

# Polisario militia strike Aousserd one day ahead of Moroccan military drills in the area

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The attack carried out by Polisario militias last night in Aousserd targeted an area where Royal Armed Forces prepare to begin today military exercises with live ammunition that will last until December 23.

Sources told Hespress that the four projectiles were dropped 6 kilometers away from residential areas but did not leave any casualties.

“MINURSO members, along with the Royal Armed Forces and members of the Military Gendarmerie, attended the site where the explosive projectiles fell to observe the terrorist crimes being carried out by the

separatist Polisario Front from behind the separation wall," sources told Hespess.

According to audio recordings from camel breeders in the region, the prefecture of Aoussard warned locals about areas adjacent to the districts of Aoussard, Bir Anzerane, and closeby areas,

Observers believe that the terrorist operation carried out by the Polisario militias comes in response to the US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Joshua Harris, excluding Polisario leaders from the round of consultations he is leading exclusively with Algeria and Morocco and the intensification of the United Nations political process to find a compatible political solution to the Moroccan Sahara conflict.

Last September, Harris visited Algeria and the Tindouf camps, where he met with Algerian officials and the Polisario leadership and stressed "the importance of full support and engagement with Staffan De Mistura, the personal envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in the spirit of realism and compromise, and intensifying efforts to achieve a lasting and dignified political solution to this conflict." "

The US Embassy in Rabat had previously announced that Harris would meet with Nasser Bourita, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccans Abroad.

Harris renewed Washington's support for the autonomy initiative in the southern provinces in an interview with Algerian media this week. He also denounced the targeting of civilians by the Polisario in the terrorist operation that took place in the city of Smara at the end of last October.