



COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE

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Defeating Daesh Highlights of the Week

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Our partners in Iraq and Syria are leading the way to find and eliminate Daesh fighters and their finance, logistics, and media networks.

“Temperatures as high as 52° Celsius did not stop our security forces partners in Iraq and Syria from searching for ISIS terrorists,” said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. “Since 2014, together, we have been strong and successful against Daesh.”

During the week of August 12 - 18, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- August 12: Within the framework of combating terrorism and eliminating sleeper cells activities, a joint force from Military Intelligence Detachments and the Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Surveillance Regiment, 16th Division, Ninawa Operations Command, captured four leaders of Daesh sleeper cells wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Mosul city.

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- August 12: Based on intelligence, Military Intelligence Detachments from the 16th Division, in coordination with the 3rd Regiment, 75th Infantry Brigade, Ninawa Operations Command, located a Daesh tunnel containing a number of explosive devices and rockets in Hammam al-Alil district, Mosul. The tunnel had been used by the terrorists as a launching pad to attack civilians and security forces. The tunnel and the captured materials were subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- August 13: In a continuation of efforts to prevent





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remaining Daesh groups from melting into the desert region and using it as a base for future attacks, Anbar Operations Command launched a search and clearance operation in the sprawling desert north the international highway towards the administrative border with Jazeera Operations Command. As a result of the operation: a number of explosive devices, mortar rounds and explosives were located north the international highway, mortar rounds and rocket launchers were found in al-Za'atana area, Fallujah district. The captured materials were subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion. Meanwhile, a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary was captured in al-Halabsa checkpoint. The captured terrorist was handed over to the appropriate authority.

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- August 13: Field Detachments from Wasit Intelligence and Security Directorate, in cooperation with joint security detachments, located a cache of ammunition in al-Suwayrah district, Wasit province. The seized cache was removed from the site by the Field Engineering Detachment according to Explosives Safety Standards.

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- August 13: Jazeera Operations Command launched a clearance operation south of the Euphrates River and al-Shamiyah desert towards the administrative borders with Anbar Operations Command. Five Daesh safe houses containing rifles, ammunition, magazines, a motorcycle rigged with explosives, food, and mattresses were located and subsequently destroyed.

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- August 13: A joint force from Military Intelligence Detachments, the 16th Division, Ninawa Operations Command and the 92nd Infantry Brigade, 15th Division located a cache of ammunition and explosive belts in Badush mountain range, Mosul. The seized materials were subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2933439370218882>
- August 13: Troops from Military Intelligence Detachments and the 32nd Mechanized Infantry Brigade, 8th Division captured a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Sa'da area, al-Qaim district, Anbar province.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2933439983552154>
- August 13: Military Intelligence Detachments from Ninawa Operations Command captured two terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in two separate ambushes. One female terrorist working as an informant for Daesh was captured in al-Jada IDPs camp, Mosul,. The other terrorist was captured while attempting to infiltrate into Tal Afar district.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2934334026796083>
- August 14: In an intelligence-led operation, a joint force from the 2nd and 3rd Regiments, 66th Brigade, 20th Division thwarted an attempt by Daesh militants at the Iraqi-Syrian border to infiltrate into Ninawa province. Thirty-one terrorists were captured and explosives were confiscated in their possession. All the terrorists were handed over to the appropriate authorities.
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<https://www.facebook.com/Intelligence153/posts/1657380377770309>





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- August 14: Based on intelligence, a joint force from Military Intelligence Detachments and the 3rd Regiment, 38th Infantry Brigade, 10th Division, raided a Daesh hideout in Hajar Mukhairijah quarries, Ramadi district, Anbar province. A number of weapons and ammunition belonging to Daesh terrorists were located.

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- August 14: Detachments from Diyala Intelligence Agency, Iraqi Ministry of Interior (MoI) alongside Diyala Police raided a Daesh hideout in Kharr al-Wahsh area, Khanaqin district and captured a terrorist wanted by the . The captured terrorist had reportedly been involved in transporting other fighters who would later be used in suicide attacks. The hideout was subsequently destroyed. The operation aimed to detect, disrupt and dismantle terrorist networks, and deny their ability to mobilize and travel through rugged terrain areas.

