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Highlights from Around the Coalition

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Across Iraq and Syria, the Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF_OIR) 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:

- **French engineers create a simulated urban combat environment for Iraqi forces**
- **Spanish Army instructors teach bunker clearing procedures**
- **French Troops develop an urban warfare training scenario for Iraqi forces**
- **21 Iraqi officers make history by graduating from the first ever Iraqi-led Morale and Leadership course**

TF Monsabert builds a combat village for Iraqi forces

Task Force Monsabert, the French training mission with CJTF-OIR, constructed a combat village in Baghdad, Iraq to improve training infrastructure for the 6th Iraqi Army Division.

After several months of work, engineers of Task Force Monsabert completed the construction of the facility Dec. 17, 2019. The village will significantly add to training resources for the Iraqi military, thereby enhancing the Task Force's mission to advise and support the 6th Division.

This operation required meticulous and coordinated teamwork in order to deliver a complete package to the Iraqi military. As a result of its creation, it is now possible to simulate an urban combat environment in order to maintain the operational capacity of Iraq's armed force.

(Source: Op Chammal Public Affairs Office)

<https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/chammal/breves/chammal-la-task-force-monsabert-construit-un-village-de-combat-pour-la-6e-division-irakienne>

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Spanish Army instructors train Iraqi soldiers how to clear bunkers

Spanish Army instructors from the Battalion Training Team 4 train Iraqi instructors from the Besmayah Range Complex how to approach and clear underground features such as bunkers at the Besmayah Training Center in Iraq, Dec. 22, 2019.

The training consisted of hands-on experience of search and clear procedures such as identifying a clear path before approaching a bunker to prevent the possibility of injury or loss of forces.

The training helped the Iraqi instructors improve their capability to train other members of the Iraqi army and police to aid in the fight against Daesh.

(Source: CJTF-OIR Public Affairs office)

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/5997241/besmayah-military-operation-urban-terrain-training>



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Task Force Monsabert provides urban combat training for the 6th Iraqi Army Division

Task Force Monsabert established an urban warfare training scenario in Baghdad, Iraq, to improve the skill sets of the 6th Iraqi Army Division. The scenario included infiltrating and seizing a building by searching every nook and cranny of the structure. During the scenario, the Iraqi soldiers were also required to render first aid to an injured comrade and evacuate him to a safe location.

The training scenario also involved searching for a suspect within the building. Once the simulated suspect was detained, two soldiers monitored the suspect, while the other member searched the area to check for the presence of weapons or dangerous objects.

This training allowed the 6th Iraqi Army Division to perfect their new urban warfare skills by practicing good habits in unforeseen situations. The trainers of TF Monsabert aim to improve the operational capacity of the Iraqi armed forces, who will deploy to urban areas to counter terrorist threats.

By regularly training Iraqi instructors to aid in the fight against Daesh, TF Monsabert contributes to one of the major expectations of the "advice" pillar for Operation Chammal, which aims to make the Iraqi military a self-sustaining force capable of conducting its own training.

(Source: Op Chammal Public Affairs Office)

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Twenty-one Iraqi officers graduate from Iraqi-led advanced leadership course

The Media and Moral Guidance Directorate of the Ministry of Defense celebrated the graduation of the Media Production Development Course for Media and Moral Guidance Officers of the Iraqi Army (VOCALIS), Dec. 19, 2019.

U.S. Army Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman, gave the keynote speech at the ceremony to mark the graduation of 21 Iraqi officers from the VOCALIS instructors' course. The course had a historical significance as the first to be entirely led by Iraqi cadres with the support of the International Coalition.

“These graduates are trained on techniques to improve morale and have high performing work environments where every soldier feels valued,” said Caggins. “The fact Iraqis led the instruction is further evidence of their enormous capabilities.”

The ceremony was held at the al-Nahrain Center for Strategic Studies in the presence of the Director of the Media Department of the Ministry of Defense, the Secretary of the National Psychological Operations Cell within the National Security Advisory and a number of senior media officers within the ministry.

(Source: CJTF-OIR Public Affairs Office and The Media and Moral Guidance Directorate of the Iraqi Ministry of Defense)

Photos: <https://www.dvidshub.net/image/5996136/vocalis-graduation>

Video: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=509069066374833>

