

Iranian Revolutionary Guards Claim Responsibility for Missile Attacks on Erbil

Description

The capital of Iraqi Kurdistan was attacked overnight, with ballistic missiles landing near the US Consulate, reports said.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps claimed responsibility for the missile attacks on the Iraqi city of Erbil, Iranian TV has reported.

"This night, the strategic center of Israel became the target of powerful missiles fired by the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps," the IRGC said in a statement, quoted by the Tasnim News agency.

Tehran reportedly stated the military was targeting an Israeli "strategic centre", and warned there would be a "harsh, decisive, and destructive response" in case of possible Israeli attacks.

Previously, media outlets suggested that 8 to 12 missiles were fired from Iranian territory. According to the Iraqi Health Ministry, the incident did not result in any casualties.

The attack comes just about a week after two officers from Iran's Revolutionary Guard were killed in Syria, with Damascus accussing Israel of carrying out the strike.

The city, which houses American forces, has been attacked several times over the past year. A drone strike last July triggered sirens in the US Consulate in Erbil, but there were no casualties or property damage recorded at the time.

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