

DOD Statement on Artillery Incident Near Kobani

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U.S. troops in the vicinity of Kobani came under artillery fire from Turkish positions at approximately 9 p.m. local Oct. 11.

The explosion occurred within a few hundred meters of a location outside the Security Mechanism zone and in an area known by the Turks to have U.S. forces present.

All U.S. troops are accounted for with no injuries.

U.S. Forces have not withdrawn from Kobani.

The United States remains opposed to the Turkish military move into Syria and especially objects to Turkish operations outside the Security Mechanism zone and in areas where the Turks know U.S. forces are present.

The U.S. demands that Turkey avoid actions that could result in immediate defensive action.