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One Mission, Many Nations **Highlights from Around the Coalition**

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Across Iraq and Syria, the Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve, works by, with and through our partner forces to ensure an enduring defeat of Daesh (ISIS). Mentoring, advising and assisting are key components for building our security partners' capacity to defeat Daesh remnants and create regional stability. The Coalition has military contributions from more than 30 nations.

The following highlights from around the Coalition are included below:

- **French fighter jets use new camera configuration to zoom in on ISIS**
- **Bombs away! Coalition airpower demolishes Daesh cave complex**
- **U.S. Soldiers participate in a live fire exercise at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq**
- **Coalition observes ANZAC Day**
- **U.S. Green Berets and Maghawir al-Thowra patrol southern Syria**

French fighter jets use new camera configuration to zoom in on ISIS

As of March 2020, the French fighter detachment with "Operation Chammal," French military support to Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve, now flies with enhanced capabilities in the fight to defeat Daesh remnants in Iraq and Syria.

French Rafale aircraft are now equipped with a RECO-NG (new generation reconnaissance pod), giving the fighters more imagery collection capability and diversifying their air support to the international Coalition to defeat Daesh. The RECO-NG is a long range, high resolution reconnaissance pod designed to provide intelligence imagery installed onto fighter aircraft such as the Mirage 2000 and Rafale. It consists of two large size digital matrix arrays for visible and infrared detection.





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"The RECO-NG makes our missions more flexible," said French Air Force Col. Benjamin Souberbielle, commander of the deployed air base. "The two aircraft patrol with the ability to achieve three complementary effects: ground support, air defense and intelligence. The novelty consists in the use of this sensor almost daily over the theater, while carrying out our usual air defense and ground support missions."



(Source: Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve Public Affairs)

<https://www.inherentresolve.mil/Media-Library/Article/2174188/french-fighter-jets-use-new-camera-configuration-to-zoom-in-on-isis/>

<https://twitter.com/EtatMajorFR/status/1256863567090978822?s=20>

Bombs away! Coalition airpower demolishes Daesh cave complex

Coalition forces conducted airstrikes on Daesh fighters hiding in 10 caves across the Hamrin Mountains, Iraq, April 29, 2020.

The Hamrin Mountains are a known Daesh safe haven with intricate tunnel and cave systems used to smuggle weapons, facilitate senior leader movements and plot terrorist attacks in the region. Daesh senior leaders and their operatives have used the rugged mountains as one of their last remaining operating areas in Iraq.



"The presence of Daesh in Iraq continues to diminish, thanks to the efforts and sacrifices of our Iraqi partner forces," said Maj Gen. Eric Hill, commanding general, Special Operations Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve. "Strikes like these help our Iraqi partners maintain relentless pressure on the Daesh scourge, no matter where these terrorists hide."

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<https://www.inherentresolve.mil/Media-Library/Article/2174194/bombs-away-coalition-airpower-demolishes-daesh-cave-complex/>

U.S. Soldiers participate in a live fire exercise at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq

U.S. Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, participated in a live fire exercise at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, April 30, 2020.

Advanced weapons familiarization is key to preparing troops to respond in a quick and agile manner to hostile fire.

This live fire exercise is one of the many ways the Coalition trains to ensure that it remains ready to support our security partners in the enduring defeat of Daesh.



(Source: Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve Public Affairs)

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/6196952/1-25-team-live-fire-exercise-al-asad-airbase>

Coalition observes ANZAC Day

As the sun rose over Union III base in Iraq and Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Australian and New Zealand service members and Coalition guests from Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve observed the 105th anniversary of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) Day, April 25, 2020.

ANZAC Day is the national day of remembrance that commemorates all Australian and New Zealand service members who have served in wars, conflicts,



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and peacekeeping operations. Originally, this honored the “ANZACs” who served in the Gallipoli campaign, their most well-known engagement in World War I.

(Source: Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve Public Affairs)

<https://www.inherentresolve.mil/Media-Library/Article/2170513/coalition-observes-anzac-day/>

U.S. Green Berets and Maghaweir al-Thowra patrol southern Syria

The Maghaweir al-Thowra (MaT) participated in a joint patrol with U.S. Green Berets near At-Tanf Garrison, Syria, April 29, 2020.

Coalition forces train and advise the MaT in southern Syria in pursuit of the enduring defeat of Daesh and to set conditions for regional stability.

(Source: Special Operations Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve Public Affairs)

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/6192920/green-beret-maghaweir-al-thowra-patrol-southern-syria>

