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Iran had launched ballistic missiles at two Iraqi military bases just before, may have feared US reprisal.

TEHRAN, IRAN - Iran said Saturday, local time, that it "unintentionally" shot down a Ukrainian jet over Tehran earlier this week that left all 176 onboard dead.

The statement from Iran's military came after Tehran had repeatedly maintained that it had nothing to do with the crash. The country's military said that the incident was due to "human error," according to a translation from The Associated Press.

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