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- August 14: Based on a tip-off, a force from the 2nd Regiment, 40th Brigade, 10th Division, Anbar Operations Command teamed up with the Field Engineering Battalion launched a search and clearance operation in the area of the Tigris bank and al-Shehabi sub-district, al-Karma district. A cache of ammunition, remnants from Daesh, was located and subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion.

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- August 14: Based on intelligence, a joint force from the 3rd Regiment, 60th Infantry Brigade alongside the





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Reconnaissance and Surveillance Regiment, 20th Division carried out a search and clearance operation in Biski al-Sughra area, al-Qairouan sub-district, Sinjar district. A number of ammunition and weapons were located and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- August 14: Based on intelligence, Military Intelligence Detachments teamed up with a force from the 3rd Regiment, 20th Infantry Brigade, 5th Division raided a Daesh hideout in Zour al-Islah area, Jalawla district, Diyala province. The hideout had been used by terrorists as a launching pad to attack Iraqi Security Forces during Daesh occupation of the area. The hideout was subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.



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- August 14: Based on intelligence, Military Intelligence Detachments alongside the 2nd Regiment, 51st Infantry Brigade, 14th Division located a cache of explosive devices and detonators in al-Lazaka village, Makhmour district, Mosul. The seized cache was subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment on site.

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- August 14: Based on intelligence, Military Intelligence Detachments alongside a joint force from the 2nd Regiment and the Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Surveillance Company, 22nd Infantry Brigade, 16th Division captured a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Hor al-Basha area north of Baghdad.

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- August 14: The 92nd Infantry Brigade, 15th Division, in coordination with the subordinate units conducted a





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search and clearance operation in Badush mountain range, west of Ninawa province. A number of rockets and explosive devices, remnants from Daesh, were located and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Battalion.

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- August 15: In an intelligence-led operation, field detachments from Ninawa Intelligence and Security Directorate, in coordination with a joint security force, located a cache of ammunition in Tal Abta sub-district, Ninawa province. The seized cache was subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2935290663367086>
- August 15: Military Intelligence Detachments teamed up with a force from the 2nd Regiment, 50th Brigade, 14th Division captured a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Hajj Ali village, Mosul, Ninawa province.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2935514023344750>
- August 15: Military Intelligence Detachments, 36th Brigade, 9th Armored Division, in coordination with the 2nd Commando Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 19th Division, Basra Operations Command captured a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in an ambush in al-Ghumaij area, al-Qurnah district, north of Basra. The captured terrorist was handed over to the appropriate authorities.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2935577976671688>
- August 15: Based on intelligence, Anbar Operations Command located a cache of ammunition containing 87 military rounds, remnants from Daesh, in Habbaniyah city, Anbar province.
<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1294531135201050625>
- August 15: A force from Federal Police's Intelligence affiliated with the Intelligence Agency, Iraqi Ministry of Interior captured a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in





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Kirkuk province. The captured terrorist was involved in the Camp Speicher massacre in 2014.

<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1294616284584435714>

- August 16: After security monitoring and follow-up, the heroes of Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service captured five hardcore terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary during separate raids in Ninawa and Salah Ad-Din provinces. One of the terrorists was involved in the Camp Speicher massacre in 2014, accompanied by two other terrorists were captured in Salah Ad-Din province. Two additional terrorists were captured in Mosul and Salah Ad-Din during separate raids.

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- August 16: In a continuation of efforts by Iraqi Security Forces to clear cities of mines and other explosive remnants of war, Anbar Operations Command launched extensive search and clearance operations. As a result of the operations: 34 rockets, anti-aircraft systems, and illumination bombs were located in al-Wafa district, Abu Al-Jir, al-Ramadi district. A number of mortar rounds, homemade explosive devices and a rocket projectile were located in al-Lahib area, al-Karma district. All the seized materials were subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion. Additionally, two terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary were captured in al-Jolan neighborhood, Fallujah district and subsequently handed over to the appropriate authorities.

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- August 17: Field detachments from Baghdad Intelligence and Security Directorate, in cooperation with the 23rd Infantry Brigade, 17th Division located a cache of ammunition in al-Latifiah area. The seized cache was subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- August 17: Troops from Samarra Operations Command, conducted a search and clearance operation on West Samarra Island. Three explosive devices, remnants from Daesh, were located and subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion. Additionally, Samarra Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism Directorate, in coordination with the Headquarters' Intelligence and Security Department captured two terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary.

