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## **CHEVRON PULLS OIL WORKERS FROM IRAQ**

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Chevron has evacuated all of its American oil workers from Iraq following last week's US airstrike in Baghdad.

Chevron (CVX), America's No. 2 oil company, said in a statement Monday that as a "precautionary measure" its expatriate employees and contractors have left the Kurdistan Region in northern Iraq "for the time being." Chevron does not have oil workers elsewhere in Iraq.

"The safety of our people and facilities is Chevron's top priority globally," a Chevron spokeswoman told CNN Business. Local staff are overseeing Chevron's ongoing operations in the Kurdistan Region, the company said.

The Chevron evacuation comes after the Iraqi oil ministry said Friday that "a number of" Americans working in southern Iraq were leaving the country after the United States urged its citizens to immediately depart due to soaring tensions. Iranian military leader Qasem Soleimani was killed in a US airstrike in Baghdad late last week.

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