

Iraqi foreign ministry will take diplomatic, legal measures against sovereignty breach



Baghdad, August 27 (RHC)-- A high-ranking Iraqi official says Baghdad will take all available diplomatic and legal actions to prevent the violation of Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity in the wake of recent airstrikes in the country against the positions of pro-government Popular Mobilization Units (PMU).

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will take all necessary diplomatic and legal measures through the United Nations and the UN Security Council besides communication with brotherly and friendly countries to address any action, which violates Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity," the ministry's spokesman Ahmed al-Sahaf said in a post published on the official Twitter page of the ministry on Monday.

Separately, Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi, President Barham Salih and Parliament Speaker Mohammed al-Halbousi held a meeting in the capital Baghdad with senior commanders of the Popular Mobilization Units, better known by the Arabic word of Hashd al-Sha'abi, to discuss measures aimed at protection of Iraq's security and sovereignty.

They stated that the latest assaults on Hashd al-Sha'abi positions were meant to marginalize the volunteer forces, and strip them of the role in the fight against Daesh Takfiri terrorist group.

An Iraqi security expert says the Israeli military is apparently planning to launch attacks against ammunition depots of pro-government Hashd al-Shaa'abi forces.

Moreover, Iraqi lawmaker Sana al-Moussavi, in an interview with Iraq's Arabic-language al-Etejah television network on Monday, called on the UN Security Council and the international community to adopt a clear position against "the terrorist Zionist regime (of Israel).

She added that the presiding board of the Iraqi parliament is expected to take effective measures aimed at protection of the Popular Mobilization Units and security forces.

Iraqi lawmaker Sana al-Moussavi (file photo)

Also on Monday, Iraq's military said it has launched an investigation into a purported Israeli strike that killed two Hashd al-Sha'abi fighters near the town of al-Qa'im close to the country's western border with Syria.

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