



Combined Joint Task Force

Operation Inherent Resolve
FACT SHEET

OUR MISSION

Combined Joint Task Force – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE (CJTF-OIR), **by, with and through regional partners**, is to **militarily defeat DA’ESH in the Combined Joint Operations Area** in order to **enable whole-of-coalition governmental actions** to increase regional stability.

What does that mean?

- “... *by, with and through regional partners* ...” The Coalition strategy acknowledges that the best forces to win the fight against Da’esh are local, indigenous forces. In Iraq, we are partnered with the Iraqi Security Forces, which includes the Iraqi Army, the Iraqi Air Force, the Counter Terrorism Service, the Federal Police, and the Kurdish Peshmerga. In Syria, the Coalition continues to search for viable partners in opposition forces who are focused on fighting Da’esh. Ultimately, the military victory over Da’esh will be accomplished *by* the indigenous forces, we will accomplish our mission *with* those indigenous forces, and we will attain improved regional stability *through* those partners.

- “... *to militarily defeat DA’ESH* ...” The CJTF mission is to defeat Da’esh as a military force on the battlefield in Iraq and Syria. We will disrupt their ability to command and control their fighters, remove their safe havens, interrupt their revenue streams that fund their operations, destroy their equipment, and kill their fighters. We will eliminate their effectiveness as an organized force on the battlefield.

- “... *the Combined Joint Operations Area* ...” The CJTF views this fight against Da’esh as one fight, though the two countries in which it takes place and the circumstances in those countries are very different. The CJTF synchronizes the overall fight between its local indigenous partners and Coalition operations in both Iraq and Syria to achieve desired effects against Da’esh.

- “... *enable whole-of-coalition governmental actions* ...” The CJTF is in charge of military operations against Da’esh, but military action is not the only action the governments of the Global Coalition are taking now. CJTF’s military operations against Da’esh weaken the terror group and enable the nations of the Global Coalition to bring the full might of their national power – including diplomatic, informational, economic, law enforcement, and other aspects of national power – to bear against the group. The Global Coalition realizes that not only must we defeat the military power of Da’esh, but we must defeat the ideology of Da’esh as well in order to stem the global flow of foreign fighters and radicalized jihadists in all of our nations.

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