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CNN CLAIMS RUSSIAN MISSILES CRASHED IN IRAN, RUSSIA AND IRAN DENY

CNN NEWS FROM 2 UNNAMED US OFFICIALS

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'The U.S. believes, based on intelligence reports of damage assessments, that some buildings were damaged and civilians may have been hurt. It's unclear where in Iran the missiles landed. The Russian ships have been positioned in the south Caspian Sea, meaning the likely flight path for missiles into Syria would cross over both Iran and Iraq' (CNN)

The Russian Defense Ministry, from his spokesman Igor Konashenkov, answered 'Unlike CNN, we don't report quoting anonymous sources, but we show launches of our missiles and the targets they hit in real-time mode'. He carried on 'No matter how unpleasant and unexpected it is for our colleagues in the Pentagon and Langley, our strike yesterday with precision-guided weapons at ISIS infrastructure in Syria hit its targets.'

News of the apparent crashes, which were first reported by CNN, came as Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter sharply criticized what he called Russia's "unprofessional" conduct in its incursion into Syria. Speaking at a NATO news conference in Brussels, Mr. Carter said that Moscow had fired the cruise missiles with no advance notice... An American defense official said it was something of a surprise that Russia had used cruise missiles to attack Syrian targets, given that those weapons were more commonly used in the face of heavy air defenses, which Syria rebel groups do not have. American military officials speculated that Russia may have wanted to show its cruise missile ability to the world. (NYTimes)

On Wednesday, four Russian naval warships in the Caspian Sea fired a total of 26 missiles at positions of Islamic State in Syria, hitting all the targets, according to Defense Minister Sergey Shoigu.

The past seven days have brought a wave of competing propaganda from both Washington and Moscow as both East and West scramble to shape the narrative on Syria where Russia's "intervention" has apparently turned the tide in favor of Damascus, completely destroying the anti-Assad strategy of the Pentagon's regional allies. (Zerohegde).

Ashton Carter said at a press conference at NATO headquarters in Brussels that Moscow's air operation in Syria "will have consequences primarily for Russia itself. He added 'I expect that in the next few days the Russians will begin to lose in Syria' the US Defense Secretary added, also mentioning the possibility of retaliatory attacks by extremists in Russia.

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