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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.

The following highlights from around the Coalition are included below:

- **Training mission paused, approximately 300 Spanish soldiers return to Spain**
- **U.S. Soldiers honor the memory of Sgt. 1st Class John Hilty during a memorial ceremony**
- **Update: France pauses anti-ISIS training, relocates military personnel**

Training missions paused, approximately 300 Spanish soldiers return to Spain

Approximately 300 Spanish soldiers, deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq, returned to Spain before their original release date. This was due to the Government of Iraq's decision to temporarily suspend training for its security forces as a preventative measure to mitigate the spread of coronavirus.

This temporary reallocation of forces should be seen as an adaptation to unforeseen circumstances and not be understood as definitive. When the situation improves, anti-ISIS training activities for Iraqi personnel will resume.



(Source: Spanish Ministry of Defense OIR Webpage)
<https://emad.defensa.gob.es/operaciones/10-Coalicion-internacional-Operacion-IR-IRAQ/noticias/listado/200329-repliegue-irak.html>



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U.S. Soldiers honor the memory of Sgt. 1st Class John Hilty during a memorial ceremony

U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class John David Hilty, assigned to Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 277th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, at Erbil Air Base in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, was honored during a memorial service April 4, 2020.

Hilty, 44, from Bowie, Maryland, died while deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve under non-combat circumstances.

“Task Force ATTACK is deeply saddened by the loss of Sgt. 1st Class Hilty,” said Lt. Col. Adam Camarano, 1st Battalion commander. “He was an exceptional leader who will be sorely missed throughout the entire formation. His loss will not be forgotten and his legacy will continue through the outstanding performance of the Soldiers he led.”

(Source: Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve Public Affairs)

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/6162089/sgt-1st-class-john-david-hilty-honored-memorial-ceremony>



Update: Operation Chammal pauses training, relocates military personnel

In coordination with the Government of Iraq, the International Coalition has decided to temporarily suspend training operations with the Iraqi forces. French military personnel and equipment involved in training activities in Iraq have been relocated back to France.

A coordination cell was activated in Kuwait to implement the withdrawal plan as soon as the decision was made.



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"Operation Alphabet corresponds to the disengagement of our forces in Iraq," said French Brigade Gen. Stéphane Dupont, senior national representative for Operation Chammal in Kuwait. "We had anticipated this logistics operation by establishing an ad hoc plan in advance."

"[ISF] began to conduct military operations in complete autonomy: First of all, with the [Iraqi-led operation] 'Will of Victory,' then with the 'Heroes of Iraq' operation," he added. "Therefore, we had prepared for a departure of Task Force Monsabert from Iraq, linked to the effectiveness of the training provided and the significant improvement in the skills of the 6th Iraqi Division. The suspension of training related to the coronavirus just advanced our departure."

(Source: Operation Chammal Public Affairs)

<https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/chammal/brev es/chammal-desengagement-des-troupes-francaises-d-irak-une-operation-logistique-rondement-menee>