



# COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE

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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 continue to perform search and clearance operations to weed out remnants of Daesh,” said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. “The Iraqi Security Forces, Peshmerga Forces and Syrian Democratic Forces are not only providing security to the region, but are also bridging relationships with its locals to enhance community cohesion. Their efforts, combined with Coalition support, strengthens a sense of unity to pursue a common goal: to prevent a resurgence of Daesh and protect the lives of innocent civilians.”

**During the week of February 27- March 4, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:**

- Feb. 27: The 6th Iraqi Infantry Division carried out a pre-emptive operation to search for criminals wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary in the al-Tarmiyah area. The operations aim was to enhance security and stability, and maintain a cooperative relationship between the security forces and the local residents in these areas.

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- Feb. 28: Iraqi Security Forces carried out a search operation in the Kirkuk province to pursue Daesh terrorists and stop sources of terrorism.

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- Feb. 29: Units from the Samarra Operations Command conducted a search and clearance operation on West Samarra Island. A number of explosive devices were seized and disposed of during the operation making the area safer for local Iraqis.





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- March 1: A force from the 19th Infantry Brigade, the 5th Division, Diyala Operations Command, conducted a search operation in the south Buhrez district. A Daesh hideout was destroyed and an arms cache containing explosive devices, artillery and mortar rounds was seized and subsequently destroyed.

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- March 2: Based on intelligence reports, the 39th, 40th and 41st Infantry Brigades, and the Surveillance Regiment from the 10th Division of the Anbar Operations Command, launched a series of search operations across Anbar province, backed by the Iraqi Army Aviation, tribal crowds and Popular Mobilization Forces to hunt down Daesh terrorists. A Daesh hideout and a safe house were destroyed, five Daesh terrorists were eliminated, weapons caches and a number of explosive devices were seized and disposed of.

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- March 2: The Salah Ad-Din Operations Command coordinated search and clearance operations on Salah Ad-Din Island and the western area of Tharthar Valley targeting Daesh sleeper cells throughout the area. Two Daesh safe houses, logistical supplies and two motorcycles were destroyed and a weapons cache and explosive devices were seized and disposed of. The operations were carried out jointly with units from the Ninawa Operations Command, Popular Mobilization Forces, SWAT and the Tactical





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Regiments from the Salah Ad-Din Police Command, in coordination with the Iraqi Army Aviation.

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- March 3: Military Intelligence Detachments, in coordination with the 9th Emergency Regiment and a joint security force, conducted a series of operations in the Ninawa province. Two terrorists, wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary, were arrested and a tunnel belonging to Daesh terrorists was destroyed, with explosive devices and other explosives seized and disposed of. The arrested individuals had taken part in a number of terrorist acts against local civilians.

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- March 3: Police Intelligence detachments, in coordination with a force from the Federal Police, seized and disposed of a large number of explosive devices in the Hmairi al-Sughra village, Kirkuk province following a search operation.



- March 3: Iraq bolsters efforts to wipe out Daesh terrorist hideouts and secure the Iraqi-Syrian border. Maj. Gen. Numan Abd Najm Al-Zobaie, the Commander of Ninawa Operations, conducted an aerial reconnaissance mission to follow up the work of the 15th, 16th and 20th Infantry Divisions and the Popular Mobilization Forces deployed in the area.

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- March 3: Intelligence units of Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service (ICTS) dismantled a Daesh terrorist network. The terrorist cell was planning to carry out terrorist activities in the provinces of Kirkuk and Salah Ad-Din. Five terrorists were arrested, in addition to the so-called military Emir of Salah Ad-Din (Military Commander).

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- In case you missed it, check out CJTF-OIR's support to Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service (ICTS) operation in the Hamrin Mountains, which was conducted between Feb.14-15, 2020.

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**During the week of February 27- March 4, 2020, the following actions happened in Syria:**

- March 1: Special Forces from Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), in cooperation with Coalition forces, raided a Daesh hideout in the town of Abu Hamam. Two of the most dangerous Daesh terrorists, known to have recently carried out terrorist acts against civilians and military personnel in the area, were arrested.

<http://sdf-press.com/?p=31948>



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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