

# Declassified: IDF Raided Iran-Backed Underground Missile Factory in Syria

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) conducted a secret raid to destroy an underground missile factory funded by Iran inside Syria prior to the fall of the Assad regime, Israeli military censors revealed on Thursday.

The declassified photos and videos of the operation, which involved 100 Israeli commandos from the elite Shaldag (“Kingfisher”) unit, went viral in Israel.

In a statement, the IDF said:

*On September 8th, 2024, during a special operation by the Israeli Air Force, troops from the Shaldag Unit raided and destroyed an underground compound for manufacturing precision missiles in the Masyaf area, deep in Syrian territory.*

*For years, the Intelligence Directorate conducted extensive intelligence gathering and monitoring, confirming the value of the target. In the months leading up to the operation, a plan was launched for the Israeli Air Force to destroy it.*

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