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Defeating Daesh Highlights of the Week

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Our partners in Iraq and Syria are leading the way to find and eliminate ISIS fighters, finance, logistics, and media networks.

“In honor of Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police Day, the Coalition celebrates the recent accomplishments of the Iraqi Security Forces to destroy ISIS remnants and capture terrorists,” said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. “These recent ISF victories are a result of their strong will and great preparation to fight. Also, since 2014, the Coalition has provided enhanced training, advise, and assistance and contributed approximately \$4 billion in military equipment for the defeat of ISIS.”

During the week of December 31, 2019 – January 8, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- Jan. 03: Under the supervision of the Joint Operations Command, Iraqi F-16 fighter jets struck three ISIS tunnels in the al-Zab al-Sagheer area, Kirkuk province. The tunnels were destroyed and all ISIS militants inside were eliminated.
<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/567844550664623?>
- Jan. 05: A joint force from the Commando Brigade of the Samarra Operations Command, the 2nd Regiment of the Commando Brigade, the 9th and 14th Emergency Regiments from the Salah Ad-Din Command, Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF) and the Dhuluiya Police, conducted a search operation in Hawi al-Azim. The search operation resulted in the destruction of nine safe houses, mortar rounds, military equipment and supplies, chemicals and explosive materials.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2720635758165912?>



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- Jan. 05: A force from the 22nd and 24th Brigades, from the 6th Infantry Division continue their search mission in the Abu Ghraib district to hunt down ISIS remnants and clear the area. An anti-aircraft missile launcher, missiles, and a local manufactured mortar system were seized.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2720639044832250?>



- Jan. 05: Multiple units from Anbar Operations Command conducted search operations in locations within their area of responsibility. The operations resulted in the seizure and disposal of a large number of ISIS material including explosive devices, chemicals, mortar rounds and rockets.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2720630544833100?>



- Jan. 05: The Military Intelligence (MI) detachment from the 7th Division of the Iraqi Army, in cooperation with the MI unit of the 1st Regiment from the 29th Infantry Brigade, raided an ISIS cache of ammunition and explosives in the Aqnan area of the Hit district in Anbar. All the seized materials were disposed of safely.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/photos/pcb.2720625894833565/2720625664833588/?type=3&theater>

- Jan. 06: A force from the Samarra Operations Command found two ISIS safe houses on al-Mkiashifeh Island during a search operation. Military equipment, explosive devices, chemical materials, mortar and artillery rounds were seized.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2721861381376683?>



- Jan. 06: A unit from the Mechanized Division from Iraqi Federal Police captured an ISIS terrorist leader (Abu Hudhayfah) in the al-Riyadh area, Kirkuk province. The terrorist was the commander of an ISIS military detachment in the Amaq Brigade of the al-Bilawi



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Division. The arrest was conducted due to a warrant by the Iraqi Judiciary.

<https://www.almaalomah.com/2020/01/06/448109/>

- Jan. 06: The Samarra Operations Command conducted a search mission in the eastern Samarra region (al-Kush), resulting in the destruction of three ISIS hideouts and seizing explosive devices, explosive belts, explosive materials and important ISIS documents.
<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/570536870395391?>
- Jan. 07: Forces from Anbar Operations Command conducted search operations in different areas within their area of responsibility. The operations resulted in the seizure and disposal of ISIS weapons caches, explosive devices, missiles, mortar rounds and hand grenades.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2722726217956866?>
- Jan. 08: The field detachment of the Salah Ad-Din Intelligence and Security Directorate seized a weapons cache and homemade explosive devices inside a tunnel in the Glam Samarra area.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/photos/a.1474021859493981/2723797591183062/?type=3&theater>

During the week of December 31, 2019 – January 8, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

- Dec. 31: An anti-terrorist unit belonging to the Syrian partner forces, captured an ISIS terrorist cell in the countryside of Deir ez-Zor. The terrorist cell were preparing to target military points with a large number of rockets in Qamišli, Hasaka and Derik (al-Malikiya) on the eve of the New Year celebration in the al-Jazeera region of Rojava. A large number of rockets and other types of explosives were seized during the operation.

<https://twitter.com/RojavaNetwork/status/1214222675419287553>



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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