

# *Venezuela condemns U.S. military attack in Iraq*

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República Bolivariana de Venezuela

## Comunicado

**La República Bolivariana de Venezuela expresa su firme condena al ataque ejecutado en la madrugada del 3 de enero por fuerzas militares de los Estados Unidos en las inmediaciones del Aeropuerto de Bagdad, República de Irak, en la que resultó asesinado el Comandante de las Fuerzas Quds del Cuerpo de la Guardia Revolucionaria Islámica de Irán, Mayor General Qasem Soleimani.**

Caracas, January 4 (RHC)-- The Venezuelan government has condemned the military attack carried out by the United States against Baghdad, Iraq, in which the Quds Force commander Major-General Qassem Soleimani was assassinated and called for respecting international law in order to preserve peace.

In a statement issued by Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza, Venezuela expressed its firm condemnation of the incident which occurred during this Friday morning, local time in Iraq, when a missile attack was registered near Baghdad International Airport and the car in which Soleimani was staying was hit.

"This is an action that clearly raises tensions in the region, without any basis in international law, directed directly against a military chief and a group of high-ranking officials of a sovereign country, in a conflict zone," the statement says.

Venezuelan authorities lamented the deaths caused by the U.S. aggression led by the president Donald Trump, conveying their condolences and solidarity to the people, as well as to the governments of Iraq and Iran.

The Government also "called for respect for international law and for all actors involved to contribute to the preservation of peace in the Middle East."

The U.S.-provoked attack and assassination was condemned by several countries around the world who fear an escalation of violence.

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