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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:

- **French troops conduct intelligence collection training with Iraqi CTS Soldiers**
- **New Australian commander takes the reins of TF Taji 10 in the fight against Daesh**
- **Female Peshmerga Soldiers break barriers by earning the coveted instructor patch**
- **Iraqi Police Officers take control of training with Coalition support**

Counter Terrorist Service students hunt for clues with Task Force Narvik

In December, Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service (CTS) Soldiers continued the Intelligence Collection Course (ICC) conducted by French instructors from Task Force Narvik.

At the beginning of the scenario, information was sent to the trainees indicating the potential presence of terrorists and the module began with the search of a building. Inside, French trainers had carefully concealed evidence of human presence including cigarette butts, identity documents and SD cards from multimedia devices containing useful information. CTS soldiers had 20 minutes to search every nook and cranny of every room in order to gather as many items as possible.

The training pillar is a crucial part of Operation CHAMMAL and this finds its full usefulness with the CTS, which is regularly deployed on the front line in the fight against Daesh

(Source: Op Chammal Public Affairs Office)

<https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/chammal/breves/chammal-la-tf-narvik-poursuit-le-stage-de-enseignement-par-la-recherche-d-indices>

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Taji 10 takes the reins

The outgoing Task Group Taji 9 Commander Colonel Michael Bassingthwaighte has formally handed command to the incoming Commander Colonel Nick Foxall during a Transfer of Authority parade at the Taji Military Complex near Baghdad, Iraq.

Task Group Taji 10 Commander Foxall said the incoming rotation was well prepared and he is looking forward to maintaining the high standards set by the previous task group.

“We are taking the reins from the previous Task Group Taji rotations who have been instrumental in the development of the Iraqi School of Infantry Non-Commissioned Officer II (SINCO II) training establishment,” Colonel Foxall said.

(Source: Australian Department of Defence International News Webpage)
<https://news.defence.gov.au/international/taji-10-takes-reins>



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Female Peshmerga instructors graduate

More than a dozen women in the Peshmerga are now certified to teach their fellow soldiers a wide range of skills and classes, including weapons, basic first aid, the law of armed conflict and preventing gender-based violence.

In Erbil, Iraq, the four who graduated at the Bnaslawa training center during a packed morning ceremony Nov. 28, 2019, had spent three months improving their knowledge and abilities to earn the coveted instructor patch.

As a teenager, Srme volunteered for front line combat and served with no military training for six months before joining the Peshmerga.

Her new title gives her the opportunity to provide newer soldiers – both male and female – the lessons they need to continue the fight. Having already reached a rank equivalent to sergeant, she said she was proud to earn the additional distinction.

“For a woman to teach males is a big deal for us,” Srme said.

Italian Army Col. Giuseppe Levato, Multi-National Kurdish Training Coordination Center commander, estimated that women make up less than 1 percent of the Kurdish security forces, but a variety of reforms planned by the government are expected to increase their number.

(Source: U.S. Central Command Public Affairs Office)

<https://www.centcom.mil/MEDIA/NEWS-ARTICLES/News-Article-View/Article/2036316/female-peshmurga-instructors-graduate/>



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Iraqi Police Officers work with Coalition forces to execute training exercises

Iraqi police officers worked alongside Coalition forces to execute various exercises at the Urban Training Center in Al Taqaddum, Iraq.

The training equipped Iraqi forces with numerous skill-sets such as room-clearing procedures, tactical maneuver techniques, emergency medical care under fire and identification of concealed explosives.

Most importantly, the Iraqi forces have also started to take over much of their own training as they become a self-sustaining force.

(Source: CJTF-OIR Public Affairs Office) <https://www.dvidshub.net/image/5977402/iraqi-police-room-clearing-exercise>

