

## Key Iraq Events - Energy Infrastructure Security



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- In March, Iran attacked Erbil with a dozen ballistic missiles in an unprecedented assault, which appeared to target the United States and its allies in the region.

- In early April, three missiles fell near an oil refinery in Erbil without causing any casualties or damage. The refinery is owned by Kurdistan-based KAR Group, headed by Iraqi-Kurdish businessman Baz Karim Barzinji. This may be related to attempts to intimidate the KDP over government formation talks.

On May, six Katyusha rockets targeted the complex near Erbil, housing the 100 kb/d Kalak refinery and the 60 kb/d Nineveh refinery, both operated by Kurdish firm Kar. The incident set ablaze a storage tank at the complex, in a tweet by KRG media, adding that the rockets originated in the town of Bartella near Mosul. This trend to attack oil infrastructure has given rise to speculation that Iran might be looking to protect its gas export sector, with KRG officials having promoted the region as a potential gas exporter to Turkey and Europe.

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