



Drone attack on Israel puts spotlight on Iron Dome's limitations

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Slow, small and relatively cheap to make, drones have become a deadly headache for Israelis in this year-long war.

Hezbollah's attack on an army base near Binyamina in northern Israel on Sunday, which killed four men and injured dozens more, was the most damaging drone strike on the country to date.

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"Most, if not all, of the drones are manufactured by the Iranians and then supplied to the armed groups in Lebanon, Iraq and Yemen," **Dr Yehoshua Kalisky, senior researcher of the Institute of National Security Studies** in Tel Aviv, told the BBC.

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"They're also difficult to intercept with aircraft because the UAV's (drones) fly slowly," Dr Kalisky explained. "They're going about 200km/h (124mph) compared to 900km/h (559mph) of a jet plane."

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"High powered lasers are being worked on and the other technology is using microwave cannons to burn the drone electronics," Dr Kalisky said. "These technologies will hopefully be available in the very near future."

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