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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 December 17-December 24, 2019, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- Dec. 17: A force from Diyala Operations Command disposed of several explosive devices during a military operation in Masoudi village, Baladrooz district. The explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) detachment of the 5th Division seized and disposed of a weapons cache and explosives in Wadi Kalal near Qazlaq Mountain.

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- Dec. 18: Units of the 5th Infantry Division, with the support of the Iraqi Army Aviation Command, carried out search operations to hunt down Daesh sleeper cells in villages of the al-Nada sub-district in the Diyala province, in the area of responsibility of the 74th Infantry Brigade. The forces destroyed four Daesh safe havens and the explosive devices inside.

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- Dec. 18: The Kirkuk Regiment from the 2nd Special Operations Command, Iraqi Counter-Terrorism

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Service, with support from Coalition aircraft, completed search operations in the al-Ghorah hills. Tunnels used by Daesh remnants as a base for finance operations and to threaten the Hawija district were destroyed.

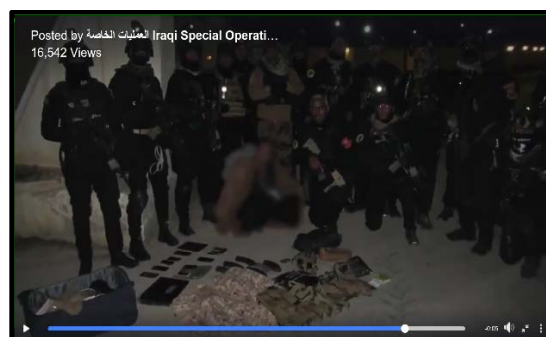
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- Dec. 19: A force from the Military Intelligence (MI) unit of the 7th Division, in cooperation with MI units of the 8th Infantry Brigade and the 3rd Regiment, seized and disposed of a weapons cache, explosive devices, mortar rounds, and a rocket-propelled grenade launcher in the Rawa district, west of Anbar. **(Statement by the Military Intelligence-Iraqi Ministry of Defense)**
- Dec. 19: The Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service, partnered with Coalition forces, detained Nasir Qahtan Al-Ubayd, a Daesh affiliate responsible for terrorist activities in Anbar Province, Iraq. Significant items recovered from the Al-Ubayd residence were: military uniforms with body armor; weapons and magazines; multiple cell phones; and computer equipment.

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- Dec. 19 – 20: The Al-Jazeera Operations Command, in coordination with Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF) and the support of the Iraqi Air Force, Army Aviation and Coalition aircraft, launched an operation to search the Houran Valley, the al-Husayniyyat area, south of al-Qaim and border areas. The forces seized and disposed of explosive devices and destroyed two Daesh tunnels.

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- Dec. 19: Iraqi F-16 fighter jets, in coordination with the Joint Operations Command, struck several ISIS targets within the Hamrin mountain range near Lake Hamrin in Diyala. ISIS hideouts and tunnels were destroyed and all terrorists inside were eliminated.
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- Dec. 19: The Kornet detachment assigned to the 14th Infantry Division Anti-tank Regiment killed eight ISIS terrorists on the Qara Chokh Mountain in the Makhmour district. ISIS members were intending to attack one of the regiment's outposts that blocked the way to the mountain.
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- Dec. 20: A force from the 11th Brigade of the Kirkuk Operations Command destroyed an ISIS safe-house in al-Mustafia village. The force seized and disposed of explosive materials and a weapons cache, mattresses, cooking utensils, and ISIS propaganda material.
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- Dec. 21: The Falcons Intelligence Cell and the Directorate of Intelligence and Anti-Terrorism of Ninawa Province raided an ISIS safe-house in Mosul. Two ISIS women in charge of the safe-house were arrested. The force found a weapons and ammunition depot, homemade anti-aircraft launchers, homemade explosive devices and belts, explosive materials, cell phones, cameras, medical supplies, military uniforms, forged documents, ISIS flags and ISIS propaganda.

“ISIS insidious ideology infects the minds of men and women,” said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. “Shutting down this terrorist bed and breakfast in Mosul hinders Daesh’s ability to threaten innocent civilians. Once again, the Falcons Intelligence Cell swooped in and snatched ISIS terrorists off the streets.”

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- Dec. 22: Coalition aircraft targeted an ISIS hideout near the al-Wind River, west of the Khanaqin district in Diyala. All terrorists inside were eliminated.
- Dec. 22: An MI detachment from the 1st Regiment, 21st Infantry Brigade, 20th Division, in cooperation with the MI unit from the Ninawa Operations Command, raided a house in al-Mahallabiyah, Mosul. The force found a weapons cache inside the house and disposed of it.

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During the week of December 17-December 24, 2019, the following actions happened in Syria:

- Dec. 22: Internal security forces discovered an ISIS arms depot in Raqqa after interrogating an ISIS sleeper-cell member. A significant amount of equipment was discovered, preventing it from being used to destabilize the region and terrorize the civilian population.
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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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