

# Repulsing NATO Attack? Syrian Navy, Air Force Hold Live-Fire Maneuvers

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## Navy and Air Force Conduct Live Fire Maneuvers

DAMASCUS: According to the operational training plan for 2011, the Air Force and Air Defense on Tuesday conducted a live-fire demonstration with the participation of formations of Air Force fighters, fighter bombers, fire support helicopters and the Air Defense formations.

The demonstration was aimed at testing the combat capability and readiness of the Air Force and Air Defense to confront any possible aggression that might target Syria's land and airspace.

The participant formations showed a high level of coordination and cooperation under conditions similar to a real battle. The personnel demonstrated a qualitative expertness and capability in handling advanced weapons in detecting, tracking and destroying hostile targets, firing real missiles.

The Air Force members displayed excellent maneuvering capability and skillfulness in using weaponry and striking and hitting targets with a high degree of accuracy.

The fire demonstration included a successful airdrop operation by the Special Forces, which showed a qualitative level of training and ability to carry out tasks under various conditions.

Deputy General Commander of the Army and the Armed Forces, Defense Minister Gen. Dawood Rajiha, applauded the performance of the members of the Air Force and Air Defense who participated in the demonstration, stressing the Armed Forces' permanent readiness to defend the homeland by land, air and sea.

In parallel, the Navy conducted an operational tactical maneuver with live fire, as part of the combat training plan of the Navy for 2011.

Marine and coastal missiles participated in the maneuver under conditions similar to a real battle, hitting assumed hostile targets with an accuracy that reflected the high level of combat training the marine personnel had and their efficiency in using modern maritime weapons.

The maneuver demonstrated the naval forces' ability to repulse any possible aggression

under various conditions.

Chief of General Staff Gen. Fahd Jassem al-Freij hailed the performance of the naval forces personnel and the good preparedness that made the maneuver a success.

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