

Lebanon on edge: Hezbollah fires 100 rockets, Israel hits Baalbek

Israeli airstrikes pounded Lebanon's northeast city of Baalbek after Hezbollah fired 100 rockets in Israel in the heaviest exchange of fire since October.

BEIRUT — The Israeli military resumed airstrikes in northeastern Lebanon on Tuesday after exchanging fire with Hezbollah overnight. Late on Monday, Israel struck Baalbek and the heavily armed Hezbollah movement responded by firing more than 100 rockets toward Israel. The fighting between the two sides is escalating at an alarming rate, ramping up fears of a full-blown war.

According to local news reports, Israeli fighter jets launched a series of missile strikes in the town of Nabi Shayth and in the Dhour al-Ayroun area on the outskirts of Saraain, both in the Baalbek district some 100 kilometers (62 miles) from the Israel-Lebanon border, where Israel and Hezbollah have been exchanging fire since October.

According to Al-Mayadeen TV, which has ties to Hezbollah, the strikes destroyed a three-story building near Saraain. Lebanon's official National News Agency said at least one person was killed and eight others were injured.

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