

New U.S. air raid on Hashd commander in Iraq kills at least six



Baghdad, January 3 (RHC)-- A fresh U.S. air raid targeting a commander of Iraq's Hashd al-Shaabi paramilitary forces killed at least six people early on Saturday, according to news reports -- one day after an American drone attack killed top Iranian general Qassem Soleimani.

Iraq's state television said the attack took place along Taji Road north of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, but did not name the targeted figure. Hashd al-Shaabi, also known as Popular Mobilization Force (PMF), denied that a senior commander was in the convoy.

Al Jazeera has learned that at least six people, including medics, were killed in the latest strike. Reuters reported that three other people were critically wounded. Taji Road, where the attack took place, leads to a base of non-US coalition forces, including British and Italian troops, according to Al Jazeera's Osama bin Javid, reporting from Baghdad. Eye witnesses say that a number of vehicles were hit.

A police source told AFP news agency that the bombardment there hit a Hashd convoy and left "dead and wounded" without providing a specific toll.

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