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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 Anti-ISIS Coalition seeks an everlasting defeat of Daesh," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. "Our Iraqi and Syrian partners, with the support of Coalition forces, dismantle this heinous terrorist organization to bring peace to the region and ensure the safety and security of its civilians."

During the week of February 13-19, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- Feb. 13: Iraqi Security Forces concluded the 1st phase of the 'Heroes of Iraq' operations, which started on Feb. 12, 2020. The operations aimed to pursue Daesh terrorists in Iraq's western province of Anbar and border areas that neighbor Syria and Jordan.

Iraqi Security Forces pushed through five routes to clear 26,238 square km of area containing remnants of Daesh terrorists and to promote stability across the province.

The military units participating in the operation accomplished the determined goals it set forth. Five Daesh hideouts were destroyed and weapons caches and IEDs were seized and disposed of.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/videos/vb.1447878605441640/604532577067711/?type=2&theater>





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<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/596674121114999?>
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- Feb. 13: Based on intelligence, the 12th Police Emergency Regiment, affiliated with the Ninawa Police Command, arrested seven Daesh terrorists in Mosul. One of them was working as a Daesh Islamic scholar 'Mufti', two terrorists were working as the so-called ISIS police (al-Hasba), when ISIS controlled the city, and the others were fighters working in ISIS's recruitment office (Diwan al-Jund).

<https://moi.gov.iq/index.php?name=News&file=article&sid=10803>



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- Feb. 14: Elite Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service / Special Forces (ICTS/ISOF), continue to remove Daesh terrorists from the battlefield and clear out their tunnel networks.

A force from ICTS/ISOF raided Daesh hideouts in the Badush mountain range. The operation resulted in the arrest of a wanted terrorist according to Article 4 terrorism and the destruction of a Daesh tunnel.

https://twitter.com/isof_iq/status/1228348563492687874

<https://twitter.com/SOJTFOIR/status/1228695951306633216>



- Feb. 14: The Military Intelligence Detachment of the 16th Division, in coordination with the Intelligence unit of the 75th Infantry Brigade, managed to penetrate and dismantle a terrorist cell in Tal al-Rumman, Hammam al-Alil, Mosul. All seven members arrested had taken part in a number of terrorist acts against civilians and are wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary.

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- Feb. 15: Based on intelligence information, the 1st Regiment, 30th Infantry Brigade, 8th Mechanized Infantry Division, carried out an operation in the al-Ush area, al-Rummana sub-district, al-Qaim District. The force seized and disposed of a number of Daesh war remnants.

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- Feb. 15: A force from the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service conducted a successful operation in the Hamrin Mountains that resulted in eliminating 10 Daesh terrorists.

<https://twitter.com/iraqicts/status/1228755876607078400>

<https://twitter.com/SOJTFOIR/status/1228748076229242880>



- Feb. 18: The Engineering Field Battalion from the 6th Infantry Division safely disposed of weapons caches and explosives, remnants from the Daesh war, west of Baghdad. The seized war remnants, left behind by terrorists in the liberated areas, were disposed of as they posed a great danger to innocent citizens.

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- Feb. 18: The Samarra Operations Command carried out an operation in West Samarra Island, the Jallam area, Dujail district. During the operation a number of explosive devices were seized and disposed of and three criminals were arrested who were wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary. <https://twitter.com/IraqiSpoxMOD/status/1229715048148369409>



During the week of February 13-19, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

- Feb. 14: During an operation carried out by Syrian Democratic Forces special units, in coordination with the Coalition forces, a Daesh terrorist 'Mohammed al-Atia al-Kilish', was arrested in the countryside of Markada. Weapons and equipment were seized during the operation. https://twitter.com/cmoc_sdf/status/1228317544932659201



- Feb. 15: The Syrian Democratic Forces special units, in coordination with the Coalition, raided seven Daesh positions capturing 11 terrorists in Thiban, east of Deir ez-Zor. https://twitter.com/cmoc_sdf/status/1228634027743162369



Removing Daesh fighters, weapons and explosive 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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