

# *Pentagon admits more U.S. troops treated after attack on U.S./Iraqi base*

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Washington, January 23 (RHC)-- The U.S. military says there were more troops injured at the military base in Iraq when it came under attack in retaliation for the U.S. assassination of Iran's General Qassem Soleimani.

U.S. Central Command announced that apart from the 11 previously announced injured, additional troops were being treated. The CENTCOM has refused to specify the exact figure so far and appears to be taking advantage of U.S. President Donald Trump's impeachment trial in the Senate to make the announcement as smoothly as possible to save the U.S. military's reputation in the wake of what many observers are calling a disastrous defeat.

Capt. Bill Urban, spokesman for CENTOM, claimed that the additional service members were moved "out of an abundance of caution" and that "it is possible additional injuries may be identified in the future." Urban said: "As medical treatment and evaluations in theater continue, additional service members have been identified as having potential injuries."

On January 8, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) fired volleys of ballistic missiles at Ain al-Assad, and another outpost in Erbil, the capital of the semi-autonomous Iraqi Kurdistan. The missile attack was in response to the January 3rd assassination by U.S. drones of Iranian General Qassem Soleimani.

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