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PARIS, OCT 13, REUTER--THE ARAB LEAGUE OFFICE HERE SAID TODAY THAT THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT AMERICAN PLANES PILOTED BY AMERICANS HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN OVER DAMASCUS.

THE LEAGUE ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE SAYING THAT AFTER AIR RAIDS OVER DAMASCUS "IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT AMERICAN PLANES, NOT BEARING THE STAR OF DAVID MARKINGS BUT PILOTED BY U.S. CITIZENS HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE RAIDS.

"SUCH IS THE EXTREMELY SERIOUS INFORMATION WHICH HAS JUST BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED BY THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT," THE LEAGUE COMMUNIQUE SAID.

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