21 killed approximately 15 livestock.

The observers documented the incident for an official report but could not meet the owners, who were absent during the visit.

In a separate incident, Israeli forces shelled Hamriya Hill near Taranja village in the northern Quneitra countryside. No casualties were reported.

Wednesday's operations followed a day of intensified Israeli military aggression across the south. An Israeli force of five vehicles raided Zubaydah village in central Quneitra countryside as students were heading to school, causing panic among residents and parents.

Israeli troops detained a young man from al-Hurriya village in the northern Quneitra countryside, with no information on the reasons for his arrest or his whereabouts.

Israeli forces also raided several homes in Ma'ariya village in the Yarmouk Basin of western Dara'a,

conducting searches amid intensive drone flights over the area. A military force positioned itself on the road linking Ma'ariya and Abidin villages.

In Khan Arnabeh near the industrial zone, Israeli troops stopped and searched passersby before withdrawing.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Israeli forces established a checkpoint between Ein al-Nuriya and Khan Arnabeh in Quneitra province, and reported that a force of two military vehicles had earlier infiltrated from Tal Abu al-Ghaithar gate toward Saida al-Hanut village.

Separately, armed clashes between two families erupted in Beit Ara village in the western Dara'a countryside on Wednesday, leaving one woman dead and a child injured.

Local reports said the fighting stemmed from a longstanding dispute that escalated into an exchange of gunfire inside the village. The injured child's condition remained unclear, and no arrests were immediately confirmed.

The violence came amid mounting documentation of Israeli violations. Monitoring by Anadolu Agency and the Sijil Center recorded Israeli violations on at least 150 days through mid-September, including bombardments, incursions, raids and aerial activity across Quneitra, Dara'a and the Damascus countryside.

Dubai-Tel Aviv Flight Diverts to Saudi Arabia After Cockpit Brawl

DUBAI (Dispatches) -- A flydubai flight from Dubai to Tel Aviv carrying 150 passengers, including 100 Israeli settlers, made an emergency landing in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday after a violent altercation between the pilots triggered a hijacking alert, according to Israeli officials and flight tracking data.

Flight FZ1073 transmitted emergency code 7700, indicating a general emergency, before briefly switching to 7500, the internationally recognized code for unlawful interference or a possible hijacking, during the incident.

The alert prompted Israeli authorities to scramble fighter jets, with terrorist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu convening an emergency security session and closing airspace over the occupied territories. The aircraft subsequently diverted to Tabuk in northwestern Saudi Arabia, where it landed safely.

Israeli officials later determined the emergency signal had been triggered by a dispute between the two pilots. Reports described the confrontation as a violent altercation in the cockpit, with the aircraft changing course and the emergency code being activated during the incident.

The UAE and Israel have maintained formal diplomatic relations since September 15, 2020, when they signed the so-called Abraham Accords. The relationship has expanded into trade, investment, tourism, technology and transport.

The UAE's Foreign Ministry reported that bilateral merchandise trade reached \$3.209 billion in 2025. Cumulative merchandise trade between the two regimes reached about \$14.53 billion between September 2020 and May 2026, while passenger traffic between them reached approximately 1.53 million in 2025, according to official figures.

During the U.S.-Israeli aggression against Iran, Israel deployed an Iron Dome air-defense battery and dozens of troops to the UAE to help protect U.S. and Israeli assets from Iranian missile and drone attacks.

The political relationship was on display again on Sunday, when Netanyahu traveled to Abu Dhabi and met UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The UAE's official Emirates News Agency said the two discussed "bilateral relations and ways to strengthen and develop them."

The visit came only days after Netanyahu's September 24 address to the United Nations General Assembly, during which 77 delegations walked out of the hall. The UAE delegation was among those that remained in the chamber during Netanyahu's address.

The latest Netanyahu visit has drawn additional attention because it followed reports that Sheikh Mohamed had warned Netanyahu before October 7, 2023 about the possibility of a major operation by Palestinian resistance movement Hamas.

Lebanese Soldier, Civilians Wounded in Israeli Drone Strike on Army Vehicle

BEIRUT (Dispatches) -- Israeli forces wounded a Lebanese soldier and three civilians in a strike on an army vehicle on Wednesday, as artillery and helicopter assaults hit multiple towns in continued violation of a disgraceful U.S.-brokered framework agreement.

