



United Arab Emirates: Rain of Fire - Over 1,300 Iranian Drones Intercepted

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The **United Arab Emirates** announced that they have repelled a massive attack conducted with **kamikaze drones**, **cruise missiles**, and **ballistic missiles** attributed to **Iran**. According to the Emirati **Ministry of Defense**, the air defenses detected **1,422 UAVs**, managing to intercept **1,342** before they reached their targets.

The official report also includes **eight cruise missiles**, all destroyed, and **238 ballistic missiles** identified during the offensive. Of these, **221** were reportedly shot down, while **15** fell into the sea and **two** hit the national territory. Numbers that show the scale of the attack and the pressure exerted on the country's **air defense** network.

The military significance: quantity matters too

The episode demonstrates that in modern conflicts, having advanced systems is not enough: there is also a need to handle attacks in **mass**. This is the essence of the title: **not only**

quality, but also quantity. Intercepting a few targets is one thing, stopping a swarm of over **fourteen hundred drones** along with various types of missiles is a much more complex challenge.

Drones similar to the Iranian **Shahed**, indirectly mentioned in the footage released by the Emirates, are weapons designed specifically to saturate defenses. They have a **low radar signature**, are relatively inexpensive, and can be launched in large numbers to challenge radars, interceptors, and command centers. For this reason, modern aerial warfare is increasingly measured by the ability to withstand the volume of the attack, not just the sophistication of individual systems.

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The message from the Emirates and the lessons of the conflict

With the video released by the **Armed Forces** and the note from the **Ministry of Defense**, Abu Dhabi aimed to send a clear message: security and **national sovereignty** are non-negotiable. The images of the interceptions are meant to show that the Emirates have a **multi-layered defense** capable of responding against **drones, cruise missiles, and ballistic missiles**.

However, an important element remains: part of the threats still managed to breach the defensive shield. This confirms that even the most advanced systems can be pressured by saturation attacks. The strategic lesson is clear: in today's Middle East, superiority depends not only on **technological quality** but also on the ability to sustain a high-intensity and high-volume confrontation.

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