



# Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve Fact Sheet

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## OUR MISSION

**In conjunction with partner forces** Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR) **defeats ISIS in designated areas of Iraq and Syria** and **sets conditions for follow-on operations** to increase regional stability.

What does that mean?

- *“In conjunction with partner forces ...”* The Coalition strategy acknowledges that the best forces to win the fight against ISIS are local forces. In Iraq, we are partnered with the Iraqi security forces, which includes the Iraqi army, the Iraqi air force, the Counter Terrorism Service, the Federal Police, and the Kurdish Peshmerga. In Syria, the Coalition is partnered with the Syrian Democratic Forces and their partner Syrian Arab Coalition who are focused on fighting ISIS. Ultimately, the military victory over ISIS will be accomplished *by* the indigenous forces, we will accomplish our mission *with* those indigenous forces, and improved regional stability will be attained *through* those partners.

- *“... defeats ISIS ...”* The Coalition mission is to defeat ISIS as a military force on the battlefield in Iraq and Syria. We will disrupt their ability to command and control their fighters, remove their safe havens, interrupt their revenue streams that fund their operations, destroy their equipment, and kill their fighters. We will eliminate their effectiveness as an organized force on the battlefield.

- *“...in designated areas of Iraq and Syria ...”* The Coalition views this fight against ISIS as one fight, though the two countries in which it takes place and the circumstances in those countries are very different. The Coalition operates in designated ISIS-held areas of Iraq and Syria. This does not include southern Iraq or western Syria. The Coalition synchronizes the fight between its local partners and Coalition operations in both Iraq and Syria in ISIS held territory and areas where our partner forces are in direct combat with ISIS, and de-conflicts operations with other regional actors as necessary to achieve desired effects against ISIS.

- *“...sets conditions for follow-on operations ...”* The Coalition is responsible for military operations against ISIS, but military action is not the only action the governments of the Global Coalition are taking now. The Coalition’s military operations against ISIS weaken the terror group and enable the nations of the Global Coalition to bring the full might of their national power – including diplomatic, informational, economic, law enforcement, and other aspects of national power – to bear against the group. The Global Coalition realizes that not only must we defeat the military power of ISIS, but we must defeat the ideology of ISIS as well in order to stem the global flow of foreign fighters and radicalized jihadists in all of our nations.

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