



# 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.

“The Coalition will not be deterred from supporting our partners in Iraq and Syria to eliminate ISIS remnants,” said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman.

**During the week of August 19 - 25, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:**

- August 19: In an intelligence-led operation, Military Intelligence Detachments from the 15th Division alongside a force from West Ninawa Operations Command thwarted a plot by militants to target Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) in Tel Afar district, Ninawa province. A number of explosive devices were located and subsequently dismantled by the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Detachment.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2939331529629666/>

- August 20: Based on intelligence, troops from the 1st Division raided Daesh hideouts in Wadi Hazima area in al-Rutba desert, Anbar province. Three hideouts containing logistical supplies and medical equipment were found in addition to an excavator that had been used by terrorists for digging tunnels and hideouts. The excavator was seized and the hideouts were subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- August 20: Based on intelligence, a force from the 14th Division raided a Daesh warehouse containing food and medical supplies in al-Balouni area, Makhmour district, Ninawa province. The warehouse was subsequently destroyed.  
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- August 20: Acting on a warrant, elite Kurdish Counter-Terrorism Directorate troops captured ISIS sleeper cell terrorists in Erbil assisted by Coalition special operations advisors.  
<https://twitter.com/OIRSpox/status/1296857435123179521>



- August 20: Troops from the 10th Division conducted a search and clearance operation along the crude oil line (Strategic Line) within their area of responsibility. A number of home-made explosive devices, remnants from Daesh, were located and subsequently destroyed by the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Detachment.  
<https://twitter.com/modmiliq/status/1296388909967052800>



- August 21: At the request of the Joint Operations Command-Iraq, Coalition forces conducted an airstrike on a terrorist group hiding in a grove in Tarmiyah district, north of Baghdad. The airstrike supported the ISF on the ground and contributed to the elimination of all terrorists. The Coalition continues to help ISF in the fight against Daesh.  
<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1297182012395094017>





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- August 21: The 20th Infantry Division carried out a search and clearance operation in the desert southwest of Ninawa province. The operation, supported by Iraqi Army Aviation, aimed to pursue terrorists, clear terrorist sanctuaries and enhance security and stability in the area. Two safe houses and a booby-trapped house were found and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- August 21: A combined force from the 7th Division, 8th Mechanized Infantry Division, Commando Brigade and paratroopers from Jazeera Operations Command, in coordination with the Tribal Forces, conducted a rough terrain airborne operation in desert areas northeast of the Euphrates River. The operation, supported by Iraqi Army Aviation, aimed to detect, disrupt and dismantle terrorist networks, and deny their ability to mobilize and travel through rugged terrain areas. Four Daesh safe houses containing explosive devices and detonators were located and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- August 21: In a continuation of counterterrorism efforts to dismantle terrorist networks, the elite forces of the Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service (ICTS) captured 8 members of an ISIS terrorist cell and foiled their potential plots to attack ISF in Shirqat district, Salah Ad-Din province.

<https://twitter.com/iraqicts/status/1296866628618129409>





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- August 22: In an intelligence-led operation, troops from Jazeera Operations Command carried out an extensive search operation in al-Karabla area, al-Qaim district. A cache of ammunition, remnants from Daesh, was found and subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment. These operations help to disrupt Daesh capabilities and foil their attacks.

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- August 22: Military Intelligence Detachments from the 8th Division captured several Daesh-affiliated families while attempting to infiltrate into the area south the Euphrates River towards al-Qaim border crossing at the Iraqi-Syrian border. All captured Daesh-affiliated families were handed over to the appropriate authorities.

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- August 22: Military Intelligence Detachments teamed up with a force from the 32nd Mechanized Infantry Brigade, 8th Division captured a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in al-Qaim district, Anbar province. In a concurrent operation, Military Intelligence Detachments alongside a force from the 8th Infantry Brigade, 7th Division, in coordination with Jazeera Intelligence Department and National Security Detachments, captured a terrorist in Anah district, Anbar province.

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- August 24: Intelligence Detachments from Ninawa Intelligence Agency, Iraqi Ministry of Interior (Moi), arrested five terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary and handed them over to the appropriate authorities. Following the arrest the Intelligence Detachments destroyed two Daesh hideouts in al-Baaj Island.

<https://moi.gov.iq/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=15165>





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- August 25: Based on intelligence, Military Intelligence Detachments alongside a force from the 7th Division, in coordination with Jazeera Operations Command Intelligence Cell, recovered a cache of weapons and ammunition during a raid on a house in Hit district, Anbar province.

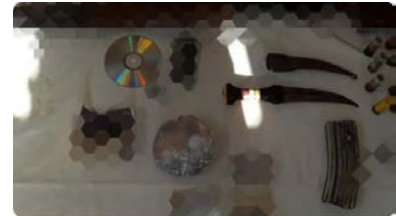
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**During the week of August 19 - 25, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:**

- August 23: As part of efforts to maintain security and stability in NE Syria, the elite counter-terrorism unit within Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) with support from the International Coalition arrested a member of an ISIS cell in Deir ez-Zor, and confiscated weapons and equipment found in his possession.

[https://twitter.com/cmoc\\_sdf/status/1297449150431350786](https://twitter.com/cmoc_sdf/status/1297449150431350786)



Removing Daesh fighters, weapons, and explosive material remains a top priority as Daesh holdouts threaten innocent civilians and our security partners throughout Iraq and northeast Syria.

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