

1 XIN\_ENG\_20030324 . 0191 NEWS STORY 20030324 Five killed in coalition bombing on Baghdad 0 BAGHDAD ,

2 March 24 ( 1 Xinhua ) Five 2 Iraqi 5 civilians , including a 5 woman , were killed Monday when 5 their 6 houses were hit by a 7 missile fired by the 3 US - led 1 coalition 9 warplanes , 10 witnesses said .

3 5 Their 6 houses are located in 4 Al - Azamiyah , 4 one of the most populous 11 areas in the 2 Iraqi 0 capital of 0 Baghdad , 10 they said .

4 One house was destroyed during the strike and casualties have been removed from the 4 area . The 3 US - led 8 coalition forces launched a new round of airstrikes on 0 Baghdad at 2 : 30 p . m . ( 1130GMT ) on Monday .

5 Huge explosions were heard in different 11 parts of 0 Baghdad and air raid siren sounded throughout the capital 0 city , 10 they said , adding that 2 Iraqi anti - 9 aircraft 7 artillery had begun to fire back .

6 Although the 8 coalition leaders have repeatedly assured that every effort would be made to minimize civilian casualties in the current 2 Iraq war , at least 130 2 Iraqi civilians have been reportedly killed since the war started five days ago .

7 According to other reports reaching here , five Syrian 12 bus passengers were killed and 10 others were injured on Sunday morning when a 3 US missile hit the 12 bus they were traveling in near the 2 Iraqi border .

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The 12 vehicle was carrying Syrians fleeing the war in 2 Iraq .