

Three rockets hit near U.S. embassy in Baghdad's Green Zone



Baghdad, January 21 (RHC)-- Three rockets have targeted an area near the U.S. embassy inside the highly secured Green Zone of Baghdad, security sources told AFP. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Sirens could be heard across the zone immediately after the rockets made impact on Monday night. The Green Zone is home to several Western embassies and government offices including the parliament, the prime minister's office, and the presidency. In recent months, however, the fortified zone has been repeatedly targeted by Katyusha rockets.

The Monday attacks came less than two weeks after the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) fired volleys of ballistic missiles at Ain al-Asad, a large airbase in Iraq's Anbar hosting about 1,500 US troops, and another outpost in Erbil, the capital of the semi-autonomous Iraqi Kurdistan.

The missile operation was in response to Washington's January 3rd assassination of top Iranian general Qassem Soleimani, who led the IRGC's Quds Force. The United States military says at least 11 of its troops were wounded in an Iranian missile attack last week.

Iraqi resistance groups have vowed to avenge the assassination of Abu Mahdi, as Iran took revenge for General Soleimani.

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