Italian Troops Repositioned After Attack in Iran

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The Italian troops engaged in overseas operational theaters have been **repositioned** following the worsening crisis in the Middle East and the **massive U.S. attack on strategic sites in Iran**, known as *Operation Midnight Hammer*. The measures taken mainly affected **areas considered sensitive** or close to potential **Iranian retaliation targets** against the United States and its allies.

Preventive Measures and Contingent Security

The Minister of Defense **Guido Crosetto** announced that as early as **Friday**, **preventive measures to strengthen the security** of Italian troops deployed abroad had been adopted.

> *"Our troops are not involved in the operations and do not represent a direct target," Crosetto clarified. "However, as a precaution, we have **relocated some Italian assets** situated near **U.S. bases or infrastructures**."*

The guiding principle of the Ministry's action has been **maximum operational caution**, with the aim of ensuring the safety of personnel in uniform without altering the ongoing international mandates.

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The Return of the Carabinieri from Baghdad

Particularly significant is the case of the **temporary redeployment of about forty Carabinieri paratroopers** stationed at the international airport of **Baghdad**, a potentially vulnerable theater for a possible Iranian counterattack.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs **Antonio Tajani** explained that the troops were first transferred to **Kuwait**, before returning to Italy.

> *“The Americans had suggested that it was advisable to move away from that area, as it could be among the targets of a possible Iranian reaction,” Tajani stated.*

The Situation in the Rest of Iraq

Tajani also reassured that **in other areas of Iraqi territory**, where Italian military personnel are present, **there are currently no risk situations** or direct alarms. Activities continue regularly in coordination with local and allied authorities.

Italy maintains its commitment to international missions in full compliance with international law, operating within a framework of enhanced security and **in constant dialogue with**

coalition partners.

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