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(SBU) The fire at the Soma Hotel in Sulaimaniya also injured 23 and was reportedly caused by an electrical fault, according to press. Embassy Baghdad has heard open source reports that 10 to 15 Americans might have been killed. Post is working to confirm this information.

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