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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:

- **Eleventh contingent of Spanish troops assumes command of Task Force Besmaya**
- **Qwat al-Khasah (Iraqi Special Forces) and Coalition forces conduct first joint mission**
- **Australian and NZ troops perform Haka to welcome new members to TG Taji**
- **French troops complete IED warfare training for Iraqi troops and present demining robot**

Eleventh Spanish contingent takes command of Task Force Besmaya

The eleventh rotation of the Spanish contingent in Iraq assumed command of Task Force Besmaya during a transfer of authority ceremony Nov. 21, 2019. Maj. Gen. Gerald Strickland, Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve Deputy Commander-Stability, and Brig. Gen. Abdul Kareem, Besmaya Range Complex commander, presided over the ceremony.

The incoming TF Besmaya commander, Col. César García del Castillo, assumed command from the outgoing commander, Gen. Waldo Carreto Caamaño. During the ceremony, Garcia del Castillo thanked his fellow Coalition leaders and Iraqi military authorities for their support. He also spoke about his goals for obtaining full operational capability at the BRC and overcoming any obstacles during that transformation without diminishing any support to the Iraqi Security Forces training.

TF Besmayah's presence continues to reflect the commitment Spain maintains to the Coalition, partner nations and the Government of Iraq, in the fight against Daesh.

(Source: TF Besmaya Public Affairs Office/ <https://emad.defensa.gob.es/operaciones/10-Coalicion-internacional-Operacion-IR-IRAQ/noticias/listado/191121-relevo-irak.html>)



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Iraqi MOD Special Forces conduct first joint mission with Coalition forces

1st Qwat al-Khasah's Special Mission Company, an elite Iraqi Ministry of Defense force, conducted its first joint mission with Coalition Special Operation Forces in Tarmiyah, Iraq, Nov. 23, 2019.

The QK SMC-led clearance operation targeted two Daesh bed-down locations to deny the terrorist group safe haven. The QK specializes in raids, seizing, clearing and holding terrain for limited durations and conducting reconnaissance, counter-insurgency or counter terrorism operations.

(Source: CJTF-OIR Public Affairs Office/ <https://www.dvidshub.net/image/5942161/qwat-kasash-conduct-first-mission-with-coalition-forces>)



New Zealand and Australian service members welcome new members with Haka

New Zealand and Australian service members performed a haka to welcome new members of Task Group Taji to Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve at the Taji Military Complex, Iraq, Nov. 18, 2019.

The haka is a traditional dance originating from the indigenous Maori people of New Zealand; it is a chant used to intimidate an enemy before battle or as a welcome when two parties come together.

Task Group Taji is a combined Australian and New Zealand Task Group that provides support to an international effort to train and build the capacity of the Iraqi Security Forces. The combined Task Group

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consists of approximately 300 Australian Defence Force personnel drawn largely from the Australian Army's 3rd Brigade, alongside approximately 110 New Zealand Defence Force personnel.

(Source: CJTF-OIR Public Affairs Office/ <https://www.dvidshub.net/image/5942886/haka>)



Iraqi troops complete counter-IED warfare training with French TF Monsabert

Soldiers with the 6th Iraqi Division of the Iraqi Army completed a counter-improvised explosive device warfare training course conducted by French personnel from the Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit with Task Force Monsabert.

At the end of the training course, TF Monsabert presented a demining robot to the Iraqi troops which will help to considerably reduce the risk to human lives caused by IED attacks in the region. The robot can identify and defuse IED devices through the use of a mechanical arm, a camera for maneuverability from a distance and a pivoting axis to guarantee mobility and stability.

Demining robots regularly accompany specialists on the ground in the area of operations to combat IED attacks from Daesh.

(Source: Op Chammal Public Affairs Office/ <https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/chammal/breves/chammal-presentation-du-robot-francais-de-deminage-par-la-task-force-monsabert>)



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