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Iranian Drone Shot Down in Northern Israel in February was Armed with Explosives

Israel revealed on Friday that an Iranian drone shot down in Israeli airspace in February after launching from an airbase in Syria was carrying explosives. According to the Times of Israel, the base was attacked last Monday, allegedly by Israel, in a strike that reportedly targeted Iran's entire attack drone weapons system — prompting soaring tensions between Israel and Iran. The Iranian drone shot down in February was carrying enough explosives to cause damage, military sources said. Its precise intended target in Israel was not known, they said. The February incident marked an unprecedented direct Iranian attack on Israel. Israel's acknowledgement of the nature of the drone's mission "brings the confrontation" between Israel and Iran "into the open" for the first time, Israel's Channel 10 news noted Friday. Iranian officials, for their part, have been vowing a response to the Monday airstrike, and an adviser to Iran's supreme leader last Thursday threatened Israel with destruction.