

Russia Blames Israel for Airstrike on Syria this Morning, Pentagon Denies Responsibility



Syria and Russia are blaming Israel for war planes that attacked a government airbase; 14 people are reported to have been killed, including Iranians. The airbase houses Iranians, Russians and members of the Lebanese armed group, Hezbollah, Israel's sworn enemy, whom they attacked in February. Israel refused comment on the airstrike, but it has claimed in its prior attacks on Syria that it is preventing weapons transfer to Hezbollah. Israel is very concerned that Iran is establishing a military presence in Syria. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said that Russian military specialists visited Douma, the site of the reported chemical attack, and found no sign of chlorine gas or any other substance being used against civilians.