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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.

"The Coalition applauds the recent successes of the Iraqi Security Forces," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. "Large-scale initiatives such as the 'Heroes of Iraq' Operation improve the security of Iraq by eliminating the threat of ISIS—the synchronized integration of ground forces, helicopters, airplanes, and information warfare demonstrates the ISF's ability to fight ISIS in multiple domains."

During the week of February 4-12, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- Feb. 04: The Iraqi Army Aviation carried out strikes targeting five ISIS hideouts in Hamrin Lake, al-Khaylaniyah, and the Hamrin Mountains. All the hideouts were completely destroyed and two terrorists were eliminated. The operation was based on the confessions of an ISIS leader, who was arrested by the Intelligence Agency of the Ministry of Interior in Diyala.
<https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1224777585361674241>
- Feb. 04: Detachments of the Military Intelligence Unit from the 7th Division, in cooperation with the Iraqi National Intelligence Service (INIS), seized and disposed two weapons caches in Wadi al-Marg in the district of Hit, Anbar province.
<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/photos/a.1474021859493981/2751991418363679/?type=3&theater>





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- Feb. 05: In continuous efforts for stabilizing the security situation in Diyala province, Diyala Operation Command launched search and raid operations in several villages and regions in the province. The operations were conducted by a joint force with units from the 18th Brigade, the 5th Division, the 1st regiment and the Commandos Brigade, in coordination with the Iraqi Army Aviation. During the operation two ISIS safe houses were destroyed and a number of explosive devices were seized and disposed of.

https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2752033015026186?_tn=-R



- Feb. 6: The 15th Infantry Division carried out a search operation to track and arrest wanted criminals and clear ISIS war remnants in the Badush mountain range and adjacent villages. A large number of homemade explosives were seized and disposed of.

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- Feb. 09: A Directorate of Police patrol with Ninawa Police Command arrested five terrorists south of Mosul on the Mosul-Baghdad Road. Two of the terrorists were working as the so-called ISIS's police (al-Hasba), when ISIS controlled the city. The three others were fighters working in ISIS's recruitment office (Diwan al-Jund).

<https://moi.gov.iq/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=10743>

- Feb. 09: A detachment with the Military Intelligence Unit of the 16th Division, in coordination with the Intelligence Unit in the 75th Infantry Brigade, arrested three terrorists in al-Arej village, Hamam al-Alil area, Mosul. The detained terrorists were wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary for providing information to ISIS against the Iraqi Security Forces before the liberation of Mosul, and promoting the terrorist group's ideology.
(Statement by the Military Intelligence Directorate - Iraqi Ministry of Defense)

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<https://news/اصول-ابون-ج-ن-ي-ي-ب-ا-ه-ا-ة-ث-ا-ل-ث-ل-ا-ق-ت-ع/334020/ن-م-أ>

- Feb. 09: Peshmerga Forces in cooperation with the Asayish Kurdistan Internal Security Forces carried out a massive military operation to pursue ISIS sleeper cells in the Kurdistan region bordering the southern Garmiyān area. Peshmerga and Asayish Forces clashed with terrorist elements in Daouda “an area that falls between Kifri and Tuz district of Salah Ad-Din province”. The fight led to the death of many militants as the Peshmerga continued a pursuit across the valleys.

<http://www.basnews.com/index.php/en/news/kurdistan/580420>

- Feb. 10: A joint force from the 15th Police Emergency Regiment and the Ninawa Directorate of Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism, arrested four ISIS terrorists. One of them was working as the so-called ISIS’s police (al-Hasba) and the others were fighters working in the ISIS’s recruitment office (Diwan al-Jund). The terrorists were arrested in al-Mansour neighborhood on the right side of the city of Mosul.

<https://moi.gov.iq/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=10753>

- Feb. 10: In an intelligence led operation, a force from the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Brigade, 20th Division, carried out a pre-emptive operation in Ain al-Ghazal area, Sinjar District, Ninawa province. A weapons cache was seized and disposed of.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2756750337887787?>



- Feb. 10: With the goal of enforcing security and stability, destroying sleeper cells and continuing clearance operations, the 17th Infantry Division Command launched an operation to search and clear the Awdat al-Shukr area, south of Baghdad. A number of ISIS war remnants was seized and a number of wanted criminals by the Iraqi judiciary were arrested as well.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2756747001221454?>





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- Feb. 10: Detachments from the Military Intelligence Unit of the 16th Division from Ninawa Operations Command, arrested an ISIS air defense official before liberation, east of Mosul. The detainee is wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary.
(Statement by the Military Intelligence Directorate - Iraqi Ministry of Defense)
<http://www.basnews.com/index.php/ar/news/iraq/580651>

- Feb. 12: The Iraqi Security Forces began a large-scale military operation, dubbed “Heroes of Iraq”, with the aim of clearing the Anbar deserts and Iraq’s border with Syria and Jordan, west of the country. Forces participating in the 1st phase of the operation are the Land Forces Command, Baghdad Operations Command, the Border Guard Command and its affiliated brigades. The new anti-ISIS campaign was launched along five axis with warplanes providing aerial cover to the troops on the ground from the Iraqi Air Force, Army Aviation and Air Defense Command. This is the first large-scale operation after Iraq concluded eight phases of the “Will of Victory Operation” last year.



<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/595643354551409?>

<http://www.basnews.com/index.php/ar/news/iraq/581047>

- In case you missed it, check out CJTF-OIR’s 2019 Year-in-Review:
<https://www.inherentresolve.mil/Media-Library/Article/2078679/cjtf-oir-reflects-on-significant-gains-in-2019/>

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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