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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 works by, with and through our partner forces to ensure an enduring defeat of Daesh (ISIS). Mentoring, advising and assisting are key components for building our security partners' capacity 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 below:

- **Coalition deputy commander meets with Italian contingent at Erbil**
- **Australia's Task Group Taji completes its training mission in Iraq**
- **U.S. Air Force fighter jets simulate strikes in southeastern Syria**
- **The Royal Danish Army concludes its Iraqi border guard training mission**

Maj. Gen. Strickland visits the Coalition's Italian contingent at Erbil

British Maj. Gen. Gerald Strickland, Deputy Commander- Strategy from Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR), visited the Coalition's Italian contingent and regional government offices at Erbil, Iraq, June 9, 2020.

Accompanied by Italian Brig. Gen. Paolo Attilio Fortezza, Assistant Deputy Commander - Strategy and Commander of the Italian National Contingent Command Land (IT NCC LAND), he met the Prime Minister of the Kurdish Region, Mr Masrour Barzani. The leaders discussed security cooperation in the region and how to keep the pressure on Daesh.

From the Coalition's military base in Erbil, the Italian contingent has been at the center of providing training assistance to Peshmerga forces at four training sites in Iraq's Kurdistan Region. Maj. Gen. Strickland





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discussed the achievements of the Italian military and presented several soldiers his special military “coin” for outstanding performance. The visit reinforced the strong ties and consolidation of the partnership among nations of the Global Coalition.

(Source: Operation “PRIMA PARTHICA” Public Affairs)

Australia’s Task Group Taji completes its training mission in Iraq

A letter addressed from Australian Lt Gen. Richard M. Burr, Chief of the Army

The Government of Australia announced the completion of its successful training mission at Taji Military Complex in Iraq, June 5, 2020.

Since 2014, Australia has trained more than 47,000 members of the Iraqi Security Forces through the joint Australia-New Zealand Building Partner Capacity Program.

We effectively contributed to this training mission, which increased the capacity of the Iraqi security forces to degrade and defeat Da’esh.

Our training and mentoring, based on the professional conduct and team ethos of 10 Army-led Taji Task Groups, increased the ability of the Iraqi Security Forces to plan and conduct their own training. Those of you who deployed on this training mission should be proud of what has been achieved.

The Australian Army was supported in this mission by the Navy, Air Force and the New Zealand Defence Force.

The success of our training was apparent in November 2019, when Australia’s local partner, the Iraqi School of Infantry, became the first Coalition facility to declare full independent operating capability.





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This enabled training responsibilities to be handed back to the Iraqi Government.

Army will continue to support the Australian Defence Force contribution to the Global Counter Daesh Coalition and provide support to Iraq through contributions to the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service, and Coalition headquarters.

This contribution to Task Group Taji has strengthened the Iraqi Security Forces to provide stability and security for the Iraqi people and added another significant chapter to Army's story.

(Source: Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve Public Affairs)

<https://www.army.gov.au/our-news/media-releases/completion-task-group-taji-training-mission>



U.S. Air Force fighter jets simulate strikes in southeastern Syria

U.S. Air Force F-15E Strike Eagle fighter jets conduct a simulated attack run near At-Tanf Garrison, Syria, June 13, 2020. The U.S. Air Force provides immediate threat response and air superiority in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

(Source: Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve Public Affairs)

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/6240478/fighter-jets-simulate-strikes-southeastern-syria>





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The Royal Danish Army concludes its Iraqi border guard training mission

“Task Force Dragon,” the Royal Danish Army contingent with Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve, concluded its Iraqi Border Guard training mission in Iraq, June 11, 2020 at Al Asad Air Base.

Since 2014, Task Force Dragon, of CJTF-OIR Task Force Iraq, has led the international Coalition’s effort to train more than 19,500 members of the Iraqi Border Guard Forces. This week, TF Dragon passed the torch to their Iraqi counterparts, who will continue to train their own forces to ensure the enduring defeat of Daesh.

Denmark will continue to support the multinational Coalition by providing staff officers and planning support. The Coalition remains committed to enabling Iraqi security partner forces through high-level advising, intelligence sharing, and air support.

Denmark also remains committed to Iraq with a recent announcement from the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs to deploy approximately 285 troops to NATO Mission-Iraq later this year.

“Danish leadership of NATO's Mission in Iraq will strengthen the ability of Iraqi security forces to provide the country’s own security for the benefit of Iraq’s people,” Danish foreign minister Jeppe Kofod said in a statement. “By strengthening our contribution to stabilizing Iraq, we both reduce the risk of new refugee crises while increasing our protection against the threat posed by terrorist groups such as ISIS.”

(Source: Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve Public Affairs)

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/372079/task-force-dragon-mission-roars-finish>



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