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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, in conjunction with our partner forces, works to ensure an enduring defeat of Daesh (ISIS). CJTF-OIR provides high-level advising and enabling of our partner forces 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:

- **Airmen deliver food, water, medical supplies to Beirut**
- **French anti-drone specialists**
- **Australian officer plans COVID-19 mitigation during defeat Daesh operations**

Airmen deliver food, water, medical supplies to Beirut

Lebanese and U.S. service members unloaded humanitarian aid supplies delivered by a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III at Beirut, Lebanon, Aug. 6, 2020. The supplies arrived to support the people of Lebanon in the wake of the devastating explosion in Beirut, Aug. 4. U.S. Central Command continues to coordinate with the Lebanese Armed Forces, the U.S. Embassy-Beirut and the United States Agency for International Development to transport critical supplies as quickly as possible to support the needs of the Lebanese people.



(Source: U.S. Air Forces Central Command)

<https://www.afcent.af.mil/News/Article/2305284/airmen-deliver-food-water-medical-supplies-to-beirut>

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French Anti-Drone Specialists

French servicemen specializing in anti-drone warfare are responsible for detecting and neutralizing any potential threats at the air bases used by the French air force in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. These ground-to-air defense operators work day and night to ensure the security of the military compound and its personnel.

“While we are focused on aeronautical activity, that is to say that we have to watch the runway when the aircraft take off or land, our mission does not end there,” said one of the French airmen. “We are also responsible for the security of the living quarters of soldiers deployed as part of Operation Chammal. Drones are light and discrete devices that represent a fairly recent threat, and in addition to being used for intelligence purposes, they can also be hijacked for malicious and terrorist purposes such as transporting explosives or causing a collision with aircraft.”

To carry out their mission, these airmen have telemetry and infrared binoculars, a device for jamming GPS signals, and shotguns with specific cartridges. They also work in close collaboration with other personnel on the air bases.

“In the event of a real attack, the protection and intervention groups and the neutralization, removal, destruction of explosives (NEDEx) team would be involved. A number of personnel are also trained drone operators which allows us to investigate any trapped drones by sending our own to analyze it. Although no attack has yet taken place, the terrorist threat does not abate.”



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(Source: French Ministry of Defense)

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Australian officer plans COVID-19 mitigation during defeat Daesh operations

Australian Defence Force (ADF) and Coalition operations continue in the Middle East, despite the COVID-19 pandemic's ramifications, because of measured planning.

Maj. Edward Heslop, embedded with the US-led Headquarters Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR) led that planning effort.



“I was originally deployed as the J75 future operations chief for training, posted to Task Force Iraq in Baghdad,” said Heslop. “I was pushed south to Headquarters CJTF-OIR at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, to be a future operations planner to prepare a policy framework so the task force could continue operations in the COVID-19 environment.”

Central to his plan was the reorientation of responses from reactionary orders to deliberate risk management.

“The problem with reactionary orders is they make it hard to assess whether or not measures being put in place are effective, and can end up being inadvertently haphazard,” he said.

Heslop had support from key staff who have taken the policy and processes on board.

“It required significant consultation across the headquarters and subordinate forces to ensure it was accurate and accessible,” he said.

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Australian Maj. Gen. Susan Coyle, commander, Joint Task Force 633, said she was proud of the ADF and Coalition forces' flexibility.

“ADF personnel in the Middle East region have gained an enormous amount from working with our partners,” she said. “We remain focused on supporting operations, ensuring that COVID-19 does not get its own line of operation. Seeing how other nations approach and resolve simple and complex issues is invaluable and I praise the efforts of our ADF members as we support one another through COVID-19.”

(Source: Australian Department of Defense)

<https://news.defence.gov.au/international/future-operations-plan-covid-19?fbclid=IwAR1pQ9D7Vh2btq9erp6ab1LCK7kkrASpVQ5KF2nmPRW1kxI8qOggK5M05YY>

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