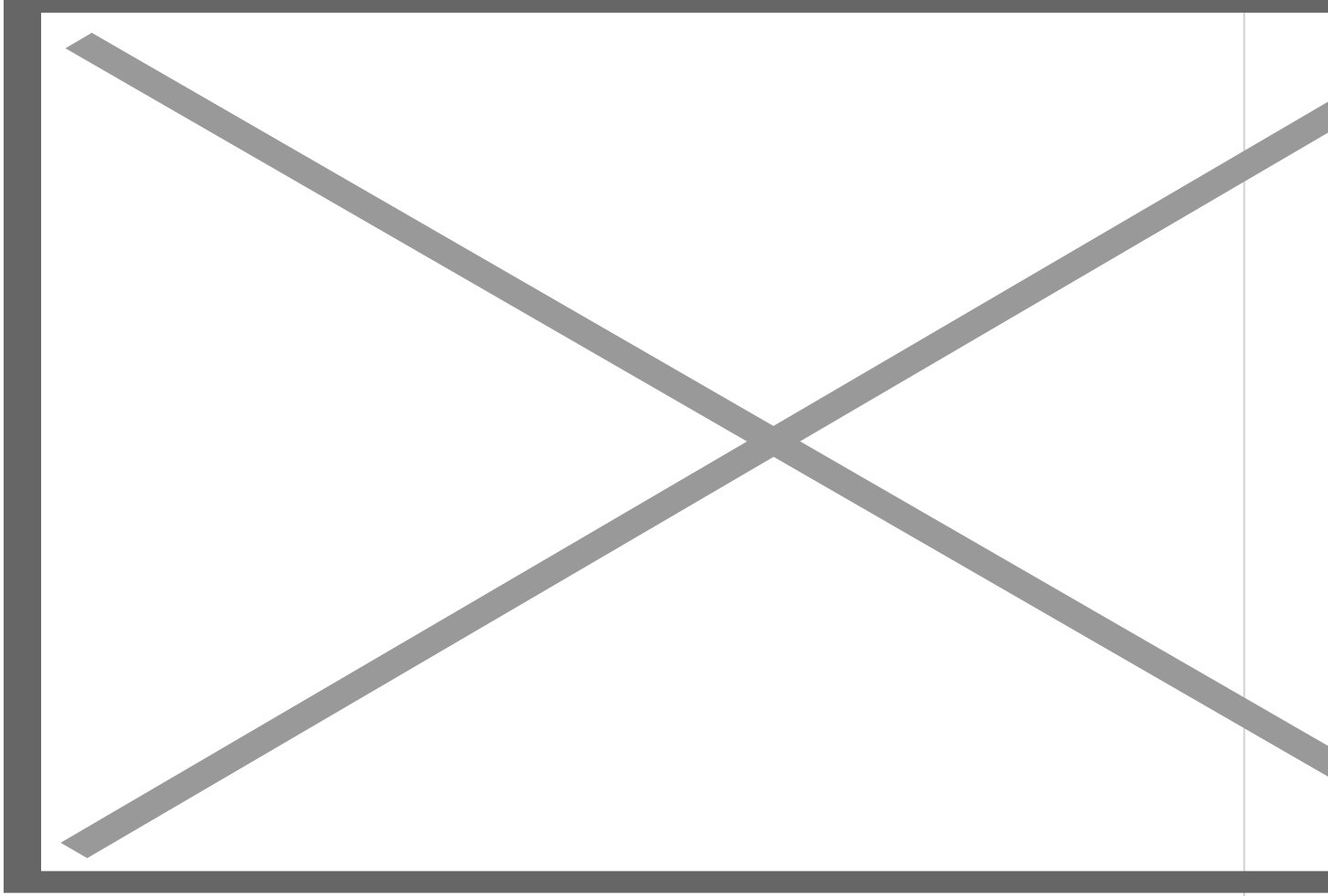


Iraqi resistance forces launch rocket attack on U.S.-occupied Ain al-Asad military base

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An aerial picture taken from a helicopter shows the US-run Ain al-Asad air base in the western Anbar desert, Iraq. (Photo by AP)

Baghdad, November 15 (RHC)-- A barrage of rockets has targeted Ain al-Asad air base in Iraq's western province of Anbar, where American military forces and trainers are stationed on alleged training and advisory missions.

The Islamic Resistance in Iraq, an umbrella group of anti-terror fighters, in a statement published on its Telegram channel claimed responsibility for the attack on the Ain al-Asad Air base, located about 160 kilometers (100 miles) west of the capital Baghdad, on Wednesday afternoon. It said the base was targeted by several rockets and that the projectiles "directly hit their targets."

The group noted that the rocket attack was carried out in retaliation for US support of Israel's bloody war against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

Earlier this month, Abu Alaa al-Walaei, secretary general of the Kata'ib Sayyid al-Shuhada anti-terror resistance group, emphasized that retaliatory assaults by Iraqi resistance fighters on American occupation forces will continue unabated.

He said the strikes on U.S. military positions in Iraq will stop only when the Israeli strikes on Gaza end, and humanitarian aid convoys reach locals in the besieged Palestinian coastal territory without any restrictions.

The general secretary of the Kata'ib Sayyid al-Shuhada group also said the Islamic Resistance in Iraq will firmly stand by the side of the Palestinian nation and its resistance fighters.

The United States, Israel's biggest ally, has provided the regime with arms and ammunitions since the initiation of the Gaza war.

The U.S. House of Representatives on November 2nd passed a standalone \$14.3-billion military assistance package for Israel. The legislation, however, is yet to clear the Senate, from where it will be sent to the White House for signing.

Washington has also vetoed United Nations Security Council resolutions that called on the occupying regime to cease its aggression.

Israel has launched relentless air and ground attacks on the coastal territory, targeting hospitals, residences, and houses of worship, since Palestinian resistance movements launched a surprise attack, dubbed Operation al-Aqsa Storm, against the regime on October 7.

At least 11,320 Palestinians have been killed, including 4,650 children and 3,145 women. More than 29,000 individuals have sustained injuries as well.

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