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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 11-December 18, 2019, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- Dec. 11: The Military Intelligence (MI) detachment of the 14th Division, in cooperation with intelligence units of the 59th Brigade, arrested the Imam of the mosque in the al-Salahiyah area in Makhmour, Mosul. He is an ISIS member and media official. The Iraqi judiciary had issued a warrant for the captured person. (Statement by the Military Intelligence-Iraqi Ministry of Defense)
- Dec. 11: A force from the Samarra Operations Command seized a weapon cache and a large number of explosive devices from ISIS remnants on al-Mkiashifeh Island in Samarra. All the materials were disposed of safely.

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- Dec. 12: A force from the Federal Intelligence and Investigation Agency of the Ministry of Interior arrested two suspects in Anbar province for terrorism charges, one of whom was working on ISIS booby-traps. The force also arrested another suspect in Salah Ad-Din for delivering food and assistance to ISIS terrorists.
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- Dec. 12: A joint force from the 15th, 18th and 19th Brigades of the 5th Division of the Federal Police, in cooperation with the Intelligence Department and the Mechanized Infantry Regiment, and with the support of remote control drones, conducted a search and clear operation in Wadi al-Kour and the villages within the valley south al-Rashad sub-district within the Kirkuk Operations Division. The operation resulted in the destruction of five ISIS hideouts, explosive devices, detonators and a motorcycle.
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- Dec. 12: A joint force from the 11th and 12th Brigades of the 3rd Division of the Federal Police conducted a search and clear operation to remove ISIS remnants in a number of villages in the Hawija district within the Kirkuk Operations Division. The force seized and disposed of different types of mortar and artillery rounds, a mortar tube, rockets, explosive devices and detonators.
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- Dec. 15: In ongoing operations against Daesh, Iraqi Security Forces conducted searches across the region:
 - A force from the Reconnaissance Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division seized a weapons cache, mortar system and mortar rounds.
 - A force from the 3rd Emergency Regiment of the Anbar Police seized a weapons cache.
 - A force from the 5th Emergency Regiment belonging to the explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) unit of the Anbar Police seized and disposed of a number of explosive devices.
 - A force from the 41st Infantry Brigade and a force from the 4th Regiment, both assigned to the 39th Infantry Brigade with the 10th Division seized and disposed of a large number of explosive devices in the second Gighifah and Abu Khamis areas.
 - The EOD detachment of the field engineer unit from Salah Ad-Din Operations Command seized an ISIS weapons cache in an area between al-Seneia Island – Haditha.
 - The 1st Regiment from the 25th Infantry Brigade of the 17th Infantry Division seized a large number of mortar and artillery rounds, explosive devices and grenades in the Uweirij area.
 - A force from the 1st Regiment of the 23rd Infantry Brigade in the al-Alimiyah area, south of Baghdad, seized a weapons cache, including a rocket launcher and chemical materials.
 - A force from the Samarra Operations Command seized and disposed of a large number of explosives, detonators and chemical materials at al-Mkiashifeh Island. The same force seized explosive materials and mortar rounds in the al-Rayhaniyyah area.
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- Dec. 15: The MI detachment of the 16th Division, in coordination with the intelligence units of the Ninawa Operations Command and the intelligence unit of the 75th Infantry Brigade, dismantled a terrorist cell consisting of eight terrorists in Abu Seif area in the Hamam al-Alil area in Mosul. The Iraqi judiciary had issued warrants for the captured persons.
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- Dec. 16: The MI unit of the Salah Ad-Din Operations Command, in cooperation with the 3rd Regiment, 91st Brigade, 14th Division, arrested a terrorist in the al-Sharqat district of the Salah Ad-Din province. The terrorist was responsible for transporting ISIS members wounded by Iraqi forces during security operations and helping them to get medical treatment. The Iraqi judiciary had issued a warrant for the captured person.
(Military Intelligence Directorate/ Iraqi Ministry of Defense Statement)
- Dec. 16: The MI detachment assigned to the 7th Division, in cooperation with the intelligence unit of the 29th Brigade and its 3rd Regiment, raided a cache of explosive devices, rockets and mortar rounds in the al-Muhammadi sub-district, Hit, Anbar province. The seized materials were disposed of safely.
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- Dec. 16: A joint working team from the Baghdad Operations Command seized a truck transporting

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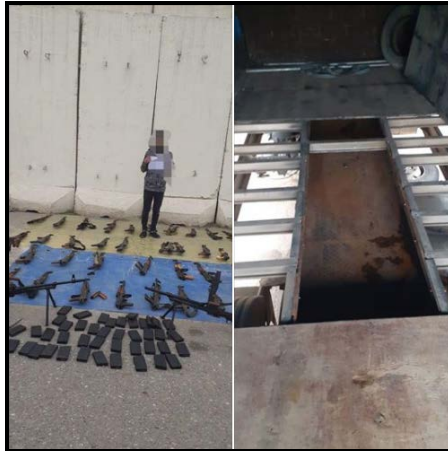
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weapons and ammunition from Kirkuk to Baghdad at al-Rashidiyah in north Baghdad. The driver was arrested.

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During the week of December 11-December 18, 2019, the following actions happened in Syria:

- Dec. 11: The counterterrorism units of our partner forces in Syria conducted a raid targeting an ISIS weapons and logistics smuggling network in the vicinity of Deir ez-Zor. The operation was carried out to prevent the flow of ammunition into the hands of ISIS cells which are attempting to terrorize the region. https://twitter.com/SDF_Syria/status/1204763998958358528



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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