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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 ISIS fighters, finance, logistics, and media networks.

"Our Iraqi and Syrian partners are making progress toward the defeat of Daesh outlaws," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. "The ISF and SDFs perseverance and willingness to take down this terrible terrorist organization prevents ISIS from regaining lost territory, disrupts their recruiting, and hinders their ability to finance operations. ISIS members hiding in caves and wadis are probably frustrated by their lack of pay, while their leaders hide in comfortable villas."

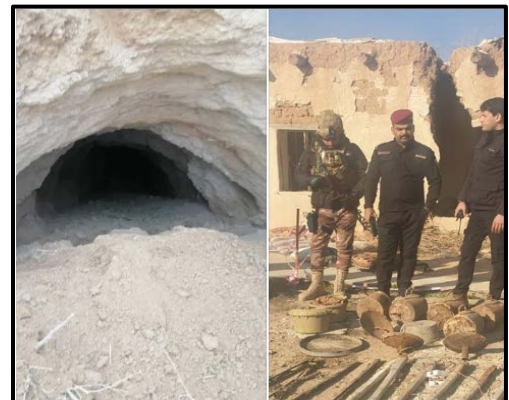
During the week of January 20-28, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- Jan. 22: To protect national and border security and enhance stability, Iraqi Security forces seeks to prevent and disrupt terrorist attacks. The Middle Euphrates Operations Command and its subordinate units, in coordination with the Federal Police Directorates in Najaf and Karbala conducted search operations in desert areas within their area of responsibility.

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- Jan. 26: Units affiliated with the 20th Infantry Division carried out a search operation in the al-Qairawan area, in Sinjar district, Ninawa. The operation resulted in the destruction of an ISIS tunnel and the disposal of explosive devices and blasting caps (detonators) belonging ISIS remnants.

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- Jan. 27: In continuous efforts to pursue terrorists and dispose of ISIS war materiel, the Samarra Operations Command seized and disposed of a number of explosive devices during a search operation in al-Mkiashifeh Island. The Samarra Operations Command captured six terrorists within the region in coordination with an intelligence unit of the Federal Police.

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- Jan. 28: A force from the Federal Police in coordination with the Yathrib police and an intelligence detachment from Samarra Operations Command seized IEDs and destroyed an ISIS safe house during a search operation.

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- Jan. 28: Detachments of the Karbala Intelligence and Security Directorate, in coordination with the Middle Euphrates Operations Command, seized and disposed of a weapons cache in al-Hur district, Karbala province.

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During the week of January 20-28, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

- Jan. 20: Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and Coalition forces detained an ISIS facilitator in south al-Shaddadi named Ali al-Jalood. The detainee is responsible for the manufacture and emplacement of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in the al-Shaddadi area. The IEDs targeted civilians, SDF and Coalition forces.
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- Jan. 23: Maghaweir al-Thowra (MaT) partners apprehended drug smugglers in possession of 450kg of narcotic drugs including hashish and captagon. They had intended to smuggle them across the 55 km of the DCZ.
<https://twitter.com/MaghaweirThowra/status/1220045237059571712>
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Removing Daesh fighters, weapons and IED 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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