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Highlights from Around the Coalition

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Across Iraq and Syria, the Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve works by, with, and through our partner forces to ensure an enduring defeat of Daesh (ISIS). Training, mentoring, advising, and assisting are key components for building our Security partners' capacity to defeat Daesh remnants and create regional stability. Highlights from around the Coalition are included below:

- **Coalition Air Advisors divest rockets, radios to Iraqi Army Aviation for defeat Daesh mission**
- **Iraqi Border Guard Forces graduate Counter-IED course, increasing capabilities**
- **Members of Australian Parliament visit Iraq to experience a day-in-the-life of deployed troops**
- **French troops conducts five-week 60 mm mortar training for ICTS soldiers, increasing speed of weapon deployment**

TF Air divests equipment to Iraqi Army Aviation

The 370th Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron air advisors with Task Force Air completed a divestment of 23 Harris radios and 1,120 2.75 inch rockets for the defeat Daesh mission. The rockets are a weapons system on the Iraqi Bell 407GX light attack helicopter.

Iraqi Army Aviation Command Maj. Gen. Abbas Musafir, Taji Air Base commander, signed for the transaction and received the equipment from U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Bryan Barroqueiro, 370th AEAS commander.

“370th [AEAS] air advisors help put Iraqi rotary wing combat power into the fight against Daesh on a daily basis,” Barroqueiro said. “The rockets and radios we divested today will allow Iraqi Army Aviation to engage hostile targets well into the future.”

The 370th AEAS addresses a wide spectrum of mission sets including air strikes, air mobility, medical evacuation and maintenance, by coordinating a dynamic force engagement from across the Coalition, Barroqueiro explained.

(Source: TF Air Public Affairs Office)(U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Luke Kitterman) (Third photo courtesy of TF Air PAO, portions of this photo have been edited for security purposes)

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Iraqi Border Guard Forces soldiers graduate counter-IED course

Iraqi soldiers from the Iraqi Border Guard Forces graduated from explosive hazard awareness training at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq. The five-week course included core basic explosive search procedures and train-the-trainer portions.

Danish instructor Sgt. 1st Class Preben, counter-IED training team leader, said the train-the-trainer program enables Iraqi soldiers to sustain their own programs and train their own people once they complete the course.

“At Al Asad, I’ve trained approximately 600 Border Guard Forces,” Preben said. “We’ll celebrate the end of this training, have a week of planning, and then receive 600 brand new Border Guard Forces. During my time here, I’ve seen a big growth in their capabilities, especially when conducting and planning their own training.”

(Source: CJTF-OIR Public Affairs Office/ <https://www.dvidshub.net/image/5818461/iraqi-border-guard-force-graduating-eod-class>)(U.S. Army Photo by Spc. Zachary Myers)



Australian Federal Members of Parliament participate in ADF Parliamentary Program

Members of the Australian Federal Parliament participate in the Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program at the Taji Military Complex, Iraq.

During the program, they were treated like soldiers as a way of broadening their understanding of what life is

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like for deployed personnel. As a part of their stay, they observed a simulated chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) base defense drill, took part in an urban clearance with the quick reaction force, and acted as force protection on a live range with one of the Task Group Taji training teams.

(Source: *TG Taji Public Affairs Office*) (U.S. Army Reserve photo by *Cpl. Tamara Cummings*)



ICTS trainees complete course on the use of light mortars

Eighteen Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service soldiers completed light mortar training conducted by Task Force Narvik in Iraq. This five-week course allowed trainees to specialize in the use of this support weapon which the ICTS use regularly in their missions.

During the training, operators were familiarized with the 60 mm mortar and its use. Aspects of the training involved topography and the use of tools, including compass, range finder and coordinate calculator, in order to properly assess the coordinates for firing.

Finally, the last week of training focused on timed tests in order to prepare the operators to deploy the weapon as quickly as possible.

(Source: <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/chammal/actualites/chammal-la-task-force-narvik-apporte-son-expertise-mortier-au-service-de-contre-terrorisme-irakien>) (Photo courtesy of *Op Chammal PAO*)