The Lebanese Army Command said a soldier sustained serious injuries and three civilians were wounded when an Israeli drone targeted an army vehicle in Nabatieh al-Fawqa, according to official statements.

A Lebanese Red Cross source told Xinhua that one of the injured was in critical condition.

The strike came amid a broader wave of Israeli attacks across the

south. Lebanese security sources reported intermittent artillery shelling on the towns of Hadatha and Baraachit in the Bint Jbeil district, while a Merkava tank fired two shells toward a house in the al-Deir area of Baraachit at dawn.

Israeli forces carried out two explosions in the woodlands of Beit Yahoun and Aita al-Jabal.

Further south, Israeli helicopters strafed the towns of Mefidoun and Zawtar al-Sharqiyah with heavy machine gun fire, while artillery bombardment targeted Kfar Tebnit and Zawtar al-Sharqiyah in the Nabatieh district.

In al-Mansouri, Israeli forces continued hostile actions after blowing up most of the town's homes, detonating its wells and cutting off the

water network.

UNIFIL reported that Israeli drones, fighter jets and helicopters violated Lebanese airspace 143 times between Friday and Sunday, while recording 166 projectile trajectories all attributed to the Israeli military.

The peacekeeping mission detected no rocket or artillery launches from Hezbollah or other armed groups during that period.

The attacks persist despite a framework agreement signed on June 26 under U.S. mediation, which has become a pretext for Israel to expand its total destruction of south Lebanon.

Lebanese authorities say Israeli attacks have killed at least 4,386 people, injured 12,407 others, and

displaced more than one million since early March.

Hezbollah has rejected the humiliating agreement, while Lebanese officials warn that the continued occupation and strikes threaten to create a dangerous security vacuum.

Lebanon has urged the UN to reconsider the withdrawal of UNIFIL, whose mandate is due to expire at the end of this year.

UNICEF warned Wednesday that four in five households in Lebanon are struggling to afford basic necessities, with 22 percent reporting children had gone to bed hungry in the previous two weeks.

The agency estimated 770,000 children have experienced psychological distress over the past six months.

settler violence and displacement. Human Rights Watch reported in August that settler attacks had fully or partially displaced 107 Palestinian communities, involving about 5,900 people, since January 2023.

UN data shows displacement during the first four months of 2026 already exceeded the total recorded for all of 2025.

The failed resolution follows growing debate in Congress over U.S. policy toward Israel, with Democratic senators introducing or supporting measures seeking greater scrutiny of Israeli settlement terrorism and U.S. military assistance.

Since October 2023, the occupied West Bank has experienced a rise in terrorism by the Israeli army and settlers. More than 1,200 Palestinians have been killed by settlers over the past three years, drawing near-unanimous international condemnation.

U.S. Senate Blocks Report on Israeli Killing of Americans in West Bank

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) -- The U.S. Senate has rejected a Democratic-led resolution that would have compelled the State Department to report on violence and human rights conditions in the occupied West Bank, including Israel's killing of nine American citizens.

The measure, introduced by Democratic Senator Chris Van Hollen of Maryland under Section 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act, was defeated 47-51 on Tuesday.

It would have required the State Department to submit findings within 30 days on the deaths of nine Americans and broader abuses, including the detention of Palestinian children.

Van Hollen said the outcome showed the need for greater scrutiny of the treatment of U.S. citizens in the West Bank, stating Washington has a responsibility to ensure recipients of U.S. taxpayer-funded assistance comply with U.S. laws.

"While I was pleased that so many of my Democratic colleagues joined this effort, it's clear the United States must do more," he said. "It is our responsibility to ensure recipients of U.S. taxpayer dollars act in line with our laws and our values -- this resolution was an opportunity to shed light on a reality that flies in the face of that principle."

The nine Americans cited include Sayfollah Musallet, a 20-year-old from Florida killed by Israeli settlers in July 2025, and Khamis Ayyad, an Illinois father of five who died after a settler attack in the village of Silwad.

The list also includes two 17-year-olds, Tawfic Abdel Jabbar and Muhammad Khmour, killed in separate incidents in 2024; Turkish-American activist Aysenur Ezgi Eygi, killed by Israeli forces that year; and Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, killed in 2022.

The vote came amid continued concern over