

Two rockets hit near Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone



Baghdad, January 8 (RHC)-- The U.S. Pentagon has confirmed that two rockets hit near the heavily fortified Green Zone in Baghdad on Wednesday without causing any damage to coalition troops or facilities.

Col. Myles B. Caggins, a spokesperson for the U.S.-led coalition, said in a tweet that small "rockets impacted near Baghdad's International Zone, January 8 at 11:45 p.m (local time)." Caggins added that there were "no coalition casualties or damage to facilities."

The Iraqi joint military command had earlier told CNN in Baghdad that "two Katyusha rockets landed inside the Green Zone in Baghdad. No reports of casualties." Reporters said they heard sirens from inside the Green Zone and two explosions. It was not immediately clear who had fired the rockets or where they were fired from.

The rockets landed a day after Iran fired more than a dozen missiles at Iraqi bases housing US troops. The attack on Tuesday from Iran did not cause any US or Iraqi casualties.

In response to the Iranian attack, President Donald Trump said on Wednesday that it appeared the Islamic Republic "appeared to be standing down," but three U.S. officials told reporters that the U.S. currently assess that Iranian proxy forces in the region are still a threat.

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