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TURKISH SOLDIER KILLED IN IRAQ BY IS ROCKETS

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A Turkish soldier was killed at a military base in northern Iraq from rockets fired by Islamic State militants.

The attack on March 26 came as the Turkish air force for the first time joined the U.S.-led coalition in attacking the militants in northern Iraq.

The Turkish soldier was killed by rockets fired by IS militants during a fight with the Iraqi Kurdish Peshmerga forces that landed at a base in the Bashiqa region where some Turkish soldiers are stationed.

A second Turkish soldier was wounded.

In a statement on March 26, Turkey's military said coalition war planes hit four IS positions in the region following the Bashiqa attack.

Turkey has deployed a number of troops in northern Iraq to help train Kurdish militias who are fighting the IS.

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