

In Shocking Move, Israel Strikes Hamas Leadership in Doha, Capital of Qatar, for 1st Time

This is a developing story.

The Israeli Air Force struck a building in the Qatari capital of Doha on Tuesday, in an attempt to eliminate the senior leadership of the terror organization Hamas.

Footage from Doha showed smoke rising above the capital. The Qatari outlet Al-Arabi reported that the building served as the bureau of Hamas official, Khalil al-Hayya.

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The Israel Defense Forces and the Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) stated: "For years, these members of the Hamas leadership have led the terrorist organization's operations, are directly responsible for the brutal October 7th massacre, and have been orchestrating and managing the war against the State of Israel."

In a statement, the IDF and Shin Bet announce targeting Hamas's leadership in Qatar in a strike carried out by the Israeli Air Force.

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The military also noted that measures were taken to mitigate harm to civilians in the city of over one million residents.

These included “the use of precise munitions and additional intelligence.”

“The IDF and ISA will continue to operate with determination in order to defeat the Hamas terrorist organization responsible for the October 7th massacre,” the statement concluded.



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A senior Israeli official told Israeli news outlets: “We struck the Hamas leadership in Qatar, including Khalil al-Hayya and [Zaher] al-Jabarin. We are awaiting the results of the strike. There is a consensus among the political and security leadership.”

The Saudi news outlet Al-Arabiya reported that al-Hayya was killed in the strike.

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The highly unusual strike in a country that is a major non-NATO ally of the United States is expected to end Qatar’s role as a mediator in the negotiations between Hamas and Israel.

An Israeli official told Israeli outlets that the strike had been coordinated with the U.S. beforehand.

The spokesman of Qatar’s Foreign Ministry, Majed Al Ansari, strongly condemned “the cowardly Israeli attack that targeted residential buildings housing several members of the political bureau of the Hamas movement.”

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“This criminal assault constitutes a blatant violation of all

international laws and norms, and poses a serious threat to the security and safety of Qataris and residents in Qatar," the spokesman continued.

"While strongly condemning this attack, the State of Qatar emphasizes that it will not tolerate this reckless and irresponsible Israeli behavior, which continuously undermines the region's security, or any action targeting its security and sovereignty. Investigations are ongoing at the highest level, and further details will be announced as soon as they become available."

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