

Kirkuk K1 Air Base, Iraq – Combat operations against ISIS



An Iraqi soldier looks on as an ISIS hideout in the Hamrin Mountains in Iraq is hit by an airstrike June 26, 2018. The Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service and Coalition forces launched multiple combined operations in the mountain range from K1 Air Base.

Iraqi special forces conduct security operations targeting ISIS hideouts in the Makhoul mountains near Kirkuk, Iraq, in November 2019.



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An Iraqi Rapid Response Division member prepares for a mission at an undisclosed location in Iraq, Dec. 29, 2019. Iraq started its eighth phase of the Will of Victory campaign to ensure the lasting defeat of ISIS. The division was one of several Iraqi Security Forces units participating in operations across several provinces including Kirkuk.

Iraqi Security Forces prepare for a mission at an undisclosed location in Iraq, Dec. 29, 2019, during the eighth phase of the government's Will of Victory campaign. ISF operations were conducted in several provinces including Kirkuk.



K1 Air Base, Iraq – Partnering with Iraqi Forces



An Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service (CTS) Kut Battalion operator fires an M249 light machine gun in preparation for operations near K1 Air Base, Iraq, Aug. 1, 2019. The CTS planned and led the operation that cleared the Hawijah corridor, a known bed-down location for Daesh terrorists.

Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service (CTS) Kut Battalion soldiers fire M240B machine guns in preparation for operations in northern Iraq, Aug. 1, 2019. The CTS-led operation cleared the Hawijah corridor. Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition forces are proactively interdicting Daesh caches, temporary camp bases, finances and key personnel.



K1 Air Base, Iraq – Transfer to Iraq



U.S. Soldiers assigned to Company E, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, prepare a tarp for packing at K1 Air Base, Iraq, March 14, 2020. Due to successful operations against ISIS by Iraqi Security Forces, Coalition forces repositioned to other locations to continue the anti-ISIS partnership.

U.S. Soldiers assigned to Company E, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, load equipment into a shipping container at K1 Air Base, Iraq, March 14, 2020. Coalition forces repositioned to other locations to continue the anti-ISIS partnership.



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Iraqi contractors remove concrete barriers at K1 Air Base, Iraq, March 19, 2020. Structures around the base were disassembled in preparation for the base to be transferred to Iraqi Security Forces. Due to successful operations against ISIS by Iraqi Security Forces, Coalition forces repositioned to other locations to continue the anti-ISIS partnership.

U.S. Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft carrying Coalition forces take off at K1 Air Base, Iraq, March 19, 2020. Due to successful Iraqi Security Forces operations against ISIS, Coalition forces repositioned to other locations to continue the anti-ISIS partnership.

