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JERUSALEM - (AP) Israel says UNESCO has reprimanded the country's envoy over a newspaper cartoon showing Israeli prime minister telling pilots to bomb the U.N. agency's office after bombing Iran.

Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor says UNESCO handed Ambassador Nimrod Barkan a protest note saying the cartoon "endangers the lives of unarmed diplomats."

The cartoon was published last week in the liberal daily Haaretz.

It depicts Benjamin Netanyahu with pilots before a hypothetical attack on Iran, telling them to target UNESCO on their way back.

It's a jab at Netanyahu's displeasure over the U.N. culture agency's recent recognition of the Palestinians as a member state.

Palmor said on Friday that Barkan told UNESCO that Israel has a free press.

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