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Attack on US nuclear base: Drone swarms cripple America's most powerful bombers

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For the first time since World War II, an American airbase was taken out of action during wartime. And not just somewhere in the Middle East, but right in the heart of the USA.

In the midst of the intense phase of “Operation Epic Fury” against Iran, Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana – the nerve center of the American nuclear bomber fleet and command center of the Global Strike Command – was [besieged for days by swarms of state-of-the-art drones](#) . The powerful B-52 bombers had to abort their takeoffs, and military personnel fled to the bunkers.

The truly shocking aspect of this incident is that the superpower was utterly helpless against the attackers. Barksdale has no air defenses of its own. There are no fighter jets there to shoot down

the intruders. And the electronic jammers meant to disrupt GPS and data connections? A complete failure. The drones practically mocked the US defenses: In waves of 12 to 15 devices, they circled the base for up to four hours every day – with their lights on! They wanted to be seen. They defied all jamming attempts, operated autonomously, and intelligently evaded defensive measures.

Security experts are alarmed: These aircraft are far more advanced than anything we know from the Ukraine war and far surpass Iran's capabilities. Everything points to China. The technology surpasses almost everything the US itself has in its arsenal. Is this Beijing's revenge for the downed spy balloon of 2023? The suspicion is strong: China is not only supplying Iran with weapons, but is now also providing the mullahs with the most intimate secrets of US warfare in real time.

The consequences of this attack are significant. The B-52 bombers from Barksdale were supposed to drop massive "bunker buster" bombs (GBU-57) on Iranian nuclear facilities like Taleghan-2, where the mullah regime is working on nuclear detonators. The forced launch delays in the US gave Iran valuable time to secure critical resources. Even worse, it is completely unclear whether the drones intercepted secret American war plans and communications data.

But Barksdale is just the tip of the iceberg. An unprecedented series of drone invasions is currently shaking the most sensitive facilities in the USA:

- **F-22 Jets Flee:** For weeks, swarms of drones appeared over Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. Some of the devices were over six meters long and raced across the base at 160 km/h. The threat was so severe that the US had to evacuate its most expensive F-22 stealth jets!
- **Espionage at the "Skunk Works":** Unidentified drones were also circling over the legendary weapons factory in Palmdale (California), where Lockheed Martin and Boeing are working on top-secret projects.
- **Target US government:** The absolute pinnacle of audacity occurred in March 2026 in Washington, D.C. Drones flew over Fort McNair – the very base where Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth reside. An unmistakable threat from America's enemies directly addressed to the US leadership!

The US currently lacks a functioning domestic drone defense system. While new microwave weapons are being developed, these massive systems still need to be integrated into air defenses. It will be years before America can truly protect its own airspace again. This also raises the question of how long it might be before Iranian sleeper cells exploit this vulnerability to launch massive attacks on US military bases directly on US soil.