



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.

"Our Iraqi and Syrian partners are aggressively conducting search and clearance operations to weed out remnants of Daesh," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. "At our security partners' request, Coalition air support has enabled the capture of ISIS operatives and destruction of terrorists' hideouts in Iraq and Syria."

During the week of August 05 - 11, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- August 5: Anbar Operations Command carried out extensive search and clearance operations to capture wanted criminals, pursue terrorists, destroy their weapons caches and hideouts, and improve stability in the area. As a result of the operation: 6 launcher projectiles were located in Wadi al-Thumail area, a home-made explosive device was located in Amiriyat al-Fallujah district, 15 explosive devices were located in al-Karma district, and a number of unexploded remnants of war (UXO) were located in (south Saad Air Base - north al-Walid Junction - Trebil - south Asafi River) areas. All the seized materials were subsequently destroyed by Field Engineering Detachments. Additionally, Anbar Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism Directorate captured a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Albu Farrag area, al-Ramadi district. Iraqi Security Forces are working hard to ensure that areas become safe for civilians to rebuild their local communities once again.

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- August 5: Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachments, Field Engineering Company, Salah Ad-Din Operations Command, safely destroyed ammunition from captured Daesh caches.

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- August 6: In a continuation of efforts by Iraqi Security Forces to clear cities of mines and other explosive remnants of war, troops from the 2nd Mechanized Regiment, 32nd Mechanized Brigade, 8th Division, in cooperation with Military Intelligence Detachments located a cache of explosive devices, explosives and rockets - remnants from Daesh - in al-Shamiyah desert, Anbar province.

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- August 7: Based on intelligence, a force from the 1st Regiment, 38th Infantry Brigade, 10th Division alongside Military Intelligence Detachments captured a terrorist wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Abu Tayban area, Ramadi district. The captured terrorist had worked as an informant for Daesh against Iraqi Security Forces.

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- August 7: Based on intelligence, a joint force from Anbar Operations Command and the Field Engineering Detachment, located 19 home-made explosive devices, remnants from Daesh, in al-Falahat area, Fallujah district during a clearance operation. The explosive devices were subsequently destroyed. Additionally, a number of explosive devices, artillery rounds, an explosive belt, explosives and mortar rounds were located and subsequently destroyed south of Lake Tharthar, al-Ramadi district.

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- August 7: Based on Intelligence, the 14th Infantry Division alongside Field Engineering Detachments carried out a series of search and clearance operations to clear remnants of war in the area of responsibility. The operations aimed to mitigate the risks to the health and livelihoods of affected communities and reduce the threat to peace and security. As a result of these operations:
 - A force from the 3rd Regiment, 51st Infantry Brigade, located a number of explosive devices, a mortar round, rocket launchers and detonators in Dusra village, Qaraj sub-district, Makhmour district.
 - A force from the 1st Regiment, 50th Infantry Brigade located 26 explosive devices in al-Nasr village.
 - The 2nd Regiment, 50th Brigade, located a number of explosive devices in Kharayeb Jabr village, Sharqat District.



All the seized materials were subsequently destroyed according to Explosives Safety Standards.

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- August 7: Combined forces from the 21st, 43rd and 60th Infantry Brigades, 20th Infantry Division, in coordination with the Tribal Forces, pushed through three routes to search and clear the areas of Wadi al-Tharthar, al-Sukhariyat, al-Manayif, Jabal al-Manayif and southeast Sunisleh Lake. The operation aimed to pursue Daesh terrorists and deny their ability to mobilize and travel through rugged terrain areas. Two motorcycles, a tunnel and two safe houses containing explosive devices, mortar rounds and a hand grenade, were located and subsequently destroyed by the Engineering Field Detachment.



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- August 8: Under the supervision of Iraqi Joint Operation Command and based on intelligence provided by Iraqi National Intelligence Service (INIS), Salah Ad-Din Operations Command, with Iraqi Army Aviation and Coalition air support, raided Daesh underground hideouts and caves in Wadi al-Tharthar. The operation was preceded by Coalition precision air strikes against Daesh targets.

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- August 8: To clear explosive remnants of war and improve stability and security in Anbar province, troops from the Reconnaissance Regiment and the 3rd Regiment, 39th Brigade, 10th Division, Anbar Operations Command, located a cache of ammunition containing 100 mortar rounds, remnants from Daesh, in Harija Desert, Ramadi district. The seized cache was subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.



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- August 8: Based on Intelligence, troops from the Tank Battalion and Military Intelligence Detachments, 5th Division located a cache of ammunition and explosives in al-Shiha area, north of al-Muqdadiya, Diyala province. The seized cache was removed from the site according to Explosives Safety Standards. In a concurrent operation, a joint force from the 3rd Regiment, 24th Brigade and Military Intelligence Detachments, 6th Division located a cache of explosive devices in a farm in al-Shurtan area, Abu Ghraib district. The seized cache was removed from the site by the Field Engineering Detachment. Meanwhile, a joint force from the 1st Regiment, 39th Infantry Brigade and Military Intelligence Detachments, 10th Division, located a cache of ammunition containing a number of mortar rounds and explosives materials, remnants from Daesh, in al-Kartan area, al-Khalidiya Island, Anbar province.



