

# Syrian Anti-Aircraft Missile 'Explodes in Air' Near Israel's Dimona Nuclear Reactor

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The first reports of a Syrian surface-to-air SA-5 missile landing “near Dimona” gave rise to stories which assumed that the Syrians had been deliberately aiming a missile at Dimona’s nuclear reactor, Israel’s most heavily defended site, had the Syrian missile managed to hit it, there would have been untold consequences, with devastating attacks throughout Syria. And there were worries about why the IDF had failed to intercept the missile, which blew up in mid-air, apparently without having been hit, with its fragments landing harmlessly – no casualties, little damage – in Ashalim, a community about 40 kilometers from Dimona. An investigation by the IDF is underway. A report on the incident is here: “IDF probing why

air defenses didn't intercept Syrian anti-aircraft missile,"  
by Judah Ari Gross, [\*Jihad Watch\*](#).