

# *Katyusha rockets target Taji military base housing U.S. forces*

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Baghdad, January 14 (RHC)-- The Iraqi military says Katyusha rockets have hit an airbase north of the capital Baghdad, which houses the US-led coalition forces that purportedly fight Daesh Takfiri terrorists. The statement from Iraq's military on Tuesday said Camp Taji had been targeted by Katyusha rockets but reported that there were no casualties.

The statement did not say how many rockets had hit the military base, with no group claiming responsibility for the attack. The Iraqi military also said on Sunday that four people were wounded after eight Katyusha rockets were fired at Balad airbase, which houses U.S. personnel about 80 kilometers north of Baghdad.

The attacks come after Iran launched retaliatory strikes at two U.S. military complexes last week — one at the Ain al-Assad airbase in the western Iraqi province of Anbar and at another outpost in Erbil, the capital of the semi-autonomous Iraqi Kurdistan.

The missile attacks were in response to the January 3rd assassination by U.S. terrorists of General Qassem Soleimani, commander of the IRGC's Quds Force, and Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, the second-in-command of Iraq's Popular Mobilization Units (PMU), and a group of their companions in Baghdad. The illegal military operation was conducted under U.S. President Donald Trump's direction. The U.S. Department of Defense took responsibility for the assassination.

Both commanders enjoyed deep reverence among Muslim nations over their endeavors in eliminating the US-sponsored Daesh Takfiri terrorist group in the region, particularly in Iraq and Syria.

Last week, Iraqi lawmakers unanimously approved a bill that calls for the withdrawal of all U.S.-led foreign troops from the Arab country in the wake of the assassinations. The office of Iraq's caretaker premier said Adel Abdul-Mahdi has asked Washington to dispatch a delegation to Baghdad to initiate preparations for the withdrawal of American troops from the country.

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