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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.

"Our Iraqi and Syrian partners are aggressively conducting search and clear operations to break down ISIS terrorists networks, capture leaders, and protect civilians," said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. "At our security partner's request, Coalition air support has enabled the capture of ISIS operatives and destruction of terrorists' hideouts in Iraq and Syria."

During the week of February 20-26, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- Feb. 20: Iraqi Security Forces continue its military efforts to locate and root out Daesh networks. The 2nd Special Operations Command from the Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service (ICTS/ISOF) carried out an operation, in coordination with air support, in the al-Atshanah Mountains on the borders in the city of Mosul. The operation led to the destruction of two Daesh tunnels.

<https://twitter.com/iraqicts/status/1230525924145274880>

https://twitter.com/isof_iq/status/1230530121540481025

<https://twitter.com/SecMedCell/status/1230524190035468288>

<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/videos/vb.372862740162806/205886544148709/?type=3&theater>





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- Feb. 22: A force from the 13th Brigade of the Iraqi Federal Police, Samarra Operations Command seized a large number of explosive devices on West Samarra Island and arrested five criminals wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2768152670080887?>



- Feb. 23: A joint force from the Iraqi Army and Police conducted a search operation in al-Khawalis village, Buhrez district, Diyala province. The force raided a Daesh hideout which led to the death of a suicide bomber and another terrorist.

<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/603180740464337?>

- Feb. 23: A detachment from the Field Engineering Company from the 19th Commandos Division disposed of weapons caches in al-Qadisyah province. The caches included artillery, mortar rounds and rockets.

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- Feb. 24: A force from the Samarra Operations Command began a search operation for terrorists in Balad District, Salah al-Din province. The operation is still ongoing.

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- Feb. 24: The Special Operations Forces, Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Service (ICTS/ISOF) carried out an airborne operation with the support of Coalition aircraft in Zghitoun valley in Kirkuk province. The operation which was based on the intelligence of ICTS led to the death of three terrorists with close connection to the Daesh leader and the arrest of seven others.

<https://www.facebook.com/SecMedCell/posts/603603477088730?>

https://twitter.com/isof_ig/status/1231883654210691072

<https://twitter.com/OIRSpox/status/1231886789994065925>

- Feb. 24: A detachment from the Field Engineering Battalion from the 14th Infantry Division seized and disposed of 400 explosive devices as it poses a great danger to the lives of innocent citizens.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/posts/2770177586545062?>



- Feb. 24: The Samarra Operations Command seized and disposed of a large number of explosive devices during a search operation on al-Mukayshifah Island. Sixteen criminals wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary were arrested.

<https://www.facebook.com/mod.mil.iq/photos/a.1571244323105067/2770347369861417/?type=3&theater>

- Feb. 25: In an intelligence led operation, Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service, backed by Coalition aircraft carried out multiple airborne operations in the Khanukh Mountains within Salah Ad-Din province.

The operations resulted in the death of 39 terrorists. The deaths included two important leaders: the so-called Daesh Mufti, also known as a religious cleric, and the Daesh military official, the so-called 'Wali Dijlah'. Two tunnels were found in the area, the first being a



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weapons depot that includes large quantities of weapons and ammunition, while the second is used as a Money Diwan (money department) with equipment, documents and computers related to financial transactions of Daesh terrorists and the entities that they deal with. The two tunnels were destroyed with all their contents by Coalition aircraft.

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<https://www.facebook.com/ISOFGOLD/photos/a.567234836678027/2826013070800181/?type=3&theater>

During the week of February 20-26, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:

- Feb. 24: The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and the International Coalition forces continue their large-scale security campaigns against Daesh cells in the eastern countryside of Deir ez-Zor.

The Special units of Syrian Democratic Forces conducted a joint operation with the Coalition forces in Thiban town, east of Deir ez-Zor. A number of Daesh suspects were arrested as a result of the operation.

https://twitter.com/cmoc_sdf/status/1232025679031566338

<http://www.syriahr.com/en/?p=155737>

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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