

Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve Fact Sheet

OUR MISSION

By, with, and through partner forces, Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR) defeats Daesh in designated areas of Iraq and Syria, and sets conditions for partner led follow-on operations to increase regional stability.

Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR) is in Iraq and Syria to support the Government of Iraq and our Syrian partners as they secure the enduring defeat of Daesh. CJTF-OIR is the military component of a Global Coalition of 78 nations and 5 international organizations, who remain committed to the enduring defeat of Daesh in Iraq and Syria. CJTF-OIR is operating in Iraq at the request of the Government of Iraq and in Syria in the collective self-defense of Iraq and other States as well as in U.S. national self-defense, pursuant to Article 51 of the UN Charter.

Seven years ago, Daesh controlled an area of approximately 110,000 square kilometers; an area that included Raqqa, Mosul, Ramadi and Fallujah. By 2019, they had suffered a complete reversal, losing all that territory, leading to the liberation of the last of almost 8 million people who had been under their oppressive control. While Daesh have been territorially defeated, their leadership degraded and their ideology widely condemned, they still pose a threat. The remnants remain active, funding themselves through criminal activity. They still have supporters in Iraq and Syria who continue to endorse the spread of violence across the globe, and who seek to regain their previous territory. A combination of civilian-led stabilization and military pressure is still needed to ensure this does not happen.

Iraqi Security Forces, Peshmerga Forces, and our partners in Syria have shown great dedication and commitment in defeating Daesh over many years. CJTF-OIR has supported our partners as they have done so, providing equipment, technical advice, advanced surveillance and air support. As our partners' capacity has grown, CJTF-OIR has focused on supporting the parts of their military capability that are oriented towards dismantling Daesh's leadership, finances and global network.

The fight against Daesh is not yet completed and the Iraqi Security Forces have moved into the lead, Where once the Coalition were fighting beside them on the ground, now the Iraqis are doing the fighting themselves. The mission of the Coalition has shifted from a mission of direct combat to one of support for our partner forces through advising and assisting at the operational and strategic level, far away from combat on the ground. The Coalition continues to provide intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, logistics, and enabling partner forces at the operational and strategic levels. We also provide air power when requested. These changes are occurring in full consultation with the Government of Iraq, whose sovereignty is paramount. CJTF-OIR also continues to work closely with local, regional and international actors to help Iraq bring stability to conflict affected areas and to work towards enduring security partnerships.

The Coalition remains steadfast in our commitment to supporting our partners in Iraq and Syria as they secure the enduring defeat of Daesh.

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