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- August 17: A joint force from the 71st Brigade, Rabia Police Department, Rabia National Security Office and the Commando Regiment, 15th Infantry Division carried out a search operation to capture wanted criminals and clear explosive remnants of war within the area of responsibility. As a result of the operation: a cache of ammunition was located between al-Kibar and al-Muthalath villages, al-Ayyadiyah sub-district, Tal Afar district. The seized cache was subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- August 17: The 73rd Infantry Brigade, 15th Infantry Division, carried out a search operation in Sheikh Ibrahim mountain range, Tal Afar district, west of Ninawa province. Eight mortar rounds, one grenade, two launcher grenades, remnants from Daesh, were located and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- August 17: Military Intelligence Detachments, 16th Division, in coordination with the Intelligence, Reconnaissance, and Surveillance Regiment and the 2nd Regiment of the



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92nd Infantry Brigade, Ninawa Operations Command captured two terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in an ambush in Tal al-Khaymah village, Badush district, Mosul.

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- August 17: Based on intelligence, troops from Military Intelligence Detachments and the 2nd Regiment, 73rd Infantry Brigade, 15th Division alongside the Intelligence Unit of West Ninawa Operations Command captured two terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Zummar district, west Ninawa province.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2937585156470970>
- August 17: In an intelligence-led operation, joint forces from Military Intelligence Detachments, 8th Division, in coordination with the 1st Regiment, 30th Mechanized Infantry Brigade, Jazeera Operations Command alongside a force from the Falcons Intelligence Cell captured a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in al-Rummaneh district, Anbar province. In a concurrent operation, Military Intelligence Detachments, 8th Division alongside a force from the 2nd Regiment, 30th Mechanized Infantry Brigade, Jazeera Operations Command, captured two terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in al-Khasem area, al-Qaim district, Anbar province.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2937585933137559>
- August 18: Anbar Operations Command wants to fully secure the western desert, end any covert enemy presence there and tackle any attempt by the terrorists to regroup and establish new bases. Paratroopers from Anbar Operations Command destroyed a Daesh safe house within the area of responsibility. A terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary was captured at al-Halabsah checkpoint and subsequently was handed over to Fallujah Police Department. Meanwhile, a force from the 38th Infantry Brigade, 10th Division alongside Field Engineering Battalion and the HALO Trust Company for mine removal, destroyed 41 explosive devices, remnants from Daesh, near the Olympic Stadium. Additionally, a force from the 1st Regiment, 39th Brigade, 10th Division alongside Field Engineering Battalion located 19 mortar rounds, remnants from Daesh, during a search and clearance operation in Albu Mijbel area.
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- August 18: Based on intelligence, field detachments from Wasit Intelligence and Security Directorate, in cooperation with joint security detachments, captured two terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary while attempting to infiltrate into Wasit province through al-Laj checkpoint.

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- August 18: Based on intelligence, Military Intelligence Detachments teamed up with a force from the 2nd Regiment, 76th Infantry Brigade, 16th Division, in coordination with Ninawa Operations Command's Intelligence Unit located a cache of ammunition, remnants from Daesh, in an abandoned residential house in Bismar area, Qayyarah district, Mosul.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2938293033066849>



- August 18: Military Intelligence Detachments alongside a force from the 73rd Brigade, 15th Division located a cache of weapons and ammunition in Sheikh Ibrahim mountain range, Tal Afar district. The weapons were seized and the ammunition were subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- August 18: Under the guidance of the Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Mr. al-Kadhimi, the Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service (ICTS) with the support of the Iraqi Army Aviation and Coalition aircraft, launched an operation against terrorists' stronghold in the Qara Chokh Mountains near Makhmour district. The airstrikes were conducted to aid and support ICTS troops on the ground and contributed to the elimination of 10 enemy terrorists in the area.

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During the week of August 12 - 18, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

- August 12: As part of efforts to maintain security and stability in NE Syria, 4 members of an ISIS cell were arrested in al-Bosira area, east of Deir ez-Zor, during a new operation carried out by the elite counter-terrorism unit within Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) with air support from the International Coalition, weapons and technical equipment were found.

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Removing Daesh fighters, weapons, and explosive material remains a top priority as Daesh continues to plot attacks against innocent civilians and our partners throughout Iraq and northeast Syria.

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