**Listening Exercise 149**

Military, Middle East

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Guidelines:

1. Review the questions and vocabulary
2. Listen to the audio twice (control + click the link). (If link does not work from email, save to computer and then open).
3. Answer the questions
4. Refer to the transcript, translation and answers to confirm correct responses and gauge understanding



**Questions**

1. What is alleged to have happened?
   1. Israel shot down Syrian plane
   2. Israeli drone attacked target
   3. Syria destroyed Israeli aircraft
   4. Syria attacked the Golan Heights
2. When was this supposed to have happened?
   1. Daytime
   2. Holiday
   3. Nightime
   4. Weekend
3. What was the reaction to the statement about what had happened?
   1. Acknowledgement
   2. Denial
   3. Regret
   4. Surprise
4. How many of these type incidents have taken place in the past week?
   1. None
   2. 1
   3. 2
   4. 4
5. This incident coincides with which of the following?
   1. Damascus car bombing
   2. Declaration of hostilities
   3. End of ceasefire
   4. Start of ceasefire
6. Which day of the week was it?
   1. Monday
   2. Tuesday
   3. Wednesday
   4. Friday

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| El ejército Siria asegura haber derrumbado un avión de combate y un dron israelíes en una zona limítrofe a los altos de Golan. Los aparatos israelíes que tomaron parte la pasada noche en un ataque contra una posición militar siria habrían sido abatidos por las defensas antiaéreas del régimen de Damasco. El avión de combate habría sido alcanzado en el suroeste de al-quneitra y el dron en la zona de Sasa. | The Syrian army claims to have downed a fighter plane and Israeli drone in a border area of the Golan Heights. Israeli units last night that took part in an attack on a Syrian military position would have been destroyed by anti-air defenses of the Damascus regime. The fighter plane would have been hit in the southwest of al-Quneitra and the drone in the area of Sasa. |
| La información ha sido rápidamente desmentida por Israel que asegura que en ningún momento la seguridad de sus aviones estuvo comprometida. En cualquier caso, se trata del cuarto incidente de este tipo en una semana y coincide con el alto de fuego en Siria que entró en vigor el lunes al atardecer. | The information was quickly denied by Israel ensuring that at no time was the safety of their aircraft compromised. In any case, it is the fourth such incident in a week and coincides with the cease-fire in Syria which came into force on Monday evening. |

**Vocabulary**

derrumbado downed

limítrofe bordering

los altos de Golan The Golan Heights

aparatos units, machines

abatidos destroyed

al-quneitra Syrian province

Sasa Syrian town

desmentida disproved, denied

comprometida compromised, engaged

alto de fuego cease fire

entró en vigor came into force/effect