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Defeating Daesh Highlights of the Week

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve along with partner forces continues to take the fight to Daesh remnants across Iraq and Syria.

Our partners are leading the way to find and eliminate ISIS fighters, finance, logistics, and media networks. The Coalition is here to advise, assist, and enable our partners to achieve the enduring defeat of Daesh.

“The mission to defeat ISIS remnant continues,” said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. “Our partners continue to capture Daesh members in order to disrupt their ability to smuggle weapons and terrorize civilians.”

During the week of October 8-16, 2019, there have been the following actions in Iraq:

- 8 Oct: Iraq’s Counter-Terrorism forces, in coordination with Coalition aircraft, conducted an operation in the Daquq area which resulted in the death of seven Daesh terrorists and destroyed several Daesh tunnels and hideouts. (Source: Iraqi Counterterrorism Agency Facebook)
<https://www.facebook.com/iraqicts/photos/a.1081812261850095/2684601361571169/?type=3>
- 10 Oct: Iraqi Security Forces conducted an operation which resulted in the death of 10 senior Daesh terrorists in Salah al-Din. According to a report by the Ministry of Defense, the joint force killed 10 Daesh leaders, including four wearing explosive belts and seized their weapons in the village of Smailat in Salah al-Din. The explosive belts were destroyed in a controlled detonation in the area. (Source: CJTF Operational Reporting)
- 11 Oct: Iraqi Air Force F-16 pilots with the 9th Fighter Squadron conducted three precise air strikes on Daesh dwellings and hideouts. (Source: Iraqi Air Force Twitter Video)
<https://twitter.com/iqAirForce/status/1182893944503488512>



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- 11 Oct: Iraqi Security Forces, partnered with Special Operations Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, have removed 116 suspected Daesh fighters from the area in the last six weeks. (Source: SOJTF-OIR Twitter)
<https://twitter.com/SOJTFOIR/status/1182658246756184065>
- 14 Oct: The Iraqi Border Guard Command announced the installation of a second border defense system of barbed-wire on the Iraqi-Syrian border which was then followed by an aerial reconnaissance mission. (Source: Iraqi Border Guard Command Facebook)
<https://www.facebook.com/Borders.Police.Forces.Command/posts/1677549619045265?>



During the week of October 8-15, 2019, there have been the following actions in Syria:

- 16 Oct: Maghaweir Al-Thowra fighters, along with Coalition forces, train to use a mortar system to protect the area and ensure that Daesh does not return.
<https://twitter.com/MaghaweirThowra/status/1184377636862255105?s=20>



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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