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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.

"Two big successes this week by our anti-ISIS partners in Iraq and Syria," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. "Capturing an ISIS mufti in Mosul and the ISIS Oil Emir in Deir ez Zor, Syria will stymie the terrorists group's ability to recruit members and finance its operations; great work by ISF and SDF."

During the week of January 15-21, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- Jan. 15: The Iraqi Air Force and Army Aviation carried out a series of airstrikes, targeting positions held by ISIS sleeper cells in the Salah Ad-Din province. The operation was coordinated by the Salah Ad-Din Operations Command and took place in the rural areas in al-Shai Lake, Hamrin Mountains. The area has been a haven for terrorists who use it as a base to plan and launch attacks in the surrounding settlements and towns. Eight terrorists were eliminated and eight safe houses, two boats, a tunnel and a vehicle were destroyed.



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- Jan. 16: The Ninawa Police Command's SWAT team arrested a so-called sharia official and mufti of ISIS called Shifa al-Neama, nicknamed 'Abu Abd al-Bari', in the Mansour neighborhood in eastern Mosul after a series of investigations. al-Bari was working as a preacher at several mosques in the city of Mosul and was known for his provocative speeches against the Iraqi security forces, inciting affiliation and allegiance to ISIS and educating extremist ideology during ISIS' control over Mosul. He is considered one of the top ranking leaders of ISIS, and is responsible for issuing fatwas regarding the execution of a number of scholars and clerics who refused to pledge allegiance to ISIS. He also ordered the destruction of religious sites, including the burial place of the biblical prophet Jonah, in Mosul, which were considered sites of cultural and historic importance.
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- Jan. 16: A joint force from the Samarra Operations Command conducted two search operations, in coordination with the 13th Brigade of Iraqi Federal Police, on the western Samarra Island. A large number of ISIS war materials were seized and disposed of and nine terrorists were arrested. Six of the detainees are wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary for participating in terrorist acts.
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- Jan. 17: Under the supervision of Baghdad Operations Command and in coordination with Federal Police Intelligence and the Iraqi 6th Division, a terrorist safe house was raided in the al-Tarmiyah area. The operation resulted in the elimination of a dangerous ISIS terrorist called Saif Faisal Alwan al-Mohamadi, nicknamed 'Abu Ishaq' who was in charge of the Daesh al-Fallujah security detachment and held various other positions in the terrorist organization.

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- Jan. 18: Six insurgents were captured during a joint operation by Ninawa Counter-Terrorism Directorate, Ninawa Police and the 16th Division of the Iraqi Army in the city of Mosul. Among the detainees were members of the insurgent groups of al-Amniyah and al-Hisbah 'ISIS police', as well as militants of the so-called Diwan al-Jund.

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- Jan. 18: Thanks to the confessions of terrorists who were arrested last week, Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service (CTS) arrested one wanted terrorist, and seized two weapons caches in al-Khalidiyah, Anbar province.

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- Jan. 19-20: Anbar Operations Command continues its search mission to hunt down ISIS remnants within their area of responsibility. A weapons cache and explosive devices were seized and disposed of.
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<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/photos/a.1474021859493981/2736994309863390/?type=3&theater>
- Jan. 21: Iraqi F-16 fighter jets conducted successful air strikes that targeted an ISIS hideout in Wadi al-Shai in the Hamrin Mountains. The operation was launched from Balad airbase.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/videos/vb.147878605441640/2457405201190456/?type=3&theater>



During the week of January 15-21, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

- Jan. 19: Syrian partner forces disposed of a number of ISIS terrorist explosive devices in the town of Hamarat, eastern countryside of Raqqa and al-Mujbal.
<https://twitter.com/RojavaNetwork/status/1218954417992609792>
- Jan. 19: Anti-terrorist units belonging to Syrian partner forces and SOJTF-OIR eliminated an ISIS terrorist official, named 'Abu Alward al-Iraqi'. The terrorist was an ISIS Oil Emir, who was in charge of oil operations; and funding ISIS sleeper cells and supervising attacks in the area.
<https://twitter.com/OIRSpox/status/1218964801378037761>
<https://www.stripes.com/news/middle-east/joint-syria-raid-killed-isis-oil-official-who-financed-sleeper-cells-1.615592>
<https://twitter.com/RojavaNetwork/status/1218903606759436288>





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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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