

# [***FACT CHECK: Image Of Rocket Attack Is From 2015, Not A Recent Rocket Attack From Iraq***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BW5-S3S1-JBFB-H000-00000-00&context=1516831)

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[*Link to Image*](https://cdn01.dailycaller.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/ISIS-e1657634333194.jpg)

A post [*shared on social media*](https://twitter.com/SaharaReporters/status/1782159274350649552) purportedly shows an image of a recent missile attack from Iraqi forces on a U.S. military base.

Five Rockets Fired From Iraq Towards U.S. Military Base In Syria | Sahara Reporters [*https://t.co/SvtgJts1bn*](https://t.co/SvtgJts1bn) [*pic.twitter.com/1LCRCN8lQz*](https://t.co/1LCRCN8lQz)

- Sahara Reporters (@SaharaReporters) [*April 21, 2024*](https://twitter.com/SaharaReporters/status/1782159274350649552?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

**Verdict: False**

The claim is inaccurate. The photo dates back to 2015.

**Fact Check:**

The Israeli Defense Force launched an airstrike in the southern part of Gaza in the city of Rafah, [*NPR*](https://www.npr.org/2024/04/21/1246134887/israeli-strikes-on-southern-gaza-city-of-rafah-kill-13-including-nine-children) reported. The outlet reported 22 people were killed, 18 of which were children and one pregnant woman whose baby was saved by doctors.

A post shared on X, formerly known as Twitter, supposedly shows the moment of an Iraqi missile launch on a U.S. base. The photo shows a large plume of smoke behind two missiles launching.

The caption reads, “Five Rockets Fired From Iraq Towards U.S. Military Base In Syria | Sahara Reporters.”

The claim is inaccurate. The photo can be found on Reuters' archive dated back to [*2015*](https://pictures.reuters.com/archive/MIDEAS-CRISIS-IRAQ-TIKRIT-GF10000041607.html). The caption details that the image was taken when Iraqi forces fired on the Islamic State militants over Tikrit.

[*NBC News*](https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/isis-terror/heavy-fighting-reported-iraqi-forces-attack-tikrit-n331956) reported a total of eight airstrikes were conducted on ISIS vehicles. [***(RELATED: Does Video Show Explosion At Francis Scott Key Bridge?)***](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/03/26/fact-check-does-video-show-explosion-at-francis-scott-key-bridge/)

A U.S. military base in Syria was the target of a missile attack from Iraq Apr. 21, [*Al Jazeera*](https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/4/22/rocket-attack-from-iraq-targets-us-troops-military-bases-in-syria) reported. A U.S. official did not give details, but did refer to the attack as a “failed rocket attack.”

This is not the first time misinformation has been shared online. Check Your Fact [*debunked*](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/04/15/fact-check-no-the-las-vegas-monorail-is-not-ending-operations/) a claim the Las Vegas Monorail is closing.

**Graphic**

Counter-terrorism forces, soldiers, police and allied paramilitaries are taking part in an operation launched on March 1, which is backed by artillery and both Iraqi and US-led coalition aircraft, aimed at retaking areas north of Baghdad, according to the Joint Operations Command. / AFP / AHMAD AL-RUBAYE (Photo credit: AHMAD AL-RUBAYE/AFP via Getty Images)

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