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ANKARA (Reuters) - Turkish warplanes struck Kurdish guerrilla targets in northern Iraq in a third consecutive night of airstrikes, military headquarters said on Saturday, adding that the planes had all returned safely to their bases.

It said in a statement that in coordination with the air operations, Turkish artillery had also struck 85 targets in the region.

The strikes follow a surge in attacks by Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) guerrillas against the Turkish military. Late on Friday, a Reuters witness said at least 10 war planes had taken off from an air base in southeastern Turkey.

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