

## **ISIS launches chlorine gas attacks in western Mosul**

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**Mosul:** An Iraqi military officer said that Islamic State militants have launched a gas attack in a newly-liberated area in western Mosul.

The officer with the anti-terrorism forces said saturday that the attack occurred the night before in the al-Abar neighbourhood, when ISIS fired a rocket loaded with chlorine.

He said that seven soldiers suffered breathing problems and were treated in a nearby field clinic.

The officer spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorised to release information.

US-backed Iraqi forces are currently battling ISIS militants in the more densely-populated western half of Mosul.

Iraqi officials say more than half of western Mosul has been retaken. The extremists were driven out of the eastern half of Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, in January.

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