



# COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE

## Fact Sheet: CJTF-OIR Use of Al Qaim Base, Iraq

### History

- Al Qaim is located in key terrain near the Euphrates River Valley and is an important border crossing between Iraq and Syria. Al Qaim is about 400km (248 miles) west-northwest of Baghdad.
- In August 2014, ISIS took control of Al Qaim. The city was of strategic importance to ISIS as the group used routes through Anbar Province to transfer fighters, weapons and goods.
- Iraqi forces fought and seized Al Qaim, one of the last remaining territories in the country held by ISIS, Nov. 3, 2017. Al Qaim base was officially utilized by the CJTF-OIR forces Jan. 1, 2018. The base was used to launch anti-ISIS operations in Iraq and Syria. The Battle of Baghuz (Operation Roundup), an offensive by the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, was supported by artillery strikes from Al Qaim. The Coalition partnered with the SDF by providing airstrikes, U.S. and French artillery fires from Al Qaim base, and Special Forces personnel. On March 23, 2019, the last ISIS holdouts were defeated at the Battle of Baghuz.
- The transfer of Al Qaim base is a sign of progress in the Coalition's campaign in Iraq and Syria, and reflects the Iraqi Security Force's demonstrated ability to defend their people from ISIS.

### Partnerships

- Iraqi Border Guard
- Iraqi Army

### Units

- U.S. Army
  - 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division
  - 62nd Brigade Sustainment Battalion
  - 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Battalion
  - 115th Field Artillery Brigade, Wyoming U.S. Army
  - MEDEVAC and Surgical Team
- Marine Corps
  - Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force

### Base Population

- Approximately 300

### Equipment Transferred to Iraqis (*Approximately \$900K worth of equipment*):

- Containerized housing units (CHUs) and re-locatable buildings (RLBs)
- Above ground bulk water tanks
- Generators, air compressors and tools



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- Office and communications equipment, dining facility equipment and furniture
- Soft-shell tents, laundry equipment (washers, dryers) and shower trailers
- Pop-up barriers, t-walls (short and tall) and concrete bunkers