



Statement by Sara Skyttedal, Chair of the Delegation for relations with Iraq, on the recent Iranian missile attack in Northern Iraq

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[Sara Skyttedal](#), Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation for relations with Iraq, expresses her firmest condemnation of the rockets fired in the Iraqi city of Koye, claimed by the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, which has resulted in one death and multiple injured.

The Chair unconditionally rejects this blatant violation of Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity. There is no justification for such an act of violence against the territory of a sovereign country. Ms Skyttedal calls on all parties to exercise restraint and avoid undermining the democratic transition in Iraq.

On behalf of the European Parliament's Delegation for relations with Iraq, Ms Skyttedal reaffirms the European Parliament's lasting support to the Iraqi people, the Iraqi government and the regional government of Kurdistan.

Background

On 14 November, one person was killed after rockets fired by Iran hit the headquarters of an Iranian Kurdish party in the Iraqi city of Koye, near Erbil, the capital of the autonomous Kurdish region of northern Iraq. According to Kurdish security sources, drones targeted two bases for Iranian Kurdish dissidents near Erbil and Sulaimaniyah.

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