

Turkish warplanes hit rebel Kurd targets

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ANKARA, Turkey -- Turkish warplanes attacked alleged Kurdish rebel targets in northern Iraq, Turkey's military said Thursday.

Air Force jets bombed targets in the Iraqi border regions of Zap and Avasin-Basyan Wednesday night and early Thursday, the military said.

The attack was "effective" and all planes returned to their bases safely, the military said.

The military gave no estimate of Kurdish rebel casualties.

The operation came hours after 10 Turkish soldiers were killed in two separate attacks blamed on Kurdish rebels, Turkey's Hurriyet newspaper reported.

The militant Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, has been fighting for self-rule in Turkey's southeast since 1978.

The PKK is listed as a terrorist group by Ankara and much of the international community, including the United States, NATO and the European Union.

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