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## *Israeli-Syrian air clash*

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SYRIA REPORTED THAT TWO FORMATIONS OF ISRAELI PLANES ATTACKED SYRIAN ARMY ADVANCED POSITIONS ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS TODAY WITH "MANY" AIR TO GROUND SHRIKE-TYPE MISSILES BUT WERE DRIVEN OFF BY SYRIAN FIGHTER PLANES AND AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS.

DAMASCUS RADIO INTERRUPTED ITS REGULAR PROGRAM TO ANNOUNCE TODAY'S ISRAELI AIR ATTACK. IT SAID:

"AT 9:35 THIS MORNING TWO ENEMY FORMATIONS FLEW OVER THE OCCUPIED SYRIAN (GOLAN) HEIGHTS ON THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN SECTORS OF THE FRONT AND FIRED MANY AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILES OF THE 'SHRIKE' TYPE OVER OUR ADVANCED POSITIONS.

"OUR FIGHTERS AND AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTERCEPTED THEM AND PREVENTED THEM FROM REACHING THEIR TARGETS."

THE ARAB STATES WERE STILL TIGHTENING UP THEIR STRATEGY AND TACTICS TO COPE WITH ANY EVENTUALITY AND THERE WERE INTENSE NEGOTIATIONS. EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT HAD TALKS LAST WEEK WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD WHO JOINED HIM IN THE WAR AND WITH THE LEADERS OF KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA WHO FINANCED MOST OF IT.

KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN FLEW TO THE SAUDI CAPITAL OF RIYADH TODAY FOR TALKS WITH KING FAISAL AND FLEW BACK TO AMMAN IMMEDIATELY. ALGERIAN PRESIDENT HOUARI BOUMEDIENNE, WHO HAS BEEN TOURING ARAB CAPITALS, LEFT RIYADH TODAY AFTER TALKS WITH FAISAL.

SADAT MET TODAY IN CAIRO WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ISSMAIL FAHMI. IN TUNIS PRESIDENT HABIB BOURGUIBA SAID HE WAS READY TO DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST WITH ANY ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR.

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