

Could the Hezbollah Drone Air Strip in Lebanon Launch Conventional and BW Attacks Against Israel?



Hezbollah Drone Airstrip Lebanon

Source: IHS *Jane's*

April 23, 2015 IHS *Jane's* revealed satellite photos of what appeared to be an airstrip in Northern Lebanon making note of Hezbollah active drone program ostensibly used against Syrian rebels. *The Washington Times* [reported](#):

Satellite imagery suggests that [Hezbollah](#) has constructed a drone airstrip in [Lebanon](#), roughly 10 miles from [Syria's](#) border, to fly Iranian-made drones.

The global risk company IHS [reported](#) Friday.

[IHS](#) *Jane's* reported that the organization may be operating Iranian-made Ababil-3 or Shahed-129 aircraft at the site.



Iranian Ababil-3 "Swallow" Drone

According to a [report](#) from *Army Recognition* website the Ababil-3 "Swallow", is capable of flying a top speed of 200 kilometers per hour has a night vision capability, enabling it take and transmit high definition imagery from targets day and night. The drone has a flying range of 100 kilometers, ceiling of 5,000 meters, and flight duration of 4 hours and a top speed of 200 kilometers per hour. The Shahed -129 is a

fully capable UCAV capable of undertaking missions attacking targets with missiles. [The Aviationist](#) in a report on the Shahed-129 caught on video flying near Damascus in April 2014 noted:

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