

(Video) Missiles from Iran strike near U.S. consulate, coalition base in northern Iraq

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PARIS, FRANCE, March 15, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>The People's</u> <u>Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI /</u> <u>MEK</u>), reported that Up to 12 missiles launched from Iran targeted the city of Erbil in northern Iraq shortly after midnight local time on Sunday, slamming into an area close to the U.S. consulate and a military base associated with the international



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A second U.S. official told the Associated Press that "there was no damage at any U.S.

government facility and that there was no indication the target was the consulate building, which is new and currently unoccupied."

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The Sunday missile attacks come several days after an Israeli airstrike near Damascus, Syria, that left two IRGC colonels, among others, dead. Rep. Elaine Luria tweeted: "I'm continuing to monitor reports of an attack on our consulate in Erbil.

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The advisor to Iran's nuclear-negotiating team in Vienna Mohammad Marandi, who is also the son of the supreme leader's personal physician, gloats after tonight's attack on Erbil near the unoccupied new U.S. consulate that "this is just the beginning."

The senior U.S. commander for the Middle East has repeatedly issued warnings about the

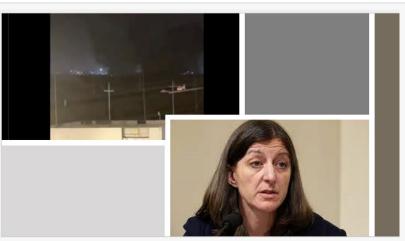
increasing threats of attacks from the Iranian regime and Iranian-back militias targeting American troops and allies in Iraq and Syria.

In an interview with The Associated Press in December, Marine Gen. Frank McKenzie of CENTCOM said that while U.S. forces in Iraq have shifted to a non-combat role, the Iranian regime and its proxies continue to pursue their objective of forcing all American troops to leave the country. As a result, he said, that may trigger more attacks.

More recently, Iranian regime proxies are believed responsible for an assassination attempt late last year targeting Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi.

Officials have also said they believe the Iranian regime was behind the October drone attack targeting the Al-Tanf military outpost in southern Syria where U.S. troops are based. No U.S. personnel were killed or injured in the attack

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