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TEHRAN, March 3 (Xinhua) -- *Iran's* Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) released figures on U.S. casualties during the first two days of what it described as **retaliatory** strikes, with the numbers differing significantly from those announced by the United States, reported local media on Tuesday. An IRGC spokesperson said up to 650 U.S. soldiers were killed or wounded during the first two days of the **retaliation**.

The spokesperson said IRGC missiles and drones struck the headquarters of the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet in Bahrain multiple times, and that attacks on U.S. military bases in Bahrain resulted in 160 U.S. casualties. The U.S. military said that as of 4 p.m. Monday (2100 GMT), six U.S. service members had been killed in military operations against *Iran*. U.S. media reported that 18 additional troops were seriously wounded. U.S. officials said there have been no fatalities at U.S. military bases in Bahrain. The IRGC spokesperson also said a U.S. combat support ship was heavily damaged by IRGC missiles, reiterating that four cruise missiles were fired at the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier, which then "fled" southeast toward the Indian Ocean. Earlier, U.S. Central Command formally denied claims from the IRGC that they had struck the USS Abraham Lincoln with missiles, labeling the Iranian assertions as "disinformation" and a "lie," adding that the missiles launched by *Iran* "didn't even come close." The claims by both sides could not be independently verified. Enditem

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