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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.

“We coordinate every day with our partners to prevent Daesh from regaining lost territory, training and recruiting operatives, and financing and conducting attacks,” said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. “The Coalition will continue with its partners to strike at the terrorists; 76 nations are committed to ensuring ISIS never resurges.”

During the week of December 4-December 11, 2019, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- Dec. 04: In ongoing efforts to pursue terrorists and clear abandoned ISIS materiel, a joint force from the Salah Ad-Din Operations Command carried out a search and clear operation in several villages within their area of responsibility. Oxygen cylinders, explosive devices and anti-tank missiles were seized and disposed of safely.

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- Dec. 04: The Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) detachment assigned to the Engineering Battalion of the 8th Infantry Division was able to safely remove an unexploded Russian-made aircraft bomb belonging to ISIS terrorists at the al-Qaim Phosphate Factory.

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- Dec. 05: The Military Intelligence (MI) detachment assigned to the 7th Division, in cooperation with an intelligence unit of the 29th Brigade, was able to dismantle a network of four terrorists operating in the so-called Diwan al-Hisba of ISIS in the al-Shamiya area of Anbar. The Iraqi judiciary had issued warrants for the captured personnel.

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- Dec. 05: Units belonging to the Military Intelligence detachment of the 10th Division, in cooperation with an intelligence unit assigned to the 38th Infantry Brigade, conducted a special operation in Ramadi. This resulted in the arrest of an ISIS terrorist who was in possession of critical data including the names of Iraqi security forces members in Anbar before the liberation. The Iraqi judiciary possessed a warrant for the ISIS member.

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- Dec. 07-09: Iraqi Security Forces completed the 7th phase of Operation Will of Victory, aimed at improving security within Diyala, Kirkuk and Salah Ad-Din provinces. Participants in the operation included Salah Ad-Din Operations Command, Diyala Operations Command, Samarra Operations Command, the Kirkuk Forward Headquarters of the Joint Operations Command, Federal Police forces, Energy Police forces, Salah Ad-Din and Diyala Provincial Police Directorates, and the PMF, with the support of the Iraqi Air Force, Army Aviation and Coalition aircraft. Results from the operations are:
 - Security forces from Salah Ad-Din Operations Command and subordinate units were able to search 350 km² and destroy 11 hideouts and three tunnels, and dispose of a number of explosive devices during search and clear operations in areas west of Alas and Ajil oilfields and the valleys of Hamrin Mountains.

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- Troops under the Kirkuk Forward Headquarters of the Joint Operations Command searched 63 villages within an area of 1957 km². The operation resulted in the destruction of four tunnels and three caves. A large number of explosive devices and mortar rounds were seized and disposed of and 19 wanted people were arrested.
- Diyala Operations Command searched and cleared 17 villages, which amounted to 945 km² of cleared area within their scope of responsibility. Two hideouts were found in Aisha area as a result of this operation.
- Forces from the Samarra Operations Command managed to search 100 km² and dispose of a number of explosive devices.

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- Dec. 07: Federal Police Intelligence detachments from the Ministry of the Interior arrested four terrorists, two of which were ISIS leaders. One terrorist was arrested in Mosul and the other was arrested in Tikrit. The two ISIS leaders named "al-Theeb and Emad Khashouka" were arrested in Kirkuk.
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- Dec. 07: Members of the MI detachment of the 15th Division, in cooperation with the divisional Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Surveillance Regiment arrested a terrorist in the village of Tamarat in the Tal Afar district of Mosul. The suspect is believed to have been an ISIS financier before the liberation and the Iraqi judiciary possessed a warrant for his arrest.
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During the week of December 4-December 11, 2019, the following actions happened in Syria:

- Dec. 04: Partner forces in Syria, together with Coalition troops, detained Shawaysh al-Airash, a senior

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Daesh smuggler, in Dashisha. He smuggled Daesh fighters out of al-Hol Camp, to help spread terror and violence across the region.

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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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