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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 set conditions for follow on operations to increase regional stability. Since 2014, the Coalition has military contributions from more than 30 nations.

The following highlights from around the Coalition are included:

- **Spanish helicopters conduct aerial shooting exercise**
- **Canadian Op IMPACT commemorates Battle of Britain**
- **French Op Chammal troops tell their stories**

Spanish helicopters conduct aerial shooting exercise

The Spanish Task Force Toro's Black Bull 51 Patrol, composed of a Chinook chopper and a Cougar from the Ejército de Tierra, conducted a shooting exercise in Iraq to keep their combat skills sharp. Spanish air power continues to be a vital asset for Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, providing fire support, mobility, and transport capabilities.



(Source: Spanish Ministry of Defense website)

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Canadian Op IMPACT commemorates Battle of Britain

On September 20, members of Operation IMPACT held a commemoration led by the Air Detachment – IMPACT (AD-I), at Camp Canada, Kuwait in recognition of the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. The Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) recognizes the Battle of Britain on the third Sunday of every September and considers it the second most important day in recognition next to Remembrance Day.



The event is deemed so important because throughout the battle, which lasted from July 10, 1940, to October 31, 1940, Canadians lost 23 of their brave pilots. The victory, however, allowed the allied forces to maintain a foothold in Europe which ultimately allowed the allies to liberate Europe. The battle also put the RCAF on to the world stage by showing their trustworthiness and their contributions in the Second World War.

The Battle of Britain continues to serve as an example of how modern-day RCAF operations still function.

"Fearless pilots win air superiority through the combined effort of persistent maintainers to keep the aircraft in the sky, dedicated logistical and support trades who maintain the fighting force, skilled intelligence operators who constantly provide the pilots with knowledge, and aerospace control officers and radar operators who control and monitor the aircraft movements." – Major Keefe, AD-I Commander

(Source: Op IMPACT social media)

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French Op CHAMMAL troops tell their stories

Determined to continue the fight against Daesh, the units of the French planned Air Base (BAP) in the Levant consistently prove both the effectiveness of their skills and the consistency of their commitment. The military enclosure constitutes a real combat system which performs fire support missions, deep strikes, intelligence, air defense and the transport of materials and personnel. Presented are of some specialties necessary for the success of operations.



Commander Jean-Michael, head of the Joint Transport, Transit and Movement Coordination Center (CCITTM):

For 6 years, the various heads of the CCITTM and their team have provided transport for all the human and logistical resources necessary for the success of the Chammal operation: “ 24/7, my team is responsible for the loading operations and unloading of aircraft. Without these maneuvers, no logistical support would be provided and the operation would be severely impacted: the defective parts of the planes could not be replaced, the medical service would not be provided with drugs, arms and ammunition could not be transported to in the Levant... ”.

Staff-Sergeant Nicolas, responsible for the armory of the BAP:

“We make sure that the weapons and their equipment are in good condition. Although we mainly arm the protection forces of the BAP (fusiliers-commandos, gendarmes, also pilots and navigators who are equipped in flight with a means of defense), we also provide the armament distributed over the main zones of BAP activities that would be used in the event of an attack. Thus, all deployed soldiers, who are all operational combatants, will be ready to respond.”

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Adjutant Wissem, "provost" gendarme and interpreter in Arabic:

The adjutant has two primary missions: "I am part of the provost gendarmerie, that is to say that in addition to my role of judicial police officer, I ensure the safety of the personnel and the site and I performs escort missions. My second job is that of facilitator: I act as a link between the French military and our counterparts in the Middle East. I adapt to each dialect, this greatly contributes to the acceptance of the Force in the host country and clears any misunderstandings that our cultural differences could bring. "

Sergeant Mattéo, in charge of the "rescue and survival" cell:

At post since 4 am, the day of the gunsmith mechanic is punctuated by aeronautical activity: "we must be present two hours before takeoff, since we perform with the pilot the "bomb tour", that is to say that we describe to him the different parameters and configurations of the bombs he carries for his mission. The pilot cannot take off without it. On a daily basis, I maintain the survival equipment of the flight crew: the life jackets, for which component exchanges must be made, but also the package, as well as the ejection seats, which must be disarmed and rearmed, because fireworks can expire. Without these checks, the lives of our crews would be endangered."

(Source: French Ministry of Defense Website)

<https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/chammal/brev-es/chammal-les-militaires-engages-sur-la-bap-au-levant-tous-acteurs-dans-la-mission-de-lutte-contre-le-terrorisme>

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Italian Airmobile Task Group has new commander

Italian LTC Bertolino relinquished Command of the Airmobile Task Group "Griffon" to equal ranked Andrea Seminara.

Due to anti-coronavirus measures, no official ceremony was held. Only a warm goodbye by Erbil Airport between the two officers, deeply tied by friendship.



Brigadier General Francesco Principe, Italian Contingent Commander and Combined Joint Task Force Assistant Deputy Commander-Strategy, thanked LTC Bertolino and welcomed LTC Seminara.

Under Bertolino's command, "Griffon" flew hundreds of hours connecting and supplying more than 70,000 lbs of cargo and supplies amid coalition bases.

Task Group "Griffon" is an air contribution of the Italian Government to the Coalition. The unit, equipped with twin-engine, medium-size UH-90A helicopters, is in charge of personnel, goods and equipment transportation in Iraqi Kurdistan.

(Source: Italian PAO, CJTF-OIR Facebook Page)

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