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- August 8: Based on intelligence, a force from the 60th Brigade, 20th Division teamed up with the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment located a cache of ammunition containing detonators, mortar rounds, heavy machine guns, a freezer rigged with explosives, hand grenades and launcher rockets on al-Ba'aj Island, west of Ninawa province. All the seized materials, which are remnants of Daesh, were subsequently destroyed.
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- August 8: Based on intelligence, the Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Surveillance Company, Jazeera Operations Command, in coordination with the Tribal Forces Company located a cache of weapons and ammunition containing explosives, weapons and rockets, remnants from Daesh, in the desert of Anbar. The seized cache was safely destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment on site.
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- August 9: In an Intelligence-led operation, Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism Detachments affiliated with Kirkuk Military Intelligence Directorate captured two terrorists wanted by Iraqi Judiciary in separate areas of Kirkuk province. The captured terrorists had provided logistical support such as food and electronic communication devices for Daesh militants in Kirkuk and fought against Iraqi Security Forces during the liberation battles.
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- August 9: In an intelligence-led operation, troops from the 15th Division and al-Ayadiyah National Security Office, in coordination with the Tribal Forces located a cache of ammunition and explosives, remnants from Daesh, in al-Bughah and Sahlat al-Hawa villages, Rabia sub-district, Tal Afar district. The cache was destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachments.
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- August 9: A force from Samarra Operations Command, located a cache of ammunition during a search and clearance operation in al-Mukeshefah Island, Samarra. The seized cache was subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion.

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- August 9: Based on intelligence, troops from the 1st Regiment, 38th Infantry Brigade, 10th Division teamed up with a detachment from the Field Engineering Battalion, Anbar Operations Command, located 15 homemade explosive devices, remnants from Daesh, on the Ramadi-Hit main road. The seized explosive devices were subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion.

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- August 9: Based on a tip-off from a local resident, police detachments from the Intelligence Agency, Iraqi Ministry of Interior (MoI) located an abandoned house containing 150 mortar rounds in Tal Afar district. The house had been used by the terrorists to manufacture rockets and explosive devices. Additionally, a cache of ammunition, remnants from Daesh, was located on al-Line road, Kirkuk province. The seized cache was subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion.

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- August 9: Field detachments from Diyala Intelligence and Security Directorate, in cooperation with joint security detachments, located a Katyusha rocket and an explosive device belonging to Daesh in al-Khalis district, Diyala province. The seized materials were subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- August 10: In an intelligence-led operation, a joint force from the Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Surveillance Regiment and Military Intelligence Detachments, 16th Division, Ninawa Operations Command, located a tunnel containing 700 mortar rounds of different types, remnants from Daesh, in Mosul. The tunnel and the mortar rounds were destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachments on site. The tunnel had been used by Daesh terrorists to hide from Iraqi Security Forces ground and air reconnaissance and surveillance drones.

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- August 10: A force from Samarra Operations Command launched a search and clearance operation to clear terrorist sanctuaries in al-Athiyah area, Ishaqi sub-district. A Daesh safe house containing an explosive device and a number of detonators and explosive charges were located and subsequently destroyed.

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- August 11: After security monitoring and follow-up and based on intelligence, Intelligence Detachments from Rapid Response Division, Iraqi Ministry of Interior (Mol), in coordination with the Asayish (Kurdistan Internal Security Forces) and the Counter-Terrorism Service in Kurdistan Region (KRG), captured 3 terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in Chamchamal district, Sulaymaniyah province. The captured terrorists were handed over to the appropriate authorities.

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- August 11: Based on intelligence, a force from the Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Surveillance Company, Jazeera Operations Command alongside Military Intelligence Detachments located a cache of ammunition, remnants from Daesh, in al-Zawiya area, Anbar province. The seized cache was subsequently destroyed by the Field Engineering Detachment.

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- August 11: In an intelligence-led operation, troops from Military Intelligence Detachments, in coordination with the Intelligence Cell of the 92nd Infantry Brigade and the Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Surveillance Regiment, 16th Division, Ninawa Operations Command, managed to penetrate and dismantle a terrorist cell consisting of 8 members operating in Ninawa province. All members of the cell, who are wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary, were captured in an ambush in Ashqirah al-Sufra village, Badush Mountains, Ninawa province.

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During the week of August 05 - 11, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

- August 7: As part of efforts to maintain security and stability in NE Syria, the elite counter-terrorism unit within Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and the security services, with Coalition air support, arrested a terrorist cell consisting of 8 members in the countryside of Deir ez-Zor and confiscated equipment they had in their possession.

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- August 8: Last week SDF captured an ISIS zakat collector.

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Removing Daesh fighters, weapons and explosive material remains a top priority as Daesh continues to plot attacks against innocent civilians and our partners throughout Iraq and northeast Syria.

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