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## Islamic State fired at Israel in bid to draw it into Syria, says ex-intel chief

**Amos Yadlin says IDF was correct to shoot at jihadist missile launcher and not regime target after projectiles landed in Sea of Galilee**

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The former head of the IDF's military intelligence said Thursday that the firing of a pair of missiles from Syria into the Sea of Galilee a day earlier was likely an effort by the Islamic State group to draw Israel into a confrontation with the Syrian regime.

The missiles crashed into the lake mere dozens of meters from groups of tourists, according to eyewitnesses, and were initially thought to be spillover fighting from intense battles taking place just over the border in Syria, where regime forces backed by Russian air power are attempting to gain control of a last pocket held by jihadists.

But **Amos Yadlin**, a former IDF general, said it seemed the Islamic State had deliberately targeted Israel, looking to take advantage of the IDF's policy of striking forces belonging to Syrian President Bashar Assad in response to spillover violence.

"I actually think [IS] did want to harm us," said Yadlin, who now head of the **Institute for National Security Studies** think tank.

"What [IS] wanted was apparently to cause some kind of confrontation between us and the Syrians, who are putting immense pressure on them with heavy shelling from Syrian planes and Russian planes," Yadlin told the Times of Israel. "I think that the intention was to cause harm, but these types of rockets are very, very inaccurate."

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