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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:

- **French jets destroy ISIS hideout**
- **Norwegian Soldiers practice room clearing procedures**
- **Norwegian Soldiers conduct a live fire training exercise**
- **Italian MQ9 Predators reach milestone of 10,000 flight hours**

French jets destroy ISIS hideout

Early in the morning on June 22, 2020, three French fighter jets carried out precision air strikes destroying buildings used by Daesh fighters as a bed down location or place of retreat, between Baghdad and Kirkuk.

Before the strikes, support from an American drone made it possible to monitor and control the immediate environment around the targets. The crews of the fighter jets thus received confirmation that they could proceed with the destruction of their objectives without risk to civilians.

The French fighter jets continued the next day their daily armed reconnaissance mission, over Iraq and Syria alongside the armed forces of the Coalition and





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in partnership with Iraqi forces, in the fight against Daesh.

(Source: Operation Chammal Public Affairs)

<https://www.defense.gouv.fr/operations/chammal/brev es/chammal-destruction-d-un-sanctuaire-de-daech-en-irak>

Norwegian Soldiers practice room clearing procedures

Norwegian soldiers from the Telemark Battalion practice room clearing simulations prior to a joint live fire exercise at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, June 13, 2020.

Coalition forces' training is used to enhance base defense operations to provide better security in Iraq

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

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/6250250/k9-and-norwegian-coalition-room-clearing>



Norwegian Soldiers conduct a live fire training exercise

Norwegian soldiers of the Telemark Battalion fire an FGM-148 Javelin during a combined arms live fire training exercise at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, June 17, 2020.

The Javelin is a portable, compact, lightweight, anti-tank missile system.

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

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/6250417/fgm-148-javelin-norwegian-live-fire>





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Italian Predators reach milestone of 10,000 flight hours

The Italian operated MQ-9 Predator remotely piloted aircraft deployed at the Ali Al Salem air base in Kuwait, have reached the prestigious milestone of 10,000 flight hours in the operational theater.

The aircraft are supplied to the Araba Fenice Task Group of the IT NCC Air / TFA-K (Italian National Contingent Command Air / Task Force Air-Kuwait).

The Italian Air Force MQ-9 Predators are engaged in Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions constantly scrutinizing and monitoring the areas of operations and areas at risk, to promptly supply useful information in the fight against ISIS.

From an operational point of view, the Task Group's commitment has translated into more than 700 completed missions, with an average of 15 continuous flight hours per sortie. Since October 2014, TG Araba Fenice staff has been able to "cover," about 8,000 intelligence points of interest for the needs of the various "customers" of the Coalition supporting Iraqi Security Forces, which proved essential in the fight against Daesh.

(Source: Forze Armate Stato Maggiore Difesa's Twitter Page)

https://twitter.com/SM_Difesa/status/1273564460540665864



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