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GAZA CITY (AP) - Explosions have taken place in two places in Gaza City, in the Palestinian territory of Gaza.

Gaza security officials attributed the blasts early Friday to Israeli airstrikes on a home and a security compound. A Gaza hospital official said a 13-year-old boy was killed and 10 people were wounded.

There was no Israeli military confirmation of airstrikes a day after Israel accused Gaza militants of infiltrating southern Israel from Egypt and carrying out a series of coordinated attacks that killed seven Israelis.

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