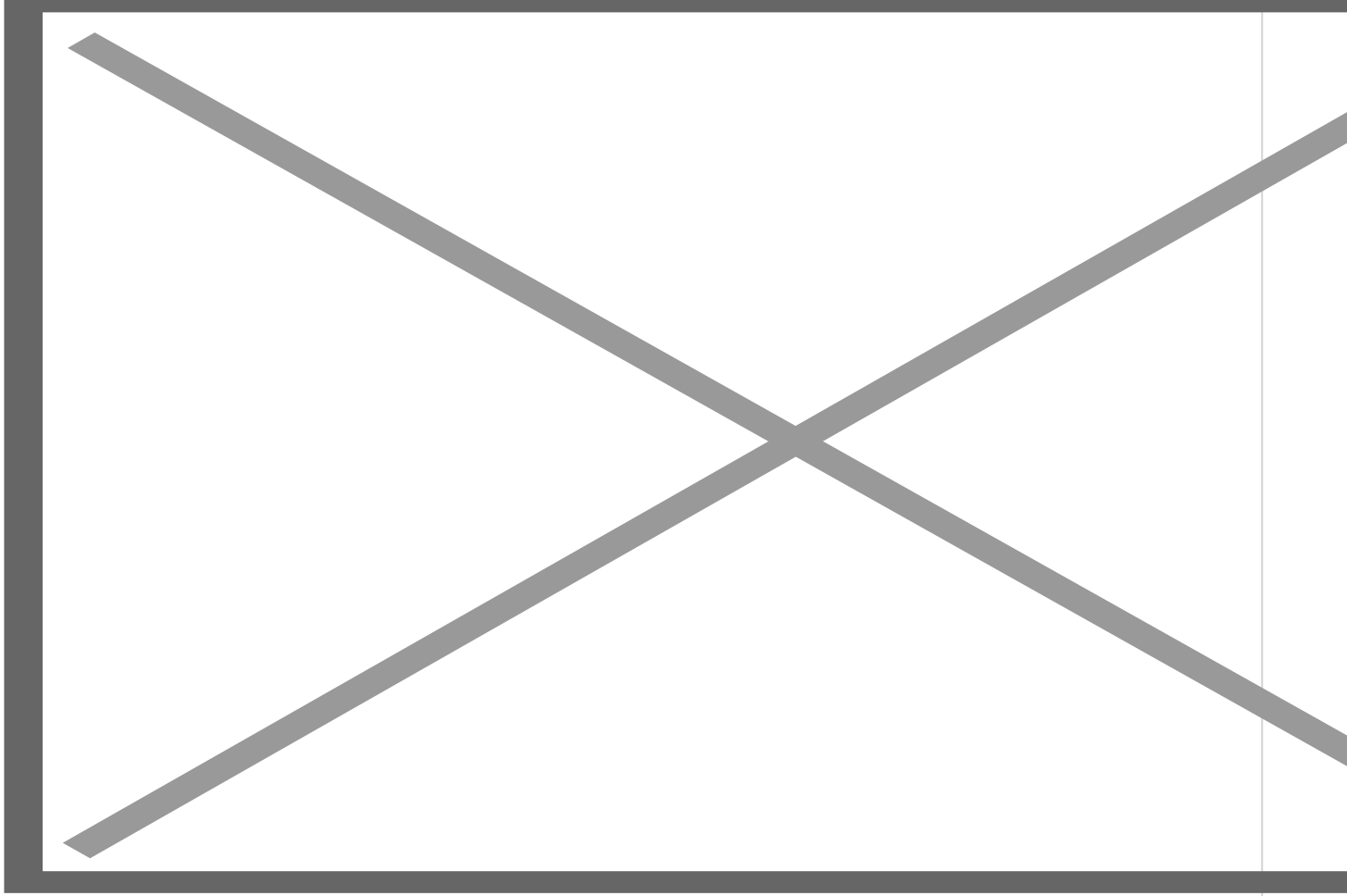


Roadside bomb attacks target U.S.-led coalition convoys across Iraq

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U.S. Army convoy rolls through Iraq. (Photo: teleSUR)

Baghdad, March 12 (RHC)-- Four roadside bombs have exploded separately near convoys of trucks carrying logistical equipment belonging to the U.S.-led coalition forces in Iraq's western province of Anbar, southern province of Muthanna bordering Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, the central province of Babil, as well as the southern province of Basra.

The Arabic-language al-Sumaria television network, citing an unnamed police source, reported that the first attack took place when a roadside bomb went off as a convoy of vehicles was traveling along the international highway leading to Anbar province on Thursday. The blast wounded a woman who happened to be crossing the road at the moment of the incident.

Sabereen News, a news channel associated with Iraqi anti-terror Popular Mobilization Units, later reported that another explosion had occurred near the southern city of Samawah when a roadside bomb went off near a convoy of trucks carrying equipment belonging to the U.S.-led coalition forces. There were no immediate reports of casualties and damage.

Hours later, another explosion took place when a convoy of vehicles belonging to the U.S.-led coalition forces was moving close to Hillah city, located 100 kilometers (62 miles) south of the capital Baghdad. No groups or individuals have claimed responsibility for the attacks yet.

Later on Thursday, a roadside bomb went off near another convoy belonging to the US-led coalition's trucks on a highway linking the southern Iraqi city of Basra to the city of Nasiriyah, located about 360 kilometers (225 miles) southeast of Baghdad.

Saraya Awliya al-Dam group, part of the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Units, claimed responsibility for the last attack in a brief statement. The latest roadside bomb attacks are the latest in a series of explosions and rocket attacks that have targeted U.S. occupation forces over the past few months.

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