

### COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE

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### One Mission, Many Nations

**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.

We recently announced adjustments to our force array and a pause in partnership training in Iraq.

As a result of the success of ISF in their fight against ISIS, the Coalition is repositioning troops from a few smaller bases. These bases remain under Iraqi control and we will continue our advising partnership for the permanent defeat of Daesh from other Iraqi military bases, providing much-needed specialist support.

To prevent potential spread of COVID-19, the Iraqi Security Forces have suspended all training. As a result, the Coalition will temporarily return some of its training-focused forces to their own countries in the coming days and weeks. The Coalition remains committed to the lasting defeat of ISIS through our partnership with the ISF, and as the situation permits, we will resume our support to Iraqi training.

The Coalition will retain key military personnel on some Iraqi bases, to ensure the Government of Iraq and our interests are appropriately supported. We remain partnered and collaborate closely with Iraqi Security Forces at headquarters, for joint base security, tactical information sharing, and operations against Daesh.

Full statement here: <a href="https://www.inherentresolve.mil/Releases/News-Releases/Article/2119563/citf-oir-statement-on-repositioning-of-forces/">https://www.inherentresolve.mil/Releases/News-Releases/Article/2119563/citf-oir-statement-on-repositioning-of-forces/</a>

We will continue to share highlights from Around the Coalition. Next week, we will launch our "One Mission, Many Faces" social media campaign featuring profiles of Coalition service members and civilians.

Highlights from around the Coalition are included below:

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- Coalition transfers Al Qaim base to ISF
- German physicians and U.S. service members participate in mass casualty exercise

#### Task Group Taji X transfers base command authority to the U.S. Army

A base command transfer of authority ceremony took place at Camp Taji, Iraq, March 18, 2020. The event signified the Australian and New Zealand led Task Group X transferring base command to the U.S. Army.

New Zealand army Lt. Col. lain Hill, outgoing base commander, and U.S. Army Lt. Col. Mark Tyndall, incoming base commander, both signed the base command transfer of authority order to make the ceremony official.

(Source: Combined Joint Task Force –Operation Inherent Resolve Public Affairs)
<a href="https://www.dvidshub.net/image/6143247/camp-taji-base-command-transfer-authority">https://www.dvidshub.net/image/6143247/camp-taji-base-command-transfer-authority</a>





#### Coalition transfers Al Qaim base to ISF

Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve conducted a base transfer ceremony with the Iraqi Security Forces, March 17, 2020 at Al Qaim, Iraq.

As a result of the ISF's success in their fight against ISIS, and in conjunction with our partner forces and the Government of Iraq, CJTF-OIR will relocate and consolidate personnel and equipment from several Iraqi bases throughout 2020.





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The final Coalition troops will depart Al Qaim after the completion of equipment transfers to Iraqi Security Forces, in the coming days.

(Source: Combined Joint Task Force –Operation Inherent Resolve Public Affairs) <a href="https://www.dvidshub.net/image/6142112/coalition-forces-prepare-al-qaim-base-transfer-iraqi-security-forces">https://www.dvidshub.net/image/6142112/coalition-forces-prepare-al-qaim-base-transfer-iraqi-security-forces</a>



# German physicians and U.S. service members participate in mass casualty exercise

German physicians and U.S. service members participate in a mass casualty training exercise at Erbil Air Base in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, March 12, 2020.

The exercise required medical personnel to assess and treat multiple simulated casualties in a timely and effective manner.

The purpose of the exercise was to improve collaboration between coalition members and test physicians' readiness in the event of an emergency.

(Source: Combined Joint Task Force –Operation Inherent Resolve Public Affairs)
<a href="https://www.dvidshub.net/image/6137085/mass-casualty-training-exercise-erbil-air-base">https://www.dvidshub.net/image/6137085/mass-casualty-training-exercise-erbil-air-base</a>

