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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 mentor our partners to achieve the enduring defeat of Daesh.

“Our security partners continue to pressure Daesh sleeper cells through operations targeting bomb makers, weapons smugglers, criminals, and propagandists,” said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. “The Coalition remains committed to pressuring ISIS remnants and preventing their return.”

During the week of November 28-December 4, 2019, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- Nov. 27: A force from the 5th Division of the Iraqi Federal Police raided an ISIS hideout in Wadi Abu Shahma in Kirkuk province. The operation resulted in the death of one ISIS terrorist and the destruction of a hideout.

<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/photos/a.376876283094785/537598450355900/?type=3&theater>



- Dec. 01: A force from the Samarra Operations Command launched security operations to pursue terrorist cells in West-Samarra Island in areas near Tharthar Lake, al-Mu'tasim and the al-Rumailat area. The force seized a number of explosive devices, mortar rounds, artillery shells, rockets and anti-tank mines.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2678984485664373?>

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- Dec. 01: In continuing efforts to pursue ISIS terrorists and eliminate Daesh remnants, the Anbar Operations Command conducted a search operation along the international highway. During the operation, several explosive devices, rockets, chemical materials, and tank and mortar rounds were seized and disposed of safely.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2679024492327039?>
- Dec. 01: Based on intelligence, a joint force from the 21st Infantry Brigade, 20th Division and the Special Weapons and Tactics regiment of the Ninawa Police, conducted a search and clear operation in the Ain al-Jahsh area. The operation resulted in the deaths of two suicide-bombers, while Coalition airstrikes destroyed a tunnel resulting in the deaths of several more ISIS terrorists.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/photos/a.1474021859493981/2679028595659962/?type=3&theater>
- Dec. 01: The 17th Infantry Division carried out a search and raid operation within the area of responsibility south of Baghdad. ISIS materiel, including improvised explosive devices, chemicals, weapons, mortar rounds, and grenades were seized during the operation and an ISIS safe haven was destroyed.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2679051718990983?>



- Dec. 01: A force from the Federal Intelligence and Investigation Agency seized a factory manufacturing explosive devices for ISIS in the Ninawa province. Explosive materials and equipment belonging to ISIS were seized and one terrorist was arrested.
<https://moi.gov.iq/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=10174>



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- Dec. 02: A detachment of the Field Engineering Battalions of the 1st Division and 10th Division of the Anbar Operations Command conducted a search and clear operation to seize and dispose of a number of ISIS materiel, including explosive devices and chemicals.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2680081302221358?>



- Dec. 02: Field and joint security detachments of the Anbar Directorate of Military Intelligence and Security, arrested several ISIS members in the al-Halabsah area of Fallujah. The Iraqi judiciary had warrants for the captured personnel.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/photos/a.1474021859493981/2680188065544015/?type=3&theater>
- Dec. 02: Following intelligence from the Directorate General of Intelligence and Security, Iraqi Air Force F-16 jets targeted an ISIS warehouse containing explosive devices and fuel in the area of Mtaibijah within the Salah ad-Din Operations area.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/photos/a.1474021859493981/2680188065544015/?type=3&theater>
- Dec. 03: A force from the Federal Intelligence and Investigation Agency of the Iraqi Ministry of Interior, seized an ISIS weapons cache west of Baghdad, containing explosive materials, ammunition and detonators.
<https://www.alghadpress.com/view.php?cat=225630>
- Dec. 03: A senior ISIS militant close to the former leader Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi was captured in northern Iraq. Police in Hawijah, Kirkuk province, tracked down the terrorist who operated under the name 'Abu Khaldoun'. He was previously the ISIS military chief of the Salah ad-Din province.
<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/542646956517716?>
 - "The capture of senior ISIS militant Hamid Shaker Sabaa al-Badri demonstrates the Iraqi Security Forces exceptional use of intelligence collection and tactical maneuver," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman.

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During the week of November 28-December 4, 2019, the following actions happened in Syria:

- Nov. 28: Asayish internal security forces disposed of an explosive device in the city of Diban.
<https://twitter.com/RojavaNetwork/status/1201160007544377345>

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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