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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 mission here is clear: defeat ISIS remnants with our partners in Iraq and Syria," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. "More than 30 nations have military contributions to the anti-ISIS Coalition and we and our Iraqi Security Forces and Syrian commando partners are chasing ISIS to the far corners of mountains, remote deserts, and palm groves. This week's anti-ISIS successes prove that recent attacks by rogue militias have not deterred the Coalition or our steadfast Iraqi security partners from maintaining relentless pressure on Daesh."

During the week of December 25 - December 31, 2019, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- Dec. 25: A joint force from the Special Forces Regiment of the 5th Division and the Rapid Response Regiment from Diyala Operations Command carried out a raid in the Abi Saida area. They arrested six ISIS terrorists and seized a weapons cache, a number of explosives devices, vehicles and motorcycles.

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- Dec. 26: A force from the 10th Division, Anbar Operations Command, arrested two terrorists wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary. On the same day another assigned to the 10th Division seized and disposed of an ineffective weapons cache, home-made explosive devices and other materials.

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- Dec. 26: The Ninawa Operations Command, in cooperation with Coalition aircraft, conducted two strikes on an ISIS tunnel in the Abu Jard area, Hatra desert. A number of explosive devices from ISIS remnants were destroyed.

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- Dec. 28: The 3rd Regiment of the Commandos Brigade from Samarra Operation Command monitored an ISIS cell with thermal cameras in the al-Sifounah area, east of Samarra. The cell was intending to launch terrorist attacks. During the operation a number of ISIS members were eliminated, while others were wounded or escaped.

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- Dec. 28: A force from the Samarra Operations Command seized and disposed of a large number of home-made explosive devices from ISIS remnants during a search and clear operation in the al-Mkiashifeh Island in Samarra.

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- Dec. 29: A force from the Falcons Intelligence Cell in Ninawa, in cooperation with the intelligence detachment of 71st Infantry Brigade, 15th Division, of the Iraqi Army, ambushed a group of ISIS suicide bombers that were attempting to infiltrate the Iraqi-Syrian border towards Syria, on the outskirts of the Rabia district. The ambush resulted in the

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elimination of all ISIS terrorists and disrupted their efforts to plan attacks.

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- Dec. 29 - 30: Iraqi Security Forces completed the 8th phase of the 'Will of Victory' operation from December 29 - 30, against ISIS remnants in multiple areas where the terrorist organization has increased its activities. The operation was conducted by Salah Ad-Din, Diyala, Kirkuk, Ninawa, and Jazira Operations Commands, with the support of the Iraqi Air Force, Army Aviation, Coalition Aircraft, tribal crowds, and a number of security and intelligence agencies. The total area cleared during the campaign was 31,999 square km.



The 'Will of Victory' operation resulted in the elimination of nine suicide bombers, the arrest of two terrorists, and the destruction of 21 tunnels, 25 hideouts, one booby trapped hideout, 11 surveillance sites, one manufacturing facility for vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices, two shovel trucks, vehicles and motorcycles. A large number of explosive devices, vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices, artillery systems, artillery and mortar rounds, two large containers of explosive materials, anti-tank rockets and ammunition were seized and disposed of safely.



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