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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’s security partners in Iraq and Syria continue to press the offensive against ISIS outlaws,” said Col. Myles B. Caggins III, Coalition military spokesman. “We are committed to helping our Iraqi Security Forces and SDF partners find and destroy ISIS no matter where they hide to prevent their resurgence.”

During the week of March 5 - 11, 2020, the following actions happened in Iraq:

- March 5: Samarra Operations Command conducted a search and clearance operation on West Samarra Island and in the Beshkan area of al-Dhuluiya district. Five criminals wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary were arrested in al-Dijail area and a number of explosive devices and explosives were seized and disposed of during the operation.

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- March 6: The 19th Commando Division carried out a pre-emptive search and clearance operation within in al- Behbahan area, Jurf al-Nasr, Babil province. A weapons cache was seized and disposed of during the operation.

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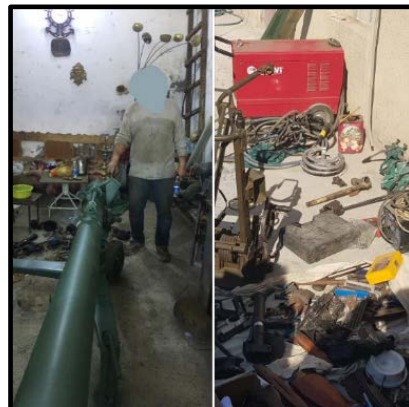


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- March 6: Based on intelligence, a detachment from the Baghdad Field Intelligence and Security Directorate, in cooperation with joint security detachments, arrested a person who manufactured and repaired firearms in an unlicensed workshop in the al-Alawi area of Baghdad. An anti-aircraft missile launcher, artillery components, weapons and other materials were seized. The arrestee was referred to the investigative authorities.

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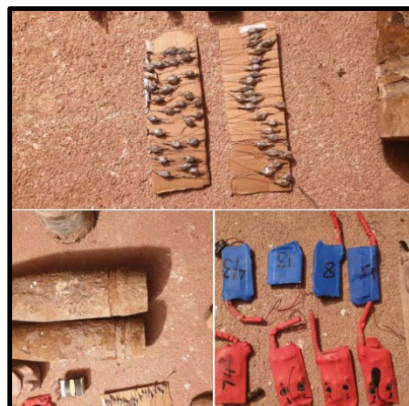
- March 8: Military Intelligence detachments from the 8th Division, in cooperation with the intelligence unit of the 30th Infantry Brigade seized a weapons cache and a large number of explosive devices in al-Qaim District, Anbar province. The field engineering detachment removed all the materials from the site to be examined and subsequently destroyed.

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- March 8: In an intelligence-led operation, the 3rd Regiment, Commando Brigade, Samarra Operations Command, seized a number of war remnants inside an abandoned Daesh house in the al-Tuwaibah area, east of Samarra. The house was found to be booby-trapped to target the security forces during their search and clearance operation. Additionally, other units from the same Command, also, seized and destroyed more explosive devices. As part of the operation two Daesh terrorists were arrested according to Article four terrorism and six criminals wanted by the Iraqi Judiciary were also arrested.

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- March 8: The 12th Police Emergency Regiment, Ninawa Police, arrested six Daesh terrorists and seized a car belonging to one of them in Mosul. Four of the terrorists were working as Daesh fighters in what is known as 'Nahawand Combat Team' and the other two were working with Daesh Police known as "Diwan al-Hisba" when Daesh controlled the city of Mosul.

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- March 8-9: The Iraqi Counter Terrorist Service, in coordination with the international Coalition aircraft, launched an operation in Qarachoq Mountain, within the Makhoul Mountains range to deny terrorists free movement in the area. The operation resulted in the death of 25 terrorists, destruction of nine tunnels as well as a training camp.

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- March 9: The 5th Federal Police Division from the Forward Headquarters of Kirkuk Joint Operations Command carried out a search and clearance mission in al-Banadrah village, Rashad district, Kirkuk province. Twenty-five explosive devices were seized and disposed of.

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- March 9: Based on intelligence information, a force from the 3rd Federal Police Division from the Forward Headquarters of Kirkuk Joint Operations Command carried out a search operation in al-Hawija district, Kirkuk province. A large minefield containing explosive devices and explosives was found and safely destroyed on site.

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- March 9: According to intelligence information, security forces within Diyala Operations Command found three hideouts from which terrorists carry out terror attacks in the Zour Muhammad Abbas area.

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- March 10: A force from the 41st Infantry Brigade, 10th Division, carried out a search and clearance operation on the central islands of the Euphrates River. A number of mortar rounds, rockets, and explosive devices were found. All the materials were safely destroyed on site by the Field Engineering Detachment.
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- March 10: Iraqi Army aviation carried out a mission to support Anbar Operations Command to search the al-Ni'amah area and Tharthar Lake, pursue Daesh terrorists and their sleeper cells and to secure the areas.
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- March 11: The 15th Infantry Division carried out several pre-emptive operations in the al-Atshana mountain range and its adjacent villages. Two tunnels and a number of IEDs were destroyed.
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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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