



## Iran claims another US F-35 shot down in its airspace



US F-35 fighter jet. Photo: Collected.

Amid rising tensions in the Middle East, Iran has claimed that one of the United States' advanced F-35 fighter jets was shot down inside its airspace. It has also been suggested that the pilot may not have survived the incident.

On Friday (April 3), international news agency Reuters, citing Iran's Mehr News Agency, reported the claim. According to Mehr, a powerful explosion occurred during the attack and the pilot was critically injured, with little chance of survival.

However, the US Central Command (CENTCOM) has not issued any official response regarding the incident so far.

Analysts say that if Iran's claim is confirmed, it could mark a significant escalation in the ongoing regional tensions.

The F-35 is one of the most advanced military aircraft in the US arsenal. Equipped with stealth technology, it is designed to avoid radar detection and can effectively operate even in heavily defended airspace.

About two weeks earlier, Iran made a similar claim. At that time, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) released a video allegedly showing a missile striking a fighter jet in mid-air.