

Top resistance commander killed in drone strike against Baghdad



Officials inspect a vehicle, after what security sources said was a deadly drone strike, in Baghdad, Iraq [Ahmed Saad/Reuters]

Baghdad, February 7 (RHC)-- A drone strike targeting the eastern section of the Iraqi capital Baghdad has killed three people, including a senior commander of Iraq's Kata'ib Hezbollah resistance group, a report says. Reuters news agency carried the report on Wednesday, citing "two security sources."

The sources identified the commander as Abu Baqir al-Saadi, saying the attack targeted a vehicle belonging to Iraq's Hashd al-Sha'abi or Popular Mobilization Units (PMU) umbrella anti-terror group, of which Kata'ib Hezbollah is a member.

The attack came nearly a week after the United States carried out a flurry of airstrikes against at least 85 targets at seven locations across Iraq and neighboring Syria, using more than 125 "precision munitions."

The U.S. says it has carried out airstrikes on 85 targets inside Iraq and Syria. Washington has described the airstrikes as the beginning of "retaliatory" assaults against, what it called, those who were responsible for a recent deadly attack against American forces in Jordan.

Kata'ib Hezbollah has roundly denounced the airstrikes, stating that the attacks emanate from the US administration's criminal mindset and its craving for more bloodshed.

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