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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). Mentoring, advising and assisting are key components for building our security partners' capacity to defeat Daesh remnants and create regional stability. Since 2014, the Coalition has military contributions from more than 30 nations.

The following highlights from around the Coalition are included:

- **Australian Intelligence Imagery Analyst enjoys first deployment**
- **Task Force-Iraq transitions to Military Advisor Group**
- **A French airstrike destroys caves and neutralizes IS fighters**

Australian Analyst relishes first deployment

Private Cooper Leopold is making the most of his first deployment. The 21-year-old, from Gawler, South Australia, is embedded with the US Air Force on Operation Accordion in the Middle East.

As a geospatial imagery intelligence analyst with the U.S. Central Command Partner Integration Enterprise, his role is to process, exploit and disseminate (PED) operational full-motion video from unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV).

"I act as the middle man between our PED analyst crews, UAV crews, and supported units to ensure delivered products match our customer requirements," Private Leopold said.

"Some of our customers include a variety of military units from the United States, Italy, and the Netherlands."





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“Providing actionable intelligence to other military units allows them to conduct their job effectively and ultimately save lives.”

“I also supervise and support the crews and monitor their performance, issues, and fatigue.

“Working with other countries provides an additional perspective on how to do my job and how we work together. They also ensure work is enjoyable.”

Private Leopold said his work on deployment was more complex than normal.

“This role differs from my job back home,” Private Leopold said.

“Walking into work every day and not knowing what to expect means no two days are the same.

“I am extremely lucky to have the opportunity to manage multinational PED analyst crews and support a variety of mission types.”

(Source: Australian Government Department of Defence Website)

<https://news.defence.gov.au/international/analyst-relishes-first-deployment>

Task Force-Iraq transitions to Military Advisor Group

Task Force-Iraq (TF-I), of Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, marked a new phase in its advising mission to Iraqi Security Forces, July 2, 2020.

A brief ceremony recognized the transition of TF-I to Military Advisor Group (MAG), as it reduces its number of personnel and reorganizes as part of a new approach to supporting ISF defeat Daesh



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operations. The MAG will be smaller in size, but with expert specialized capabilities to advise Iraqi security staff and leaders. Former TF-I personnel will return to their home countries or reallocate to support other CJTF-OIR missions.

The MAG consists of advisors from 13 Coalition nations, working side-by-side with Iraqi operational command liaison officers in one centralized Baghdad location. The MAG is led by U.S. Marine Brig. Gen. Ryan Rideout.

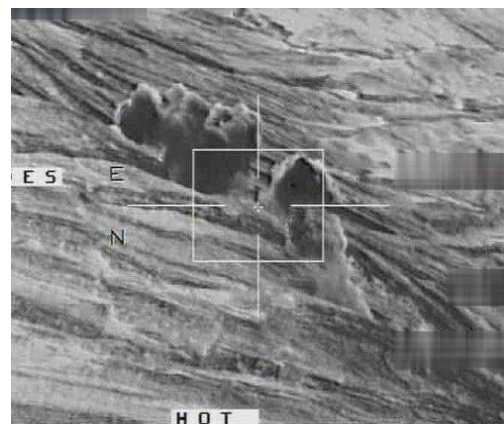
"It's an honor, and quite frankly very humbling, to be a part of this mission," said Rideout to his Iraqi partners at the ceremony. "I look forward to learning from and working with you as we continue to build upon the great success of the Joint Operations Command Center-Iraq."

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

<https://www.inherentresolve.mil/Media-Library/Article/2250749/coalition-task-force-iraq-transitions-to-military-advisor-group/>

A French airstrike destroys caves and neutralizes IS fighters

On July 1, a patrol of French Rafale fighter aircraft following surveillance of an area in northern Iraq, was authorised to engage and strike a position occupied by Daesh fighters. Troops on the ground had spotted the terrorists at the entrance to a number of caves and after obtaining agreement from Iraqi authorities and the Coalition, the Rafales dropped several bombs, destroying 3 cave entrances and neutralizing several terrorists.



(Source: French Government Ministry of Defense Website)



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<https://www.defense.gouv.fr/english/operations/chammal/breves/chammal-une-frappe-en-dynamique-detruit-des-grottes-et-neutralise-des-combattants-de-daesh>

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