



How the American Patriot air defense system was destroyed in Kyiv

Description

On the night of May 16, Russian units hit an American Patriot anti-aircraft missile system during an attack on military facilities in Kyiv. Turkish sources put forward two versions of what happened.

Prior to its destruction, the Patriot fired the entire 32 guided missiles, which cost \$5.275 million per unit. The cost of the battery itself is from 500 million to 1.5 billion dollars, depending on the complexity of the equipment.

According to the first version of what happened, after the discovery of the air defense system, he was attacked by a hypersonic missile “Dagger”. At the same time, the calculation of the complex, due to panic, released the entire ammunition load, reacting to a rocket launched from the north side. The target was not hit and destroyed the Patriot.

According to the second version, the air defense system was detected by means of electronic warfare. Next, the Patriot launched missiles at decoys, after which it was destroyed by the “Dagger”. At the same time, the MIM-104 missiles fired by the anti-aircraft missile system did not hit targets and exploded in the air, some of them hit random settlements.

According to the Rybar telegram channel, there were three launchers in total in the positional area. One of them was liquidated, the second was seriously damaged. The third avoided damage in principle.

Two installations stood side by side, and the third – behind the building. The Russian “Dagger” flew between the installations, but closer to the first: there was a detonation of the fuel. Pieces of the first installation and pieces of soil / asphalt riddled the second

– said the source of the channel.

Meanwhile, the production and maintenance of Patriot air defense systems is very expensive for the United States, and their losses are noticeable for the stock of American air defense forces. Thus, the Houthis have destroyed a significant number of missiles for these complexes in the past seven years,

and Washington was forced to replenish Riyadh with their stocks.

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