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Highlights from Around the Coalition

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Across Iraq and Syria, the Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF_OIR) works by, with and through our partner forces to ensure an enduring defeat of Daesh (ISIS). Training, mentoring, advising, and assisting are key components for building our Security partners' capacity to defeat Daesh remnants and create regional stability. Highlights from around the Coalition are included below:

- **Task Force Narvik trains Iraqis to search for explosive residues**
- **Two U.S. Soldiers earn distinction with the Italian National Commemorative Cross**
- **Peshmerga soldiers finish tactical course with combat-scenario exercise**
- **Coalition forces partner with Kurdish Security Forces for CBRN casualty training**

TF Narvik trains Iraqis to search explosive residues

The Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service (CTS) is in the frontline of the fight against Daesh. Thanks to their training partnership with France's Operation Chammal, members of Task Force Narvik are now teaching CTS personnel how to find explosive traces after bomb attacks.

The training scenario required the French military instructors to create a realistic explosion site which the trainee Iraqi investigators could then process to determine whether explosive residues were present. Investigators marked up and photographed evidence and took earth samples from the center of the crater for chemical analysis.

Practical, hands-on training of the type provided by Operation Chammal is vital as the Iraqi Security Forces take the lead in the fight to defeat the remnants of Daesh.

(Source: Op Chammal Public Affairs Office)

<https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/chammal/breves/chammal-la-task-force-narvik-forme-les-irakiens-au-prelevement-d-indices-en-cas-d-explosion-terroriste>

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Two U.S. Soldiers earn distinction with the Italian National Commemorative Cross

The Italian Contingent Commander and CJTF-OIR Director of the Training, Brig. Gen. Paolo Attilio Fortezza, awarded the National Commemorative Cross for international cooperation operations to U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Evin Feit, a Greeley, Colorado native, and Spc. Samuel Craney, a Montgomery, Indiana native, both U.S. military specialists in the field of medical health at Singara Camp in Erbil, base of the Italian National Support Element, Dec. 13, 2019. The award recognized their notable professionalism and valued support during Coalition activities.

In the spirit of sharing the struggle against DAESH, expressed by the motto of the Coalition "One Mission, Many Nations," the event symbolizes the close ties of cooperation and synergy amongst the different countries that contribute to Operation Inherent Resolve, a contribution that sees Italy as one of the major suppliers of military forces employed in the Iraqi operational theater.

(Source: Operation "Prima Parthica" Public Affairs office)

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Final exercise rounds off training course for Peshmerga soldiers

Peshmerga soldiers participated in their final training exercise at Sulaymaniyah Training Center in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, Dec. 17, 2019. The exercise was the culminating event of a seven-week course and tested soldiers on their training in topics including tactical movement, marksmanship, counter improvised explosive device (CIED) drills and first aid.

Forty-five female Peshmerga soldiers were a part of more than 500 Peshmerga soldiers who participated in the final exercise and will now graduate to become medics, snipers, CIED specialists or infantry soldiers.

CJTF-OIR and our Iraqi Partners are developing sustainable and inclusive Iraqi military forces that can secure their sovereign borders, protect the population, and support a return to normalcy across the country and ensure the lasting defeat of Daesh.

(Source: CJTF-OIR Public Affairs office)

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/5985716/peshmerga-forces-final-exercise-sulaymaniyah-training-center>



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Coalition forces partner with Kurdish Security Forces to execute a CBRN casualty training exercise

British soldiers with the Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition, and Reconnaissance (ISTR) Company, 1st Battalion Irish Guards, check U.S. Army Soldiers with 207th Regional Support Group for contamination during a casualty training exercise at Erbil Air Base, Iraq, Dec. 14, 2019.

Coalition partners including Kurdish security forces, the 379th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) Company, the 663rd Ordnance Company and Role 2 Navy Expeditionary Medical Unit worked together to handle the simulated chemical attack. Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve remains unified and determined in its mission to degrade and defeat Daesh and continues to work with allies and partners to implement stabilization efforts.

(Source: CJTF-OIR Public Affairs Office)

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